

TEKS UCAPAN

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**MAJLIS PERASMIAN
MAHKAMAH SESYEN JENAYAH
ANTI-PEMERDAGANGAN ORANG**

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MAHKAMAH KLANG, SELANGOR**

Bismillahirrahmanirahim,

Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh, dan Salam
Sejahtera.

**Yang Berbahagia Dato' Seri Alwi Haji Ibrahim,
Ketua Setiausaha Kementerian Dalam Negeri
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Penyeludupan Migran (MAPO)**

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**Yang Berbahagia Tan Sri Dato' Sri Mohamad Fuzi Harun
Ketua Polis Negara
Yang Arif Hakim-hakim Mahkamah Persekutuan dan
Mahkamah Rayuan**

**Yang Berbahagia Dato' Sri Latifah Haji Mohd Tahar
Ketua Pendaftar Mahkamah Persekutuan Malaysia**

His Excellencies Ambassadors and High Commissioners

**Yang Arif Hakim-hakim dan Pesuruhjaya-pesuruhjaya
Kehakiman Mahkamah Tinggi Malaya**

**Yang Berbahagia Dato'-Dato' Timbalan Ketua Setiausaha,
Ketua-Ketua Jabatan, Kementerian Dalam Negeri dan Agensi**

**Wakil-wakil dari Majlis Peguam Malaysia, Media, dan Badan
Bukan Kerajaan (NGO),**

**Yang Berbahagia Tan Sri-Tan Sri, Puan Sri-Puan Sri, Dato'-
Dato', Datin-Datin, hadirin dan hadirat yang saya hormati
sekalian,**

1. Terlebih dahulu marilah kita memanjatkan syukur kepada Allah Subhanahu Wataala kerana dengan limpah izin-Nya, dapat kita berkumpul pada pagi ini sempena Majlis Perasmian Mahkamah

Sesyen Jenayah Anti-Pemerdagangan Orang, atau nama singkatannya “**Mahkamah Sesyen ATIP**”. Atas sebab-sebab yang tidak dapat dielakkan YAB Dato’ Seri Dr. Ahmad Zahid Hamidi tidak dapat hadir untuk merasmikan Majlis Perasmian Mahkamah Sesyen ATIP ini kerana mempunyai komitmen di Parlimen. YAB juga memohon maaf kepada hadirin sekalian.

2. Pertama sekali saya ingin merakamkan penghargaan di atas kehadiran para hadirin ke majlis perasmian ini, dan saya ingin mengucapkan selamat datang kepada semua, terutamanya Puan Yang Terutama Duta Besar Amerika Syarikat, Tuan/Puan Yang Terutama Pesuruhjaya-Pesuruhjaya Tinggi dan Duta-Duta Besar ASEAN, Ketua-Ketua Setiausaha dan Pegawai-Pegawai Tinggi Kerajaan untuk menyaksikan saat bersejarah bagi Malaysia dalam usaha membanteras pemerdagangan manusia.
3. Malaysia telah lama berusaha dalam membanteras jenayah pemerdagangan orang ini. Jenayah ini adalah satu jenayah yang dianggap paling kejam dan tidak berperikemanusiaan kerana mencabuli hak-hak asasi manusia tanpa mengira jantina, bangsa dan kerakyatan.
4. Jenayah pemerdagangan ini makin meningkat, sama ada di peringkat antarabangsa mahupun serantau. Sebagai anggota komuniti antarabangsa yang komited, Malaysia akan berpegang kepada prinsipnya dan bertindak membasminya.

5. Sebelum Akta Anti-Pemerdagangan Orang (ATIP 2007) berkuatkuasa pada tahun 2007, Malaysia telah menggunakan pelbagai cara dan undang-undang sedia ada untuk membanteras kesalahan-kesalahan ini. Tahun ini adalah tahun kesepuluh akta ini, yang kini dikenali sebagai Akta Anti-Pemerdagangan Orang dan Anti-Penyeludupan Migran 2007 (ATIPSOM 2007).

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

6. It gives me great pleasure to welcome all of you on this special occasion to witness another initiative by the two branches of the Government, i.e. the Executive and the Judiciary to strengthen the rule of law by establishing a specialised court to deal with human trafficking cases. Today is a historic day - it is historic because it demonstrates our concrete action, commitment and our undeniable concern for victims of human trafficking.
7. In fact, the establishment of this specialised court where is now known as ATIP Court is the brainchild of YAB Deputy Prime Minister. When this idea was first mooted to the Judiciary, we readily accepted the challenge without hesitation. We selected Klang to be the location for this pioneer project because statistics wise, Selangor has the highest concentration of human trafficking cases registered among all the other states in Malaysia.

8. Let us hope that the setting up of the ATIP Court will serve as a notice and to send a strong signal to human traffickers both domestically and internationally, that we are very serious in combating this type of crime.
9. Malaysia has come a long way in combating the crime of human trafficking. As we aware human trafficking cases are increasing, globally and regionally. As a committed member of international community, Malaysia has to make a stand and take action to eradicate this terrible crime.
10. For your record, Malaysia's position was raised to Tier 2 in the US State Department Report on Trafficking in Persons (US TIP Report) 2017 because Malaysia has implemented significant efforts as inspired by the United Nations Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children, and the US Trafficking Victim Protection Act 2000 (TPVA) 2000. This is due to the consistent efforts and commitments in improving the number of investigations, prosecutions and convictions of trafficking in persons' cases as well as improving several aspects of victim's protection.
11. It will be reflected not only in US TIP report, but also 6 other international reports such as the Universal Periodic Report (UPR) and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) by the United Nations.
12. Refusing to rest on its laurels, the Government has identified several key areas of improvement. One of which is the establishment of a

specialized court to handle cases involving trafficking in persons. This is expected to have a significant impact on the efforts in combating the crime.

13. The Malaysian Judiciary is also committed to ensure that the prosecution and trial process of human trafficking cases in the ATIP court will be expedited. We have fixed a time line of 9 months from the date of registration for the disposal of these type of cases. This intended timeline was fixed, taking into consideration the need to balance the right of the accused person to prepare his case, and the right and interest of the victims and the witnesses involved in these type of cases.
14. To this end, the Judiciary is seeking strong support from the Attorney General's Chambers as well as the members of the Bar and all enforcement agencies, in particular the police and the immigration department to ensure that the time line set by the Judiciary in disposing these cases is strictly followed and complied with. There shall be no delay in disposing these cases. Once a case is fixed for hearing, it must be heard until completion.
15. I am pleased to inform that the opening of the ATIP Court in Klang today will pave the way for the setting up of the similar courts throughout Malaysia. By end of this year we will set up another five ATIP Courts in five other states, namely Perak, Melaka, Johore, Sabah and Penang.

16. To ensure the quality of justice administered in these courts is of the highest standard, the Judges selected to preside in these Courts and the Government had agreed on this, will be Senior Sessions Court Judges of the rank of Super Scale B. These judges are experienced judges who have not less than 25 years' experience in the Judicial and Legal Service.

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

17. In closing, once again I wish to thank everyone who are present today.
18. I also wish to thank the organising committee from *Majlis Anti Pernerdagangan Orang* headed by Yang Berbahagia Dato' Seri Alwi Haji Ibrahim, the Secretary General of the Home Ministry and from the Court, headed by Yang Berbahagia Dato' Sri Latifah Haji Mohd Tahar, Chief Registrar of the Federal Court, for their cooperation in making this event a success.
19. Maka dengan lafaz "Bismillahirrahmanirrahim", saya dengan segala sukacitanya merasmikan **Penubuhan Mahkamah Sesyen Anti-Pernerdagangan Orang sebagai satu medium untuk mendukung sistem keadilan jenayah pada majlis yang bersejarah dan penuh bermakna ini.**

Wabillahi taufik walhidayah wassalamualakum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh

