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**METAPHOR OF SEXUAL CRIME IN
TABLOID NEWSPAPER: AN
ANALYSIS USING HYBRID THEORY**

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ABSTRACT

The main purpose of this research is to find the implicit meaning of metaphor in sexual crime that hidden behind the tabloid newspaper text in Malaysia because media plays an important role to influence the reader's cognitive about the issue that being discussed. Basically, metaphor is the comparison between two different entities. Through this comparison, it will make it easier for reader to understand about the complex issues such as crime. On the other hand, the inaccurate metaphor in the newspaper can lead to wrong interpretation and understanding. So, this research examines the compilation of digital corpus that been published by News Strait Times Press (NSTP) which is News Image Bank (NIB). There are six types of crime sexual that had been discussed in this research which are pedophile, molested, rape, prostitution, sodomy, and incest. Overall, there are 269 articles had been collected from four newspapers which are Harian Metro, Metro Ahad, Berita Harian, and Berita Minggu. Next, all the collected data were analysed using the Hybrid Theory. This theory helps to analyse and interpret the actual meaning in specific and systematic way. Meanwhile, the usage of digital collected data base helps researcher to identify the meaning of metaphor that used by newspaper's author to construct the image of sexual crimes in Malaysia. Therefore, the interpretation of metaphor helps researcher to construct sexual crime that had been convey through implicit meaning (metaphor) in the newspaper. The interpreting of metaphor can help to increase the awareness on endanger of sexual crime in Malaysia. Hence, this research had proved that the accurate used of metaphor in sexual crime news are really important in attempt to spread the awareness about sexual crimes to society in order to prevent the crime.

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CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

Crime refers to unlawful acts, as set out in the legislation of a country. Offences which do harm and negative effects on others. According to Salleh Abas (1989), crime can be defined as an offence committed by an individual or group with the intent to commit the offence up until the cause of injury or death against the victims. In addition, the crime shall be construed as criminal behaviour and be set as illegal in the legislation of the country. Thus, any criminal act will result in receiving punishments onto the perpetrators. Therefore, every crime committed will be judged in court and subsequently be convicted based on the law in their respective countries.

Crime can be classified into a number of divisions regarding the offence committed, namely Civil Criminal and Criminal Penal Code. Sexual crimes are categorized in a cluster criminal penal code following the justification of acts and consequences onto the victim. This is because sexual crime is a criminal act that could give a negative impact on the victims. The effect of this can be seen especially through children as it may harm their growth and affect their future. This can be proved through the study of paedophile. One of the cause one of being a paedophile is due to their horrible past of being one of the victims of sexual crime. (DiChristina, 2009). In addition, Siegel (2006) also noted that among the aspects of the occurrence of such crimes is due to the current state economy, technical knowledge, and horrible criminal experience. This statement is indirectly supporting the statement made by the DiCrishtina (2009) which supports the idea of having a horrible past experience may become a factor of the occurrence of the crime. Thus, the sexual criminal offences are very heavy and the perpetrator of this crime shall be liable to punishment based on his actions.

In Malaysia, the increasing cases of sexual crimes are rather worrying overtime. According to a report issued by the Royal Malaysian Police (PDRM), sexual crime cases increased by 4,116 cases in 2013 as compared to the year 2012 which also involves rape