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‘Stop vaping until official study’ – AsiaOne

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KUALA LUMPUR – The authorities are calling on the public to voluntarily protect against vaping and making use of e-cigarettes until an official study on the effects is out in 2 months.

National Fatwa Council chairman Tan Sri Prof Abdul Shukor Husin said if vaping was located to be as harmful as smoking shisha or cigarettes, it must be stopped based on Islamic principles.

“Until the outcomes are released, I advise vapers to protect against it for the moment being,” he told mStar.

Dr Abdul Shukor likewise clarified that the council did not declare vaping haram, as reported by numerous news agencies yesterday.

“This matter hasn’t been brought to the National Fatwa Council yet. I did not claim that e-cigarettes are haram.

“Exactly what we determined long ago was that cigarettes and sisha are haram.”

Separately, the Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) wishes the consumption of e-cigarettes, including vaping devices, to be regulated.

Its president Dr Ashok Philip said by having some sort of regulation, it could be the initial step to enforcing a total ban on the devices.

“Currently, there are no regulations on these harmful devices. I chance the ministry will certainly do something concerning it.

“I likewise personally chance individuals will certainly protect against smoking since it is harmful,” Dr Ashok said, including that MMA had relayed the proposal to the Healthiness Ministry.

On Aug 13, Healthiness Minister Datuk Seri Dr S. Subramaniam said the ministry joined discussions along with various agencies and related parties on the effects the various ways of smoking have actually on the health.

He urged the public to protect against vaping until comprehensive findings on the mistakes are released.

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