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AUTHORITIES shut down a liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) decant facility here and seized more than 4,600kg of subsidised gas.

In an operation on Wednesday, enforcement officers from the Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry raided a company's premises at the Bukit OUG Industrial Business Park near Old Klang Road and seized the gas, which was stored in 12kg, 14kg and 50kg gas cylinders.

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

Selangor ministry director Muhamad Zikril Azan Abdullah said three men, including the premises owner, were detained.

"Investigations indicated that the company was believed to have been storing the subsidised LPG in an unlicensed place and it was being sold in the Klang Valley."

The seized LPG was believed to be worth RM59,000.

The case has been 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 decantation of subsidised LPG as pilferage of subsidised items was a serious offence.

Zikril said businesses involved in LPG must abide by the law and ensure they have licenses. He said the ministry would step up its enforcement to ensure there was sufficient subsidised items for consumers.

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.

Dealers had been decanting the smaller cylinders to the bigger ones, thus making a profit through the government's subsidy programme.

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



A Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry enforcement officer checking the liquefied petroleum gas seized from a decant facility in Kuala Lumpur on Wednesday.