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Panel 4.5: Enhancing Cooperation

The Dilemma of Minorities Between Sharia and Human Rights: Study on the Future of LGBTQ in Aceh, Indonesia

This qualitative study focuses on the dilemma of LGBTQ people in Aceh, Indonesia, and their relationship with the implementation of *Islamic Sharia*. As the only province in Indonesia which has a formal right to implement Islamic Sharia, Aceh has law No. 6 of 2014 (*Qanun Jinayat*/Islamic criminal law). This *Qanun* categorizes homosexuals and lesbians as criminals. They will be punished at most 100 lashes or a fine of 1,000 gram of pure gold or imprisonment for a maximum of 100 months. This condition creates dilemma. The result showed that homosexuals and gays in Aceh are trapped in serious dilemma. On one side, many of them still want to be part of and recognized as Acehnese. However, on the other side, *Qanun Jinayat* creates negative stigmatization on them.