

STING busts heroin lab

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GEORGE TOWN (Feb 18, 2014): The Special Tactical Intelligence Narcotics Group (STING) has uncovered a heroin-processing laboratory in Green Lane here, arrested four people and seized more than 80kg of the drug, according to a police source.

A raid was conducted on a house there Monday afternoon after the police had arrested four individuals, it said.

One of the suspects led police to the house where the police seized more than 73kg of what is believed to be heroin and more than nine kg of what is believed to be heroin base, the source said.

It said the police also seized items used to process drugs, among them caffeine powder, thinner, chloroform, liquid chemicals, sulfamic acid, a microwave oven and an electric hot plate and sealer.

The source said the police first arrested a man and a woman in Tanjung Tokong here last Sunday and seized from them drugs such as syabu, heroin and Eramin 5 pills.

Another man and his wife were arrested on the same day and the police recovered a small packet of what is believed to be heroin in a trouser pocket of the man, it said.

The source said the man and his wife led police to a massage parlour here where they recovered some heroin.

Inspector-General of Police (IGP) Tan Sri Khalid Abu Bakar, in a Twitter message, congratulated the Sting team on its success in uncovering the heroin-processing laboratory.

Deputy IGP Datuk Seri Mohd Bakri Mohd Zinin is scheduled to hold a news conference here at 2 pm today (Wednesday) on the drug bust. – *Bernama*