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GEORGE TOWN: Penang police have smashed a heroin processing lab after arresting two women and a man following an operation which started on Sunday.

The raiding team seized illicit drugs totalling 29,582kg and drug processing equipment worth RM546,500.

State police chief Datuk Abdul Ghafar Rajab said the breakthrough came on Sunday when police detained two women,

aged 29 and 30, in a car at about 3pm in Gelugor near here following a tip-off.

He said the police team found a packet of heroin weighing 458g after checking the car.

Abdul Ghafar said the duo, who work as bus ticket sellers, then led investigators to a house in Butterworth where the team seized 6.424kg of heroin and 19kg of caffeine in a box.

He said police also seized drug processing equipment during the raid.

He said further investigations led police

to arrest a 52-year-old labourer at a flat in Bayan Baru where police found 10 slabs of heroin base weighing a total of 3.7kg, which is worth RM430,000, during the 2.15am operation on Tuesday.

"The two women have been remanded until Dec 25 while the man has been remanded until Dec 27," he said in a press conference yesterday.

Abdul Ghafar added the syndicate has been operating for about a year and investigations were carried out under the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952.

Meanwhile, in JOHOR BARU, police seized various drugs worth RM350,000 and detained two suspects in Pasir Gudang on Tuesday.

Johor Narcotics Criminal Investigations Department chief Asst Comm Lukas Aket said the two suspects were arrested along the Pasir Gudang highway at 8pm on Dec 19, and they then led police to a house in Masai where 3.5kg of ecstasy powder, 0.99g of cocaine (syabu), 9.25g of cannabis (ganja) and some utensils for processing of ecstasy were seized.

He said police believe the suspects have been active for several months.

Lukas said the duo, who have several previous criminal records on drug abuse, were remanded until Dec 26.

The case is being investigated under Section 39B(1)(a) of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952, which carries the death sentence on conviction, he added.



Abdul Ghafar (third from right) showing the drugs seized in the raid.