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DENPASAR: A Malaysian is among three foreigners arrested in Bali for drug-related offences.

The three men, including an Australian and an American, were arrested in separate cases.

Dressed in orange prison garb and with their faces concealed by balaclavas, they were paraded at a briefing for the media with armed police officers standing guard.

It was not immediately clear if any of the three, who were identified only by their initials, would face the death penalty if convicted.

The Malaysian was arrested on Nov 8 after being found with 3.03g of leaves thought to be marijuana and 0.65g of white powder suspected to be narcotics, Bali Airport Customs Office chief Himawan Idrajono said in a statement.

The Australian was arrested after he arrived on a flight from Bangkok on Monday when authorities found methamphetamine

and the party drug ecstasy hidden in a plastic bottle and another container in his luggage, the statement added.

The US citizen was arrested at a Bali post office on Nov 30 in connection with a package sent from the United States containing 336.6g of e-cigarette liquid containing THC, or tetrahydrocannabinol, the active ingredient in cannabis.

Indonesia says it is facing a drug crisis with an estimated 6.4 million drug users in the country of 250 million, and needs to impose tough punishments to contain the problem.

President Joko Widodo has called for a "merciless" crackdown on narcotics, and told law enforcers to shoot drug traffickers if they resist arrest – echoing the tough stand taken by Philippine leader Rodrigo Duterte, who ordered a war against drugs in which several thousand people have been killed since the middle of last year. — Reuters