

Parliament: Government Prepared To Consider Streamlining Sentences For Statutory Rape
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 25 (Bernama) -- The government is prepared to look into a proposal to set up a committee to streamline sentences for the offence of rape involving underage girls to ensure that the victims are protected, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Mohamed Nazri Abdul Aziz said today.

He said, however, that the final decision on the matter would require the approval of the judiciary.

As such, he said, the matter was discussed at a meeting with Chief Justice Tun Arifin Zakaria.

"Initially, the Chief Justice was of the view that there was a possibility that the committee can be set up if the executive, the government, is okay with it, but it can only streamline the sentencing," he said in reply to Nurul Izzah Anwar (PKR-Lembah Pantai) in the Dewan Rakyat.

Nurul Izzah had wanted to know whether the government was prepared to set up a committee to streamline sentencing for the rape of underage girls, as was practised in the United Kingdom.

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