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BALIK PULAU: Police arrested an elderly man and seized 30 bitcoin mining machines in a raid on several premises around Jalan Air Putih on Saturday that were found to be operating through illegal electrical connections.

Southwest district police chief ACP Anuwal Ab Wahab said police, together with a Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) team, conducted an inspection at 10pm and discovered bitcoin mining machines at the premises.

"TNB's assessment found that the estimated loss from the electricity theft was RM22,744," he said.

Police arrested a 60-year-old local man and seized 30 bitcoin mining machines and a modem unit.

The case is being investigated under Section 37(1) of the Electricity Supply Act 1990 and Section 427 of the Penal Code. Police are also working to trace other suspects linked to the operation. – Bernama