

Form Two student among 12 alleged ketum water buyers detained

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KUANTAN, June 17 — A Form Two student was among 12 men detained by the police, who was believed to plan to buy ketum water supply during a raid on a house in Felda Mempaga 3, Bentong on Wednesday.

Bentong district police chief Supt Mohamad Mansor Mohd Nor said in the 10pm incident, all of them, aged between 14 and 56, who were gathered at the porch of the house attempted to flee when they aware of the police presence.

Two of the suspects were Indonesian nationals and two more suspects also tested positive for amphetamine while another was positive for Tetra Hydrocannabinol (THC).

“Initial investigations revealed that the suspects often obtained the ketum water from the house as the house had been used as a place for processing ketum water.

Each packet is sold at between RM10 and RM20.

“The owner of the house is believed to get the ketum leaf supplies from another area at RM23 per kg to distribute to the Mempaga residents,” he said when contacted here yesterday.

Mohamad Mansor said the police also seized 25kg of ketum leaves, 40 plastic packets and 100-litres of ketum water.

The case was being investigated under Section 30 (3) of the Poisons Act 1952, which carries a sentence of up to four years jail or fine of RM10,000 or both, if convicted. — Bernama