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KUALA LUMPUR: Two Malaysian men suspected of trying to smuggle 700kg of crystal methamphetamine into Malaysia were detained by Thai authorities yesterday.

Narcotics Criminal Investigation Department deputy director Datuk Kang Chez Chiang said yesterday the odd-job workers, aged 35 and 49, were arrested in Hatyai on Wednesday.

“Our Thai counterparts had agreed for us to send our officers there to record the suspects’ statements.



*Datuk Kang
Chez Chiang*

“We want to identify the syndicates behind this smuggling activity,” he said.

The drugs were found hidden among hundreds of pineapples and watermelons.

Thailand Narcotics Suppression Bureau head Lt-Gen Sommai Kongvisaisuk was quoted as saying that the drugs originated from northern Thailand and were heading to Malaysia.