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AUSTRALIA PROVIDES POLICE TRAINING TO HELP COUNTER CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION IN MALAYSIA

KUALA LUMPUR, 14 NOVEMBER 2025 – Building safer communities and protecting our most vulnerable members stand at the heart of **Australia's policing cooperation with Malaysia**.

From 10-14 November, the Australian High Commission through the Australian Federal Police (AFP) facilitated **counter-child exploitation training** for 16 police staff from across peninsular and East Malaysia. Two participants from Timor-Leste also joined.

Sponsored by the Australian Attorney General's Department, the AFP-delivered training will help Malaysian police officers identify child victims of sexual abuse and secure digital evidence vital to investigations leading to criminal charges. Participants learned how to leverage open-source intelligence and interrogate electronic devices including mobile telephones, laptops, and external hard drives, applying these skills to highly specialised scenario exercises.

At the conclusion of the training, the High Commissioner and AFP Senior Officer presented five Digital Evidence Field Triage Kits to the Royal Malaysia Police and Timor-Leste authorities.

This training follows public comments by Malaysian Home Minister Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution Ismail on 16 July 2025 calling for efforts to strengthen policing capability in response to a child sexual abuse case.

Australia-Malaysia policing cooperation has grown tremendously since commencing in 1973. The bilateral program includes collaboration on counter terrorism, cybercrime, transnational serious and organised crime, narcotics, people smuggling and online child exploitation.



Her Excellency Ms Danielle Heinecke, Australian High Commissioner to Malaysia said, "Australia is proud to make such a meaningful contribution to Malaysia's policing and law enforcement sector, especially in areas where it can impact our most vulnerable.

"Our youth are our future and must be protected from criminal activity. We want to work with Malaysia to build communities where children can live, learn and flourish."

Imagery can be found here: [For Media] Counter-Child Exploitation Training