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# Learn to handle high-risk corpses: YB

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PAPAR: The Muslim community, especially imam, kariah and individuals who have to attend to corpses have been urged to brush up on their skills in handling high-risk dead bodies.

Pantai Manis Assemblyman, Datuk Rahim Ismail said knowledge on how to manage high-risk corpses is important because it involves those infected with HIV and the like.

"Most don't know how to handle high-risk corpses because of their fear of being infected or they don't know the safety measures while performing the fardhu kifayah prayers.

"Thus, they should gain knowledge on the safety measures from the Health Department in their respective districts," he said after launching the 'High risk corpses course' here organised by HIV and Sexually Transmitted Diseases Unit in the District Health Office here.

Also present was the State Health Director's representative, Dr. Asit Sana, Assistant District Officer, Adnan Atin and unit head, Wan Azizah Wan Alli.

According to Rahim, this programme should be organised from time to time to provide knowledge to imam or kariah on how to handle such corpses.

"The HIV virus won't die even after the carrier or AIDS patient dies. Individuals who are responsible in handling such corpses should have the proper skills and knowledge to avoid the virus from spreading," he said.

Rahim said the western community by order of the court will be asked to cremate bodies which are high risk in order to kill such viruses.

"However in Malaysia, cremating is not allowed for Muslims even if the body has high risk and should be managed according to the syarak law and the Health Ministry.

"Thus those handling funerals must use the proper knowledge and skills taught by the

health officers and at the same time abide by the religion."

Meanwhile, Wan Azizah said the objective of the course is to provide information on high risk corpse management to the society and explain the roles of the Health Office in such matters.

"The course also provides input relating to the policy and circular relating to AIDS and other infectious diseases."

A total of 100 participants comprising imam, kariah, youth clubs and government bodies participated in the course, which was held for the first time in the district.



Rahim