

RM8.4mil drugs seized

BUTTERWORTH: The state Customs Department has seized 134,000 Ecstasy pills worth RM8.4mil in a drug bust at a motel in Pulau Tikus on Penang island.

Department [director Datuk Zulkifli Yahya](#) said the pills were wrapped in 133 small packets in a box in one of the motel rooms.

He said an Indonesian woman in her 60s was detained during the raid which was jointly conducted with the state police narcotics unit and the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) at about 1am last Thursday.



Seized: Zulkifli (second right), Yaacop (right), Batumalai (second left) and Customs deputy director R. Mariappa (far left) with the Ecstasy pills at the Customs enforcement unit office in Prai near Butterworth, Penang, Monday.

Zulkifli said the woman had been managing the motel for nearly five years.

“She has been remanded for seven days,” he said at the Customs enforcement unit office in Prai near here yesterday.

He said this was one of the biggest drug busts in Penang this year.

The case is being investigated under Section 39B of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952 which carries the mandatory death sentence.

Zulkifli urged the public to inform the Customs Department of any suspected smuggling activity involving items such as drugs, cigarettes, liquor and firecrackers.

He said they could call the department's toll-free number 1-800-88-8855 or the Penang Customs narcotics unit at 04-3318920.

Also present at the press conference were state MACC senior commissioner Yaacop Angah and state police narcotics unit chief Supt S. Batumalai.