



Hotbed for unhealthy activities, clashes

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when illegal immigrants began occupying the area.

Village welfare and security committee secretary Ariffin Shamsudin said the illegal settlement was a hotbed for unhealthy activities and clashes between the Acehnese and Madurese.

"We are not so worried about the legal workers who are here to earn a living.

"It is the illegal immigrants whom we know nothing about that is causing us concern." Ariffin said petty thefts and stealing of motorcycles had also occurred in the village recently.

The most recent incident occurred near the village on Saturday when hundreds of Acehnese and Madurese clashed over a misunderstanding involving a cellular telephone. Police subsequently detained 107 Madurese and 23 Acehnese under the Immigration Act for not possessing valid travel documents.

Twenty Acehnese and a Madurese were later remanded for two weeks by the magistrate's court here. Police also seized seven parangs and molotov cocktails from members of the rival gangs.

Bernama quotes Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Abu Hassan Omar in Shah Alam as saying that

he had instructed Sepang District Officer Abdul Karim Munisar to submit a report on the presence of the illegal immigrants.

He said the report would be discussed at the State Security Committee meeting for immediate action.

State Land Department, Sepang district land office, police and immigration officials will also be invited to the meeting to draw up an integrated plan to overcome the problem, he added.

Sepang police chief Deputy Superintendent Mohamad Shukri Dahlan said police were keeping the area under surveillance following the recent clash.



EVIDENCE ... Some of the make-shift houses constructed of pieces of wood and canvas.



MAT NAIM ... village head



AHMAD ... village Rela chief



ARIFFIN ... committee secretary