

**Snatch Thefts, Road-side Robberies Must Be Tackled At Source - MCPF
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 26 (Bernama) -- The problem of snatch thefts and road-side robberies must be tackled at source said the Malaysia Crime Prevention Foundation (MCPF) vice Chairman Tan Sri Lee Lam Thye.

He said the fact had been established that most snatch thieves were drug addicts who need to support their habit.

"If we are to deal with the problem of snatch thieves at source we need to tackle the problem of drug addicts and as long as that problem is not resolved, many drug related crimes will continue to occur, he said in a statement here.

Lee said more needed to be done to restore public confidence towards their safety.

"While more uniformed and plain clothes personnel are needed for street patrols to fight snatch thefts and road-side robberies, there is also a need to tackle the problem at source," he said.

MCPF also called on law enforcement agencies including local authorities and non-government organisation (NGO) to work to fight the snatch-thief scourge.

He said various measures should be considered for implementation and these include pedestrians enhancing their vigilance against snatch thieves and putting into practice the guidelines provided by the MCPF and the police as to how they could prevent snatch thefts.

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