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Customs probing its arrested men

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PETALING JAYA: The Customs Department will conduct an internal investigation into its personnel who have been arrested by police for alleged ties to a secret society.

“We will wait for the police findings first. In the meantime, we have started our own internal investigation,” said Customs director-general Datuk Seri T. Subromaniam yesterday.

Department assistant director-general (enforcement) Datuk Mohd Pudzi Man said there will be no compromise on officers found guilty of illegal acts.

“If any of our officers are found to have *pecah amanah* (betrayed their trust), there will be no compromise,” said Mohd Pudzi, adding that the department would cooperate fully with police in their investigation.

It was reported that six Customs Department officers were arrested over the past two days for alleged involvement in helping a secret society smuggle drugs into the country.

The six were believed to have ties with the 360 Devan Gang, notorious for murder, extortion, kidnapping, armed robbery and drug trafficking, mostly in the Klang Valley.

The gang gained notoriety when it began its reign of terror by murdering competitors, mainly from its arch-rival, the Satu Hati Gang, which is equally notorious for drug pushing, luxury car theft and hijacking.

A group of 29 men, including a Datuk, believed to be members of Gang 360 Devan, were charged with taking part in organised crime, at the Kajang Sessions Court in March.

Bukit Aman Criminal Investigation Department director Datuk Seri Mohamad Salleh confirmed the arrests and said that police were conducting an investigation.

It was reported that the officers, who were based at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport, allegedly received money from the gangsters for allowing various types of drugs and raw substances into the country over the past year.

The investigation will be carried out under the Security Offences Act (Special Measures) (Sosma) 2012.

It is learnt that among the officers detained are a Customs superintendent and assistant superintendents stationed at KLIA's baggage scanning unit, export unit, passenger clearance unit and Customs mail and courier unit.

Read more at <http://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2017/08/03/customs-probing-its-arrested-men-investigation-on-alleged-links-to-secret-society/#7FGSykhWAPVE6LBs.99>