

Kedah govt and police to tackle social ills jointly

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LANGKAWI, Sat: The Kedah government and police have set up a joint committee to wage an all out war against drug abuse and unhealthy activities at cybercafes.

The committee will identify measures to address the problems like misuse of the Internet at cybercafes and Ecstasy usage, Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain said today.

Although the incidence of social ills has declined this year compared with the last two years, it is important to fully eradicate

negative elements, he told reporters after opening a seminar on *The Information Era and Open Skies Issues and Strategies from the Islamic Perspective* at the Grand Continental Hotel here.

The two-day seminar, organised by the Kedah Islamic Religious Institute (Insaniah), brings together academicians to discuss information technology and related issues.

Syed Razak said that for a start, more than 100 secondary schools in the state are required to form police cadet units and the state government has allocated RM50,000 to the police force to organise and buy uniforms.