

Ganja plants, arms seized from Datuk Seri's bungalow

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PETALING JAYA, Sept 26 — Police raided the bungalow of a Datuk Seri in Wangsa Maju where they arrested his son and seized ganja plants along with an array of weapons on Saturday evening.

The cache of weapons included air pistols, samurai swords, several parang and brass knuckles. A replica police vest was also seized.

The suspect's two friends — a local and Filipino man in their 20s and 30s — were also picked up in the 8pm raid.

Police are stumped over the discovery of the weapons and are investigating whether the suspects were involved in secret society activities.

They also want to establish if they had posed as policemen.

A police source said the ganja plants, ranging from 1m to 2m tall, were meant for the personal consumption of the suspect and his friends.

The source said the two locals were unemployed while the Filipino worked as an information technology consultant in Kuala Lumpur.

The Datuk Seri, who is a businessman, told police he was unaware of the findings in his house.

The suspects have been remanded for six days.

This is the second time in five months that ganja plants have been seized from homes.

On April 27, city police arrested a 33-year-old Iranian businessman, after they found eight ganja plants, 129cm to 179cm tall, on the balcony of his condominium in Cheras.

The suspect, who had been residing in Malaysia for two years, was apparently growing the drugs for personal consumption.

The Iranian claimed trial after he was slapped with two charges, one for planting cannabis and another for overstaying the permitted period allowed by his social visit pass.

