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**PRESS STATEMENT**

**KUALA LUMPUR (20 OCTOBER 2023)** – The Children's Commissioner of the Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM) is dismayed with the footage from a dashboard video showing a child unexpectedly fell out of the back door of a moving car in Kota Bharu. This incident may be attributed to the absence of safety features in the vehicle.

Emphasizing the use of Child Restraint System (CRS) could prevent such incidents and possibly reduce the number of road fatalities involving children. The incontestable fact that a child restraining system greatly reduced road fatalities involving children should be accepted and normalised irrespective of existing solvable hurdles.

In the recent Budget 2024, the Government has announced that a total of 100,000 helmets, including for children will be supplied and distributed to underprivileged families. This is one of the proactive measures taken by the Ministry of Transport towards reducing the rate of death rate and fatalities in motor vehicle accidents. SUHAKAM also commends the Government's initiative providing a 50% subsidy for low-income families to acquire child safety seats as allocated in Budget 2022. Nevertheless, more needs to be done to increase the awareness on the importance of car seats for children.

The Children's Commissioner urges the Ministry of Transport and relevant enforcement agencies to enforce the usage of child safety seats as this is a life-saving measure that cannot be compromised. Parents and drivers are urged to remove any foreseeable hazards and always ensure a safe environment for children.

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