

Drug abuse in Miri at a `worrying` level — Gan

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Gan Tian Kee

MIRI: Drug abuse here has increased to 374 cases as of Aug 10, compared to 285 cases in the same period last year.

This is an increase of 31 per cent.

The number of arrest also increased in the same period, from 308 last year to 409 this year.

Miri police chief ACP Gan Tian Kee said the Chinese formed the highest number of those arrested this time, at 162, followed by Malays (124), Ibans (42) and other races (81).

On drugs, he said Syabu was the most commonly and widely abused drugs in the period until Aug 10 this year.

A total of 311.15 grams of Syabu were seized, compared to 84.44g in the same period last year.

On the other hand, only 110.05g of cannabis was seized in the period until Aug 10, compared to 942.96g last year.

On arrests made, Gan said 88 people were arrested under Section 3 of the Drug Dependents (Treatment and Rehabilitation) Act 1983 in the period up to Aug 10 this year, as compared to 42 in the corresponding period in 2013.

“All of them have been sent to drug rehabilitation centres.”

Gan, who took over as the new police chief earlier this year, said the drug situation here was at a worrying level and urged all parties, including the National Anti-Drug Agency (AADK), National Drug Abuse Prevention Association (Pemadam) and non-governmental organisations, to work closely with the police to curb the drug menace.