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**JOHOR BARU:** State police have denied that Johor is a hotspot for illegal drug-related activities.

However, deputy director of Bukit Aman's Narcotics Division (Technical Intelligence Analysis), SAC Baharom Othman, said that along with gangsterism, drug related activities exists in various cities.

He was speaking following a courtesy call to Johor police chief Comm Datuk Mohd Khalil Kader Mohd at the Johor state police contingent headquarters yesterday.

He said the Special Tactical Intelligence Narcotics Group, Bukit Aman, state Narcotics Criminal Investigation Department and other agencies such as the National Anti-drugs Agency should work hand-in hand to tackle the problem of drug-pushers and drug addicts, who are at the lowest rung of those involved in drug related crimes.

He also congratulated Johor police for solving seven drug cases with the arrests of 12 suspects in the first two months of this year.

Baharom said Johor police also arrested 94 suspects for drug related offences last year, adding that police would continue to work hard to cripple drug syndicates.

He said 142 drug addicts were held in Ops Sarang in Kampung Melayu Pandan and Kampung Ubi yesterday, and 105 tested positive for drug abuse.

He said the majority of the drug addicts were repeat addicts aged 20 to 60, including two women. - by **Low Sock Ken**