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SANDAKAN: A total of 2,465 new HIV cases were detected during the first nine months of this year. Out of this number, 1,958 were men.

Deputy Health Minister Datuk Rosnah Abdul Rashid Shirlin said that based on a study, the number of HIV cases this year would be 3,286 or nine cases per day, at a rate of 11.5 per cent for every 100,000 people.

Overall, she said, 93,827 cases of HIV infection were detected throughout the country

from 1986 until September this year.

Rosnah said out of the total, 17,232 were AIDS patients while 14,804 were fatalities due to HIV and AIDS.

“The highest number of new HIV cases reported was in 2002 with 6,978 cases or 28.5 per cent for every 100,000 people,” she said when opening the World AIDS Day at the national level here yesterday.

The text of her speech was read by deputy director-general of Health (Public Health) Dr Lokman Hakim Sulaiman. **Bernama**