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DEFENCE MINISTRY WILLING TO HELP NATIONAL DADAH COUNCIL

KOTA BAHARU, Feb 12 (Bernama) -- The Defence Ministry is willing to help the National Dadah Council which was set up recently to eradicate the escalating dadah problem in the country.

Minister Datuk Syed Hamid Albar said today the army was willing to help in monitoring dadah smuggling activities at border areas eventhough the fell under police jurisdiction as civilians were involved.

Speaking to reporters after visiting the 8th Brigade Headquarters in Pengkalan Chepa near here, he said the ministry could also help the council, chaired by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in the rehabilitation of dadah addicts.

The involvement of the military could instil discipline among dadah addicts undergoing rehabilitation and this would help them get cured and return to the society.

Syed Hamid said the war against dadah needed a new approach with further treatment given to former addicts to ensure that they were really rehabilitated.

He also said that stern action would be taken against servicemen involved in dadah addiction. -- Bernama

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