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Parents must prevent them from falling prey to sexual exploitation, says Wan Azizah

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DEPUTY Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail has reminded parents to play a more proactive role in monitoring their children's activities on social media to prevent them from falling prey to sexual exploitation.

She said the issue of exploitation of children for sexual crimes was worrying, especially in the borderless digital world that provided easy access to gadgets and the Internet.

"We need to create awareness about the prevalence of child grooming on social media, and we want children to be equipped with information and guidelines so that they will not become victims."

She talked about the atrocious nature of the Dark Web that allowed child pornography to be downloaded.

Dr Wan Azizah said this at the #KidsTakeOverParliament: Kita



Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail with students at the #KidsTakeOverParliament: Kita Peduli programme at the Parliament building in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. With them is Deputy Education Minister Teo Nie Ching (standing, fifth from right). BERNAMA PIC

Peduli programme at the Banquet Hall of the Parliament building here yesterday.

It was attended by Deputy Education Minister Teo Nie Ching and Unicef permanent representative in Malaysia Marianne Clark-Hattingh.

The programme, organised by

the Education Ministry, Unicef Malaysia and Project ID, addressed bullying in schools and was attended by 40 students.

On bullying, Dr Wan Azizah said the problem could be tackled through the education system with support from family and the community.

"We have our role and responsibilities.

"We need to create a positive environment so that this violence can be stopped," said Dr Wan Azizah, who is also women, family and community development minister.

Teo said the Education Min-

istry had cooperated with agencies to provide psychological support for victims of bullying.

At the programme, the children, believed to be victims of bullying, presented their views on the issue and proposed anti-bullying measures for schools.

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