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JOHOR BAHRU: A total of 470 online gambling premises in Johor have had their electricity supply disconnected since January 2024 until Feb 26.

Johor police chief Datuk M. Kumar said 88 business licences involved in the activities were also revoked by local authorities throughout the period.

He added that the authorities have submitted a request to the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) to block access to websites involved in the activities.

"This effort reflects the continued commitment of the authorities to ensure that

gambling crimes can be eradicated for the well-being of the community," Kumar said in a statement.

He added that the latest operation to cut electricity supply took place on Feb 25 and 26, involving 86 premises.

He said the operation was conducted under Section 21A of the Open Gambling House Act 1953, involving 64 senior and junior police officers, 48 Tenaga Nasional Berhad staff and seven local authority officials.

He also said the Iskandar Puteri area recorded the highest number of premises, with 19, followed by South Johor Bahru with 14, Kota Tinggi with 11, North Johor Bahru

with 10, Muar with seven, Batu Pahat with six, Pontian with five, Kluang and Kulai with four, Segamat with three, Mersing with two and one in Tangkak.

"Equipment was also seized from seven premises in Muar, and one in Tangkak, while eight premises had their licences revoked during the operation."

Kumar added that the authorities will not tolerate any form of gambling activity, and will continue to monitor and inspect premises to curb such activities from becoming widespread. He advised property owners to ensure tenants do not misuse their premises for gambling activities. – Bernama