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### All addicted since dad died four years ago

A FAMILY of seven siblings aged between 10 and 30 in Alor Setar have been addicted to drugs ever since their father passed away four years ago, *Harian Metro* reported.

They tested positive when the state anti-drugs agency raided their home in Pokok Sena, Alor Setar, on Thursday.

Kedah Anti-Drugs Agency icon Dr Zaki Zamani Abdul Rashid said their eighth sibling and eldest sister are working overseas while the second eldest sibling, a 30-year-old man, works as a security guard.

Among the siblings is a single mother.

According to Dr Zaki Zamani, two sisters and four brothers were born to the first wife who passed away from cancer 10 years ago.

Their late father's new wife gave birth to the two younger siblings.

He said the two sisters, aged 22 and 25, are unemployed and the family is being supported by their brother, who works as a security guard.

The state anti-drugs enforcement agency is monitoring them and will determine whether they should be sent to a rehabilitation centre.

> A 50-year-old woman's attempt to steal clothes by hiding it in her crotch was foiled when she was apprehended at the supermarket in Tawau on Wednesday, *Kosmo!* reported.

A worker confronted the woman who was behaving suspiciously. She was taken to the office for questioning after she was seen walking around the supermarket in a suspicious manner.

Tawau police chief Asst Comm Fadil Marsus said the suspect then removed a total of nine *jubah* (Muslim women's robes) that she had hidden.

He said the suspect did not have any identification on her.

> Illegal immigrants from the Philippines entering Sabah are using small rivers along main entry points to evade the authorities, *Berita Harian* reported.

They have been found entering waters off Sandakan from Pulau Bangkungan Besar through Pulau Selingan, Pulau Libaran and Tanjung Pasir before landing at Kampung Tinosa and Kampung Mangkalinau.

The 40 nautical mile journey takes between 30 minutes to an hour.

The Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency and *Berita Harian* sighted huts along rivers believed to be used as rest areas by illegal immigrants.

The daily reported that locals masquerading as fishermen were believed to be serving as tontos to alert them of authorities in the area.