

## 156 detained after raid on illegal settlement

**CYBERJAYA:** The Immigration Department has detained 156 immigrants after a joint operation at an illegal settlement here.

Its director-general Datuk Khairul Dzaimie Daud said that in the 11pm operation on Sunday, a total of 202 immigrants from Indonesia, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Myanmar and India, including 12 women and two children, were checked.

He said 156 of them were detained for not having valid travel and identification documents before being taken to the Immigration Department's screening centre in Putrajaya for further action.

He added that the raid on the settlement, which had access to water and electricity through illegal connections, was carried out in collaboration with several enforcement agencies including the police, Malaysian Civil Defence Force and National Registration Department after three months of intelligence-gathering.



**Night operation:** The immigrants going through checks to ascertain their legal status at the illegal settlement in Cyberjaya. — Bernama

“This illegal settlement has the potential to spread Covid-19 infections as it fails to comply with the standard operating procedure under the movement control order,” he said after the raid yesterday.

In another development, Khairul Dzaimie denied allegations that the

Immigration Department only took action against illegal immigrants but not their employers.

“The claims are untrue because in 2019, a total of 1,052 employers were charged in court with various offences under the Immigration Act, involving a total of RM19.3mil

in fines,” he said.

He said last year, 519 employers were brought to court. — Bernama

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