

**Malaysia Committed To Human Rights - Deputy Minister
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 27 (Bernama) -- The government is committed to abiding by the principles of human rights, including participating in international human rights conventions.

Deputy Foreign Minister Datuk Hamzah Zainuddin said, at the same time, the government did not tolerate any immoral issue which contradicted the laws, ethics as well as religious and cultural values practised in the country, such as abnormal sex orientation.

"Before Malaysia participates in international conventions, an overall and detailed study is needed to be carried out to ensure all convention provisions could be implemented within the legal framework of the country, as enshrined in the Federal Constitution," he said when contacted by Bernama today, to clarify his adjournment speech at the Dewan Rakyat yesterday.

He said issues which had always received government attention were related to the rights of children, women, the disabled, natives and the weak.

"This is proven with Malaysia's participation in three international conventions relating to women, children and disabled rights," he said.

However, Hamzah noted, the rights practised in Malaysia were not absolute as it had to consider the sensitivities, as well as good norms, from the religious, cultural and customs aspects.

He said the process of studying international human rights convention would continue to be carried out to ensure it was in line with the country's legal system before participating.

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