

PRESS STATEMENT

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A group or concerned individuals and organisations have come together as "Citzens Against Rape" to organise peaceful public actions at two venues in Malaysia on Sunday, June 7th.

In Kuala Lumpur, the walk will begin at KL SOGO at 4pm. The public is encouraged to gather at KL SOGO by 3:45pm. The walk will be carried out from KL SOGO to Suria KLCC and the route map can be found here: <u>https://goo.gl/ainEax</u>

"The route we have chosen is 4km long, but it is easy walking and we are calling on and encourage the public to turn up and show their support for this important issue," All Women's Action Society's (AWAM) President, Ho Yock Lin, stated.

Meanwhile, in Sarawak, a symbolic gathering will begin at 11am at Friendship Park, Kuching, and is being hosted by the Sarawak Women for Women Society (SWWS).

Citizens Against Rape is coming together for this public action to call on the Government of Malaysia to uphold their obligations under CEDAW and CRC, to make Malaysia a safe place for women and children, free from sexual violence. This includes amending the Penal Code to expand the definition of rape, amending the Evidence Act 1950 to enhance the weight given to child's evidence, and strengthening laws under the Child Act 2001 to protect the dignity of children victims.

Guidelines for Walkers

- Wear **ORANGE** to signify a bright future for women and children, free from sexual violence.
- Bring **a flower or a toy** as a symbolic reminder that children have the right to a safe childhood and to be free from all forms of sexual violence.
- Wear comfortable walking shoes.
- Bring a raincoat or umbrella as there is a likely chance of rain.
- Bring a form of identification (Identity Card, MyKad, Driving License)
- Walk. Do not run or push.
- Be aware of the elderly and children in the crowd.

Security During The Walk

- If you are separated from your family and friends, please find a safe place where you can identify each other.
- There will be security marshals to guide the crowd and manage the traffic during the walk. They will be wearing tags and will be easy to identify if you are in need of assistance.

Join us!

Let us come together and commit to ending sexual violence in this country, particularly those involving children.

More details can be accessed at the link http://tinyurl.com/hentikanrogol

Notes to the editor

Event details

Name of event: Citizens Against Rape: Hentikan Rogol – Stop Raping Our Children Date: 7th June 2015 Time: 4:00pm – 6:30pm Venue: KL SOGO to Suria KLCC

Programme

- 15:45 | Welcome Speech (Speaker to be confirmed)
- 16:00 | Walk to KLCC begins
- 17:30 | Arrival at KLCC

17:30 | Speeches

- 1. A. Samad Said (National Laureate)
- 2. Ratna Osman (Executive Director of Sisters In Islam)
- 3. Datuk Dr. Raj Abdul Karim (Malaysia Council for Child Welfare MKKM)
- 4. A survivor of rape
- 5. Speaker to be confirmed
- 18:30 | Ends

Contact

- Evie (All Women's Action Society) at 03-7877-4221 for more information about the walk in KL
- Sarawak Women for Women Society at 082-416053 about the gathering in Kuching

About Citizens Against Rape (CAR)

This initiative started in 1987 when a group of women and men came together to protest against the brutal rape and murder of nine year old Ang Mei Hong. Since then, CAR has been a platform for members of the public to protest against other horrific cases of sexual violence, rape and murder. The last CAR public action was held in 2014, when the Joint Action Group for Gender Equality (JAG) organised a rally following the brutal gang rape of two teenagers in Kelantan.