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16 PERSONS CAUGHT FOR E-VAPORISER OFFENCES IN ISLAND-WIDE MULTI-AGENCY ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS AT PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT OUTLETS AND 12 PERSONS ARRESTED FOR OTHER OFFENCES

16 persons, aged between 21 to 50, were caught for e-vaporiser related offences, following a series of multi-agency enforcement operations conducted at public entertainment outlets such as pubs, bars and KTV lounges island-wide from 11 September to 19 September 2025. Another seven men and five women, aged between 22 and 44, were also arrested for other offences.

2 Over the course of one week, a total of nine island-wide multi-agency enforcement operations were conducted by all seven Police Land Divisions and Criminal Investigation Department, supported by officers from the Health Sciences Authority (HSA).

3 A total of 150 officers from the Singapore Police Force and HSA were deployed to conduct checks on more than 780 persons across 101 public entertainment outlets. The enforcement operations are part of the Home Team's ongoing efforts to support the Whole-of-Government's efforts to crack down on vaping.

4 Some of the illegal activities uncovered were as follows:

- a) A total of 16 persons, aged between 21 to 50, were caught for e-vaporiser related offences with more than 70 e-vaporisers and related components seized. All of them were fined for possessing e-vaporisers under the Tobacco (Control of Advertisements and Sale) Act 1993;
- b) Four men, aged between 24 and 44, were arrested at a public entertainment outlet at Rochor for being suspected members of unlawful societies under the Societies Act 1966;

- c) A 22-year-old man was arrested for voluntarily causing hurt to deter a public servant from his duty under the Penal Code 1871, and for using abusive words towards a public servant under the Protection from Harassment Act 2014;
- d) A 16-year-old teenager was arrested near Rochor for using a forged electronic record under the Penal Code 1871, and for drunkenness in a public place under the Liquor Control (Supply and Consumption) Act 2015;
- e) A 40-year-old man was arrested at a public entertainment outlet at Rochor for suspected drug-related offences; and
- f) One man and four women, aged between 22 to 30, were arrested at public entertainment outlets in Telok Ayer and Orchard for working without valid work pass under the Employment of Foreign Manpower Act 1990.

5 Under the enhanced enforcement regime that came into force on 1 September 2025, individuals found possessing, using, or purchasing e-vaporisers now face higher penalties. Second-time offenders will be required to undergo rehabilitation. Those who do not complete the rehabilitation programme will be prosecuted. Offenders caught using e-vaporisers for the third time and more will be prosecuted in court under the Tobacco (Control of Advertisements and Sale) Act 1993 and be liable for a fine of up to \$2,000.

6 Director of Operations Department, Senior Assistant Commissioner of Police (SAC) Leon Chan said, "The Police will continue to work with HSA and other law enforcement agencies for joint enforcement operations at public entertainment outlets to enforce the whole-of-government's zero-tolerance approach to vaping."

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