

**Create Programmes To Prevent Youth From Militant Activities - Rohani  
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KUALA LUMPUR, March 7 (Bernama) -- Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) are asked to embark on more awareness programmes especially among the youth to prevent them from being influenced by militant activities.

Women, Family and Community Development Minister Datuk Seri Rohani Abdul Karim said her ministry was willing to assist in various aspects including fund provision in realising the programmes.

"There are so many good things that still can be done for themselves and families, rather than being easily influenced by actions in futility," she said after launching the 2015 Ikal Mayang FestCon in conjunction with the International Women's Day here Saturday.

She said the involvement and support by NGOs could help the government's initiative in addressing the increasingly worrying issue.

Bukit Aman Special Branch Counter-Terrorism Division principal assistant director SAC Datuk Ayub Khan Mydin Pitchay on Wednesday said currently 61 Malaysian nationals, including 10 women, were detected to be in Syria to join the IS militant group.

In February, police had arrested a 14-year-old female student as she was about to fly off to join the IS militant group in Syria.

The teenager was held at the KL International Airport (KLIA), while attempting to travel to Syria via Egypt.

On Ikal Mayang FestCon which began in 2013, Rohani said the programme aimed at providing support and inspiring the youth to achieve their dreams.

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