

RM2.97m worth of smuggled drugs confiscated in KLIA

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Chik Omar with other officers showing the drug during the press conference at KLIA Customs headquarters. — Bernama photo

SEPANG: Customs officers seized 15.56 kg of drugs valued at RM2.97 million smuggled into the country on four occasions at the KL International Airport (KLIA) between July 1 and Aug 2, KLIA Customs director Datuk Chik Omar Chik Lim said yesterday.

He also said that Customs officers arrested a Thai woman, a Nigerian man and an Iranian man in connection with the seizures and were looking for the owner of a consignment of goods which was partly drugs.

Chik Omar said that on July 1, Customs officers inspected a consignment of what was to have been 12 cans of peas that arrived from Lagos, Nigeria, at MAS Kargo, KLIA, and found that seven of the cans contained methamphetamine.

The 1.28 kg of drugs were valued at RM243,960, he added.

On the same day, a 22-year-old Thai woman was arrested at a hotel in the city after an inspection revealed cocaine weighing 1.67 kg and valued at RM334,000 hidden in the steel frame of her suitcase upon her arrival at KLIA on a flight from Abu Dhabi on June 30, he told a press conference.

Chik Omar said that on July 20, a 34-year-old Nigerian man was arrested upon his arrival at KLIA on a flight from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, after 2.75 kg of methamphetamine valued at RM522,500 was found on him.

On Aug 2, a 27-year-old Iranian man was arrested at KLIA upon arrival on a flight from Doha, Qatar, after 9.85 kg of methamphetamine valued at RM1.87 million was found in a package and three bottles in his suitcase, he said.

He said the man had visited Malaysia several times, apparently to 'monitor the situation at KLIA' before bringing in the drugs.

Chik Omar said the Thai woman and the Nigerian man had been charged in court while the Iranian man was being held under remand. — Bernama