

## Police seize RM1.4 million worth of drugs

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Police have busted a drug processing laboratory and seized drugs worth RM1.4 million following a series of arrests of 18 individuals, including a Thai woman.

The 24-hour operation was conducted by the Special Tactical Intelligence Narcotics Group (STING) around Pahang and Kedah on Friday.

Federal Narcotics Criminal Investigation Department director Comm Datuk Seri Mokhtar Mohd Shariff said the detained suspects were aged between 16 and 55.

"In the three raids, police busted a laboratory in Blue Valley in Cameron Highlands and arrested seven men.

"The remaining raids were conducted in Changloon and Langkawi in Kedah where we arrested seven women including a Thai national and four men," Mokhtar told reporters in a press conference at Bukit Aman police headquarters today.

He said the drugs seized were syabu (2.1kg), ganja (247.1kg), heroin (4.4kg), 3,612 ecstasy pills and chemicals and processing equipment.

Mokhtar said police also confiscated 10 luxury cars and jewelry worth RM637,000.

"The police will do what it takes to fight the drug war and we will go all out in eradicating the syndicates," he said adding that the drugs seized were imported from Thailand and for the local market.

The detainees were remanded for seven days to assist the probe under Section 39B of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952.

He added that to date police have seized drugs worth RM49 million from January until March 3, namely syabu (219kg), ketamine (4.4kg), ecstasy pills (65,229), yaba pills (588,281) and Erimin 5 pills (540,176).

"Meanwhile, 36,638 individuals have been arrested, with 3,745 of them detained for drug trafficking and 24,546 people were found to be drug positive," said Mokhtar.