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HARI	:	AHAD	AKHBAR	:	BERITA HARIAN AHAD
TARIKH	:	29 OKT 2023	M/SURAT	:	17
TONE	:	POSITIF	SEKTOR	:	KPWKM

Musa (dua dari kanan) dan Hisamuddin (kiri) menyambut ketibaan tiga rakyat Malaysia yang menjadi mangsa sindiket penipuan pekerjaan di Myanmar di klia2, kelmarin. (Foto Samadi Ahmad/BH)

Sindiket penipuan pekerjaan di Myanmar

'Saya bernasib baik dapat diselamatkan'

Wanita hamil antara tiga mangsa dibawa pulang selepas terjebak tawaran gaji RM15,000

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Sepang: "Saya bernasib baik kerana diselamatkan awal dan sekiranya terlambat serta terlepas kepada pihak sindiket pasti bayi dalam kandungan ini diarah digugurkan," kata Sally (bukan nama sebenar) mangsa sindiket penipuan pekerjaan di Myanmar.

Sally dari Johor Bahru berusia 20-an dan kandungannya kini mencecah lima bulan. Sebelum ini dia bekerja sebagai pembantu kedai makan bersama suami, John (bukan nama sebenar) 30-an, pekerja kedai alat ganti kenderaan di Singapura berlepas ke Bangkok, Thailand melalui Lapangan Terbang Antarabangsa Senai, Johor Bahru secara sah.

Turut bersama mereka adalah seorang rakan, Vincent, 28, pekerja di sebuah kilang di Singapura yang keseluruhan kos perjalanan ditanggung oleh ejen sindiket yang dikenali melalui laman Facebook.

Sally berkata, mereka bertiga berlepas ke Thailand pada 16 Oktober lalu dan diselamatkan dalam tempoh 48 jam oleh Pertubuhan Kemanusiaan Masyarakat Antarabangsa Malaysia (MHO) selepas menyedari ditipu dan dibawa ke Myanmar untuk dijadikan sebagai scammer.

"Kami tertarik dengan gaji tinggi diiklankan pihak sindiket yang kononnya menawarkan RM15,000 dengan penambahan komisyen sebanyak 25 peratus setiap bulan sebagai pegawai khidmat pelanggan di Thailand.

"Saya dan suami mengambil keputusan menerima tawaran lumayan itu untuk menambah pendapatan bagi menyambut kehadiran anak sulung tidak lama lagi.

"Saya diberitahu pihak MHO wanita mengandung yang dijadikan scammer akan diarah menelan pil bagi menggugurkan kandungan kerana mereka tidak mahu berdepan masalah bagi memastikan pekerja memberi tumpuan kepada tugas," katanya.

Tinggal di stor buruk

Kelmarin, tiga sahabat ini dibawa pulang dari Bangkok, Thailand dan tiba di Lapangan Terbang Antarabangsa Kuala Lumpur 2 (klia2) pada jam 4.30 petang disambut Penasihat MHO, Tan Sri Musa Hassan dan Setiausaha Agung MHO, Datuk Hishamuddin Hashim.

Sementara itu, Vincent berkata, beliau tertarik dengan pekerjaan ditawarkan selepas dipelawa pasangan suami isteri itu yang dikenali sejak tujuh bulan lalu.

Berkongsi pengalaman, beliau berkata, selepas tiba di Bangkok mereka diterbangkan ke Chiang Rai, sebelum dibawa ke Mea Sai menaiki Grab mengambil masa tiga jam perjalanan dan ditempatkan di sebuah hotel.

Keesokan harinya, katanya, mereka dibawa dengan dua motosikal dan melintasi sebuah sungai di Taichileik, Myanmar lalu ditempatkan di sebuah stor buruk sebelum diserahkan kepada pihak sindiket.

"Ketika dalam perjalanan saya mulai curiga kerana jalan yang dilalui itu sangat teruk dan tidak sempurna lalu membuka navigasi GPS bagi mengesan lokasi dan terkejut apabila mendapati berada di Myanmar," katanya.

Vincent berkata, selepas tahu berada di Myanmar dan mengesyaki akan dijadikan scammer dia menghubungi MHO bagi mendapatkan bantuan kerana sebelum ini pernah terbaca di akhbar menyatakan pertubuhan ini membantu menyelamatkan rakyat Malaysia yang ditipu sindiket pekerjaan di negara itu.

"Semua barangan termasuk pasport berjaya diambil dari ahli sindiket dan kami kemudiannya dibawa kepada pihak berkuasa Thailand untuk siasatan termasuk dokumentasi," katanya.

TAJUK	:	LELAKI PANDU LAWAN ARUS DITAHAN			
HARI	:	AHAD	AKHBAR	:	METRO AHAD
TARIKH	:	29 OKT 2023	M/SURAT	:	05
TONE	:	NEGATIF	SEKTOR	:	KPWKM

KENDERAAN pelbagai guna (MPV) dirakam dipandu secara melawan arus di Jalan Rasah.

Lelaki pandu lawan arus ditahan

Seremban: Seorang lelaki warga emas ditahan polis selepas dikesan memandu secara melawan arus dekat Jalan Rasah di sini.

Terdahulu, dalam kejadian kira-kira jam 10 pagi kelmarin, sebuah kenderaan pelbagai guna (MPV) berkenaan dirakam pengguna jalan raya lain yang dipandu dari arah Plaza Tol Mambau ke Seremban 3, di sini.

Ketua Polis Daerah Seremban, Asisten Komisioner Arifai Tarawe berkata, kira-kira jam 11.45 pagi pihaknya mengesan video berdurasi 16 saat yang memaparkan MPV model Proton Exora berwarna biru yang dipandu secara melawan arus.

"Siasatan lanjut mendapati kejadian tular itu membabitkan MPV yang bergerak di lorong paling kanan ke arah Seremban 3.

"Perbuatan ini boleh mendatangkan bahaya kepada diri sendiri dan pengguna jalan raya lain," katanya, semalam.

> "MPV di lorong paling kanan ke arah Seremban 3
> *Arifai Tarawe*

Beliau berkata, bertindak atas maklumat yang diperoleh, sepasukan polis daripada Bahagian Siasatan dan Penguatkuasaan Trafik Daerah (BSPTD) Seremban berjaya mengesan dan menahan seorang lelaki berumur 73 tahun di Taman Desa Rasah di sini.

"Warga emas ini kemudiannya dibawa ke Ibu Pejabat Daerah (IPD) Seremban untuk tindakan lanjut. Kes disiasat mengikut Seksyen 42(1) Akta Pengangkutan Jalan 1987," katanya.

Arifai berkata, sesiapa yang mempunyai maklumat mengenai kejadian ini boleh menyalurkannya dengan menghubungi Pegawai Penyiasat BSPTD Seremban, Inspektor Sudesh Kumar di talian 016-4830853 atau IPD Seremban 06-6033222.

TAJUK	:	LIMA INDIVIDU DITAHAN BANTU SIASATAN			
HARI	:	AHAD	AKHBAR	:	METRO AHAD
TARIKH	:	29 OKT 2023	M/SURAT	:	12
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KES LAPORAN PALSU PENEMUAN BAYI

Lima individu ditahan bantu siasatan

Kota Bharu: Polis menahan lima individu bagi membantu siasatan berhubung kes laporan palsu mengenai penemuan bayi dan penjualan bayi kepada pihak ketiga.

Ketua Polis Daerah Machang Superintendan Mohd Adli Mat Daud berkata pada mulanya pihaknya menerima laporan dibuat pasangan suami isteri mengenai penemuan seorang bayi perempuan berusia 14 hari dalam sebuah beg pada Selasa 24 Oktober.

Beliau berkata pasangan suami isteri berusia berusia 40 dan 43 tahun tahun itu mendakwa, menemukan bayi itu bersama nota tulisan tangan tercatat pengakuan penyerahan anak secara sukarela tanpa nama penulis dan sehelai borang kelahiran Hospital Sultanah Nur Zahirah (HSNZ) Kuala Terengganu, Terengganu yang tidak lengkap.

"Siasatan telah dijalankan dan maklumat ibu bayi dikenal pasti. Tangkapan awal kedua-dua ibu bapa bayi berumur 24 dan 26 tahun telah dibuat pada Rabu 25 Oktober.

"Siasatan mendapati laporan awal yang dibuat oleh suami isteri tersebut palsu, hasil siasatan mendapati mereka telah mendapatkan bayi tersebut daripada orang tengah, dengan sejumlah bayaran," katanya dalam satu kenyataan.

Mohd Adli berkata semakan mendapati bayi tersebut telah dilahirkan di HSNZ pada 5 Oktober lalu.

"Disebabkan malu dan takut diketahui keluarga, kerana bayi dilahirkan dalam tempoh sebulan selepas berkahwin, ibu bapa bayi tersebut telah serahkan kepada pihak kedua untuk dijaga.

"Susulan itu polis telah menahan seorang lelaki berusia 43 tahun yang bertindak sebagai orang tengah, polis juga sedang mengesan rakan suspek itu, bagi membantu siasatan," katanya.

"Hasil siasatan mendapati mereka telah mendapatkan bayi tersebut daripada orang tengah, dengan sejumlah bayaran"

TAJUK	:	MAYAT PELAJAR BERKECAI DILANGGAR			
HARI	:	AHAD	AKHBAR	:	METRO AHAD
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Mayat pelajar berkecai dilanggar

Kluang: Mengerikan apabila jasad seorang pelajar Kolej Vokasional Kluang berkecai dilanggar beberapa kenderaan dalam kemalangan Kilometer 63.8, Lebuhraya Utara-Selatan, malam kelmarin.

Timbalan Ketua Polis Daerah Kluang Deputi Superintendan Nik Mohd Azmi Husin berkata, mangsa, Muhammad Syafiq Haikal Abdullah, 16, ***(gambar)*** maut di lokasi dalam insiden 7.45 malam.

Beliau berkata, mangsa menunggang motosikal Yamaha LC135 sebelum itu terjatuh motosikal selepas melanggar kenderaan utiliti sukan (SUV) Isuzu MU-X.

"Hasil siasatan awal mendapati motosikal mangsa bersama SUV dan sebuah kenderaan pelbagai guna (MPV) Toyota Alphard dari arah Kuala Lumpur menghala ke Johor Bahru. Apabila tiba di tempat kejadian, motosikal mangsa melanggar belakang SUV dipandu seorang lelaki berusia 29 tahun lalu menyebabkan mangsa terjatuh," katanya.

Nik Mohd Azmi berkata, kemudian beberapa kenderaan, jenis dan nombor pendaftaran yang tidak pasti dan pemandu MPV seorang lelaki berusia 41 tahun yang tidak dapat mengelak dan terlanggar mangsa.

TAJUK	:	'22,908 DOMESTIC ABUSE CASES NATIONWIDE'			
HARI	:	AHAD	AKHBAR	:	NEW SUNDAY TIMES
TARIKH	:	29 OKT 2023	M/SURAT	:	10
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BETWEEN 2020 AND 2023

'22,908 DOMESTIC ABUSE CASES NATIONWIDE'

Selangor has highest number of reports, says deputy minister

PUTRAJAYA

SELANGOR recorded the highest number of domestic violence cases, at 4,690, among other states between 2020 and August 2023, said Deputy Women, Family and Community Development Minister Datuk Aiman Athirah Sabu.

She said the number was based on police statistics, which showed that 22,908 domestic violence cases were reported nationwide.

"There was a sharp increase in cases in 2021 to 7,468 from 5,260 cases in 2020.

"The number cases in 2022 was still high, although there was a slight drop to 6,540 cases," she said after launching the Selangor Semarak Waja Squad.

She said to address the issue, the Women, Family and Community Development Ministry established the Waja Squad in 2021, which had the participation of 328,558 members, comprising 253,973 women and 74,585 men.

"The Waja Squad acts as an agent of change to deal with violence against women in the community, build a society that helps each other and instil harmony."

She added that there were 26,910 Waja Squad members in Selangor.

Datuk Aiman Athirah Sabu

She said 1,012 Waja Squad psychosocial programmes had been carried out, with 72,942 people treated.

"Of that number, 104 psychosocial programmes have been carried out in Selangor, involving 12,506 people."

She said the Waja Squad programmes had created a good synergy between the government and the community in dealing with violence against women.

She hoped that the state-level Semarak Waja Squad 2023 will benefit the community in Selangor, as well as community leaders, by providing awareness and protection to women from all forms of violence and discrimination. **Bernama**

TAJUK	:	STEP-UNCLE RAPED ME IN CAR, CLAIMS GIRL			
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REMAND SOUGHT

STEP-UNCLE RAPED ME IN CAR, CLAIMS GIRL

Suspect dropped off victim, 12, at her home after the alleged incident in 2022

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A MOTHER'S suspicion about her daughter's reluctance to be picked up and dropped off at school by her step-uncle was answered when she said the latter had raped her.

The 12-year-old girl told her mother that she had been raped by her step-uncle in August last year in the suspect's vehicle near Kampung Langsat here.

The 57-year-old suspect had been responsible for picking up and dropping off the victim at school.

The mother reported the incident to the Papar police headquarters on Friday.

Papar district police chief Superintendent Kamaruddin Ambo Sakka said a police team conducted a raid in a village in Papar at around 2pm yesterday.

He said the suspect was apprehended and the suspect's clothing and vehicle were seized.

"On the way back from school, the suspect raped the victim in his vehicle on the side of the road near Kampung Langsat.

"After the assault, the suspect dropped her off at home."

Kamaruddin said the suspect was the victim's step-uncle and lived close to their house.

"The victim said this incident occurred only once, and she has been referred to the Sabah Women and Children's Hospital in Likas for examination.

"A seven-day remand for the man will be sought."

TAJUK	:	CALL FOR HELP, STOP CHILD ABUSE			
HARI	:	AHAD	AKHBAR	:	SUNDAY STAR
TARIKH	:	29 OKT 2023	M/SURAT	:	06
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Sunday Star SAYS

Call for help, stop child abuse

THERE are at least two cases of child abuse a day in Malaysia.

In the last eight months, the Women, Family and Community Development Ministry's Talian Kasih hotline received 524 calls on child abuse cases. That's, on average, two calls a day.

But that is only the tip of the iceberg.

According to the CRIB Foundation (Child Rights Innovation and Betterment), the Talian Kasih hotline is underutilised.

There are still many cases going unreported as many are still unaware of what they can do to help stop child abuse, said CRIB Foundation co-chairperson Srividhya Ganapathy.

When people encounter suspected cases of child abuse, such as when they see a child being left in the car for hours at the parking lot or when they hear their neighbour's kid crying non-stop at all hours of the day, many don't know who to call or what will happen if they call, said Srividhya.

This includes sexual offences against children, which are also underreported according to the Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Law and Institutional Reform) Datuk Seri Azalina Othman Said.

Hence, more needs to be done not only to inform the public about the avenues for assistance available but also to empower the children themselves to seek help when they need it.

As Azalina stressed, people need to realise that sexual offences and abuses against children do not just involve the victim or other children, but society at large.

In Malaysia we already have a helpline system available: the public can contact Talian Kasih through the toll-free line 15999 and the WhatsApp application at 019 2615999.

We not only need to use it, it is also the law.

Individuals who are aware of sexual abuse involving children but fail to lodge a police report can be fined up to RM5,000 under the Sexual Offences Against Children Act 2017, if found guilty.

To curb sexual offences against children, enforcement measures need to be aggressive and firm Azalina said.

The authorities should then charge those close to the victims, like teachers and neighbours, who may be aware of such occurrences, under Section 19 of the Act.

The Women, Family and Community Development Ministry has also established 140 Child Protection Team (PPKK), 133 Child Welfare Team and 142 Children's Activity Centres to be its "eyes and ears."

Every call made to Talian Kasih and any reports made will be investigated by a child protector from the ministry who will then determine the complaint's validity.

If it is proven that the child needs care and protection or is neglected by the mother, father or guardian, then the protector will act to save the child.

Everyone has a responsibility to help stop child abuse and prevent sexual violence against children from happening.

We need to report if we see or suspect something, because being "nosy" can just save an abused child.

TAJUK :	GETTING ALL ON BOARD TO TACKLE CHILD ABUSE		
HARI :	AHAD	AKHBAR :	SUNDAY STAR
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Getting all on board to tackle child abuse

'Business as usual' is not acceptable when it comes to children, says Nancy

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PETALING JAYA: It's a topic that all too often makes headlines, but little is known about the behind-the-scenes efforts in dealing with the problem of child abuse.

Among other initiatives, the Women, Family and Community Development Ministry has reached out to key ministries and agencies so that there would be greater collaboration in preventing children from becoming victims.

Minister Datuk Seri Nancy Shukri spoke to *The Star*, detailing the work in getting everyone on board and how the ministry's staff would go to the ground even past midnight to find out about any such incident.

Q: **You have repeatedly pointed out the need for a concerted effort to address the issue of child abuse in the country. How has the process been since you took office?**

A: When I first came in, I was unsure how to begin, but I realised that at present, we lack values.

There is a lot of influence from social media and gadgets, so children are mostly on their own with busy, working parents.

We observed that a lot of parents are unaware of what their kids are doing.

I am not trying to be the boss, but somebody needs to lead, so we decided to bring in the National Unity Ministry, Higher Education Ministry, Education Ministry, Youth and Sports Ministry, Health Ministry, and the Rural and Regional Development Ministry.

We've held meetings of the National Social Council headed by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, with each ministry reporting on issues.

My ministry requested again for collaboration with various ministries to continue our work because we cannot work in silos.

I told them I could not solve the problem alone, especially in understanding the issue of child abuse in the country.

I requested the National Unity Ministry use its Rukun Tetangga (neighbourhood watch programme) to have talks.

The Education and Rural and Regional Development ministries have kindergartens under them, so we want to make sure proper teachers are selected.

Programmes and events in schools can also include sex education, which is already part of their module.

However, I was told that some teachers were apprehensive to talk about it as they are afraid of the topic being labelled indecent or a taboo subject.

Q: **Recently, you launched a pilot project called the Community Based Organisation (CBO) programme in Sepang, Selangor, as a way to tackle child abuse as well as other issues. How can this help address target groups?**

A: We need to localise it. When you talk about child abuse, we want the community to be on board.

The CBO involves community heads and leaders as well as village chiefs.

These people are the closest to the community, so they must make sure people know they are available and update them on the latest information.

We have given (the people) the numbers of those they can contact in case something occurs.

We launched a directory at the CBO Sepang with a list of numbers that people can contact should they face problems.

The directory is very localised because if you have one for the whole country, it can be too much and irrelevant. It is best to have it district-based. The plan is to have similar directories all across the country.

But this is where we are left in limbo because sometimes, the village chiefs are unaware of what is happening in the local community.

There are communities that have a certain system to disseminate information while others take it upon themselves to empower themselves by showing interest in the matters affecting the community.

In Sarawak, all the community heads know where to go. We have district officers, and they are directed to go to the police.

So now it is all up to them on how they implement what has been laid out.

Q: **In terms of empowering children, do you think it is time we equip children themselves with the knowledge about what is abuse and how they can seek help?**

A: Children nowadays are very much exposed to gadgets, the Internet and social media.

Normally, children speak the truth, so with that in mind, we started the Child Protection Advocacy Programme to empower children.

It is carried out together with the police and other agencies that come in as speakers.

Our intention is to get the speakers to talk about sexual abuse while explaining what are safe and bad touches.

So the children are empowered with information, knowledge and contact numbers.

During the talk, they are given examples – this is where they are able to visualise what is meant as safe and bad touches.

It's not so much on sex but the manner in which it happens.

That is why we collaborate with the Education and other ministries, the police, the National Anti-Drug Agency, the National Population and Family Development Board, and Yayasan Kebajikan Negara.

This programme was launched on Sept 18 at SK Seri Tasek, Selangor and SK Malawa, Kota Kinabalu. Even students from secondary schools, parents and parent-teacher associations were present.

We have received requests to move to other schools, but we have to plan it properly.

This programme will be expanded. Basically, the advocacy has gone to the schools directly.

Q: **The police have also been leaning towards community empowerment and involvement, and you have repeatedly mentioned your collaboration with the authorities. So how has this partnership shaped up?**

A: We work closely and rely on the police as we need their feedback. For us, before we act on some cases, we have to get the police.

There was a case involving two kids locked inside their homes and there was a fire.

But we could not wait too long, so our child protection officer has the authority to go in and take children away, but in many cases, we still have to refer to the police.

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Agencies and depts committed to tackle child abuse cases

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The police have their own non-governmental organisation, and very soon they will be working with us in a bigger capacity.

We want people to know the police are not just handling criminal cases, they are working with us on issues like child abuse and domestic violence.

This has been in the planning for a long time, with police officers attending our programmes as well.

They are well aware of the topics at these talks. We need to have this close collaboration and visibility with them.

Q: **What has been the greatest resistance you have faced in doing your job with such a wide portfolio involving children, women and families?**

A: I wouldn't want to use the word 'resistance.' They have been there for so long, it's business as usual because they know what they're doing.

I feel that I have a bigger role to play, and I want to make sure that everything is okay.

And for me, when you talk about children, it's like they are my own children.

I don't want to see children being abused, I don't want to see women being abused.

Some men are also being abused, but they don't show it. 'Business as usual' is not something I should accept.

But having said that, the staff when you work with them, they are very committed.

Some of them leave home very early in the morning or they start work by going to the streets until late at night or midnight just to witness for themselves what's going on.

There are calls coming in at odd hours.

When I texted Welfare Department director-general Norazman Othman, he responded to me at 2am about a case.

This goes to show how they are working, but sometimes we take them for granted.

They would even go out in the middle of the night to check what was happening on the ground.

TAJUK	:	SELANGOR HAS THE MOST DOMESTIC ABUSE CASES			
HARI	:	AHAD	AKHBAR	:	SUNDAY STAR
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Selangor has the most domestic abuse cases

State logs in 4,690 reports from 2020 to August 2023

PUTRAJAYA: Selangor recorded the highest number of domestic violence cases, logging 4,690 cases from 2020 to August 2023, says Deputy Women, Family and Community Development Minister Datuk Aiman Athirah Sabu.

She said that the number was based on police statistics, which showed a total of 22,908 cases of domestic violence nationwide.

"There was a sharp increase in cases in 2021 to 7,468, compared with 5,260 cases recorded in 2020.

"The number of domestic violence cases is still high in 2022, although it shows a slight drop to 6,540 cases," she said in a statement that was reported by Bernama after the launch of the Selangor-level Semarak Waja Squad 2023.

Aiman Athirah added that to address the issue, the ministry established the Waja Squad in 2021, which has so far recorded the participation of 328,558 members, consisting of 253,973 female and 74,585 male members.

"The Waja Squad acts as an agent of change to deal with violence against women in the community, and help build a society which helps each other and instils harmony," she said, adding that there are 26,910 members of the Waja Squad in Selangor.

She also said that 1,012 Waja Squad psychosocial programmes have been carried out in communities nationwide, with 72,942 individuals being treated.

"Of that number, a total of 104 psychosocial programmes have been carried out, involving 12,506 individuals in Selangor," she said.

She said the Waja Squad programmes have created a good synergy between the government and the community in dealing with violence against women.

She also expressed hope that the Selangor-level Semarak Waja Squad 2023 programme will provide benefits to the community in the state, especially among community leaders, by providing awareness and protection to women from all forms of violence and discrimination.

TAJUK	:	'SCHOOLKIDS SHOULD NOT BE DRAGGED INTO MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT'			
HARI	:	AHAD	AKHBAR	:	THE SUNDAY POST
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'Schoolkids should not be dragged into Middle East conflict'

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KUCHING: Children and students in schools are considered as minors and should never be dragged into the polemics of the ongoing war in the Middle East, said the Catholic Bishops Conference of Malaysia (CBCM).

In a press statement, CBCM president Archbishop Simon Poh said the Catholic Church in Malaysia was greatly disturbed by the circular from the Ministry of Education (MoE) instructing schools to hold Palestine Solidarity Week, from today until Nov 3.

"Schools are the forum where children form friendships and are educated to be good citizens to build harmony and progress for our nation Malaysia.

"In Malaysia where we live, study, and work together side by side in multiracial, multicultural, and multi-faith communities throughout Malaysia; let our energy be focused on economic recovery, creating employment for our people, working for better understanding and harmony between all people of Sarawak, Sabah, and Semenanjung (Peninsular Malaysia)," he said.

Poh applauded the prudence of Sarawak, where its ministers had said that the state opted not to follow the directive to hold such events in schools, but instead be in solidarity by praying for peace in Palestine.

"On behalf of the Catholic Bishops in Malaysia, and in solidarity with people and neighbours of goodwill, I appeal to our Malaysian spiritual and political leaders to ensure that our respective houses of worship and schools promote peace and harmony.

ARCHBISHOP SIMON POH

> Schools are the forum where children form friendships and are educated to be good citizens to build harmony and progress for our nation Malaysia.
> — Archbishop Simon Poh, CBCM president

"Let us implore God to touch the hearts of world leaders and pray for peace in Palestine, Ukraine, and throughout the world," he said.

He pointed out that while Malaysians, in general, were considered as generous in giving aid and donations to those affected by wars or natural disasters, it was always inappropriate to encourage children to use violence or to vent their anger against those whom adults labelled as the enemy.

Referring to viral videos of teachers carrying toy guns in schools and students being instigated to step on a flag, he said this showed how children, even from a very tender age, could easily be manipulated by adults as they learn how to hate and show aggression.

"What is even more terrifying is that while world rulers are trying to resolve the conflict, such violence can be brought right into the classrooms and imprinted onto the innocent hearts of our young children. Guns and school should never mix together," he said.

The MoE had announced on Oct 26 that all educational institutions under its purview are to hold Palestine Solidarity Week from Oct 29 to Nov 3, in response to the government's stance of standing together to defend the rights and freedom of the Palestinian people.

In another statement a day later, the ministry said it was aware of public concern regarding the viral video and acknowledged that the programme in question did not follow its guidelines.

It also said the school programme in question where the viral video was recorded, was held outside the Palestine Solidarity Week period.

It stressed there must not be any elements of extremism and violence during the organising of Palestine Solidarity Week, and the use of replica weapons, icons, and symbols containing provocative and confrontational elements, would not be permitted.

The statement said MoE encouraged activities meant to support humanitarian issues such as peace-themed video screenings and poster painting competitions, recital of humanitarian poetry, and fundraising for the Palestinian people throughout the week.

TAJUK	:	MEI ANN METHODIST CHURCH PRESENTS DONATIONS TO FIVE NGOS			
HARI	:	AHAD	AKHBAR	:	THE SUNDAY POST
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Mei Ann Methodist Church presents donations to five NGOs

Ngian (sixth left), Wong (right) and Chiew (left) with representatives of the five NGOs.

MIRI: Mei Ann Methodist Church Miri presented donations to five non-governmental organisations (NGOs) here yesterday.

According to its Miri District Superintendent Rev Ngian Seng Chue, these NGOs have been lending their hands to special-needs groups within society, so the church wants to support them by giving them donations.

"Although the church does not have much financially, we want to share what we have so as to follow the teachings of the Bible and obey God's words. The donations are also our way of showing our love for God and the people, as well as showing love and kindness to those in need," he said in a statement.

The five NGOs are Sarawak Children's Cancer Society (SCCS), Malaysian Red Crescent Dialysis Centre Miri, Parents of Special Children Association (Pibakis) Miri, Kenosis Sarawak and Miri Ability Service Association.

Witnessing the handing-over yesterday were Mei Ann Miri District lay leader James Wong and Social Concern Committee chairman Stephen Chiew.

TAJUK	:	OVER 300 JOIN SCHOOL'S FUNDRAISING WALKATHON			
HARI	:	AHAD	AKHBAR	:	THE SUNDAY POST
TARIKH	:	29 OKT 2023	M/SURAT	:	10
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Over 300 join school's fundraising walkathon

Phang (left) flags off the walkathon.

MIRI: More than 300 people, including students and parents, took part in SK St Joseph Fundraising Walkathon held at Miri City Council (MCC) field yesterday.

Councillor Jeffery Phang, in his address for the event, congratulated the school's parent-teacher association (PTA) for putting the activity together.

"The aim of organising this walkathon was to raise enough funds for the school to install roofing for covered walkways and to support other schools' activities. I was told that this would cost over RM90,000," said Phang, who was representing the Minister of Transport Sarawak Dato Sri Lee Kim Shin at the event.

On the walkathon, Phang said apart from raising funds, it was also a good way of encouraging students to live an active and healthy lifestyle.

"Such activities also encourage them to put down their gadgets like tablets and mobile phones, and get to know the things surrounding them.

"This is also a very meaningful and good opportunity for parents and their children to come together for a good cause, which is to raise funds for a school project," he said.

Later, Phang announced a RM10,000 allocation from the Minister of Transport for the school. Also present yesterday were the school headmistress Mariam Menadu Grasi and SK St Joseph Miri PTA chairman Goh Ser Seng.

KEMENTERIAN PEMBANGUNAN WANITA,
KELUARGA DAN MASYARAKAT

TAJUK :	SIBU KIDS SHOW OFF TALENTS AT LIANSIN'S COLOURING CONTEST		
HARI :	AHAD	AKHBAR :	THE SUNDAY POST
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Ling presents prizes to Li Wen, the winner of Liansin's colouring contest.

Sibu kids show off talents at Liansin's colouring contest

SIBU: It was a colourful affair at the Swan Square here yesterday as children came together for the Liansin Group's colouring competition held in conjunction with the launch of Jimmy Contest 6.

The participants were divided into two categories – Group A and B, and were required to complete their tasks in one hour and thirty minutes from the start of the competition at 9.30am.

Felicia Wong Zi Yin was adjudged winner of Category A, followed by Edric Yong, Ivan Law and Cindy Cia who came in second, third and fourth place, respectively.

Meanwhile, Tiong Li Wen was announced the top winner for Category B, followed by Emily Wong, William Yiek and Ling Xian Zun in the second, third and fourth place, respectively.

Each winner received a trophy, a 10kg bag of Liansin fragrant rice and a hamper.

On hand to present the prizes were Sibu Member of Parliament Oscar Ling and Liansin Group managing director Junaidi Ali.

TAJUK	:	MURID TRAUMA DISYAKI DIROGOL BAPA SAUDARA KETIKA DIHANTAR KE SEKOLAH			
HARI	:	AHAD	AKHBAR	:	UTUSAN BORNEO (SARAWAK)
TARIKH	:	29 OKT 2023	M/SURAT	:	02
TONE	:	NEGATIF	SEKTOR	:	KPWKM

Murid trauma disyaki dirogol bapa saudara ketika dihantar ke sekolah

PAPAR: Luluh hati seorang ibu apabila mengetahui anak perempuannya disyaki dirogol oleh bapa saudara mangsa semasa menghantar kanak-kanak perempuan itu ke sekolah.

Kejadian diketahui apabila mangsa berumur 12 tahun itu enggan dihantar dan diambil ke sekolah oleh bapa saudaranya itu.

Curiga ibu mangsa terjawab apabila mangsa mendedahkan perbuatan terkutuk lelaki terbabit yang dipercayai merogolnya pada Ogos lalu, di dalam kenderaan milik suspek, di tepi jalan berhampiran Kampung Langsat, di sini.

Suspek berumur 57 tahun itu sebelum ini dipertanggungjawabkan untuk menghantar dan mengambil mangsa di sekolah.

Susulan itu, ibu mangsa membuat laporan polis di Ibu Pejabat Polis Daerah (IPD) Papar semalam.

Ketua Polis Daerah Papar, Superintenden Kamaruddin Ambo Sakka berkata, bertindak atas maklumat, sepasukan polis dari Bahagian Siasatan Jenayah Ibu Pejabat Polis Daerah (IPD) Papar membuat serbuan di sebuah kampung di sini kira-kira jam 2 petang semalam.

Katanya, hasil serbuan dan pemeriksaan dalam rumah berjaya menahan suspek terbabit dan turut dirampas adalah pakaian dan juga kenderaan milik suspek.

"Hasil siasatan mendapati, kejadian dipercayai berlaku ketika suspek menjemput mangsa yang baru selesai sesi persekolahan.

"Ketika dalam perjalanan pulang ke rumah, suspek dipercayai bertindak merogol mangsa di dalam kereta kereta milik suspek di kawasan tepi jalan berhampiran Kampung Langsat.

"Selepas merogol mangsa, suspek kemudian menghantarnya pulang ke rumah seperti biasa," katanya.

Kamaruddin berkata, suspek adalah adik-beradik kepada bapa mangsa dan suspek tinggal berhampiran dengan rumah mangsa.

"Mangsa juga menyatakan perkara itu hanya berlaku sekali dan mangsa sudah dirujuk ke Hospital Wanita Dan Kanak-Kanak Sabah (HWKKS) Likas, untuk pemeriksaan lanjut.

"Suspek ditahan mengikut Seksyen 376(3) Kanun Keseksaan dan akan dipohon reman selama tujuh hari bagi membantu siasatan," katanya.

TAJUK	:	PESTA DI SARAWAK LEBIH MERIAH TAHUN DEPAN			
HARI	:	AHAD	AKHBAR	:	UTUSAN BORNEO (SARAWAK)
TARIKH	:	29 OKT 2023	M/SURAT	:	01&02
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Pesta di Sarawak lebih meriah tahun depan

Oleh Hamkar Sarbinee

TRADISI: Abang Johari melakukan upacara menitik mata naga sebagai simbolik bermulanya perlumbaan Bot Naga Antarabangsa Sarawak sempena Festival Regata Sarawak-Tebingan Kuching 2023 di Tebingan Kuching, semalam. — Gambar Chimon Upon

● Sarawak akan miliki syarikat penerbangan sendiri 2024, sambutan penduduk dari luar negara dijangka luar biasa: Abang Johari

KUCHING: Festival di Sarawak akan lebih meriah dan dijangka mendapat sambutan luar biasa daripada penduduk luar negara selepas Sarawak memiliki syarikat penerbangannya sendiri tahun hadapan.

Premier Sarawak Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Abang Johari Tun Openg berkata, Sarawak mempunyai banyak festival dalam Kalendar Pelancongannya dan salah satunya ialah Festival Regata Sarawak-Tebingan Kuching.

Menurutnya, beliau telah berbincang dengan Menteri Pelancongan, Industri Kreatif dan Seni Persembahan Dato Sri Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah agar penganjuran festival di negeri ini diteruskan.

"Kita (Sarawak) mempunyai banyak pesta dan salah satunya ialah regata (Festival Regata Sarawak-Tebingan Kuching).

"Untuk tahun baharu (2024), kemungkinan sekiranya kita (kerajaan Sarawak) telah selesai dengan (pengambilalihan) syarikat penerbangan (MASwings) itu, akan ada penerbangan khas sama ada menerusi sewaan atau sebaliknya.

"Ia sebagai salah satu usaha untuk mempromosikan (Sarawak) kepada negara luar, terutamanya mereka yang terlibat dalam regata kita," ujarnya.

Beliau berkata demikian ketika ditemui media selepas merasmikan Regata Sarawak 2023 di Tebingan Kuching di sini, semalam.

Hadir sama, Timbalan Premier Sarawak Datuk Amar Dr Sim Kui Hian, Menteri Pelancongan, Industri Kreatif dan Seni Persembahan yang juga Menteri Bertanggungjawab Regata Sarawak 2023 Dato Sri Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah, Pembangunan Wanita, Keluarga dan Masyarakat Dato Sri Nancy Shukri, Setiausaha Kerajaan Sarawak Datuk Amar Mohammad Abu Bakar Mardzuki dan tetamu jemputan lain.

Abang Johari berkata, ramai peserta dari luar negara yang ingin menyertai Bot Naga Antarabangsa Sarawak sempena Regata Sarawak 2023.

"Mengikut Dato Sri Karim, tahun ini ramai yang hendak datang (ke Sarawak) untuk menyertai Bot Naga Antarabangsa Sarawak, namun terdapat kekangan dan penyertaan yang terhad.

"Untuk penganjuran pada tahun hadapan, penyertaan cabaran itu boleh ditambah kerana kita boleh lihat negara Sepanyol hendak menghantar lebih 100 pengayuh dan itu (baru) mereka yang terlibat untuk sukan (sahaja)," jelasnya.

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Pesta di Sarawak lebih meriah tahun depan

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Sehubungan itu, beliau menambah Kementerian Pelancongan, Industri Kreatif dan Seni Persembahan akan melaksanakan lagi rundingan mengenai penganjuran Regata Sarawak untuk tahun hadapan.

"Ini nampaknya, (penyertaan) regata kita akan bertambah (tahun depan)," katanya.

Sejurus selesai menyempurnakan perasmian regata berkenaan, Abang Johari mengunjungi pameran Kraf Tekstil Borneo 2023 sekali gus merasmikan Festival Kraf Tekstil Borneo 2023, juga sempena Festival Regata Sarawak-Tebingan Kuching.

Kelmarin, kerajaan Sarawak menerusi Hornbil Skyways Sdn Bhd menandatangani Memorandum Persefahaman (MoU) dengan Malaysian Aviation Group (MAG) bagi mengambil alih saham syarikat penerbangan MASwings Sdn Bhd.

Selepas memeterai MoU terbabit, perbincangan lanjut akan dijalankan oleh kerajaan Sarawak bersama-sama Kementerian Pengangkutan serta pemilik MASwings Khazanah Nasional Bhd.

TAJUK	:	SARAWAK TUMPU HASILKAN GURU PAKAR BANTU ANAK AUTISME			
HARI	:	AHAD	AKHBAR	:	UTUSAN BORNEO (SARAWAK)
TARIKH	:	29 OKT 2023	M/SURAT	:	03
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Sarawak tumpu hasilkan guru pakar bantu anak autisme

Kanak-kanak autisme boleh membesar secara normal sekiranya penyakit itu ditangani pada usia awal, kata Abang Johari

Oleh Marlinda Mardzuki

KUCHING: Sarawak memberi tumpuan untuk melahirkan guru pakar bagi mengajar anak-anak kategori Orang Kelainan Upaya (OKU) seperti autisme di peringkat prasekolah.

Menurut Premier Sarawak Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Abang Johari Tun Openg, kanak-kanak autisme boleh membesar secara normal jika penyakit itu ditangani pada usia awal.

Mengambil contoh Singapura katanya, negara itu mempunyai organisasi yang melahirkan guru pakar untuk membantu kanak-kanak autisme.

"Menerusi program yang dibuat oleh organisasi itu, ia telah banyak membantu kanak-kanak autisme ini.

"Oleh itu, menjadi keperluan kita untuk mempunyai guru pakar sendiri bagi membantu kanak-kanak ini. Kita perlu melatih mereka (guru pakar) kerana kanak-kanak autisme, keadaannya berlainan daripada kanak-kanak normal," ujarnya.

Beliau berkata demikian ketika berucap pada majlis perasmian Seminar Kesedaran Autisme Peringkat Negeri Sarawak di Auditorium Sekolah Seni Malaysia Sarawak di sini, semalam.

Sehubungan itu, Abang Johari berkata, kerajaan Sarawak telah memberi peruntukan khas kepada Universiti Teknologi Swinburne Kampus Sarawak (Swinburne Sarawak) untuk melatih guru pakar dalam kategori OKU.

Universiti itu katanya, akan membantu dari segi menyediakan latihan kepada guru terbabit.

"Maknanya, kita akan mempunyai guru sendiri yang pakar dalam mengendalikan kanak-kanak autisme.

"Dan jika guru-guru tersebut ingin melanjutkan pelajaran ke peringkat ijazah sarjana bagi bidang khas seperti autisme, kita akan hantar ke kampus utama di Melbourne, Australia," ujarnya.

> "Oleh itu, menjadi keperluan kita untuk mempunyai guru pakar sendiri bagi membantu kanak-kanak ini. Kita perlu melatih mereka (guru pakar) kerana kanak-kanak autisme, keadaannya berlainan daripada kanak-kanak normal."
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> **Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Abang Johari Tun Openg**
> *Premier Sarawak*

Beliau menambah, ini adalah pendekatan intervensi kerana dengan adanya guru pakar, pengajaran kepada anak-anak kategori akan lebih berkesan.

"Saya bukan nak menidakkan keupayaan guru biasa sedia ada, tetapi ia adalah berdasarkan masalah yang dihadapi oleh anak-anak," jelasnya.

Dalam pada itu, Abang Johari berkata, kerajaan Sarawak akan sentiasa bekerjasama dengan Kementerian Pembangunan Wanita, Keluarga dan Masyarakat (KPWKM) dalam mengambil pendekatan yang lebih berkesan bagi membantu golongan sasar.

Terdahulu, Menteri KPWKM Dato Sri Nancy Shukri dalam ucapannya berkata, sehingga September 2023 seramai 258,476 orang telah berdaftar di bawah kategori Kurang Upaya Pembelajaran.

"Daripada jumlah ini seramai 50,811 orang dikategori di bawah sub kategori autisme.

RASMI: Abang Johari bersama adik Muhammad Zahiruddin Ramzi memukul beduk sebagai simbolik perasmian Seminar Kesedaran Autisme Peringkat Negeri Sarawak semalam. Turut kelihatan, Nancy dan Menteri Pembangunan Wanita, Kanak-Kanak dan Kesejahteraan Komuniti Dato Sri Fatimah Abdullah. —Gambar UKAS

Bagi negeri Sarawak seramai 3,885 orang autisme direkodkan," katanya.

Pada majlis itu, Abang Johari turut menyampaikan sumbangan daripada kerajaan Sarawak kepada tiga pertubuhan yang menjalankan program dan aktiviti untuk autisme.

Tiga pertubuhan itu ialah Kuching Autistic Association, Sibu Autistic Association dan Persatuan Pembimbing Komuniti Autisme Kuching (PeKa) yang masing-masing menerima sumbangan sebanyak RM20,000.

TAJUK : SM CITIZEN TERIMA RM500,000 DARIPADA YAYASAN LEE BINA SEMULA ASRAMA TERBAKAR

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SM Citizen terima RM500,000 daripada Yayasan Lee bina semula asrama terbakar

SIBU: Sekolah Menengah Persendirian Cina Citizen di Jalan Kong Yit Khim di sini semalam menerima sumbangan dana sebanyak RM500,000 daripada Yayasan Lee bagi membina semula asramanya yang terbakar pada 2020.

Pengerusi Parti Rakyat Bersatu Sarawak (SUPP) Cawangan Dudong Wong Ching Yong berkata, beliau telah diperkenalkan dengan pasukan Pengurusan Mingguan Cina di Singapura dan diberitahu agar memohon kepada Yayasan Lee untuk mendapatkan bantuan kewangan.

Wong berkata, beliau mengemukakan permohonan itu kepada Yayasan Lee pada 31 Julai 2023 dan dana itu diluluskan pada 19 Oktober 2023.

"Saya ingin mengucapkan terima kasih kepada pasukan Pengurusan Mingguan Cina dan juga Tang Tung Khing, Naib Pengerusi SUPP Cawangan Dudong kerana memperkenalkan saya kepada Mingguan Cina dan mendapatkan dana ini," katanya pada sidang media di sini, semalam.

Turut hadir ialah Penasihat SUPP Cawangan Dudong Datuk Dr Soon Choon Teck, Pengerusi Lembaga Pengarah Sekolah Menengah Persendirian Cina Citizen Kapitan Hung Tat Seng dan arkitek reka bentuk blok asrama baharu sekolah Alex Ngu Sieng Hung.

TERIMA KASIH: Wong (empat kanan) dan Hung (enam kiri) menunjukkan cek yang diterima daripada Yayasan Lee di Sibu, semalam.

Dalam sejarah Sekolah Persendirian Cina di Sarawak, Wong berkata ia adalah kali pertama sekolah umpama itu menerima sumbangan yang begitu besar daripada pertubuhan kebajikan swasta seperti Yayasan Lee.

Menurutnya, beliau berasa amat berbesar hati untuk menyumbangkan usahanya apabila sekolah tersebut memerlukan bantuan segera dan berpeluang membantu mendapatkan dana daripada Yayasan Lee.

Mengenai Yayasan Lee, Wong berkata ia adalah Yayasan amal swasta terbesar di Singapura.

Ia diasaskan pada tahun 1952 oleh dermawan dan ahli perniagaan Lee Kong Chian yang merupakan menantu kepada Tan Kah Kee, yang juga seorang dermawan terkenal dan pengasas Universiti Xiamen.

Yayasan Lee sejak itu telah menyokong pelbagai tujuan pendidikan, penjagaan kesihatan dan pembayaran perubatan serta usaha bantuan bencana di Singapura dan Malaysia.

Ia dikendalikan oleh lembaga yang terdiri daripada keturunan Lee dan bukan ahli keluarga.

Yayasan itu juga merupakan pemegang saham OCBC Bank dan Singapore Press Holdings.

Sejak penubuhannya, Wong menambah, yayasan itu telah menderma kira-kira lebih S$1 bilion untuk pelbagai tujuan, tanpa mengira kaum, bahasa, kewarganegaraan dan lokasi geografi dan 75 peratus daripada jumlah itu untuk pendidikan.