

Iranian chemists among suspects nabbed in Penang drug laboratory raid

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Mohd Mokhtar (second left) inspects one of the chemical bottles seized from the suspects. — Bernama photo

GEORGE TOWN: Police raided a laboratory and crippled a local syndicate that employed the services of two chemists from Iran to process synthetic drugs for the local market.

Police detained four men aged between 24 and 58, including the two Iranians, and a woman aged 52, and seized 324 kg of liquid syabu worth RM20 million, as well as drug processing paraphernalia.

Bukit Aman Narcotics Criminal Investigation Department Datuk Seri Mohd Mokhtar Mohd Shariff said the operation was conducted with the cooperation of the Special Tactical Intelligence Narcotics Group (STING).

“The team raided three premises, in Bukit Mertajam, Jelutong and George Town at 10.20pm on Thursday and 12.20am on Friday.

“In Bukit Mertajam, three men were detained, including two Iranians, while another man was detained in Jelutong and the woman, in George Town,” he told a press conference here yesterday.

He said the two Iranians had acted as ‘roaming chemists’ for the syndicate, ‘going from one place to another’.

“They entered Malaysia using valid passports; we will ask the Immigration to confirm this,” he said, adding, police also seized two cars, a motorcycle, and cash and gold jewellery worth RM69,400. — Bernama