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# Unregistered products worth RM180,080 seized

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**PETALING JAYA:** Some RM180,080 worth of unregistered health products and medicines were seized in several raids on illegal clinics and pharmacies operated by foreigners, said Health Ministry's director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah.

"Raids were carried out following close surveillance on two premises in Lebuhraya Pudu and Jalan Silang in Kuala Lumpur that were frequented by Bangladeshis.

"Similar raids were carried out in 2018 on five illegal premises in the same area involving Bangladeshis," he said yesterday.

Most of the health products and medicines seized were smuggled in from Bangladesh and India.

He added that those operating the illegal clinics and pharmacies had changed their modus operandi.

This included concealing and storing their illegal health products and medicines among other products and general items.

"They had also changed their operating time and would be more active during the weekdays," he added.

Dr Noor said it is an offence to sell unregistered health products and medicines under



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Pharmacy Enforcement Division personnel seizing unregistered health products and medicines during one of the raids.

the Control of Drugs and Cosmetics Regulations, which is punishable by a fine not exceeding RM25,000, a jail term not exceeding three years or both upon conviction.

He said those guilty of subsequent offences could face a maximum fine of RM50,000, five years' jail or both upon conviction.

Dr Noor said the public can check the status and registration of a particular health product at <http://nprra.moh.gov.my> or contact the National Pharmacy Regulators at 03-7883 5400.

He added that complaints of unregistered

health products can be made through the ministry's website at <http://www.pharmacy.gov.my> or <http://moh.spab.gov.my> or 03-7841 3200.

The raids by the ministry's Pharmacy Enforcement Division on Sunday were in the wake of the front-page exclusive by *The Star* on May 24.

The report stated that the premises were manned by "doctors" from Bangladesh and the dispensaries contained a range of medicines imported from the South Asian country, understood to be both modern and alternative types.