

Travel agent held in Haadyai over drugs

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GEORGE TOWN: A travel agent here has been picked up by the Haadyai police for his alleged involvement in drug-related activities totalling RM1.8mil.

The 55-year-old man was with two women when he was approached by officers from the Haadyai Narcotics Police outside a supermarket in the southern district.

According to a source, the man is believed to be involved in drug-related activities in the district.

He was picked up by the Haadyai police at about 10pm on Monday.

It is also learnt that a Thai national, believed to be the man's accomplice, was picked up in Haadyai at about 7pm.

The source said the suspect, aged 28, was believed to be working as a driver for the travel agent.

At the time of his arrest, the suspect was ferrying about 18kg of heroin inside a van.

About 10kg of drugs were found inside a concealed compartment near the NGV tank. Another 8kg of heroin were found inside a travelling bag in the vehicle.

The source also said the local police stumbled upon the compartment when checking the van.

After being interrogated by the Thai police, the van driver claimed that he was asked by the travel agent to ferry the drugs to an undisclosed location.

The Malaysia-Thailand Liaison Police Office has confirmed the arrest.