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Mohd Khalil shows the seized drugs during a press conference at the Johor police contingent headquarters yesterday.  
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**JOHOR BARU** — Police have crippled a Malaysia-Singapore drug syndicate with the seizure of RM1.2 million worth of narcotics and arrest of 14 suspects.

Four raids were conducted by the Bukit Aman Special Tactical Intelligence Narcotics Group, the federal police Narcotics Criminal Investigation Department and Johor police on Friday.

The success was a joint effort by the police forces of both Malaysia and Singapore's Central Narcotics Bureau, where the parties shared information

based on intelligence gathering.

Johor police chief Datuk Mohd Khalil Kader Mohd said they conducted four raids in Taman Mount Austin, Taman Jaya Jaya and Stulang Laut, including a mini-laboratory.

"Seven Malaysian men, five Singaporean men, a Thai woman and a Singaporean woman were arrested," he said at the Johor police contingent headquarters yesterday.

"The suspects are aged between 19 and 65. Six of them were found positive for drugs."

The seized drugs consisted of 12.8kg of syabu (methamphetamine), 4,333 ecstasy pills, 200 Erimin 5 pills and 0.95kg of ketamine.

Police also seized five vehicles worth more than RM400,000.

Mohd Khalil said initial investigations revealed the syndicate had been active in the local market since last month.

"All the suspects have been remanded until March 2 and they will be charged under Section 39B of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952," he said.