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More than 80 percent of the main factors in fatal accidents are caused by human behavior



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KUALA LUMPUR: More than 80 percent of the main factors in road accidents resulting in death in this country are caused by human behavior.

Deputy Minister of Transport, Datuk Hasbi Habibollah, said it was a conclusion based on the results of a study by the Malaysian Road Safety Research Institute (MIROS) which also found that design factors, infrastructure and road conditions only contributed about 13 percent to fatal road accidents.

In addition, he said, about seven percent of crashes resulting in death were caused by roadworthiness conditions or technical aspects of the motor vehicle used.

"The Ministry of Transport (MOT) through the Road Transport Department (JPJ) and MIROS have implemented various intervention programs to deal with road safety issues continuously.

"For example, the Safety Awareness and Focused Advocacy for Road Users (SAFER) program has been implemented by JPJ throughout the country by focusing on different target groups, in an effort to raise awareness about road safety, especially to motorcyclists.

"This is because more than 60 percent of deaths due to road accidents involve motorcyclists," he said during an oral answer session in the Dewan Rakyat, today.

He answered a question from Syed Ibrahim Syed Noh (PH-Ledang) regarding the causes and solutions implemented by the ministry regarding the issue of road accidents and deaths due to accidents.

Hasbi said that a total of 853 special advocacy programs for motorcyclists, including p-hailing special advocacy, were carried out between 2020 and last year, besides JPJ also designed the implementation of more than 80 programs involving various scopes of road safety campaigns throughout the country throughout this year.

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He said, the ministry has also amended the Road Safety Education module (PKJR), namely in 2019 (primary school), 2020 (junior high school), 2021 (preschool and TASKA) and 2022 (private school), in addition to developing the education school module special: hearing and sight, this year.

"From the aspect of ensuring the level of safety and roadworthiness for motor vehicles, JPJ obliges all new motor vehicles to be marketed and registered in Malaysia, to pass the motor vehicle type approval process.

"All vehicles will be required to comply with vehicle manufacturing technical standards and regulations that are recognized and applied at the international level under the supervision of the United Nations (UN).

"MIROS also launched motor vehicle safety assessment and rating programs such as the ASEAN New Car Assessment Program (ASEAN NCAP) and the Malaysia Motorcycle Assessment Program (MyMAP) aimed at improving the level of motor vehicle safety through the installation of new and up-to-date safety technology," he said.

Regarding future plans, Hasbi informed that the ministry aims to reduce the number of deaths due to road accidents by 50 percent by 2023, through the Malaysian Road Safety Plan (PKJRM) 2022-2030.



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