

## **Fatwa declares e-cig, vaping 'haram' for Muslims in Malaysia**

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**Kuala Lumpur:** Smoking e-cigarettes and vaping has been declared â€˜haramâ€™™ for Muslims in Malaysia, the countryâ€™™s national fatwa council has announced.Â The council after a special meeting decided to issue fatwa declaring e-cigarettes and vaping â€˜haramâ€™™â€˜forbidden for Muslims.

Islamic Sharia Council chairman Abdul Shukor Husin said that based on scientific studies, they have found that vaping does not benefit users.

â€œThe council finds that the consumption of something that is harmful, whether direct or indirectly, purposely or not, could lead to harm or death; so this will not be allowed,â€• he told reporters here.

Shukor noted that vaping could be considered as something that was distasteful in Islam and could be harmful to the users.

â€œFrom the Shariah perspective, Muslims cannot consume something that is harmful to their health or indulge in things that are wasteful,â€• he said.

He said authorities had the power to ban the use of vape and electronic cigarettes if they had an impact on public health.

E-cigarettes, which provide a nicotine hit without the cancer-causing chemicals found in tobacco, are already banned for Muslims in four Malaysian states, as well as several other Muslim countries, including Kuwait and the UAE.

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