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He said the cigarettes are believed to have originated from several countries and been smuggled by sea through the Straits of Malacca.

"We are investigating the shop owner and the lorry to identify the mastermind behind the illegal cigarette distribution syndicate.

"We suspect that the shop was used to store contraband and the lorry was used to transport the goods during peak hours to avoid detection." — Bernama

Mohd Asri (right) inspecting the seized cigarettes during a press conference at the department enforcement branch office in Bentong yesterday. — BERNAMAPIC



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