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KOTA KINABALU: The Royal Malaysian Customs Department (Sabah) made the biggest drug bust this year after seizing more than 200 kilograms of drugs worth more than RM6 million at a courier in Penampang last week.

Sabah Zone Customs Assistant Director General Datuk Mohd Nasir Deraman said the raid was carried out by Kota Kinabalu

International Airport (KKIA) Customs officers and Customs Operational Battle Force Response Assault (COBRA) after the department was notified by the courier company of suspicious items inside 15 boxes at around 9.10am on Feb 15.

"KKIA Customs officers and COBRA team went to the courier company to investigate the 15 boxes and found all containingg crystalline substance believed to be Methamphetamine with

a total weight of 205 kilograms and estimate street value of RM6,851,400," he told a press conference on Friday.

Mohd Nasir said the modus operandi of the drug trafficker was to wrap all the drugs in Chinese herbal tea packets to avoid detection by authorities when going through a scanner machine.

"Customs officers who are well trained however managed to identify all the containers that go

through the scanner machine," he said.

No arrest was made. The case is being investigated under Section 39B of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952.

Mohd Nasir said this was the first biggest drug bust made by the department for 2024.

He said based on investigation, the seized drugs could supply 2,050 drug addicts by taking into account 0.1 gram for a drug addict.



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