

## Shop owner and female helper nabbed, 31.5kg ganja seized

JOHOR BARU: An ornamental fish shop owner and his female assistant have been arrested for having 31.57kg of processed ganja at a shophouse in Ulu Tiram near here.

The 37-year old man and the assistant, aged 26, were nabbed in Taman Murni at about 2am last Thursday by the Johor Narcotics Crime Investigation Department team.

Department chief Asst Comm Kamaruddin A. Aziz said the drugs had a street value of RM95,000.



Big haul: ACP Kamaruddin showing the ganja seized as DSP Hamazah (left) and Insp Azlee Abdul look on at the Johor police contingent headquarters.

"Investigations showed that the shop owner had been distributing ganja in Ulu Tiram, Pasir Gudang and Kulaijaya for the last six months," he said at a press conference here.

Also present were the department's staff officer (intelligence operations) Deputy Supt Hamazah Abdul Razak and Seri Alam district Narcotics Crime Investigation Department investigating officer Insp Azlee Abdul.

ACP Kamaruddin said the businessman's bank book with RM21,873 in his account was also confiscated.

He said with the couple's arrest, the ganja distributing syndicate in Seri Alam and Kulaijaya had been crippled.

ACP Kamaruddin said the man, who tested positive for ganja, had a criminal record for possessing dangerous weapons and explosive materials.

He said the suspects had been remanded until Wednesday to facilitate investigations.