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## Cops seize RM14mil in syabu and arrest five

GEORGE TOWN: Police have crippled what is believed to be one of the biggest international drug syndicates in the country with the seizure of RM14mil worth of syabu and the arrest of five foreigners.

Eleven sacks of the drugs, weighing a total of 72.1kg, were placed among 240 sacks of bentonite or clay powder in a factory warehouse to avoid detection.

Police raided the warehouse in Batu Maung near here early last Friday and arrested three Algerians and two Iranians.

They also seized RM150,000 in cash.



Dangerous contents: ASP M. Muniandy showing the drugs hidden in sacks George Town yesterday.

Bukit Aman Narcotics Crimes Investigation Department [director Comm Datuk Noor Rashid Ibrahim](#) said all 251 sacks were brought into the country from Bandar Abbas in Iran by ship via the Penang port. Comm [Datuk Noor Rashid](#) did not discount the possibility of the involvement of locals.

“We are in the midst of tracing all of them,” he added.

He said police had obtained a remand order to detain the five suspects, aged between 27 and 37, until Thursday.

The case is being investigated under Section 39B of the Dangerous Drugs Act, which carries the mandatory death penalty upon conviction.