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TAJUK : PEMANDU LORI KENA REMAN KES NAHAS KORBANKAN 3 BERANAK

HARI : AHAD

AKHBAR : BERITA HARIAN AHAD

TARIKH : 17 SEPT 2023

M/SURAT : 18

STONE : NEGATIF

SEKTOR : KPWKM



Norlah menyiram air mawar di pusara anak lelaki dan dua cucu yang maut dalam kemalangan di Kilometer 154, Jalan Jerangau-Jabor berhampiran Hentian Sebelah Bandar Cheneh Baru, kelmarin. (Foto Rosli Ilham/BH)

# Pemandu lori kena reman kes nahas korbankan 3 beranak

**Kenderaan dipercayai ada masalah brek rempuh MPV dinaiki lima sekeluarga**

Oleh Rosli Ilham  
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**Chukai:** Pemandu lori yang terabit dalam kemalangan maut mengorbankan tiga beranak di Kilometer 154 Jalan Jerangau-Jabor berhampiran Hentian Sebelah Bandar Cheneh Baru, direman empat hari bermula semalam.

Perintah reman terhadap pemandu itu dikeluarkan Hakim Wan Suhaila Mohd selepas dimohon polis bagi melengkapkan siasatan kes mengikut Seksyen 41 (1) Akta Pengangkutan Jalan 1987.

Dalam kemalangan jam 2.05 petang kelmarin, kenderaan pelbagai guna jenis (MPV) Naza Citra yang dinaiki lima sekeluarga dirempuh sebuah lori dipercayai mengalami masalah brek.

Kemalangan itu mengorbankan Ammir Hussein Mohamad, 38, dan dua anaknya, Ammzar Husszair dan Ammzar Hussnayan masing-masing berusia empat tahun dan setahun.

Ammir Hussein disahkan meninggal di tempat kejadian akibat tersepit di tempat duduk penumpang depan, manakala kedua-dua anaknya meninggal dunia ketika dirawat di Hospital Kemaman.

Isteri Ammir Hussein, Norhafizah Sazwa Harun, 38, yang mengandungi, cedera di bahagian perut dan dirawat di Hospital Kemaman, manakala anak angkat pasangan itu, Ammzar Hussniah Ammir Hussein Abdul Azim, 8, yang parah dirawat di Hospital Sultanah Nur Zahirah HSNZ Kuala Terengganu.

Ketika kejadian, keluarga terabit dikatakan dalam perjalanan dari rumah mereka di Bukit Kuang, Kemaman untuk menjual sabun di Cheneh.

Suasana pilu menyelubungi pengebumian tiga beranak itu di Tanah Perkuburan Islam Kampung Jabur Kubur di Kemaman, awal pagi semalam.

Kira-kira 100 ahli keluarga, saudara dan rakan mengiringi jenazah tiga beranak itu yang terdahulu dibawa ke Surau Taman Dato Chukai untuk disem-

bahyangkan jam 12.15 tengah malam, sebelum dikebumikan jam 1.30 pagi.

## Hilang anak, dua cucu

Sementara itu, ibu Ammir Hussein, Norlah Ismail, 60, berkata dia terkejut kehilangan anak dan dua cucu sekelip mata dalam kemalangan.

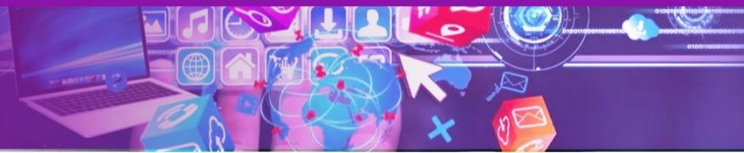
Beliau turut terkilap apabila arwah anak tidak sempat menyambut kelahiran bayi ketiganya yang bakal dilahirkan kira-kira dua bulan lagi.

Katanya, ketika kejadian, dia berada di rumah anaknya di Kuala Terengganu dan mendapat berita kemalangan itu daripada Norhafizah.

Mengenai keadaan menantu dan kandungannya, Norlah berkata, beliau bersyukur apabila Norhafizah dan bayi yang dikandung berusia tujuh bulan dilaporkan selamat.

Katanya, menantunya sudah dibenarkan keluar hospital dan masih terkejut dengan kejadian yang mengorbankan suami dan dua anaknya.

"Norhafizah sempat melihat anaknya ketika dirawat, dia peluk dan cium ketiga-tiga arwah," katanya ketika ditemui selepas pengebumian anak dan cucunya itu di Tanah Perkuburan Islam Jabur Kubur, di sini semalam.



TAJUK : WARGA EMAS DITEMUI RENTUNG DALAM KERETA

HARI : AHAD

AKHBAR : BERITA HARIAN AHAD

TARIKH : 17 SEPT 2023

M/SURAT : 18

TONE : NEGATIF

SEKTOR : KPWKM

## Warga emas ditemui rentung dalam kereta

**Petaling Jaya:** Lelaki warga emas ditemui rentung dalam kebakaran empat kenderaan di tempat letak kereta pangsapuri Desa Mentari, di sini awal pagi semalam.

Mayat lelaki berusia 67 tahun itu ditemui dalam sebuah daripada kenderaan berkenaan.

Penolong Pengarah Bahagian Operasi Jabatan Bomba dan Penyelamat Malaysia (JBPM) Selangor, Ahmad Mukhlis Mukhtar, berkata pihaknya menerima panggilan berhubung kebakaran itu pada jam 2.45 pagi.

Katanya, pasukan daripada Balai Bomba dan Penyelamat (BBP) Jalan Penchala tiba di lokasi kejadian lima minit kemudian.

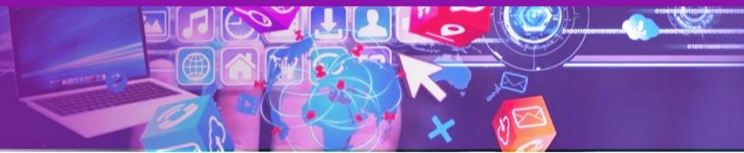
"Kebakaran membabitkan kereta Ford Telestar yang terbakar 100 peratus, Naza Citra terbakar 50 peratus, Proton Wira (lima peratus) dan sebuah lori Daihatsu (lima peratus).

"Seorang lelaki berusia 67 tahun yang berada dalam kereta Naza Citra rentung," katanya dalam kenyataan, semalam.

Katanya, punca kebakaran masih dalam siasatan.



Empat kenderaan di parkir pangsapuri Desa Mentari, Petaling Jaya terbakar awal pagi semalam. (Foto ihsan bomba)



TAJUK : 'ARWAH TAK SEMPAT SAMBUT ANAK KETIGA'

HARI : AHAD

AKHBAR : METRO AHAD

TARIKH : 17 SEPT 2023

M/SURAT : 07

TONE : NEGATIF

SEKTOR : KPWKM

## 'Arwah tak sempat sambut anak ketiga'

**Chukai:** "Saya hilang anak dan dua cucu dalam sekelip mata," kata Noriah Ismail, 60, ibu kepada Ammir Hussein Mohamad, 38, yang maut dalam kemalangan di KM154, Jalan Jerangau-Jabor, berhampiran Simpang 4, Jalan Mak Lagam-Cheneh, kelmarin.

Noriah berkata, dia juga sangat sedih apabila arwah anaknya itu tidak sempat menyambut kelahiran bayi ketiganya yang dijangka dilahirkan dua bulan lagi.

Menurutnya, ketika kejadian dia berada di rumah seorang lagi anaknya di Kuala Terengganu dan mendapat berita kemalangan yang menimpa Ammir daripada menantunya Norhafizah.

"Norhafizah ketika itu dalam keadaan kesakitan sempat menghubungi saya memaklumkan mereka sekeluarga kemalangan dan saya bergegas pulang ke Kemaman.

"Saya sangat bersyukur apabila Norhafizah dan bayi dalam kandung berusia tujuh bulan dilaporkan selamat," katanya ketika ditemui selepas pengebumian di Tanah Perkuburan Islam Jabur Kubur di sini, semalam.

Dalam kemalangan kira-kira jam 2.05 petang itu, turut terkorban dalam kemalangan itu ialah dua anak Ammir iaitu Ammzar Husszair Al Hussein, 4, dan Ammzar Hussnayan Al Hussein berusia setahun.

Isteri Ammir, Norhafizah Sazwa Harun, 38,



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Noriah

cedera di perut manakala seorang anak angkatnya, Ammzar Hussniah Ammir Hussein Abdul Azim, 8, dilaporkan kritikal.

Noriah berkata, menantu sudah dibenarkan keluar dari Hospital Kemaman, tetapi masih trauma dengan nahas yang mengorbankan suami dan dua anaknya itu.

"Norhafizah sempat melihat keadaan anaknya ketika dirawat, dia sempat peluk dan cium ketiga-tiga arwah," katanya.

Terdahulu jenazah tiga beranak berkenaan selamat dikuburkan dalam satu liang kira-kira jam 1.30 pagi semalam yang dihadiri kira-kira 100 ahli keluarga dan kenalan mangsa.

Dalam kemalangan itu, kenderaan pelbagai guna (MPV) Naza Citra dinaiki keluarga itu terbabit dalam kemalangan selepas dirempuh lori yang dipercayai mengalami masalah brek.





TAJUK : 'MUMMY, DADDY SAMA BERJUANG LAWAN PENYAKIT'

HARI : AHAD

AKHBAR : METRO AHAD

TARIKH : 17 SEPT 2023

M/SURAT : 06

TONE : POSITIF

SEKTOR : KPWKM

# 'MUMMY, DADDY SAMA BERJUANG LAWAN PENYAKIT'

Remaja 13 tahun bebas kanser darah  
selepas dua tahun jalani rawatan

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## Kuala Lumpur

"Saya harap sel kanser tidak kembali lagi dan mahu terus sihat serta belajar bersekolah-sungguh untuk balas jasa *mummy* (ibu) dan *daddy* (bapa).

"*Mummy* dan *daddy* setia berjuang bersama saya sepanjang dua tahun rawatan kanser sehingga *daddy* sanggup berhenti kerja," kata Muhammad Adam Mikhail Mohd Fazley.

Muhammad Adam Mikhail, 13, dari Bukit Kapar, Klang adalah pejuang kanser darah yang menamatkan rawatan sejak September tahun lalu selepas diagnosis penyakit berkenaan pada September 2020 ketika berusia 10 tahun.

Anak sulung daripada empat beradik itu berkata, dia sangat menghargai pengorbanan ibu bapa, Suriati Arjunaidi, 35, dan Mohd Fazley Hamzah, 35, yang

sentiasa di sampingnya ketika menjalani rawatan.

Menurutnya, perjalanan selama ini bukan mudah dan banyak pengorbanan dilakukan termasuk terpaksa bercuti daripada sekolah, namun melihat semangat ibu bapa membuatnya kuat melawan penyakit biarpun perit.

"Saya tidak melalui zaman kanak-kanak seperti rakan lain apabila perlu menjalani rawatan selama dua tahun serta tidak boleh keluar bermain dan selalu tiada selera makan, tetapi ia berbaloi apabila doktor capai sel kanser tiada.

"Saya rasa macam dapat peluang kedua dan sekarang saya mahu menjalani kehidupan dengan baik, berbakti kepada *mummy* dan *daddy* serta belajar bersekolah-sungguh supaya dapat balas jasa mereka

apabila besar" katanya.

Remaja itu bersama ibu bapanya ditemui pada pelepasan rombongan Kem Riadah Pejuang Kanser Kanak-Kanak anjuran Kumpulan Ibu Bapa dan Sokongan Anak-Anak Kanser (Kids) ke Port Dickson, Negeri Sembilan di sini, semalam.

Pelajar Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan (SMK) Bukit Kapar itu berkata, program berkenaan dianggap sebagai meraikan dia dan rakan lain dalam perjuangan melawan kanser serta mengakui teruja mahu menyertai pelbagai aktiviti dirancang.

"Walaupun beberapa kali ke Port Dickson, namun kali ini sedikit berbeza kerana datang bersama rakan seperjuangan dan saya anggap ia untuk meraikan per-



MUHAMMAD Adam Mikhail bersama keluarganya sebelum bergerak ke Port Dickson untuk Program Kem Riadah Pejuang Kanser.  
-Gambar NSTP/FATHIL ASRI.

juangan kami selama ini," katanya yang bercita-cita menjadi anggota bomba.

Sementara itu, ibunya, Suriati berkata, dia bersyukur anak sulungnya kini boleh dianggap bebas sel kanser selepas menjalani rawatan dan tidak mengambil ubat, namun masih perlu menjalani pemeriksaan berkala.

Menurutnya, sebelum ini Muhammad Adam Mikhail menjalani prosedur mengambil air tulang belakang sebanyak tiga kali sebelum doktor memaklumkan berita gembira yang sel-

kanser tiada dalam badan anaknya.

"Khabar gembira itu diberitahu selepas enam bulan anak menjalani rawatan kemoterapi, tetapi masih perlu menghabiskan rawatan mengikut pelan ditetapkan doktor.

"Ketika Muhammad Adam Mikhail sakit, suami berhenti kerja di sebuah kilang untuk membantu menguruskan anak dan kami kemudian berniaga donat di hadapan rumah.

"Ia digunakan untuk kegunaan hidup kami ketika itu selain bantuan da-

ri pada pihak zakat, badan bukan kerajaan (NGO) serta pihak swasta. Agak perit juga ketika itu, tetapi kami kuatkan semangat demi Muhammad Adam Mikhail.

"Kebetulan ketika itu wang Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja (KWSP) dibenarkan keluar, jadi kami guna untuk perbelanjaan harian dan rawatan anak. Sekarang suami sudah kembali kerja di kilang dan kami berharap anak terus sihat dan bebas daripada kanser buat selamanya," katanya.

**"Ketika Muhammad Adam Mikhail sakit, suami berhenti kerja di sebuah kilang untuk membantu menguruskan anak dan kami kemudian berniaga donat di hadapan rumah."**



TAJUK : 17 INDIVIDU DITAHAN

HARI : AHAD

AKHBAR : METRO AHAD

TARIKH : 17 SEPT 2023

M/SURAT : 11

TONE : NEGATIF

SEKTOR : KPWKM

## *17 individu ditahan*

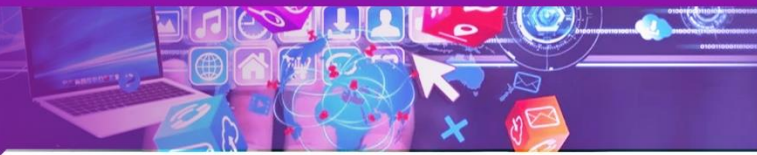
**Johor Bahru:** Polis menahan 17 individu disyaki terlibat dalam kegiatan pelacuran dalam dua serbuan berasingan di bandar raya ini, Khamis lepas.

Ketua Polis Johor Datuk Kamarul Zaman Mamat berkata, dalam serbuan pada kira-kira pukul 10.40 malam itu, mereka yang ditahan terdiri daripada seorang lelaki dan 13 wanita warga asing serta tiga lelaki tempatan, berusia 21

hingga 49 tahun itu.

Beliau berkata, turut dirampas 22 telefon bimbit, 27 kondom, lima gulung tisu, empat helai tuala, tiga keping kad akses, dua botol pelincir dan wang tunai berjumlah RM3,400 serta 50 dolar Singapura.

“Kita akan menjalankan operasi secara berterusan bagi mengawal dan mencegah kegiatan pelacuran di negeri ini,” katanya dalam satu kenyataan, semalam.



TAJUK : REMAJA TAK PULANG RUMAH SEJAK RABU

HARI : AHAD

AKHBAR : METRO AHAD

TARIKH : 17 SEPT 2023

M/SURAT : 19

TONE : NEGATIF

SEKTOR : KPWKM

## Remaja tak pulang rumah sejak Rabu

**Kuala Lumpur:** Polis meminta bantuan orang ramai untuk mengesan seorang remaja perempuan berusia 15 tahun yang dilaporkan hilang sejak Rabu lalu.

Ketua Polis Daerah Kajang Asisten Komisioner Mohd Zaid Hassan berkata remaja itu dikenali sebagai Nur Shafina Maisarah Abdullah (*gambar*) yang beralamat terakhir di Batu 20 1/4, Kampung Padang, Hulu Langat, Selangor.

"Pada 14 September, polis menerima satu laporan berkaitan orang hilang daripada seorang suri rumah iaitu wanita berusia 34 tahun yang mengatakan anaknya belum pulang dari sekolah selepas dikatakan pergi ke sekolah dengan menaiki bas.

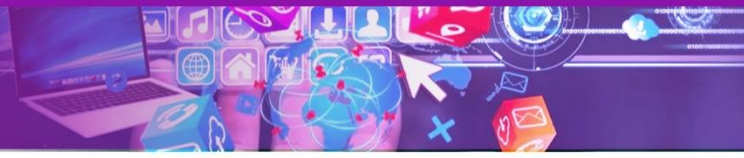
"Nur Shafina Maisarah kali terakhir dilihat pada 6.15 pagi, 13 September ketika keluar rumah menaiki bas Rapid untuk ke sekolah dengan berpakaian sukan sekolah. Saksi



yang juga rakan sekolahnya ada melihat remaja terbabit turun dari bas tetapi tidak masuk ke kawasan sekolah," katanya dalam satu kenyataan.

Beliau berkata wanita berkenaan menghubungi guru kelas anaknya, namun remaja terbabit didapati tidak hadir ke sekolah.

Justeru, Mohd Zaid meminta orang ramai yang mempunyai maklumat menghubungi balai polis berhampiran atau Pegawai Penyiasat kes Sarjan Mohamad Najib Mohd di talian 012-3429 297 bagi membantu siasatan.



TAJUK : SUNTIK SEMANGAT SELEPAS PULIH BARAH

HARI : AHAD

AKHBAR : METRO AHAD

TARIKH : 17 SEPT 2023

M/SURAT : 06

TONE : POSITIF

SEKTOR : KPWKM

**Kuala Lumpur:** Seramai 30 pejuang kanser kanak-kanak menyertai Kem Riadah Pejuang Kanser Kanak-Kanak di Port Dickson, Negeri Sembilan bagi menyuntik semangat mereka selepas melalui fasa perjuangan melawan penyakit.

Program dua hari bermula semalam dianjurkan Kumpulan Ibu Bapa dan Sokongan Anak-anak Kanser (Kids) merangkumi aktiviti dalam kumpulan, sukaneka, tazkirah dan bacaan yasin serta ceramah motivasi.

Pengerusinya, Hamidah Tajudin berkata, program berkenaan diadakan sempena Bulan Kesedaran Kanser bagi Kanak-Kanak yang diraikan bulan ini.

Menurutnya, sekali gus ia sebagai usaha terus memberi sokongan moral kepada pejuang kanser dan

## Suntik semangat selepas pulih barah



KANAK-KANAK pesakit kanser bersama ahli Kelab Ladies of Harley sebelum bergerak ke Port Dickson pada Program Kem Riadah Pejuang Kanser Kanak-Kanak diiringi 30 motosikal berkuasa tinggi daripada Kelab Ladies of Harley di Kampung Baru.

meningkatkan kesedaran mengenai penyakit berkenaan dalam kalangan kanak-kanak kepada orang ramai.

"Kita raikan kanak-kanak yang juga pejuang kanser dengan pelbagai aktiviti dirancang sebagai sokongan kepada mereka yang menghabiskan rawatan supaya terus kuat untuk berjuang menjalani kehidupan.

"Selain itu program ini sebagai penghargaan kepada pejuang kanser kanak-kanak dengan aktiviti yang diadakan seperti motivasi dan sukaneka dapat

menyuntik semangat serta memberikan kegembiraan kepada mereka," katanya.

Hamidah berkata demikian pada pelepasan rombongan berkenaan yang turut diiringi konvoi 30 motosikal berkuasa tinggi daripada Kelab Ladies of Harley di Kampung Baru, di sini, semalam.

Katanya, Kids menjalankan program kebajikan serta amal untuk ibu bapa dan pesakit kanser yang

mendapat rawatan di Wad Kanser Kanak-kanak Hospital Tunku Azizah, di sini bagi membantu dalam aspek kewangan dan sokongan emosi.

**"  
Kita mahu  
mereka terus  
kuat berjuang  
menjalani  
kehidupan  
Hamidah**



TAJUK : TIGA TERKORBAN BREK LORI ROSAK

HARI : AHAD

AKHBAR : METRO AHAD

TARIKH : 17 SEPT 2023

M/SURAT : 07

TONE : NEGATIF

SEKTOR : KPWKM

TRAGEDI HANTAR SABUN

# TIGA TERKORBAN BREK LORI ROSAK

**Chukai**

**T**iga beranak maut manakala dua lagi cedera selepas kenderaan pelbagai guna (MPV) dinaiki mereka sekeluarga dirempuh sebuah lori pasir di KM154, Jalan Jerangau-Jabor, berhampiran Simpang 4, Jalan Mak Lagam-Cheneh di sini, kelmarin.

Ketua Polis Daerah Kemaman Supritendan Hanyan Ramlian berkata mangsa yang meninggal dunia dalam kemalangan kira-kira 2 petang itu ialah Ammir Hussein Mohamad, 38, dan dua anak lelakinya, Ammzar Husszair Al Hussein, 4, serta Ammzar Hussnayan Al Hussein, 1.

Mangsa yang cedera pula ialah isteri Ammir Hussein, Norhafizah Sazwa Harun, 38, dan anak angkatnya, Ammzar Hussniah Abdul Ammir Hussein Abdul Azim, 8, yang kritikal dan sedang dirawat di Hospital Kemaman.



TIGA beranak yang maut dalam kemalangan dikebumikan dalam satu liang lahad di Tanah Perkuburan Islam Kampung Jabur Kubur, Kemaman.

Beliau berkata kemalangan berlaku ketika keluarga berkenaan dalam perjalanan dari kediaman mereka di Taman Bukit

Kuang Permai, di sini meninggal ke Cheneh untuk menghantar sabun kepada pelanggan.

"Apabila tiba di lokasi kejadian, sebuah lori pasir yang dipercayai mengalami masalah brek tiba-tiba keluar dari arah kiri jalan menyebabkan berlaku pelanggaran," katanya dalam satu kenyataan.

Hanyan berkata Ammir Hussein yang cedera parah di kepala maut di tempat kejadian manakala kedua-dua anaknya meninggal dunia ketika dirawat di Hospital Kemaman.

Beliau berkata pemandu lori pasir, seorang lelaki berusia lingkungan 40-an tidak mengalami sebarang kecederaan dan ujian saringan air kencing mendapati dia bebas daripada sebarang penggunaan dadah.

"Siasatan turut mendapati pemandu lori berkenaan tidak mempunyai rekod kesalahan lampau. Kemalangan itu disiasat lanjut mengikut Seksyen 41(1) Akta Pengangkutan Jalan 1987," katanya.

**MANGSA** yang maut, Ammir Hussein (belakang kiri) dan dua anaknya, Ammzar Husszair Al Hussein (berdiri depan kanan) dan Ammzar Hussnayan Al Hussein (atas riba Ammir Hussein).



**PASUKAN** bomba berusaha mengeluarkan mangsa yang terabit dalam nahas di Simpang 4, Jalan Mak Lagam-Cheneh, Chukai.



TAJUK : WARGA EMAS RENTUNG DALAM KERETA

HARI : AHAD

AKHBAR : METRO AHAD

TARIKH : 17 SEPT 2023

M/SURAT : 19

TONE : NEGATIF

SEKTOR : KPWKM

## *Warga emas rentung dalam kereta*

**Petaling Jaya:** Seorang lelaki warga emas ditemui mati rentung dalam kenderaannya yang terbakar di parkir Blok 2 Desa Mentari di sini.

Penolong Pengarah Bahagian Operasi Jabatan Bomba dan Penyelamat Malaysia (JBPM) Selangor

Ahmad Mukhlis Mukhtar berkata, pihaknya menerima panggilan kecemasan berhubung kejadian itu pada jam 2.45 pagi semalam.

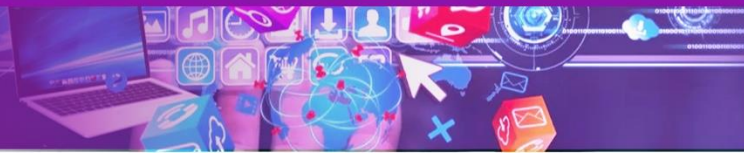
Menurutnya, anggota bomba dari Balai Bomba dan Penyelamat (BBP) Jalian Penchala tiba di lokasi

kejadian lima minit kemudian.

“Kebakaran membabitkan empat kenderaan iaitu kereta model Ford Telestar yang terbakar 100 peratus. Kenderaan model Naza Citra yang terbakar 50 peratus, kereta Proton Wira terbakar lima peratus

dan sebuah lori Daihatsu terbakar lima peratus.

“Pemeriksaan bomba kemudian menemui mayat seorang lelaki berusia 67 tahun yang ditemui berada di dalam kereta Naza Citra yang rentung,” katanya dalam satu kenyataan, semalam.



TAJUK : 17 ARRESTED IN JB VICE BUST

HARI : AHAD

AKHBAR : NEW SUNDAY TIMES

TARIKH : 17 SEPT 2023

M/SURAT : 11

TONE : NEGATIF

SEKTOR : KPWKM

## RAIDS ON TWO HOTELS

# 17 arrested in JB vice bust

**JOHOR BARU:** Police raided two hotels here on Thursday and detained 17 people for their alleged involvement in prostitution.

Johor police chief Datuk Kamarul Zaman Mamat said in the raids at 10.40pm, 13 foreign women and four men, aged between 21 and 49 were detained.

He said police also seized 22 mobile phones, condoms, toilet rolls, towels, three access cards, lubricants, RM3,400 and S\$50.



*Datuk Kamarul Zaman Mamat*

“We will continue to curb prostitution in the state,” he said in a statement yesterday, adding that the case was being investigated under Sections 327A and 372B of the Penal Code, as well as Sections 6 (1), 15 (1) (c) and 55B of the Immigration Act.

Those with information should contact the nearest police station or the Johor police operations room at 07-221 2999 or 07-225 4677.

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TAJUK :	DAD, 2 SONS KILLED IN LORRY-MPV CRASH		
HARI :	AHAD	AKHBAR :	NEW SUNDAY TIMES
TARIKH :	17 SEPT 2023	M/SURAT :	10
TONE :	NEGATIF	SEKTOR :	KPWKM

TWO CRITICAL

# Dad, 2 sons killed in lorry-MPV crash

**CHUKAI:** Three family members were killed and two others were injured when the multipurpose vehicle (MPV) they were in was hit by a sand-laden lorry at Km154 of Jalan Jerangau-Jabor, near Simpang 4, here, on Friday. Kemaman district police chief Superintendent Hanyan Ramlan said Ammir Hussein Mohamad, 38, and his two sons, Ammzar Husszair Al Hussein, 4, and year-old Ammzar Hussnayan Al Hussein were killed in the 2pm incident.

Ammir Hussein's wife, Norhafizah Sazwa Harun, 38, and their adopted daughter, Ammzar



*Ammir Hussein Mohamad and his sons Ammzar Husszair Al Hussein (front row, right) and Ammzar Hussnayan Al Hussein were killed in an accident at Km154 of Jalan Jerangau-Jabor in Chukai on Friday. His wife Norhafizah Sazwa Harun (back row, right) and adopted daughter Ammzar Hussniah Ammir Hussein Abdul Azim are in a critical condition. PIC COURTESY OF FAMILY*

Hussniah Ammir Hussein Abdul Azim, 8, are reported to be in critical condition and receiving treatment at Kemaman Hospital. Hanyan said the family was travelling from their home in Taman Bukit Kuang Permai to Cheneh to deliver soap to customers.

"A lorry laden with sand was believed to have encountered problems with brakes and suddenly swerved to the left and hit the MPV."

Hanyan said Ammir Hussein

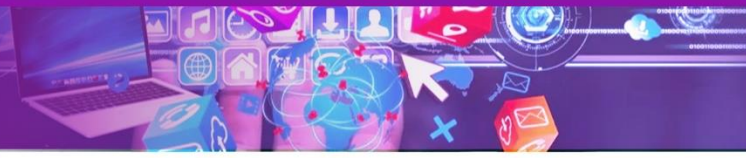
died at the scene and his sons succumbed to injuries at Kemaman Hospital.

They were buried in a common grave at the Muslim cemetery in Kampung Jabur Kubur, Kemaman, at 1.30am yesterday.

About 100 people attended the funeral.

Hanyan said the lorry driver, in his 40s, escaped unhurt. He tested negative for drugs.

"Investigations showed that the lorry driver did not have any previous record." **Bernama**



TAJUK : CALL TO INTRODUCE TRADITIONAL GAMES TO KIDS AT SCHOOL

HARI : AHAD

AKHBAR : SUNDAY STAR

TARIKH : 17 SEPT 2023

M/SURAT : 09

TONE : POSITIF

SEKTOR : KPWKM

## Call to introduce traditional games to kids at school

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Advocates have called for the inclusion of traditional games in the school curriculum to reintroduce these games to the younger generation.

Teacher Mohd Nasir Ismail said those born in the 2000s are not familiar with folk games because they were not exposed to these activities from a young age.

He said children nowadays are more excited to play online games, a far cry from young people of the past whose leisure time was filled with games such as *congkak*, *bal-ing selipar* and *gasing*.

"Today's generation is raised in and accustomed to technological advancements. Even at a young age, they are more interested in gadgets than playing traditional games.

"So, in efforts to ensure the continuity of the country's heritage (traditional games), it is essential that those who are responsible include the games as part of the school curriculum," Mohd Nasir told Bernama at the Malaysian Games Festival@Kuala Lumpur (FPM@Kuala Lumpur) at Dataran Merdeka here yesterday.

FPM@Kuala Lumpur, which is in its eighth edition this year, kicked off on Friday, with the participation of 1,520 people playing *congkak*, *galah panjang*, *dam aji*

and *kabbadi* as well as taking part in Sabah's *magunatip* (bamboo) dance sessions and Sarawak's blowpipe activity.

The three-day event is jointly organised by the Kuala Lumpur National Department for Culture and Arts (JKKN), Kuala Lumpur City Hall and traditional sports associations.

Fellow advocate and event specialist Norhayati Nordin said the conservation of traditional games proposed by the government should begin at the grassroots level through practical means instead of textbook learning.

"Children should be exposed to traditional games through physical experience so that they can truly enjoy playing the games. As games' entrepreneurs, we are ready to hold workshops and clinics to teach them the correct method to play the games," she said.

Meanwhile, Tourism, Arts and Culture Minister Datuk Seri Tiong King Sing said since its inception in 2015, the festival has generated income exceeding RM1.5mil and attracted over 200,000 visitors.

He said as of last month, 28 types of Malaysia's folk games have been declared as national heritage under the National Heritage Act 2005 by the National Heritage

Council.

"The Department of National Heritage and JKKN should join forces with non-governmental organisations involved with traditional games to promote, integrate and digitise all traditional games, especially those that are on the verge of extinction," he said.

He added that a special gallery called Malaysia Arts, Culture and Heritage Village will be created to display all items listed as the Intangible Cultural Heritage, including traditional games under one roof.

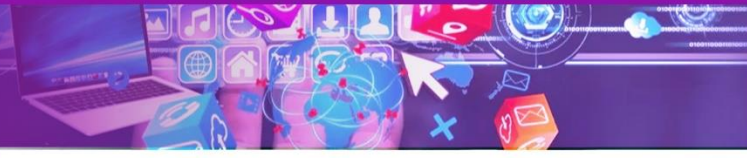
Tiong's speech text was read by Tourism, Arts and Culture Ministry deputy secretary-general (Culture) Mohd Yusri Mohd Yusof.

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**"Children should be exposed to traditional games so they can truly enjoy playing them."**

Norhayati Nordin

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TAJUK : MORE YOUNG MUSLIM COUPLES IN JOHOR GETTING DIVORCE

HARI : AHAD

AKHBAR : SUNDAY STAR

TARIKH : 17 SEPT 2023

M/SURAT : 10

TONE : NEGATIF

SEKTOR : KPWKM

## More young Muslim couples in Johor getting divorced

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**JOHOR BARU:** The state has recorded more than 200 divorce cases involving young couples every month this year, says Johor Islamic Religious Affairs Committee chairman Mohd Fared Mohd Khalid.

The Johor Islamic Religious Department (JAINJ) has developed an intervention plan by providing counselling sessions to couples to prevent this number from escalating, he added.

"We do not have the exact figure, but we are worried that if this issue is left unchecked, it will continue to escalate.

"Which is why, starting this

year, JAINJ has conducted a follow-up programme for every couple that has been married under the department.

"We will call up all young couples who have been married from six months onwards to check on them," he said after attending the mass wedding programme at Danga Bay Convention Centre, here, on Saturday.

He added that the counselling session will also be offered to couples who have been married for longer if they need it.

Mohd Fared said a total of 155 couples were solemnised under the annual mass wedding event held by JAINJ.

"This is the second time we have organised this large-scale

event after the first one in 2021.

"For this year, the Johor state government has allocated RM500,000 to help these young couples ease their marriage expenses," he said, adding that the programme will continued next year.

Meanwhile, in an unrelated incident, Mohd Fared said that JAINJ has called up the contractor involved in the development of the Taman Pulau Indah mosque, where two panels of the ceiling fell while being repaired.

He added that the incident occurred on Thursday around 10.30pm when no visitors were around.

"The contractors were in the midst of removing the cornice

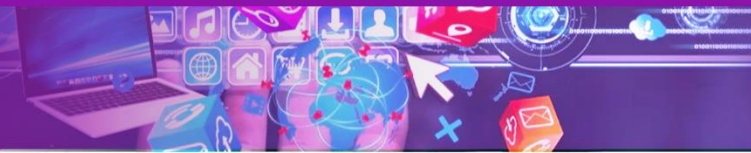
when two of the panels fell.

"There is a bit of confusion as there were claims that the entire ceiling had caved in, which was untrue. The ceiling was also scheduled to be removed.

"The good news is that there were no casualties, and it occurred after the Isyak prayer," he said, adding that the mosque was completed in 2017 and is in the middle of upgrading works.

"For the time being, all prayer activities will be conducted in the open area outside the main hall and under the tent provided.

"JAINJ, together with the Public Works Department, will carry out the repairs as soon as the investigations into the case are over," he said.



TAJUK : PROTECTION OF CHILDREN'S RIGHTS SHOULD BE INDEPENDENT

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## Protection of children's rights should be independent

**KUALA LUMPUR:** An independent Children's Commission is crucial in protecting and promoting the rights of all children in Malaysia holistically and systematically, said Children's Commissioner Dr Farah Nini Dusuki.

At present, the Office of the Children's Commissioner (OCC) is under the Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (Suhakam).

But the Children's Commission of Malaysia Bill, which will separate it from Suhakam, is slated to be tabled next month.

Farah said that a Children's Commission that is endowed with the function and mandate enshrined in a specific Act will become a body with the responsibility to advocate for and enhance the rights of children.

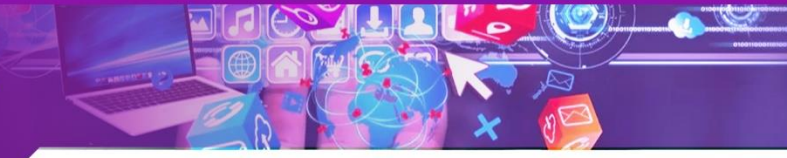
"And specifically, children of the vulnerable community, including persons with disabilities and rural communities in Sabah and Sarawak," she said in a statement reported by Bernama.

To date, more than 50 countries worldwide have established their respective oversight bodies for children, she added.

In a separate statement, 12 civil society organisations fully supported the initiative to establish a Children's Commission for Malaysia.

"There must be a special provision to allow the commission to present an annual report to Parliament.

"The commission's decisions and recommendations should be acted upon by the ministries," read the statement.



TAJUK : CELEBRATING BEAUTY, GRACE

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Aaliyah (fourth left) and the other contenders who made it to the Top 6 during the grand finale posing with Raymond (third right) and Jawed Khan.



Deputy Minister II for Tourism, Creative Industry and Performing Arts Sarawak Datuk Snowdan Lawan (fifth right) and on his right, his wife Datin Melinda Claudia Bucking-Lawan who is also the pageant's advisor, in a photo-call with the winner and other finalists. Also on stage are Raymond and Jawed Khan (fourth right).

By Christina Thomas-Mamora

THE search for the first Miss International Sarawak ended successfully when 18-year-old Aaliyah Wunsch was crowned during the state-level beauty pageant's grand finale in July.

The newly-crowned beauty queen will represent Sarawak at the national level Miss International Beauty Pageant in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah this Oct 1. Also vying for the prestigious title together with Aaliyah are five other contenders who were among the Top 6 at the grand finale.

I interviewed some of the young beauties, including the newly-crowned Miss International Sarawak herself, and was impressed by the way they expressed themselves with confidence and fluency. The girls were courteous as they articulated their speech competently just as I would expect of a beauty queen.

I must applaud the organising team headed by Miss International Malaysia Sarawak state director Dato' Raymond Valentine Jolly, for their efforts in making the state-level beauty pageant a success.

Indeed, they had brought out the best in the aspiring beauties providing yet another avenue for the ladies to further nurture the beauty in them.

Third largest beauty pageant Miss International Beauty Pageant is reputed to be the third largest beauty pageant in the world in terms of the number of national winners who participate on the international stage. It has a long history of empowering young women around the world to become 'the best version of themselves,' who are worthy of emulation.

"It was the first Miss International Beauty Pageant to be held in Sarawak. When the National Director of the pageant, Jawed Khan asked me to be the State Director, I was not very keen at first but when I looked at their humanitarian advocacy and community focused initiatives, I eventually accepted the proposal," Raymond explained.

"There're a lot of Sarawak ladies who are beautiful and bright and whose talents are yet to be discovered. Don't forget, we have a number of Sarawakians who had made it to the top in Malaysia and a good number of them had put Sarawak on the world map. I'm confident that our girls will do well at the forthcoming national-level Miss International Beauty Pageant and continue to bring Sarawak far," he enthused.

Other prominent beauty pageants, such as Miss World Malaysia, have been organised in Peninsular Malaysia by Raymond. Indeed, Sarawakian men and women had demonstrated their prowess in a wide range of endeavours on a global scale.

Lawyer Larissa, Miss World Malaysia 2018. In the arena of beauty pageants, for instance, Larissa Ping Liew made a name for Sarawak when she was crowned Miss World Malaysia in 2018. She went further by representing the country at the 68th edition of the global Miss World pageant, held that same year in Sanya, China, where she made it into the Top 30 of the 118 contestants.

She was attired in a blue evening dress designed by Sarawak's fashion designer, Rozie Khan, and the design got to the top five. Larissa also made it to the Top 5 in the talent category and Top 10 in the multimedia debate challenge, a



Newly-crowned Miss International Sarawak, Aaliyah, waving to the audience. — Photos by Sheryl Khoo



Arzmy taking pride in the newly-crowned beauty queen, Aaliyah.

# Celebrating beauty, grace

First series on Miss International Malaysia Sarawak highlights diversity, inclusivity as exhibited by first state-level title winner and her fellow Top 6 contestants



The pageant's Top 3 finalists sharing a light moment with Deputy Minister II for Tourism, Creative Industry and Performing Arts Sarawak Datuk Snowdan Lawan (right).

remarkable achievement indeed. During her one month stint as a beauty pageant contestant on the world stage, she had developed much self-confidence and resilience. Larissa, now 24, has just graduated from the Faculty of Law at Universiti Malaysia, manifesting the fine qualities and attributes that make her a role model to young girls and all those who see her as an inspiration.

Dewi Seriestha, Miss Malaysia World 2014. Another inspiring beauty who made Sarawak proud is Dewi Liana Seriestha from Kuching. She won the Miss Malaysia World title in 2014, and represented Malaysia with flying colours at the Miss World 2014 grand finale in London, the UK. One of the Top 25 quarter-finalists, she became the first Malaysian to win the Miss World Talent title when she mesmerized the audience with a classical opera number 'Don Juan Triumphant' from the 'Phantom of the Opera' in her powerhouse singing voice.

Dewi graduated from the National Academy of Arts, Culture and Heritage (Aswara) the following year. With her credentials, she continues to reach for the star and be a beauty worthy of emulation to the

younger generation as she gives back to society, particularly in the fields that she loves, arts and music.

Beauty pageants provide an opportunity for aspiring beauties to hone their potentials, confidence and resilience from Sarawak, each with their own strengths. I have seen how they worked hard as they vied for the crown. Training them for their betterment gave me a kind of satisfaction which I can't simply describe in words. Seeing them on stage speaking with eloquence and confidence made me feel like a proud parent.

"Having a solid personal brand can help the contestant to stand out in the competition and increase her chances of being successful in both her personal and professional lives. Personal branding is creating your identity as an individual. It's a defining who you are, what you stand for, and what makes you unique, reflecting your values, goals, skillset and personality. "It should accurately represent who you are. This helps the girls a lot in the pageant," he said. A graduate in marketing, advertising and public relations from the International Business Management School, Arzmy is the chief executive officer of a branding and image strategist agency. He is also a speaker, Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF)-certified trainer, fashion designer for menswear and style aficionado, and has earned a few prestigious awards for his work.

Opportunity to nurture noble values. As he sees it, a beauty pageant is a place where aspiring beauties can learn noble values, develop social skills and enhance their personalities. "Their exposure through the pageant's programmes motivates them to think about their future and make plans on how to get there. A pageant promotes goal setting and can indeed be a stepping stone for girls to achieve their goals. "A beauty queen carries a huge moral responsibility,

whilst maintaining a respectable character. She has to be a spokesperson and a role model with charisma and a genuine kind heart that wants to contribute and give back to the community. She is likeable, confident, eloquent in speech, and communicates well with others," he added.

The success of the recent Miss International Sarawak, which received much support from the Ministry of Tourism, Creative Industry and Performing Arts Sarawak, inspired Raymond further. "Both the national director and I are keen on bringing the Miss International World pageant in Sarawak. We had discussed this with our Japan counterpart and they had shown interest in our proposal," he enthused.

Raymond was talking about representatives from 80 countries coming to Sarawak if the state were to host the event. "We're not just talking about the contestants, but also the officials who're coming with them. So that would mean approximately 600 people coming," he said.

This is also in line with the organisers' efforts to help promote Sarawak arts and cultural heritage as well as the tourism industry through beauty pageants whose aim is also to create a platform for beauty

queens to shed lights about their country and for women from all backgrounds to showcase their talent, intelligence and beauty.

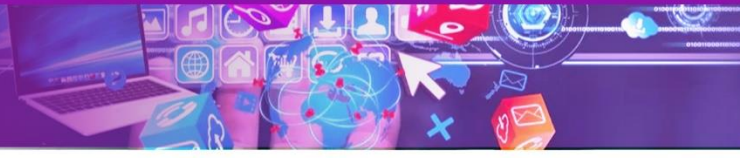
Celebration of diversity, inclusivity. The beauty pageant is not just a competition but a celebration of diversity and inclusivity while promoting positive values and making a difference in the community. Apart from proving her intelligence, talent, beauty and grace, the winner is an advocate of social service, a desired image of a woman who packs all the fine qualities and attributes which makes her a beauty queen. According to a famous poet from the Victorian era, John Keats, 'a thing of beauty is a joy forever, a constant source of happiness and pleasure. Its loveliness increases every moment. It will never pass into nothingness. In other words, a thing of beauty is never devalued. It becomes a source of unending joy for us. Beauty never diminishes or fades away'.

The importance of beauty pageants in developing one's internal and exterior character qualities cannot be overstated. They teach contestants the fundamentals of womanhood, friendship, devotion, professionalism, sportsmanship, and many other virtues. When a young woman grows into the best version of herself, she succeeds.

"The story on the newly-crowned Miss International Sarawak and the other contenders who made it to the Top 6 during the grand finale will be featured in the second part of this series, to be out this Oct 1.



Aaliyah receiving hugs from her parents after the crowning.



TAJUK : DRIVER, TEEN DAUGHTER ESCAPE UNHURT AFTER 4WD CRASHED INTO HOUSE FENCE

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## Driver, teen daughter escape unhurt after 4WD crashed into house fence

**SIBU:** A man and his 14-year-old daughter emerged unhurt after the four-wheel-drive (4WD) vehicle that they were travelling in crashed into a house fence here early yesterday.

In the 9am accident, the man said he was driving on the right lane of Jalan Tun Abang Haji Openg in the direction of town to pick up his wife and son when a car in the left lane suddenly cut in front of him.

To avoid crashing into the car, the driver said he swerved, which caused his 4WD to cross into the opposite lane of the dual carriageway.

He then lost control of the vehicle, which flipped and came to a halt when it crashed into the

house fence and landed on the driver's side.

The impact of the accident caused a section of the fence to collapse.

Separately, a motorcyclist was injured after her machine skidded off the Jalan Tun Abang Haji Openg-Jalan Palawan roundabout around 8am yesterday.

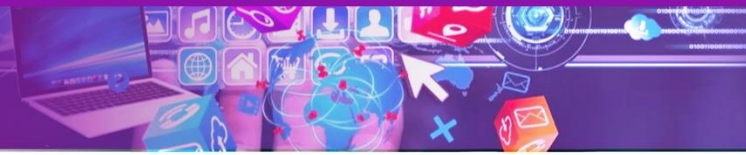
According to the victim in her 20s, she suddenly lost control of the motorcycle due to slippery conditions caused by an oil spill.

Police closed the stretch to traffic while firefighters from the Sibu Central fire station used earth to cover the oil spill.

The road was later reopened to traffic.



Curious onlookers check the 4WD, which crashed into the fence of a house at Jalan Tun Abang Haji Openg.



TAJUK : INCULCATE PATRIOTISM IN CHILDREN FROM PRESCHOOL AGE, ADVISES MINISTER

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Lee shows the thumbs-up as he joins the children participating in the colouring contest at MCC Lutong Community Library.

## Inculcate patriotism in children from preschool age, advises minister

**MIRI:** Patriotism should be instilled in children from a young age, said Dato Sri Lee Kim Shin.

The Minister of Transport Sarawak also said thus, continuous efforts to promote patriotism should begin at the preschool level.

"I hope the promotion of patriotism could be strengthened to instil in Malaysian children a sense of national pride, beginning from a young age," he said in his address for the Malaysia Day Colouring Contest at Miri City Council (MCC) Lutong Community Library yesterday.

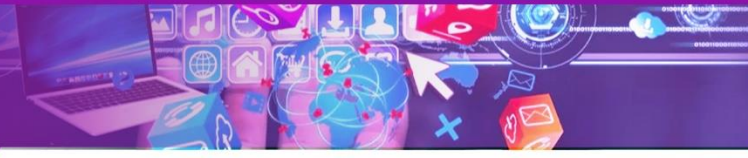
The Senadin assemblyman said children at the preschool level should learn about their country's history and the diverse cultures.

Teaching children about the country's history would give the children a sense of pride for the nation and its heritage, he added.

He also said this could include the teaching of national symbols, the flag and the national anthem, which could be done through stories, songs, and other fun-filled activities.

On another matter, Lee said the people of Sarawak must appreciate the racial and ethnic diversity that made the state so distinctive from others in Malaysia.

"Sarawak is a multi-racial society, which makes Sarawak unique and attractive to others. We should be proud of it; even the prime minister is impressed with our harmony and culture despite our diversity," he said.



TAJUK :	ON MALAYSIA DAY, SUHAKAM CALLS FOR GOVT TO SET UP CHILDREN'S COMMISSION		
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# On Malaysia Day, Suhakam calls for govt to set up Children's Commission

**KUCHING:** It is timely to form a Children's Commission to advocate for and enhance the rights of vulnerable children in Malaysia, in view of the country celebrating its 60th anniversary this year, said the Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (Suhakam).

Suhakam Children's Commissioner Dr Farah Nini Dusuki said a Children's Commission endowed with the function and mandate enshrined in a specific Act would become a body with the responsibility to advocate for and enhance the rights of child, specifically children of vulnerable communities, including persons with disabilities and rural communities in Sabah and Sarawak.

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Thus, OCC (Office of the Children's Commission) would like to appeal to have the gift for all children in Malaysia to be presented as the testimony of Malaysia Day that has been overdue.

— Dr Farah Nini Dusuki, Suhakam Children's Commissioner

overdue," she said in a statement yesterday.

Farah said since the establishment of the OCC in 2019, the highest complaints received by the office had been child protection issues – from sexual offences, abuse, and negligence.

The complaints of sexual assault were chronically critical on account of the traditional resolution of problems done through the payment of penance (village mode), sodomy committed against students by teachers, and a few sexual and physical abuse cases against children in shelter homes, she

said.

"These are the few cases that were being reported, not to mention the cases that went unreported," she pointed out.

Farah said the abovementioned cases were successfully channelled and acted on by the relevant authorities owing to the OCC's role and function as an oversight body in coordinating all relevant parties to uphold justice and protect children.

However, she said the office would continue to work restrictively if it is still inadequately resourced, non-independent, and with deficiency in capacity and complaint

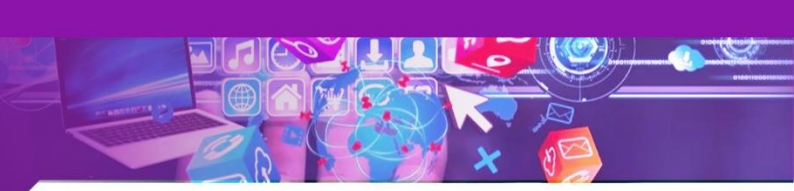
system.

"Henceforth, the establishment of an independent Children's Commission with its Act is crucial in protecting and promoting the rights of all children in Malaysia holistically and systematically," she added.

To date, more than 50 countries have established their respective oversight bodies for children.

Farah said these were not only limited to national level, namely New Zealand and Norway, but they could also be found at the local level such as in Australia and the USA, considering the local context.

"Despite its children's population being lower than Malaysia, New Zealand and Australia are bequeathed with various oversight bodies for the rights of the child at the national and local level, demonstrating the placement of children's rights at the heart of every development in the countries," she added.



TAJUK : URGENT NEED FOR AN INDEPENDENT CHILDREN'S COMMISSION

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COMMENT

# Urgent need for an independent Children's Commission

WE, the undersigned child advocates and civil society organisations for children, urge the government to expeditiously establish an independent Children's Commission that will promptly act on issues affecting children, as well as safeguard, uphold and promote child rights.

The pandemic has revealed serious and systemic gaps in the care and protection of children; which have yet to be dealt with and resolved. A single Commissioner for Children under Suhakam does not have the necessary time, authority, and resources to effectively address these gaps and guide the government on how to prioritise resource allocations to ensure the well-being of children. The time to act is now; we must stop failing our children.

An independent Children's Commission, which reports directly to Parliament, will enable all Parliamentarians to have oversight over children in Malaysia. Monitoring their rights and progress is fundamental to the growth and future of our nation and society. Should today's leaders fail our children, that is a failure of stewardship of the nation's future leaders, voters, and workforce.

An independent, adequately funded Children's Commission comprising commissioners with expertise in issues affecting children and staff would be able to support ministries, departments, and agencies by providing their much-needed expertise to strengthen policies, processes, and procedures. Lawmakers, ministers, and civil servants who are subject to transfers cannot be expected to be subject matter experts. A Children's Commission, with commissioners who have a strong grasp of the realities

of diverse groups of children in marginalised circumstances, would be in a position to examine the impact of laws, policies, and procedures on children. The proposed commissioners would also be able to articulate effectively recommendations that align laws, policies, and procedures with the Convention on the Rights of the Child and two of its three Optional Protocols that Malaysia has ratified, as well as Malaysian legislation covering child rights.

The Children's Commission must be comprehensive and have a wide scope to cover all critical children-related areas, including the following (not exhaustive): strengthen child protection; work to end child poverty; improve child health service delivery; advance inclusive education for children with diverse disabilities; improve early childhood care, education, and early intervention services; improve the status of migrants, refugees, and stateless; improve services for children in conflict with the law; prevent the detention of any child; end child marriage, and reduce teenage pregnancies; support indigenous children; remove all barriers to children of Malaysian parents from acquiring citizenship. The Children's Commission must be able to recognise and remedy violations of children's rights as they occur, by applying good practices, and human rights standards.

Any delay to the well-being and protection of a single child can have devastating and long-lasting consequences. Thus, any delay in establishing an independent Children's Commission will have significant and long-lasting consequences for the wellbeing of ALL children in Malaysia.

The Bill to establish a Children's Commission is a crucial step towards aligning Malaysia with its commitments under the Sustainable Development Goals and the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

We would like the Prime Minister and Cabinet to know that we, child advocates and civil society organisations, are firmly behind this initiative and offer our full support. It is the single most important plan that the government has put forward for the betterment of children in our nation.

Many thanks to the Prime Minister's Department for being the prime driver of this Bill, and for ensuring meaningful engagement with stakeholders, including civil society.

We extend our blessings as the Cabinet deliberates on this, and pray that an independent Children's Commission will be supported and proposed to Parliament for consideration. It is our hope that all lawmakers, regardless of party affiliation, care enough about Malaysia's children to unanimously support the passage of the Bill for the establishment of an independent Children's Commission.

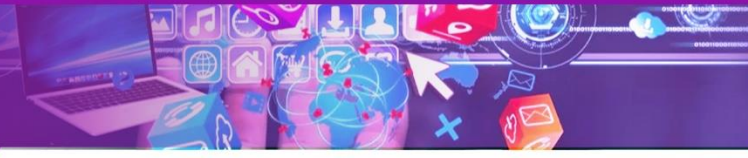
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66. Montessori Association Malaysia (MAM)
67. Be My Protector (BMP)
68. Federation of Malaysian Sri Lankan Organisations
69. Malaysian Rare Disease Society
70. OPIS International
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72. Childline Young Leaders Programme Cohort 1
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TAJUK :	WHEN AN ENTIRE VILLAGE RAISES A CHILD		
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# When an entire village raises a child

**BETWEEN THE LINES**  
With  
**Toman Mamora**



The columnist at SMA Unggul Del, a private high school established under Yayasan Del in Laguboti.



Oppung Hutahaean, a Batak conglomerate and owner of the five-star Labersa Hotel in Balige, Toba (second right) talking to the columnist and his daughter, joined by Ibu Tiur Sibarani.

IT takes a village to raise a child. The phrase conveys the message that it takes a collective body of people belonging to a given socio-cultural space to provide a safe, healthy environment for children, where children are given the security they need to develop and flourish, and to be able to realise their hopes and dreams.

From the broader perspective of socio-anthropology, the word 'community' is generally used to refer to a group of people who are united by a common interest, social and behavioural norms, and moral and religious beliefs and a host of other dynamics.

I have taken the liberty to use Batak Toba as an example of a community where the concept of collectiveness and social belonging is closely observed and practised, and with the younger generation it is done, if necessary, under the watchful eye of community elders and guardians of local customs and tradition.

### Rediscovering

I spent 10 days recently at the Batak Highlands, making pit stops at important historic and cultural places and visiting a few relatives in Dolok Sanggul and from Kisaran, Asahan.

Even though it was brief, the trip to rediscover myself vis-à-vis ancestral land provided me a deeper understanding and respect of some of the fundamental, unique values and philosophical views that are part of the Batak Toba community.

I am aware of the time and distance constraints that would prevent me from giving a thorough account in my study, leaving much to secondary data and processed information.

With a population of approximately 10 million, the Batak Toba of Northern Sumatera offer an intriguing and perceptive socio-anthropological study of an ethnic group that is bound together by a strong value and cultural system.

The 'marga' (clan surname) is recognised as a key determinant of identity and social pride with a lineage history that can be traced back to approximately 700 years.

According to the most recent census in Indonesia, there are close to 700 'marga', and each Batak takes great pride in using their clan surname after their name.

### Two-pronged concept of community

The concept of community is presented in two ways in the Batak Toba. The first is a location where certain clan groups have built residence and their own farms in a designated hamlet, or 'huta', that has been there for a few hundred years.

The second is the social environment, which includes Internet platforms, that transcends time and place and is where ethnic Batak from various clans come together to engage and seek out new possibilities to strengthen their bonds.

Whichever conceptual definition or approach is taken, at the end of the day, the Batak man returns home to Toba-Samosir.

He never loses sight of his origins. He never forgets the community where he was raised.

He remembers the padi field behind his parents' home, the historic village church where he attended Sunday school and groups of farmers from his village making their dusk-time way back to their homes by meandering down the treacherous Toba hills.

Love, care, duty, and a sense of belonging shape the emotive attachment and commitment to the community.

The three philosophies of life that the Batak people place a great importance on are 'hamoraon' (wealth), 'hagabeon' (producing successful children), and 'hasangapon' (honour in social position). Consistent with this is the importance of education of children across the community irrespective of their economic well-being.

Assistance from well-to-do villagers is never a problem if help is needed to finance the education of a child from a poor household. All around the Batak community, there is a strong sense of cohesion, support, and assistance. Inherent in the Batak concept of the village is the notion that caring for children is a shared responsibility amongst

many. One of Batak Tob'sa living motto is 'anakokkin do hamoraon in ahu', which means that children are the most precious assets. They will try to educate their children to become responsible men and women who can enhance the dignity of their family, clan and Batak community.

### Education core of Batak value system

A good education also aids parents in instilling moral virtues in their children, such as self-control, honesty, independence, and loyalty. These qualities not only become the standard in interactions with peers, but also in all subsequent encounters with the professional world and to become individually advantageous to the community and country.

Over the years, many Batak have successfully completed their studies in top Indonesian universities and institutions abroad, mostly in the fields of Law, Mathematics, Engineering, and Medicine, which are popular and preferred among the Batak.

This is attributed to their tenacity, self-control, dedication, and responsibility to raise their children in the best interests of their family and community, as well as the power of a deeply established traditional value system across the community.

They give pride and honour to their family and community.

Conversely, individualism and personal glory are frowned upon by the wider Batak community.

Many of them ventured into wider fields of opportunities as lawyers, entrepreneurs, professionals and academics outside their family home in Toba-Samosir.

Successful and reputed among the top and richest lawyers in Indonesia are Dr Otto Hasibuan, Hotmar Paris Hutapea, Hotmar Sitompul, Ruhut Sitompul, Luhut Pangaribuan, Juniver Girsang, Todung Mulya Lubis and Juan Felix Tampubolon.

They have set up base in Jakarta and over time, ventured into acquiring properties and other profitable assets using the wealth they gained through their legal practice.

### Touching base with the community

However, it is not all about Jakarta and seeking wealth and fame in the city. They have not forgotten their villages in Toba-Samosir as many also speak of returning home to the highlands to be with their family and Batak community, especially during Christmas and New Year, to renew family and community bonds.

Many of the successful Jakarta-based Batak entrepreneurs and lawyers have contributed generously through organised channels to fund children's education and village church renovation or expansion. They

must uphold their responsibility to care for and cherish their community. It remains the habit of the heart.

The legendary 87-year-old Oppung Harangan Wilmar Hutahaean, who lives in Pekanbaru and commutes fortnightly to Balige, Toba-Samosir, is another shining example of a prosperous Batak businessman who gives back to his community.

He is the founding chairman of the Hutahaean Group whose business profile includes oil palm plantation, rubber estates, transportation, properties, golf course development and management, hotel and resort. His latest flagship project is Labersa Hotel and Resort, which is the first five-star hotel in Toba-Samosir.

The Group provides employment to 26,000 Indonesians, the majority of whom are Batak.

Like most Batak of his age and socio-economic status, Hutahaean also supports local community projects and activities, and is widely known to initiate and fund many community church activities and physical expansion programmes, apart from sitting on the local community church advisory board.

He proudly informed the writer during breakfast at the Labersa Hotel in Balige that he must come home to Toba-Samosir and take part in local economic ventures that would

benefit the local Batak people. He is modest and unassuming. Coming back to Toba-Samosir is a duty to the family and community. It is a habit of the heart.

Yet another example of a Batak with an illustrious career in military and politics and business and who has decided to join the likes of Hutahaean and Sitorus to give back to the community and help the young Batak to succeed in life, is Ex-General Luhut Binsar Panjaitan.

### Batak-community school Top 3 in Indonesia

Together with his friends, he established Yayasan Del, which in turn provided funding for the establishment of Del Institute of Technology in Laguboti, Toba-Samosir in 2011 to give students with strong academic potential access to high-quality education in information and technology. Today, Del Institute of Technology is ranked No 3 in Indonesia and many of its alumni have gone on to pursue their higher degrees in Harvard and LSE in the UK.

More than 500 young Batak men and women have gone through the institution's portal on their way to achieving higher stations in life, demonstrating how successfully the institute is helping the community.

And as the community comes together to raise a child until he completes his education and starts a career, the habit of the heart to connect and serve his community remains embedded.

There will soon be a new generation of young people with the heart and brains to help the community.

The cycle continues, and the wheel continues to turn.

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