

TRIBUNAL TO BE SET UP

# KING GIVES NOD TO LAW ON BULLYING

Authorities empowered to manage cases in educational institutions

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**H**IS Majesty Sultan Ibrahim, King of Malaysia, yesterday assented to the Anti-Bullying Act 2026 at Istana Bukit Tunku here.

The act was passed by the Dewan Rakyat on Dec 3, 2025, to establish a dedicated mechanism

to address bullying cases involving all victims as defined and provided for under the legislation.

It was passed by the Dewan Negara on Dec 16.

Under the act, the Education Ministry, Majlis Amanah Rakyat (Mara), Defence Ministry, Women, Family and Community Development Ministry, and the Home Ministry are empowered to

manage and regulate bullying cases in educational institutions or other institutions under their responsibilities and jurisdictions.

An Anti-Bullying Tribunal will also be established as a quasi-judicial body to receive, hear and determine bullying complaints lodged by victims, as well as to

grant compensation or issue relevant orders to ensure protection and justice for victims of bullying.

The act has received widespread approval since being passed.

The Malaysian Bar called it a progressive legislation that signals a decisive, overdue commit-

ment to safeguarding children and to ensuring safer and more respectful environments in schools and institutions.

The government is studying the possibility of expanding the scope of the act to include those above 18, specifically those attending institutions of higher education.



*His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim, King of Malaysia, granting an audience to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim at Istana Bukit Tunku yesterday. PIC FROM SULTAN IBRAHIM SULTAN ISKANDAR'S FACEBOOK*