

Indonesia To End Child Marriage



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One of the efforts to eventually end Child Marriage in Indonesia has been carried out by the Women's Empowerment and Child Protection Minister or PPPA, Yohana Susana Yembise. In doing so, not only has she co-operated with the Religious Affairs Minister, but it has also worked together with some Indonesian community organizations. Her latest effort was to encourage the House of Representatives or DPR to amend and revise the Law No.1/1974 on Marriage.

According to her, the amendment is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

She said about it on Monday (16 April) in Jakarta after having a hearing with the Commission VIII of DPR. She explained that instead of 16 (for woman) and 19 (for man), the Marriage Law would limit marriage of girls to the age of 21 and 22 (for man).

The Minister of PPPA also said that her office would keep enforcing the programmes on preventing Child Marriage from taking place in the country. She explained that the programmes had been dealing with, among others, disseminating the many different disadvantages of such marriages and providing Indonesian communities with marriage and sex education programmes.

To her, it is very important for Indonesian people to know that the government protect and care for children. She said that up to their first twenty years of age, they would be expected to go to school, to play, and to enjoy their youth. The government would make sure that there would be no more Child Marriages in Indonesia.

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