

Thus, the literatures reviewed indicate the lack of published studies by previous authors on the efforts of Muslim religious scholars and Islamic religious organizations on mobilizing EEB in Malaysia in the last five years. Perhaps Saniotis (2012) and Azian Sobian (2012) are the only authors who analyze efforts of the Muslim religious scholars and Islamic religious organizations on environmental protection and conservation. As this is the only article explaining in a considerable detail on the works of Muslim religious scholars and Islamic religious organizations on the environment, extensive research on this issue on a particular country might add more insight into this matter. This article can be considered as an extension of the work of Saniotis (2012). Hence, this paper makes explicit the efforts of Muslim religious scholars and Islamic religious organizations on mobilizing EEB in Malaysia.

Methodology

The main methods used in this paper are the analysis and synthesis of scientific literature as well as other forms of relevant data on the efforts of Muslim religious scholars and Islamic religious organizations on EEB. However, pre-requisites to the analysis and synthesis of literature such as doing general observations; corresponding with relevant Muslim religious scholars, Islamic religious organizations and individuals; and participating in relevant seminars/events were taken. Such steps are to ensure that the understandings of the issue to be discussed in this paper are obtained, i.e., the efforts of Muslim religious scholars and Islamic religious organizations on mobilizing EEB.

Textual data (in the form of scientific literature) were explored using pre-determined concept/thematic approach or framework approach. Passages of text were identified, and labels of pre-determined themes were applied to indicate thematic ideas studied. Other forms of relevant data like YouTube videos, television programs and forums were also studied and analyzed using the similar approach. Each theme was charted by completing a table where each case has its own row and columns represent subtopics. Cells contain relevant summaries from the data set. All the texts associated with a thematic idea were examined together for patterns and connections and different cases were compared in that respect. The results were then presented and discussed in this paper as follows.

Results and Discussion

On February 10, 2015, the Prime Minister of Malaysia Mohd Najib Abdul Razak launched Malaysia Shariah Index in conjunction with the Premier Assembly of Ulama-Ulama 2015 in Putrajaya (Info Ringkas Indeks Syariah Malaysia, 2017). The index measures Malaysia's compliance to Islamic principles in education, economy, politics, health, legal affairs, infrastructure and environment, culture and society (The Star Online, 2017). The infrastructure and environment is detailed down to the provision of infrastructure and landscape facilities, environmental conservation, disaster management, and strengthen environmental awareness (JAKIM, 2015).