

Furniture' in container turns out to be cigarettes

PORT KLANG: A container declared as carrying furniture was actually a cover to smuggle cigarettes worth about RM1mil.

The Selangor Customs Department foiled the smuggling attempt following a tip-off, said its director Roslan Yusof.

Upon inspecting the container, the officers found cigarettes worth RM1.72mil. The unpaid levy for the cigarettes amounted to RM4.23mil. The cigarette packets carried the Malaysian Government's warning label but not the duty stamp, he said.



Smuggling bid foiled: Roslan (right), his deputy Chik Omar Lim (second from right) and senior Customs officer Mohd Nordin Abdullah (second from left) with some of the seized cigarettes in Klang yesterday.

Roslan added that the shipment had come from Cambodia to Port Klang. He said a company director would be detained soon to help with investigations.

The officers also seized a variety of liquor from a store at Jalan Bukit Rahman Putra in Sungai Buloh on the same day. The liquor was worth RM248,424 with an undeclared levy of RM379, 001.97.

Roslan said the owner of the premises had been identified and would be questioned soon.

He said the enforcement unit also foiled an attempt to smuggle in kretek cigarettes valued at RM102,672 with an unpaid duty of RM318,762.72 on Jan 25.

Roslan said the officers intercepted two vans at Batang Berjuntai on Jan 25. The drivers of both the vans managed to escape after abandoning their vehicles at an oil palm plantation.