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IPOH — Five men were detained by police for possessing more than 100 litres of ketum juice at a farm in Kampung Semangat 2, Titi Gantong, Bota.

One of the suspects, aged 43, was arrested for possessing 205 packets of the ketum juice, while the other four, aged between 27 and 34, were nabbed for possessing two plastic bottles of the juice.

Perak Tengah district police chief Superintendent Mohamad Zainal Abdullah said men from the district narcotics criminal investigation unit raided the farm at about 6.15pm on Tuesday.

"The 43-year-old suspect, who is a labourer, was sitting in front of two fibre tanks," he said.

"Police checked the tanks and found 100 packets of suspected ketum juice in one of them, while the other had 105 packets of suspected ketum juice."

Mohamad Zainal said the police party also seized a cooking pot, gas stove and gas tank, believed to have been used for cooking the ketum juice.

He said the 43-year old suspect tested negative for drugs, but had a record for possessing ketum juice.

The other four suspects also tested negative for drugs and have no criminal records.

The case is being investigated under Section 30(3) of the Poisons Act 1952 that bans the import, export, making, selling, supply, administration, possession and use of any psychotropic substance.

Those convicted face a fine of RM10,000 or four years' jail, or both, under Section 30(5) of the same Act.



The packets of suspected ketum juice seized during the raid on Tuesday. — Picture by Perak Tengah police