

Know what Independence Day means, young urged

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Simoi (third left) presents an award to one of the winners in a competition. Simoi (third left) presents an award to one of the winners in a competition.

SRI AMAN: Young people should know the significance of Independence Day, not merely flying the national flag and chanting 'Merdeka'.

"Many of our young generation do not know the history of independence and how we achieved it. Many merely fly the national flag and chant 'Merdeka' for the fun of it."

Lingga assemblywoman Simoi Peri said this when closing a Drug Prevention Carnival at the civic centre here yesterday.

The carnival was jointly held by the National Anti-Drug Agency (AADK) and Malaysia Drug Prevention Association (Pemadam) at state level.

Simoi Peri said the new generation should not forget the sacrifices of past leaders for independence. They should know the independence history, remembering past leaders and their contributions.

It is also important to instill in them love for the country and for them to have the spirit of patriotism. Resident for Sri Aman District, Jonathan Lugoh, was among those present. Among the activities held during the carnival are a karaoke competition for community leaders and students, poem reading competition, poster drawing competitions and stage performances.