

Marriage: MUIS chief says prefers to let daughter study

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KOTA KINABALU: The proposal to lower the age of marriage for Muslims to 14 for females is being discussed by the Ministry of Law and Native Affairs, said the Sabah Islamic Religious Council (MUIS) chairman Datuk Seri Panglima Dr Hasbullah Taha.

"I believe the matter is being discussed by the ministry," he said when asked to comment on the issue after the presentation of financial aid to students

from families in the Bottom 40 per cent (B40) income group at Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) here yesterday.

Sabah Mufti Datuk Bungsu @ Aziz Jaafar has proposed to have the minimum marriage age for Muslims lowered to 14 for females and 16 for males.

Hasbullah said the mufti's proposal was his own view and the latter had rights to voice his opinions in this democratic

country.

"Don't make this into a huge issue. We have a diverse society and there is bound to be different views.

"Let the laws of the country be our guideline."

On a personal note though, Hasbullah said he would ensure his daughter had education first.

"To me, I will let my daughter study. Jangan ada orang ganggu (Let no one disturb)," he said.