

# Law to protect elderly soon

**KUALA LUMPUR:** The government is formulating a new law to protect the elderly community especially from neglect and abuse, given the worrying increase in the number of such cases.

Speaking to the media after the launch of the Malaysian Aging Research Institute complex at Universiti Putra Malaysia yesterday, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail said an initial study on the subject had been done by Universiti Malaya (UM), and after viewing the findings, the ministry agreed that there was a need for a specific law to protect senior citizens.

"Based on the PEACE research by UM, the Women, Family and Community Development Ministry has agreed that there is a need for a law to protect senior citizens when it comes to issues of neglect and abuse."

She said the bill for the new law is expected to be tabled in Parliament in 2021. – Bernama



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Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail engaging with an elderly man after opening the Malaysian Research Institute on Ageing complex in Serdang yesterday.

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