

ROOFTOP ESCAPE FAILS

49 migrants detained in Johor raid

JOHOR BARU: Migrants from Indonesia, Myanmar, Bangladesh and Pakistan could not escape an Immigration sweep despite hiding on rooftops.

In the raids on 16 shophouses and residences in Taman Johor Jaya on Saturday, 49 foreigners, aged 20 to 49, were arrested, said state Immigration director Datuk Mohd Rusdi Mohd Darus.

"Forty-nine foreigners were arrested for immigration offences.

"They included two Indonesian men, 12 men from Myanmar, 11 Pakistani men, eight Bangladeshi men, 12 Myanmar women, and



Immigration officers found this suspect hiding under a bed during the raid in Taman Johor Jaya, Johor Baru, on Saturday. PIC COURTESY OF IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT

four Indonesian women," he said yesterday.

Inspections found that the detainees lacked travel documents or had overstayed.

Rusdi said the operation was launched following intelligence and public complaints about migrants living in shophouses and residences.

"The raids were carried out while the suspects were resting in the premises.

"Some tried to flee and hide on rooftops, but we managed to catch them."

The suspects have been placed at the Setia Tropika Immigration Depot for investigation and legal action.