

Malaysian cooking oil being smuggled to Nigeria

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Police have crippled a cooking oil smuggling syndicate masterminded by Nigerians following the arrest of four men at a vehicle spare parts premises in Jalan Bakti, Kapar here yesterday.

North Klang police chief ACP Mohd Yusoff Mamat said the suspects – three Nigerian men and a local man, believed to be the business owner – all in their 30s, were detained during a police’s routine check in the area at 11am.

“During inspections, police found about 2,000 bottles of cooking oil weighing 5kg each which were already packed for export to Nigeria. The suspects then failed to produce export permit of controlled items when requested.”

Mohd Yusoff said the seized cooking oil was worth about RM40,000.

Yusoff said the initial investigation found this cooking oil was smuggled out by mixing them with car spare parts in a container and the syndicate was believed to have been in operation for the past five months.

He added that the police also seized a number of vehicles’ engines from the premises for not having valid documents.

It is learned that cooking oil is sold at RM10 per kg in Nigeria and the case is being investigated under Section 3 of the Supply Control Act 1961 and Section 379 Penal Code for theft.

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