



## 3,085 drug addicts detected in Selangor last year

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**SHAH ALAM:** A total of 3,085 drug addicts were detected in Selangor last year compared to 2,112 in 2014, according to the National Anti-Drugs Agency.

The statistics also showed that 2,933 of the total are males.

The agency's deputy director-general (operation) Izhar Abu Talib said 2,888 of the 3,085 addicts are aged between 13 and 49 years old.

"We are concerned that students and youths are among those in the list," he said after meeting Selangor state secretary Datuk Mohd Amin Ahmad Ahya at his office in Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah building today.

Izhar said drug addiction is a trend seen in the more advanced states like Selangor, Kuala Lumpur and Perak.

The agency has detected 15 hotspots in Selangor including Petaling, Ampang, Serdang, Klang, Pandah Indah and Hulu Klang districts, where drug use, processing and distribution occurs.

"We want to cooperate with the Selangor government, as well as the community and NGOs to tackle this problem," he said, adding that programmes on drug abuse awareness will be carried out to target schoolchildren and youths.