

Man arrested for having 40 gas cylinders without permit in Tawau

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Marine police personnel showing the confiscated LPG and the suspect.

TAWAU: A 34-year-old man was arrested for carrying 40 gas cylinders without permit on his Daihatsu lorry at the fish market car park, here, Friday.

Sabah Region 4 Marine Police Commander, ACP Mohamad Pajeri Ali said three personnel on Op Gelora Khas inspected the vehicle for carrying controlled items without permission.

"Upon inspection on the lorry, the team discovered a total of 40 LPG cylinders comprising 25 Petronas gas cylinders which are filled, 11 empty Petronas cylinders and four empty MyGaz cylinders worth about RM7,250 which were hidden at the back space of the lorry," he said.

He said the suspect failed to produce any permit or approval letter from the Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs (KPDNHEP) for the controlled item under his possession.

He confessed that the LPG will be distributed at Sebatik Island via sea route before being smuggled out to a neighbouring country.

- He added that the lorry belongs to the company the suspect was working for but it is believed that he operated the illegal activity on his own.

Mohamad Pajeri said the confiscated items estimated about RM37,250, including the lorry, were taken to the Tawau Marine Police Operation Base for further investigation.

He said the case will also be referred to the district KPDNHEP for investigation under Section 21 of the Control of Supply Act 1961 which is punishable under Section 22 (1) of the same Act which carries a maximum fine of RM1 million or imprisonment of not more than three years or both, upon conviction.

