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KELANTAN COPS TOLD TO BOOST DRUG FIGHT

DPM sets KPI
for Kelantan
police chief

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KELANTAN police have been ordered to step up efforts to combat drug smuggling from a neighbouring country, especially in investigation and surveillance of rat trails along border areas.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said

he had set key performance indicators for the Kelantan police chief to take more drastic action to prevent the entry of drugs.

He said he had voiced his concern about the smuggling of drugs, such as *pil kuda* (methamphetamine) from the neighbouring country, which not only involved Kelantan, but also Terengganu and Pahang.

Zahid, who is also home minister, was speaking at Kuching International Airport here at the end of his working visit to the state yesterday.

He said he had instructed the Kelantan Narcotics Criminal In-

vestigation Department to work with the Kelantan government to stamp out the drug menace.

Zahid, who arrived two days ago, had visited Chief Minister Datuk Abang Johari Openg at his official residence on Sunday.

He visited Yang di-Pertua Sarawak Tun Abdul Taib Mahmud and Deputy Chief Minister Datuk Awang Tengah Ali Hassan

on Monday in conjunction with Hari Raya Aidilfitri.

Deputy Chief Minister Datuk Douglas Uggah Embas received a visit in conjunction with the Gawai Dayak festival.

Zahid said tackling the drug menace did not only involve joint efforts between the state and federal governments, but also required the participation of parties, such as the National Anti-

Drugs Agency and the public.

He said he held discussions with Thai Deputy Prime Minister Somkid Jatusripitak to draw up programmes under the General Border Committee, as well as with the Defence Ministry and other sub-committees, to boost anti-drug smuggling efforts along the border. **Bernama**



Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi speaking to Sarawak Speaker Datuk Mohamad Asfja Awang Nassar at the Kuching International Airport yesterday. **BERNAMA PIC**