



Yahya together with Prof. Sanudin witnessing a caning punishment demonstration at UMS.

Fight against drugs should involve all: Musa

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KOTA KINABALU: Combating the drug scourge is not the responsibility of the Government and agencies alone but all, especially with the worrying number of drug addicts in Sabah.

Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Aman said the knowledge, understanding and awareness on the dangers of drugs to the community must be raised to prevent more people from being involved.

He was speaking at the launch of the first national drug conference jointly organised by Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Psychology and Social Works School and State Education Department at UMS, here, Saturday. His speech was read out by Deputy Chief Minister Datuk Yahya Hussin.

According to the National Anti-Drugs Agency, about 71.04 per cent

of addicts in the country were youths aged between 25 and 29, while in Sabah the average number of addicts detected was 71 per month.

"Those involved in drug addiction need help and rehabilitation to return to normal life," he said.

According to him, the drugs nowadays were not only making the addicts not useful to the community but also to themselves as these drugs could harm the body and brain of addicts within a short time.

Earlier, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) Prof. Dr Sanudin Tahir said the conference was to discuss on the problems related to drug abuse and ways to address them.

About 80 participants comprising teachers and UMS students took part in the conference.