

Title	Children's right to maintain contact with both parents after divorce: the case of muslim children in malaysia		
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Abstract	<p>Custody battles after divorce have often been marred by incidents of swearing, insults, verbal abuse and exploitation that have tainted the relationship of the persons involved. Considerate parents will resort to joint custody but others prefer sole custody excluding the role of the other parent. When access rights are granted to the other parent, this will either be enjoyed or unfortunately be denied by the parent having the custody. The battle then pursues dragging the children along. The law is there but it needs good implementation and enforcement. This paper is aimed at discussing the syariah legal framework of custody applicable to Muslims and the prevalence of denied access as referred to the Syariah Court in Malaysia and how has the court dealt with it. It will also present case studies where children are denied from maintaining contact with their parent and its impact on them. Finally, it will put forward suggestions for law reform, improvement of available system and the introduction of new services as practiced in Australia and some other countries to ensure better and quality contact between the children and their parent and that the children's right are not interfered and ignored.</p>		