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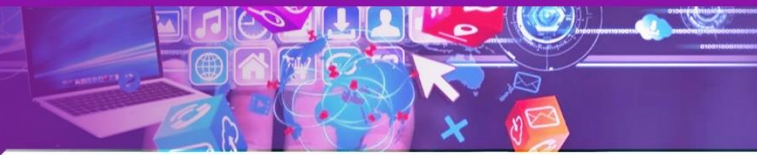
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Agensi kebajikan diharap bantu ringankan beban keluarga Bella

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Shamsul Iskandar (kiri) menyantuni ahli keluarga Bella iaitu kakaknya Norisham (dua, kanan), ibunya Noraini Salleh, 55, (kanan) dan anak Bella, Eusof Abdul Fatah, 5. - Bernama

BATU PAHAT: Agensi dan badan-badan kebajikan diharap dapat membantu meringankan beban keluarga mangsa bunuh, Mila Sharmilah Samsusah atau dikenali sebagai Bella terutama dua anaknya yang berusia lima dan dua tahun.

Setiausaha Politik Kanan Perdana Menteri Datuk Seri Shamsul Iskandar Mohd Akin berkata Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat (JKM) juga perlu bertemu dengan waris mangsa bagi bertanyakan keperluan mereka selain memberikan sokongan moral.

"Kita akan fikirkan dan insya-Allah bantuan lain akan diusahakan sebab arwah ada dua anak yang masih kecil...jadi harap adalah agensi kebajikan atau agensi lain membantu meringankan beban mereka," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian kepada pemberita selepas melawat kediaman dan memberikan sumbangan kepada keluarga arwah Bella di Taman Soga di sini hari ini.

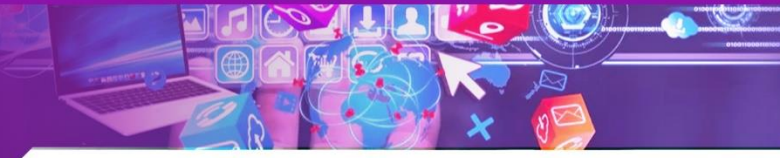
Pada 24 Jan lepas, teman lelaki Bella, Mohammad Haikal Mahfuz, 25, didakwa di Mahkamah Majistret di sini atas pertuduhan membunuh wanita itu antara 11 malam, 14 Dis hingga 5.30 pagi, 15 Dis tahun lepas di antara Jalan Kelapa Bali, Taman Soga sehingga Jalan Parit Besar, Kampung Parit Besar, dan juga di sebuah rumah terbiar di Lorong Imam Jailani, Jalan Besar, Tongkang Pechah di sini.

Pertuduhan dibuat mengikut Seksyen 302 Kanun Keseksaan.

Sementara itu, kakak arwah Bella, Norhisham Samsusah, 36, berkata dua peguam telah menawarkan diri untuk menjadi peguam pemerhati dalam perbicaraan kes pembunuhan Bella yang bakal bermula 19 Feb ini.

Pada 19 Jan lepas, polis menemukan rangka manusia tidak lengkap di sebuah rumah terbiar di Lorong Imam Jailani selepas dipandu arah oleh seorang daripada suspek utama kes kehilangan Bella.

Pada 14 Dis tahun lepas, Bella, 32, ibu tunggal dua anak itu, dilaporkan keluar rumah menaiki kereta teman lakinya pada 11.50 malam dengan hanya memakai baju kelawar berwarna biru gelap untuk mencuci pakaian di kedai dobi berhampiran dan gagal dihubungi sejak itu.



Dewi, kids finally home, thanks to bilateral efforts

📍 Noor Syahhira Hady 📰 Sarawak News, Top Story 📅 3 February 2024



Dewi Farisha with her two children safely arrived at Kuching International Airport from Philippines at 12am welcomed by her mother Sheryl Balisia, family members and friends. Dewi with her two children have been stranded in Manila, Philippines since May 2019 now safely return to her family after being separated for five years. Photos: Mohd Alif Noni

KUCHING: A joint effort between the Malaysian and the Philippine governments has allowed Dewi Farisha Fazliman and her two children to return to Sarawak safely.

Women, Childhood, and Community Wellbeing Development (KPWK) Minister Datuk Seri Fatimah Abdullah said that the efforts of many authorities had not only enabled Dewi and her daughters to return home, but their wellbeing throughout the procedure was also well taken care of.

"Thank you to Premier Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Abang Johari Tun Openg, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof, and the Sarawak Volunteers team for their concerted efforts.

"Not forgetting the Malaysian Embassy, Manila; Sarawak Regional Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and the Philippine Immigration Bureau for ensuring the welfare and wellbeing of Dewi and her children throughout the period before she came back," she said.

Fatimah pointed out that the process of transferring them to a better place, their meals, as well as solving the penalty payment, was one of the main focuses of this joint effort.

"The issuance of emergency passports to enable Dewi's children, who do not have passports nor are Malaysian citizens, to enter Malaysia, especially Sarawak, has also been done.

"The overstay penalty waivers were also given for Dewi's two children, making it easier for them to return to their homeland smoothly," she said.

On January 26, Fatimah said that Dewi and her children would be brought home as soon as possible.

According to her, since Dewi had overstayed in the Philippines, the embassy advised her to apply for a Motion for Reconsideration.



Women, Childhood and Community Wellbeing Development Minister Datuk Seri Fatimah (squatting) greets Dewi's child. Photo: Mohd Alif Noni

She pointed out that last year, Dewi gave birth to her second child and the fine for overstaying in the Philippines as of January 17 this year had increased to RM29,439.

"On January 19, representatives from the Malaysian Embassy met with the head of the tourist visa unit of the Philippine Bureau of Immigration, Raymond D. Remigio.

"In the discussion, an agreement was reached where the penalty for overstaying will be reduced to RM12,249. This is possible because of our close relationship with the Philippine government," said Fatimah.

She added that the Malaysian Embassy had also issued an Emergency Certificate (SPC) to her two daughters to travel to Malaysia.

Before meeting with the Philippine Bureau of Immigration (BI) and the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), representatives from the Malaysian Embassy met with Dewi and her two children.

"They were staying in Taytay in Rizal, Manila, and were living in a rented room with a shared toilet.

"The living conditions are not conducive to raising children because there are no beds, and the living space is said to be very small," said Fatimah.

According to Fatimah, Dewi also claimed that drug activities were rampant in the area.

"Immediate action was taken by the embassy to move the family to a temporary shelter at Hotel Berjaya in Makati City on January 19," she said.

Fatimah also added that Fadillah, who was informed about the incident, has channelled RM3,400 (RM340 per day) to help the family with expenses and accommodation costs.

It was also revealed that the expenses of bringing Dewi and her two children home were managed by Sarawak Volunteers, involving a total of RM24,696, including RM3,400 channelled by Fadillah.

This included their accommodation, living expenses, airfare, and penalty for overstaying in the Philippines.



Special task force to look into reform of preschools



By Audrey Dermawan - February 3, 2024 @ 3:45pm



Education Minister Fadhlina Sidek said the task force would expedite the process. NSTP/DANIAL SAAD

NIBONG TEBAL: The Education Ministry has set up a special task force to streamline and standardise preschool reforms in the country.

Minister Fadhlina Sidek said the task force would expedite the process.

She said the task force had met, and they would inform from time to time on the development.

"For now, we have set up the special task force to streamline the preschools under the ministry.

"The reason is to expedite the process in line with the reform in the education agenda to ensure the curriculum and any issues concerning the preschools can be streamlined," she said here today.

She was met after attending the closing of an engagement session with the Schools' Board of Governors and the presentation of the early schooling aid (BAP) cheque and cash assistance.

Elaborating, Fadhlina said the task force would look into the context of the quality of preschool education, which is a part of the education transformation agenda.

Last month, Communications Minister Fahmi Fadzil said the Cabinet had discussed and agreed that the [preschool curriculum](#) would be streamlined and standardised under the Education Ministry soon.

He said there had been numerous complaints by parents who said the quality varied between kindergartens, including the curriculum.

Among the government-run preschools are Community Development Department (Kemas) Tabika, under the Rural and Regional Development Ministry and Taska (nurseries) under the Woman, Family and Community Development Ministry.

This came days after Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim emphasised the need to review the preschool education system, ensuring it received additional facilities to improve the learning process.

He observed that Malaysia lagged in providing facilities to preschools, including digitalisation.

The prime minister had urged the Education Minister to review the entire preschool system.



Educate, do not ostracise unwed pregnant adolescents, says experts

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A forum on 'Preventing Adolescent Pregnancy a Joint Responsibility' held at Menara Felda recently. - BERHAMA

ONE of the most common options to deal with adolescent out-of-wedlock pregnancy, is by sending the unwed mother to a shelter home.

The stigma that surrounds unwed mothers and children born out-of-wedlock is still evident in the country as many face unwanted glares and discrimination from society and are even shunned by their own family members.

For the parents, hearing such life-changing news involving their own daughters can be overwhelming. Parents would be livid after realising that their daughter had lost her innocence, but instead of resolving the issue, their mindset is more of how to handle the embarrassment caused by their daughter. The only way out of the "mess" is to send their unwed daughter away from the neighbourhood.

However, there are many factors why teenagers or adolescents navigate some very grown-up challenges, including unplanned pregnancy, with cases taking place at home without their parent's knowledge.

At a forum on 'Preventing Adolescent Pregnancy a Joint Responsibility' at Menara Felda recently, a panelist cited a case of a 13-year old girl, who was eight months' pregnant, was sent to Raudhatul Sakinah in Batu Caves about three months ago.

Raudhatul Sakinah, which was established in April 1998, is a youth shelter and rehabilitation centre.

Shockingly, the teenager's mother, a fulltime housewife, was not aware of the physical changes in her daughter.

MESSAGE DELIVERY CHALLENGES

Given the rampant cases of adolescent out-of-wedlock pregnancies, comprehensive education on sexuality and reproductive health is crucial for young people, both female and male. This will teach them to be responsible so that they can prevent unintended pregnancies.

However, delivering the message and sharing the knowledge among the youth has its challenges as more often than not, it does not reach the troubled youngsters.

Commenting on the issue, Sub-Unit Head of Human Reproduction Division (PEKERTI), National Population and Family Development Board (LPPKN) Dr Wan Nur Baiti Sudin said, in providing the information, her team would take a cautious stance when sharing the knowledge and giving exposure to students during her talks in schools.

Among the challenges, choice of words and having some limitations in sharing the information are crucial, she said, noting that care should be exercised when uttering certain words to ensure whatever content that is delivered is safe and effective for the young mindset.

"What happened was the message did not really reach the students. Comprehensive and accurate education on reproductive health should be based on their age and level of maturity," she told the forum.

Such programmes are regularly conducted in schools, drawing as many students from all age levels and with the hope that the facilitator will be able to reach out to all students.

"This modality is related to non-specific and general knowledge on reproductive health for all and may not touch on risky sexual behaviour and pregnancy as such information is specific for young adults," she explained.

She said that sexuality health education is hampered by societal taboo that it is promoting pre-marital sexual activity.

Among other barriers, some teachers may not be comfortable to touch on reproductive health, hence making the programme less effective.

Dr Wan Nur Baiti said at LPPKN, its reproductive health education module has been developed by taking into consideration different learning styles for youth based on their age and the growth mindset of children.

"The activities in the module provide opportunities for the young to ask questions and give their response to every topic that is taught. Through our experience in conducting this programme in schools, students were proactive participants and some even shared their past experience and only after the programme, they realised the effects and consequences on premarital sex," she said.

Through this programme, the youths were given the platform for them to seek the necessary assistance through facilitators at LPPKN.

"Besides that, participating teachers also found that they felt calmer and more focused in managing youth issues after their exposure in the programme," she said.

CHANGE STIGMA, REPRODUCTIVE EDUCATION

Parents and the community would usually give different perspective or have negative perceptions toward young unwed mothers-to-be.

Elaborating on the issue, Dr Wan Nur Baiti said social discrimination also negatively affected both the unwed mother and her family.

"This negative stigma causes the unwed mother's family to feel ashamed to face the community with serious consequences on the girl. More often than not, her family will opt to either quit school or postpone her studies, send her to the rehabilitation centre or shelter home or chase their pregnant daughter away," she said.

Dr Wan Nur Baiti said with no support from her parents, the youngster will be vulnerable to depression, hampering opportunities to further her studies.

"Parental and community support is vital to give unwed mothers a second chance to lead a better and productive life. Once society is aware of the situation, they will also understand the importance for young people to learn about reproductive health or sexuality education at an early age at home.

"Parents should also be aware that today's younger generation are growing up faster than previous generations. This is because they are given access to technology with parental supervision in using the internet with exposure to inappropriate content that is associated with immoral behaviour," she said.

However, she noted that Malaysia still upholds the traditional cultural values of respectfully interacting with people of all backgrounds, noting that it is important to maintain a gentle and indirect demeanour when disseminating information to the public.

"To teach reproductive health education to target groups, covering aspects on pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases for example, we need to seek and identify the vulnerable youths and those who are actively involved in risky sexual behaviours.

"As such, accurate information can be delivered to the right target groups and this will bring a long way in reducing the incidence involving social problems committed by youth such as premarital sex, unwed pregnancy and also sexually transmitted diseases," she said, adding that open-mindedness has its limits based on situations.

Comprehensive education on reproductive health, she said should be made suitable for the younger generation's age groups. Besides that, teachers should not be prejudiced in providing the information to youth and that they should not be judgemental especially towards those who are involved in risky behaviours.

"This is what is termed as stigma and this will only discourage youth from getting information from the right source," she said.

ADEQUATE KNOWLEDGE NEEDED

An expanding online world for children provides benefits, but also risks. As parents, it is important to monitor children's online activity and educate them on safe internet practices to protect them from exposure to inappropriate content.

In this regard, parents can also access information on sexuality, among others, so that they will be able to educate their children on related issues. What's worrying is most parents are still ill-equipped with such information.

In this regard, Dr Wan Nur Baiti said parents play a critical role in child development as the child's first and most critical years are spent in a family environment, and that parents are the single greatest influence on children.

"Most parents would not expect their child to ask them on matters related to reproductive health. Therefore, they need to prepare early on what they should explain when asked by their kids.

"However, proactive parents will educate their children on body anatomy and body safety from a young age, especially when the child can understand conversations," she said.

She said that information as well as parental guidance on reproductive health education that is suitable for sharing with the child is accessible for free from reliable sources, either through physical or online programmes.

"LPPKN also provides a module for reproductive health education especially for parents and youth, 'Modul Cakna Diri' (I'm in Control) as well as highlights on reproductive health for reference to teachers and parents on LPPKN portal at www.modulace.lppkn.gov.my which is accessible to the public for free," she said.

While giving exposure and information to their children, parents should also explain to them on the rules and family values and at the same time, they should also give them an opportunity to air their views and that parents must be prepared to adapt to different situations, when the need arise.

"In most cases, parents are not open and avoid from discussing on reproductive health. This causes their kids to follow their natural impulsivity and curiosity and learn from other sources. Initial interest and curiosity lead to inquiry and the situation becomes more complex when they want to try what they learned from the wrong source," she said.

She said that with the ever-evolving landscape of technology, the younger generation now have an almost limitless amount of knowledge and opportunities for engagement. With unlimited-unrestricted and unmonitored internet access, children are exposed to inappropriate content. In order to ensure that children are safe, it is necessary to monitor and in some cases restrict access to certain sites, noting that all parties should work hand in hand in addressing social issues involving youth which are on the rise.

"The role of educating our youth does not solely rest on teachers, parents and the government. It is the duty of all the community including corporate bodies. Youths are the national assets as they are the nation's future leaders. Mould young minds to bring out the best in them not only in education and knowledge but also in their personality and behaviour to ensure they are on the right track," she said.

She also urged parents and the community to be more open-minded and take cognisance of the importance of reproductive health education for the younger generation to prevent them from being involved in social ills that could spell doom for their future.

She said that LPPKN has adopted a youth-friendly approach in its campaign, noting that they can visit the Pusat Remaja KafeTEEN in Putrajaya which was established as a pioneer in disseminating reproductive health and social education to youth in Malaysia.

NEED TO BE EFFECTIVE

Meanwhile, Head of the Sexuality and Reproductive I-Medik Education Unit Dr Anayasmn Azmi said the type of sexuality education for the young should be more effective to ensure the relevant information reaches the target groups.

"It should be delivered in a creative manner that is suitable for youth who are drawn to dopamine-reward activities; sexuality education is incorporated in challenging activities such as group extreme sports to develop their assertiveness, leadership and self-regulation skills that are inherent in reproductive education," said the lecturer at Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM).

Commenting on stigma faced by unwed mothers, she said of utmost importance is for parents to remove the negative stigma on sexuality education as prevention from young pregnancy.

"We now need to shift to 'preventive more than curative' and prepare our young by taking the first step. Parents as pillars of the family should realise that sexuality education is very important and relevant," she added.

She also said that sexuality education should be taught at an early age as part of child growth and development and should be a continuous process, noting that it is not merely 'touch and go'.

"In this regard, the approach should also be suitable and in line with Malaysian locality as well as other religious and cultural background that uphold the protective factors, and not otherwise. Besides that, education related to sexuality education should be treated with respect and in a responsible manner," she said.

Dr Anayasmn who has managed various cases related to unwed pregnant adolescents said the National Health and Morbidity Survey 2022 showed that out of 2,512 respondents surveyed, 190 of them or 7.6 per cent admitted to having sex and 62 or 32.8 per cent had sex before they were 14 years old.



Lelaki nafi lakukan amang seksual

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By: Jo Ann Mool



Kesalahan itu, di bawah Seksyen 14 (a) Akta Kesalahan-Kesalahan Seksual Terhadap Kanak-Kanak 2017, membawa hukuman penjara sehingga 20 tahun dan sebatan jika sabit kesalahan.

KOTA KINABALU: Seorang lelaki berusia 50 tahun dihadapkan ke Mahkamah Sesyen di sini pada Jumaat atas pertuduhan melakukan kesalahan seksual fizikal terhadap seorang kanak-kanak perempuan berusia enam tahun, empat tahun lalu.

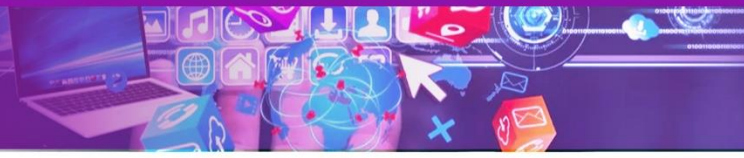
Penganggur, Noredi Abu Bakar mengaku tidak bersalah di hadapan Hakim Amir Shah Amir Hassan melakukan perbuatan itu ke atas kanak-kanak itu pada awal September 2020, di dalam sebuah kereta di kampung Tuaran.

Kesalahan itu, di bawah Seksyen 14 (a) Akta Kesalahan-Kesalahan Seksual Terhadap Kanak-Kanak 2017, membawa hukuman penjara sehingga 20 tahun dan sebatan jika sabit kesalahan.

Timbalan Pendakwa Raya Muhammad Al-Hakim Abdul Razak ketika memohon tarikh sebutan semula tidak menawarkan jaminan kepada tertuduh.

Peguam Muhamad Amirul Amin yang mewakili tertuduh memohon jumlah ikat jamin lebih rendah atas alasan tertuduh mempunyai sedikit masalah mental dan mempunyai temu janji tetap di Hospital Mesra di sini.

Amir menetapkan 11 Mac untuk sebutan semula dan menawarkan tertuduh ikat jamin sebanyak RM10,000 deposit RM5,000 beserta dua orang penjamin dan melaporkan diri di Balai Polis Tuaran sebulan sekali.



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Bagan Serai: Bagai jatuh ditimpa tangga.

Demikian nasib adik Mohd Khalish Arjuna Harizan, dua tahun yang disahkan menghidap kanser saraf tahap empat.

Tidak hanya itu kedua-dua matanya pula kini mula buta, malah rambutnya kini gugur.

Ibunya Norhatinah Ahmad, 40, berkata anak bongsu dari lima beradik itu disahkan menghidap kanser pada bulan Jun tahun lalu.

Menurut anaknya itu kelihatan normal dan seakan-kanak lain yang mampu berjalan berlari namun sebenarnya buta.

"Sebelum disahkan mendapat kanser itu dia (Mohd Khalish Arjuna) sering demam panas.

"Kami pelik apabila setiap kali demam dia tidak dapat bangun dan hanya merangkak.

"Bila dibawa ke hospital berjumpa doktor barulah dia disahkan menghidap kanser saraf tahap empat," katanya ditemui media di kediamannya di Jalan Jeti,

Mata mula buta, rambut gugur



NORHATINAH dan suami menunjukkan kesan pembedahan pada perut Mohd Khalish Arjuna yang menghidap kanser saraf. - Gambar NSTP/SHAIFUL SHAHRIN AHMAD PAUZI

di sini.

Hadir sama Pengerusi Persatuan Sahabat Kanak Kanak kanser Wilayah Utara (FOCCAN) Maznah Tayib.

Menurutnya lagi terkesan dengan keadaan anak yang disahkan menghidap kanser dan sering berulang alik ke Hospital Ipoh dan Pulau Pinang untuk mendapatkan rawatan, memaksanya berhenti kerja di sebuah kilang di Parit Buntar.

"Dia kini perlu menjalani rawatan sekurang-kurangnya dua kali dalam tempoh sebulan.

"Setiap kali rawatan saja menelan kos sekitar RM 500 dan kami sedikit terbeban dengan perkara itu memandangkan dia juga menggunakan susu khas yang berharga hampir RM100 untuk satu tin 850 gram dan hanya bertahan untuk seminggu saja.

"Rumah sewa pula dulu berharga RM 300 kini me-

ningkat kepada RM380 dengan alasan cukai pintu turut naik," katanya.

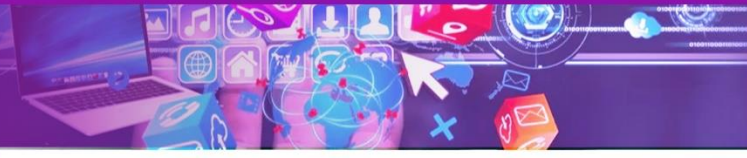
Menurutnya, suaminya Harizan Mohamad, 49, yang berkerja sebagai mekanik jentera bergerak hanya bergantung pada permintaan dan pendapatannya kurang RM1,000 sebulan.

Dia yang juga menerima bantuan Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat (JKM) sebanyak RM500 sebulan (anak) kini makin terhimpit dan berharap ada pihak dapat membantunya dan keluarga.

"Empat lagi anak berusia tujuh hingga 19 tahun masih bersekolah. Harap ada pihak yang bersympati dengan kami.

"Dapat bantuan susu dan lampin pakai buang pun sudah memadai," katanya.

Orang ramai yang ingin membantu meringankan beban kewangan keluarga ini boleh menghubungi talian atau sumbangan ke akaun Maybank 158248432261 (Norhatinah).



TAJUK : TASK FORCE TO STREAMLINE PRESCHOOL REFORMS

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TASK FORCE TO STREAMLINE PRESCHOOL REFORMS

Fadhlina said it will look into quality of preschool education

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THE Education Ministry has set up a task force to streamline and standardise preschool reforms.

Minister Fadhlina Sidek yesterday said the task force had met, and would keep her posted on developments.

"We have set up the task force to

streamline preschools under the ministry.

"This is to expedite the process, in line with the education agenda reform, to ensure the curriculum and issues concerning the preschools can be streamlined."

She was attending the closing of an engagement session with the Penang School Management Board and the presentation of the early schooling aid cheques and cash.

Fadhlina said the task force



Education Minister and Nibong Tebal member of parliament Fadhlina Sidek with district Education officers who received early schooling aid mock cheques at Universiti Sains Malaysia yesterday. PIC BY DANIAL SAAD

would look into the quality of preschool education, which is part of the education transformation agenda.

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Task force to help streamline preschool education

NIBONG TEBAL: A special task force to coordinate the streamlining of the preschool education system under the Education Ministry has been set up to expedite education reforms, says Fadhlina Sidek.

The Education Minister said the ministry's agenda is to ensure that the curriculum and other issues related to preschools such as learning methods and syllabi could be streamlined under the ministry.

"We will inform from time to time the progress of what is happening and being achieved in the context of preschool education, which includes its expansion and quality," she told reporters here yesterday, Bernama reported.

Fadhlina, who is also Nibong Tebal MP, was met after officiating the closing ceremony of the Penang School Management Board engagement session and



Giving help: Fadhlina (second from right) at the handover of the early schooling aid cheque for Penang in Nibong Tebal, Penang. — Bernama

handover of the early schooling aid cheque for Penang. Communications Minister

Fahmi Fadzil previously said the Cabinet on Jan 24 had decided to streamline the preschool educa-

tion system nationwide to ensure a more comprehensive early childhood education.

Meanwhile, Fadhlina said the ministry had completed the investigation into a bullying incident at Kolej Melayu Kuala Kangsar (MCKK) in September last year and left it to the authorities to proceed with further action.

In the incident on Sept 24, a Form Four student at the boarding school was injured and had to receive treatment at the Kuala Kangsar Hospital after he was allegedly attacked by four senior students.

The incident was revealed by the victim's mother on social media, after which MCKK's Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) expressed regret over the act of publicising it.

The PTA claimed the revelation portrayed a negative image of the school.



TAJUK :	JOBLESS SINGLE MUM GETS HOUSE REPAIRED WITH GOVT ASSISTANCE		
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Yap (standing on stairs) joins Jubaidah and other villagers in a group photo, taken after the handover ceremony.

Jobless single mum gets house repaired with govt assistance

KUCHING: An unemployed single mother living in Kampung Stutong Melayu here is thankful to the help channelled to her under the Sarawak House Repair for the Poor Programme (PPRMS).

According to Kota Sentosa assemblyman Wilfred Yap, RM15,000 was set aside under the PPRMS for his constituency for repair works on Jubaidah Jubni's house, involving fixing the structural foundation, wooden flooring, the walls and also the roofs.

"The repairs were carried out and completed by volunteers from the village security and development committee (JKKK) of Kampung Stutong Melayu.

"The assemblyman received

a distress call from a JKKK member about three weeks ago, informing him about Jubaidah's plight.

"At the time, the house was in a dilapidated state, with rotting floor, termite-infested wall, and leaking roof," said a statement from Yap's service centre.

It said the scope of works included reinforcing the foundation with hardwood and concrete, replacing the floors with new wooden planks, replacing the wall with cement board, replacing the leaking roof with spandex roofing, and repainting.

During the symbolic 'handover' of the fixed house to Jubaidah, Yap thanked all volunteers for contributing their time and efforts towards

assisting the less fortunate group.

For the record, PPRMS is a Sarawak government's programme that provides those from the low-income group up to a maximum of RM15,000 in assistance.

"The programme aims to help in providing basic facilities and a comfortable residence so that the needy groups can enjoy a better quality of life.

"As the elected representative of Kota Sentosa, I pledge to help maintain the people's well-being and prioritise their welfare.

"I also advise my constituents who require house repair assistance under PPRMS to approach your respective community leaders," said Yap in the statement.



TAJUK : PIBAKAT RECEIVES RM10,000 DONATION FROM PLAZA MERDEKA

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Pibakat receives RM10,000 donation from Plaza Merdeka

KUCHING: The Sarawak Society for Parents of Children with Special Needs (Pibakat) received a RM10,000 donation from Plaza Merdeka, during the opening ceremony for the Lunar New Year Bazaar at the mall here yesterday.

Minister for Women, Childhood and Community Wellbeing Development Sarawak Dato Sri Fatimah Abdullah officiated at the event.

In her remarks, she expressed gratitude for Plaza Merdeka's contribution to the non-governmental organisation (NGO).

"As the minister who is in charge of welfare, we really appreciate this and we hope that more people would follow what Plaza Merdeka has done because indeed, NGOs like Pibakat always need extra support from the public, from the community, from the corporate bodies, especially in

terms of finances," she said in her speech.

On the Lunar New Year Bazaar, the minister said it exuded a vibrant atmosphere of inclusivity and unity – sentiments that she regarded as 'significant in fostering better understanding and respect among members of Sarawak's diverse communities.

"I would like to commend what I saw just now and how it contributed to the unity in Sarawak.

"As I look around, I see this is Sarawak, not only the Chinese who come and watch what's happening here, but we see people of other races as well.

"In Sarawak, we watch, we learn, we enjoy and all of us together enjoy the performances as well as the festivities.

"So the beauty of Sarawak is that we are made up of different races and whenever there is a festive occasion, we come

together and enjoy each other's festivals," she said.

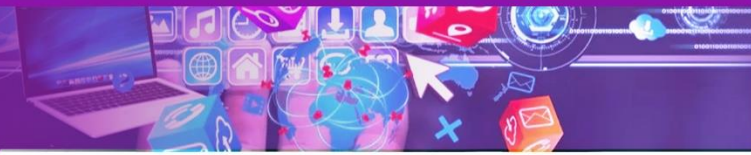
The Lunar New Year Bazaar, open until this Feb 25, promises a plethora of delights including food and beverages, accessories, and clothing from over 10 vendors.

In addition to a 'cheongsam' competition and lion dance performances, Plaza Merdeka also introduced a new store, Monozone, and a dining outlet Seoul Chicken yesterday.

Kuching North Datuk Bandar Hilmy Othman, Plaza Merdeka Holdings Sdn Bhd managing director Dato Steve Ng and executive director Datin Anriza Wong Cordero, Plaza Merdeka Management Sdn Bhd assistant general manager Sylvester Soh, Divine Will Society trustee and Lion Club Kuching One Earth honorary advisor Dato Sim Kiang Chiok, and Pibakat honorary secretary Ng Kui Choo, were among the guests.



Fatimah performs eye-dotting on a dragon's head to mark the opening of the Lunar New Year Bazaar at Plaza Merdeka. — Photos by Chimon Upon



TAJUK :	KANAK-KANAK TABIKA KEMAS KG MELAYU TANJUNG BIJAT DIRAIKAN		
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Kanak-kanak Tabika KEMAS Kg Melayu Tanjung Bijat diraikan

SRIAMAN: Seramai sembilan kanak-kanak Tabika Jabatan Kemajuan Masyarakat (KEMAS) Kampung Melayu Tanjung Bijat diraikan pada Majlis Apresiasi Tabika KEMAS 2024 di sini, kelmarin.

Penyelia Prasekolah KEMAS Bahagian Sri Aman Wan Habeeb Wan Mohamad berkata, majlis itu bagi meraikan kanak-kanak tabika menamatkan alam persekolahan usia enam tahun bagi sesi 2023/2024.

Menurutnya, majlis serupa itu harus diadakan di peringkat tabika bagi meraikan kanak-kanak yang bakal melangkah ke alam persekolahan tahun satu pada Mac depan.

“Selain itu, kanak-kanak berusia empat dan lima tahun

masih meneruskan sesi pembelajaran mereka tahun ini turut diraikan bersama.

“KEMAS kebiasaannya mengadakan pengambilan kanak-kanak bersekolah di tabika seawal usia empat hingga enam tahun,” katanya ketika berucap merasmikan majlis itu.

Menurutnya, ramai ibu bapa menghantar anak-anak mereka ke tabika KEMAS seawal usia empat tahun dan mereka lebih suka anak-anak mereka bersekolah di peringkat tabika selama tiga tahun.

Dalam pada itu, KEMAS turut mempunyai taman bimbingan kanak-kanak iaitu taska di beberapa tempat di sini, antaranya Taska Taman Sentosa Indah, Taska Kompleks

Tabika KOMTA dan Taska Kampung Melayu Bakong.

“Kita menyerusekiranya ibu bapa berminat boleh menghantar anak-anak mereka ke taska di mana anak-anak dihantar ke taska tersebut kebanyakannya berusia antara 0 bulan hingga tiga tahun,” jelasnya.

Justeru, ibu bapa boleh berkunjung ke taska terlibat mendapatkan maklumat lanjut dan kemasukan kanak-kanak ke tabika KEMAS sekitar Sri Aman juga masih dibuka sehingga awal Mac depan.

Hadir sama Guru KEMAS Tabika KEMAS Kampung Melayu Tanjung Bijat Norhayati Salleh, Ketua Kampung Melayu Tanjung Bijat serta ibu bapa.