

War on drugs in Padawan leads to eight arrests

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The six suspected addicts detained in the second raid line up at the police station.

KUCHING: The on-going fight against drug-related activities in Padawan continued with the arrest of eight individuals, including two school dropouts, by police over the past two days.

Acting on tip-offs, a team from the Padawan Narcotics Crime Investigation Department raided a house at Taman Sentah Indah, along the Kuching-Serian Road, on Wednesday and nabbed a pair of lovers following the discovery of a straw tube containing Syabu.

The police team, led by Inspector Muning Jakong, subsequently arrested the lovers – a 26-year-old man and a 36-year-old woman – and hauled them to the police station where they tested positive for drug abuse.

The second raid took place around 11am yesterday when the same team descended on a house at RPR Landeh and nabbed two boys – aged 16 and 17 – after they were found in possession of three straw tubes containing Syabu and a plastic packet containing cannabis leaves.

Four other persons in the same house were also detained and taken to the police station along with the two teenagers, who are secondary school dropouts. All six persons detained in the second raid also tested positive for drug use.

Those detained are currently being held in the lockup pending the application of a remand order, and are being investigated under Section 12(2) of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952, which carries a maximum jail of five years, a fine not exceeding RM100,000, or both.

Following its latest success, the department is urging the public to channel more information concerning drug dealing activities and drug addiction cases via 082-862640 for action to be taken.