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# COPS BUST 3 ONLINE JOB SCAM RINGS

Syndicates operated out of homes and targeted victims overseas, says Selangor police chief

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**S**ELANGOR police have crippled three online scam syndicates following a series of raids in Kajang, Seri Kembangan and Puchong, arresting 20 suspects and seizing equipment believed to have been used to target victims overseas.

Selangor police chief Datuk Shazeli Kahar said the operations, carried out between Jan 23 and Jan 28, uncovered syndicates operating out of residential premises and involved in online

part-time job scams as well as fraudulent investment schemes.

In the first operation, police raided a house in Bandar Sungai Long, Kajang, at 12.30am on Jan 23 and arrested six people—a local man, four foreign men and one foreign woman.

"All suspects were aged between 28 and 33.

"We seized six computers, 12 mobile phones and four portable WiFi devices, with the total value estimated at RM30,000," he said yesterday.

Preliminary investigations found the group had been operating since December last year, targeting victims in Australia and Italy.

"The suspects allegedly acted as operators who contacted and persuaded victims via WhatsApp, Telegram and a dedicated website to take up purported part-time jobs.

"The suspects were investigated under Section 420 of the Penal Code for cheating and Section 120B for criminal conspiracy," he



Selangor police chief Datuk Shazeli Kahar showing the items seized from residential premises doubling as scam centres at the Selangor police headquarters in Shah Alam yesterday. NSTP PIC BY FAIZ ANUAR

said, adding that they were remanded for six days from Jan 23 and charged under Section 120B(2) and fined RM2,500 each.

Shazeli said in the second operation, at 9.15pm on Jan 26, police raided a house in Pusat Bandar Putra Permai, Seri Kembangan, arresting nine foreign men believed to be involved in an online stock investment scam.

"The suspects, aged between 27 and 35, were found with nine desktop computers, 21 mobile phones, a modem and a router, valued at about RM35,000.

"Investigators believe the syndicate had been active since November 2025, targeting Chinese nationals," he said.

Shazeli said the suspects allegedly promoted fraudulent investment opportunities through Telegram and the TRS

application.

He said all nine were remanded for seven days from Jan 27.

Shazeli said the third raid was carried out at 2.20pm on Jan 28 at a condominium unit in Bandar Putra Permai, Puchong, where police arrested five individuals—four foreign men and one foreign woman—believed to be running another online part-time job scam.

"The suspects, aged between 25 and 36, were found with five computers, two desktop units, nine mobile phones and a modem, with the items valued about RM20,000.

"Preliminary findings indicate the syndicate had been operating since December 2025, targeting victims in Pakistan and advertising fake part-time job offers through TikTok," he said.

Shazeli said all five were re-

manded for five days from Jan 29.

He said checks showed none had criminal records and all tested negative for drugs.

On other matters, Shazeli said Selangor police are collaborating with the Bukit Aman Criminal Investigation Department to probe into a series of fatal shootings in Klang and Banting.

He said investigators have several leads but declined to reveal details.

"The public should have confidence in the police," he said, adding that progress should not be measured solely by arrests or prosecutions.

He said the state CID has been working with federal counterparts since the shootings began to leverage broader intelligence and operational resources.