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Mini drug lab busted

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JOHOR BARU: Police busted a mini drug lab in Muar and seized half a million ringgit worth of drugs including eramin 5, heroin, ketamine, syabu and ecstasy.

Johor police chief Deputy Comm Datuk Mohd Mokhtar Mohd Shariff said that the drugs, in powder and pill form weighing at 1854g could satisfy almost 90,000 addicts.

He said that following a tip-off the police raided a house at Jalan Bakariah in Muar at around 1.15am on March 30.

"The police discovered 1,712.09g of ecstasy powder, 54.54g of ketamin, 76.48g of heroin, 3.44g of syabu and 7.5g and 30 Eramin 5 pills valued at RM500,000 in the black market.



Large haul: DCP Mohd Mokhtar (right) holding up some of the Rdrugs that were seized during a raid in a house in Muar.

"We also detained two suspects, both locals, including a woman aged 26 and 33 years old whose urine samples tested positive for meth," he said.

DCP Mohd Mokhtar added that the police also seized a laptop, a car, blenders, a weighing machine and a device used to compress the drug powder into pill form during the raid.

"Investigations showed that the duo has been involved in drug distribution activities around Muar and Ledang including in Malacca since six months ago," he said.

On another matter, DCP Mohd Mokhtar said that a total of 151 suspects were arrested in a two-day operation carried out by the state narcotics department on March 29 and 30 where 115 of them tested positive for drugs.

He said that the operation was part of their efforts to comb out drug addicts.

“In the duration of the operations, we noticed that there was a drastic reduction of crime cases in the state and this showed that many cases like murder, snatch theft and robbery cases are linked to drugs,” he said.