

# Illegal beauty centres come to an ugly end with arrest of 21

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**PETALING JAYA:** They offered cosmetic procedures like botox, breast enhancements and teeth whitening at prices ranging from RM350 to RM8,000. But it was illegal, and the services were provided by untrained foreigners.

It all came to an end yesterday when authorities simultaneously raided eight illegal cosmetics and dental services centres in the federal capital and three other states.

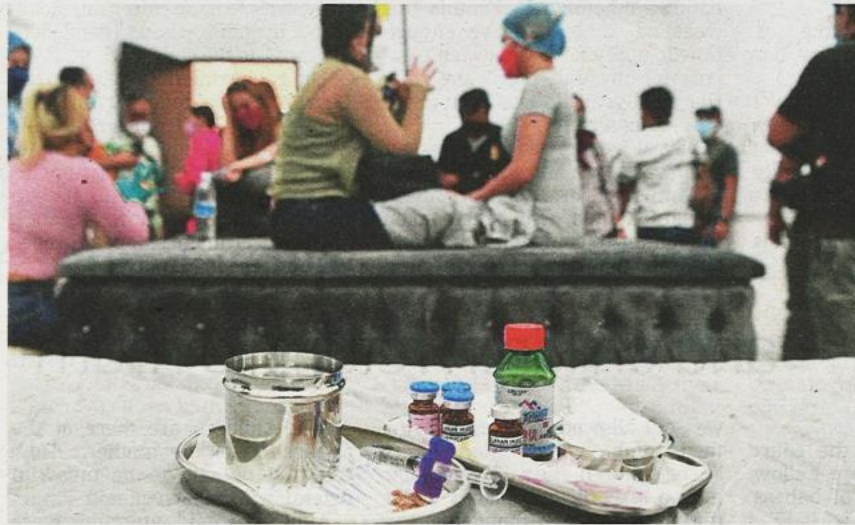
The centres offered cosmetic procedures including breast fillers, teeth whitening, rhinoplasty, as well as botox fillers for the buttocks.

Immigration Department director-general Datuk Seri Khairul Dzaimie Daud said they launched the operations on eight premises in Kuala Lumpur, Selangor, Negri Sembilan and Penang.

“We arrested a Vietnamese man, 15 Vietnamese women and five Indonesian women during these raids.

“They were aged between 25 and 40,” he told reporters at one of the premises in Dengkil yesterday.

He said the raids were conducted together with officials from the Health Ministry.



“We monitored the activities of these premises for at least five months before taking action,” he said.

“We noticed that they were offering services from between RM350 and RM8,000.

“The procedures offered were conducted by untrained foreigners,” he said, adding that checks revealed the services were well below the market rate offered by

registered beauty and cosmetic centres.

He said some of the procedures offered included eye filler for RM350, breast filler for RM1,900, botox fillers for buttocks at RM3,500.

“They also offered plastic surgery procedures for as high as RM8,000.

“We will remand those arrested for 14 days to assist with further investigations.

“Our checks revealed that some

**All in the name of beauty:** Some of the foreign workers waiting to be processed by Immigration officials following several raids on illegal beauty centres. In the foreground are syringes and other paraphernalia used by the centres.

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could lead to permanent disfigurement, or even death,” he said.

One of the workers there, a 27-year-old Indonesian woman, claimed she learned the procedures from professional health practitioners in Puchong.

“We only offer regular beauty services here. The more complex procedures such as nose augmentation and plastic surgery are only performed by doctors,” she said, adding that she had been in Malaysia since 2018.

The three customers, who were in the Dengkil outlet when it was raided, said they had come there after seeing advertisements on social media or after being told about it by friends.

One woman, a housewife in her 30s, said she had seen the advertisement on TikTok.

“I have friends going for beauty treatments and wanted to try it myself,” she said, adding that she paid about RM350 per session.

She said she previously had skin whitening done for RM600 per treatment.

“I asked some friends if they wanted to come along.”

Her friend, also in her 30s, who had accompanied her, said she came only to do facials.

of the premises had been operating since 2019,” he said, adding that the Health Ministry would take action against these businesses in accordance with all available laws.

He said they would also investigate if any Malaysians were involved in these illegal businesses.

“We want to advise the public to refrain from paying for such procedures from unlicensed centres. Such service by untrained people