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ABSTRAK

Gejala Sosial yang melanda masyarakat Malaysia pada hari ini amat membimbangkan pelbagai pihak, khususnya ibu bapa dan Kerajaan Malaysia. Sehubungan dengan itu, saya memilih Black Metal sebagai tajuk Projek Kajian Ilmiah saya. Tujuan kajian saya ialah untuk memberikan pengetahuan kepada masyarakat tentang bahaya Black Metal, terutamanya kepada yang beragama Islam kerana fahaman Black Metal boleh merosakkan Aqidah seseorang Muslim. Kajian yang dijalankan oleh saya berbentuk Kajian Lapangan dan Kajian Perpustakaan melalui temubual, borang kaji selidik. Tidak ketinggalan juga bahan-bahan lain seperti buku, majalah serta kertas kerja dan juga internet telah digunakan. Hasil daripada kajian tersebut didapati ramai remaja Malaysia meminati muzik yang berunsur Heavy Metal yang merupakan sebahagian daripada Muzik Black Metal.

ABSTRACT

Many parties were worried about the social problems that happened among the Malaysian Society. In this case, I choose, as a topic of my Academic Writing is the Black Metal Problem. I hope that this will contribute some information regarding the dangerous of the Black Metal to the Malaysian Society. Then, using the Interview, Questionnaire and Library Research Methode. This Academic Writing Project has been conducted. The Library references are including the Internet, book, Magazine and some paperwork's. As a result for this research it has been found that most of the Malaysian Youth really like this type of Heavy Metal music. Which me lodes those of the school age adolescents. Particularly to the Muslim as this movement can cause a bad impact for the Islamic creed of one.

ملخص البحث

المظاهر الاجتماعية التي تدخل إلى المجتمع ماليزيا اليوم كانت تخوف على كل جهة خصوصا للوالدين وللحكومة. فبذلك سبب، قد اخترت مظهر من مظهر من الاجتماعي لإقامة على هذا البحث العلمي. وذلك مظهر هو *Black Metal*. إن هذا البحث سيعطي المعلومات والمعرفات للمجتمع كله على خطر *Black Metal* وأخصه للمسلمين لأن هذا المظهر يمكن أن يفسد للعقيدة الصحيحة. وأسلوب (منهج) البحث الذي استمرت به يتكون على المقابلة واستعماره التفتيش. بجانب ذلك، قد اجتمعت أيضا المعلومات المرتبطة من انترنت، وكتب متعلقة ومجلات وورقات العلمية لتملئها على هذا البحث. النتيجة من هذا البحث، وجدت أن كثيرا من شباب ماليزيا يرغبون بموسيقى المشكل ب *Heavy Metal*. وأخوفها، كان اشتراك الطلاب تحت العمر في هذه الانشطة اللاصفية التي علقته ب *Heavy Metal*.

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TRANSLITERATION TABLE
ARABIC WORDS TRANSLITERATION SYSTEM

1. Alphabet

<u>Arabic</u>	<u>Latin</u>	<u>Example</u>	<u>Transliteration</u>
ء	ʾ	فأر	fa`r
ب	b	برد	burd
ت	t	تلّ	tall
ث	th	ثوب	thawb
ج	j	جدار	jidār
ح	ḥ	حليب	halīb
خ	kh	خادم	khādim
د	d	ديك	dīk
ذ	dh	ذهب	dhahab
ر	r	رفيق	rafīq
ز	z	زميل	zamīl
س	ṣ	سلام	salām
ش	sh	شعب	sha`b
ص	s	صخر	sakhr
ض	ḍ	ضيق	dayq
ط	t	طازخ	Tālib
ظ	z	ظالم	zālim
ع	c	عقل	‘aql
غ	gh	غلام	ghulām
ف	f	فيل	fil

ق	q	قلب	qalb
ك	k	كلام	kalām
ل	l	لبّ	lubb
م	m	مال	māl
ن	n	نجم	najm
ه	h	هول	hawl
و	w	ورق	waraq
ي	y	يم	yamm

2. Short Vowel Arabic

<u>Arabic</u>	<u>Latin</u>	<u>Example</u>	<u>Transliteration</u>
_____	a	كَتَبَ	kataba
_____	i	عَلِمَ	‘alima
_____	u	غَلِبَ	ghuliba

3. Long Vowel

<u>Arabic</u>	<u>Latin</u>	<u>Example</u>	<u>Transliteration</u>
ي , ا	ā	عالم, فتى	‘ālim, fatā
ي	ī	عليم, داعي	‘alīm, dā‘ī
و	ū	علوم, أدعو	‘ulūm, Ad‘ū

4. Diphthong

<u>Arabic</u>	<u>Latin</u>	<u>Example</u>	<u>Transliteration</u>
و	aw	نوم	nawm
ي	ay	ليل	layl
يّ	iyy	شافعي	shāfi‘iyy (ending)

و

uww

علو

uluww (ending)

5. Exemptions

5.1 Arabic letter ء (hamzah) found at the beginning of a word is transliterated to the letter “a” and not to’.

Example:

أكبر

tranliterated to:

akbar (not ‘akbar).

5.2 Arabic letter ة (ta’ marbutah) found in a word without ال (al) which is coupled with another word that contains ال (al) at the beginning of it is transliterated to the letter “ t ”

Example:

مكتبة الإمام

to:

maktabat al-imām.

However if the Arabic letter ة (ta’ marbutah) found in a word with ال (al), in a single word or in the last word in a sentence, it is transliterated to the letter “ h ” .

Example:

المكتبة الأهلية

to:

al-maktabah al-ahliyyah

قلعة

qal^hah

وهبة

دار

dār wahbah

ABBREVIATION

SAW	Sallallah hu alaihi wassallam
BH	Berita Harian
CD	Computer disk
PDRM	Polis Diraja Malaysia
MAIK	Majlis Agama Islam Kedah
SWT.	Subhanahu wataala
ISA	Immunity Security Art
MAIK	Majlis Agama Islam Kedah
Ibid	Ibidem
Ed.	editor/edition/edited by
n.pl.	no place
n.pb.	no publisher
JAKIM	Jabatan Kemajuan Islam Malaysia
Faraid	Pembahagian Harta Pusaka
MPs	Menteri of Parliments

CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Preface

False faith had been a threat to Islam for a long while. It is difficult to recognize it since the followers are looking the same as we are. Al-Walid Ibn Mughirah, a leader of Mecca's musyriks quavered when he heard Rasulullah SAW. recite the Quran. Allah SWT. told the story of Quraisy leaders' confusion when they was Quran's hold on the people of Mecca. The fear forced them to order their friends to:

وقال الذين كفروا لا تسمعوا لهذا القرآن والغوا فيه لعلكم تغلبون

“The un believers say:” listen not to this quran, but talk at random in the midst of its (reading), that ye may gain upper hand!¹

Even though the conspiracy had been planned over 1400 years ago, the threats are still there. Whether we like it or not we must realize that we will not safe from the threats of false faith, the unforgiving sin forever.

The *musyriks* won't stop annoying us from practicing the Islamic Teachings till the Armageddon. Lately, the understanding of Quran had decrease sadly as a result of the West's efforts to ruin Islamic Civilization. I choose the title of “Black Metal: A Critical Analysis” as my research topic to study about the faith damages in Kedah. Is it true that they had gone too far and will ruin the Islam's world someday?

¹Al-Qur'an. Fussilat 41:26 (All Quranic translations in this writing are based on Abdullah Yusuf Ali.1994. *The holly Qur'an, Text, translation*. Kuala Lumpur: Islamic Book Trust. Translation from other sources will be cited accordingly)

While everyone drown in the sea of joy and entertainment, we had been shocked by the news about Black Metal. How come a music band can raise faithful fans? The question is why we didn't know about all this while as it had been in the house since the 80's? Why the authority hadn't realized its danger before? Maybe The Islamic Council is busy with the adult perverts, the tarekat's master, and mosque's visitor till they are forced to ignore the teens? Didn't they realize that the teens are our future leader? Or it is because they didn't have enough power to interfere in other cases than the religious activities? That's why they didn't take any action on drugs and black music. Even though they had knew about the syndrome, they won't take any action against it. They had wait till people are talking bout it to make their move.

I choose Kedah as my research spot because there are rumors said that Kedah is the centre of Black Metal activities in Malaysia. My Academic Project will discussed about how Black Metal had gone far away from Islam. What the members did and why it involve only the Muslims teenagers. In order to reveal the truth, I had made a research on it.

The truth bout it will definitely open the eyes of Muslims in Malaysia. The involvement of Muslims students and teens had been tracked down long ago, but we didn't have enough information on that. But, who is supposed to be blame? Is it the teacher or the parent?

From my interview with Former Black Metal Member, a neighbour of a Black Metal Member and Enforcement Officers, I had concluded with the real story behind the scenes. I would like to share it with you via my Academic Project.

1.2 Research Background

My Academic Project discussed about an issue that had once been a national issue. It had even been brought to the parliament. Kedah had been recognized as the centre of the Black Metal movement. How come a state that once known as a centre of Islamic Studies and Education System becomes a centre of satanic worshipping?

The satanic ideology had spread nationwide long before we realized about it. It had taken Kedah as its operation centre. Had we ever wonder why a Muslim teenager of an Islamic state adapted a Satan worshipping lifestyle and refusing to trail the Islam'?

1.3 Research Objective

The objective of this research can be dividing to several ideas. There are:

1. To know how great is the danger of Black Metal against our nation's safety.
2. To rescue the Muslims faith from the dirty atheist hands.
3. To open the people's eyes about its danger and threats.
4. To reveal the true story behind the scenes.

1.4 Research Methodology

In order to obtain the objectives, I had conduct an interview with an ex-Black Metal member, two officers from Kedah Islamic Department, a neighbor of a Black Metal member and other individuals.

1.5 Literature Review

Generally, I got several Research, Report and paper work that related to my topic of Black Metal such as:

- I. Paper work "Penyelewengan semasa terhadap al-Qur'an: Memfokus Fenomena Black Metal Daripada Perspektif Akidah", by Hazman Hassan and Noor Shakirah Mat Akhir.
- II. Collection of Research and Report "Fenomena Black Metal", edited by Rohana Yusuf, Najib Ahmad Marzuki and Shamsul Anuar Ismail.

Basically, this Literature Review that I have mention about Black Metal History, Backgrounds and several issues that existed from it. Based on that, I can conclude this fenomena is really far from the truth and Islamic Teaching.

1.6 Data Collection Plan

In order to collect data and information, I used the primary and secondary resources. The primary is interviews and the latter is journals, books and web sites.

CHAPTER TWO

DEFINITION OF BLACK METAL

2.1 Definition

According to the Oxford Dictionary of Current English for Malaysian Student, Black means colorless light. Metal means any mineral substance such as tin, iron, gold and copper.²

The Cambridge Learner Dictionary stated that Black is:

1. The color of coal, dark
2. The African races which has dark skin.

And metal means hard, shiny material such as iron, gold or silver. The Junior KBSM Dictionary said that black means a type of color, dirty, dark and dark skin color. Metal means shiny and hard materials that are able to conduct heat and electricity like gold, copper and iron.³

Literally, Black Metal means a dark color substance in form of metal. Prozac stated that the Metal Music is a music that combined the jazz and rock added with classical elements.⁴ The music had been modernized slowly as an inversed music and emphasis on the existentialism and nihilist. The existentialism said that everyone is free and totally responsible in driving one's life and enjoying every moments of one's life. The nihilists said that we must live without any religion at all. They are against the reality, civilizations and boundaries.

The pioneer of Black Metal is a band named Black Sabbath. The Birmingham's teens are the architect of metal, especially in Pro Metal. Through occult lyrics, the band promoted the satanic bible belief. The belief is known as a blatantly selfish and brutal philosophy.

² *Oxford Dictionary of Current English for Malaysia*. 1998. ed. Kuala Lumpur: n.pb.

³ *Junior KBSM dictionary*. 1996. n.pl.: n.pb.

⁴ *Oxford English Malaysia*. 1997. ed. n.pl.: n.pb.

Metal has different genre of music such as Proto Metal, Heavy Metal, Doom Metal, Power Metal, and Speed Metal, Thrash Metal, Death Metal, Progressive Metal and Black Metal word metal itself illustrated its hard elements of music, much harder than the rocks.

The phrase Black Metal first used by a band named Venom on 1982. They named their second album by the phrase. Since that, various bands had developed the black metal music such as Bathory in 1985 and Hell Hammer by Celtic Frost in 1984. Suleiman Salleh said that metal had come to Malaysia in the 80's. The Scandinavian music had attracted the youngsters and it had been considered only as another form of music. The fans would recognize easily names like Burzum Emperor, Rotting Chiist, Therion, Mayhem, Dark Throne and Cradle of Filth. They are the bands who bring the Black Metal here in our beloved country.⁵

According to Shahril Rizal, Heavy Music had come to Malaysia in the 70's when a rock band called by Sweet Charity made their first appearance. In the 80's, Heavy Metal had become a phenomenon in Malaysia and the pioneer in our local industry is a band called Blackfire. The Malaysian lyrics focused on occults, mystic, traditional medical practice, hypocrite and so on.⁶

Kamaruddin Kassim, the enforcement officer of Kedah Islamic Department who assigned to attend to the Black Metal cases define Black Metal as music bands who perform a lunatic show with non-understandable lyrics, dressing in blacks, devil-like make ups and Satan worshipping lyrics.⁷

⁵ Prozak, Spino Ray. August 2002. "American mimilist underground society &The Hessian studies centre". <http://www.anus.com/hsc/hcl/mfaq.html>.

⁶ Shahril Rizal. 2001. *Apabila Syaitan Dipuja-Dewan Budaya*. Kuala Lumpur:Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka. P.40

⁷ Kamarudin Kassim. 2003. "Black Metal di Kedah". Interview. 2 Oktober.

Hazman Hassan, a presenter of Quran and current issues work paper defined Black Metal as an ideology brought by certain groups for teenagers via music and Satan worshipping, violence, nihilist and free sex lyrics.⁸

The work paper stated that Pulau Pinang Islamic Department defined Black Metal as western and heavy metal bands. Chief Officer of Enforcement Unit of Kedah Islamic Department, Ustaz Ismi Anuar defined Black Metal as a genre of European music. Their activities are more on the heaviest and most violence metal that try to impress their fans towards Satan worshipping, nihilist, free sex and free thinker via music.⁹

Based on the definitions, we can conclude that Black Metal is a group who practice the ideology of free sex, violence, nihilist and atheist. They came to our hometown silently till we didn't realize it even it had happened in front of our eyes. They took Muslim teens as their victims. We know nothing about it till it had become a national issue and discussed in the Parliament.

Their savagery had been proven when Kedah Islamic Department Assistant. Supervisor told me to be careful and do not interview the obdurate Black Metal member as they didn't seem to be friendly to people other than their clans. They will act violently when they found out that they had been a research material.

The Muslims become aware of its threats after an attack from mass media either electronics or newspapers. The MPs talked about it in the parliament. Black Metal had become a national issue and Prime Minister had ordered the Chief Police Officer to take an immediate action to vanish the syndrome.

⁸ Hazman Hassan & Dr. Nursyakirah. 2002. *Penyelewengan Al-Qur'an:menfokuskan Fenomena Black Metal. Daripada Perspective Aqidah*. University Kebangsaan Malaysia Bangi Selangor. P. 6.

⁹ Ismi Anuar. 2003. "Black Metal Satu Jenayah". *Interview*. 16 Oktober.

Kedah Islamic Department told me that they didn't have enough proof to charge the suspects in the court. Therefore, The State's Government had decided to close the case. They came with a conclusion that the suspects only adapted their way of dressing without knowing anything about their real activities.¹⁰

2.2 Black Metal's Background

Malaysian Black Metal comes from foreign music groups who perform a lunatic shows, dressing in blacks, make up their faces Satan-like and occult lyrics. Their lyrics are based on Satan worshipping.

All of their members are Muslim Malay teens. One of them named Assahar means group of sorcery. Their musicians' names are iblis, al-khonnas and other evil names. They often hold the Quran step on ritual. This ritual is special only for their faithful members. The new and fresh members are only allowed to join the ordinary shows.¹¹

2.3 Metal Fans

The Black Metal took teenagers and students as their fresh preys. Their former member told that they acted as a good group who fight against Christian to impress the teens. They seduced them with joy and lust to trap them.¹²

Their primary target is under aged teens. The fresh young teens know nothing but freedom and joy. The teens are as young as 12 years old. They will be exposed to loud music that will reborn their energy and feed them with ecstasy and fantasy.

Even though, they only interested in Muslim teens only. Almost 100 percent of their followers are Muslims.¹³

¹⁰ Ust Zulani. 2003. "Black Metal di Padang Terap. *Interview*. 8 Oktober.

¹¹ Kamarudin bin Kassim. 2001. "Black Metal tektik Baru Zionis". *Al-Muslimah*. Kuala Lumpur: n.pb. August. P.9.

¹² Ali. 2003. "Kepercayaan Ahli Black Metal". *Interview*. 10 October.

2.4 Their Beliefs

They used a pentagram as their symbol. Each point of the star had their meanings. They are:

1. God
2. Devil
3. Mankind
4. Universe
5. The supernatural

Besides, they have their own names. Some of them are:

1. Rotting Christ
2. Sil Khannas
3. Nar Samun
4. Dark Thorne
5. Dark Graveyard
6. Death Carcass
7. Emperor
8. Rotten Corpse
9. Cannibal Corpse
10. Silent Death
11. As-Sahar
12. I'm Mohd
13. Abser
14. Black Fire
15. Arch Goat
16. Naviras
17. Anti-Christ

¹³ Syarifah Sofia'Atiqah bt Syed Ibrahim. 2002. *Kajian Fenomena Black Metal: Permasalahan Dan Cadangan Penyelesaian*. Kedah : Institut Kajian Idaman, Sekolah Pembangunan Sosial Universiti Utara Malaysia. P.9.

18. Moyang death ness

19. Mystics¹⁴

2.5 Their Characteristics

Kamaruddin Kassim through his article said, a Black Metal member wearing a chain with their star as locket. They will not untie the chain since it will break their oath. They also made a sign on their chain by using hot coin. A member will have a name card with their name and their adopted sis/ bro' name on who had recruited them.¹⁵

Suleiman told that they can be recognized by:

1. All blacks garments, a reverse cross and a pentagram.
2. They didn't like to treat the others except for their member.
3. They hanged out at shopping complex, supermarket, city center, and music center (gigs).
4. Paint their faces white, their eyes and mouths black and wear spikes while perform.
5. The audiences are urged to take drugs like morphine and cannabis.

Their followers were divided to two categories, the new and the elder one. The first were allowed only to see ordinary shows without any lunatics' actions. The latter will attend the lunatics' concert and practice free sex with their clans.¹⁶

Their follower had two categories:

- a) New follower
- b) Old follower

New follower only allowed seeing normal concert without overacted actions. They're only done gimmick likes spread bloods that were mate from syrup and paint. However

¹⁴ Ibid 11

¹⁵ Ismi Anuar. 2003. "Black Metal Satu Jenayah". *Interview*. 16 October.

¹⁶ Hazman hassan & Dr. Nursyakirah. 2002. *Penyelewengan Al-Qur'an: Menfokuskan Fenomena Black Metal. Daripada Perspective Aqidah* University Kebangsaan Malaysia Bangi Selangor.P. 3.

old followers were allowed to see the overacted concert. Their even had brothers and sisters that recruit them. Each team member was told to have sex with group members.

2.6 The Factor of Muslims Teens Involvement

Malaysia had been a role model of Islamic country in the eyes of the world. The economy, science and modern technology had made Malaysia is a well recognized country. We can stand among other developed country such as America, Russia and China.

Despite of the development, the social conflict can ruin everything instantly. We had leaved the religion behind in our race to become a developed country. Some of us had leaved the morale out of order. So, in order to form a harmony society we had to balance two aspects, materials and religion.

We shouldn't blame anyone of what had happened to our teens. We had to be blamed ourselves together. Lim Wee Sin in his letter to the Editor of *Dewan Siswa* stated that a religious pedagogy is a best solution to our social problems. A lack of religious understanding cause a teenager to lost his way of life and can't separate between good and evil anymore. They just live their life to the most.¹⁷

Ziauddin Sharuddin said that the teens had made themselves apart from mosque. He picked a speech by Dato' Mohd Murtaza Ahmad, Negeri Sembilan Religious Leader who said that we can see that the number of teens come to mosque are less than the number of our fingers. They supposed to fill themselves with enough supply of religious to knowledge to drive themselves to the right way in their future life.¹⁸

Some of Malaysian ulama' think that the task to prevent the social problem is the authority's responsibility. Even the Islamic Departments had only reported the case to the

¹⁷ Lim Wee Sin. 2001. "Black Metal". *Dewan Siswa*. Kuala Lumpur. September. p. 6.

¹⁸ Ziauddin Zakaria. www.nstp.com.my/current_new/BH.

Malaysia Islamic Development Department. The state's Islamic council had only attended to small marriage and property cases. Whether we realized it or not this are our responsibility and our ulama's. Allah S.W.T. said:

كنتم خير امة اخرجت للناس تأمرون بالمعروف وتنهون عن المنكر. وتؤمنون بالله

“You are the best of people evolved for man kind, enjoying what is light forbidding what is wrong and believing in god”.¹⁹

Black Metal use money to seduce the youngsters to join them. Any member who had succeeded in bringing a new member in will receive a sum of money as reward. Since most of their members are students and unemployed, they are easily attracted to the offers.

The teens will live with joy and excitement way of life. This is what impresses them the most. They are allowed to have sex, drink beers, taking drugs and hang out. Usually, the teens didn't understand the Islam or didn't practice Islamic way of life properly. That explained how come a religious schools' student had involved in the problem. It is not the school's fault but it is the students' as they hadn't tried to adapt the teachings into their life.

The minimal parent's observation allowed the teens to been exposed to negative syndrome like Black Metal. The parents' attention had been given to their works causing them to ignore their child. This situation made the family bond tears apart. Ignored by their parents, they try to find the attention outside. They will do whatever they want to do as long as it pleases them.²⁰

Good parents will understand their children's need, emotion and feelings. It allows them to help their children to solve problems. By that, the teens won't protest against them.

¹⁹ Al-Qur'an. Ali 'Imran 3:110

²⁰ Ust Zulani. 2003. "Black Metal di Padang Terap. *Interview*. 8 Oktober

Some of them pampered their children too much. They will fulfill their child's demands without asking a question. So, the youngsters will waste their money and time gladly as there is no one to stop them.

Most of the juvenile came from sad childhood background. Their parents are failed in developing their children as a human. Some poor family can't afford to provide enough necessity to their children. The pressured teens took the easy way out by leaving the house and hang out with jerks. There are some loaded teens with enough supply of money for years. They used the money to visit the gigs, buying the Black Metal T-shirt and CD. At the shopping complexes, they will be recruited by Black Metal members and introduced to their ideologies.

Unstable marriage, parent's separated, parent's fight, poverty and others are a few factors of the involvement of Muslim's teenagers in Black Metal. They give bad influences on kids and teens. Teens' playmates had an enormous influence on teens' behavior. Teen is a person who is entering his adulthood, aged between 10 to 19 years old. Psychologically, teenage is the shifting period from childhood to the challenging adulthood.

Teenage is a phase of human's development. The teenagers will be very sensitive with any changes that happen around them. It is a very complex process because it is the time that the teens faced many changes in themselves physically, physiologically, and emotionally. Usually, they will make a group of same interests.²¹

Most of the members of Black Metal are teenagers. They shared same interests in heavy music. They shared the same beliefs, and worship the Satan. These common made them feel secure. They own the same identity and having social relationship in the group. Sometimes, they will appreciate the members more than their family.

²¹ Hazman Hassan & Dr. Nursyakirah. 2002. *Penyelewengan Al-Qur'an: menfokuskan Fenomena Black Metal. Daripada Perspective Aqidah*. University Kebangsaan Malaysia Bangi Selangor. P. 4.

As we live in the society, we had to follow and obey the custom. The teenagers trapped by Black Metal are those who had feel isolated by the society. They felt that they are useless and a kind of jerk. The relations between each individual in society had come loose and this encouraged them to lead a loose life. If we role back to decades ago, we will find out that in that time everybody has the right to advise the teens.

Since they can't communicate with their family properly, they took the easy way out by turning to their mates as their alternative. That's the way how they developed a new ideology and trend. They will take their members as brothers and won't leave them easily. Religion provides principle and ethics on every aspect in our life. Trailing the path will drive us to the healthy life.

The loose religious bond had exposed the teens to the danger of Black Metal. If we do not practice the Islamic principle in our society, we will ruin our own community. The proof is today's teens are willing to insult their own religion and yet don't feel guilty on that.

Even though, the teens sometimes come from a religious family. A neighbor of a Black Metal member told us that the young chap is a son of a religious teacher who teaches kids to recite the Quran. Yet his son is out of control. Wonder how it can be like that?²²

2.6.1 Lacking of Knowledge

Malaysia is seen as an example of modern Islamic country. Science and economy development leads to recognition for developing country were standard used with developed nation like America, Russia, China and others. However development, serious social illness and capable to disturb country vision and ambition, if this problems can not be settle as soon as possible. In line with the development that we achieve, religion aspect

²² Ust Zulani. 2003. "Black Metal *di* Padang Terap. *Interview*. 8 Oktober.

were not given serious attention some party only focusing worldly development without taking care moral development of teenagers.

So, to build communities that are harmony we need to balance the material and religion development. We shouldn't blame others party as an only cause that leads to a social illness that happens. This is actually happen from several angels that need to take seriously by all party. One of the factors is religion education according to Lim Wee Sinn in his letter to *Dewan Siswa* editor in, who states that religion education which is important to guide self and individual of the teens. According to him lack of religion awareness cause teens lose guidance and this lead them for not be able to differentiate good or bad. They are only following their desire.²³

According to Ziauddin Sharudin, attitude such as excluded self from mosque is the cause of Black Metal to happen. He picks Datuk Mohd. Murtadza Ahmad mufti for Negeri Sembilan government based on his observation if he look now, when on is lame teach were conducted at certain area, we can count the attendant only few teenager cone. There are supposed to fill their self on Islamic teaching to face the challenges life ahead. When teens far from family control, they only follow their environment.²⁴

2.6.2 That Lead To This Social Illness Is *Ulama* Wilting

Malaysian *ulamas* assured that task to prevent this social illness is only in the have at authorities. *Jabatan Agama Islam* will only refer this problem to *Jabatan Kemajuan Islam Malaysia*. State Religion Department only prefer a top handle staff related to divorcee, marriage and *faraid* only. Released it or not, this task had to be carried by all parties and those who is religious expert:²⁵

²³ Lim Wee Sin.2001. “ *Black Metal*”. *Dewan Siswa*. September. P.6.

²⁴ Ziauddin Zakaria. [www. Nstp.com. my/Current-new/BH1111](http://www.Nstp.com.my/Current-new/BH1111)

²⁵ Ust Zulani. 2003. “Black Metal *di* Padang Terap”. *Interview*. 8 oktober.

2.6.3 Money Attraction

Black Metal group will use money as an attraction for teens to join them. Whoever manages to attract one follower will be rewarded with lots of money. As this group were mostly student and jobless, who are easily attracted to money rewards that offered by the group.²⁶

2.6.4 Fun

This stories factor that influence teens to join Black Metal group. They will felt like animal when they joined the group. They were encouraged to have sex, drink and taking drug to flint around.

2.6.5 Lack of Religion Awareness in One Self

The student participant is proved this from religious school. They will blame the school for not be able to prouder enough knowledge to control them. Even though they are there one to be blame. They only lamed but don't know how to practice it.

2.6.6 Family Problems Broken

Lack of parental observation cause the teen to exposed to negative problem such as Black Metal. Busy with work and material achievement cause parent and children have less time to discuss, more pathetic is parent have less time to meet their children.

This indirectly causes weak of family boarding. Less observation from parent because teens were lack of discipline and free to done anything they like. Parents that are closed to

²⁶ Hazman Hassan & Dr. Nursyakirah. 2002. *Penyelewengan Al-Qur'an :Menfokuskan Fenomena Black Metal. Daripada Perspective Aqidah*. University Kebangsaan Malaysia Bangi Selangor. P. 5.

children will understand their behavior, allowed then child to express their emotional if teens have any problems.

Therefore, it can encourage lonely feeling and lack of parent observation some parent were spelled their child's. For example, given too much pocket money. This causes them to influence their friends to enjoying time and wasting time with disadvantage activities.

Parent attitude of trying to full fill materials need cause lack of stress are religion aspect. Most of teenagers who acting wild, usually came from unstable family background or didn't have parental skill in educate their child to become good individual.

Half of the poor family was not be able to cater they children needs cause tense to their teens.

Short cut way was taken to solve this problem by visiting shopping complexes, snookers, video game centre, loafing in malls or garden. There is that who has too much money in hand. Plenty pocked money was used to gigs clubs. So tees for CD and Black Metal, T-shirt that can be buy almost every here at RM 30 to RM 50 per piece. In malls at big tours is where teen were influence to enjoy and influence with attitude and friend to be with in shopping malls is also where Black Metal recruiting their members to spread their thinking. As their family didn't control, guide and teach their children with goods values and attitude, they went felt guilty towards family and religion by acting wrongly.²⁷

Unstable house situation, unbalance and parent separating were the cause parent spent tees time with their children, fighting among husband and wife, money factor cause terse to families created inharmonic and unmerciful family environment where in the end cause negative situation on physical and mental of the children. Teens that in this situation can easily attracted to negative values such as Black Metal.

²⁷ Hazman Hassan & Dr. Nursyakirah. 2002. *Penyelewengan Al-Qur'an :Menfokuskan Fenomena Black Metal. Daripada Perspective Aqidah.* University Kebangsaan Malaysia Bangi Selangor. P. 12.

2.6.7 Friendships

Peers can easily be interpreted as playmates. Teenagers are a human who start to be an adult, has matured or young. Teen is person from 10 to 19 years old. From psychological view, teen is an exchange period from childhood to become adult that full of conflict.

Teen's age is a stage of human development that was sensitive to environment. Teenage stage is a stage of complex growth. During this period, teens facing changes in physical aspect, physiology and emotionally. They usually form a group that shares the same interest.

Most of Black Metal Member is a teen group. Usually, they will share the same Metal Music interest, faith and worship demons in group. These similarities gave us feeling that shared self identity, and created relationship and social bond in the group. This bond sometimes were more strong than families bond. In short, they will follow they senior advise compare to they own family.²⁸

2.6.8 Community

In a group of communities exist a rules and order that more clearly as own as usual norm or adapt that has to be followed. Teens were easily influenced to Black Metal is usually who felt been left behind from the community. They felt useless in the eye of public. Relationship that was became loss influences teenagers from doing mistake in school or outside school. If we look back in the past, neighbour, and village head's, *imam* can advise the children and teenager or individual in the community as the community appreciated this attitude and concern between them.²⁹

²⁸ Kamarudin Kassim. 2003. "Black Metal di Kedah". Interview. 2 Oktober.

²⁹ Syarifah Sofia'Atiqah bt Syed Ibrahim. 2002. *Kajian Fenomena Black Metal: Permasalahan Dan Cadangan Penyelesaian*. Kedah : Institut Kajian Idaman, Sekolah Pembangunan Sosial Universiti Utara Malaysia. P. 17.

As their relationship with their family is became separated. They choose another route to interact with their own group. With this matter, they form new order and then created a culture in digesting their understanding. They were weight heated theirs social group and protecting from their group spelt up.

2.6.9 Religion

Religion in community function to provide Principe and life ethic that covered unity in family life and community. With religious life experience it will form and digest new life nails that are pure and systematic. Problem that's lead to the Black Metal is lack of religious believe among members and families. Religious system if were not be absorb to the community will weaken the community system value. This happen as low of religious value until willing to humiliate and insult their own religious without felling guilty.

Even, there is a family member that teacher religious class. A neighbour to a Black Metal group has explained about family situation, which is his dad is a religious teacher to children but his own son out of control.³⁰

2.7 Target Groups

The Black Metal's target group is for under the aged of teens aged 12 years old and above. In the stage of the age, teens are easily influenced by their environment and social groups.

Students from religious school are one of their targets. They had to follow strict rules while in the school. So, they are kind of rebel against it when they are out of the school area. They will indulge themselves in various ways either the good one or the bad one According to Police Report which state that almost the entire Black Metal member is Muslim Malay teens either student or unemployed. In June 2001, the group had succeeded in recruiting their new members. They had reached the amount of 40-50

³⁰ Abd. Rahim. 2003. "Aktiviti Black Metal". *Interview*. 20 December.

members in Kedah. The number will growing fast enough to ruin every Malay teenager in the state unless we take an efficient action to stop them.³¹

They will aim those who are:

1. Teens who have financial problem and came from a poor family.
2. Those who are no interested to study anymore and want to indulge themselves in their own world of joy.

2.8 Centre of Movement

This group freely move in main town that been a focus to conduct immoral activities. They move in group and usually gathering in town centre. They usually loafing in shopping malls foyers and try to get and influence new member to join their group. Between main towns that known to be confiding of focus since this are searched in Alor Setar are Sg.Petani and Georgetown, Seberang Prai and Butterworth.³²

³¹ Ust Zulani. 2003. "Black Metal di Padang Terap. *Interview*. 8 October.

³² Bob. 2003. "Aktiviti Black Metal". *Interview*. October.

CHAPTER THREE

DANGEROUS OF BLACK METAL

3.1 Assaulting Toward Al- Qur'an

The insult is the worst part of Black Metal. They took it as their rituals and habit. Hazman Hassan in his work paper claimed that a Black Metal group in Penang had set Quran ablaze in a disco namely Rockworld in Penang in 1995.

A young lad named Salahuddin who had participated in the ritual said that he had been involved since he is in Form 1. He told us that it happened in an initiation ritual in year 2000.

In the incident, the initiates have been ordered to form a pyramid by using 45 copies of al-Quran. The hollow pyramid had been built on a stage. When the music turns on, senior member tear sheets of the Quran and distributes it to the initiates. Each one of them will get one cope of the Holy Quran. Meanwhile, another senior member lit up a lighter and the initiates must burn the copies.

In a sudden, all lights will be turn off except for the one on the stage. Another senior came from the left side of the stage with a torch and lit the pyramid of Quran. When the entire pyramid had burnt, all of them will go on the stage, step and piss on the ash. Every initiate will be given a pentagram badge.³³

Then, they will be required to take an oath by saying; "In the name of Sil Khannas I converted myself off from Islam."

³³ Hazman Hassan & Dr. Nursyakirah. 2002. *Penyelewengan Al-Qur'an :Menfokuskan Fenomena Black Metal. Daripada Perspective Aqidah*. University Kebangsaan Malaysia Bangi Selangor. P.10.

As the oath ceremony over, a live performance by Black Metal bands were presented on the stage. The informer himself doesn't really realize what was happening as he is under influence of alcohol and drugs. The group then will challenge the God to prove His power. They shouted, "Look, who can stop us from stepping on the Quran! Where is the God? If the Quran is under the guard of God, where is Him now? Why He didn't take any action against us? Where is His power if He is really powerful?"

Misconduct in form of this act is happen involving Black Metal group that practiced it as life style this statement were prove by Hazman Hassan in his paperwork that tined out humiliation on al- Qur'an. Black Metal group in Penang burned al-Qur'an in a disco earth 1995 in Rock world, a disco in Drury Lane in Penang. Between on individual involved is Salehudin who name is been kept secret for securities reason. He involved in this group since form 1. He told this thing happen on 2000 in initiation event to receive new members.³⁴

In this accident those member who had to swear we told to arrange *mushat al-Qur'an* 45 in all. This arrangement forming a pyramid type but with space in the middle of it on a stage. When music started playing, a senior member started to form few pages of al-Qur'an and gave it to new member to make an oath. Each new member will get a page of al-Qur'an while another senior came with a lighter and the new member will burn the Qur'an pages that they hold with that the hall light will be dinned, only left are sport light that lighting the pyramid shape al-Qur'an on the stage.

A senior then came from the left side of the stage, with fire torch and then starting to burn the al- Qur'an. When the fire almost gores off, the entire member will go on stage and step on the Qur'an and pissed on it. After that a badge will given to new member. This badge is in of at pentagons. All new members will be asked to say a row out loud.

³⁴ Hazman Hassan & Dr. Nursyakirah. 2002. *Penyelewengan Al-Qur'an :Menfokuskan Fenomena Black Metal. Daripada Perspective Aqidah*. University Kebangsaan Malaysia Bangi Selangor. P.7.

This rows sound, “with the name of *khannas I murtad*”. Only after this life music is the playing.³⁵

According to his testament, his who is already regret didn't realized what he done as Bike is incursion and under drug and alcohol. According this paper work said them will challenge god to prove his power. The phrase is “look that can stop us from tearing, stepping, and pissing on al-Qur'an? Where is God? Is al-Qur'an is protected by Allah... Where Allah? Why Allah didn't do anything to us? Where is Allah power...? If Allah is really powerful.”³⁶

3.2 Practice of *Syirik* and *Khurafat*.

Conducting Satan or devil worship is one of the activities of Black Metal. Follower conducting worship ceremony in exclusive place and in the worship ceremony, they will draw a circle with a pentagram in it and had a drawing of goat head in the middle of the pentagram and also a rotting Christ. Goat head and blood from black goat were used as main material in this spirit worship. It were said that Jew's mantra to worship behemoths Satan, one of the spell bible. These are a more fanatic ceremony where the followers dig the grave and doing worship. This event done to get rid the religious that used to follow and increased the follower spirit and loyalty to the group.

This worship purpose is to show the member greatness to called the spirit of the dead and it's a charming effect of other member to try it. All the rules must be followed like must using black goat blood and animal like ants, snakes, and the likes and can't cross the worship area. This event done during dawns or sunset.³⁷

³⁵ Hazman Hassan & Dr. Nursyakirah. 2002. *Penyelewengan Al-Qur'an : Menfokuskan Fenomena Black Metal. Daripada Perspective Aqidah*. University Kebangsaan Malaysia Bangi Selangor. P. 9.

³⁶ Ibid. P.11.

³⁷ Syarifah Sofia'Atiqah bt Syed Ibrahim. 2002. *Kajian Fenomena Black Metal:Permasalahan Dan Cadangan Penyelesaian*. Kedah : Institut Kajian Idaman, Sekolah Pembangunan Sosial Universiti Utara Malaysia. P.7.

3.3 Assaulting Islam

Black Metal member perspective is insulting Islam and Christians. An exposure made by Islamic State Department of Kedah, show most of the follower us Malay Muslim and only in few cases a non Muslim individual is involve. The activities is burning, tearing, steeping on al-Qur'an and wore a rotting Christ symbol. Each follower of Black Metal was order is told to forget pillars of Islam and holding to new rules and proclaimed that Worship Allah is nonsense. Forget al-Quran and all things that related to Islam. Each new member must take a row and loyal to new pillars based on goat lead pentagram.³⁸

Using blood (goat black) while doing gigs. This gig fiesta is an underground Black Metal concert. The also claim themselves as free thinker or didn't had any religious and usually conduct worship activities. Where usually insulting Islam and worship other thing then Allah. This is prohibited by Allah as it word al-Qur'an.

... ان الشرك لظلم عظيم.

“ For false worship is indeed the highest wrong-doing”.³⁹

3.4 Social Threat

As these Black Metal activities were said involved in this anti-god act and an insult toward Islam, if this is a truth it sure can bring total destruction on their *aqidah* and the next generation. In a long term, the member development in this group indirectly ruining the way how teen's is thinking especially a Muslim.

Years	Total case	catch	
		student	Non-student

³⁸ Jabatan Agama Islam Kedah JAIK. 2002. *The Black Metal in Kedah*. Kedah: JAIK.

³⁹ Al-Qur'an. Luqman 31:13

1999	315	269	242
2000	244	171	219
2001(July)	151	134	118

Involvement based on crime done in years as followed:

Crime	1999	2000	2001
House braking	99	62	6238
Motorcycle rob	87	102	65
others	88	51	25
Rape	22	16	10
Involving injuries	19	13	13
Total	312	244	148

Other than that, the involvement of the group member in other social illness like crime, drug, and traffic offends and other was not be taken lightly. If we see the statistic from *Polis Diraja Malaysia* (PDRM) on the involvement of crime activities involving teenagers in age stage that same as this group member, showed that several statistic show clearly on contribution on this peers group in crime. It's not impossible if all the members in this group invole in this crime as the need to had money in order to finance the group or to buy drug.⁴⁰

3.5 Securities Treat

Based on Survey by *Polis Diraja Malaysia* (PDRM) showed that there is no apparent treat in now of national securities from members of Black Metal group unlike group like

⁴⁰ Syarifah Sofia' Atiqah bt Syed Ibrahim. 2002. *Kajian Fenomena Black Metal: Permasalahan Dan Cadangan Penyelesaian*. Kedah : Institut Kajian Idaman, Sekolah Pembangunan Sosial Universiti Utara Malaysia. P. 9.