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## LGBT issues: More counsellors needed

KOTA BARU: Deputy Education Minister Dr Mohd Puad Zarkashi Tuesday call on non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to have more certified counsellors to help overcome the issues of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) in the country.

He said this was because it was feared that the LGBT phenomenon would spread among students, as some of the current cases also involved school teachers.

“If possible, these NGOs can also set up counselling clinics, like health clinics, to help those trapped in the issues so that they can return to normal life,” he told reporters after opening a Parenting Seminar in Tackling LGBT Issues organised by Yayasan Guru Malaysia Berhad (YGMB) here Tuesday.

Present were Putrajaya Consultative Council of Parents and Teachers

Associations chairman Datuk Shahlan Ismail, YGMB chairman Datuk Alimuddin Mohd Dom and Kelantan Education Department director Hussain Awang.

Mohd Puad said the LGBT issues had also become the hot topic of discussion in certain websites, to the extent of criticising all preventive measures undertaken by the governments.

“We are not only worried about certain websites showing their supports to the LGBT lifestyles, but also about some opposition leaders playing their roles in endorsing inverse morality.

“While we were busy tackling the issues of drug addiction and illegal racing among the youths in the country, we should not leave the LGBT issues, which could affect the family institution and the country, to be left unaddressed,” he added. – Bernama