

## LPG decanting facility shut down, 4,600kg of subsidised gas seized



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**SHAH ALAM:** The authorities have shut down a liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) decanting facility, here, and seized more than 4,600kg of subsidised gas.

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A two-tonne lorry and various invoices with details of sales of the subsidised gas were also seized.

Selangor KPDNHEP director Muhamad Zikril Azan Abdullah said three men, including the premises owner, were detained in the 5pm operation.



The company is believed to have been storing the subsidised LPG in an unlicensed location and selling it in the Klang Valley.

The seized LPG is believed to be worth almost RM59,000.

The case is classified under Section 20 (1) of the Control of Supplies Act 1961.

He said the ministry would continue to act against any company involved in the decanting of subsidised LPG as pilferage of subsidised items was a very serious offence affecting the country.

Zikril said all businesses involved in the LPG sector must abide by the law and ensure they were licensed for their activities.

He said the ministry would step up enforcement operations to ensure there was sufficient supply of subsidised items for the people.

Subsidised LPG is meant for domestic usage and comes in 12kg and 14kg gas cylinders, while unsubsidised LPG for commercial use comes in 50kg and 200kg cylinders.

Unscrupulous dealers have been decanting gas from the smaller cylinders to the bigger ones, thus making a profit at the expense of the government's subsidy programme.

LPG for domestic use costs RM1.90 per kg while commercial LPG costs RM3.10 per kg.

