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Distributor pulls 'Santubong' beer after protests from MP, constituents

BY SAMUEL AUBREY ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2025, THURSDAY AT 4:11 PM

SARAWAK



Nancy, in a Facebook post today, welcomed the decision and thanked the community for standing together to raise their concerns. - Bernama photo

KUCHING (Sept 18): A locally produced beer named 'Santubong' has been withdrawn from the market by its distributor following protests from Santubong MP Datuk Seri Nancy Shukri and her constituents.

Nancy, in a Facebook post today, welcomed the decision and thanked the community for standing together to raise their concerns.

She had strongly objected to the use of 'Santubong' for an alcoholic product in a Facebook post yesterday, calling it insensitive as the majority of her constituents are Muslims.

"I completely agree (with concerns raised by the community). It is obvious that the sensitivities of the Santubong community, the majority of whom are Muslims, have not been taken into account," she said.

Nancy had also urged authorities to review the matter from a legal standpoint and to take firm action.

In response to the backlash, distributor Zebrew Craft Beer issued a statement confirming that the Santubong beer had already been pulled from shelves and would no longer be produced.

"Due to the overwhelming response and attention around the name Santubong, we've decided to mark history with this product.

"After much thought, the name and product will no longer be used going forward and the product has been removed from the shelves," the company said in its Facebook page.

The controversy began after several constituents voiced their protests on social media over the use of 'Santubong' name for an alcoholic brand.

It remains unclear whether the product will be rebranded under a new name. Zebrew also distributes Zebra Lager pilsner and Meow Meow craft beer.

According to the product information, the beer was distributed by Zebrew, and brewed and bottled in Sibul.

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TAJUK : SKUAD WAJA SISWA LAUNCHED TO COMBAT YOUTH VIOLENCE, SEXUAL CRIMES

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Skwad Waja Siswa launched to combat youth violence, sexual crimes

KUALA LUMPUR: The Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development has launched the federal territory-level Skwad Waja Siswa programme to heighten student awareness on crime and violence, particularly against women.

The ceremony at Universiti Teknologi Malaysia here yesterday was officiated by deputy minister Datuk Seri Dr Noraini Ahmad and attended by over 350 participants, including students, government officials, and agency representatives.

Dr Noraini emphasised that violence against women remains a critical challenge requiring an integrated response.

"Violence occurs in various forms - physical, sexual, economic, psychological, and emotional - and is often hidden, whether in personal relationships or institutional settings," she said.

She highlighted the government's commitment through the Sexual Harassment Act 2022 and the establishment of the Tribunal for Anti-Sexual Harassment (TAGS), aimed at creating a safe environment and eliminating the culture of normalising sexual harassment.

Recent statistics revealed an alarming situation where the Ministry of Health recorded 9,737 cases of out-of-wedlock pregnancies involving female teenagers aged 10 to 19 between 2020 and 2024.

Furthermore, the Royal Malaysia Police reported 1,300 sexual crime cases involving individuals aged 18 and above from January to April 2025 alone, including rape, incest, molestation, and sexual harassment.



Datuk Seri
Dr Noraini
Ahmad

"These statistics raise concerns about public health and moral values among the younger generation, underscoring the need for effective sexual health education and comprehensive preventive measures," the deputy minister added.

Developed by the Department of Women's Development, the Skwad Waja Siswa programme features dedicated modules on basic psychology and crime awareness.

It is complemented by the National Population and Family Development Board's Reproductive and Social Health Education module, which provides knowledge on sexual responsibility and pregnancy risks.

To date, the Skwad Waja initiative has grown to over 339,000 members nationwide, comprising 263,158 women and 76,040 men. This includes 2,129 university students who have joined the newly introduced Skwad Waja Siswa this year.

"This programme is designed to instil confidence, courage, and awareness among students to speak out. We hope it provides safe spaces for support and recovery so that these issues can be addressed comprehensively," said Dr Noraini.

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Skuad Waja Siswa perkasa mahasiswa tangani jenayah seksual

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Timbalan Menteri Pembangunan Wanita, Keluarga dan Masyarakat, Datuk Seri Dr. Noraini Ahmad

KUALA LUMPUR, 18 September – Kementerian Pembangunan Wanita, Keluarga dan Masyarakat (KPWK) melalui Jabatan Pembangunan Wanita (JPW) dengan kerjasama Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) menganjurkan Program Skuad Waja Siswa Peringkat Wilayah Persekutuan di UTM Kuala Lumpur, hari ini.

Program berkenaan bertujuan memperkasa mahasiswa dengan ilmu serta kesedaran mengenai isu jenayah dan keselamatan diri, khususnya melibatkan gangguan seksual dan keganasan terhadap wanita.

Ia selaras dengan Pelan Tindakan Women, Peace and Security (WPS) serta komitmen Kerajaan MADANI dalam memastikan kesejahteraan masyarakat.

Timbalan Menteri Pembangunan Wanita, Keluarga dan Masyarakat, Datuk Seri Dr. Noraini Ahmad berkata berdasarkan statistik Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM), sebanyak 1,300 kes jenayah seksual melibatkan rogol, sumbang mahram, cabul dan gangguan seksual dilaporkan bagi individu berusia 18 tahun ke atas.

“Sebab itu kita melaksanakan intervensi, dan salah satunya melalui program yang dinamakan Skuad Waja. Program ini memberi ilmu kepada mahasiswa, khususnya tentang cara membuat laporan dengan betul,” katanya selepas merasmikan program berkenaan.

Selain pendedahan mengenai pendidikan kesihatan reproduktif dan sosial, program tersebut turut membimbing mahasiswa menghadapi cabaran berkaitan keselamatan diri dan komuniti.

Dr. Noraini turut menggalakkan siswa membantu rakan atau jiran yang mungkin menjadi mangsa dengan melaporkan kes kepada pihak berkuasa.

Setakat ini, keahlian Skuad Waja dalam kalangan mahasiswa institusi pengajian tinggi (IPT) telah mencecah 2,129 orang di seluruh negara, dengan modul khas JPW memberi tumpuan kepada ilmu asas psikologi, kemahiran melaporkan jenayah serta informasi berkaitan isu keganasan.

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RM10 Juta Untuk Pemerksaan Wanita Sabah

By Editor - 18/09/2025



KOTA KINABALU: Kerajaan Negeri memperuntukkan kira-kira RM10 juta kepada Jabatan Hal Ehwat Wanita Sabah (JHEWA) bagi melaksanakan pelbagai program pembangunan dan pemerksaan kepimpinan wanita berwibawa di negeri ini.

Ketua Menteri, Datuk Seri Hajji Noor berkata, kerajaan sentiasa prihatin terhadap pembangunan wanita dan komited memastikan golongan itu menikmati peluang serta faedah yang sama rata.

Beliau menegaskan lebih ramai wanita kini dilantik dalam pembentukan dasar serta pembuatan keputusan, khususnya dalam sektor perkhidmatan awam dan agensi kerajaan.

“SAYA BERHARAP USAHA PEMERKASAAN WANITA SEPerti SIMPOSIUM INI DAPAT DILAKSANAKAN SECARA BERTERUSAN DENGAN SOKONGAN KERAJAAN, SEKTOR SWASTA, PERTUBUHAN MASYARAKAT SIVIL DAN KOMUNITI SETEMPAT,” KATANYA KETIKA MERASMIKAN SIMPOSIUM PEMIMPIN WANITA SABAH DI PUSAT KONVENSYEN ANTARABANGSA SABAH (SICC) DI SINI, HARI INI.

Ucapan itu disampaikan oleh Menteri Pembangunan Masyarakat dan Kesejahteraan Rakyat, Datuk James Ratib.

Simposium sehari itu, yang disertai kira-kira 3,000 wanita dari seluruh Sabah, memberi tumpuan kepada tiga bidang utama iaitu pendidikan, ekonomi dan kepimpinan politik, sejajar dengan Dasar Wanita Negara.

Hajji berkata, sebelum simposium ini, program pemerksaan wanita telah melalui beberapa fasa: Engagement with Sabah Women’s Leaders pada 16 Jun 2025 dengan kehadiran 1,300 peserta.

Sabah Women’s Lab Fasa 2: Incubator Lab, menyaksikan 75 peserta berjaya membentangkan projek dan kertas kerja.

Mereka yang menamatkan kedua-dua fasa dipilih menyertai program khas pemerksaan wanita, Global Women @ Sabah (GLOW@SABAH).

Katanya, antara cabaran yang perlu ditangani termasuk jurang peluang pekerjaan antara lelaki dan wanita, diskriminasi gender tidak langsung, halangan budaya, serta akses pendidikan dan peluang ekonomi yang adil.

“Kita mahu melahirkan generasi wanita Sabah yang berdaya tahan, berilmu, berkemahiran tinggi dan mampu memimpin di peringkat negeri, kebangsaan serta antarabangsa,” tegas beliau.

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Sarawak women's group urges inclusion of JKM social workers in Bill

BY LIM HOW PIM ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2023, THURSDAY AT 12:13 PM

SARAWAK



KUCHING (Sept 18): Social workers with the Department of Social Welfare (JKM) should be included in the proposed Social Work Profession Bill expected to be tabled in Parliament, said the Sarawak Women for Women Society (SWWS).

SWWS president Dr Angie Gareth said under the Child Act 2001, child protection officers employed by JKM are the only ones mandated to assess what is in the best interests of abused children and make recommendations to the court on what future action is needed.

"These social workers are also expected to work with the children and families to ensure the child's safety and, when necessary, provide alternative care, journeying with the child until they are no longer needing specialised help.

"They also are the authority to monitor the standards of care in residential homes run by voluntary/private or faith groups," she said in a statement today.

According to Angie, JKM officers also have powers under the Child Act 2001 to work with those under 18 who have been charged with abusing other children, working out what has led to this and how to effectively intervene to prevent recurrence.

Given these roles, she said it is both surprising and worrying that JKM officers are not to be included in the proposed legislation to uplift the professionalism of employed social workers.

She noted that JKM social workers' role in child protection is a very skilled essential task requiring a deep understanding of children's needs, the dynamics of abuse, how to achieve change and the rights of both children and their families.

"Yet in Malaysia, we have far fewer posts in relation to our more advanced neighbours and we have no laws insisting all those employed are professionally trained and accountable as expected by Asean and global standards."

To protect children and others facing abuse, Angie said it is essential all those employed as social workers, regardless of where they serve, are held to the same professional standards.

In earlier draft legislations since 2011, she said systems were to include having transition mechanisms in place to enable those in post to take training modules to reach the required standard within a generous time-frame and to allow others to be re-employed within the civil service, this being feasible as many currently in JKM entered through the Public Services Department (JPA).

"As for internal disciplinary procedures, other professions within government such as counsellors, nurses and doctors are held accountable to their professions as well so why not social workers?" she asked.

She said SWWS, having been working to address violence against women and children for many years, respectfully recommends that the Social Work Profession Bill includes the public sector even if this means waiting until a Parliamentary sitting next year.

"Having waited many years for the legislation, it is important that the Bill has a holistic base and does not exclude the major employer of social workers – the government – especially when it is their officers who hold the most power over how children abused are helped," she emphasised.

Angie said the idea of passing a preliminary Bill with the intention of bringing a second one to Parliament later means years could pass compounding the current problem as, until legislation includes the public sector, JPA will not be mandated to recruit professionally trained people despite seven local universities producing approximately 400 graduates in social work every year.

For the sake of the abused, vulnerable children, she said the government must ensure that those intervening to protect them meet international professional standards and that JKM is given the resources it needs and deserves to develop this crucial service.

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Tiada unsur dera, pengabaian kanak-kanak, cuma untuk 'content'

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Lim Siew Khim (tengah) dalam sidang media mengumumkan sesi town hall untuk pengusaha pusat jagaan kanak-kanak yang masih tidak berdaftar di pejabatnya di Komtar hari ini. FOTO ihsan Pejabat YB

Georgetown: Pihak berkuasa tidak menemui unsur penderaan atau pengabaian dalam kes dua kanak-kanak lelaki kembar didakwa dibiarkan tidur di kaki lima oleh ibu tiri di sebuah flat di Balik Pulau ini.

Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Pembangunan Sosial, Kebajikan, dan Hal Ehwal Bukan Islam negeri, Lim Siew Khim berkata pihaknya telah memberikan sesi kaunseling kepada kembar dan ibu bapa mereka dan tiada penderaan atau pengabaian berlaku dalam kes ini.

"Kanak-kanak tersebut gembira dan tidak mempunyai masalah dengan bapa dan ibu tiri mereka," katanya ketika ditemui hari ini.

Dilaporkan pada Selasa lalu pihak berkuasa sedang menyasiat kes dua kanak-kanak lelaki kembar berusia lapan tahun, yang didakwa dibiarkan tidur di kaki lima oleh ibu tiri mereka di sebuah flat di Balik Pulau.

Siasatan dijalankan polis dan Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat (JKM) di bawah Akta Kanak-Kanak 2001 (Akta 611).

Lim berkata tindakan kanak-kanak kembar didakwa dibiarkan tidur di kaki lima oleh ibu tiri mereka adalah untuk tujuan kandungan.

"Kami diberitahu bahawa ia adalah untuk kandungan kerana kanak-kanak tersebut gemar akan kandungan yang mereka lihat di platform media sosial.

"Kesilapannya ialah kandungan itu dimuat naik dalam talian, yang menimbulkan kontroversi," tambahnya.

Insiden itu tular di laman Facebook menunjukkan kanak-kanak tersebut dalam keadaan yang kelihatan terabai di sebuah pangsapuri di Balik Pulau.

Sehubungan itu warga net menuntut keadilan untuk dua anak kandunginya selepas mendakwa mereka dianiaya oleh ibu tiri mereka yang berusia 39 tahun itu.

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Permanent flood evacuation centre to be built in Bongawan, Sabah

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PAPAR: The National Disaster Management Agency will construct a permanent evacuation centre in Bongawan this year to assist residents affected by disasters, particularly floods.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi stated that detailed discussions will be held with stakeholders, including the Sabah state secretary, to identify a suitable site.

"I visited seven temporary evacuation centres and found that the need for a permanent centre in Bongawan is urgent as the area is frequently hit by floods," he told reporters.

He confirmed that the centre will include toilets, bathrooms, and cooking areas for volunteers from the Social Welfare Department to prepare meals.

Ahmad Zahid earlier visited and extended condolences to those affected by the landslide in Kampung Mook, Kinarut, which claimed two lives on September 15.

He also visited flood and landslide victims in several districts, including Papar, Membakut, and Bongawan.

Funding has been allocated for the Bongawan project, and the government will expedite its construction following established procedures and regulations.

This will be Sabah's second permanent evacuation centre, after the Selagon facility in Beaufort which began operations last year.

The centre will also function as a community activity hub during non-flood seasons.

"We already have the model in Selagon and may further improve Bongawan's centre in terms of size and facilities," he added.

The government also aims to build similar centres in other Sabah districts, subject to allocations from the Finance Ministry.

Ahmad Zahid assured that the government stands ready to assist flood and landslide victims who lost their homes through rebuilding or repair efforts.

He extended condolences to the families of the landslide victims and thanked the state government, NGOs, and all agencies for their swift rescue and assistance efforts.
– Bernama

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Mangsa banjir Sabah menurun kepada 2,403 setakat petang ini



18 September 2025

KOTA KINABALU: Jumlah mangsa banjir di Sabah dilaporkan menurun kepada 2,403 setakat jam 7 petang tadi, berbanding 3,036 orang dalam tempoh sama malam tadi.

Menurut laporan Info Bencana Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat (JKM), jumlah itu melibatkan 775 keluarga yang kini ditempatkan di 19 pusat pemindahan sementara (PPS) di enam daerah terjejas termasuk Putatan, Beaufort, Membakut, Papar, Penampang dan Sipitang.

Membakut mencatatkan jumlah tertinggi dengan 927 mangsa daripada 279 keluarga ditempatkan di lima PPS antaranya SMK Bongawan, SMK St.Patrick dan Dewan Masyarakat Bongawan selain Dewan Pei Yien serta Dewan Kesenian Islam Membakut.

Daerah Penampang pula merekodkan 630 mangsa daripada 215 keluarga di lapan PPS, manakala Beaufort dengan 274 mangsa melibatkan 88 keluarga ditempatkan di Pusat Pemindahan Kekal Selagon.

Selain itu, Putatan yang sebelum ini mencatat mangsa tertinggi kini dilaporkan menurun kepada 93 orang membabitkan 29 keluarga di PPS Dewan SMK Petagas.

Di Papar, seramai 190 mangsa daripada 60 keluarga direkodkan di satu PPS, manakala Sipitang dengan 289 mangsa melibatkan 104 keluarga di tiga PPS.

Sementara itu, jumlah mangsa tanah runtuh di dua daerah iaitu Penampang dan Papar direkodkan 66 orang melibatkan 14 keluarga di empat PPS.

Dewan Gawir di Madsiang, Penampang diaktifkan pagi tadi susulan hakisan dan kejadian tanah runtuh yang melanda kawasan itu.

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16 agensi di KL terlibat simulasi bencana tanah runtuh sebagai persediaan

Oleh Nurayuni Jahari - 19 September 2025



Ketua Jabatan Keselamatan Dalam Negeri Dan Ketenteraman Awam Polis Kuala Lumpur, Senior Asisten Komisioner, Khalid Saion ditemui selepas sidang media di kawasan berbukit, bertentangan Fairview International School, Seksyen 6, Wangsa Maju hari ini.

KUALA LUMPUR – Simulasi tanah runtuh siri 1/2025 yang dilaksanakan dekat kawasan berbukit di Wangsa Maju di sini berjalan dengan baik sebagai persediaan menghadapi bencana yang sama sekitar ibu negara.

Ketua Jabatan Keselamatan Dalam Negeri Dan Ketenteraman Awam Polis Kuala Lumpur, Senior Asisten Komisioner, Khalid Saion berkata, sebanyak 16 agensi terlibat dalam simulasi itu dan berharap latihan tersebut akan dipraktikkan apabila berlaku bencana sebenar.

Antara agensi terlibat adalah Jabatan Bomba dan Penyelamat Malaysia (JBPM) ; Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL), Jabatan Pertahanan Awam Malaysia (JPAM) ; Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) dan Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat (JKM).

"Simulasi ini turut diadakan bertujuan menguji kesiapan semua agensi termasuk daripada segi pergerakan logistik. Logistik apa yang kita atur gerak apabila berlaku sesuatu bencana.

"Kawasan berbukit ini juga dipilih sebagai lokasi simulasi memandangkan pernah berlaku tanah runtuh pada tahun lalu," katanya ketika ditemui di kawasan berbukit bertentangan Fairview International School, Seksyen 6, Wangsa Maju hari ini.



Terdahulu, katanya, simulasi itu bermula pukul 8 pagi diketuai Polis Kuala Lumpur dengan disertai seramai 500 pegawai dan anggota dari pelbagai agensi terlibat.

"Berdasarkan latihan itu, kita dapati masa yang diambil selepas sesuatu bencana dilaporkan telah menerima respon pantas semua pihak.

"Semua jabatan apabila dihubungi menerusi talian kecemasan di balai dan MERS 999 telah hadir ke lokasi dengan kadar masa yang cepat," jelasnya.

Pada masa sama, Khalid turut menasihati orang ramai terutamanya pendaki-pendaki kawasan berbukit agar sentiasa cakna dengan keadaan cuaca semasa terutama ketika hujan atau ribut petir. – MalaysiaGazette

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2 pelajar tingkatan satu tampar rakan dikenakan bon berkelakuan baik

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SALAH seorang dua pelajar sekolah hadir di Mahkamah Majistret Kajang atas kesalahan menampar rakan sekelas di sebuah pusat beli-belah pada tarikh 30 Julai yang lalu. FOTO Hazreen Mohamad

Kajang: Dua pelajar lelaki tingkatan satu yang tular menampar rakan sekelas, dikenakan perintah bon berkelakuan baik selama setahun tanpa cagaran oleh Mahkamah Majistret di sini, hari ini.

Majistret Fatin Dayana Jalil memerintahkan demikian terhadap kedua-dua pesalah juvana berusia 13 tahun itu selepas meneliti laporan akhlak yang dikemukakan Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat (JKM).

Selain bon berkelakuan baik tanpa cagaran, mahkamah mengekalkan wang jaminan RM500 dengan seorang penjamin.

Peguam Lee Tee Kiat yang mewakili remaja itu ketika ditemui selepas prosiding berkata, antara rayuan pihaknya semasa prosiding ialah anak guamnya sudah memohon maaf dan berjanji tidak akan mengulangi kesalahan sama pada masa akan datang.

"Mereka masih muda berusia 13 tahun dan sepanjang tempoh prosiding ini, mereka dengan kerjasama ibu bapa mengambil inisiatif mengikuti kaunseling. Beri peluang dan mereka boleh dibentuk dengan bimbingan.

"Mahkamah kemudian bersetuju dengan cadangan pihak JKJ untuk kedua-dua pelajar menjalani perintah bon berkelakuan baik selama setahun," katanya.

Katanya, mahkamah mengenakan perintah itu selepas anak guamnya mengekalkan pengakuan bersalah mereka yang dibuat dalam prosiding secara tertutup pada 6 Ogos lalu.

Pendakwa kes dikendalikan oleh Timbalan Pendakwa Raya Muhammad Syafiq Mohd Zubairin.

Mengikut pertuduhan, mereka bersama-sama didapati berkelakuan kurang sopan dengan cara menampar seorang pelajar lelaki berusia 13 tahun di tempat awam bagi tujuan mengganggu keamanan.

Kesalahan dilakukan di sebuah pusat beli-belah di sini, kira-kira 11 pagi pada 30 Julai lalu.

Pertuduhan dikemukakan mengikut Seksyen 14 Akta Kesalahan-Kesalahan Kecil 1955 dan Seksyen 34 Kanun Keseksaan yang memperuntukkan hukuman denda tidak melebihi RM100 jika sabit kesalahan.

Sebelum ini media melaporkan, empat pelajar lelaki ditahan bagi membantu siasatan berhubung kes pukul rakan sekelas di sebuah pusat beli-belah di Kajang.

Mereka bagaimanapun dibebaskan dengan jaminan polis selepas diambil keterangan pada 2 Ogos lalu.

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Lelaki ditahan didakwa amang seksual kanak-kanak

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Gambar hiasan

Kulai: Polis menahan lelaki tempatan bagi membantu siasatan kes amang seksual terhadap kanak-kanak perempuan pada minggu lalu.

Ketua Polis Daerah Kulai, Asisten Komisioner Tan Seng Lee berkata, suspek berusia 32 tahun itu ditahan di sekitar sini pada 5.45 petang tadi.

Menurutnya, suspek akan dibawa ke Mahkamah Majistret Kulai, esok untuk mendapatkan perintah tahanan reman.

"Semakan lanjut mendapati suspek mempunyai tiga rekod kesalahan lampau berkaitan jenayah seksual," katanya dalam kenyataan.

Terdahulu, beliau berkata, pihaknya menerima laporan daripada wanita berusia 57 tahun pada 9.29 malam 14 Sept lalu, mendakwa cucu perempuannya berusia sembilan tahun sembilan bulan dicabul kira-kira 7.30 malam.

Katanya, pengadu mendakwa perbuatan dilakukan suspek ketika mangsa berada dalam tandas awam di Jalan Jambu Air di sini.

"Kes disiasat mengikut Seksyen 14(a) Akta Kesalahan-kesalahan Seksual Terhadap Kanak-kanak 2017," katanya yang memaklumkan pihaknya turut menyiasat pembabitian suspek dengan kes jenayah lain.

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Anggota polis membawa Mohd. Fariz untuk didakwa atas pertuduhan melakukan amang seksual fizikal terhadap seorang kanak-kanak perempuan di Mahkamah Sesyen Kota Bharu hari ini. Foto oleh KAMARUL BISMI KAMARUZAMAN/KOSMO!

Lelaki pakai kostum kartun mengaku 'sentuh' budak di Pantai Irama

Oleh ROSALWANI CHE SOH | 18 September 2025, 12:29 pm

KOTA BHARU – Seorang penganggur mengaku bersalah di Mahkamah Sesyen di sini hari ini atas tuduhan melakukan amang seksual fizikal terhadap kanak-kanak perempuan berusia enam tahun di Pantai Irama, Bachok dekat sini minggu lalu.

Tertuduh, Mohd. Fariz Ibrahim, 37, membuat pengakuan itu selepas pertuduhan terhadapnya dibacakan di hadapan Hakim Nik Habri Muhammad.

Mengikut pertuduhan, lelaki itu didakwa melakukan perkara terkutuk tersebut terhadap mangsa berusia enam tahun empat bulan di taman permainan Pantai Irama, Bachok pada pukul 6.20 petang, 11 September lalu.

Sabit kesalahan, Mohd. Fariz boleh dihukum penjara tidak lebih 20 tahun dan sebatan di bawah Seksyen 14(a) Akta Kesalahan-kesalahan Seksual Terhadap Kanak-kanak 2017

Timbalan Pendakwa Raya, Ahmad Faiz Fitri Mohamad tidak mencadangkan jaminan terhadap tertuduh kerana kesalahan itu serius melibatkan jenayah seksual terhadap kanak-kanak.

Mahkamah tidak membenarkan tertuduh diikat jamin dan menetapkan 23 Oktober ini untuk sebutan fakta kes dan hukuman.

Sebelum ini Kosmo! Online melaporkan seorang lelaki yang memakai kostum kartun ditahan selepas disyaki melakukan amang seksual fizikal terhadap kanak-kanak perempuan berusia enam tahun di Pantai Irama, Bachok pada 11 September lalu. – KOSMO! ONLINE

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Guru mengaku tidak bersalah lakukan amang seksual

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Mudir sebuah pondok di Kelantan yang dikenali sebagai Abuya dihadapkan ke Mahkamah Sesyen Kuala Terengganu, di sini, hari ini atas dua pertuduhan melakukan amang seksual fizikal terhadap seorang remaja lelaki. - Foto NSTP/Ghazali Kori

KUALA TERENGGANU: Seorang guru agama mengaku tidak bersalah di Mahkamah Sesyen di sini hari ini, atas dua pertuduhan melakukan amang seksual terhadap seorang kanak-kanak lelaki pada Februari lalu.

Mohamad Aswadi Yah, 46, didakwa melakukan perbuatan itu terhadap mangsa berusia 14 tahun di sebuah rumah di sini pada 9 malam 15 Februari.

Pertuduhan dibuat mengikut Seksyen 14(a) dan 14(b) Akta Kesalahan-Kesalahan Seksual Terhadap Kanak-Kanak 2017 dan boleh dihukum di bawah Seksyen 14 akta sama yang memperuntukkan hukuman penjara maksimum 20 tahun dan sebatan, jika sabit kesalahan.

Timbalan Pendakwa Raya Nur Nabihah Hanin Ayim menawarkan jaminan RM20,000 bagi dua pertuduhan dengan syarat tambahan dilarang mendekati mangsa dan mengganggu saksi pendakwaan.

Peguam Mohd Irwan Sumadi mewakili lelaki itu memohon jaminan minimum kerana Mohamad Aswadi menanggung keluarga termasuk isteri yang menghidap penyakit darah tinggi.

Hakim Wan Nor Aklima Wan Salleh membenarkan jaminan RM18,000 dengan seorang penjamin bagi dua pertuduhan dan menetapkan 5 November untuk sebutan semula kes. – BERNAMA

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Kanak-kanak 12 tahun maut dibaham buaya

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Kanak-kanak lelaki berusia 12 tahun maut selepas dibaham buaya ketika melakukan aktiviti menjala di sungai berhampiran Kampung Empila.

KOTA SAMARAHAN: Seorang kanak-kanak lelaki berusia 12 tahun maut selepas dibaham buaya ketika melakukan aktiviti menjala di sungai berhampiran Kampung Empila, di sini pagi tadi.

Dalam kejadian jam 7.53 pagi itu, mangsa, Arif Fahmi Aiman Mohd Tinggal, dilaporkan sedang menebar jala dari dalam perahu kira-kira 10 meter dari sebuah bot pemancing.



Menurut saksi dia terdengar jeritan mangsa sebelum melihat perahu berkenaan kosong tanpa kelibat mangsa dan kemudiannya bergegas ke lokasi untuk melakukan pencarian awal namun gagal sebelum menghubungi talian kecemasan

Jurucakap Pusat Gerakan Operasi (PGO) Bomba Sarawak berkata, sepasukan anggota dari Balai Bomba Kota Samarahan diarah untuk ke lokasi kejadian sejurus menerima panggilan kecemasan.

"Anggota tiba jam 8.20 pagi dengan kekuatan lapan anggota bersama sebuah jentera FRT, sebuah pacuan empat roda dan sebuah bot penyelamat.



"Pada jam 9.50 pagi, mangsa berjaya ditemui kira-kira 10 meter dari lokasi dia dilihat kali terakhir dengan kesan gigitan buaya pada bahagian dada dan badan," katanya dalam kenyataan.

Mayat mangsa dibawa ke Jeti Kampung Niup dan kemudiannya diserahkan kepada pihak polis untuk tindakan lanjut.

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TAJUK : DUA PELAJAR TAMPAR RAKAN DIPERINTAH BON BERKELAKUAN BAIK SETAHUN

HARI : JUMAAT

AKHBAR : BERITA HARIAN

TARIKH : 19 SEPTEMBER 2025

M/SURAT : 17

TONE : NEGATIF

SEKTOR : KPWKM

Dua pelajar tampar rakan diperintah bon berkelakuan baik setahun

Kajang: Dua pelajar lelaki Tingkatan Satu yang menampar rakan sekelas dikenakan perintah bon berkelakuan baik selama setahun tanpa cagaran oleh Mahkamah Majistret di sini, semalam.

Majistret Fatin Dayana Jalil memerintahkan demikian terhadap kedua-dua pesalah juvana berusia 13 tahun itu selepas meneliti laporan akhlak yang dikemukakan Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat (JKM).

Selain bon berkelakuan baik tanpa cagaran, mahkamah mengekalkan wang jaminan RM500 dengan seorang penjamin.

Peguam Lee Tee Kiat yang mewakili remaja itu ketika ditemui selepas prosiding berkata, antara rayuan pihaknya semasa prosiding ialah anak guamnya sudah memohon maaf dan berjanji tidak akan mengulangi kesalahan sama pada masa akan datang.

"Mereka masih muda berusia 13 tahun dan sepanjang tempoh prosiding ini, mereka dengan kerjasama ibu bapa mengambil inisiatif mengikuti kaunseling. Beri peluang dan mereka boleh dibentuk dengan bimbingan.

"Mahkamah kemudian bersetuju dengan cadangan pihak JKJ untuk kedua-dua pelajar menjalani perintah bon berkelakuan baik selama setahun," katanya.

Katanya, mahkamah mengenakan perintah itu selepas anak guamnya mengekalkan pengakuan bersalah mereka yang dibuat dalam prosiding secara tertutup pada 6 Ogos lalu.

Pendakwa kes dikendalikan Timbalan Pendakwa Raya Muhammad Syafiq Mohd Zulfahrin.

Mengikut pertuduhan, mereka bersama-sama didapati berkelakuan kurang sopan dengan cara menampar seorang pelajar lelaki berusia 13 tahun di tempat awam bagi tujuan mengganggu keamanan.

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TAJUK : PENCERAMAH KENA 15 TAHUN ROGOL BUDAK

HARI : JUMAAT

AKHBAR : BERITA HARIAN

TARIKH : 19 SEPTEMBER 2025

M/SURAT : 19

TONE : NEGATIF

SEKTOR : KPWKM

Penceramah kena 15 tahun rogol budak

Kuala Lumpur: Seorang penceramah bebas dijatuhi hukuman penjara 15 tahun dan tiga sebatan oleh Mahkamah Sesyen di sini semalam selepas didapati bersalah merogol dan melakukan amang seksual fizikal terhadap seorang kanak-kanak perempuan berusia 13 tahun, empat tahun lalu.

Hakim Noridah Adam menjatuhkan hukuman itu terhadap Muhammad Fathi Na'im Mazlam atau dikenali Ustaz Fathi Naim selepas mendapati tertuduh gagal menimbulkan sebarang keraguan munasabah pada akhir kes pembelaan.

"Setelah mendengar hujahan daripada kedua-dua pihak, mahkamah berpuas hati dengan keterangan yang diberikan

sepanjang perbicaraan. Tertuduh didapati bersalah dan disabitkan dengan ketiga-tiga pertuduhan," kata hakim itu.

Mahkamah menjatuhkan hukuman penjara 15 tahun dan satu sebatan bagi setiap pertuduhan serta memerintahkan ketiga-tiga hukuman penjara berjalan serentak bermula semalam.

Mengikut pertuduhan pertama dan kedua, dia didakwa merogol seorang kanak-kanak perempuan yang ketika itu berusia 13 tahun di dalam sebuah kenderaan yang di parkir Dataran Eco World, Bandar Baru Puncak Alam, Kuala Selangor, Selangor pada 3 dan 7 petang, awal Julai dan 27 Julai 2021.

Dia didakwa mengikut Seksyen 376(1) Kanun Keseksaan

yang membawa hukuman penjara maksimum 20 tahun dan sebatan.

Bapa lapan anak itu turut didakwa atas satu lagi pertuduhan melakukan amang seksual fizikal terhadap kanak-kanak sama, di tempat sama pada Jun 2021 dan didakwa mengikut Seksyen 14(a) Akta Kesalahan-Kesalahan Seksual Terhadap Kanak-Kanak 2017 yang membawa hukuman penjara maksimum 20 tahun dan sebatan.

Timbalan Pendakwa Raya (TPR) Nur Ayuni Jamri memohon mahkamah menjatuhkan hukuman penjara maksimum terhadap tertuduh.

"Perbuatannya yang sanggup merogol seorang kanak-kanak di bawah umur menunjukkan dia

tidak mengendahkan undang-undang dan hukum agama.

"Dia juga tidak mempunyai sifat ihsan serta belas kasihan terhadap kanak-kanak itu dan sanggup mengambil kesempatan terhadap mangsa," katanya yang mengendalikan kes bersama-sama TPR Nurul Jannah Aimi dan Nurul Izzati Mohamad.

Tertuduh yang tidak diwakili peguam, merayu hukuman ringan atas alasan mempunyai sakit slipped disc atau cakram gelincir selain perlu menanggung tiga isteri serta lapan anak yang masih kecil dan bersekolah.

Bagaimanapun, mahkamah menolak rayuan tertuduh untuk menangguhkan pelaksanaan hukuman penjara. BERNAMA

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TAJUK : PERCERAIAN TURUT BERI KESAN DOMINO PEMBANGUNAN NEGARA

HARI : JUMAAT

AKHBAR : BERITA HARIAN

TARIKH : 19 SEPTEMBER 2025

M/SURAT : 13

TONE : NEUTRAL

SEKTOR : KPWK

Perceraian turut beri kesan domino pembangunan negara

Shawn Christien Fabian, Kampung Toboh Laut, Keningau

Kesan perceraian paling dirasai anak yang menjadi mangsa kemelut rumah tangga ibu bapa mereka. Ia memberikan kesan negatif terhadap perkembangan sosial dan emosional anak.

Sebahagian besar anak menghadapi kesukaran dalam membina konsep diri, mengawal emosi serta gagal menjalin hubungan baik dengan rakan sebaya dan persekitaran mereka. Antara punca utama perceraian ialah faktor personaliti, masalah seksualiti, kelemahan komunikasi, campur tangan pihak ketiga, penyalahgunaan dadah, kurang didikan agama, pengabaian tanggungjawab dan pasangan ditinggalkan.

Malah, penemuan terkini juga mendapati gangguan sihir turut menyumbang kepada perceraian, terutama dalam kalangan dewasa pertengahan. Suasana keluarga tidak harmoni, sering bertengkar dan suami mengabaikan tanggungjawab menjadi pemangkin kepada perpisahan.

Perceraian memberi kesan psikologi mendalam kepada anak. Mereka sering berhadapan keresahan, kemurungan serta trauma yang boleh berpanjangan seumur hidup.

Kehilangan ibu atau bapa secara fizikal akibat hak penjagaan menjarakkan hubungan kekeluargaan, sekali gus menjejaskan perkembangan emosi anak. Lebih buruk, kesan sampingan seperti terpaksa berpindah sekolah atau menukar persekitaran hidup semakin menekan anak kerana perlu menyesuaikan diri dengan suasana baharu.

Ketiadaan penjagaan serta kasih sayang yang lengkap menyebabkan kanak-kanak membesar dalam persekitaran tidak stabil.

Menurut teori Abraham Maslow, keperluan asas seperti kasih sayang, rasa aman, makanan dan tempat tinggal adalah penting bagi kesejahteraan individu. Namun, perceraian menyebabkan keperluan ini sering terabai.

Remaja daripada keluarga bercerai menunjukkan penurunan kematangan sosial, kemurungan lebih teruk serta pencapaian akademik lebih rendah berbanding rakan sebaya.

Mereka juga berasa bimbang masa depan, sedih dengan kehilangan dan ada menyalahkan diri sendiri atas perceraian ibu bapa mereka. Perbezaan

Remaja lelaki dilaporkan lebih tertekan berbanding perempuan kerana kurang mendapat sokongan ibu bapa, guru dan rakan. Pelajar perempuan lebih terbuka meluahkan emosi melalui tangisan dan perkongsian perasaan, manakala pelajar lelaki cenderung menunjukkan emosi luaran berbentuk agresif dan kemarahan.

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Stigma masyarakat

Situasi ini menggambarkan bagaimana gender turut memainkan peranan dalam cara remaja menyesuaikan diri dengan trauma perceraian.

Walaupun kaunseling dan terapi amat penting untuk membantu mangsa perceraian, penerimaan terhadap perkhidmatan ini masih terbatas, terutama di pedalaman. Stigma masyarakat terhadap isu kesihatan mental menjadi penghalang utama remaja mendapatkan bantuan.

Ramai berasa malu, bimbang dilabel bermasalah atau beranggapan bahawa kaunseling hanya untuk kes berat seperti jenayah dan keruntuhan akhlak. Kurangnya kesedaran dan pemahaman dalam ka-

langan masyarakat pedalaman juga menyebabkan pesakit enggan mendapatkan rawatan. Akhirnya, keadaan mereka semakin memburuk tanpa intervensi sepatutnya.

Dalam menangani isu ini, peranan keluarga dan rakan sebaya sangat penting. Keluarga sebagai institusi sosial pertama memberi kesan besar terhadap nilai dan tingkah laku individu.

Kurangnya pemantauan dan komunikasi ibu bapa hanya akan meningkatkan tingkah laku devian dalam kalangan remaja, manakala pengabaian pendidikan agama menyebabkan mereka menolak bantuan kaunseling, termasuk kaunseling Islam yang sebenarnya boleh menjadi wadah pemulihan jiwa.

Sekiranya keadaan ini berterusan, hasrat membina masyarakat Madani akan terjejas. Masyarakat sejahtera sepatutnya bermula daripada institusi keluarga yang kukuh. Bagaimana mungkin terbina bangsa berjaya besar jika anak-anak dibesarkan dalam keadaan emosi rapuh dan mental tertekan?

Hakikatnya, perceraian bukan sahaja menggugat kebahagiaan keluarga, bahkan memberi kesan domino terhadap pembangunan negara.



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TAJUK : TAMBAH BAIK PROSEDUR KERJA PENGENDALIAN BENCANA

HARI : JUMAAT

AKHBAR : HARIAN METRO

TARIKH : 19 SEPTEMBER 2025

M/SURAT : 09

TONE : POSITIF

SEKTOR : KPWK

Papar: Kerajaan Persekutuan menjadikan banjir dan tanah runtuh yang melanda Sabah, baru-baru ini, sebagai panduan dan templat untuk menambah baik prosedur kerja pengendalian serta menyelamatkan ketika bencana.

Timbalan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi berkata, hasil tinjauannya ke pusat penempatan sementara (PPS) di kawasan terjejas, beliau melihat keperluan membuat penambahbaikan.

"Ini satu pengalaman yang mungkin harus dijadikan sebagai satu 'template' atau acuan supaya manual (kerja) menyelamat atau melakukan kerja semasa banjir dapat dilakukan dengan cepat.

"Ini sebagaimana yang sedang kita lihat di tujuh daerah yang mengalami banjir di Sabah," katanya ketika ditemui selepas melawat waris kejadian tanah runtuh Kampung Mook di PPS Kampung Mook, di si-

Tambah baik prosedur kerja pengendalian bencana

ni, semalam.

Turut hadir, Pengarah Yayasan Sabah merangkap Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri (ADUN) Kawang, Datuk Ghulam Haidar Khan Bahadar, ADUN Limbahau, Datuk Juil Nuatim dan Setiausaha Kerajaan Negeri, Datuk Sr Safar Untong.

Ahmad Zahid yang juga Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Pengurusan Bencana Pusat berkata, terdapat keperluan menambah Pusat Penempatan Kekal (PPK) di negeri ini.

Susulan itu, kerajaan akan membina sebuah lagi PPK di Bongawan selain di Selagon. Beaufort bagi menempatkan mangsa terjejas banjir.

Katanya, pembinaan itu akan dimulakan pada tahun ini berikutan peruntukan sudah diperolehi namun pada masa sama perlu mengikut prosedur sedia ada.

"Lokasinya akan kami



AHMAD Zahid menyantuni keluarga mangsa tanah runtuh di Kampung Mook, Kinarut. Jude Aristhodie Joseph, 48, (tiga dari kiri) yang mengorbankan isteri, Emily Johnny, 38, dan anaknya, Xarel Myre Jude, 11, dalam kejadian isnin lalu.

bincangkan dengan Setiausaha Kerajaan Negeri dan Pegawai Daerah. Saya me-

lakukan lawatan ke beberapa PPS.

"Saya dapati Bongawan

adalah salah satu kawasan yang sering banjir dan keperluan untuk membina

PPK itu sangat penting.

"Selain itu saya akan mengadakan perbincangan untuk kawasan dan daerah lain juga di Sabah untuk membina PPK.

"Ia bergantung pada peruntukan yang akan disalurkan oleh Kementerian Kewangan (MOF) kepada Agensi Pengurusan Bencana Negara (NADMA)," katanya.

Ditanya kaedah mengatasi masalah tanah runtuh yang kritikal di Sabah, sehingga kehilangan nyawa dan kediaman, beliau berkata, pihaknya akan berbincang bersama Jabatan Mineral dan Geosains (JMG) berhubung isu terbabit.

"Kita bekerja secara rapat dengan JMG. Mereka sudah mengenal pasti beberapa kawasan yang perlu (dipantau) berdasarkan nasihat mereka.

"Kerajaan akan berbincang perkara ini," katanya.

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TAJUK : TIDAK ADA UNSUR DERA, ABAI

HARI : JUMAAT

AKHBAR : HARIAN METRO

TARIKH : 19 SEPTEMBER 2025

M/SURAT : 13

TONE : POSITIF

SEKTOR : KPWKM

Tidak ada unsur dera, abai

Tindakan kanak-kanak kembar tidur di kaki lima bertujuan kandungan

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Pihak berkuasa tidak menemui unsur penderaan atau pengabaian dalam kes dua kanak-kanak lelaki kembar didakwa dibiarkan tidur di kaki lima oleh ibu tiri di sebuah flat di Balik Pulau di sini.

Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Pembangunan Sosial, Kebajikan, dan Hal Ehwal Bukan Islam negeri, Lim Siew Khim berkata pihaknya memberikan sesi kaunseling kepada kembar dan ibu bapa mereka dan tiada penderaan atau pengabaian berlaku dalam kes ini.

"Kanak-kanak tersebut gembira dan tidak mempunyai masalah dengan bapa dan ibu tiri mereka," katanya ketika ditemui semalam.

Dilaporkan pada Selasa lalu pihak berkuasa sedang menyasat kes dua kanak-kanak lelaki kembar berusia lapan tahun, yang didakwa dibiarkan tidur di kaki lima oleh ibu tiri mereka di sebuah flat di Balik Pulau.

Siasatan dijalankan polis dan Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat (JKM) di bawah Akta Kanak-Kanak 2001 (Akta 611).

"Kami diberitahu ia adalah untuk kandungan kerana kanak-kanak itu gemar akan kandungan yang mereka lihat di platform media sosial"

Lim Siew Khim

Lim berkata tindakan kanak-kanak kembar didakwa dibiarkan tidur di kaki lima oleh ibu tiri mereka adalah untuk tujuan kandungan.

"Kami diberitahu ia adalah untuk kandungan kerana kanak-kanak itu gemar akan kandungan yang mereka lihat di platform media sosial.

"Kesilapannya ialah kandungan itu dimuat naik dalam talian, yang menimbulkan kontroversi," tambahnya.

Insiden itu tular di laman Facebook menunjukkan kanak-kanak itu dalam keadaan kelihatan terabai di sebuah pangsapuri di Balik Pulau.

Sehubungan itu warga net menuntut keadilan untuk dua anak kandungnya selepas mendakwa mereka dianiaya oleh ibu tiri berusia 39 tahun.

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TAJUK : [MAN CLAIMS TRIAL TO RAPING STEPDAUGHTER](#)

HARI : [JUMAAT](#)

AKHBAR : [NEW STRAITS TIMES](#)

TARIKH : [19 SEPTEMBER 2025](#)

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TONE : [NEGATIF](#)

SEKTOR : [KPWKM](#)

APRIL INCIDENT

Man claims trial to raping stepdaughter

SUNGAI PETANI: A home repairman, 51, pleaded not guilty at the Sessions Court here yesterday to a charge of raping his teenage stepdaughter in Kota Kuala Muda in April.

The accused entered his plea before judge Najwa Che Mat after the charge was read to him.

He is accused of raping his 14-year-old stepdaughter at midnight on April 3.

The offence falls under Section 376(3) of the Penal Code, which carries a maximum 30 years' jail and at least 10 strokes of the cane, upon conviction.

Deputy public prosecutor Banusha Jegathesan appeared for the prosecution, while the accused was unrepresented.

The court granted bail of RM15,000 with one surety and imposed conditions that he must not harass the victim or prosecution witnesses, either directly or through a third party.

He must also report to the nearest police station once a month.

The court fixed Nov 3 for mention.

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TAJUK : PREACHER SENT TO PRISON FOR 15 YEARS FOR RAPING GIRL

HARI : JUMAAT

AKHBAR : NEW STRAITS TIMES

TARIKH : 19 SEPTEMBER 2025

M/SURAT : 10

TONE : NEGATIF

SEKTOR : KPWK

STAY OF EXECUTION REJECTED

Preacher sent to prison for 15 years for raping girl

KUALA LUMPUR: A preacher was sent to prison yesterday to begin serving a 15-year sentence after the Sessions Court rejected his request for a stay of execution.

Judge Noridah Adam dismissed the application of Muhammad Fathi Na'im Mazlam, 33, who was found guilty of two rape charges and one count of sexual assault against a 13-year-old girl four years ago.

Noridah ruled that Fathi, who had defended himself during the trial, had failed to raise reasonable doubt at the end of the defence case.

She said she was satisfied that the prosecution had proven its case beyond reasonable doubt after a maximum evaluation of the evidence presented by witnesses and Fathi, who was the sole defence witness.

In addition to his prison term, Fathi was also ordered to be caned three times.

Fathi, who mitigated on his own as he did not have legal representation, pleaded for a lighter

sentence on the grounds that he is the sole breadwinner of his family.

He told the court he has three wives and eight young, school-going children.

Earlier, deputy public prosecutor Nur 'Ayuni Jamri urged the court to impose a harsh penalty due to the prevalence of sexual offences against children and the need to protect public interest.

Fathi was charged with two counts of raping a girl who was 13 at the time between 3am and 7pm in a car at a car park in Bandar Baru Puncak Alam in early July 2021 and on July 27, 2021.

The charge, under Section 376(1) of the Penal Code, carries a maximum 20-year jail term and whipping upon conviction.

He was also charged with one count of sexual assault against the same victim in a car at the same location in June 2021.

The offence, under Section 14(a) of the Sexual Offences Against Children Act, provides for imprisonment of up to 20

years and whipping if convicted.

The trial, which began in September 2023 and concluded on Jan 22 this year, heard testimony from six witnesses, including the victim. The defence proceedings began on July 25.

In Ipoh, a former tahfiz school teacher was acquitted and discharged by the Sessions Court in Ipoh after it ruled that the prosecution failed to establish a prima facie case against him.

The 29-year-old, who was also a former warden at the school, was charged with two counts of sexually assaulting a student five years ago.

He was freed without being called to enter his defence, and the court ordered his bail money be returned. Two people believed to be his parents were seen hugging him and crying as he walked out of the dock.

According to the charge sheet, the man faced amended charges for hugging and kissing a 13-year-old boy and rubbing his genitals against him.



Preacher Muhammad Fathi Na'im Mazlam will also be caned three times. NSTP PIC MOHAMAD SHAHRIL BADRI SAALI

Both acts were said to have occurred at the boys' hostel of the tahfiz school in Perak at 3am in February 2020.

The charges were made under Section 14(a) and Section 14(d) of the Sexual Offences Against Children Act, read together with Sec-

tion 16 of the same act.

In her judgement, judge Jean Sharmila Jesudason said the court found contradictions and inconsistencies in the prosecution's case that were not explained by either the police investigation or witness testimony.

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TAJUK : ZAHID: SABAH NEEDS MORE RELIEF CENTRES

HARI : JUMAAT

TARIKH : 19 SEPTEMBER 2025

TONE : POSITIF

AKHBAR : NEW STRAITS TIMES

M/SURAT : 09

SEKTOR : KPWK

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

ZAHID: SABAH NEEDS MORE RELIEF CENTRES

Permanent relief centres to be built in Bongawan and Selagon this year

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THE recent floods and landslides in Sabah will serve as a guide for the federal government to improve disaster management and rescue procedures.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, who is Central Disaster Manage-

ment Committee chairman yesterday said there was also a need to build more permanent relief centres in the state.

He added that the Rural and Regional Development Ministry would build a permanent relief centre in Bongawan in addition to one in Selagon, Beaufort.

He said the construction would start this year as the allocation had already been secured.

When asked about how the fed-



Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi visiting a flood victim at the Keramat Putatan temporary relief centre in Kota Kinabalu, yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

eral government would address the landslide issue in Sabah, Zahid said his office would discuss the matter with the Minerals and Geoscience Department.

Earlier, he visited a landslide victim's family at the Kampung Mook temporary relief centre.

At least 13 people, including seven children, have been killed in landslides across Sabah.

Floods have also hit Sarawak.

The number of those affected in both states up to 5pm yesterday stood at 3,390 people from 983 families at 30 temporary relief centres — an increase from 3,134 evacuees from 916 families recorded earlier in the day.

The National Disaster Command Centre said Membakut had the highest number of evacuees, where 1,085 people from 326 families took refuge at six centres.

In Penampang, 594 victims from 161 families were housed at eight centres, while 555 victims from 142 families were moved to four centres in Putatan.

In Papar, 344 evacuees from 101 families were placed at two centres, and Sipitang recorded 324 victims from 115 families at three centres. Beaufort saw 286 people from 91 families at one centre.

In Sarawak, Marudu recorded 13 victims from three families relocated to one centre.

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TAJUK : RELIGIOUS TRACHER CLAIMS TRIAL TO SEXUALLY ASSAULTING 14-YEAR-OLD BOY

HARI : JUMAAT

AKHBAR : THE BORNEO POST

TARIKH : 19 SEPTEMBER 2025

M/SURAT : 07

TONE : NEGATIF

SEKTOR : KPWK



The accused is escorted by police at the court. — Bernama photo

Religious teacher claims trial to sexually assaulting 14-year-old boy

KUALA TERENGGANU: A teacher of a religious school pleaded not guilty in the Sessions Court here yesterday to two counts of physical sexual assault.

Mohamad Aswadi Yah, 46, made the plea before Judge Wan Nor Aklima Wan Salleh.

He was charged with committing the offences, framed under sections 14(a) and 14(b) of the Sexual Offences Against Children Act 2017, on a 14-year-old boy at a house in Jalan

Pantai Batu Rakit, Kampung Mengabang Telong here at 9pm on Feb 15 this year. The charges carry a maximum jail sentence of 20 years and whipping, upon conviction. The court allowed him bail of RM18,000 with one surety for both charges and set Nov 5 for mention.

Deputy Public Prosecutor Nur Nabihah Hanin Ayim appeared for the prosecution, while Mohamad Aswadi was represented by lawyer Mohd Irwan Sumadi. — Bernama

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TAJUK :	SCHOOL HOLIDAY TURNS TRAGIC AS BOY, 12, KILLED BY CROC WHILE FISHING		
HARI :	JUMAAT	AKHBAR :	THE BORNEO POST
TARIKH :	19 SEPTEMBER 2025	M/SURAT :	01
TONE :	NEGATIF	SEKTOR :	KPWKM

School holiday turns tragic as boy, 12, killed by croc while fishing

KUCHING: "Mak, do you still love me?"

These were the final words of 12-year-old Arif Fahmi Aiman Mohammad Tinggal to his mother before he left home and was attacked and killed by a crocodile while fishing in Sungai Empila, Kota Samarahan yesterday morning.

His father Mohammad Tinggal Ali, 52, said he never expected his second child's surprising question would be a sign of his impending death.

"My wife told me Aiman suddenly asked her that question ... we were both puzzled why he said that. He was closer to his mother than to me," he said when met at Sarawak General Hospital.

"If his mother asked him to go buy rice or anything else, he would follow... but when we forbade him from going to the river to fish, there was no stopping him because it was his hobby."

Mohammad Tinggal said Arif, or Aiman as he was affectionately known, left the house around 6am to do his favourite activity before his friends, who were with him, realised he was missing.

A security guard at his son's school SK Empila, he said he only found out about the incident after receiving a call from his eldest child while he was at his farm.

"I immediately rushed back and sought help from a friend who had a boat. I tried my best by shouting the adhan to look for my son," said the father of three.



Bomba personnel hand over Aiman's body to police for further action.

"Not long after, the Bomba (Fire and Rescue Department) team arrived and used a grappling hook for the search. The second time they pulled, the hook got caught on his shirt ... and when they pulled him up, I saw my son's body and there were crocodile bite marks on his chest."

Unlike most children his age, Mohammad Tinggal said Aiman preferred spending his time at the river fishing and netting, an activity that had become a part of his life for the past two years.

"He even owned seven fishing nets for various types of river catches."

He said his son's friendly nature made him well-liked and able to get along with anyone, even befriending adult anglers in their 20s and 30s.

"If he got prawns, he would sell them. Once he earned up to RM70, and even yesterday (Sept 17) he made RM28 from his netting. It was his hobby, and he was happy because he could earn his own pocket money."

"As soon as school was out, he would go down to the river because he found peace there. Aiman was a rugged boy, he loved boat racing and fishing," he said. — Bernama

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TAJUK :	WOMEN GROUP URGED INCLUSION OF JKM SOCIAL WORKERS IN PROPOSED BILL		
HARI :	JUMAAT	AKHBAR :	THE BORNEO POST
TARIKH :	19 SEPTEMBER 2025	M/SURAT :	03
TONE :	POSITIF	SEKTOR :	KPWKM

Women group urges inclusion of JKM social workers in proposed Bill

KUCHING: Social workers with the Department of Social Welfare (JKM) should be included in the proposed Social Work Profession Bill expected to be tabled in Parliament, said the Sarawak Women for Women Society (SWWS).

SWWS president Dr Angie Garett said under the Child Act 2001, child protection officers employed by JKM are the only ones mandated to assess what is in the best interests of abused children and make recommendations to the court on what future action is needed.

"These social workers are also expected to work with the children and families to ensure the child's safety and, when

necessary, provide alternative care, journeying with the child until they are no longer needing specialised help.

"They also are the authority to monitor the standards of care in residential homes run by voluntary/private or faith groups," she said in a statement yesterday.

According to Angie, JKM officers also have powers under the Child Act 2001 to work with those under 18 who have been charged with abusing other children, working out what has led to this and how to effectively intervene to prevent recurrence.

Given these roles, she said it is both "surprising and worrying" that JKM officers are not to

be included in the proposed legislation to uplift the professionalism of employed social workers.

She noted that JKM social workers' role in child protection is a very skilled essential task requiring a deep understanding of children's needs, the dynamics of abuse, how to achieve change and the rights of both children and their families.

"Yet in Malaysia, we have far fewer posts in relation to our more advanced neighbours and we have no laws insisting all those employed are professionally trained and accountable as expected by Asean and global standards."

To protect children and others

facing abuse, Angie said it is essential all those employed as social workers, regardless of where they serve, are held to the same professional standards.

In earlier draft legislations since 2011, she said systems were to include having transition mechanisms in place to enable those in post to take training modules to reach the required standard within a generous time-frame and to allow others to be re-employed within the civil service, this being feasible as many currently in JKM entered through the Public Services Department (JPA).

"As for internal disciplinary procedures, other professions within government such as

counsellors, nurses and doctors are held accountable to their professions as well so why not social workers?" she asked.

She said SWWS, having been working to address violence against women and children for many years, respectfully recommends that the Social Work Profession Bill includes the public sector even if this means waiting until a Parliamentary sitting next year.

"Having waited many years for the legislation, it is important that the Bill has a holistic base and does not exclude the major employer of social workers—the government—especially when it is their officers who hold the most power over how children abused are helped."

She said the idea of passing a preliminary Bill with the intention of bringing a second one to Parliament later means years could pass compounding the current problem as, until legislation includes the public sector, JPA will not be mandated to recruit professionally trained people despite seven local universities producing approximately 400 graduates in social work every year.

"For the sake of the abused, vulnerable children, the government must ensure that those intervening to protect them meet international professional standards and that JKM is given the resources it needs and deserves to develop this crucial service," she added.

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TAJUK :	NEW DISASTER RELIEF CENTRE FOR BONGAWAN		
HARI :	JUMAAT	AKHBAR :	THE STAR
TARIKH :	19 SEPTEMBER 2025	M/SURAT :	07
TONE :	POSITIF	SEKTOR :	KPWKM

New disaster relief centre for Bongawan

KOTA KINABALU: A permanent disaster relief centre will be built in Bongawan under the Papar district in view of regular flooding incidents in the area, says Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi.

The Deputy Prime Minister said the exact location would be determined after a meeting between the National Disaster Management Agency (Nadma) and state officials.

He said the proposed relief centre could also be used for recreational and community activities during off-disaster periods and will be equipped with amenities such as bathrooms and a cooking area.

"Similar relief centres are also being considered for other districts but the number will depend on the allocation given by the Finance Ministry to Nadma," he said after visiting displaced landslide victims in Kampung Mook, Papar.

The Deputy Prime Minister said there were also calls for the government to provide houses for victims most affected by floods and landslides, especially those that were totally damaged.

"There will be further discussions to address these requests," he said.

Ahmad Zahid said the federal and state governments are working with the Mineral and Geoscience Department to advise



Personal perspective: Ahmad Zahid listening to Aristotle Jude Joseph and Xavier Junior Aristotle who lost two family members during a visit to landslide victims at Kampung Mook in Papar.

residents living at disaster or landslide-prone areas on their next course of precautionary action.

Earlier, when visiting landslide and flood victims, Ahmad Zahid

conveyed his sympathies and condolences to those who lost their loved ones to the disaster earlier this week.

"We thank rescuers and volunteers from the various agencies

and non-governmental organisations for their swift and efficient response in aiding victims.

"We should take this as a template for future rescue and emergency rescue initiatives," he said.



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TAJUK :	SKILLS AND SUPPORT FOR HOMEMAKERS
HARI :	JUMAAT
TARIKH :	19 SEPTEMBER 2025
AKHBAR :	THE STAR
M/SURAT :	01&06&09
SEKTOR :	KPWKM
STONE :	POSITIF

Skills and support for homemakers

Empowering homemakers with adequate resources is crucial, as studies show nine in 10 rely solely on husbands for income. Experts call for training, flexible work opportunities and EPF schemes to boost confidence and provide them with financial independence.

See reports on page 6 by TEH ATHIRA YUSOF and ARFA YUNUS



A full-time job: Homemaker Azza Azim, 38, often juggles preparing meals while taking care of her children (from left: Anisa (2yrs), Areeza, Azzah (12yrs), Areeza, Azzah (12yrs), and Anisa (2yrs)).
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Supporting homemakers

Special programmes provide skills for women's return to work

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PETALING JAYA After years of being in charge of their homes, homemakers need assistance to pull their skills when they decide to return to the workforce.

To prepare homemakers, Perutusan Sarik Banihi (Perseb), 0201, is working to empower them with skills and confidence. 500 core courses, 500 full-time courses and many members, aged 25 to 45, became full-time homemakers due to family commitments, often caring for both children and elderly parents.

"It is important to ensure they do not lose their talent. The path we currently pursue is to help them gain skills and confidence so they can gradually return to work or start small businesses," she said when contacted yesterday.

"Most of our members are highly educated but have had to put their careers on hold."

SRB helps them expand skills, network with peers and stay out of their comfort zones so they can gradually return to work or start small businesses," she said when contacted yesterday.

Statistics Department (DOSM) data as of January 2023 shows about three million out of 4.8 million women in total last year mostly worked in the home.

Research Institute (RSI) latest study, 'Homeworkers Pathways: The Care and Career Continuum in Women's Employment', found that homemakers expressed a desire to work for pay after through self-employment for its flexibility.

The RSI study also showed that nearly nine in 10 respondents rely primarily on their husbands for financial support - leaving them vulnerable to separation, withdrawal or sudden loss of income.

SRB, with more than 1,000 members nationwide, organises training sessions on marketing, copyrighting and small enterprise basics, as well as safety, health and social awareness.

Updates are shared via its website and social media.

While training fees are affordable, Sri Aziz said SRB also provides daycare facilities during programme to help mothers focus.

"We stressed that government and employers must understand unpaid care roles and provide flexible arrangements to ease homemakers' transition back into the labour market."

National Human Resource Organisation president Janna Izzah said homemakers can gain financial independence through targeted training and confidence-building.

"We always look for ways to help, whether through capital or entrepreneurial programmes."

"Many are not digitally savvy, so we teach them everything from organising their products to posting pictures and selling on social media," she said.

"The main challenge," she added, is changing mindsets.

"Sometimes their confidence is low. They don't themselves and feel fearful, especially after already investing time and money."

One way to build their confidence and giving them according to their interests," she said.

The organisation also offers skills training in baking, soap-making and selling, with flexible options such as online courses

to suit busy schedules.

"They are busy during the day and tired at night, so we schedule our training hours. At least this way, they can earn some income to support," Janna said.

She added that special women's programmes also provide social interaction and career possibilities.

"They get their motivation and slowly maybe one day, open their own shops. It all depends on their confidence and courage," she said.

Lecturer Malaya Gender Studies, senior lecturer Dr Lai Yee Yee said societal expectations and weak support systems contribute to women's low social standing, ranging from 0-100.

Learning remains the main reason women become homeworkers because families and society still expect women to be caregivers, while men are seen as breadwinners.

"The lack of flexible work and childcare at workplaces hinders the situation," she said.

"We need to change the stereotypes of homemakers as 'not contributing' or having 'a lot of free time' despite their work."

"This affects self-esteem. Domestic and care work is work and should be recognised as an occupation, albeit unpaid," she said.

To support financial independence, Lai called for investment in the care economy, longer maternity leave and flexible work.

"Sharing domestic and care work between men and women is key to dismantling the double burden women face."

Women who are underpaid and unseen

PETALING JAYA For many women, the decision to leave the workforce and become full-time homemakers is shaped less by choice and more by circumstances such as unaffordable childcare, inelastic working hours and low pay.

While the role is often dismissed as 'not real work', the women involved describe long hours of unpaid labour, emotional strain and a deep sense of invisibility.

For 37-year-old Zaharah Aze, the decision came after the birth of her second child as childcare costs were too high to afford.

"My last job paid less than RM1,000, so most of my salary would have gone to daycare anyway."

"So first I thought it was the right choice but now I feel stuck because I don't have my own income," she said when contacted yesterday.

"Every time I need something - even

small things like sanitary pads, I have to ask my husband, and it makes me feel like I have no bargaining power."

"People think I have no worth over time, but actually my day is filled with cooking, cleaning and caring for the kids."

"Sometimes I wonder if society will ever see this as real work," she added.

Some women have managed to find new avenues for income and confidence, often through community-based initiatives.

Hafiza Ibrahim, 45, said pursuing a digital marketing career surprised others.

"I used to think about how to leave the workforce, it's impossible to go back."

"But when I joined a community-based training programme in digital marketing, I realised I could start something from home," she said.

She shares runs a small online business selling homemade soaps, describing the experience as "rewarding" as she is able to

contribute financially again.

"My husband is supportive, but what really helped was having a group of women going through the same journey motivated each other."

"I will take care of the kids and the house, but at least now I also feel proud to say I'm helping and earning for myself."

"It's not just about the money, it's about the confidence it gives me," she added.

For Fazrah Mohd Azhar, 46, respect at the back of it - returns the hardest part.

Izzah shared that she left her job in retail a few years back due to demanding hours, hours and feeling guilty for not spending enough time with her children.

"But once I became a homemaker, I realised people don't really respect the role."

"Sometimes, someone says things like, 'Well, so nice, you don't have to work', as if my day is easy."

Experts urge for wives to be recognised, receive financial support

PETALING JAYA Economists have urged policymakers to formally recognise the contribution of homemakers to the economy, warning that the undervaluation of unpaid care work risks undermining Malaysia's long-term resilience.

Prof Barjozy, Kania, said lawmakers should be valued as skilled workers with structured benefits.

"We need to start by placing value on

them and treating them like skilled employees."

"They should have Employees Provident Fund (EPF) contributions, insurance and eventually progress towards market-based pensions," he said.

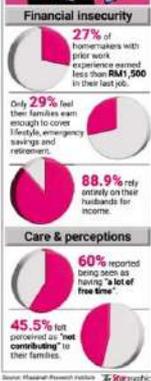
He noted that in Malaysia, the role of a homemaker is often equated with that of a domestic helper, typically paid around RM2,000.

"It is not the true value of a homemaker. In the UK and Canada, they have long moved beyond the era of domestic helpers."

"Besides her government, who not only care for children but also educate, support and accompany them in daily activities."

"Malaysia's working as government in the UK can earn up to RM50,000 a month," he said.

Prof Barjozy argued that Malaysia



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Income remains below RM2,000, compared to the poverty line of RM2,000.

"We are living beyond our means. This could mirror the United States, where personal debt takes governments to court."

On the implications for human capital, Prof Barjozy said the country risks losing highly qualified women who leave the workforce after marriage or childbirth.

"This is not just the loss of income but also managerial and professional capabilities."

"It creates a major gap in national human resources," he said, adding that over 70% of Malaysia's 17.5 million-strong workforce lacked specialised skills.

Prof Barjozy also called for greater flexibility to allow women to work from home, noting that such arrangements proved effective during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Assoc Prof Dr Ida Yasin of Putra Business School said Malaysia could unlock significant potential if homemakers and other unpaid caregivers were better supported.

"Many women want to work but cannot commit to an eight-to-five job."

"With flexible arrangements such as transition work or part-time jobs, they can contribute without leaving caregiving roles."

She said unpaid care work, including for elderly parents, remains absent from GDP calculations.

"This affects planning accuracy, especially as Malaysia becomes an ageing nation."

Dr Ida also pointed to initiatives such as IPPF's i-Sari scheme for housewives, which could be expanded.

"Care allowances or income security schemes are financially viable with the right framework. They could even include men caring for their parents," she said.

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Ustaz gets jail and rotan over rape of minor

KUALA LUMPUR: A freelance preacher will be serving a 15-year jail sentence and be given three strokes of the rotan after he was found guilty of raping and molesting a 13-year-old girl.

The Sessions Court held that Muhammad Fathi Na'im Mazlam, or better known as Ustaz Fathi Na'im, had failed to raise a reasonable doubt at the end of his defence case.

"After hearing submissions from both parties, the court is satisfied with the testimonies throughout the trial. The accused is found guilty and convicted of all three charges," Sessions judge Noridah Adam ruled yesterday.

The court then sentenced Ustaz Fathi Na'im to 15 years in jail and a stroke of the rotan for each of the charges.

Noridah ordered for all three sentences to run concurrently from the date of sentencing.

According to the first and second charge sheets, Ustaz Fathi Na'im had raped the minor, who was 13 then, inside a vehicle at the parking lot at Dataran Eco World, Bandar Baru Puncak Alam, Kuala Selangor, Selangor, on two occasions at 3pm and 7pm in July 2021.

He is convicted under Section 376(1) of the Penal Code which carries a maximum 20 years imprisonment and whipping.

He is also convicted of one count of molesting the same child at the same place in June 2021.

He was charged under Section 14(a) of the Sexual Offences Against Children Act 2017 which carries a maximum 20 years imprisonment and whipping.