

Dirty cops paid drug money by cartel

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Residents said they had never smelt any strange odours coming from the house when they took their children to a playground just beside the house. — Picture by Azinuddin Ghazali

PETALING JAYA, April 27 — Six Selangor anti-narcotics enforcers have been arrested on suspicion of being on the payroll of a major drug ring that was crippled last week when RM36 million worth of syabu was seized.

Sources told *Malay Mail* the 'dirty six' — an inspector and the rest lance corporals — collected about RM100,000 over the last six months from drug lords to close an eye on their mass production of syabu.

The sources said the policemen from Serdang and South Klang police headquarters had stumbled upon the drug operations between three and six months ago.

"We believe the six made a pact with the syndicate not to expose their activities, provided they were paid enough to keep quiet," one source said.

It is not known how much each of them was paid, but it is believed the inspector, who was the leader of the six, negotiated varying amounts for them.

Investigations are underway to determine if the policemen were also paid to tip off the syndicate if they knew police were on their trail.

The syndicate was capable of producing syabu for 12 million users at any one time and came under federal police radar only a month ago.

The revelations followed interrogation of 10 syndicate members, including the “brains” and a chemist, who were arrested by Bukit Aman narcotics personnel and the Special Tactical and Intelligent Narcotics Group (STING) on April 20.

Federal police uncovered two large-scale syabu processing laboratories in Bukit Rimau, Shah Alam and two chemical stores in Hutan Melintang, Perak.

They seized 239kg of syabu and other drug ingredients from India worth a total of RM36 million.

Police also seized RM2.8 million stored in a vault, 78,000 Indian rupees (RM4,600) and jewellery comprising necklaces, rings, bracelets, pendants and earrings.

Twelve cars and two motorcycles belonging to the 10 men, aged between 23 and 42, were also confiscated.

Three days later, the inspector and lance corporals were arrested at the Selangor, Serdang and South Klang police headquarters.

An accomplice of the six, a civilian, who was entrusted to keep a substantial amount, was also picked up on Saturday.

The first arrest was made at the Selangor police headquarters, where a lance corporal who had been in the force since 2009 was detained.

Several hours later, another four lance corporals were arrested at the South Klang police headquarters. All four had served the force for between three and five years.

Following the arrest of the four, police detained the civilian, aged 31, at Taman Sri Andalas Klang and seized RM45,000 hidden in his car boot.

It was learnt police raided one of the policemen’s house the next day and seized RM18,800 hidden under the bed.

The inspector was arrested at Serdang police headquarters on the same day and another RM19,850 was seized from the living room in a lance corporal’s house. One of the houses in Bukit Rimau, Shah Alam, which was turned into a drug factory.