

# Thirteen 'supernatural' graves destroyed



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**BANTING:** Thirteen “supernatural” graves on a plot of land in Kampung Permatang Pasir, Bukit Jugra, here, were destroyed yesterday in efforts to put an end to deviationist Islamic teaching in the area.

Erected on reserve land belonging to the Selangor government, the graves were empty with one major gravestone covered by a tent of yellow cloth.

Known as “Makam di Raja Berayun” or “Wak Kantong”, the site has been so popular with local and outstation visitors seeking four-digit numbers, cures for various ailments and the fulfilment of wishes in the past year that worshippers even have to get queue numbers.

State executive councillor for Islamic affairs, Datuk Abdul Rahman Palil, who led the three-hour operation, said the government would not compromise with those involved in wrongful teachings as Muslims could be led astray.

He said those involved in such activities could be charged under Section 13 of the Selangor Syariah Crime Enactment 1995, which provides a maximum fine of RM3,000 or two years' imprisonment.

Abdul Rahman was accompanied by officers from the Selangor Religious Department (JAIS), Kuala Langat District Council and Kuala Langat District office.

Aside from the empty graves, there is also a pond where visitors could perform their ablutions.



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