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"A 49-year-old man was arrested and has been released on bail. The case is being investigated under Section 135 of the Customs Act 1967," he said here yesterday.

He said the cigarettes were among the contraband seized during an operation conducted between June 29 and July 5.

Wan Jamal said his office had also submitted a proposal to the Customs headquarters in Putrajaya to establish an enforcement branch office in Gua Musang.

He believed that having an office in Gua Musang would ensure more effective operations in the state.

He also advised the public to help eliminate smuggling by channelling information to the Customs toll-free line at 1-800-88-8855 or the nearest Customs Office.



Major haul: Wan Jamal looking at the boxes of seized contraband cigarettes estimated to be worth RM2.1mil.
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