

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

New act mulled, says KJ

KUALA LUMPUR: The government is studying the possibility of introducing a new law to address the spectre of sexual harassment in Malaysia.

Youth and Sports Minister Khairy Jamaluddin said efforts to draft the enactment were being studied by the Women, Family and Community Development Ministry.

Khairy said he would forward suggestions by the Malaysian Youth Parliament to the ministry soon.

"While it is true that there are existing laws to tackle sexual harassment, it needs to be im-

proved upon with the creation of a specific act.

"This is because sexual harassment can lead to more serious acts (of deviance), including rape, as what happened to our national athlete," he said at the end of the first sitting of the 2018 Youth Parliament in Dewan Rakyat.

Khairy said blaming women and accusing them of "inviting" sexual harassment by the way they dressed, was incorrect.

"Let's not be too quick to put the blame on women's dressing, but instead work together to offer a comprehensive solution." **By Luqman Ariff Abdul Karim**