

UNDERSTANDING OF TAWARRUQ AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE BAI AL-INAH FINANCING IN SABAH CREDIT CORPORATION (SCC)

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ABSTRACT

Islamic Banks offer personal financing in Malaysia based on the concept of *Bai al-Inah*. However, there exists some concern over the treasure of *riba* in the implementation of *Bai al-Inah* especially in Personal Financing. This study hence attempts to seek opinion of scholars, *muftis* and practitioners (Sabah Credit Corporation's Staff) on the usage of *Bai al-Inah* and its alternative, *Tawarruq*. This study also hence attempts to seek advantages that are available in the contract of *Tawarruq* which meet the necessary criteria of Islamic Banking. *Tawarruq* is widely used in the Middle East commercial transaction but not in Malaysia. From a survey of these respondents, I obtained the following findings: 1) Although *Tawarruq* is better alternative for personal financing, there are still a numbers of SCC's staff are not familiar with this concept, 2) *Tawarruq* is acceptable to be used in SCC as the alternative of *Bai al-Inah*, 3) The acceptance of the majority scholars is really important to boost the confidence of customer is the advantages of *Tawarruq* concept that really convinced the SCC's staff.