

Narcotics worth RM10.63mil also seized in series of raids

KUALA LUMPUR: Police seized RM10.63mil in drugs and arrested 11 people in a series of busts in the past 10 days.

The seizures showed a new trend in smuggling drugs in which the goods were hidden in iron or steel cylinders and passed off as car spare parts.

Federal Narcotic Crimes Investigation Department [director Comm Datuk Noor Rashid Ibrahim](#) said this was the case in the first two instances.

"On March 20 and 22, we found almost 40kg of syabu hidden in steel cylinders and arrested five Nigerians and a local woman," he said at Bukit Aman yesterday.

The first was at a house in Taman Alpinia, Puchong, where 3.26kg of syabu was found hidden in a steel cylinder while police found 36.42kg of syabu hidden in the same way in a package at the KL International Airport.

"We arrested a man and two women from Nigeria in the house and then followed up with arrests of two Nigerian men and a local woman in a house and a hotel in Subang Jaya.

"Another Nigerian man died while trying to escape police when he fell from the second floor of the hotel," he said.

Comm Noor Rashid said three Nigerians were arrested from March 21 to 23 for attempting to smuggle drugs into the country at KLIA.

"Two of them were acting as drug mules and had swallowed a total of 109 drug capsules while the other man had hidden the drugs in his luggage," he said. Those detained were aged between 20 and 37.

The latest case was on Tuesday when two local men, aged 45 and 58, were arrested outside an apartment in Bukit Jalil with 7.52kg of drugs and 7,728 Ecstasy pills.