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NETHROZONE TREATMENT FOR ADDICTS WHO VOLUNTEER FOR REHABILITATION

TELUK INTAN, April 13 (Bernama) -- The drug nethrozone will be used on dadah addicts who volunteer for rehabilitation, Deputy Home Minister Datuk Seri Megat Junid Megat Ayob said today.

He said the treatment method had been agreed to by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who is the chairman of the National Anti Dadah Council.

"The Prime Minister has agreed that dadah addicts who volunteer for rehabilitation be treated with nethrozone after a proposal on it was submitted last month," he told reporters after launching the Youth declaration '97 function organised by Teluk Intan Umno Youth and Hilir Perak District Police here.

He said the National Anti Dadah Council had applied for a RM3 million allocation from the Finance Ministry to implement the pilot project using the treatment method with the cooperation of the Health Ministry.

It would involve 2,000 addicts from some 16,000 inmates at 29 drug rehabilitation centres nationwide, he said.

He said the effectiveness of treatment using nethrozone would only be known after six months of use. -- BERNAMA

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