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NARCOTICS DEPT TO INTENSIFY OPERATIONS AGAINST DADAH ABUSE

PETALING JAYA, Feb 8 (Bernama) -- Police set up the Narcotics Department recently to handle the dadah abuse menace in the country more effectively, Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Rahim Noor said tonight.

Speaking to reporters after breaking the fast at the Petaling Jaya Police Station here, he said with the setting up of the new department the anti-dadah branches were no longer under the supervision of the CID.

He also said the Cabinet had approved the setting up of a new executive body within the Home Ministry and under the Anti-Dadah Council chaired by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The executive body would be headed by a Director-General who would also hold the post of Director of the Narcotics Department and would be assisted by a deputy and several directors heading the anti-dadah, research, treatment, administrative and financial branches.

Members of the executive body would include the IGP, Home Ministry Secretary-General, Director-General of Education, Director-General of the Islamic Affairs Division of the Prime Minister's Department and the Director-General of Prisons.

He said for the present, the post of Director of the Narcotics Department would be held by the Deputy Director of the Bukit Aman Anti-Dadah branch Senior Assistant Commissioner Mamat Taib.

Rahim said the new department would also involve general duty police with area inspectors playing a role in monitoring the movements of ex-dadah addicts freed from the pusat serenti to prevent them from falling back into dadah addiction. -- BERNAMA