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Nigerian ‘students’ top the list of foreign drug offenders

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KUALA LUMPUR: More Nigerian “students” are being hauled up over drug crimes nationwide than other foreign students, according to Bukit Aman.

Federal police records show that of the 358 foreign students arrested since 2015, more than one third of them were Nigerians.


Bukit Aman Narcotics Crime Investigation Department (NCID) director Comm Datuk Seri Mohd Mokhtar Mohd Shariff said 122 Nigerians were arrested from January 2015 until May this year.

“We arrested 33 in 2015 but last year, that number almost doubled to 63 and it looks like the number will increase again this year,” he said when contacted.

He said from January to May this year, 26 Nigerians had already been arrested.

Drug seizures			
Type	Jan-May (2016)	Jan-May (2017)	Increase by
Syabu	216.66 kg	495.39 kg	129%
Heroin	131.1 kg	234.46 kg	79%
Erimin 5	1,758,358 pills	2,639,616 pills	50%
Yaba	634,057 pills	766,591 pills	21%

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“These foreigners think that they can come in under the pretence of studying and make easy money distributing drugs.


“They are not just ruining their lives but also the lives of Malaysians,” he said, adding that his department was committed to taking down drug syndicates here and were using all available laws against these individuals.

He said if they could not convict these individuals for drug trafficking, they would use the Dangerous Drugs (Special Preventive Measures) Act to take action against them.

“We are hunting for about 170 individuals. We know that some of them have fled the country like cowards.

“You can run, but sooner or later we will find you,” said Comm Mohd Mokhtar.

Foreign students arrested for drug crimes					
No.	Country	2015	2016	2017 (Jan-May)	Total
1	Nigeria	33	63	26	122
2	Bangladesh	6	18	0	24
3	Yemen	2	16	5	23
4	Sudan	1	16	2	19
5	Pakistan	9	8	0	17
6	Libya	5	9	1	15
7	Syria	5	9	0	14
8	Jordan	1	5	3	9
9	Palestine	1	7	1	9
10	Saudi Arabia	2	5	0	7



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He said police had taken action against 657 people this year under the Dangerous Drugs (Special Preventive Measures) Act, a 10% increase compared with 599 the previous year.

He also added that seizures of the synthetic drug syabu increased by 129% between January and May this year (495.39kg) compared with the same period last year (216.66kg).

Last week, NCID deputy director Deputy Comm Datuk Kang Chez Chiang released a list of 161 individuals wanted for drug distribution in Malaysia.

He was quoted saying that they were being investigated under the Dangerous Drugs (Special Preventive Measures) Act.

Those with information on the suspects should contact the police immediately.

The full list of wanted suspects can be found on the www.thestar.com.my.