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Drugs worth RM1.4m seized

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ALOR SETAR: The state Customs Department seized more than RM1.4mil worth of drugs and arrested three men, including two foreigners, over the past three days.

Its <u>director Datuk Abd Aziz Abdul Latiff</u> said a Customs officer at the Bukit Kayu Hitam border noticed something hidden in the luggage of a 28-year-old Filipino during a routine inspection at 1.40pm on Monday.

"We found a package containing syabu," he told reporters here yesterday.

The syabu weighing 5.65kg was worth about RM1.4mil, he added.

Abd Aziz said the man, who had taken a bus from Haadyai, Thailand, was supposed to board a flight back to his country today.

He said that at about 8.40pm on the same day, a local man was arrested at the Kuah jetty terminal in Langkawi after 106gm of heroin and 1gm of syabu worth some RM13,750 were found in his jacket.

The self-employed man, who is in his 30s, had just arrived at the island from Sungai Petani when he was arrested.

Customs officers also arrested a 34-year-old Indian national carrying 2.9kg of ketamine worth some RM31,900 at the Sultan Abdul Halim airport the next day.

"When we inspected his bag, we found a package with the drugs hidden behind a piece of formica board," said Abd Aziz.

All three have been remanded for a week under Section 39B of the Dangerous Drugs Act.