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KLANG: A syndicate trying to smuggle drugs into Indonesia has been busted with the arrest of four men and the seizure of 29kg of syabu.

A car and two million rupiah (RM600) was among the items seized during a raid by a joint police operation on Saturday night.

Narcotics Crime Investigations Department (NCID) deputy director Deputy Comm Datuk Kang Chez Chiang said three raids were conducted between 10.45pm and 11.30pm around Klang and Pulau Indah.

The first raid netted one suspect, a local, and the drugs, which were hidden in a plastic jerrycan, were kept in a taxi.

"We later arrested one of the Indonesian suspects, who is believed to be the mastermind, near Persiaran Masjid Sultan before rounding up two others at a petrol kiosk in Pulau Indah.

"The drugs are estimated to be worth about RM2.05mil," he told reporters at the South Klang district police headquarters here yesterday.

Also present was South Klang OCPD Asst Comm Shamsul Amar Ramli.

DCP Kang said the case was uncovered with the help of Indonesian narcotics police.

"We believe the drugs were meant to be smuggled into Aceh via the waterways, as the mastermind arranged transportation with Malaysians who worked as his runners.

"We believe that the drugs were brought into Malaysia from a neighbouring country en route to Indonesia to be sold at a price three times higher than the street value in Malaysia," he added.

This is the third drug syndicate with links to Indonesia crippled this year, following successes in Kuala Lumpur and Penang, he said.



Syndicate gets canned: Kang holding the plastic jerrycan as Shamsul (right) looks on during a press conference in Klang.