

Breaking the Silence: Confronting Domestic Violence

Domestic violence is not just about physical harm. It includes emotional abuse, verbal degradation, psychological control, sexual coercion and financial manipulation. It affects individuals across all walks of life and often remains hidden due to fear, stigma, or lack of awareness.

This talk brings together three key perspectives:

- Legal Expert (Lawyer) – Understanding your rights and legal protections
- Social Welfare Officer (JKM) – Support and resources for survivors
- Police Officer (PDRM) – Enforcement and handling of domestic violence cases

Discover how to intervene safely or guide someone toward help, using available resources and services in Malaysia. Gain a clear understanding of the Domestic Violence Act 1994 (DVA 1994) and its key provisions, including:

- Types of protection orders (IPO, EPO)
- Explore how to provide trauma-informed legal assistance that respects survivors' autonomy and safety.
- Learn the importance of cross-sector collaboration - with police, welfare officer and lawyer.

Date: 30 Jul 2025 (Wed)

Time: 2.30p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Venue: Penang Bar Auditorium

Registration Fees

Members of the Bar: RM50

Pupils in Chambers: RM30

Non-Members: RM80

JOIN NOW



Moderator
Wong Vi Vian



Emcee
Ng Yi Ying



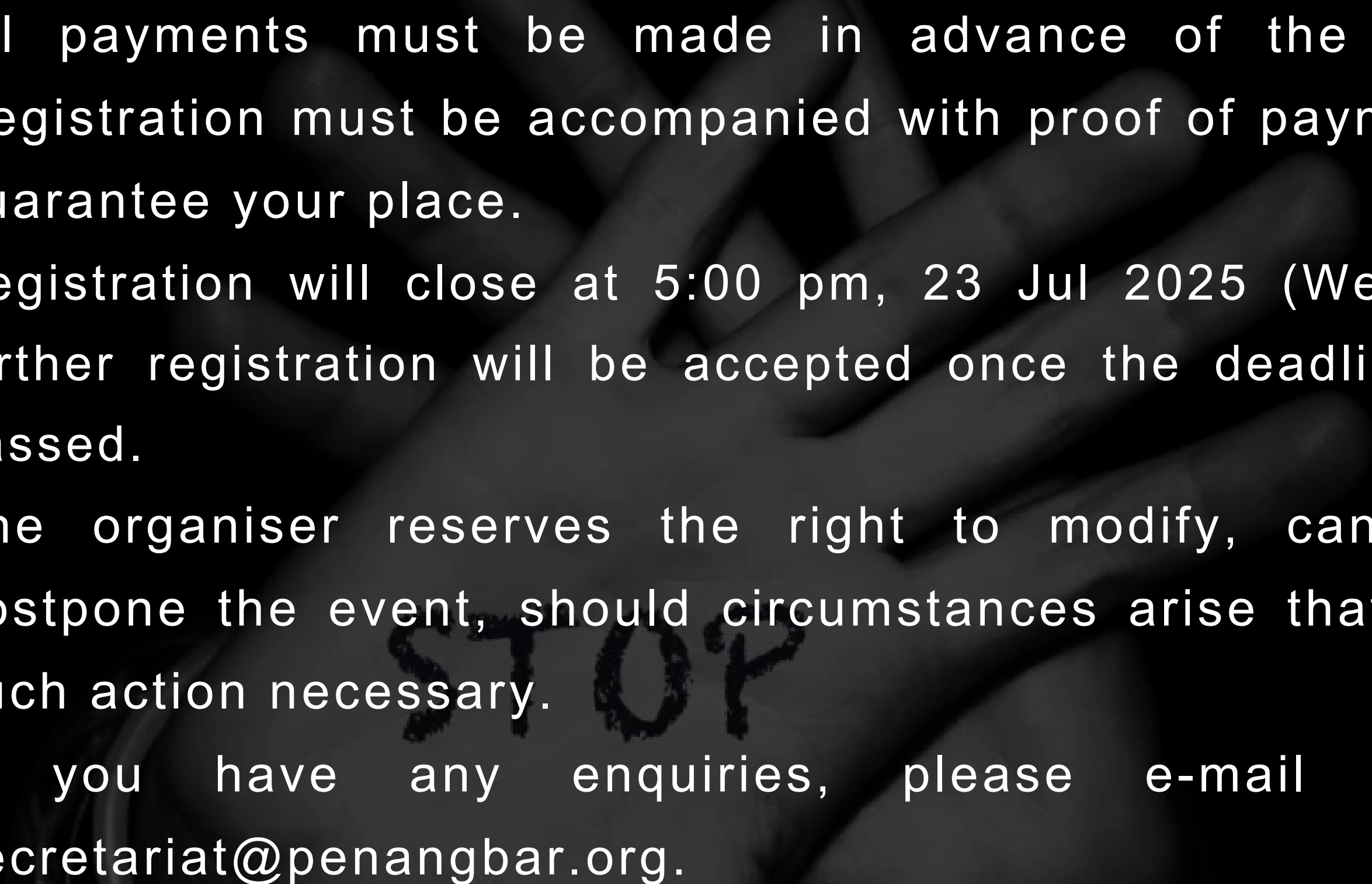
ASP Nor Azira binti Abdullah is an experienced law enforcement officer with over 14 years of service in the Royal Malaysia Police (PDRM). She currently serves as the Head Officer of the Sexual, Women, and Children Investigation Division (D11) under the Penang Contingent, where she leads investigations, coordinates operations, and plans strategies for cases involving women and children. With a strong academic background, holding a Bachelor's Degree in Communication and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), Penang, ASP Nor Azira has gained extensive experience in specialized units, including Narcotics, Technical Support, and DNA Data Bank Investigations. Her expertise, professionalism, and commitment to justice have made her a key figure in advancing the Royal Malaysia Police's efforts in protecting vulnerable communities.



Prema Arivananthan is the sole proprietor of Messrs Chambers of Ari and an Advocate and Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya since 2014. A University of London graduate, she began her career as a law lecturer in 2001 before moving into the corporate sector, where she led legal departments in ICT and franchise industries for over a decade. Her legal practice focuses on family law (including domestic violence, divorce, custody, and adoption), employment law, corporate advisory, and mediation. She served as President of the All Women's Action Society (AWAM) for the 2020–2022 term, offering legal guidance and support on gender-based violence, particularly during the pandemic. Prema is a vocal advocate for women's and children's rights and frequently delivers talks on domestic violence and sexual harassment with emphasis on current law practices in Malaysia. She was also a member of the Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (2021–2023), working on gender equality policies, and a former member of the Bar Council Family Law Committee.



Jamuna Naidu Nesen is the Senior Assistant Director of the Enforcement Division at the Department of Social Welfare (JKM) in Penang. She plays a key role in assisting the homeless and vulnerable populations through joint operations with other agencies like the National Registration Department (JPN), providing support such as referrals to Homeless Transit Centres and job-matching programs. Her initiatives have improved the lives of over 100 individuals through social welfare assistance and employment opportunities. Beyond her role at JKM, Jamuna is a skilled Training Consultant and has appeared in programs like Wanita Cegah Covid-19 (Women Combating Covid-19), where she shared strategies for coping during the Movement Control Order (MCO), especially for women as caregivers and frontline workers. She has also conducted academic research on managing stress among social workers using Rational-Emotive Behavioural Therapy (REBT), highlighting work-related stress and proposing coping strategies. Jamuna's contributions extend to community education and social capacity building, further strengthening her impact in welfare administration and social support programs.

- 
- All payments must be made in advance of the event. Registration must be accompanied with proof of payment to guarantee your place.
 - Registration will close at 5:00 pm, 23 Jul 2025 (Wed). No further registration will be accepted once the deadline has passed.
 - The organiser reserves the right to modify, cancel or postpone the event, should circumstances arise that make such action necessary.
 - If you have any enquiries, please e-mail us at secretariat@penangbar.org.