

Firecrackers, drugs worth RM1.05mil seized

ENGKIL: Fireworks, firecrackers and drugs worth about RM1.05mil have been seized by the Customs Department at four locations in Selangor, says its assistant director-general (enforcement) Raizam Setapak@ustapha.

She said a total of 1,330 boxes containing fireworks and firecrackers worth an estimated RM629,320 were seized during a raid on a warehouse in Beranang on Jan 14.

"There were 11 types of fireworks and firecrackers believed to be intended for the local market. This is the biggest case involving fireworks this year."

"A local man in his 50s was detained to assist with the investigation," she told a press conference here yesterday, reported Bernama.

Raizam said investigations revealed the fireworks and firecrackers did not comply with the specifications and guidelines set for the import permits issued by the Home Ministry.

The case is being investigated under Section 135(1)(d) of the Customs Act 1967.

On the drug seizures, Raizam said operations conducted at two logistics company warehouses in Taling Jaya on Jan 3 and 5 led to the confiscation of two packages of cocaine weighing about one kg



Major haul: Raizam (centre) speaking at a press conference on the seizure of fireworks, firecrackers and drugs worth an estimated RM1.05mil in Selangor.
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and 1.1kg respectively.

She said the first seizure involved a transparent plastic package containing a compressed white substance suspected to be cocaine, valued at RM200,000.

"The modus operandi involved hiding the drugs in the middle section of hollowed-out books, with the parcel declared as toys for export," she added.

For the second seizure, a transparent plastic package containing a compressed white substance suspected to be cocaine, worth

about RM220,000, was discovered.

"The modus operandi involved using courier services to export goods overseas, with the package declared as a 'new gift book,'" she said, adding that no arrests were made in connection with both cases.

Both cases are being investigated under Section 39(B)(1)(a) of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952.

Raizam said that on Dec 30, her team seized a package at the mail and courier centre, Kuala Lumpur

International Airport, Sepang.

She added that the package, declared as a toy and weighing approximately 1.3kg, was valued at RM4,000 and addressed to a European country.

"The package contained 100 glass cartridges for electronic cigarettes filled with liquid and five rolls of paper containing shredded green plant material, both suspected to be cannabis," she said, adding that the case is being investigated under Section 6 of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952.

Three face murder charges over Skudai woman's

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HOR BARU: Three people were charged at two separate magistrate's Courts here with allegedly murdering a woman in Skudai last month.

Soo Siau Soon, 31; Heng Tang Hye, 48; and C. Susila, 45, were charged with five charges between them for their alleged involvement in the murder of 42-year-old Tan Hau Khee.

Earlier, Soo nodded his head after the charge was read out to

him in Mandarin before magistrate Hidayatul Syuhada Sham-Sudin here yesterday.

However, no plea was recorded as the case is under the jurisdiction of the High Court.

Soo was charged with murdering Tian in front of a Hindu temple at Batu 8 1/2 in Skudai here at around 12.50am on Dec 1, 2024.

The charge, under Section 302 of the Penal Code, provides the death sentence or imprisonment between 30 and 40 years and a minimum of 12 strokes of the

cane upon conviction.

Hidayatul Syuhada then set March 6 for the next mention.

In another Magistrate's Court, Heng and Susila were both jointly charged for conspiring in the victim's murder at the same time and place.

No plea was recorded from both Heng and Susila after the charge was read out to them in Mandarin in front of magistrate A. Shaarmini.

The two accused were charged under Section 302 of the Penal Code, which was read together

with Section 109 of the same Act.

No plea was recorded from both of the accused as well.

Meanwhile, in the same court, Heng claimed trial to two charges of throwing scissors into a swamp and possessing a gun without a valid license.

He allegedly committed the two offences near Taman Tampoi Utama here at around 3.40pm on Jan 15 this year.

For the offences, he was charged under Section 201 of the Penal Code, which provides imprisonment of not more than seven years