

Over 4,000kg of subsidised LPG seized

KUALA LUMPUR: A total of 4,632kg subsidised liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) were seized following a raid on a building in Bukit OUG Industrial Business Park here.

Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry (KPDNHEP) enforcement officers seized the LPG stored in 12kg, 14kg and 50kg gas cylinders along with a two-tonne lorry and various invoices on the sales of the subsidised item in the 5pm raid on Wednesday.

Selangor KPDNHEP director Muhamad Zikril Azan Abdullah said three men, including the owner of the premises, were detained to assist in investigations.

"We believe the company had been storing the subsidised LPG illegally, and marketing it in the Klang Valley.

"The items seized are worth a total of RM58,688," he said when contacted.

The Auditor-General found that an average

of RM560mil in subsidised LPG, meant for residential use, ended up being bought by businesses who were not entitled to enjoy such subsidies, which amount to around RM1bil a year.

LPG for households cost RM1.90 per kg, while commercial LPG costs RM3.10 per kg.

Muhamad Zikril said the case is being investigated under the Control of Supplies Act.

