

Customs officers seized RM2m worth of drugs at KLIA

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SEPANG: Customs officers at Kuala Lumpur International Airport foiled three attempts to smuggle in a total of 10.53kg of drugs, estimated to worth about RM2 million, last week.

KLIA customs director Datuk Chik Omar Chik Lim said the first confiscation was made when they found 0.47kg of methamphetamine, worth about RM89,300, in a parcel at a MAS cargo warehouse in KLIA on July 13.

The parcel which arrived from Lagos, Nigeria, on July 5, and was addressed to a premises in Klang, Selangor, believed to be in the name of a foreign national.

He said initial investigations revealed that the address did not exist and the mobile number could not be contacted.

"The parcel was not claimed and the importer could not be reached, we then confiscated the parcel which contained a car exhaust," Chik Omar told a press conference at KLIA customs office here.

He added that a thorough inspection revealed white crystalline powder which tested positive for methamphetamine with a gross weight of 0.47kg. Customs are looking for the suspect.

He said the two other confiscations were made also on July 13 at about 3.30pm when two 28-year-old India nationals were detained at Kuala Lumpur International Airport 2 (klia2) with more than 10kg of methamphetamine, worth over RM1.9million, in their luggage.

The drugs were hidden in a secret compartment of the suspects' luggage, who had just arrived from Chennai, India, with one containing 5.04kg and the other 5.02kg.

He said both suspects have been to Malaysia for more than 10 times under a social pass and claimed to have a textile business here.

"There is a high possibility that this is a drug syndicate," Chik Omar said.

The suspects have been remanded for seven days to facilitate investigations under Section 39B of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952 which carries the mandatory death penalty on conviction.