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NILAI: Drugs worth RM18mil was seized and 18 foreigners were arrested in a Customs Department raid on a makeshift store in Kajang, Selangor.

Heroin and ketamine were found in 37 sacks weighing close to 25kg, Customs director-general Datuk Seri Subromaniam Tholasy said yesterday.

The department's Narcotics Branch conducted the raid at 11.30pm on Friday after a public tip-off, he told reporters here.

He said the foreigners were aged between 18 and 50, and comprised

10 Pakistanis, four Myanmar nationals and four Indonesians. Only seven of them had valid travel documents.

They were caught unloading 1,885 white sacks from two containers to be kept at the store, he said.

"The sacks, which were brought into the country through West Port in Port Klang and declared as containing salt, showed 31 contained 766kg of heroin and six contained 114kg of ketamine," he said.

Subromaniam said the sacks had come from Karachi, Pakistan. He did not rule out the possibility that a



Major haul: Subromaniam (third from right) gesturing towards the seized drugs during a press conference in Nilai. — Bernama

foreign syndicate was involved.

"We are investigating whether Malaysians were also involved," he said.

Subromaniam said the suspects

have been remanded for seven days from Saturday.

The case is being investigated under Section 39B of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952. — Bernama