



Raja Muda of Perlis **Tuanku Syed Faizuddin Putra Jamalullail** (third from left), Raja Puan Muda of Perlis **Tuanku Lailatul Shahreen Akashah Khalil**, member of parliament for Arau **Datuk Seri Syed Razlan Putra Jamalullail** (second from left) and Asian Finance Bank Berhad chief executive officer **Datuk Mohamed Azahari Kamil** (right) at the breaking of fast with the residents of **Padang Sidang, Pauh**. Pic by Amran Hamid

Royal concern over misuse of ketum leaves

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Wrong use can destroy lives and family, warns Raja Muda of Perlis

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THE Raja Muda of Perlis Tuanku Syed Faizuddin Putra Jamalullail is concerned about the increasing misuse of *ketum* leaves.

He said this addiction could destroy a person's productivity and affect the family institution.

He said the extract from the *ketum* leaves, which is popularly known as *daun hiak*, is believed to be a remedy for certain diseases, but the problem arises when people start to misuse it by adding other poisonous sub-

stance to it to get high or intoxicated.

Tuanku Syed Faizuddin was speaking at a breaking of fast event at the Kampung Padang Siding mosque on Thursday.

Statistics from the state narcotic unit showed there were 195 arrests made last year for possession of *ketum* leaves while there were 129 arrests made in the first six months of this year for the same.

"The misuse of *ketum* leaves could lead to various health problems including insomnia, anorexia and colon cancer," Tuanku Syed Faizuddin said.

Among those present at the function were the Raja Puan Muda of Perlis Tuanku Lailatul Shahreen Akashah Khalil and state Investment, Industry Development, Science, Technology, Entrepreneur Development and International Relation Committee chairman Datuk Seri Syed Razlan Putra Jamalullail (Pauh assemblyman), Asian Finance Bank Berhad (AFBB) chief executive officer Datuk Mohamed Azahari Kamil.

Fifty orphans from the Padang Siding area were given *duit raya* by AFBB.