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Roslee (second from right) and Indonesia police representative Chaidar (right) showing the confiscated syabu and ecstasy pills during a press conference at Penang police contingent headquarters yesterday.

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GEORGE TOWN: The cooperation between Malaysian and Indonesian police has led to an international drug syndicate being crippled last Tuesday with the arrest of three people, including two Indonesian men, and with the seizure of syabu and ecstasy pills worth RM2.06 million.

State deputy police chief Datuk Roslee Chik said the three suspects, aged between 35 and 45, were detained during three separate raids in Bayan Lepas and Air Itam.

He said the one-hour operation was led by a team from the Bukit Aman Narcotics Criminal Investigation Department, with the help from Special Tactical Intelligence Narcotics Group and also the state police Narcotics Department.

He said during the operation, police discovered 24.7kg of syabu and also 8,400 ecstasy pills that are ready for distribution.

"With the arrest and seizure, we believe that an international drug syndicate has



Penang police personnel checking one of the seized vehicles used by the drug syndicate.

been paralysed," he told a press conference at the Penang police contingent headquarters yesterday.

Roslee pointed out that the drugs were believed to be shipped out to Indonesia for distribution and Penang has been used as a transit point.

Police also seized RM19,960 in cash and four vehicles believed to be used by the syndicate.

He added police are now in the midst of investigating the mastermind behind the syndicate, which police believe has been active in Penang since two months ago.

"The suspects have been remanded for seven days to facilitate investigations under Section 39B of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952, which carries the mandatory death penalty," he said.