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KUALA LUMPUR: Police have crippled a syndicate selling bottled drinks laced with drugs with the arrest of a suspect in a workshop at Satak Selatan here.

Kuala Lumpur Narcotics Criminal Investigation Department chief ACP Wan Abdullah Ishak said police seized 120 bottles of 355ml orange juice drinks worth RM30,000 flavoured with ketamine, Erimin-5 and Ecstasy.

He said the 31-year-old suspect was picked up during the raid at a welding workshop which belonged to his father.

Police also seized a transparent plastic packet containing 266g of syabu, he said.

"The syndicate has been active since two months ago, and we believe the workshop was used to process the drug-laced drinks."

Wan Abdullah was speaking at a press conference at the Kuala Lumpur police



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Wan Abdullah (third from left) showing the bottles of drug-laced orange juice while (from left) DSP Mohd Faisal Yahya, Sup Adnan Azizul and Insp Syed Mohammad Firdaus look on.

contingent headquarters yesterday.

Wan Abdullah said each bottle of the drug-laced drinks was sold from RM200 to RM300.

"They will be on the look out for potential customers at night clubs, bars and private parties," he said.

The case is being investigated under Section 39B of the Dangerous Drugs Act

1952, he said.

The suspect has been remanded until Friday to assist in investigations, he said. According to Wan Abdullah, police had seized 1,353 bottles of drug-laced drinks worth RM313,532 last year.

A total of 14 individuals were arrested from eight raids conducted during the period.