

Boat, skipper with RM54,083 controlled items seized in S'kan

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Among the seized items believed in bid to be smuggled out by the suspect.

SANDAKAN: A Filipino skipper was arrested by the Marine Police (PPM) here after he was found ferrying controlled items worth RM54,083 without permit inside a boat at the Inner Buoy waters off Pulau Berhala at 3pm on Tuesday.

Sabah PPM Region 4 Commander ACP Mohamad Pajeri Ali said a PPM patrol vessel spotted the boat moving in a suspicious manner at the location and approached it for inspection.

Upon checking, he said they saw one 48-year-old skipper and discovered 150 packs of cooking oil, 50 packs of coarse sugar, 30 boxes of flour and other grocery items inside the boat.

"The skipper also failed to produce a permit or an approval letter from the Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry (KPDNHEP) for ferrying all the controlled items inside the boat.

The skipper was arrested for further investigation," he said to the media on Wednesday.

Pajeri said all the items and the boat with its outboard engine were seized and the suspect brought to the PPM Sandakan base for further action. He said the case is investigated under Section 21 of the Supply Control Act 1961 that is read together with the supply control regulations.

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