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PARLIAMENT: FIVE SINGAPOREANS HELD FOR ECSTASY ABUSE

KUALA LUMPUR, July 10 (Bernama) -- Five Singaporeans have been arrested by the Narcotics Department for dadah abuse involving Ecstasy pills up to June 30 this year.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is also the Home Minister, said 4,084 Ecstasy pills were seized from the Singaporeans.

In a written reply to Vincent Lim Kuo Phau (BN-Petaling Jaya) in the Dewan Rakyat today, Dr Mahathir said use of the pill was only detected early this year in Pulau Pinang, Kuala Lumpur and Johor.

He said the Ecstasy pills are a form of dangerous dadah banned under the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952 (Amended 1980).

The Ecstasy dadah taken in either tablet, capsule or powder form could cause adverse reactions such as fever, convulsion, fainting and damage to liver and kidneys, leading to death, he added. -- BERNAMA

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