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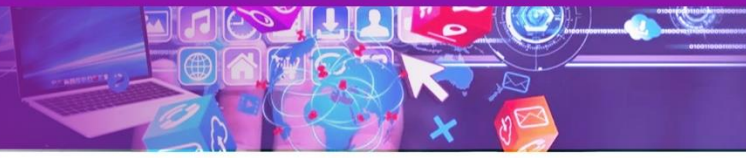
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TAJUK : HARDER FOR MALE VICTIMS TO OPEN UP

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Harder for male victims to open up

Sexually abused boys tend to feel shame for not fighting back, say experts

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PETALING JAYA: Boys, who are victims of child sex abuse find it difficult to open up to parents or other adults, as they tend to believe that they should be strong enough to fight off the perpetrators, experts say.

Consultant paediatrician and adolescent medicine specialist Dr N. Thiyagar said some boys have lived with guilt or shame, feeling that they were not "man" enough to protect themselves.

He said instead of reporting incidents of sexual abuse, boys could manifest symptoms and experience post-traumatic stress disorder including anxiety and depression.

"Some may have sleep disorders, poor appetite or become withdrawn. Their performance in school could also be affected.

"Some may even present with sudden onset of bed-wetting or loss of bowel control," he told *The Star* in response to how sexual abuse affects children.

Dr Thiyagar said this conclusion stemmed from several

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encounters with teenagers who exhibited bed-wetting, and upon further investigation, it was revealed that they were victims of sexual abuse.

He added that this adverse childhood experience – better known as toxic stress – has significant long-term health and social effects.

Studies have indicated sexual abuse as a serious condition among common childhood toxic stressors, which include poverty, physical abuse, mental illness among parents and a violent environment.

He also added that sexual abuse is associated with a higher risk of developing various illnesses in adulthood.

"Victims of sexual abuse have a higher risk for major depression, suicide attempts, non-communicable diseases, unemployment, premature deaths, sexual risk-

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Dr Farah Nini Dusuki

taking (which may result in sexually transmitted infections), substance and alcohol abuses.

"Prevention of sexual abuse is crucial. As adults, we are responsible for ensuring a safe environment for the children.

"Children must be taught reproductive health tips including the concept of safe and unsafe touching in preschool itself," Dr Thiyagar said, adding there should be a better surveillance system on child abuse in the country.

Prof Dr Sharifa Ezat Wan Puteh, a health economist and public health specialist said mental, emotional and behavioural prob-

lems such as anxiety, stress, depression, substance abuse, dissociative disorders as well as sexual dysfunction are all associated with sexual abuse.

And this, she added might persist into adulthood.

"That is why intervention and recognition of kids with sexual abuse are important.

"A study entitled 'Neurological changes in brain structure and functions among individuals with a history of childhood sexual abuse' noted that children with a history of childhood sexual abuse are associated with irregularities in the cortical and subcortical regions of the brain.

"These irregularities have been recognised to contribute to various cognitive, behavioural and psychological health outcomes later in life.

"Age of child sexual abuse onset was associated with differential neurological brain structures," she said quoting the study.

Malaysian Human Rights Commission children's commissioner Dr Farah Nini Dusuki said there must be awareness that boys could, and do, become victims of sexual abuse.

She said it was crucial to lift the cloak of shame and fear that often stops sexually abused children including boys from reporting, adding that programmes or systems should be in place to make it easier for them to come forward.

"We must debunk harmful traditional masculinity stereotypes including that boys should be tough and not show emotion.

"Adopt a gender-neutral approach to support services and reassure child victims that they are there to help all children, regardless of gender," added Farah Nini.



TAJUK : IMPROVE ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR CHILD VICTIMS

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Improve access to justice for child victims

PETALING JAYA: The justice system needs to be more accessible to child victims in sexual abuse cases, says the Children's Commissioner Dr Farah Nini Daud...



More needs to be done: Farah Nini says that services to support child victims, such as counselling, should be readily available and should cover an array of needs, including legal assistance during court proceedings.



Source: Royal Malaysia Police, OHA

Photo: posed by model. "This is not being enforced and people don't know about it. For example, if you suspect your husband of molesting a child, you have a legal duty under the law," she said.



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Protecting the most vulnerable among us

Ahead of World Children's Day tomorrow, Children's Commissioner Dr Farah Nini Daud speaks to Sunday Star about her plans to increase legal literacy in children's rights.

SHE'S no stranger to the sometimes heart-rending battle to protect children from abuse in Malaysia, but even after decades in the trenches, Dr Farah Nini Daud hasn't lost her fire.

"Can you explain further about the institutionalisation of children's rights training?" Children have specific needs, dealing with them isn't the same as dealing with adults. Doctors go through a paediatric course on how to deal with children, and they go on to do their housemanship, but they lack legal literacy on what they can and cannot do.

More and more doctors are concerned about the well-being of their patients and they are in a position to do something. But they cannot do it alone in such cases because they need the Child Protection Officer, or Pelandu - to approve their decision.

What needs to change to help, specifically, children who are victims of sexual abuse? Malaysia does have rather comprehensive legislation governing child protection, with provision for fundamental measures of prevention, protection and rehabilitation, where necessary.

There is a definite need to improve the legal handling of child sexual abuse cases in Malaysia. The justice system needs to be made more accessible to child victims, for instance. In line with that, it's also crucial to reinforce the importance of prompt reporting, as emphasised by existing legislation like Section 19 of the Sexual Offences Against Children Act.

In addition, professionals working with children, such as teachers and healthcare providers, should be trained to identify signs of sexual abuse and know what steps to take if abuse is suspected, she said.

I decided to start giving lectures on this topic beginning in 2003, particularly on Section 24 of Child Act 2001 on authorisation of medical treatment.

During one of my lectures, a doctor shared a story about how a child was brought in by an aunt to an asthma attack requiring nebuliser treatment, but the mother came in and took the child away because the child was needed to look after her younger siblings as the mother was a single working mum.

So you can imagine, when I hear such stories about doctors needing to call in the Pelandu to authorise medical treatment of hold patients back - this is why I decided to take another approach by lecturing about Section 26 about doctors not facing liability of they act in good faith.

More importantly, this is sensible because there is a law clearly mandating a doctor's decision to override parents' wishes, but we allow the child to go.

There is a need for parents, teachers, coaches, or any adult with whom a child has regular contact, to create an environment where children feel safe and can learn to trust the adult enough to report abuse.

Can you share some of your other plans to deal with children's issues in the courts? I have laid out two directions. One is the empowerment of children with robust promotions of children's rights via the curriculum, including in kindergarten classes, and premarital courses. The second is mapping out steps to help together with civil societies and government agencies.

There are many avenues for assistance available for the people. For example, the National Population and Family Development Board has Kariefren for teenagers but how many people are aware of it? It is simple if you have a place for helping adolescents with counsellors and doctors, why not use it for all? This is so that we don't replicate efforts.

Let's also feel that we need to move away from being championed. I have noticed that child protection is very much about prominent figures championing children - they do move

issues forward. But there are organisations that are good, too. If there are good models - the Penang-based Women's Centre for Change is a great example of such NGOs - we can emulate them nationwide.

Another notably successful programme which many may not know about is at the Prisoners Department and helmed by the Commissioner-General Datin Noridin Muhamad. It has been their consistent since 2008 in helping detained children. The department has had a memorandum of understanding with the Education Ministry to have schools in prison since 2008.

Malaysia is one of the few countries that does this. These are actual teachers that go to places like that Henry Gurney Schools and teach a proper class.

The Henry Gurney Schools are centres established in 1949 under Juvenile Courts Act 1947 (Act 90) to care for young offenders.

Initially the teachers were hesitant to teach there but now they are seeing results. Giving children a second chance when they come into conflict with the law can be rewarding.

With more children having sex at a younger age, as it time Malaysia introduced sexuality and reproductive health education in schools, along with modules on safe touch, bad touch and abuse?

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ers, should be trained to identify signs of sexual abuse and know what steps to take if abuse is suspected.

And services to support child victims, such as counselling, should be readily available. These services should cover an array of needs, including legal assistance during court proceedings.

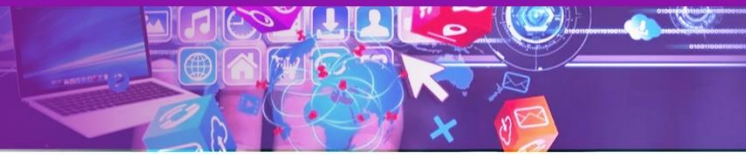
Boys are also victims of sexual abuse but may not disclose the problem. What can be done to ensure they, and girls too, come forward to report abuse? It's crucial to lift the cloak of shame and fear that often stops young boys, and other abuse victims, from reporting the crime. A stigma-free, supportive environment is key.

We must enhance public awareness about ways to identify and report abuse, and create programmes that make it easier for boys to come forward.

We need to provide education and awareness among not only children but also caregivers, educators, and society as a whole about the reality that boys can, and do, become victims of sexual abuse.

There is a need for parents, teachers, coaches, or any adult with whom a child has regular contact, to create an environment where children feel safe and can learn to trust the adult enough to report abuse.

The challenges in implementing comprehensive sexuality and reproductive health education in Malaysia include the absence of standardised curricula, insufficient teacher training, and cultural and religious sensitivities. Sexuality and reproductive health education is most effective when tailored to the developmental stage of students. Any discussions on sexual education should take into account children's maturity and understanding. And all sexuality and reproductive health education should emphasise consent, safety, and developing positive relationships and values.



TAJUK : [MINISTRY MULLS AMENDING DEFINITION OF OKU](#)

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AKHBAR : [THE SUNDAY POST](#)

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Ministry mulls amending definition of OKU

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KUCHING: Federal Ministry of Women, Family, and Community Development has proposed to amend the term 'Orang Kurang Upaya' (Individuals with Disabilities) to 'Orang Kelainan Upaya' (Individuals with Different Abilities), but the abbreviation remains the same, OKU.

Minister Datuk Seri Nancy Shukri says currently, her ministry is seeking approval from international organisations to replace the term as it is not solely the decision of the local government, but the matter is also established at international level.

"Malaysia adheres to terms set internationally, so we can't change it immediately. Discussions and meetings with various international bodies are necessary before this alteration can be made," she said in a press conference held after officiating



Nancy (seated, centre) delivers some points during the press conference.

at the National Special Education Seminar conducted by the National Association of Early Childhood Care and Education Malaysia (NAECCEM) in Santubong here yesterday.

Elaborating, Nancy emphasised the need to change the term 'individuals with disabilities' due to concerns within the industry regarding the

development of the special-needs community.

"It's undeniable that within this group, some are not disabled, but have different abilities, possessing their own capabilities; hence, they request a shift in terminology to 'persons with different abilities'."

She also highlighted the commitment of the Department

of Welfare under her ministry to develop more Special Needs Childcare Centres throughout Malaysia.

"Eleven such centres have been established nationwide, including one in Sibul," she disclosed.

"However, I aspire to see more centres catering to targeted children across the country, ensuring that they would not miss out and would continue to receive quality education.

"Therefore, our ministry welcomes and is ready to collaborate with any non-governmental organisations and institutions ready to realise this goal."

Nancy also called upon all segments of society to collectively promote awareness of the significance of special education.

"Through seminars like this, we can use them as a starting point to further efforts to ensure proper focus on the education of children with special needs in the future," she added.



TAJUK :	SEND CARETAKERS FOR PROPER TRAINING, SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDCARE CENTRE OPERATORS TOLD		
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Send caretakers for proper training, special needs childcare centre operators told

KUCHING: Federal Minister of Women, Family and Community Development Datuk Seri Nancy Shukri is calling upon operators of childcare centres for children special needs to have their caretakers undergo proper basic training.

She says this is crucial to ensure that the caretakers at these centres have the necessary skills to handle children with special needs beyond the standard criteria.

“We want to prevent any oversight because when we look at cases of abuse or neglect, it’s often after the fact that we realise some of the caregivers lack proper training.

“We aim to prevent such cases by ensuring these operators register with our ministry,” she said in a press conference held after officiating at the National Special Education Seminar in Santubong here yesterday.

The Santubong MP also appealed for local communities’ cooperation in informing about the opening of new childcare centres in their respective areas.

“We need the community’s assistance so that it can facilitate us to conduct inspections on these centres, whether they are registered with us or not,” she said.

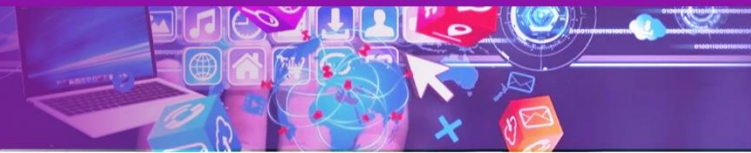
By taking these measures, she said the safety of these children would be better assured, aligning with her ministry’s priority.

On the seminar, she said it would be expanded nationwide to ensure that all caretakers handling individuals with special needs would have the necessary skills.

Citing Ministry of Education statistics, she said the number of children with special needs had risen to 107,020 as at January this year, compared to 93,951 recorded in 2020.

“However, only 7,582 are registered with the Department of Welfare,” she added.

Also present at the event were president of the National Association of Early Childhood Care and Education Malaysia (NAECCEM) Shamsinah Che Shariff, and Sarawak Department of Welfare director Adana Jed.



TAJUK :	JKM SUDAH HANTAR BARANGAN KEPERLUAN KE PANGKALAN HADAPAN		
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JKM sudah hantar barangan keperluan ke pangkalan hadapan

KOTA BHARU: Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat (JKM) telah menghantar barangan keperluan seperti makanan serta bantuan lain ke semua pangkalan hadapan sebagai persediaan menghadapi bencana banjir.

Timbalan Menteri Pembangunan Wanita, Keluarga dan Masyarakat Datuk Aiman Athirah Sabu berkata, barangan keperluan itu dihantar dari depoh utama negeri ke pangkalan hadapan bagi mengelakkan berlakunya kelewatan bantuan.

“Kita tak boleh tunggu banjir dulu baru nak hantar bantuan memang tidak sempat.

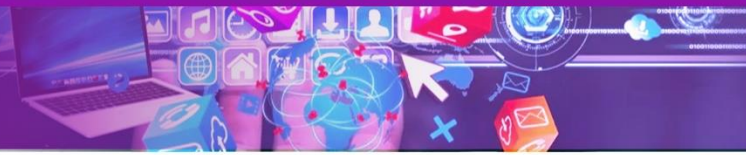
“Sebagai contoh depoh utama JKM di Pengkalan Chepa juga telah membuat penghantaran ke pangkalan hadapan di semua jajahan di Kelantan,” katanya.

Beliau yang juga Ketua AWAN Nasional berkata demikian kepada pemberita selepas merasmikan Konvensyen Angkatan Wanita Amanah Negara (AWAN) Kelantan, di sini semalam.

Turut hadir Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri Kota Lama Dr Hafidzah Mustakim.

Monsun timur laut (MTL) berlaku bermula November hingga Mac tahun depan.

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TAJUK : KPWKM RANCANG TUKAR ISTILAH ORANG KURANG UPAYA KEPADA KELAINAN UPAYA

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KPWKM rancang tukar istilah orang kurang upaya kepada kelainan upaya

SANTUBONG: Kementerian Pembangunan Wanita, Keluarga dan Masyarakat (KPWKM) merancang untuk menukar istilah orang kurang upaya (OKU) kepada orang kelainan upaya.

Menterinya Dato Sri Nancy Shukri berkata, pihaknya sedang berusaha untuk mendapatkan kebenaran daripada organisasi antarabangsa bagi tujuan tersebut.

Ini kerana katanya, istilah itu bukan keputusan kerajaan tempatan tetapi ditetapkan di peringkat antarabangsa.

“Malaysia hanya mengikut istilah yang ditetapkan antarabangsa. Jadi, kita tidak dapat mengubah istilah tersebut serta-merta.

“Kita perlu mengadakan perbincangan dan mesyuarat dengan pelbagai badan antarabangsa terlebih dahulu sebelum dapat menukarkan istilah ini,” ujarnya.

Beliau berkata demikian pada sidang media selepas menyempurnakan majlis perasmian Seminar Pendidikan Khas Kebangsaan anjuran Persatuan Asuhan dan Pendidikan Awal Kanak-Kanak Kebangsaan Malaysia (NAECCEM) di Damai Lagoon Resort disini, semalam.

Mengulas lanjut, Nancy berkata istilah orang kurang upaya perlu diubah memandangkan terdapat kerisauan



SIDANG MEDIA: Nancy pada sidang media selepas menyempurnakan majlis perasmian Seminar Pendidikan Khas Kebangsaan, semalam.

dalam kalangan pemain industri terhadap perkembangan industri golongan OKU.

“Tidak dinafikan bahawa ada dalam kalangan golongan ini sebenarnya mereka bukan kurang upaya tetapi kelainan upaya dengan memiliki kebijaksanaan masing-masing.

“Atas sebab itu, mereka mohon kita supaya terminologi atau istilah ini diubah kepada kelainan upaya,” jelasnya.

Sementara itu, beliau memberitahu Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat (JKM) di bawah KPWKM komited

untuk membangunkan Taska Kanak-kanak OKU di seluruh Malaysia.

Menurutnya, sebanyak 11 Taska Kanak-Kanak OKU telah ditubuhkan di seluruh Malaysia termasuk satu di Sibu.

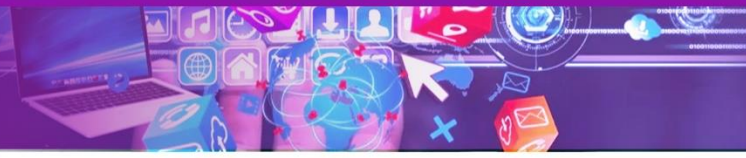
“Bagaimanapun, saya ingin melihat lebih banyak taska untuk kanak-kanak sasar di seluruh negara agar mereka tidak tercicir dan terus mendapat akses pendidikan yang baik.

“Oleh itu, kementerian kita amat mengalukan dan sedia untuk bekerjasama dengan mana-mana pertubuhan

non kerajaan (NGO) dan institusi yang bersedia untuk merealisasikan matlamat ini,” katanya.

Dalam pada itu, beliau mohon semua lapisan masyarakat untuk bersama-sama mempromosikan kesedaran mengenai kepentingan pendidikan khas.

“Menerusi seminar seumpama ini, kita dapat menjadikan ia sebagai titik tolak bagi meneruskan usaha agar pendidikan kanak-kanak berkeperluan khas dapat diberi tumpuan sewajarnya pada masa akan datang,” kata beliau.



TAJUK :	PENGUSAHA TAKA KANAK-KANAK OKU PERLU JALANI KURSUS ASA ASUHAN: NANCY		
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Pengusaha taska kanak-kanak OKU perlu jalani kursus asas asuhan: Nancy

SANTUBONG: Kementerian Pembangunan Wanita, Keluarga dan Masyarakat (KPWKM) mahu pengusaha taska atau pusat jagaan kanak-kanak berkeperluan khas menjalani kursus asas asuhan kanak-kanak kurang upaya (OKU).

Menterinya Dato Sri Nancy Shukri berkata, ia penting bagi memastikan pengendali atau pengasuh di pusat jagaan itu memiliki kemahiran selain kriteria diperlukan dalam mengendalikan kanak-kanak OKU.

"Kita nak supaya mereka jangan ada yang ketinggalan sebab kalau kita tengok kes penderaan atau pengabaian, bila sudah dilapor baru kita tahu ada pengasuh yang tidak ada latihan.

"Maka kita akan pastikan supaya kes-kes sebegini dapat dielakkan dengan salah satunya memastikan pengusaha terbabit

mendaftar dengan kementerian kita," ujarnya. Beliau berkata demikian pada sidang media selepas menyempurnakan majlis perasmian Seminar Pendidikan Khas Kebangsaan di Damai Lagoon Resort di sini, semalam.

Sehubungan itu, Nancy memohon kerjasama daripada komuniti setempat untuk maklumkan pihaknya mengenai pembukaan taska baharu di kawasan kediaman masing-masing.

"Kita perlu bantuan komuniti ini supaya memudahkan kita untuk membuat pemeriksaan di taska-taska berkenaan, sama ada mereka sudah berdaftar atau belum dengan kita," katanya.

Dengan berbuat demikian katanya, keselamatan kanak-kanak terbabit akan lebih terjamin sesuai dengan fokus dan keutamaan kementerian.

Mengenai seminar itu, beliau memberitahu ia akan diperluas ke seluruh negara bagi memastikan semua pengendali dan pengasuh taska atau pusat jagaan yang mengendalikan individu berkeperluan khas mempunyai kemahiran diperlukan.

Berdasarkan statistik Kementerian Pendidikan katanya, jumlah kanak-kanak berkeperluan khas meningkat kepada 107,020 orang setakat Januari tahun ini berbanding 93,951 orang pada 2020.

"Bagaimanapun, hanya 7,582 orang berdaftar dengan Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat (JKM)" ujarnya.

Hadir sama, Presiden Persatuan Asuhan dan Pendidikan Awal Kanak-Kanak Kebangsaan Malaysia (NAECCEM) Shamsinah Che Shariff, Pengarah JKM Sarawak Adana Jed serta tetamu kehormat lain.



UNTUKMU: Nancy (dua kanan) menyampaikan sumbangan khas kepada kanak-kanak kelainan upaya Dahlia Mohamad Yusuf, 7, selepas merasmikan Seminar Pendidikan Khas Kebangsaan 2023, semalam. — Gambar Berama