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Towards a Sharī‘ah-Compliant Framework for AI-Supported Fatwa in Malaysian Hajj Management: A Maqāṣid al-Sharī‘ah and Governance Perspective

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Abstract

Malaysia's Hajj management system is widely recognized for integrating financial, logistical, and religious services through a centralized institutional framework. As interest grows in using Artificial Intelligence to provide real-time religious guidance, important questions arise regarding the permissibility, reliability, and governance of AI-supported fatwa delivery. This article aims to develop a Sharī‘ah-compliant framework for AI-supported fatwa in Malaysian Hajj management that aligns with maqāṣid al-sharī‘ah and existing fatwa governance structures. Using a qualitative doctrinal methodology, the study analyzes principles of uṣūl al-fiqh, Malaysian legal and institutional arrangements governing fatwa issuance, Hajj-related resolutions, and contemporary scholarship on Artificial Intelligence governance and accountability. The analysis identifies key requirements for valid fatwa delivery, including scholarly competence, evidentiary reasoning, contextual awareness, and adherence to state-based authority. It further highlights recurring Hajj issues involving ritual errors, compensatory sacrifices, health concessions, women's rulings, and travel constraints that may benefit from timely digital assistance. While Artificial Intelligence offers advantages such as rapid access,

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