

# End of sex services near Sentral

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** It was the end of the line for eight resthouses suspected of offering sex near KL Sentral, Brickfields last week.

The cluster of rumah tumpangan was put out of business by City Hall after three years of investigations.

Curious onlookers saw suspected prostitutes being marched off to DBKL trucks by officers in the operation between 10pm and 2am.

Also taken away from the rest houses were packets of condom, mattresses and beds.

The eight resthouses were raided by City Hall in a joint operation with the police, Im-

migration Department, National Registration Department and Welfare Department.

Seventeen women were found hiding in rooms during the operation, led by City Hall enforcement director Rolan Abd Rahman, in which 42 people, aged 15 to 50, were nabbed. Six were nationals of Indonesia, India and Bangladesh.

Rolan said the foreigners were handed over to the Immigration Department, while the others were sent to the police district headquarters for urine testing.

He said the resthouses had been raided in 2004, but had been back in "business" before long.

"There were no signboards

in front and it's obvious that they were operating without a licence," said Rolan. "We will put up notices at the premises reminding the public that it is also an offence to patronise these places as they were operating without any licence.

"We will discuss with our legal team what actions can be taken against the landlords for condoning such immoral activities."

Rolan said the partitions that created rooms in the premises were demolished to stop the vice operators from resuming operations.

Also present during the raid were City Hall director-general Datuk Salleh Yusop and Welfare Department acting director Noormah Abdul Rauf.



One of the women found in a resthouse in Brickfields being led away last Thursday.