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“We found 1,700 in RM100 notes totaling RM170,000. The passenger failed to declare the cash in the Customs Form No. 7 and also failed to submit a Bank Negara Malaysia permit,” he said in a statement.

He said the individual was detained to assist the investigation under Section 135(1)(a) of the Customs Act 1967 and Section 28B of the Anti-Money Laundering, Anti-Terrorism Financing and Proceeds of Unlawful Activities Act 2001.

The offence is punishable by a fine of up to RM3 million or imprisonment of up to five years or both, upon conviction.

According to Wong, it is the first Malaysian Ringgit smuggling case of the year by an international passenger at the KLIA Terminal 1 International Departures Hall. – Bernama



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