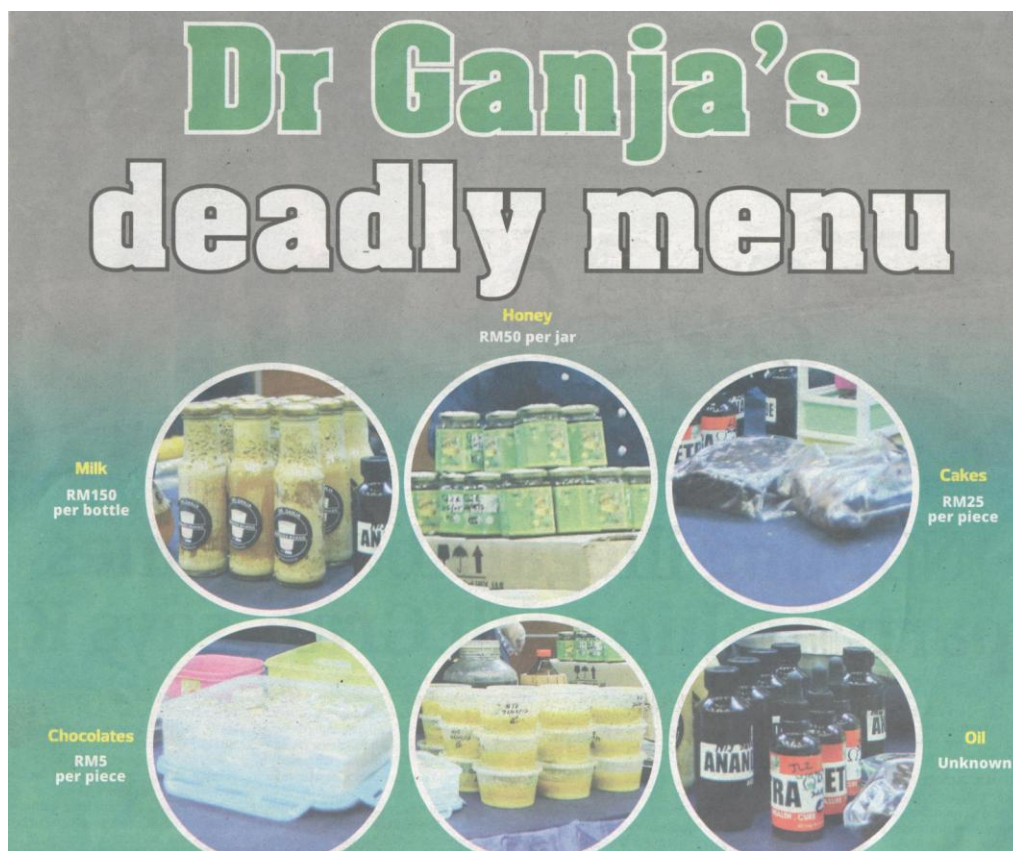


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STING deputy commander SAC Arjunaidi Mohamed and Kang (right) show the media the seized Dr Ganja products. — Pictures by Ahmad Zamzahuri

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KUALA LUMPUR — He calls himself “Dr Ganja” and for the last five months, he has been selling cannabis-laced products through his social media accounts.

A former army personnel, the 58-year-old refused to accept that he had committed any offence when police caught up with him last Friday.

When police raided his house in Klang, they were surprised at the range of homemade cannabis products he had manufactured apparently with the assistance of his wife and an assistant.

The products were packaged professionally and some even carried his brand, “Dr Ganja”. Federal Narcotics Criminal Investigations Department deputy director Deputy Commissioner Datuk Kang Chez Chiang said the suspect had told police he was providing a service to people who were not responding to hospital treatment.

“He refused to acknowledge that it was an offence to sell ganja medically and claimed his only intention was to help those in need,” he said.

Kang said the suspect would also prescribe free samples to lure customers.

“The products were promoted as an alternative remedy to modern treatment for all sorts of illnesses, including cancer,” he said.

Among his edible cannabis-laced products were oil, chocolate, honey, margarine, milk and cake that were sold from RM5 for a piece of chocolate to RM150 for a bottle of milk.

Kang said social media and instant messaging applications were used as his platform to promote his products, with customers having to travel to the suspect’s



Cannabis-laced milk with the suspect’s label is sold for RM150 a bottle.

house to purchase the items.

Police have sent the seized products for lab tests to determine their potency.

Initial investigations showed the suspect procured hemp seeds from a local supplier and that he had regular customers from beyond the Klang Valley.

Federal Special Tactical Intelligence Narcotics Group (STING) arrested the suspect at his home in Kampung Delek Dalam, Klang

on Friday.

During the raid, an assistant, 38, and the suspect’s Indonesian wife, 35, were among those detained.

Police also found baking equipment, four kg of ganja powder, 70 chocolate bars, 18 ganja plants and 72kg of hemp seeds used as raw materials in food preparation worth RM21,000.

All suspects tested positive for the drug

DRUG BUSTS FROM JAN 1 TO MAY 25

Arrests — 76,738
Supply — 10,552
Possession — 23,998
Urine Positive — 42,188

Arrested

• Locals — 73,511
• Foreigners — 3,227

Seized

• Syabu — 443.87kg
• Ketamine — 90kg
• Ecstasy pills — 107,198
• Yaba pills — 761,019
• Erimine 5 pills — 2,630,620
• Ganja — 565.08kg
• Heroin — 226.77kg

Value of drugs

RM99.36 million

Assets seized

RM64.15 million

and have been remanded for seven days until June 2.

A check of Dr Ganja’s Facebook page showed the suspect, who claimed he was a “captain” in the army, often preached openly about the benefits of medical cannabis.

He had several pictures of his customers uploaded to show their endorsement of his product.

One picture was of a boy, who he claimed suffered from epilepsy, munching his cannabis chocolate bar.

This is the first time this year a local drug syndicate has been busted by the police for marketing their products online.