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BANGKOK — The 21 Malaysian suspected “drug mules” detained here in March in connection with the seizure of a large haul of drugs may face the harsh reality of spending life in prison upon conviction.

According to information obtained by Bernama from the Ratchada Criminal Court here recently, the Malaysians have been charged under Thailand’s Narcotics Act for possession and sale of Category 1 Substances.

Category 1 substances include heroin, amphetamine, methamphetamine, MDMA (Ecstasy) and LSD.

The charge against the Malaysians

involves possession of 14 heroin bars weighing 6.958kg and 226 packages of methamphetamine weighing 224.592kg.

According to information from the court, the prosecutor submitted the case against the men on June 17, before all of them made their first court appearance on Aug 29 for evidence examination.

Their next appearance at the Ratchada Criminal Court has been scheduled for Dec 19 for evidence inspection and examination.

The Malaysians were arrested on March 23 and 24, in two groups of 15 and six men by Thai Railway police at four different train stations and in

a passenger van.

The train they were travelling in was heading to Butterworth from Hualamphong, Bangkok.

Thai police described the drug haul as one of the biggest in recent times, with investigators claiming the drugs were destined for the European market.

According to a Thai police investigator, the Malaysian suspects could face life imprisonment if found guilty by the court.

This is despite the Act providing the death penalty.

However, Thailand does not apply the death penalty, said the man who declined to be identified. — Bernama

The accused

- Muhammad Aisamuddin Abd Razak
- Maznezam A Manap
- Nabil Syafiq Kamal
- Idris Syarif Syaifuddin
- Kamaludin Sarju
- Ngor Kien Yew
- Kenny Lim Wei Liang
- Seah Chin Wee
- Liew Pow Swee
- Yap Chun Man
- Tan Chat Phem
- Woon Ming Sheng
- Wong Kah Seng
- Loo Chee Aik
- Lim Chee Wei
- Choong Weng Wah
- Teo Wei Lun
- Leong Wai Hong
- Ho Wai Hai
- Heiw Chen Khuin
- Chan Mun Kin