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ALOR SETAR: The Kedah Border Security Agency has foiled an attempt to smuggle 760kg of ketum leaves, worth RM38,000, into Thailand.

The ketum leaves were packed in transparent plastic bags and hidden in a barn within a rubber estate in Kampung Kubang Kesom, Sik.

State agency commander Abdul Latif Abd Rahman said a raid was held on

Sunday night following a tip-off.

"We found 750kg of ketum leaves packed in plastic bags inside a barn while another 10kg was found in a van outside," he said.

Abdul Latif said several people who had been packing the ketum leaves managed to escape.

He said the ketum leaves are in high demand in Thailand.