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## Mall guards catch group of shoplifting students

TEN students known as "Geng Belek-belek" (group that toys about with things) were caught stealing items at a shop in Pasar Seni by the complex's security guards, *Harian Metro* reported.

The group of six girls and four boys aged from 15 to 17 wore school uniforms and carried sling bags in which they stuffed the stolen items.

To avoid suspicion, the group would split into two and pretend not to know each other. They would then enter a shop together and look through the items.

"The moment the shop attendant turns away they would quickly stuff items into their bags," said the Pasar Seni Safety Department head Suhaimi Zainal.

He said they suspected something amiss when they found the group spending a long time in a particular shop.

"They tried to escape after noticing that they were being observed but our staff managed to corner them," said Suhaimi, adding that the group later admitted to stealing.

Among the stolen items found were bangles, nail polish, soft toys, pencil cases, purses, belts, sweets, chocolates and other accessories.

Suhaimi said the parents were notified and were asked to pay for the stolen items.

> Vice-chancellors of higher institutions are not aware of students being gigolos, *Kosmo!* reported.

However, Universiti Putra Malaysia vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Nik Mustapha Raja Abdullah does not deny the possibility of such activity occurring outside his knowledge.

"I do not think the reason for such activity is the lack of funds to study. Maybe the students just want a luxurious lifestyle outside campus," said Nik Mustapha.

Universiti Kuala Lumpur president Prof Datuk Dr Abdul Hakim Juri stressed that any student caught involved in this activity would be expelled.

Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Sharifah Hapsah Syed Hasan Shahabudin refused to comment as she has not heard of any student from the university being involved.

Universiti Malaya student representative council president Afandy Sutrisno Tanjung said financial difficulties should not be the reason to engage in such activities.