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No way out for child sex offenders

SYDNEY: A registered child sex offender was stopped at an Australian airport yesterday, within hours of new laws designed to prevent convicted paedophiles from travelling overseas coming into effect.

It is now an offence for registered child sex offenders – those convicted of the most serious forms of abuse in Australia – to leave the country without approval from law enforcement agencies.

They also face having their

passports cancelled at the request of Australian authorities.

The new laws follow repeated episodes of child exploitation overseas, including a high-profile case last year when Australian Robert Ellis was convicted of sexually abusing 11 Indonesian girls on the resort island of Bali.

"Australia has up to 20,000 registered child sex offenders who have served their sentences but are subject to reporting obligations that help to protect the community," Foreign Minister

Julie Bishop had said earlier.

"For too long, these predators have travelled overseas undetected, including to countries where weaker laws mean they have opportunities to commit heinous crimes."

Last year alone, 800 registered child sex offenders travelled overseas, often to developing countries in Asia, and about 40% did so without notifying police.

"This will now stop," said Bishop. – AFP

Rob, kill, burn

Couple and two grandchildren die in Tanjung Sepat tragedy

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KUALA LANGAT: A 12-year-old boy yesterday recounted how he watched as his grandparents and brothers were killed before their wooden house in Tanjung Sepat here was set on fire.

"Grandma, grandpa, little brother, my second brother all dead... except me.

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DEAD:
Yuan Bin, three

DEAD:
The boy's grandparents Lim Mai Shak, 68, and Chia Tee Nang, 73.



RAZED ...
What's left of the house where four people, including two senior citizens and a toddler, were found dead in Tanjung Sepat yesterday morning.

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