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Move follows arrest of 16 cops suspected of working with drug syndicates

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IPOH: Bukit Aman's Narcotics Crime Investigation Department (NCID) will undergo a major reshuffle following the arrests of 16 policemen, including senior officers, said Tan Sri Noor Rashid Ibrahim (*pic*).

The Deputy Inspector-General of Police said other measures would also be taken to prevent leakage of operational information to syndicates.

"At this stage, only 16 policemen have been arrested. There may be more.

"So far, it is only in Bukit Aman. We are still investigating. We cannot let it continue," he said after closing the 19th national-level Police Cadet Corp Camp at the Police General Operations Forces base in Ulu Kinta here yesterday.

Noor Rashid said those arrested had taken money from syndicates and were being remanded for 28 days.

"We will take action against any policemen found working, protecting or being best buddies with the syndicates," he said, adding that those involved would be charged once the deputy public prosecutor's

office gave the green light.

It was reported that the NCID officers involved, including a deputy superintendent and an inspector, were being investigated under the Security Offences (Special Measures) Act 2012 for their alleged involvement with drug distribution syndicates.

The policemen were alleged to be protecting the syndicates instead of going after them.

In an unrelated case, Noor Rashid said a recent raid at several money game operators' offices in Penang was done after thorough investigation.

"We fear that their schemes will affect more people. We had to interfere.

"We suspect there are money collection issues that are against many acts, including money-laundering and finance services.

"We also discussed with Bank Negara earlier before conducting the raid," he said.

He said they had three months to complete their investigations into the matter.

"We have seized documents and bank accounts, and we will be calling the operators later on," Noor Rashid added.

