

# Malt drinks halal, says fatwa council

**KUALA LUMPUR:** The National Fatwa Council has ruled that malt drinks like Barbican are allowed to be consumed by Muslims.

It said these products were not processed for making alcoholic drinks and the alcohol content derived from the process was very low and not intoxicating.

"Hence, such drinks are allowed to be consumed by Muslims in line with the decision made by the council at its previous *muzakarah* or discussions (in 1984, 1987, 1988 and last year)," National Fatwa Council chairman Professor Emeritus Tan Sri Dr Abdul Shukor Husin said here yesterday.

"With that decision, Muslims need not worry about the status of these drinks as they are halal," he said.

Shukor had earlier attended the presentation of contributions to mosques and surau and launch of the national-level Ihya' Ramadan programme by Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Jamil Khir Baharom at the Al-Muqarrabin Mosque in Bandar Tasek Selatan. — Bernama