

KL Strike Force ordered to tackle drug menace

KUALA LUMPUR: Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Federal Territories) Datuk Seri Dr Zaliha Mustafa has directed the KL Strike Force to conduct a comprehensive study and take immediate action to tackle drug abuse, particularly involving the misuse of vaping devices to distribute illicit substances.

She said the threat was concerning, as it had begun to spread among the younger generation, including school students.

"I have directed that the issue be studied and addressed in a comprehensive and coordinated manner without delay.

"Follow-up action will be led by the KL Strike Force with the active involvement of enforcement agencies, educational institutions, local communities and public health experts," she said in a statement on Facebook on Tuesday.

Zaliha, who is also KL Strike Force chairman, said the approach would

encompass enforcement, prevention, rehabilitation and public education.

The KL Strike Force is a special unit that conducts integrated operations involving various agencies, including the police, Immigration Department, Kuala Lumpur City Hall and the Customs Department.

On the overall security in the Federal Territories, Zaliha said it remained stable and under control but reminded the public not to be complacent.

"The peace we enjoy today must be preserved through consistent commitment, swift response and strong interagency cooperation.

"Security reflects the strength of society and the effectiveness of the policies in place. Our ability to address the root causes of social ills forms the foundation of a more resilient city."

She also expressed appreciation to security agencies, enforcement teams and local authorities for their strong commitment in safeguarding the

security of the Federal Territories.

Earlier, Zaliha chaired the Federal Territory State Security Committee meeting, which serves as a key platform for security and enforcement agencies in the Federal Territories.

The meeting aimed to provide a comprehensive overview and discuss the current security in the Federal Territories, including assessments of the National Security Index, urban crime trends and emerging challenges. – Bernama