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> Cops confiscate more than 2,300kg of narcotics nationwide over eight months

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KUALA LUMPUR: Police have confiscated RM123 million worth of drugs nationwide between January and Aug 17 this year and arrested 113,039 individuals for drug abuse.

Bukit Aman Narcotics Criminal Investigation Department (NCID) deputy director DCP Datuk Kang Chez Chiang said the largest amount of drugs seized was ganja, which accounted for 960kg, followed by 905.23kg of syabu, 327.39kg of heroin and 111.16kg of ketamine in the eight-month period.

Also seized were more than 2.6 million Eramin 5 pills, 814,168 Yaba pills and 116,303 Ecstasy pills.

Kang said the drugs had been smuggled into the country, adding that 16,351 people were arrested for supplying drugs, 37,628 for possession and 59,060 tested positive for drugs. Of the total, 5,012 were foreigners.

Kang was speaking at a press conference in Bukit Aman yesterday after police busted a foreign-run drug syndicate, resulting in the arrest of several Nigerian men and an Ugandan woman in raids carried out on Monday, during



Kang and an officer showing some of the seized ganja.

which the NCID and its Special Tactical Intelligence Narcotics Group seized 25 packets of ganja in two bags.

"The drugs, weighing about 25kg and worth about RM100,000 on the market, could supply 50,000 users," he said.

Police raided an apartment in Seri Kembangan where they arrested a 36-year-old Nigerian, who is believed to be the mastermind of the syndicate.

Following his arrest, police raided a house in Petaling Jaya where they nabbed

two other members of the syndicate.

They then led police to Sungai Besi, where five more Nigerian men and the Ugandan woman were nabbed.

The suspects are aged between 25 and 42.

Police are investigating the role of the woman in the syndicate, who had entered the country using a social visit pass.

Kang said most of the men had entered the country on study visas, some of which had expired.