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MPSJ tears down extensions and hands over 32 foreign workers to cops

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TWO illegal massage parlours were sealed off by Subang Jaya Municipal Council (MPSJ) during a raid to curb the mushrooming of such outlets.

A team of 25 enforcement officers visited the outlets in Bandar Puteri, Puchong and were surprised to see there were many foreign workers present and some were even taking a nap.

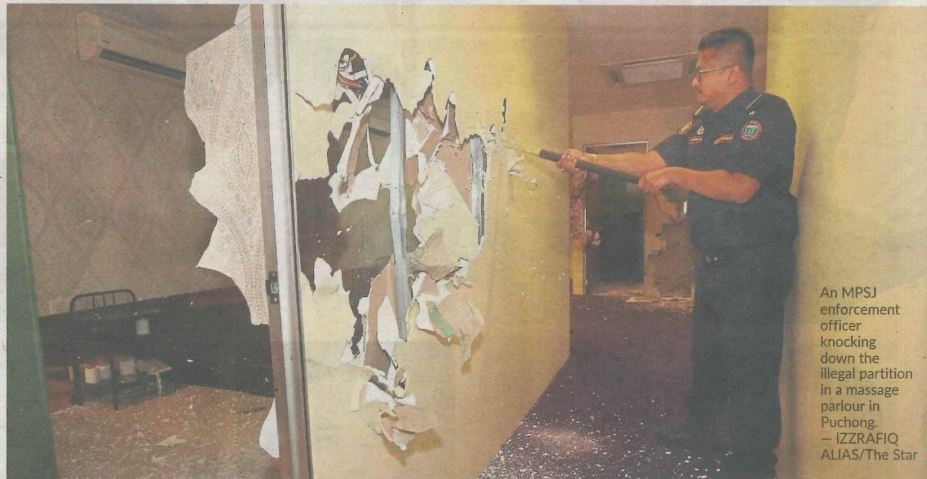
A total of 32 foreign workers and their caretakers were detained and sent to the Serdang district police station.

During the operation, three customers were in the premises and had their particulars taken by the enforcement officers.

"We have been getting many complaints from residents in the area and after conducting several checks, we confirmed that these massage parlours do not have proper licence to operate," said MPSJ deputy president Mohd Zulkurnain Che Ali who led the team together with MPSJ enforcement director Ismail Salim.

Zulkurnain said to ensure the operators did not restart their business, he instructed the enforcement team to tear down all the illegal partitions in the premises.

Both premises had more than 10 private rooms, each with bath-



An MPSJ enforcement officer knocking down the illegal partition in a massage parlour in Puchong.
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room attached and spread over two floors.

"Even if they (illegal operators) were to restart their business, it will take them some time to get everything up again. Most importantly, we want to stop this business completely," he said, adding

that the team had previously made visits to the premises but only seized towels, massage oils and mattresses.

Zulkurnain said it was difficult to nab these operators as it was an uphill task to understand their modus operandi.

"They (illegal operators) have many layers of CCTV cameras, secret doors and passages," he said, adding that the team often had to rely on public information as well as going undercover.

The operator will be fined a maximum of RM1,000 under the

MPSJ Beauty and Wellness Centre 2013 by-law for operating a massage centre without a licence.

They will also be slapped with a RM500 compound for building illegal extensions in a premises under Section 72 of the Street, Drainage and Building Act 1974.