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100 raids crack HK heroin ring

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NARCOTICS Bureau officers say they have smashed one of the biggest heroin rings in Hongkong with the arrests yesterday of 14 people, including two suspected drug masterminds.

The arrests follow an eight-month investigation which ended with a 20-hour operation involving the entire Narcotics Bureau force of more than 100 officers who raided 100 addresses throughout the territory.

Two of the arrests were made at the Macau Ferry Terminal. The men involved had been taken into custody in the enclave on Thursday.

The syndicate is believed to be the group behind the territory's biggest seizure of 200 kilograms of heroin worth \$10 million, from a flat in Central in March.

The arrested, aged between 18 and 36, included two women. The two suspected masterminds are expected to be charged with conspiring to manufacture a dangerous drug, while a third person is expected to be charged with attempting to pervert the course of justice.