

Two 'hardcore criminals' shot dead in abduction bid

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PETALING JAYA: Two men described as hardcore criminals responsible for a number of robbery, rape and kidnapping cases were shot dead by police minutes after they abducted a foreigner in Damansara Kim here late yesterday.

The men, aged 25 and 30, who were recently released from detention under the Emergency Ordinance, were bundling a Myanmar worker into a car at about 8pm when they were spotted by a special police team from the state contingent.

The policemen, who were on crime prevention rounds, went to the aid of the worker but the suspects sped off with their intended victim in the car. A high-speed chase ensued before the car were intercepted about 2km away near the Damansara Specialist Centre in SS20.

Selangor CID chief SAC II Datuk Hasnan Hassan said the two men dashed out of the car, leaving the Myanmar worker behind.

While one of the men lunged at the policemen with a parang, his accomplice open fire with a pistol. The police returned fire and killed both men on the spot.

Hasnan said one of the men is also believed to be behind the abduction of a restaurant owner and his friend in Damansara last week.

In the incident, the suspects abandoned both the victims, who were gagged and tied up, at an oil palm estate in Shah Alam after relieving them of their valuables. The restaurant owner died from suffocation but his friend managed to free himself.