

Nigerian student held for drug smuggling

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KUALA LUMPUR: Police in two separate raids on Wednesday arrested a Nigerian for his alleged involvement in a drug smuggling syndicate.

Following the arrest, police also seized 20.8kg of drugs, believed to be syabu worth RM3.2 million, stashed in 11 air coolers brought into the country from China, at Bukit Mahkota, Cheras.

The operation from 2.30pm to 5pm on Monday was conducted by the Federal Narcotics Criminal Investigation Department and the Special Tactical Intelligence Narcotics Group (STING) at two houses.

Federal NCID deputy director DCP Datuk Mohd Dzuraidi Ibrahim told a press conference the drugs were brought through sea cargo.

"They had modified each of the air coolers with a secret compartment in a bid to avoid police detection," Dzuraidi said at the federal police

headquarters yesterday.

He said the suspect, 27, had been actively involved in drug smuggling for the past nine months.

"He had entered Malaysia in 2012 as a private college student," Dzuraidi said.

Police believe the seized drugs could supply 35,000 people who consume syabu for a month.

"We also believe the drugs were used for local consumption.

"We are investigating if there are other members involved," Dzuraidi said.

He added that apart from drugs, police also confiscated a car used by the suspect.

"The suspect has been remanded to facilitate investigations under Section 39B of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952," he said.

Dzuraidi also disclosed that from Jan 1 to April 26, police seized various types of drugs (syabu, Ecstasy, yaba, Erimin 5, ganja and heroine) worth RM96.94 million and arrested 68,636 individuals.