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KOTA BARU: The number of drug abuse cases involving students in the state has increased by 34% within 10 months – a situation that Kelantan police chief Datuk Hasanuddin Hassan has described as “alarming”.

“That’s because the number of cases continues to rise despite aggressive measures to combat addiction.

“We have seen a slight drop in criminal cases involving students but drug cases continue to go up,” he said after opening a crime prevention club at SMK Kota Bharu yesterday.

From January to October, 866 youngsters aged between 15 and 18 were arrested for drug-related offences, way up from the 644 cases recorded in the same period last year.