

Drugs smuggled using parcels at KLIA

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Chik Omar (centre) with the three food cans containing drugs from Lagos during a press conference at KLIA Customs Complex in Sepang on Oct 27, 2014.

SEPANG: The Royal Customs Department has uncovered a new tactic used by traffickers to smuggle drugs using parcels via the services of an "inside man".

This was detected following the arrival of a parcel from Lagos, Nigeria, which contained 1.026kg of methamphetamine at the KL International Airport (KLIA) postal godown last Tuesday.

KLIA Customs director Datuk Chik Omar Chik Lim said checks on the parcel found the drug, worth RM194,940, in three food cans.

The address the parcel was to be sent to and the telephone number of the recipient were not available, he told a media conference here today.

In previous cases, he said, the telephone number of the recipient could be contacted, but the individual concerned denied knowledge of the parcel.

"In this latest case, the telephone number is not available. We fear there is an inside man who will take the parcel," he added.

In another case, Chik Omar said a Chinese national, aged 31, was arrested at klia2 following the discovery of 2.68kg of methamphetamine, worth RM509,200, in his baggage last Wednesday.

"The drug was found hidden in a special compartment in the bag," he added.

Based on statistics by the KLIA Customs on drug seizure made between January and October this year, the highest seizure was made at the KLIA Kargo, involving 194.5kg worth RM36.9 million, followed by KLIA (93.4kg, worth RM13.8 million), klia2 (47.9kg, worth RM2.9 million), the Mail and Courier Centre (2.8kg, worth RM533,900) and outside the KLIA area (1.6kg, worth RM343,400). –

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