

Sabah Government Never Stops Addressing Women, Children Issues
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KOTA KINABALU, June 7 (Bernama) -- The Sabah government has never stopped addressing women and children issues in the state, said Sabah Community Development and Consumer Affairs Minister Datuk Jainab Ahmad Ayid here today.

"Although the Sabah Womens Advisory Council, the state government think tank for women's development, is yet to have its new line-up (2013/2014) officially endorsed, ongoing programmes are being conducted by the State Women Affairs Department.

"The opposition should not tell me to shut up and do my work. They do not see what we are doing. All they do is complain when we, the government of the day, are busy solving the problems," she told reporters after visiting the State National Anti-Drug Agency here today.

Jainab was commenting on Api-Api Assemblyman Christina Liew's response to Jainab's statement that was taken out of context by a local daily newspaper.

On Wednesday, Liew reminded Jainab to focus on her ministerial work than harping on the rape case involving a 40-year-old restaurant manager who later married his underaged victim.

"I am quite dissappointed with the article that came out in that newspaper. I had an internal meeting with the Sabah National Unity and Integration Department and was asked to comment on the rape case which I refused as it is an ongoing court case.

"But I questioned Christina Liew for commenting me based on a wrongly written article and not commenting on her opposition friends who are now calling for internet protection because of that rape case. This is double standard!"

Jainab said civil activist and former Malaysian Bar president Datuk S. Ambiga cited the rape case in her speech at a public forum in George Town which was also attended by Penang Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng.

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