

**Dr Siti Hasmah Suggests Education And Counseling To Handle Prevalence Of Abandoning Babies**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 18 (Bernama) -- Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali expressed sadness today over the recent incident of a newborn baby thrown from a third floor apartment recently, and suggested emphasis on creating awareness, religious education and counseling to handle such problems.

The wife of former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said, when social ills such as teenage pregnancies reared its head, it would lead to the prevalence of babies being abandoned.

"It's very sad that an innocent baby was thrown away just like that," she told reporters after launching the "Petronas Know Our Children" programme, organised by Petronas and drug treatment and rehabilitation non-governmental organisation Pengasih Malaysia, here Tuesday.

"We're not animals who don't love our children. Every child must be a wanted child, from both husband and wife, father and mother. Not an unwanted child," she said.

She was commenting on last Sunday's incident, where a fully formed baby girl with her umbilical cord still attached was tossed down to the car park, from the third floor of the Desa Mentari Apartment in Petaling Jaya near here.

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