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Datuk Ayob Khan Mydin Pitchay speaking at a press conference in the Bukit Aman police headquarters in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. PIC BY MOHAMAD SHAHRIL BADRI SAALI

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KUALA LUMPUR: Drug traffickers are believed to be using illegal jetties and fishing villages as hotspots to sell illicit substances to addicts in their areas.

The activities of the distribution syndicate were crippled when the Bukit Aman Narcotics Criminal Investigation Department (NCID), in cooperation with state police contingents, raided 113 illegal jetties and fishing villages nationwide.

NCID director Datuk Ayob Khan Mydin Pitchay said they were among 281 locations raided by the police in Op Tapis Khas 3 between April 18 and 20. Police also arrested 3,724 people.

Those nabbed comprised traffickers and

addicts aged between 13 and 70 years.

"A total of 113 illegal jetties and fishing villages were raided, with 481 people, comprising 472 men and nine women, arrested. Meanwhile, 168 active drug 'ports' (dens) were raided and 761 people, comprising 743 men and 18 women, were arrested," he said yesterday.

He said nine of those nabbed were civil servants, including four from enforcement agencies, as well as two students from public institutes of higher learning and four secondary school students.

He said 811.38kg and 542.37 litres of various types of drugs valued at RM1.01 million were seized.