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Mohmad (third right) with other police personnel displaying the seized syabu at the state police headquarters yesterday.

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GEORGE TOWN: Police recorded one of its biggest narcotic seizures this year with the arrest of six suspected traffickers, including a married couple, and the seizure of 306kg of syabu worth RM15.3 million.

The success was achieved after police raided four locations in Penang and Kedah on Friday.

After extensive intelligence gathering and surveillance, a raiding team from Bukit Aman, assisted by their counterparts in Kedah and Penang, launched the four raids separately from 2pm until 9pm.

"We believe we have crippled the operations of a syndicate here," said Bukit Aman Narcotics Division director Comm Datuk Seri Mohamad Salleh.

In the first raid in Jelutong, police detained two suspects aged 28 and 37, before raiding a house in Kuala Nerang in Kedah.

There, the raiding party arrested three more suspects aged between 19 and 30.

From information gathered from the raid,

an operation at another house in Kuala Nerus resulted in a 30-year-old woman, who is the wife of one of those detained earlier, being detained for questioning.

The arrests led to the discovery of an abandoned car at the parking area of Taman Pelangi Indah. Upon inspection, the police found syabu hidden inside 15 gunny sacks.

The drug was neatly packed inside 295 fake Chinese herbal tea packaging.

Mohmad said police believe part of the shipment was meant for local distribution while some was for a neighbouring country.

"We hope to now identify the kingpin of the syndicate, and the length of time that they have been involved in peddling drugs."

The six suspects led a wealthy lifestyle because they were paid handsomely for distributing the drugs.

Mohmad said three of the suspects also tested positive for drugs, while one of them had a previous conviction record.

The case was being investigated under Section 39B of the Dangerous Drug Act 1952, which carries the mandatory punishment upon conviction.

