



**NATIONAL ANTI-DRUGS AGENCY (NADA)  
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**TITLE: Trend of synthetic drug gets more challenging**

ACTING out of control until it causes murder.

That is the situation and risk which has shackled the society specifically the addicts who are under the influence of synthetic or artificial drug abuse.

Even though the inhumane act can be considered as not coming from natural behavior of the group, the hallucination and delusion due to the consumption of the newly discovered drug makes them insane and lose rationality.

If previously the effect of traditional drug abuse such as marijuana and heroine cause addiction, unproductivity, messy and sick, the current trend meanwhile does not possess the same effect. The effect is much more terrible than what is expected.

Only in pill forms (*pil kuda* or *yaba*), crystals or *hablur* (*syabu*, *ice*, *batu*) and ecstasy, but the implications not only cause one to get insane, it also could lead to heavy crime.

Therefore, National Anti-drug Agency (NADA) supports fully the action of Director of Narcotics Crime Investigation Department (JSJN) Bukit Aman, CP Dato' Ayob Khan Mydin Pitchay which is seen as more aggressive in combating drug's offers by breaking the chain of drug's smuggling and distribution in this country.

The priority is not about the value of drugs taken, but it focuses more on the negative impacts of the substance if it is slipped and abused by the society especially the youth.

This situation is really giving pressure to many parties be it the authority and the society, even gets more dangerous towards the family institution if any of the members abuse the substance.

As proof, several murder cases recently are seen as heart-shattering because the victims are close family members.

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Even more unfortunate, the effect of hallucination traps the addict to act out of control until violent murder towards his own mother occurs as reported months before.

Not calculated yet on the action of hitting and threatening due to them not wanting to give money to purchase the substance.

The situation happens due to synthetic or artificial drugs which contain 100 percent of chemical and it can be purchased easily not just through regular market or online, but it is also sold on much cheaper price and can be produced, even at our own houses.

This is indeed a huge challenge for the government and the authority specifically PDRM and NADA who are responsible in combating drug abuse, as well as preventing the society in drug addiction world.

If the spreading of synthetic drug abuse is not contained immediately, it is worried that it could ruin the harmonious aspect of Keluarga Malaysia.

In Malaysia, the mentioned type of prohibited substance is used widely since the last three years following the struggle to get the supply of heroine.

The mentioned stimulant type of drug is known within the group of new addicts who classify it as 'safe' without any addiction's effects.

In reality, subconsciously synthetic drugs give grave implication until it causes permanent damage to the brain which contribute in mental issues and the excessive usage can lead to death.

Even though NADA is capable to cure the addicts of this synthetic drug, the challenge to cure this group is much more complicated and the cost is higher specifically the individuals who fall under dual diagnosis category.

Through NADA's i-Pulih Model, an individual who experience the problem of drug addiction can be treated through Treatment and Rehabilitation Within Community Program in 30 Narcotics Addiction Rehabilitation Centre (PUSPEN) within the entire country.

NADA's i-Pulih Model provides treatment and rehabilitation program which covers the aspect of biology, psychology, spiritual and social which are suitable with the needs of an individual. The emphasis is given to guide the individual to escape from addiction's problem faced and to become a more functional and productive person towards the family, society and country.

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NADA also supervises individuals who have ended their treatment and rehabilitation program through NADA After Care Services' Program to ensure they still get the guidance and direction by providing skill and vocational training, work pre-placement, further care, *hijra* program as well as the involvement of significant others and society around them in order to support and help the individual's lifetime rehabilitation process.

Seeing that this treatment and rehabilitation program can only reduce the amount of existing addicts, NADA also implement prevention program to increase the public awareness and educate the society to stay away from drugs. This public awareness and hate towards drugs will prevent new addiction cases as well as reducing the demand upon this forbidden substance.

Through NADA's i-Cegah Model, the focus is given to educate Malaysian that Drugs Remain Country's Number One Nemesis. Therefore, NADA's Prevent is Better campaign is also succeeded by NADA's Anti-drug Squad by emphasizing on the concept of prevention stays as the best method and effective cost in overcoming the drug abuse's problem in our country.

The highlight of prevention education and public awareness's campaign are being done through omnipresence, outreach, community empowerment, guidance and counselling for families, school students and students of education/skill centers and public community as well as Program Tempat Kerja Bebas Dadah which has been implemented in public and private sectors within the entire country.

High-risk areas are also classified within the entire country and efforts are taken to make sure these areas are free from drug addiction's threat. Ministry of Home Affairs has set for 155 High Risk Areas that exist within the whole country to be restored approaching 2025.

NADA also has improved on the process of tracking individuals who are involved in drug addiction within the entire country. NADA's District Offices are currently conducting active tracking towards suspected individuals (OYDS) who are involved with drugs in each village, division, residential and placement in their areas.

The enforcement action through NADA's i-Prihatin Model will involve OYDS' tracking initiative in order to help them conduct treatment and rehabilitation program in NADA's facilities based on existing laws. Early Intervention Program as well as Outreach Program are also conducted to persuade this group in following the treatment and rehabilitation program organized by NADA, voluntarily.

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Though given the power to arrest an individual who suspected as drug addict to be referred to the court to get the order of going for treatment and rehabilitation, NADA actually invites and encourages individuals to go through rehabilitation programs in PUSPEN voluntarily.

The time has come for the society and family members to be more open minded and accept the individuals who are undergoing the drug addiction's treatment and rehabilitation programs in public and private facilities in this country. Continuous support and guidance will help the individual's rehabilitation process.

Most of individual turning back to drug's cases (relapse) that have been detected by NADA happen following the surrounding society's stigma and rejection by family members. Because of the feeling of being abandoned and left alone, they choose to go back to drug addiction to resolve their identity crisis.

Family members and surrounding society's leadership also need to be concerned by persuading the individuals that possess the issue of drug addiction to go for drug's treatment and rehabilitation be it in NADA's facilities or any facility provided by Ministry of Health Malaysia or registered Personal Drug Rehabilitation Centre.

Besides that, family members and public society also can refer to NADA's online service through NADA's Hotline 03-8911 2233 for complaints, advice's service, advocacy, guidance and counselling.

Hence, to what extent should we face this kind of situation? If it is not combatted together, it is worried that drug abuse will bring harm towards the country.

Come Keluarga Malaysia, let us together unite in combatting this Country's Number One Nemesis.

Prevention is Better!

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