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KOTA BAHARU: The Kelantan state government is seeking ways to deter or prevent Kelantanese from running off to Southern Thailand to be married, since it contributes in the spread of AIDS.

State Family, Health and Women Development Committee chairman Wan Ubaidah Omar said this was because they were free to get married without being screened for the disease.

"I hope a cooperation between the state and the federal government under the ministry concerned will be able to check the spread of HIV due to the free cross-border movements," she told Bernama.

She was commenting on the statement of Kota Baharu Concerned Community Organization (Prihatin) president Dr Mahiran Mustafa recently that a study by the group found that runaway couples who married in Thailand posed a high risk of Aids and HIV positive. - Bernama