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The three suspects detained by Thai police for transporting 300kg of crystal methamphetamine bound for Malaysia in Nakhon Ratchasima recently. BERNAMA PIC

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**BANGKOK:** Drug traffickers gave a new meaning to 'iced watermelon' when 300kg of crystal methamphetamine were found in a consignment of fruit in a Malaysia-bound lorry.

The lorry was stopped at a police checkpoint in Nakhon Ratchasima, northeast of Thailand, two days ago.

Upon checking its contents, Thai police were astonished by the quantity of "ice" hidden among hundreds of watermelons, and arrested the three men in the vehicle.

Narcotics Suppression Bureau head Lieutenant General Sommai Kongvisaisuk said the drugs were estimated to be worth hundreds of millions of baht.

Police conducted raids in Narathiwat and Yala yesterday and detained two men and two women, who planned to smuggle the drugs across Sungai Golok, said Sommai yesterday.

He said the seven suspects arrested in Nakhon Ratchasima and southern Thailand were assisting the police in their investigations into an international drug-trafficking syndicate.

On another matter, he said Thai Navy patrols in the Mekong River near the Thai-Laotian border yesterday intercepted a boat ferrying around 11 million "Yaba" tablets, a low-grade methamphetamine.

A man in the boat was arrested.

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