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KUALA LUMPUR: A man was caught with RM1mil worth of cocaine in the first bust of its kind this year so far.

The 22-year-old man, believed to be a drug mule for an African cartel, had just landed at KL International Airport from Africa when a team of Bukit Aman Narcotics Crime Investigation Department (NCID) and Special Tactical Intelligence Narcotics Group (Sting) members picked him up around 6pm on Friday.

Sting deputy commander Senior Asst Comm Arjunaidi Mohamed said the bust was made thanks to a tip-off from their counterparts in Togo.

"The 3.8kg of drugs were hidden in tins and disguised as chocolates and carried by the mule in a backpack.

"The man, a labourer, is be-lieved to be transporting the drugs to a neighbouring country as there is no market for cocaine in Malaysia," he told reporters at Bukit Aman yesterday.

He said the seizure of cocaine is a relative rarity when compared to other types of drugs in Malaysia like syabu and marijuana.

"In 2015 and 2016, at least 6.7kg and 9.23kg were seized respectively," he said.