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KUALA LUMPUR: Two Malaysians were arrested by Thai police after investigations into the seizure of 700kg of syabu found in a Malaysia-bound truck laden with fruits.

The two men were picked up by the Narcotics Suppression Bureau (NSB) at a house in the southern border town of Haadyai on Wednesday, a few hours after the lorry transporting pineapples and watermelons was discovered in Chumphon, southern Thailand.

Bukit Aman Narcotics deputy director Deputy Comm Datuk Kang Chez Chiang confirmed the arrests, adding that Malaysian police were closely following the developments of the case.

"We have permission from our Thai coun-

terparts to interview the two Malaysians," he said at Bukit Aman yesterday.

DCP Kang said the Malaysians, aged 35 and 49, were probably acting as middlemen, who would receive the drugs and facilitate the storage and transit through Malaysia.

He said the smugglers' method of hiding drugs under fruits in lorries was not new.

In January, Thai police intercepted a lorry in Nakhon Ratchasima, northeast Thailand, and discovered 300kg of "ice" hidden among hundreds of watermelons inside a vehicle bound for the south.

From there, the NSB believed the drugs would be smuggled across the border into Malaysia.