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PUTRAJAYA: The government yesterday cautioned the public about the serious threat posed by synthetic drugs that can make users behave like a "zombie".

Women, Family and Community Development Minister Datuk Seri Rohani Abdul Karim said collective effort was needed to combat the abuse of new psychoactive substances that could make people aggressive or be-

have like "zombies".

She said the ministry would work with the National Anti-Drugs Agency, police's Narcotics Criminal Investigation Department and other agencies to fight the abuse of such drugs.

"Even school administrators have to take measures.

"This trend is worrying. Distributors of such substances are getting creative. Some even use

them in candies to bait students.

"We will emphasise *najis dadah* (drugs scourge) in our campaigns to show the seriousness of the issue and how drugs affect society.

"The phrase *najis dadah* is not as widely used in campaigns as it used to be," she said at the National Welfare Foundation's Run for Love event in Taman Botani here. More than 1,000 people, in-

cluding 30 disabled people, participated in the 5km run.

She advised the people, especially the younger generation, to stay away from drugs as it was difficult to rehabilitate addicts.

It was reported that the country was facing the threat of new psychoactive substances, which could produce hallucinations in users. The substances come in pills or capsules.



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