Political issues. 5.1 UMNO's committee in mosque. 5.2 Definition of Malay. 5.3 Sharia legal system. One of Malaysia's states, Kelantan, is governed by PAS which is a conservative Islamic political party, with a proclaimed goal of establishing an Islamic state. Terengganu was briefly ruled by PAS from 1999 to 2004, but the ruling Barisan Nasional coalition has since won back the state. There is also an Islamic university in Malaysia called the International Islamic University Malaysia, and a government institution in charge of organising pilgrimages to Mecca called Tabung Haji (Pilgrim Fund Board of
Malaysia). In response to this condemnation, feminist Marina Mahathir defended the candidates by saying: “Excuse me, but are the Taliban infiltrating our country?” [15]. The governing Islamic political party namely United Malays National Organization (UMNO) has won all federal elections coalition with other ethnic political parties. Owing to the plural voting system a narrow majority of votes has always guaranteed at least two-thirds of the seats in the national parliament. “Deconstructing Political Islam in Malaysia: UMNO'S Response To PAS' Religio-Political Dialectic”. Singapore: S.154. 123. Ibrahhim Abu Bakar.