72 Indons arrested after street fight

Police check shows they are illegals

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KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. — A scuffle between two ethnic Indonesian groups in Kampung Limau Manis, Cyberjaya, yesterday, led to the arrest of 72 people, not only for creating a disturbance but also for not having valid documents.

The incident happened at 6pm, when a resident of Madurese descent was riding his motorcycle inside the village premises and knocked down a man from Flores.

A heated argument ensued before they went their way. However, three hours later, not satisfied with the outcome, the Madurese man returned with a gang of 10.

They descended on the man from Flores near his residence and assaulted him.

"Following a tip-off we rushed to the scene and stopped the assault," said Sepang OCPD Superintendent Shukri Dahlan today.

Police then checked some residents there for identification.

Shukri said 72 Indonesians who did not possess valid travel documents were arrested. Police are investigating who among the 72 instigated the fight.

The fight yesterday was not the first involving Indonesians in the village.

On Jan 21, several vehicles, stalls and business premises were destroyed when a group of Indonesians went on a rampage after a stall owner intervened in a fight between Acehnese Indonesians and Bangladeshis at his stall.

Tension had been simmering for weeks before the fight at the stalls.

After the incident, police raided the area and detained about 100 Indonesians between Jan 24 and Feb 13. They were picked up from *kongsi* houses in Sepang, Putrajaya and Cyberjaya.