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LAHAD DATU: A total of 185 cases of death were recorded in Sabah due to HIV and AIDS from 1991 to 2011.

During that same period, there were 1,347 people who were HIV positive and 453 suffered from AIDS.

Silam Member of Parliament, Dr. Haji Salleh Kalbi said the main causes in Sabah were due to having multiple sexual partners which amounted to 1,235 cases or 91.7 per cent and 32 people or 2.4 per cent contracted the

disease intravenously.

In 2011, the highest number of cases of HIV and AIDS were found in Kota Kinabalu with 59 HIV and 30 AIDS.

Tawau had 27 cases of HIV and 15 AIDS, followed by Sandakan with 18 HIV and seven AIDS. Lahad Datu had only one case each of HIV and AIDS and no death recorded.

He was speaking when launching the state-level World AIDS Day celebration at Dataran Palma Lahad Datu, here yesterday.

Meanwhile, Sabah Health Department director, Dr Christina Rundi said the many activities had been planned to achieve zero infection of HIV



Dr Haji Salleh delivering his speech at the state-level World AIDS Day celebration in Lahad Datu.

and AIDS.

These included roadshows, seminars, radio broadcasts and even HIV screening for couples planning to marry as

well as the HIV Update.

The theme for the World AIDS Day celebration from 2011 to 2015 is "Getting to Zero".