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A screening session in progress for a group of Malaysian students and their kin in Manchester, England.

Trimizi Zainal creates
hell for unearthly
spirits which haunt
mortals.

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AT FIRST glance, Trimizi Zainal comes across as just another Malaysian student whom you'll probably bump into in London's Oxford Street.

Like any IT-savvy youngster, the 23-year-old stays connected when abroad. With his Yahoo! Messenger, he sends text messages, makes PC calls or chats with friends over the Internet.

Well, the similarity ends there. Trimizi is no ordinary Malaysian whom you would want to mess with.

Over the next two months, this modern-day exorcist will conduct mobile clinics to rid victims, particularly the Malaysian community in Britain, of *sihir* (black magic) spells and disturbances by spiteful spirits.

Ustaz Trimizi, as he is known, is probably Malaysia's youngest Islamic medical practitioner who specialises in undoing charms and witchcraft.

Fresh from a two-month trip to Cairo, he draws attention to what he describes as "the chillingly high number of Malaysian students found to be under the spell of black magic and djinn."

Of the 1,200 students screened by him in Cairo, he claims that 153 were affected by djinn; 114, black magic; while 48 people suffered severe stress or depression. This makes up about a quarter of those screened, and because there are 8,000 Malaysian students in Egypt, the actual number of those afflicted could be higher, he says.

Trimizi, who has conducted similar screenings and carried out treatment in Yemen,

Evil, be gone!

Trimizi Zainal (standing), aided by Hamidi Abdul Rahman, treating a Malaysian man at the Pisang centre in Bicester, Oxfordshire.



Australia, Brunei, Japan and Singapore, besides Malaysia, says the number in Cairo is the highest he has found so far.

"We've not done any large-scale screening in Britain before. The figure may turn out to be equally alarming," he says.

Quranic verses

Together with Hamidi Abdul Rahman, chairman of UK-based Professional Islamic Support and Nurture Group (Pisang), Trimizi will conduct an intensive course on treating "illnesses caused by the unseen" in Bicester, Manchester and Leeds from April 10 to May 24. The pair will also hold a series of free mobile screening clinics in those cities as well

as in Newcastle-Upon-Tyne from April 12 to May 24.

Obviously, the ustaz's most powerful weapon is his Quranic verses; he uses them with dramatic effect to weaken and drive demons out from the afflicted.

"You can't see the djinn in their original form. They can manifest themselves in any form and travel anywhere in an instant," explains Trimizi.

"We usually ask where the djinn is from as well as its name," he says, adding that those from Scotland, for instance, would reply with a Scottish accent.

Trimizi says he has encountered spirits from countries like Jordan, South Korea, China, India, Japan, Thailand, France and Australia.

"Most of the djinn spoke in Malay," says Trimizi of his seven-year experience dealing with things from another world since he was 16.

He says there were cases where the powerful djinn – those control-

led by evil bomohs – would challenge him and refuse to leave the victim's body. They would even call for reinforcement from their bomoh masters, who would then talk terms with the ustaz. But Trimizi usually managed to cast out the spirits after three or four treatment sessions with the victim.

Personality changes

Trimizi says mass screenings involving recitation of Quranic verses could be held for as many as 200 people, with each session lasting about 15 minutes.

Those possessed by spirits may become hysterical or their facial expressions may change, he says. They are then taken aside