

Customs director-general Datuk Seri Amran Ahmad showing the seized drugs at a press conference in Nilai yesterday.
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Customs seizes RM162m in drugs in 2 months

NILAI: The Customs Department seized 1,194.56kg of drugs worth RM161.67 million in four cases in Selangor and Perlis in September and October.

Customs director-general Datuk Seri Amran Ahmad said the seizures comprised 753.91kg of methamphetamine, 33kg of cannabis and 407.65kg of heroin and cocaine combined.

Two local men, aged 27 and 47, believed to be export cargo management agents, were arrested to assist in investigations.

"On Sept 26, Customs inspected 16 boxes in the cargo section of Kuala Lumpur International Air-

port (KLIA) destined for Australia and found 285 plastic packets containing white crystalline powder suspected to be drugs.

"The substance weighed 293.6kg and was valued at RM14.68 million, with the packets found among boxes of vehicle spare parts.

"For the second case, Customs found two sacks containing 33kg of cannabis worth RM99,000 concealed beneath an illegal jetty in Sungai Perlis during a raid on Oct 1," he told a press conference.

Amran said the operation continued on Oct 10 at a hut in a Siamese cemetery in Jejawi,

Perlis, where officers found 17 brown boxes left inside.

An inspection uncovered 228 packets of suspected methamphetamine weighing 460.31kg and worth RM23.0155 million.

"On Oct 12, after intelligence gathered at MAskargo KLIA, Customs inspected a wooden crate and found sacks containing 161kg of heroin and 246.65kg of cocaine, valued at RM123.8725 million, inside a compressor machine bound for Dhaka, Bangladesh."

Amran said the cases are being investigated under Section 39B(1)(a) of the Dangerous Drugs Act. **Bernama**