

KERATAN AKHBAR

NAMA AKHBAR: SUNDAY STAR (NATION)

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Tough job:
Firefighters (left pic) trying to pry open the door of the apartment moments before they were sprayed with bear pepper spray.

Cops and firemen pepper-sprayed

KUALA LUMPUR: A female tenant, who apparently overstayed at a rented apartment, pepper-sprayed a team of police officers and firemen who tried to get into the place following complaints by the landlord.

All the eight policemen and five firefighters ended up seeking treatment at Hospital Kuala Lumpur.

The woman was supposed to have vacated the apartment last Thursday.

It is understood the building management assumed she had done so.

The drama on Friday afternoon began when the landlord of the high-end apartment in Dutamas wanted to change the lock of the main door.

"The tenancy agreement had expired. So the owner (landlord) went to change the lock for security reasons," said Sentul OCPD Asst

Comm R. Munusamy.

Three people, including a locksmith, went to the apartment to get the job done. But while attempting to open the locked door, they felt that it was being held back.

When the landlord's husband tried to push open the door, he was suddenly attacked with bear spray by the tenant, who is believed to be a 42-year-old American.

(A bear spray is primarily used to scare off bears. It is generally less potent than regular pepper spray.)

The landlord promptly alerted the authorities. Minutes later, policemen and firefighters arrived and tried to pry open the door.

"The woman sprayed them as well. An officer eventually coerced the woman to surrender. She also admitted to using the spray," said ACP Munusamy.