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Salleh (third from left) and police officers with the seized items at a media conference at the Travers police station in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. — Picture by Bernama

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KUALA LUMPUR — Federal police crippled another major drug syndicate with the arrest of eight people, including a police officer, and seized RM721,000 in various narcotics in raids across the country.

The suspects were arrested on Wednesday and Thursday in Johor, Negri Sembilan and several other undisclosed locations.

Bukit Aman Narcotics Crime Investigation Department director commissioner Datuk Seri Mohamad Salleh said among the seizure

were assets worth RM 2.71 million and RM2.1 million in local and foreign currencies.

"Among the drugs seized were 10.3kg of syabu, 7.9kg of marijuana, 10 Erimin 5 pills and 42 ecstasy pills. The drugs can be used to supply to more than 50,000 addicts.

"We also confiscated eight cars, jewellery and 50 rounds of 9mm bullets," he said.

According to Mohamad, the cash was found in a raid at a condominium in Sri Petaling.

Mohamad said the police officer arrested was stationed in Kuala Lumpur and is believed to have been used by the syndicate as an intermediary and "minor supplier".

"The officer, however, tested negative for drugs," he said.

The suspects, all locals aged between 32

and 58, have been remanded for seven days to assist investigations under Section 39B of the Dangerous Drug Act 1952.

The offence until recently carried the mandatory death penalty upon conviction, but Parliament passed an amendment last year that allows judges to hand down life sentences as an alternative.

Meanwhile, a suspected drug trafficker who has been on the police wanted list for three years was detained during a raid at a house in Kampung Pisang in Pendang, Kedah, on Thursday night.

Kedah National Anti-Drug Agency director Mahadzir Elias said the 41-year-old labourer was arrested along with 32 other men believed to be drug addicts aged between 18

and 55 in three operations in Kampung Kekau and an oil palm plantation in Kampung Paya Nedam.

He said the suspected drug trafficker would be investigated under Section 39B of the Dangerous Drugs Act for allegedly having 0.47gm of methamphetamine and 84gm of opiate in his possession.

The 32 others, comprising farmers, rubber tappers and jobless men, were investigated under Section 3 (1) of the Drug Dependents (Treatment and Rehabilitation) Act 1983, he said in a statement.

Mahadzir added the 20-personnel operation, led by the agency's Pendang enforcement and security unit chief Mohd Hafiz Mansor, was held from 2pm to 10pm.