



# Religious teacher under investigation by MHA, Muis for post saying novel coronavirus was retribution from Allah against Chinese

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Home Affairs Minister K Shanmugam slammed the comments by religious teacher Abdul Al-Halim.



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oppressing Muslim Uighurs.

In a Facebook post on Friday (Feb 7), Home Affairs and Law Minister K Shanmugam slammed the comments made by Mr Abdul Al-Halim on Jan 29, saying that they were silly, can be rebutted by reference to other examples and xenophobic.

He added that he has asked the MHA to look into the matter.

Separately, Muis told TODAY that it is also investigating Mr Abdul.

Mr Shanmugam said in his Facebook post that Mr Abdul's comments were "thoroughly racist", as he had stated that Chinese people do not wash properly after defecating and were not as hygienic as Muslims, and he had suggested that that had caused the virus to spread.

He said such comments were "quite unacceptable from anyone, let alone someone who is supposed to be a religious teacher."

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