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Kelantan Customs director Wan Jamal Abdul Salam Wan Long (centre) and his officers showing the seized cigarettes at the Pengkalan Kubor Customs office yesterday. PIC BY NIK ABDULLAH NIK OMAR

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cious lorry entering the state via the Malaysia-Thailand border at 10.30am on Oct 24.

“The enforcement team decided to follow the lorry and intercepted the vehicle at Jalan Sultan Yahya Petra in Kota Baru.

“The team found 1,560,000 sticks of cigarettes worth about RM1.18 million in the vehicle,”

he said here yesterday.

Wan Jamal said initial investigations found that the cigarettes were smuggled into Kelantan via Thailand.

“Investigations also showed that cigarettes have been smuggled from the many illegal jetties along Kelantan-Thailand border before they were distributed to

several states, especially the Klang Valley,” he said.

He said the 48-year-old lorry driver, who is a local, has been remanded to assist investigations.

“Our investigations showed that he received RM550 to deliver the cigarettes to its destination,” Wan Jamal said.



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