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PREVENTING CRIME IS OUR JOINT RESPONSIBILITY - MARINA MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, July 9 (Bernama) -- Even though women are the main target of snatch thieves, it does not mean they have to bear the burden of dealing with the menace by themselves, Malaysian AIDS Council President Datin Paduka Marina Mahathir said today.

It was true that women needed to be constantly vigilant to avoid falling prey to snatch thieves "but it is our joint responsibility to ensure the country is safe", she said.

"We have to look around us. The role of society and the authorities need to be pronounced," she said when asked to comment on the recent spate of snatch theft cases with women being the majority of victims.

Marina was speaking to reporters after attending the appreciation ceremony and media conference to announce season eight and nine of the show 3R and its upcoming broadcast in the Philippines.

The 3R is a show first aired in 2000 and discusses the latest issues. It won the Asian Television Award in 2002.

Marina, also the executive producer of 3R, said the show's new season would focus more on the issue of thugs among teens, the national service programme, violence against women and personal hygiene.

The 3R would be spreading its wings to the Philippines starting August where the show would be hosted by locals.

Marina said the show was expected to penetrate the Indonesian, Vietnamese and Thai markets in two years from now.

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