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"It is difficult for us to deal with smuggling in Gua Musang and Lojing Highlands," Wan Jamal told reporters.

The department had around 100 enforcement officers in Kelantan, and if the station was set up, 14 officers would be stationed in Gua Musang, he said.

"We have identified a site in

Gua Musang town to set up the station, and if all goes well, it can be opened this year."

He said the department had seized about RM2.4 million in smuggled goods in 17 operations in Gua Musang and Lojing Highlands between June 19 and July 5. The smuggled goods included cigarettes, liquor and rice.

Twelve locals and three foreigners, aged 30 to 49, were arrested during the operations.



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