

KJ apologises to Veveonah on behalf of govt

KUALA LUMPUR: Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Khairy Jamaluddin said has apologised to Sabah undergraduate Veveonah Mosibin and her parents on behalf of the government over his colleagues' remarks last week.

The Rembau MP took to Twitter to announce his meeting with Veveonah Thursday at Universiti Malaysia Sabah, where the latter is studying.

"Managed to meet Veveonah at UMS. I have apologised to her and her parents on behalf of the government. I have also suggested that she work with the Malaysia Innovation Foundation to develop innovation projects at her village in environmental conservation," he wrote.

Khairy also attached two pictures of both of them in the accompanying Twitter post.

Khairy's apology came after Deputy Communications and Multimedia Minister Datuk Zahidi Zainul Abidin also formally apologised to the Upper House over his remarks against Veveonah.

Recently, Zahidi came under fire for suggesting that Veveonah was an attention seeker and had faked taking an



Khairy with Veveonah and her parents in UMS on Thursday, September 10. — Picture via Twitter/Khairy Jamaluddin

online examination atop a tree in rural Sabah due to poor Internet connectivity, an allegation he made in the Senate last week.

The Padang Besar MP from Umno has since apologised and claimed to have received the information from Kudat MP Abdul Rahim Bakri, a Bersatu leader and the deputy finance minister.

Veveonah had also disclosed that she already came under immediate attack online over Zahidi's allegation.

In June, Veveonah posted a video to her YouTube channel showing viewers how she spent 24 hours atop a tree in the jungle as that was the only way she could reliably connect to the Internet and sit for her

Chemistry and Malaysian studies tests then.

Her YouTube video spurred the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) to devise plans for a telecommunications tower in Kampung Bilangau Kecil, Pitas, to provide Veveonah and her fellow villagers improved internet access.