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Johor Customs Director Aminul Izmeer Mohd Sohaimi said that the seizure of 60.2kg of compressed powder, suspected to be cocaine, was made at 11.15 am following a month-long investigation and intelligence gathering by the Southern Zone Intelligence Branch.

He said that the container was laden with 19 tonnes of frozen fresh prawns, valued at RM735,000, which were declared as trade goods.

“However, upon thorough inspection, we found 62 plastic packages containing the white compressed powder, suspected to be cocaine, hidden in the container’s air conditioning compartment.

“Based on the information obtained, the container had been at the port for about two or three days before the operation was carried out,” he told a press conference here Tuesday.

Aminul Izmeer said that the container originated from India and was in transit at the port before being shipped to its next destination in Miami, United States.

He said that the department would collaborate with international enforcement agencies to investigate the case. — Bernama



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