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PROPOSAL PAPER ON UPGRADING TO BE SUBMITTED TO PM TOMORROW

TELUK INTAN, Jan 28 (Bernama) -- The proposal paper on upgrading the Dadah Treatment and Rehabilitation Division to a department will be submitted to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tomorrow.

Deputy Home Minister Datuk Megat Junid Megat Ayob said the paper would be submitted to Dr Mahathir in his capacity as Home Minister before decision by the Cabinet.

Speaking to reporters after breaking the fast at Masjid Pekan Chenderong Balai, near here, last night, he said that after the upgrading exercise the division would be known as the Anti-Dadah Department with an anti-dadah council chaired by himself.

The Anti-Dadah Task Force in the Prime Minister's Department and the Royal Malaysia Police Anti-Dadah Branch would also be merged under the department.

With the setting up of the department, the posts of director-general and deputy directors for Dadah Research, Treatment and Rehabilitation and After-care and Administration would be created, he said.

The ministry would triple the allocation for running the new department, he said, adding that the division now received RM42 million a year for the treatment of 10,000 addicts in 21 rehabilitation centres nationwide. -- Bernama