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STRATEGIC PLAN AGAINST AIDS URGENTLY NEEDED- MARINA

MELAKA, May 16 (Bernama) -- A strategic plan needs to be devised urgently to fight the Aids menace nationwide, Malaysian Aids Council (MAC) president Datin Paduka Marina Mahathir said today.

Under the plan, programmes could be carried out effectively to deal with the disease at the national, state and district levels, she told reporters after addressing an Aids realisation forum here.

Marina said she was disappointed with the poor level of public realisation of the aids danger.

Asked on a recent newsreport highlighting the Aids danger from the use of the barber's blade, Marina said the fear was a 10-year-old issue.

"It appears that there are many among us who are still unaware of how the disease spreads," she said, adding that it spread through sex, sharing of syringes and through pregnant mothers infected with the virus.

Calling for greater public involvement in combating the disease, she said the MAC would ask the government to devise the strategic plan.

The MAC would also be holding a conference to discuss the strategic plan, she added. -- BERNAMA

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