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A police officer examining utensils used in the drug processing. — Picture by Sayuti Zainudin

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GEORGE TOWN — Police uncovered a drug processing laboratory and confiscated various types of drugs valued at RM2.2 million in raids earlier this week.

During the raids on Monday and Tuesday, three suspects were arrested, including a couple, and cash, valuables and six cars worth RM1.069 million believed to be proceeds from drug trafficking were also seized.

Penang police chief Datuk Chuah Ghee Lye said acting on information police nabbed a 52-year-old man in the car park of

a condominium in Solok Tanjung Bungah, at about 9.15pm on Monday.

"The man led police to a house in Sungai Pinang, which also doubled as a drug processing laboratory," he told reporters yesterday.

He said heroin weighing 2.64 kg, syabu (1.825 kg), ephedrine powder (101.4 kg), liquid syabu (5.2 litres), and ethanol (13.8 kg) worth about RM1.9 million were seized at the premises.

Police also seized RM255,000, four branded handbags, a necklace and a

diamond locket, two branded watches, as well as three vehicles, all worth RM626,000 during the raid on the house rented by the unemployed man.

Following investigations police raided another house in Taman Bagan, Butterworth at 1.15pm on Tuesday, where an unmarried couple, aged 46 and 28, were detained and 125 kg of caffeine and 3.35 kg of syabu worth RM294,500 were seized.

Police also seized RM73,050; two Mercedes Benz and a Perodua Alza worth RM443,000 from the couple's rented house.

"Our investigations have revealed that they are members of a drug processing and trafficking syndicate, which has been active in the state for the past four months. The man detained on Monday is also believed to be an expert in drug processing.

"The second man, owns a shop selling chemicals in Butterworth, is believed to have supplied chemicals to the syndicate, while the woman is an employee of the shop.

"The three have been remanded until May 15 to facilitate investigations," he added. — Bernama