

## **Drug trafficker among 39 drug addicts nabbed in Ops Tapis in Melaka**

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**MELAKA (Feb 13, 2014):** A drug trafficker was among 39 drug addicts detained at an oil palm plantation in Kampung Ujong Padang here, in a 10-hour Ops Tapis from 6am yesterday.

Melaka Tengah district police chief ACP Salehuddin Abd Rahman said the detention of the addicts including a woman, aged between 23 to 53, followed a week of surveillance and intelligence work.

Among those detained was a 36-year-old man, who is believed to be a drug trafficker who had 68 grammes of heroin worth RM3,000 when nabbed.

The man was investigated under Section 39(B) of the Dangerous Drug Act 1952 which provides for the mandatory death sentence upon conviction.

Salehuddin said the others were investigated under Section 3(1) of the Drug Dependents (Treatment and Rehabilitation) Act 1983.

"The trafficker is among the most wanted individuals for buying and selling drugs in several areas here," he told a media conference here, today.

The plantation is believed to be the transit point for buying and selling drugs for addicts in the Tanjung Minyak area since last month.

Police also seized a motorcycle, reported missing in Alor Gajah on Jan 16, from one of the addicts. –

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