

**Parliament: "Ops Sikap" Campaign To Check Road Accidents To Continue
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 2 (Bernama) -- The "Ops Sikap" campaign to curtail road accidents during festive periods will continue to be held, the Dewan Rakyat was told Wednesday.

Deputy Home Minister Datuk Abu Seman Yusop said the campaign is still relevant and helps to ensure that motorists exercise prudence in their driving.

"Ops Sikap" will not be replaced with another mechanism because it remains effective in checking the rate of accidents and deaths during festive periods, he said when replying to a question from Salleh Kalbi (BN-Silam).

"Based on statistics, 60 per cent of fatal accidents occur outside the Ops Sikap areas," he added.

Abu Seman said a study by the Bukit Aman Traffic Branch Research Unit showed that 90 per cent of road users agree that they become more alert to traffic regulations with the enforcement of the "Ops Sikap" campaigns.

"A study by Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia indicates that generally factors contributing to accidents are recklessness of the motorists due to driving without sufficient rest, using the handphone while driving, speeding and being insensitive to traffic regulations," he said.

On the cost of the "Ops Sikap" campaigns, he said many of the operations were sponsored by companies such as Projek Lebuhraya Utara Selatan (PLUS) Berhad and Telekom Malaysia (TM) Berhad.

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