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> Cops say case was to test security to prepare for bigger operation

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SEPANG: Police seized three suitcases containing 49.5kg of drug-making substances worth about RM1 million from the KL International Airport (KLIA) lost-and-found department.

Sepang district police chief ACP Abdul Aziz Ali said the suitcases, which arrived from Dhaka, Bangladesh on Jan 22, were registered to three different foreigners.

"The first suitcase contained a total 13.5kg of crystalline substances packed in three separate plastic bags.

"Both the second and third suitcases had four plastic bags, each containing a total 18kg of the same substance," Abdul Aziz told reporters at the Sepang district police headquarters yesterday.

He said the seized substances are believed to be for the manufacturing of designer drugs.

He said investigators are trying to locate the three suspects, whom they believe are still in Malaysia.

"We suspect the drugs were brought into the country to test the level of security here and to see if they could get away with it, before they try to smuggle in more substances.

"The police will always be looking out for syndicates like these," he said.

Meanwhile, in an unrelated case, three suspects, including a Pakistani, were charged at the Sepang magistrate's court last Friday for possessing 39 fake credit cards from local and foreign banks, and two fake international passports.

The syndicate is believed to have been involved in producing fake credit cards and international passports and had also purchased air tickets using stolen credit



Abdul Aziz (second from left) checking some of the seized items.

card information.

Police were tipped off on the year-old syndicate on Jan 19 by the Malaysian Airlines Business Support Centre for Fraud.

"The centre was alerted after a local man purchased a MAS e-ticket for a flight from Kuala Lumpur to Dubai using a fake credit card," he said.

Abdul Aziz said investigators picked up the 30-year-old suspect when he was at the airport the next day.

Police seized two Malaysian passports, a fake and an original one, and two fake credit cards from the suspect.

Following the arrest, police raided an apartment in Subang

Jaya and arrested a 46-year-old local woman and a Pakistani national, aged 41.

"We found 37 other fake credit cards, a fake passport and several ATM cards during the raid at the apartment."

Abdul Aziz said police are looking for one more Pakistani in connection with the case.