

Drug-peddlers targeting students not in Sarawak

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SIBU: Drug-peddlers targeting school children may be prevalent in the peninsula but not in Sarawak, says Deputy Home Affairs Minister Datuk Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar.



File photo showing an ongoing programme in a school to instill awareness among students to keep away from drugs.

“The ministry, police and National Anti-drugs Agency (AADK) are aware of this activity.

“The police have formed a unit to work together with the AADK, Education Department and the school authorities to handle the problem,” Wan Junaidi, who is Santubong MP, told The Borneo Post yesterday.

AADK was also working with the Ministry of Health to conduct urine test among students to detect early involvement in drug abuse.

Wan Junaidi was asked if the ministry would deploy more police liaison officers to schools to curb the problem following the disclosure in a Bernama report that drug syndicates in the country had set eyes on students for distribution of drugs.

After a Drug Prevention Action Council (MTMD) meeting in Kota Bharu on Sunday, the deputy minister was quoted to have said that various proactive measures would be taken to combat drug abuse in the country.

He was further quoted to have said the ministry had detected syndicates focusing on students because they (schoolchildren) could be easily influenced.