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List of Naltrexone suppliers being finalised

PETALING JAYA, Sat. - The Home Ministry is finalising the list of potential suppliers of the drug Naltrexone for treating dadah addicts, Deputy Home Minister Datuk Seri Megat Junid Megat Ayob said today.

Megat Junid, who is also president of the National Association for Prevention of Dadah (Pemadam), was speaking to reporters after officiating at the Pemadam dadah exhibition and rally at the MPPJ civic hall tonight.

The exhibition and rally, jointly organised by Pemadam and Art, Faiz and Association, aimed to create awareness among the public on the dangers of dadah addiction and to overcome the current social problems among youths.

Megat said the ministry hoped to complete the study soon and to obtain the results by next month. He, however declined to elaborate.

The use of Naltrexone, a drug to suppress heroin and morphine addiction, was approved by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in March and an allocation of RM3 million will be used in a pilot project to treat the addicts.

At the function which was mostly attended by members of Pemadam and Amway dealers, he also said that parents were responsible for monitoring their children's movements to prevent them from getting involved in unhealthy activities.

"Parents must be concerned about the quality of family life and must constantly take steps to impart in their children the basic moral values needed to build the foundation for a strong, stable, cohesive and ethical-conscious society," he said.

Also present at the exhibition was Megat's wife, Datin Seri Faezah Datuk Shuaib, who is the deputy chairwoman of the Women and Family of Dadah Addicts Centre (Penawar) and the Ex-Dadah Addicts' Association (Pengasih) president, Yunus Phali Mohamad.

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