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HOME Minister Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution Ismail (picture) said a unified approached is needed to address the issue of cybercrime and substance abuse.

He said law enforcement should foster strategic collaboration and know the importance of raising awareness to tackle crime.

“Success depends on collaboration among different groups, including legal authorities, government bodies, private companies, and the public,” he said in a townhall session following a seminar on cybercrime and substance abuse consciousness.

The seminar was held in conjunction with the Defence Services Asia and National Security Asia 2024 exhibitions.

In his speech, Saifuddin emphasised the significance of their participation in advancing the shared goal of enhancing regional and global security through collective action.

The seminar provided a platform for stakeholders to engage in constructive dialogue, analyse emerging trends, and explore innovative solutions to combat cybercrime and substance abuse.

He also talked about MOHA's pivotal role in spearheading efforts to prevent cybercrime and substance abuse in Malaysia, which includes strengthening legal frameworks, enhancing enforcement measures, and promoting public awareness of the risks associated with these phenomena.

Cybercrime, encompassing a wide range of illegal activities facilitated by digital technology, poses a significant challenge to law enforcement agencies worldwide.

From financial fraud to cyberbullying and malware dissemination, cybercriminals exploit vulnerabilities in online platforms to perpetrate their illicit activities.

"Social media platforms and widespread mobile networks have expanded its scope which causes cybercrime activities, including a range of offenses, from financial fraud, identity theft, and online scams to hacking, cyberbullying, and spreading malware," he noted.

In response, Malaysia has enacted legislation such as the Computer Crimes Act 1997 (amended in 2007) to address cyber threats and protect digital infrastructure.

Collaboration between the Royal Malaysian Police and Cyber Security Malaysia is instrumental in combating cybercrime and promoting cybersecurity awareness.