

**Eight held under ISA for human smuggling since June**  
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KUALA LUMPUR (Aug 22, 2011): Eight individuals were detained for human smuggling activities following the implementation of the biometric system at all entry points into the country on June 1.

The Home Ministry's deputy secretary-general (Security) Datuk Abdul Rahim Mohd Radzi said the eight, four foreign nationals and four Malaysians, had been detained under the Internal Security Act.

He said the syndicate was responsible for smuggling 540,608 foreign nationals through five entry points into the country – at Ulu Tiram, Bukit Kayu Hitam, Lahad Datu, Low Cost Carrier Terminal (LCCT) in Sepang and the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA).

Abdul Rahim also said through the implementation of the biometric system, several individuals had been detained for cross border crimes, involving one case of international violence and 21 cases of militant activities.

He said the ministry was confident there would be more arrests carried out because the biometric data of every foreign national taken at all entry points enabled their whereabouts to be more efficiently monitored.

Abdul Rahim said falsification of identity, which prior to the introduction of the biometric system was a major problem involving international travel documents, was now a thing of the past because the finger print biometric data was a main source of information that could not be falsified.

As such, the ministry was confident that cross border crime problems could be managed and checked more effectively, specifically when the biometric data of foreign nationals were taken at all entry points and combined with the information of illegal immigrants under the ongoing 6P programme to register legal and illegal migrants, he said.

He said the biometric data could check the effort of certain syndicates which in the past had been very cunning in finding ways to bring in large groups of people into the country.

This could no longer be easily carried out because each foreign national must undergo a finger print scan and, based on information sharing network between various security bodies inside and outside the country, his actual identity and past criminal records could be obtained quickly, Abdul Rahim added. – Bernama