



Keretapi Tanah Melayu Bhd introduced the ladies only coaches in 2010. PIC BY ASWADI ALIAS

#### AUSSIE PASSENGER HARASSED BY YOUTHS

## KTMB discussing law for ladies coaches

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Keretapi Tanah Melayu Bhd (KTMB) and the Land Public Transport Agency are discussing legislation regarding the ladies coach, as well as improving enforcement operations and awareness campaigns.

This follows an incident in which a 72-year-old woman was harassed and insulted by a group of male youths in the women's coach of a KTM Komuter train.

KTMB said: "Our auxiliary police at stations were mobilised more often to ensure that men did not encroach on women's coaches.

"We call on the public to assist us in reminding each other about the importance of the coaches.

The ladies only coaches were introduced by KTMB in 2010.

KTMB said passengers were encouraged to use the intercom button or contact KTMB's auxiliary police at 03-2263 1194 in case of emergencies.

On the incident, KTMB said its customer service unit had reached out to media personality Shealtnee Iman Lee, who shared the incident involving her mother, who was travelling from Bukit Badak station to Shah Alam station.

Lee said her mum found a group of male youths in the women's coach.

"My mother, a schoolteacher for 40 years, reminded the boys that they were in the women's coach.

"What did these boys do? They responded rudely, saying: 'We are Malaysians!' and 'This is my country!'

"They took videos of her and brought more of their rowdy friends into the coach, causing concern for my mum and the other women there."

Lee said the boys' behaviour was possibly influenced by her mother being Australian.