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HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION OF MALAYSIA (SUHAKAM)**

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**PDRM RAID ON GISB's CARE HOMES: CC TROUBLED FOR CHILD VICTIMS
INVOLVED**

KUALA LUMPUR (13 SEPTEMBER 2024) - Children's Commissioner, Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM), Dr Farah Nini Dusuki (CC) expressed her deep sadness on the news pertaining to the special operation carried out in care homes associated to 'Global Ikhwan Service and Business Holding' (GISB). The investigation by the Royal Malaysian Police (PDRM) revealed that the child victims in the homes were not only groomed to sodomise but also were sexually assaulted by the wardens and forced to assault other children. The children recorded by PDRM numbered at 402 from 20 care homes around Selangor and Negeri Sembilan respectively. Therefore, CC is gravely appalled on the underreported cases of children being assaulted in actuality owing to the rampancy of GISB operating nationwide in Malaysia and globally.

CC expressed her gratitude to PDRM and partners namely, the Social Welfare Department (JKM), the Ministry of Health (KKM) and the Malaysian Chemical Department for their swift action to save the child victims in this case. However, based on the Media Conference Notes (OP Global) by PDRM yesterday, it is understood that the total number of police reports against GISB stood at 41 cases, made between 2011 until September 7, 2024. Therefore, CC is heedful of the outcome of the investigation and the subsequent actions that have been taken by PDRM against GISB since 2011.

However, the CC's immediacy for this case is acting for best interests of all child victims with regard to the insistence of all victim handling processes including investigations into the acquisition of criminal evidence against perpetrators should be child friendly. In addition, counseling and psychological treatment services for child victims must be provided, ensuring a smooth recovery from their trauma and channeling them to a new chapter in life.

CC believes that a family-based care system should be prioritized for the care of all child victims, rather than placing them in overcrowded children's homes, which could further exacerbate their trauma. Additionally, CC stresses the importance of providing continuous counseling to all child victims to accurately assess the impact of the abuse and offer an appropriate rehabilitation plan tailored to their needs.

The crime and exploitation against children committed behind the facade of religion is grotesquely shocking to say the least. CC is further aggrieved on the fact that the care homes have been running for years undetected. Moreover, CC calls for JKM to ensure that all childcare centers must not only be registered but also diligently and responsibly monitored. Tragedies akin to this, including the recent death of 8-month-old Muhamad Al Fateh Amri in a nursery, could have been avoided if monitoring was conducted closely by the authorities. Taking into account the capacity and resource constraints of JKM, the responsibility to conduct monitoring should also be extended to the local councils, with regard to their municipal role in respective localities.



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To that, the CC urges an establishment of special committee by the National Security Council to study and formulate an integrated strategy to deal with the recurrence of such crimes in all institutions involving children, especially in daycare centers. Additionally, CC calls for the formation of a Royal Commission of Inquiry (RCI) to conduct a thorough investigation into the incident. The inquiry's findings would guide meaningful reforms of any failing institutions or systems, ultimately laying the groundwork for a comprehensive child protection framework.

Hereafter, raids should be conducted at all children shelter homes and day care centers to ensure strict compliance of all childcare institutions with the standards prescribed by JKM.

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