

**THE STUDIES ON DUMPING BABIES AMONG THE COMMUNITY OF UiTM IN
LENDU, ALOR GAJAH MELAKA.**

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This study sought to examine the reason on why baby dumping issue is occurred, the effect of the action and how to curb or avoid this issue from bad to worse and widely spread in the future generation and could even damage our image as a Muslim. This research was carried out by the study of quantitative research based on primary data. The questionnaires are randomly distributed to the community of UiTM that have been divided into non-academic staff. Non-academic staffs are the Hal Ehwal Akademik (HEA), Hal Ehwal Pelajar (HEP), UiTM librarians, security guards and also cleaners in Alor Gajah Melaka campus. A self-administered questionnaire was used as the data collection method and the data have been analyzed by using SPSS 16.0 version. Four main causes was identified that lead to dumping baby issues which are lack of education of religion, moral and ethic, media, society behaviours or perception towards pregnant teenagers and individual itself. All of those causes mostly will contribute the baby dumping issues because the lack of education in religion make the teenagers fell not guilty to dump their baby, lack of social support also make them feel afraid to get the help. In this research also we identified the effects of this issues and certain solutions to reduce this baby dumping issues happened.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

Baby dumping refers to discarding or leaving alone, for an extended period of time, a child younger than 12 months of age in a public or private setting with the intent to dispose of the child. The issue of dumping babies is universal issues. Not only in Malaysia but it do happen in all over the place. The same situation also happens in Brunei when a woman sentenced to four years imprisonment for causing the death of a baby by putting it in garbage bags that cause the baby to death asphyxiation. In Indonesia, a resident BEKASI look yellow substance suspected of being a baby floating in the water. While in the United States, a 19 year old girl, Krystal Johnson is accused of killing her baby to the area after removing the stain. (<http://www.theherald.co/2008>)

In most cases, these abandoned children, at least those who remain alive, after being dumped will never know their parent. Deputy Minister of Women, Family & Community Development Senator Heng Saei Kie said that there are 20 cases that investigated by PDRM involved individual under 18 years old and there are 33 cases of dumping babies reported that involved individual over 25 years old while 403 of individual had failed to recognized their ages at the report on 2nd of July 2010. This issue is increasing year by year due to many reasons or factors such as the social ill, status of wedlock child, fear and shameless, lack of education of religion, high curiosity of the teen, and many more. This issue could also be proven for the

increasing number of dumped baby yearly in the problem of unregistered bastard Malays. Director General of the National Registration Department (NRD), Datuk Alwi Ibrahim has said that a total of 17.303 bastards Malays were registered in the country during the year 2009 as reported by the Daily News Newspaper dated 21 March 2010. He said the number of cases has increased by 762 over the previous year. In 2008 a total of 16.541 registered bastards JPN while in 2007 a total of 16.1000. This means a total of about 65 babies are born out of wedlock among the Malays. This amount is not included among the un-baby cases reported to the Department of Social Welfare (JKM).

This issue gives many effects such as either to the society, individual herself; the baby and spoil the image of our country since the number of cases is increasing day by day. Everybody must play their roles in overcoming this problem from widely spread such as government's role in handling this issue, the role that must be played by the parents, society and parties concerned. Closing the road is better than sinful treat symptoms arising from evil happen as Word of Allah in Surah Al-Israa 'verse 32 which says: *"Do not approach adultery, for adultery is an abomination and an evil way."* So, in this research, we are about to find out the reason on why this issue is occurred, the effect of the action and how to curb or avoid this issue from bad to worse and widely spread in the future generation and could even damage our image as a Muslim.

Research Questions

- i. Do you think social problems could lead to unwanted pregnancies?
- ii. Will related families face humiliation and embarrassment due to dumping babies' issue?

- iii. Do you think the establishment of the new act will prevent the issue from being widely spread?

Research Objectives

- i. To identify the causes of spreading dumping babies nowadays.
- ii. To identify the effects of dumping babies.
- iii. To identify the solutions of dumping babies.

Scope of the study

In our research, we are focusing on the opinion of the non-academic staff in UiTM Melaka, Gajah regarding the dumping baby issue. We will investigate this issue by distributing questionnaire to them and the data gained will be use to identify the most causes that lead to dumping babies, the effect and the solution to be implemented. We will distribute the questionnaire during the working hours because it is easy to meet them, which is our respondent.

Significant of the study

i. Student

This study could give a lesson to the teenagers out there which is most of them are student either in secondary school or in higher learning institution to be more aware in this kind of issue and become more careful in making up their way in life without letting them into the bad situation like dumping baby if they are making up a mistake which is doing sex without the intention of to be pregnant and afraid to raised up the baby without getting

support from their family. So, this study could more or less give them the awareness to against adultery.

ii. Government

Government should play their role in preventing dumping babies' issue as it is the determination of whether the country is free from the phenomena of social ill. With a new act and policy come out by the government, Inshaallah this problem could be solved before it becomes worst in the future and difficult to curb it once it is widely spread out. Some of the actions that could be taken by the government are such as, organizing campaign to prevent the case from happening, establishing institution for the unwanted babies in order to ensure that no babies will be the victims because of their parents' wrongdoings.

iii. Non-government Organization (NGO)

NGO should play their roles in curbing this kind of problem to help government to quickly solving this problem so that it will not become worse in the future. Maybe they can help in terms of financial support because as we know most of the NGO parties have the financial strength to help in order to decrease the dumping babies' cases.

iv. Society

The society must also play their roles such as give the unwed mother support and not going to humiliate those who were gave birth to a wedlock child. Teenagers' mentality are weak and easily get hurt when people are keep saying about their past story, and thus feel insecure and unconfident in continuing their life. So, society needs to be more concern towards this kind of

problem like guiding them by telling them not to repeat the same mistake in order to change their life to be better.

v. University

The university should organize campaign regarding dumping babies' issue so that it will give the awareness to the students as we know that the young generation do have a high level of curiosity to try something new without thinking about the consequences of doing it. So, by organizing this campaign, it could give them the awareness and educate them about the consequences of doing sex and thus it could prevent them from the adultery and the dumping babies issue will not happen as spread as now.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE REVIEW AND CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

2.1 Literature Review

The dumping of new-born babies is a disturbing and disgusting issue in our society. We have heard a baby swaddled in newspapers left squalling by a fly-infested dustbin. In most cases, these abandoned children which are at least those who remain alive, after being dumped will never know their parent. It is unimaginable that there are people among us who can take an innocent life.

The act of leaving babies to die is cruel because babies should be given a chance to live. Even if the babies are unwanted by their natural parents, they deserve a chance to live with adopted parents somewhere else. In 1996 the 'baby bank' idea was brought up to curb infanticide

and dumping, however it was shot down prematurely because it was difficult to reach consensus. The primary objective of this idea is noble, that is, to put a stop, although temporarily, to the inhumane act of abandoning babies. Government has announced that the first baby hatch in the country will be set up by May 2010, giving those who can't take care of their infants a safe place to drop them off which is the place where someone should be there to help them to deal with the difficult situation and find the best solution for both mother and child. It is a real problem that needs real solutions even though it is not the best.

No matter how developed the country is such as the United States of America or the third world country like Africa, this problem is not being solved totally. This is probably caused by the lack of sex knowledge among the teenagers who are growing up and curious about it.

Knowledge and education on self-respect and love of oneself are important in dealing with the phenomenon of unwed pregnancy and baby dumping. A society, free of social ills, can be achieved through maturity of attitude and values nurtured at home.

2.2 Causes of dumping babies

Deputy Minister at the Prime Minister, Datuk Dr. Mashitah said, the issue of removal of the baby spread in the community. This should be studied in depth to find the cause of why these cases occur. She said, simply provide a place for babies abandoned by irresponsible parties will not solve the problem but more efforts should be done through strengthening the institutional approach to religion and family. "Like the itchy skin problem, it is not enough just to rub the oil on the itch, but we must know why we have

the problem either through diet and so is the problem child this why it happened”
(<http://www.bharian.com.my>).

2.2.1 Lack of education of religion, moral and ethic

2.2.1.1 Lack of Appreciation of Religious

Lack of appreciation of religion in youth is the main cause of the dumping babies is occurrence rampantly. Chairman of the Charity and Welfare Wife in Melaka MP BN (BISTARI) Datin Seri Asmah Abdul Rahman said the lack of religious upbringing causes of youth living in a free and easy to get stuck in a vice which eventually led to the removal. She said that parents need to take the role of educating their children with religious and spiritual upbringing since childhood as a prevention method to expose them to the awareness of the religion and thus will not act against the matter that forbidden by any of the existed religion. (<http://mstar.com.my>) In Islam, the method of prevention is better than cure. This is because when a corruption has occurred, its effect is very significant to the self, those around us, society and nation. For example, the question of relationships, hard man approaching God forbids adultery. These restrictions mean that it is clear that the roads to adultery should be avoided, let alone do it. Adultery can damaging lineage, destroy marriage, relationships crack, widely sexually transmitted diseases, sexual crimes, and destroy the relationship of the local community. Prohibition of Allah is a sign of man is always tested by their desires. Thus, prohibiting is the aim to guide people to not deviate from the route of disposition. This approach is implemented by identifying the main reasons why

social symptoms can occur and then taking action to eliminate or control these reasons. Teenagers must have their identity based on religious education that they have the power to distinguish between good and evil and sin, and reward. (<http://www.al-bakriah.com.my>)

2.2.1.2 Lack of development of morality value

Long ago, single girls were kept away from men by their parents and extended family in most traditional cultures. This served as barriers for illegal affairs between men and women. Contrastingly, family values have eroded and girls and women are at a liberty to mix with the opposite gender.

The chancellor of Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris (UPSI), Tuanku Bainun did mention issue regarding the mindset of a few of schools, parents, and society that too focus on the improvement and the development of the academic of their children rather than the effort in educating the moral value to their children. He also cited that due to the rampant of dumping baby cases, he hopes that new teachers have the initiatives to help in reducing the social ills facing by the country nowadays. "National Philosophy of Education has outlined targets to produce a balanced person in terms of academic, physical, spiritual and emotional.

According to the Tuanku Bainun, many people prefer to point the finger of information and communication technology (ICT), modernization, schools and parents as a source of corruption among the students. It is totally untrue because,

the cases of dumping babies happen not only because of that factor but also the lack of morality given by the parents towards the teenagers. The morality value must be taught at the early of their age as they will become more aware of the good and bad things that happen at their surroundings.

However, there are a few of family that have no religion or belief in their life and thus, roles of educational institutions and teachers are very important in providing or giving the teen at the beginning of their age about the moral education so that they will compare between good and bad things either happen in the present or in a future of time frame and could avoid any matters that could damage the honour of their family, the name of our country and others.

(<http://www.utusan.com.my>)

The lust to make sex is high and thus, when the couple is mistakenly did sex and the women is carried a baby, the opportunity of dumping the babies is high because of the couple did not have the morality on giving life for the new born baby as they just made fun in their teen age without try to be a responsible person at all. It is clearly shows that the root of this problem is came from the parents, the teachers and the society because they did not provide them with enough moral value that they can applied on their life. (<http://www.al-bakriah.com.my>)

2.2.2 Media

2.2.2.1 Media is virtually guaranteed to play an ever-increasing role in daily life

New media are also making inroads with young children. They spend more time in front of computers. Many young children also have a television in their bedroom. The most common reason given was that it frees up other televisions in the house so that other family members can watch their own shows. According to the study of the American Academy of Pediatrics guidelines, the children in the United States of America are growing up in a media-saturated environment with almost universal access to television, and a striking number have a television in their bedroom. Media and technology are here to stay and are virtually guaranteed to play an ever-increasing role in daily life, even among the very young. Additional research on their developmental impact is crucial to public health (<http://pediatrics.aappublications.org>).

Media is one of the factors that lead to dumping babies. This is because the teenagers will be influenced by the television or the internet to make sexual intercourse without having any knowledge. The teenagers can easily find the sources through internet because there are a lot of pornography on the internet. So, they will be easily influenced and they want to try on their own. Sexual intercourse may lead to dumping babies because unwanted pregnancies may occur.

2.2.2.2 Pornography as a material that means intended to excite or explicitly intended for sexual arousal

Pornography is a multi-billion industry so powerful it drives the direction of much media technology.” (Jensen, 2007) The annual revenue in pornography

business is \$12 billion in America and \$57 billion worldwide. According to the reports every second more than 28 thousand-Internet users are viewing pornography and typically do it during working days. Although it is impossible to deny pornography in economic force, Jensen stated that the effect of pornography in the industry is often over look. In addition he said that people need to start asking some important questions like how does pornography affects people and what it means to be a man and how does it affect young man.

Pornography addiction is a health hazard that western culture is only just starting to recognized. Pornography today describe as a material that means intended to excite or explicitly intended for sexual arousal. Through the Internet, virtual reality, image delivery system, and interactive TV pornography has become an epidemic addiction invading hearts, homes, and intimate relationship. Statistic showed in 1996, in America over \$ 8 billion on hard-core film, live sex and sex magazines was invested in pornography. The website of watch over concluded that it is clear that one of the most disturbing issues in united state is pornography (<http://www.oppapers.com>).

Pornography can lead to sexual arousal and sexual intercourse. This matter will cause pregnancies among the teenagers who are not careful. If they are not ready with the new born, they will simply dump the babies and this will cause the problems to be spread wider.

2.2.3 Society behaviors or perception towards pregnant teenagers

2.2.3.1 Less support by the society

One of the factors that cause a person for dumped their baby is the society around not giving full support and always gives a bad perception towards the unwed pregnant teenagers. These people need a guidance from the society so that they feel save and protected. When this thing happened, they feel shame and stressful because they do not know what to do and to whom they have to go. For that, society plays big roles to ensure that the baby is save rather than being dump in improper place and maybe die. Sometimes, a person who dumped their baby is being neglected by the society and it is like there are no places for them in the society. That is why they feel pressure and dumping their baby as a solution.

According to Sir James Horwick in his journal “What people said” in term of the dumping baby issues, said that family is one of the important parties to help the children but the support from the society can help a lot to these people. Society as a big community plays a big role to solve this problem, in his journal, he is stated that people will not doing dumping baby if there are communities around them to give them full support. So according to what Sir James had said, society can help in solving this issue and the level of cases also can be decrease as the society’s gives support and make them feel secure and have faith in continuing their life and would not repeat the same mistake again.

There are cases that involved a teen in dumping baby issues in Britain. According to a report by News Today which is one of the News paper company in Britain, there have stated the rate of cases of dumping baby which is 20% by the teenagers. Which is shows that the teenagers also commit dumping babies. According to News Today, in their report it said that “20% rate of dumping baby cases happened because of they feel shame and the society give a bad perception towards them” and mostly people who done it do not have parents and they have no good guidance to be followed to (News Today, 21 February 1994).

2.2.4 Individual itself

2.2.4.1 Individual emotions, curiosity and mental problem

According to the statistics of baby dumping cases in Malaysia issued by the Headquarters of the Royal Malaysia Police (PDRM), Bukit Aman, in 2000, a total of 65 cases of baby dumping have been reported throughout the country. This serious case should be aware by the community as it becomes more common among teenagers in Malaysia. Dumping babies occurs due to poor guidance from parents, lack of religious education and uncontrolled social life (www.bernama.com.my).

According to Ahmad Sariff in his article entitled ‘Reasons Dumping Babies Happen’, actually dumping babies happen mostly from the reason that created by the individual itself. It means that, the causes made by the individual itself may come from

their unstable emotions. As we know, when somebody is not in a good condition they may actuate to do something that over the line. Due to that reason, they do not care to dump the babies without feeling any guilty of their mistakes (www.bernama.com.my).

This issue might occur due to their curiosity. Curiosity here means, this matter starts when the person wants to get involve in free sexual intercourse. Then, when the illegal intercourse caused pregnancies, they cannot think rationally anymore. Thus, it will lead to dumping babies.

In addition, the dumping babies matter may occur when the individual feel shameless, afraid and even more serious when they suffer mental problem. Shameless may happen when their family cannot accept them anymore when they involve in this matter. Due to that, they will also feel afraid to face the public and finally may suffer mental disease or problem. Supposedly, they should know how to take good care of their behavior from doing something ridiculous and may ruin their lives in the future (www.bernama.com.my).

Besides that, the dumping babies issue also occurs because of the women had been left or dumped by her partner after commit adultery and after found out that she is pregnant out of wedlock. Report had been shows that the case always happens when partner might not leave his girlfriend with the condition that the women must do the abortion. If not, he is not going to responsible towards the pregnancies and thus, it will lead to the dumping baby once the teen born out the baby (<http://www.ukqna.com/>).

2.3 Effects of the dumping babies

2.3.1 Effect to the Babies

2.2.1.1 Baby death

The major effect of dumping babies is can cause the death of the babies itself. Every cases of dumping babies show the consequences of the babies almost tragic. There are many cases involved in dumping babies. One of the cases in Seremban, District police chief Assistant Commissioner Saiful Azly Kamaruddin and other villagers search the baby's body which been dumped in the nearby forest. After investigation, 20 years old women strangled her baby to death shortly after giving birth in her house (<http://www.malaysiatoday.com>). Unfortunately, by looking at this case, the life of the babies usually short. The babies might get killed shortly after birth by their mother herself or being left alone to death. Other investigation made by District Police Chief Supt Muhamed Deraman in Tawau was found the baby's suffocated in a plastic bag while the umbilical cord still intact. The baby died because the body was still tender. It show that due to the condition of the babies itself also contribute to the death (<http://www.dailyexpress.com.my>).

2.2.1.2 Difficult to process child's birth certificate

The first baby hatch are been set up by May, giving for those who can't take care of their babies a safe place to drop them off. OrphanCARE president Datuk Adnan Mohd Tahir announced to everyone including Women, Family and Community Development Ministry officials, the concerned over the increasing number of dumping babies in the country. The ministry and the Welfare Department try to put an end to baby dumping and agreed to setting up the hatch. OrphanCARE, set up two years ago, works with the government to expedite the adoption process. It helps match and place abandoned and orphaned babies with suitable parents. Adnan said mothers intending to drop their babies at the hatch should provide the child's birth certificate and consent for the baby to be given up for adoption. The birth certificate is necessary to ensure the child will not be stateless (<http://www.asiaone.com>). Under the National Registration Department statistics which is between 2000 and 2008, there were 257,411 newborns without fathers. These newborns babies did not have their fathers' name at birth certificates. There were averages of 78 babies born out of marriage each day during these nine years. Women, Family and Community Development Ministry revealed that cases of dumping babies numbered 407 over the past five years (2005 - 2010). Between 2005 and 2010, 407 babies were accurately dumped (<http://www.melakahariini.com.my>). Before, the mothers intending to drop their babies at the hatch, she should provide the child's birth certificate and consent for the baby to be given up for adoption.

2.3.2 Family

2.3.2.1 Family feel embarrass on the issue pertaining dumping babies

For many parents, the whole issue of sex education has become both confused and confusing. They have a sense that the matter is out of their hands, no longer their responsibility, and is best left to the schools. They feel they are no longer the experts in the field, or do not have sufficient knowledge or understanding on human sexuality to be trusted with such an important aspect of education. In other words, they are bashful to talk about sex to their children. Not many parents can teach their 6 or 7 year old about the vulva or even say it with a straight face (<http://www.teo-education.com>).

Unwed mothers have nowhere to turn to because they will be considered as a 'disgrace' to society, giving their families a bad reputation and will be treated badly. They are not in a position to neither provide financial support for their child nor receive the necessary emotional support from their own family. The family may feel embarrass and people around may say that they are bad for letting such incidents happen to their family. Some parents are willing to disown their children to avoid from facing the embarrassment.

According to Chief Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Rustam If they (pregnant students) get married, their families will not be angry with them anymore and their parents can support them. If their parents are unable to fend for their babies, the state government can assist (<http://www.bernama.com>). So, to

avoid feeling the shame and embarrassment, the government is willing to assist on the marriage for the poor families. This is some kind of way in preventing the sexual intercourse among the unwed teenagers and directly preventing the issues of dumping babies from spreading widely in the country.

2.3.3 Individual herself

2.3.3.1 Death

Individual will have high risk of death caused by bleeding and infection on mothers' wombs. This is because the person or the woman is not well prepared to born the baby and thus, without preparation, she will infect by the bacteria. A professional consultant Gynecology, Prof. Dr. Harlina Halizah Siraj, from "Hospital Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia"(HUKM) said bleeding sometimes cannot be detected quickly, but take a long time. There are not aware of them until they bleed unconscious. For the woman that infected by the bacteria, it will more or less damage the mother's womb if they keep on born the baby without having well preparation in terms of medication and etc to prevent themselves from experiencing the infected mother's womb.
(<http://dmoshimoshi.4.forumer.com>)

2.3.3.2 Psychological disease

It can also cause psychological effects on the mental and emotions after marriage, especially depression, especially when age is often thought of as the content is never removed. Dysphonic effects include experience in the womb,

which raised pain more than experience during the menstrual process. The individual will also experiencing loss of confidence, feel doubt towards the act done by her, anxious and also the emotional problem. This is due to the act doe by themselves that is obviously wrong in the law of Malaysia and religion (<http://dmoshiforum.com>). Emotional stress defined by the community especially the Malay community in the name of "wind illness "meroyan". It is linked to emotional stress as a disease of mothers who experienced it during or after the confinement. In medical terms it is known as "postnatal depression" associated with bizarre behavior as a result of emotional (spiritual) faced by women after childbirth. The person who dumps their baby will be the most people that will experience this kind of emotional problem (<http://pkmain.mmu.edu.my>).

2.3.4 Country

When the dumping babies happen, there are many parties will get impact, for example to the baby itself, the family, religion, society and country. The effect towards country may give many bad impact and perception from the other country. It is not easy to the country to face that kind of situation. It is because the problem of dumping babies is difficult to observe and overcome. Because of the dumping babies matter also, country will get bad name and impression by the other countries. They will give bad perception towards our country. So due to that, it may cause they did not want to join any program with our country. It may disturb the relationship of our country with others country.

According to Mr. Lee, editor of Health magazine, in his article entitled 'The Effect of Dumping Babies', he stated that, actually when the dumping babies always

happen in our country it may lead to the other immoral activities done by the most of the teenagers. So, the administrator have big responsible to take care of those problems.

2.4 Solution

2.4.1 Parents

2.4.1.1 Parents work together with their children to solve the problem

Fedrick Lambson, a writer had wrote an article about parent's roles to their children. The article is "Teenagers problem with Parents involving is a one way to settle the problems". In his article, he also have stated a little about the dumping babies' issues by teenagers and the roles of parents, in terms of social problems, teenagers nowadays curious in sex and it is serious until it comes to a level to produce a child and dump it. He also stated the important roles by the parents for not letting their children to do that (dumping baby). He said, parents should take part in this case, so that it will not effects their children in the future. It shows that parents roles is important to guide their children especially teenagers and also support them so that this issues can be decrease. As what F. Lambson have written, a lot of problem caused by teenagers like drugs, vandalism, and others but do not let them do the other crime which is dumping baby cause it will harmed themselves and family and parents have to love their children even after they involve in this case.

2.4.1.1 Give motivation to their children

David Derbishire in News Straits Time as dated on the 12th March 2010, parents are one of the parties that are very close to their children especially teenagers. A person especially teenagers who dump their babies need a guidance from their parents so that they feel motivated and not repeating the same. Parents knew better their children than anyone else. So, parents play an important role to educate their children from doing any wrong doing. In the case of dumping baby, parents should not let their children involve dumping the baby and they have to motivate them and take care of them. If not, there is no place that their children can go rather than to their parents. So, in the beginning of their children live, parents should teach those moral values so that their children have the guidance and learn on how to take care of them. Parents should motivate them to be more strength in facing the problem and not just make a simple solution by dumping the wedlock baby anywhere because the baby is innocent and they should be given the opportunity to get their life (www.thestar.com.my).

2.4.2 Government roles

The government should investigate in more detail about the effectiveness of both systems educational and social system because it is still weak in Malaysia. Revision of the national education system, particularly the Islamic educational system and its implementation in society is to be done as a value to the government's efforts to curb social ills in this country (<http://www.bharian.com.my>). Recommendations by the Deputy

Dean of the Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilization University International Malaysia (IIUM) Professor Datuk Dr Mahmood Zuhdi Abdul Majid said "If all the government especially serious in addressing the issue of removal of infants are reported daily, the focus should be given to efforts to clean the society of the resources expose them to factors that damage the pure." (<http://peguamsyarie.org>). Deputy Chief of police officer, Tan Sri Ismail Omar said the effort to hand in the social ill among teenagers nowadays should be specifically to find out the best solution to prevent this issue from widely spread. For example, the suggestion to be enforced for the teen that is comes from minor group which is those who are under the 18 years old to prohibit them to go out after 12 o'clock. There must be a discussion towards this prohibition because it is involving the freedom of individual. It is not wrong if the teen wants to go out late night only with their family but if they are going alone or with their peers, it doesn't mean that they will do the wrongdoings. Actually, it doesn't matter whether it is day or night, polices have the legal right to examine anyone that is suspicious including the teenagers. Ismail said that, police are prepared to enforce the law that has been prescribed and it is the option whether the other side to amend the law if they think it is necessary.

2.4.2.1 Baby Hatch

Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development in collaboration with Orphan Care recently launched a child protection center (Baby Hatch) seeks to create a special place for the desperate mother of a baby to remove them as a move to address the symptom of dumping babies that widely spread nowadays (<http://www.bharian.com.my>). Mothers could secretly leave

their unwanted newborn baby to be put up for adoption. This kind of center is established in order to avoid any death babies' bodies from increasing rampantly (<http://thestar.com.my>). Setting up centers are to receive the baby to the act of adultery, providing shelter for pregnant women without marriage and sex education to the students to prevent this kind of issues from happen rampantly. (<http://peguamsyarie.org>)

The step taken by Umno Puteri Chief, Datuk Rosnah Abdul Rashid Shirlin as reported in mainstream media by building shelters for unwed mothers in every parliamentary constituency was a welcome initiative in addressing this particular issue. Her proposal includes staffing the shelters with UMNO Puteri's 345,000 volunteers as well as creating awareness through sex education. Additionally, Orphan care, whose ideas originated from several countries in Europe, has come up with the 'baby hatch'. The system uses a flap in the wall so that the mother could open the flap and deposit the baby safely into the bed behind the wall. (<http://www.klik4malaysia.com>)

2.4.2.2 New policies to be formulated on baby dumping

Government is expected to formulate new policies and laws to curb the problem of baby dumping. Women, Family and Community Development Minister Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil said that the ministry would meet with relevant agencies, the Attorney-General Tan Sri Abdul Gani Patail as well as the Inspector-General of police Tan Sri Musa Hassan to discuss the issue. (<http://thestar.com.my/news>).

The government must also do some amendment of the Penal Code on penalties for dumping of newborn babies. Senator Datuk Saripah Aminah Syed Mohamed said the proposed amendment was submitted by Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Musa Hassan in February 2007 because she said the existed law did not punish the man responsible but the woman faced 20 years' jail. She also proposes that the Penal Code to be amended quickly as baby-dumping was becoming rampant. According to statistics, in the Klang Valley alone, 10 babies were dumped everyday. Saripah Aminah also said that the National Registration Department recorded 257,000 children were born out of wedlock between 2000 and 2008 while 30,978 children were born to Muslim fathers between 1999 until 2003. She also was adding that the Syariah Law should also be amended to curb free sex to avoid the increasing number of the babies born out of wedlock by the Malay or Muslim. (<http://www.mmail.com.my/>).-bernama.

The Kelana Jaya Wanita Umno division has passed a resolution calling for the Penal Code on baby-dumping to be amended to include penalties for men who fathered the children. In tabling the resolution, Kelana Baru Wanita Umno branch delegate Norshaireen Abd Khalid said that the Government should review the Penal Code to check the cases of baby-dumping. She added that according to Section 309A and 309B of the Penal Code, no penalties were imposed on men, who should also be held responsible for the inhuman act. (<http://thestar.com.my>)

2.4.2.3 One stop shelter

The Women, Family and Community Development Ministry have ruled out the setting up of one-stop shelters for unwed mothers and unwanted babies to solve the problem of baby dumping. Minister Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil said the ministry had to be mindful of the sensitivities of the country's religions and cultures and that such a move could create a negative perception. However, she said the ministry would not close its eye to the dumping and killing of unborn babies as these were heinous crimes. The ministry is ready to assist unwed mothers as well as provide shelters for unwanted babies through our National Population and Family Planning Board (LPPKN) clinics nationwide. She said that there are also actively providing assistance to Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) which have already set up homes dedicated to unwed mothers and unwanted babies. The home is known as KEWAJA. KEWAJA is willing to help troubled girls and women. Especially for those who are facing serious personal problems caused or association which is too caught up in an immoral activity. KEWAJA saved - protecting - guide - restore them that really want to change and let them back to their family and also community (<http://kewaja.multiply.com/>). Shahrizat also said officers from welfare departments nationwide have been instructed to monitor cases of unwanted babies or unwed mothers to prevent baby dumping. (<http://www.pmo.gov.my/ksn>)

2.4.2.5 Campaign

Ministry Of Women, Family & Community Development joins 'Kami Prihatin' Campaign which aims to raise awareness among the community on child abuse and abandoned babies on 23 March 2010. At the same time, YBM also hopes that this campaign will promote the Child Protection Policy contained in the Child Act 2001 in premises such as schools because the policy is comprehensive in all aspects related to children. Astro Awani will broadcast a documentary that can raise awareness of the community more effectively along with a few programs that will be designed to help this campaign through Astro, Astro Awani and other Astro networks. In addition to that, Ministry Of Women, Family & Community Development will also be publishing community awareness advertisements in the Utusan Malaysia papers. 'Kami Prihatin' Campaign is a joint effort between Ministry Of Women, Family & Community Development, Utusan Malaysia, Astro and Karyawan. The event will be launched by the Minister of Ministry Of Women, Family & Community Development, YB Senator Dato' Sri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil.

Malaysian Crime Prevention Foundation (MCPF) will cooperate with religious organizations to educate the public through more awareness campaigns. Vice chairman of MCPF Datuk Kamarudin Md Ali said they hoped to foster an understanding among the people on the effects and issues surrounding baby abandonment, which has become more rampant among the younger generation. (<http://www.mysinchew.com/>)

2.4.2.6 Establishment of special schools for pregnant students

Funded by the Malacca state government will be officially open on Friday to place those pregnant students that who are voluntarily to go there. The school is open to married and unmarried teens that are pregnant as well as rape victims. (<http://www.bharian.com.my>)

Chief Minister, Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Rustam, said the school was known as “Sekolah Harapan” or in English known as “school of hope” under the administration of the Malacca Islamic Religious Department (Jaim). For the beginning, he said a supervisor-cum-principal as well as four experienced teachers with the Malacca Islamic Religious Department (Jaim) will be hired to teach the girls, he said, adding that the mothers-to-be would be taught the standard secondary school syllabus. Although the teachers may be experienced educators, he said they would still be required to undergo a week’s training at the Tunas Bakti Lereh Girls Home in Tanjung Kling to acquire additional skills. (<http://thestar.com.my>)

2.4.3 Media

2.4.3.1 Media should publish images of dead infants so that the teenagers would not dump their babies

According to *The Times* the photograph represented “the abandonment of an innocent” and it wanted to honor the infant's life “to shout out that she did not deserve to be dumped like a piece of litter”. However Media Monitoring Africa

(MMA) is seriously concerned about the decision to publish the photograph, and in certain instances, the response its publication elicited. MMA applauded *The Times* for acknowledging the extraordinary circumstances that would need to exist in order to justify the image's publication (<http://41.215.233.179:8080/themedia>).

The media plays an important role to prevent the spread of dumping babies. In order to do so, the Government of Malaysia should filter whatever is on the internet that can lead to sexual intercourse and dumping babies. Furthermore, the magazines, newspaper and many more should be on the safe mode so that the teenagers cannot be influenced by all those media. In addition, the media no matter what form they are, either printed or electronic, pictures and images of dead infants should be published so that the teenagers would not dump their babies. They should think about dumping their babies over and over again. They should have the feelings of love and affection towards the babies. Perhaps if they could not keep and raise the babies, they could give to foster parents instead of dumping the babies.

2.4.4 Sex education at school by teacher

Schools have a significant role in imparting effective sex education to youth. Research has shown that with effective sex education to young adults in schools, it is possible to push back the age at which adolescents experiment with sex. These programs also have the potential to encourage youngsters to use protection during their first sexual experience. According to the WHO, sex education for children should be imparted at the age of 12 and above. It is estimated that 34% of the HIV infected persons are in the age

group of 12 to 19 years (<http://www.medindia.net>). Women, Family and Community Development Minister, Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil said that the Reproductive and Social Health Education (PKRS) will become the core subject in the school curriculum (<http://www.nst.com.my>). It is not only than sex education but also to giving the teenagers the right knowledge and information about sexual initiation, promoted abstinence, prevented sexually transmitted infections and unwanted pregnancies that can lead to dumping babies. Thus, sex education is very important to teach in school in order to educate teenagers that relates to sex education and the awareness level of the teenagers about unwanted pregnancies which can cause to dumping babies.

2.4.4 Punish the fathers of dumped baby

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She also said that the maximum sentence imposed on women for killing their babies or dumping the babies with the intention of killing them should be reviewed (<http://thestar.com.my/news/story>). **CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK**

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