



PRESS RELEASE

ROYAL CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT (RCED)

MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND ECONOMY

CUSTOMS OPERATIONS UNCOVER CONTRABAND GOODS AND CASH

1. The Royal Customs and Excise Department (RCED) personnel through its Law Enforcement Division apprehended several offenders during four operations conducted at Kampong Rataie, Temburong District, Kampong Katok, Kampong Tungku, Kampong Rimba, Brunei Muara District and Kuala Belait District.
2. An Indonesian woman aged 32 was apprehended for possessing and selling 14 packets of cigarettes of different types during a raid at the food stall at Kampong Rataie, Temburong District on Monday, 09th May 2022.
3. On the same day, RCED personnel also detained two Indonesian men, aged 27 and 30 during an operation at a staff house in Kampong Katok. A total of 2 cartons, 4 packets and 26 sticks of cigarettes were found and confiscated.
4. The following day, the customs law enforcement unit in Kuala Belait conducted a raid, where two Malaysian men aged 57 and 63 were apprehended for the alleged selling of prohibited goods and also found was cash amounting to BND132,558.00, believed to be proceeds from the sale of the contraband items.
5. Meanwhile, a joint operation on the same day with the Ministry of Health's Pharmacy Enforcement Division during a vehicle inspection in Kampong Tungku led to the apprehension of a local male, aged 45, suspected of selling medicines of different kinds without proper approval from the Ministry of Health. A permanent resident, aged 29, was later detained in Kampong Rimba where enforcement officers uncovered 15 boxes, three packets and 79 small bottles of unapproved medicines.
6. All the suspects and the confiscated items were brought back to the law enforcement office for further investigation.
7. RCED would like to thank the public for the cooperation rendered and members of the public are urged to steer clear of smuggling activities or the import-export of contraband and prohibited items without the authorisation from the relevant agencies, which are offences under Section 140 of the Customs Order 2006, and Section 146 of the Excise Order 2006. To report smuggling activities or any violations of Customs regulations, call 8714422/8721422 or visit the nearest Customs office. The identities of the informants will be kept strictly confidential.

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PHOTOS OF SEIZED ITEMS DURING THE OPERATIONS



