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Drugs inspections should not be focused on just a certain sector

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SANDAKAN: Drug inspections need to be carried out on civil servants much less those working in the private sector in the fight against drug abuse.

Sandakan Umno Information chief, Abdul Hamid Sabal stressed that the inspections should not exclude anyone despite having been focused on members of the public and foreigners in previous operations as it has yet to fully eradicate the problem.

He said this in a speech at the closing of the Peace Pro-

gramme organised by the Bureau of Women's Affairs Drug Prevention Team Malaysia (PEMADAM) Sandakan in cooperation with Sandakan Umno Puteri's Movement at Dewan Masyarakat, themed 'Drugs Destroy Your Mind and Soul', last Saturday evening.

More than 100 Sandakan residents attended the programme which is enlivened by performances, exhibitions and a question and answer session by Dr Zaiton Yahaya, president of Sandakan AIDS Support Group Association (SAGA). Also available was a Puteri Umno membership counter and PEMADAM San-

dakan, and a HIV testing by SAGA.

Hamid hopes that those who attended the event will benefit from what they have learned on the abuse of drugs and its impact on the nation through the talks given as well.

He also expressed his appreciation to the organisers as well as other agencies involved as it was an example of a prime programme to carry out in the government's efforts to achieve a drug-free country.

Also present were PEMADAM Sandakan secretary, Yakub Ajak, and chairmen of the local Neighbourhood Watch (Rukun Tetangga).