

## Fuel worth RM51,039 seized in Telupid raid

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**A KPDNHEP enforcement officer inspecting the seized items.**

**SANDAKAN:** The State Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry (KPDNHEP) foiled an attempt to embezzle 765 litres of fuel, worth RM51,039, in a raid at a gas station in Telupid, near here, Saturday.

KPDNHEP Sabah Director Georgie Abas said 500 and 265 litres of petrol and diesel, respectively, were seized as well as a four-wheel-drive which was used to transport the fuel.

He said enforcement officers from the KDPNHEP Sandakan Division conducted the raid following a tip.

“Action will be taken against a 25-year-old local man under Section 21 of the Control of Supply Act 1961, read together with Regulation 3(1) of the Control of Supply Regulations 1974.

“Whereas the gas station operator involved will be charged under Regulation 21(1) of the Control of Supply Regulations 1974, Control of Supply Act 1961 for violating the licence conditions,” he said in a statement, Saturday.

Georgie reminded the public and gas station operators that individuals who purchase fuel for reasons other than filling up their vehicles’ tanks require a special permit from KPDNHEP.

“Application can be made via <http://mysubsidi.kpdnhep.gov.my/permitkhas> for categories of private use, forklifts, agriculture, food industry entrepreneurs, rural residents and small-scale non-full time fishermen.

“The maximum permitted quantity with the special permit is 200 litres a day,” he said, adding that only those with citizenship can apply for the permit.

Georgie said the special permit is imposed due to a few reasons, including that petrol and diesel are controlled items under the Control of Supply Act 1961 and are highly flammable.

“(It is also to) avoid embezzlement of petrol and diesel, such as smuggling, and to ensure that supply is sufficient for everyone,” he said.

Georgie stressed that KPDNHEP will take prompt action on those who irresponsibly purchase petrol and diesel in large quantities without the special permit.

He said for individuals, charges under the Control of Supply Act 1961 carry a fine of not exceeding RM1 million or imprisonment not exciding three years, or both, on conviction.

“Whereas for corporations, they are liable to a fine not exceeding RM3 million,” he said.

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