

Police bust syndicate hiding syabu worth RM4.7m inside fitness equipment, metal cylinders

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Some of the syabu worth RM4.7 million, hidden in 36 iron sports equipment that were seized in Jalan Ipoh, Kuala Lumpur are shown at a press conference at Selangor police headquarters, June 28, 2016. — Bernama pic

SHAH ALAM, June 28 — Police busted a drug trafficking syndicate, which had been smuggling syabu by hiding the drug inside fitness equipment and metal cylinders, with the arrest of an Indian national in Jalan Ipoh, Kuala Lumpur last Thursday.

Selangor Narcotic Crimes Investigation Department chief ACP Amran Ramli said the man, in his 30s, was nabbed by a team of policemen at a roadside at Jalan Murai 1, Batu 3 Jalan Ipoh at about 11 pm.

He said the arrest led to the discovery of nine boxes containing 'AB Circle Pro' fitness equipment, in which each box had four metal cylinders.

"Each cylinder contains a long plastic tube containing substance believed to be syabu.

"There are a total of 36 metal cylinders with drugs weighing 78.84kg and worth RM4.7 million.

Also seized was a Proton Exora car worth RM76,000," he told a press conference at the Selangor police headquarters here today.

Amran said prior to the arrest of the Indian national, the police had also picked up a local man at 7.15 pm the same day, at a condominium in Cyberjaya where the police found three plastic bags containing 974.73 gm of syabu worth about RM60,000.

He said initial investigations revealed that the drug was smuggled into Malaysia by air and it was the fourth delivery so far.

“The syndicate managed to smuggle the drug three times before this via the same modus operandi but this time, they were busted.

“The syndicate is also believed to have been active over the past four months,” he said, adding that the police were now closing in on the remnants of the syndicate’s members.

Amran said the two suspects, who did not have criminal records, were being remanded to facilitate investigations under Section 39B of the Dangerous Drug Act 1952 which provides death penalty, upon conviction. — Bernama