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OMBAK LAUNCHED IN PERLIS TO PREVENT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

KANGAR, Nov 3 (Bernama) -- The Women's Organisation Against Violence (Ombak) was launched in Perlis today to tackle the increasing problems of violence against women.

Perlis Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim launched the organisation under the auspices of the Women's Affairs Division (HAWA) of the Prime Minister's Department.

In his speech, Shahidan said violence against women was not only due to the men's attitude but were sometimes caused by the women themselves.

While asking the men to be more tolerant, he also reminded women to preserve the men's dignity, especially that of their husband's.

Meanwhile, Perlis HAWA Consultancy Committee chairman Mastika Junaidah Hussin said in conjunction with the launching of "Ombak" at the state level, HAWA would embark on a campaign to register Ombak volunteers to assist in carrying out its activities.

Counselling teachers and graduates would be among those chosen to become Ombak volunteers, she said.

Ombak was launched at the national level by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in Kuala Lumpur in July.

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