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PEMADAM RECEIVES RM500,000 FROM GOVERNMENT

KUALA LUMPUR, June 26 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has approved RM500,000 to Pemadam under the Welfare and Social Service Trust Fund.

A statement from the Implementation Coordination Unit of the Prime Minister's Department said the one-off grant would enable Pemadam in its efforts to eradicate and carry out research on dadah abuse and, help drug addicts with follow-up treatment.

"At present, there are 15 Pemadam state-level branches and 148 district level branches. There are 51,645 Pemadam members," the statement said.

Pemadam receives RM100,000 annually through the National Drug Agency under the Ministry of Home Affairs which is used to implement anti dadah programmes, the statement said.

It added that the cheque for RM500,000 was handed over by ICU's director-general, Datuk Dr Zainul Ariff Hussain to Pemadam chairman, who is also Deputy Home Affairs Minister, Datuk Zainal Abidin Zin here today.

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