

Immigration deputy director among three held

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PUTRAJAYA: Three more Immigration officers, including a deputy director stationed at the KL International Airport (KLIA), have been detained in connection with a nationwide blitz codenamed *Ops Selat*.

Aged between 38 and 54, they were detained on Friday at the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) headquarters, sources said.

The three officers were brought to the Magistrate's Court here yes-

terday for remand proceedings.

The latest arrest brings the number of those detained since Nov 16 under *Ops Selat* to 53 people.

They include 33 Immigration officers stationed at the KLIA, KLIA2 and Bangunan Sultan Ismail Johor Baru.

"The MACC had also applied to extend the remand on 10 other suspects," said a source.

Two others were released on MACC bail.

The duo had allowed their accounts to be used for graft transactions, sources added.

Graft investigations into a syndi-

cate that offered services to foreign workers led to the discovery of luxury cars comprising a Rolls Royce Phantom, Mustang, Range Rover and an Audi.

These cars are said to be used by a low-ranking Immigration officer who earned about RM1,360 to RM4,052, not including allowances, in his day job.

The four cars were seized, adding to an overall haul that included more than RM800,000 in cash, 22 other luxury cars, four high-powered motorcycles, as well as assets and valuables such as houses, land, jewellery and designer handbags.

The syndicate is suspected to have provided "stamping facilities" to foreign workers and illegal immigrants, and is believed to be involved in international human trafficking, particularly in China, Vietnam, Indonesia and Bangladesh.

This was discovered during investigations which found that foreign agents had been working with Immigration officers at KLIA and KLIA2 to facilitate the entry and exit of foreigners.

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