

Joining Fight Against Child Pornography

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Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail launching the Safer Internet Day (SID) 2020 campaign in Putrajaya yesterday. With her is Deputy Communications and Multimedia Minister Datuk Eddin Syedee Shuib. (NST/ANNA)

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PUTRAJAYA: Local telecommunication companies have expressed their commitment to help the government in curbing child pornography.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail said the companies also agreed to intensify enforcement through collaboration with Facebook during the meeting with representatives from telecommunication companies here yesterday.

The measures include reporting and removing (pornographic) criminal materials on Facebook, as well as taking legal action against those making pornographic materials and grooming

children for sexual exploitation.

"The existing standard operating procedures by the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) for telcos will be streamlined to accelerate the strengthening of laws, especially on sexual offences against children."

Dr Wan Azizah, who is also the women, family and community development minister, said she also met Facebook representatives two weeks ago.

She said this during the Safer Internet Day 2020 campaign organised by the MCMC.

Dr Wan Azizah said the National Population and Family Develop-

ment Board had also developed an education module to promote family and child safety (Peka).

The Peka module supports the Child Act (amendment) 2016.

"The amendment emphasises the importance of awareness in addressing issues related to neglect, carelessness and abuse of children for parents and guardians, apart from stressing on children's safety in the cyberworld."

She said the amended act also covered sexual offences against children and child sexual grooming for pornography, which Peka also addressed.