

KLIA Customs Seize Methamphetamine Worth RM2.93 Million Within Two Days
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SEPANG, June 3 (Bernama) -- Within two days last week, the Customs Department at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) foiled attempts by two foreign men to smuggle in 15.44 kg of methamphetamine worth RM2.93 million.

KLIA Customs director, Datuk Chik Omar Chik Lim said the two foreigners, from Uzbekistan and Nigeria, were nabbed at the arrival hall of the airport.

He told reporters, here, that the first case involved the 50-year-old Uzbekistan national who was arrested last Friday at 11.45am.

He said on inspection, the man's luggage bag supposedly contained seven packets of coffee of various brands but upon opening the packets, they were found to contain white powder.

"The white powder was tested positive for the drug, methamphetamine, weighing 14.4 kg and estimated to be worth RM2.73 million," he said.

The second drug trafficking case involved a 36-year-old Nigerian who arrived at KLIA from Doha at 4.20pm, the following day, May 31.

"The same type of drug, weighing 1.042 kg and worth RM197,980, was found in a secret compartment of the man's luggage bag," said Chik Omar.

Both cases are being investigated under Section 39(B) of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952, which carries the mandatory death sentence upon conviction.

Chik Omar did not dismiss the possibility that the suspects were drug mules and came as tourists to enter Malaysia.

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