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KUALA LUMPUR (March 29): Police have detained a total of 627 individuals believed to have been involved in electricity theft for bitcoin mining activities from 2020 till now. Several items, worth RM69.8 million, related to the case were also confiscated. Without disclosing further details, Inspector-General of Police (IGP) Tan Sri Acryl Sani Abdullah Sani said their arrest was made as a result of cooperation between Tenaga Nasional Bhd (TNB) and the Criminal Investigation Department (JSJ). He said as a result of the cooperation, the Royal Malaysia Police (PDRM) has received nine Mitsubishi Triton four-wheel-drive vehicles from TNB to be used by the JSJ in combating electricity theft in the country. "PDRM expresses its highest appreciation to TNB for its contribution," he said in a statement on Tuesday (March 29). — *Bernama*