

RM3.2m syabu in air-coolers seized from Nigerian

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KUALA LUMPUR — A Nigerian with 20.8kg of syabu worth RM3.2 million was arrested on Wednesday.

The suspect, aged 27, who had been in the country for two years using a student visa, hid the drugs in 11 air-coolers in his rented house in Bandar Mahkota, Cheras.

He was the third Nigerian to be arrested in one week for smuggling syabu using air-coolers.

Bukit Aman deputy narcotics director Datuk Mohd Dzuraidi Ibrahim said police raided the suspect's house at 2.30pm and found 21 packets of syabu hidden inside special compartments in the new air-coolers.

"The drugs are believed to have been packed in the coolers in China before they were shipped here," he said.

Dzuraidi said the suspect had been

involved in distributing the drugs for the local market during the last nine months.

The raid was conducted by the Bukit Aman Narcotics Department and the Special Tactical Intelligence Narcotics Group following a tip-off.

Mohd Dzuraidi said the seized drugs were enough to supply 35,000 addicts for a month.

He said the street value for 1kg of syabu was between RM100,000 and RM150,000.

The suspect was unarmed and alone in

the house during the raid.

Police are investigating if he had accomplices in the drug trade.

On Tuesday, two Nigerian men aged 26 and 29 were detained in an apartment in Kota Damansara, Petaling Jaya.

They were arrested while unloading five air-coolers containing 5.1kg of syabu from a vehicle at the car park.

Dzuraidi said 68,636 people were caught for various drug offences this year and a total of RM43.36 million worth of drugs were seized.