



RM30m drugs seized at KLIA, LCCT this year

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SEPANG (Aug 28, 2013): A total of RM 30.45 million worth of drugs were seized at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) and the Low Cost Carrier Terminal (LCCT) by the Royal Malaysian Customs Department (JKDM) since January this year.

Statistics by Customs today showed that during the same period in 2012, RM25.52 million worth of drugs were seized from these two airports, which is RM4.93 million, or about 16% less than this year.

However, the nationalities of those arrested for drug trafficking are changing," said KLIA Customs Director Datuk Chik Omar Chik Lim at a press conference at the KLIA Customs Complex here.

"In the past, the traffickers used to be from Iran or Africa, but the trend is changing as most of the cases are involving Indian nationals.

"We have not had even one case involving Iranians this year, unlike in 2012," said Chik Omar.

He said about 80% of drug traffickers arrested since January this year were Indian nationals who were mostly women. He added that the traffickers did not know if the drugs were meant for another country or were for the Malaysian market.

On the rise of khat leaf smuggling, Chik Omar said the khat leaves were most likely for Arab or African nationals living in Malaysia.