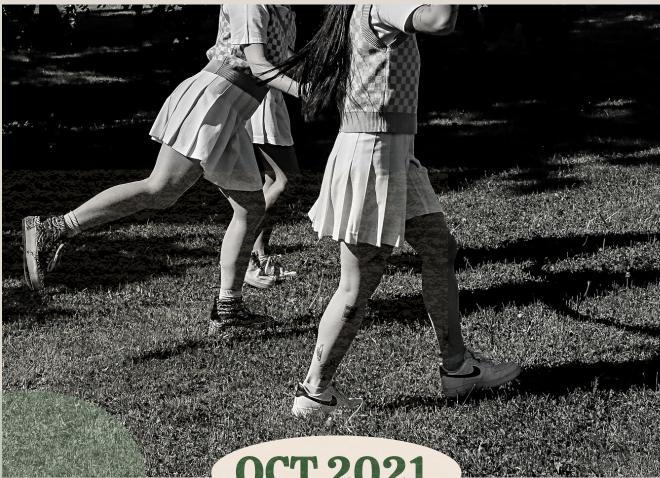
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#### THIS MONTH ON GENDER VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:



#### BRIDE-TO-BE, 23, ALLEGES RAPE BY BOMOH

A bomoh known as "Ayah Su" has raped a 23-year-old bride-to-be when she was getting "exorcised" at Tendong, Pasir Mas. The suspect asked her to visit him at his home at 3pm with her fiance. The victim was asked to take off her pants when they were alone in a room and the suspect said that it was part of the treatment.

The "session" lasted 30 minutes, ending with the bomoh raping her. The victim was warned not to tell anyone about her getting raped by the suspect but the victim decided to tell her fiance and her family before lodging the police report.

The suspect, who is a pensioner, was later detained by the police at midnight the same day at his home. The suspect has been remanded for seven days starting from 16 October (Saturday) and the case is being investigated under Section 376 of the Penal Code.

<u>https://www.freemalaysiatoday.com/category/nation/2021/10/17/would-be-bride-23-alleges-rape-by-</u> <u>bomoh/</u>

#### MAN WHO RAPED EX-GIRLFRIEND HOPING TO IMPREGNATE HER GETS JAIL AND CANING

The couple met in school in 2009 and became a couple when he was 16 years old and she was 14. She underwent two abortions during their relationship.

On Feb 11, 2019, she broke up with him after learning that he had cheated on her. She stayed away from her usual hangouts and blocked him on messaging application WhatsApp when he asked her to get back with him. Then, he began communicating with her through her best friend.

Two weeks after their break-up, he called the victim and said that he wanted to discuss marriage. Two days later, he sent a photo - meant for her- to the mutual friend showing a parang on his bed as well as a threatening text message. Past midnight on Feb 27, 2019, he approached her as she was returning home and persuaded her to get onto his motorcycle and brought her to his room. Then, he interrogated her at knifepoint about her sex life with her new boyfriend. The victim was raped by the accused who tried to get her pregnant so that she would have no choice but to marry him.

After she left his flat, the woman called her thenboyfriend and her best friend to tell them what happened. She also called the police and the man was arrested later that day.

The accused was sentenced to 10½ years' jail and six strokes of the cane.

https://www.thestar.com.my/aseanplus/aseanplusnews/2021/11/08/man-who-raped-ex-girlfriendhoping-to-impregnate-her-jail-and-caning