

Cops cripple drug syndicate, seize RM7.7m ketamine

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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 25 — Police have crippled a major drug distribution syndicate after they seized 102kg of ketamine worth RM7.7 million, believed to be the biggest ketamine bust in the Klang Valley this year.

It was also the first time that a secret society — Gang 36 — had masterminded a major drug syndicate in the Klang Valley.

City police chief Datuk Amar Singh said a 38-year-old mastermind, who owned a scrapyard in Kepong Baru, was among eight suspects, aged between 30 and 54, arrested in a raid on Friday evening.

“We found the suspects huddled together and consuming drugs in a derelict container inside the compound,” he said.

All of them tested positive for drugs.

The drugs were found in a bag, containing 99kg, and two smaller bags in bushes behind the container.

Police believed the suspects had been active for several months and were investigating if the mastermind had links with networks in the other states.

Two bottles, containing chloroform and alcohol, were also found at the scene.

Amar said the drugs, believed to have been imported from overseas, were meant for local consumption.

He said the drugs, worth RM70,000 per kilo, could supply at least 100,000 consumers.

The eight have been remanded until Thursday.