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1,086 caught in illegal ²⁰ ²³ hawker raids

THE Regional Services Department arrested 1,086 people last month in series of raids to crack-down on illegal hawkers.

Of those nabbed, 959 were unlicensed itinerant hawkers and 127 were unlicensed cooked-food hawkers.

During the raids, 1,612 hawkers' goods and paraphernalia were seized with 1,122 lots taken during the course of arrests and the rest picked up as abandoned articles.

"This goes in line with the department's effort to eliminate food items which are highly susceptible to diseases in the summer season such as cholera, dysentery, typhoid and viral hepatitis," a spokesman said.