

KLIA cops nab Thai woman with cocaine in private parts

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Inspector Amrin Mohd Arif of the Sepang police narcotics unit showing the 350gm slab of cocaine that was recovered from the Thai woman. — Picture by Arif Kartono KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 27 — A drug mule thought she could get away with hiding a slab of cocaine weighing 500gm in her private parts but she got caught when the way she walked drew the attention of authorities at KL International Airport (KLIA) on Tuesday.

Police said the women inserted a 350gm slab of cocaine in her vagina and another five capsules of cocaine weighing 150gm in her rectum.

Police described the drug mule from Thailand as an expert since this was not her first attempt.

Following a tip-off, the officers at KLIA tailed her to a hotel in the city.

“When the officers raided her hotel room, the suspect had already expelled some of the drugs and placed them on the bed,” Bukit Aman Narcotics chief Datuk Noor Rashid Ibrahim said.

The woman was among four drug mules hired by a Nigerian drug syndicate to smuggle in cocaine and syabu.

The other three were arrested over the last one week with police seizing drugs worth RM1.5 million from all four.

On Monday, a Nigerian man was arrested when he arrived at KLIA. Police found four packets of syabu hidden inside a food carrier inside his luggage.

“We detained the Thai woman the next day. The drugs were from South America and brought in through Dubai. The cocaine was to be smuggled into a neighbouring country,” said Noor Rashid.

On Wednesday police arrested a Malaysian couple in their early 20s near the Customs clearance area at KLIA.

“They had 4kg of syabu each in their luggage. They had placed the drugs among layers of sequined cloth, believing they would not be spotted when the luggage went through the scanning machine.”

A check revealed that the couple were private college students in the city. This was the second time the male suspect was smuggling drugs into the country.

Noor Rashid said all four detainees were hired by the same Nigerian syndicate.

“They were paid US\$1,000 each by the syndicate.”

Noor Rashid said the Nigerian syndicate, after lying low since early this year, was active again.