

**A COMPARATIVE STUDY REGARDING CHILD CRIMINAL
OFFENDERS:
MALAYSIA AND UNITED KINGDOM**

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ABSTRACT

There has been a serious increase in the issue of juvenile offences in Malaysia. While the number of child offenders is increasing from year to year, the punishments that are being sentenced to these offenders are still as low as possible no matter how gruesome the nature of the crime committed. Thus, there are the needs to look into the causes regarding the punishments that are given by the court's effectiveness in curbing future crimes committed by children. Consequently, through analytical study, this research examines the efficiency of Malaysian laws in controlling child offences and to highlight for a stricter law and more severe punishments to be imposed by the government on the court of Malaysia. This project, in conclusion, it identifies a need for further improvement of our legal system, which may curb the rise of the juvenile offences by giving a more severe sentence to the criminal offenders.

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CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION

1.0 INTRODUCTION

From the article of The Star;

26 homes were broken into by two boys, who are both aged 7 and 8, in a 6-month thieving spree. Both boys stole money, shoes, caps, mobile phones, a watch and a portable console game. The boys bought shoes and a radio-controlled car with the stolen money.

As mentioned by Putrajaya OCPD Asst Comm Abdul Majid, the two boys attended the same school and lived within the same government staff quarters in phase 4C, section 8.

Homes of residents living within the same apartment block were broken into by the two boys. They used keys which they had found hidden in shoes and pots near the entrance.

As said by ACP Abdul Razak, some of the homes were not even locked, as it was a norm for homes in Putrajaya to not be locked as it is assumed to be a crime free city. ACP Abdul Razak also suspects that the boys found the idea of robbing houses easy due to the fact that one of the thieving boy's parents also hid their house keys in the shoe.

The boys were finally caught after proudly exposing their 6-month crime spree to a friend who then reported to his father. A police report was lodged by the friend's father on 27th October. Victims of the boys' thefts thought it was a small matter thus no reports were made. After the report was logged, police questioned the two boys at their homes where they admitted to the crimes.

The stolen items were two pairs of shoes, a watch, three pen drives, a wallet, RM14, a mobile phone, a bicycle and a portable console game. The police had alerted the Welfare Department to look into the matter, as the boys were too young to be