

Get real men, says KJ after K-Pop hug incident

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Amid outrage among conservative Muslims over images of K-Pop stars hugging tudung-clad girls in a fan meeting last night, Youth and Sports Minister Khairy Jamaluddin has some advice: "Get real men."

"Much has been said about K-Pop. Hopefully Malaysian girls will return to men who are tall, dark and handsome and not pale, skinny and pretty.

"Those aren't real men," he said in a Twitter posting today.

The minister later dismissed it as a joke and told reporters to learn to differentiate between serious and lighthearted tweets.

But while Khairy refused to entertain questions on this when met at the Parliament building today, his deputy M Saravanan (below) was happy to oblige.

Asked who the "tall, dark and handsome" person is, the deputy youth and sports minister quipped: "Me lah!"

A video of the K-pop group B1A4 hugging the girls was uploaded on Youtube by RajaLawak.com last night and reproduced by Sukan Star TV Facebook page this morning.

The video was titled: "Malay girls molested on stage by Kpop B1A4" yesterday.

In the video, members of the K-Pop group were seen interacting with four tudung-clad girls and subsequently hugged them on stage.

A band member also kissed one of the girls on the forehead.

Another member moved his face close to one of the girls but she backed off.

Some of the girls appeared excited while others were shy and nervous, but reciprocated when they were hugged.

They were cheered on by those who were present.

Mixed reaction

The video on Sukan Star TV Facebook garnered a total of 30,861 shares and 17,701 "likes" and invited mixed reaction on social media.

"Oh my God, I feel ashamed when I see this," said a user by the name of Lili Sephia on Sukan Star TV Facebook page.

Another user by the name of Siv Lemang said: "Damn, I hate those guys.

"Just because they are handsome thanks to plastic surgery, they can easily outrage the modesty of Malay girls in front of us."

Topek Alibaba, another user, said: "We cannot blame the Korean artists as they may not know Islamic regulations - whether it is okay to hug or not - as that is their way of life.

The event, titled 'B1A4 Special Fan Meeting in Kuala Lumpur: Let's Fly! - With Acer', was held at KL Live, Live Centre in Kuala Lumpur last night.

The South Korean group made their debut with their single in 2011 and have since released two studio albums.

They comprise five members, namely Jinyoung, CNU, Sandeul, Baro and Gongchan.

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