

Headline	High TB rate in Labuan		
MediaTitle	Daily Express (KK)		
Date	05 Dec 2011	Color	Full Color
Section	Nation	Circulation	30,557
Page No	4	Readership	97,836
Language	English	ArticleSize	153 cm ²
Journalist	N/A	AdValue	RM 788
Frequency	Daily (EM)	PR Value	RM 2,365



High TB rate in Labuan

But cure rate is 87pc

LABUAN: Labuan recorded 80-90 cases of tuberculosis, making it one of the highest incidences in the country of communicable diseases in terms of population. The cure rate is about 87 per cent, according to Labuan Health Director Dr Haji Zaini Hussin.

As for HIV/AIDS, only five cases were detected over the last few years. One case was seen this year, but the patient was not a resident of Labuan and had since left the island.

Dr Zaini was speaking before the launching World's AIDS Day and Heart's Day organised by the health department and supported by the Health Promotions Board under the Health Ministry.

"In Labuan, drug abuse using needles is not prevalent and compulsory screening for AIDS by the Jabatan Agama on couples intending to get married are the main reasons the menace is under control," said Dr Zaini.

The theme for this year's campaign is "Zero AIDS Through The Elimination of Vertical Transmission". This means preventing the disease being passed on to the child by the mother who is

already HIV positive at the pregnancy stage. It was understood that the health department had plans to check on entertainment workers, as well as prisoners.

Dr Zaini said the World AIDS Day was held in conjunction with the heart awareness campaign as the two diseases are related to lifestyle, although their causes are unrelated.

The highlight of the campaign was the mountain bike rally to promote healthy lifestyle. More than 100 bikers took to the streets covering 38.9 km flagged off by Dr Adam Firdaus Dahlan. They would be cycling from Nov.4-6 in Sabah passing through Menumbok, Membakut, Beaufort and Sipitang.

On another matter, Dr Zaini said, "Less and less cases are referred to Queen Elizabeth Hospital, unless complicated ones that require multi-disciplinary management."

At present, the hospital here has specialists in medical, O&G (obstetrics and gynaecology), orthopedic and surgery. It still lacks a paediatrician.

Headline	High TB rate in Labuan		
MediaTitle	Daily Express (KK)		
Date	05 Dec 2011	Color	Full Color
Section	Nation	Circulation	30,557
Page No	4	Readership	97,836
Language	English	ArticleSize	153 cm ²
Journalist	N/A	AdValue	RM 788
Frequency	Daily (EM)	PR Value	RM 2,365



Dr Zaini and Nurul Nadia, representing the Health Promotions Board, jointly unfurl the campaign's banner.