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RM3.6m worth of drugs seized at airports over 25 days

KUALA LUMPUR: The Customs Department has seized drugs worth a total of RM3.6mil over the past 25 days at KLIA and LCCT.

Customs [director Datuk Chik Omar Lim](#) said the drugs were seized during checks on foreigners and parcels arriving at the airport.

Six people including two women were arrested and charged under Section 39B of the Dangerous Drugs Act.

"Those arrested had hidden the drugs in their baggage," he said yesterday.

Chik Omar said some syndicates also used courier services to smuggle the drugs in.

He said the department was working closely with its counterparts in China, Hong Kong, India and Australia to curb drug trafficking.

He said the most recent case was on Friday when a 34-year-old man was arrested at a hotel in Kuala Lumpur for smuggling in 5.05kg of amphetamine worth RM959,000.

"On April 4 at about 11.30pm, a 38-year-old woman from Nepal was arrested at LCCT for attempting to smuggle in 2.68kg of syabu worth RM509,200.

"Earlier the same day, a 29-year-old man from Sri Lanka attempted to smuggle in 10.55kg of ketamine worth RM369,250 at KLIA," he said.

Meanwhile, in a separate case, four suspected drug pushers and 35 addicts were arrested during a crackdown in different parts of Johor. Drugs worth RM30,000 were seized.

Muar OCPD Supt Shahadan Jaafar said four men, aged between 37 and 51, were arrested in Sungai Abong, Parit Jawa and Muar during three separate raids carried out over the last 10 days. The addicts are aged between 20 and 51.

He said that on Saturday, policemen raided a house in Taman Bintang near Parit Jawa and detained a 51-year-old man.

"He was found with 32g of heroin, which we believe was to be sold to addicts around the area," he added.

On Monday, policemen raided a house in Taman Indah near Sungai Abong and picked up a 37-year-old suspected pusher, who was also an addict.

"We found several types of drugs, including heroin, syabu, Erimin 5 and Ecstasy pills in the house," he said.

On Tuesday, two suspected pushers, aged 46 and 48, were picked up from a house along Jalan Haji Yunus here. Police seized 164g of heroin.

“Both have criminal records for drug trafficking,” he added.