

Parliament: 26,777 Youths Have Joined Skuad Muda 1JPJ
Bernama
17 March, 2014

KUALA LUMPUR, March 17 (Bernama) -- A total of 26,777 youths have joined the Skuad Muda 1JPJ of the Road Transport Department (RTD), the Dewan Rakyat was told Monday.

Deputy Minister of Transport Datuk Ab Aziz Kaprawi said the ministry via the RTD was actively conducting various road safety awareness programmes to encourage more youths to join the squad.

"Our aim is to have 300,000 squad members by 2015. The RTD is making efforts to rope in more members to create a society who is concerned for the safety of road users.

"Eighteen people die in road accidents daily and this is very disturbing. The government is engaging people from all levels of society to join. Motoring club members are strongly encouraged to register as members," he said replying to a question from Datuk Sapawi Ahmad Wasali (BN-Sipitang).

Ab Aziz said the involvement of Skuad Muda 1JPJ in the Chinese New Year operation was timely as police statistics showed that road accidents during Ops Selamat 4 declined from 16,287 cases last year to 14,836 cases this year.

"The decline in road accidents led to a decline in death cases from 194 last year to 159 this year, a decline of 18.04 per cent," he said.

The government's move to involve the squad members in the operation is part of the National Blue Ocean Strategy (NBOS) in which RTD enforcement personnel are stationed with Skuad Muda 1JPJ at certain locations.

"While the RTD enforcement personnel conduct their duties, the squad members will give advice and awareness of road safety to road users," he said.

Other than road safety, the squad members were also involved in RTD activities such as the Satu Komuniti Satu JPJ programme to assist flood victims in Kuantan and Kemaman.

-- BERNAMA

Copyright © 2014 BERNAMA

Source: <http://www.bernama.com/bernama/v7/newsindex.php?id=1022537>