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

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



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Overall, she said, a total of 93,827 cases of HIV infection were detected throughout the country from 1986 until September this year.

The Deputy Minister 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, Saturday.

The text of her speech was read by the Deputy Director-General of Health (Public Health), Dr Lokman Hakim Sulaiman.