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**SUHAKAM WELCOMES THE APPOINTMENTS OF NEW COMMISSIONERS
AND DESIGNATIONS OF CHILDREN COMMISSIONERS**

KUALA LUMPUR (2 AUGUST 2025) Malaysia (SUHAKAM) warmly welcomes the designation of YBrs. Dr. Farah Nini binti Dusuki, a Human Rights Commissioner, as the Chief Children Commissioner until the completion of her three-year term as Commissioner on 8 March 2026.

SUHAKAM also warmly welcomes the appointments of Dr. Mohd Al Adib bin Samuri, Dr. Zufar Yadi Brendan bin Abdullah and Puan Melissa binti Mohd Akhir as Human Rights Commissioners, effective 28 June 2025. Dr. Mohd Al Adib bin Samuri and Dr. Zufar Yadi Brendan bin Abdullah are also simultaneously designated as Children Commissioners.

These appointments and designations by His Majesty Seri Paduka Baginda Yang di-Pertuan Agong on the recommendations of the Prime Minister under section 5 and section 6A of the Human Rights Commission of Malaysia Act 1999 [Act 597], reflect the Government's ongoing commitment to strengthening the protection and promotion of children's rights in Malaysia. SUHAKAM is confident that the experience, expertise, and unwavering dedication of the new Commissioners will enhance the Commission's efforts to safeguard the rights and well-being of all children, including those who are undocumented and in conflict with the law.

Dr. Farah Nini Dusuki, appointed as a commissioner on 8 March 2023, and administratively designated as a Children Commissioner, is an academic at the Faculty of Law, University of Malaya, with over 32 years of experience in child rights and human rights. She holds a PhD in child law from Cardiff University and has served as a consultant to various government agencies and NGOs. As a Children Commissioner, she has been actively involved in legal reforms, child complaint mechanisms, and raising public awareness on urgent child rights issues.

Dr. Mohd Al Adib Samuri, an academic at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, specialises in child rights within the Islamic legal framework. He earned his PhD in law focusing on children in conflict with the law and works closely with ministries, UNICEF, and civil society on issues like education rights, child marriage, and refugee children.

Dr. Zufar Yadi Brendan Abdullah brings 38 years of experience in social research, policy, and community development in Sarawak. A member of the Sarawak Social Development Council, he has led various volunteer initiatives on child rights and holds a PhD in Human Development from the United Kingdom. He will serve as the Children Commissioner in Sarawak.

Puan Melissa Mohd Akhir is a child rights expert with over 20 years of experience in law and protection across Southeast Asia. She holds a Master of Laws in International Children's Rights from Leiden University and previously served as a Deputy Public Prosecutor at the Attorney General Chambers. She played a key role in drafting child protection legislation and now focuses on access to justice and parliamentary advocacy.



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SUHAKAM hopes that these appointments and designations will support and enhance institutional responses to key child rights issues, particularly in ensuring access to quality education, robust child protection mechanisms, and a just and rehabilitative juvenile justice system.

We look forward to working collaboratively in building an inclusive and child-centred Malaysia in line with the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and the Child Act 2001. SUHAKAM remains steadfast in its commitment to ensuring that every child in Malaysia is protected, heard, and allowed to thrive.

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The Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM)

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