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KUANTAN: Pahang police recorded 45 fraud cases involving teachers, with losses amounting to RM1.2 million, in the first seven months of this year, according to state police chief Datuk Seri Yahaya Othman.

He said the statistics of fraud cases showed a drop compared to the 61 cases of commercial crime complaints among educators received for the same period last year and involving a loss of RM1.45 million.

"This data clearly shows a decrease in fraud cases involving teachers in this state, however, there is an increase in the overall loss value of victims from various sectors in this crime.

"This gives the impression that such cases have not dropped and are at a worrying level. In total, there have been 1,228 scam cases recorded, with losses worth RM59 million, in various employment sectors," he said.

Yahaya said this in a press conference after officiating 2024 Pahang state-level 'Seminar

Cakna Anti-Scam, Kenapa Terus Jadi Mangsa' (anti-scam awareness seminar) at Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Tengku Afzan here yesterday.

When asked about the trend of commercial crime fraud among educators, Yahaya said that investment, purchase of non-existent goods, and the Macau scam were among the highest recorded cases and that such syndicates targeted retirees.

With regard to yesterday's seminar, he said the programme will be continued from time to time to increase teachers' awareness of these sorts of crime and latest trends of scammers in order to avoid falling victim to such syndicates.

"In addition, we also hope that this kind of programme focusing on teachers, can be extended as a preventive measure by sharing the knowledge and information obtained from this seminar to the students as an exposure and to avoid them falling victim," he said. — Bernama