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Since the evacuation of the population of the village of Jenderam and an area of 12 square miles surrounding it, 133 people have been released from the Kluang Detention Camp. A further 17 will be released in the near future.

There are also 672 people over the age of 60 or under the age of 12 who could be released from Kluang but who refused because they wish to stay with their parents and relations who are still detained.

Evidence of complicity with the bandits has been found in the cases of 117 people—81 Malays and 36 Chinese. Prosecutions against these people may take place. Of the remainder, enquiries are still going on in the cases of 400 people—approximately 300 Malays and 100 Chinese—who are believed to have been closely connected with the bandits.

The people released will be resettled elsewhere, but though Jenderam is still a prohibited area, they may be allowed to return to collect any of their property which remains in the village. If their goods have not yet been auctioned, they will be returned to them, otherwise they will be given the money the goods fetched.

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