

Six nabbed in anti-smuggling raid at log pond in Limbang, diesel worth RM240,000 seized

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The vessel that was seized for alleged diesel smuggling.

LIMBANG: The captain of a ship and five crew members have been arrested in a diesel smuggling raid at a log pond at Sungai Kubong on Thursday night by the General Operations Force 12th Battalion and the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Agency.

The vessel was in the midst of transferring fuel into a storage tank at the log pond when the bust happened at 7.09pm under an operation dubbed Ops Libas. About 100,000 litres of diesel was found in the storage tank.

Battalion commander Superintendent Tan Hiap Seng said they seized RM240,000 worth of diesel, the vessel, a metered fuel pump and four rolls of hoses believed to be used to transfer oil for a total seizure of RM1.4 million.

"The vessel's captain failed to produce any supporting documents on the legal status of the fuel," Tan said, adding that no vessel registration license or the cargo declaration manifest was produced when requested at the scene.

The captain and his crew and all the items seized were handed over to the Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs (KPDNHEP) Limbang Branch for further action under the Supply Control Act 1961 (Act 1961).

In a separate operation, RM8,050 worth of illicit liquor was seized at a house at Jalan Muhibbah here at around 9.30am on Thursday.

A 58-year-old man was arrested at the scene and a car worth RM70,000 was seized.

Tan said the case would be investigated under the Customs Act 1967.

