

# PM: War against drugs ineffective

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**KUALA TERENGGANU:** Efforts to curtail drug trafficking – right up to the grassroots level – are still ineffective, said Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

The statistics show that the number of drug pushers being arrested had increased from year to year, added the Prime Minister.

There had also been an increase in the number of addicts arrested and the number of inmates at rehabilitation centres, he said.

“As such, it is critical for us to take the necessary measures to re-evaluate the National Drug Policy to determine whether it should be improved and amended for better implemen-

tation,” he said in the souvenir programme of the 32nd annual general assembly of the Malaysian Drug Prevention Association (Pemadam) here.

Deputy Internal Security Minister Datuk Mohd Johari Baharom opened the two-day gathering yesterday.

Pemadam must act as the main motivator and catalyst for the people to take part in the efforts to check drug abuse, he said.

Abdullah said the close cooperation between the Government, Pemadam and the public would be the key for the country to be free of the drug menace by 2015. — Bernama