

Agency: Bus drivers to undergo urine tests

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KUCHING: The National Anti-Drugs Agency (AADK) will conduct urine tests on bus drivers to ensure that they are free from the influence of prohibited substances in view of the upcoming Hari Raya Aidilfitri celebration.



Wan Madihi (third right) and CCH chairman Sulhi Ahmad (right) scoop bubur lambuk into containers for distribution. — Photo by Jeffrey Mostapa

AADK state director Wan Madihi Wan Salleh said the urine tests will be conducted in collaboration with the Road Transport Department (JPJ) from next week.

“We have previously screened the bus drivers for drugs at Kuching Sentral and found that there were those who failed the urine test but unfortunately I do not have the figures with me currently,” he told reporters after launching a bubur lambuk distribution programme yesterday at Semariang Caring Community House (CCH) in Kampung Semariang Batu.

“We will usually conduct these test two weeks before and after the festive season to ensure that the bus drivers are not driving under the influence of illegal substances which can endanger the lives of not only the passengers but the drivers themselves.”

Earlier in his speech, Wan Madihi urged Kampung Semariang Batu residents to be AADK's eyes and ears to ensure that Semariang remains a drug-free neighbourhood.

"If you are suffering from an addiction to drugs or know anyone who experiences drug addiction or social problems, please do not hesitate to come forward to AADK and we will try our best to help by providing rehabilitation," he said.

Over 30 people received bubur lambuk during the programme, which aimed to foster closer ties between the local community and AADK as well as raise awareness of AADK and CCH's roles.

The event also saw the presentation of prizes to winners of the CCH Green Lawn Competition which was held last April.