

Two cooking gas, oil smugglers nabbed in Tawau

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The gas cylinders and cooking oil seized.

TAWAU: Two men were nabbed for trying to smuggle out Malaysian controlled items – seven gas cylinders and 170kg of cooking oil – on their fibre boat at Tanjung Saima waters on Saturday.

District Maritime Zone Deputy Director (Operations), Commander Maritime Mohd Yusri Hussin, said the passenger boat was heading to Sg Haji Kuning in Sebatik Island from Ice Box waters.

He said a patrol boat on duty detained the boat with a skipper and a crew, aged 21 and 24, with legal identification documents, about 3.40pm.

“Upon checking, seven cylinders of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) and 170kg of cooking oil were found on the boat without a permit from the Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs (KPDNHEP).

Mohd Yusri said the suspects together with their boat and its 40 horsepower Yamaha engine worth about RM16,000 were confiscated.

The case will be investigated under the Control of Supply Act 1961 and the State Harbour and Port Enactment 2002.

Mohd Yusri urged the public to channel any complaints or information to the Tawau Maritime Malaysia Operations Centre at 089-752115 or MERS 999.