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Bid to smuggle out 150 snakes foiled

BUKIT KAYU HITAM: Police have foiled an attempt to smuggle about 150 snakes of various species into Thailand via the Malaysia-Thailand border.

Kubang Pasu deputy police chief Deputy Superintendent Chien Chunng Tsaur said the snakes were discovered by a team from the Bukit Kayu Hitam police station, which raided a shipping container at a parking lot in a tax-free zone here about 8am yesterday.

He said the snakes were found alive.

"The team found the shipping container unlocked. There were 30 blue plastic bags

inside it.

"Further investigations revealed that each bag contained between four and five different snake species," he added.

Chien said it was believed the snakes were meant to be smuggled into Thailand due to high demand.

He said after a 45-minute surveillance, no one came to retrieve the snakes.

"We have seized the reptiles for further investigation.

The case has been referred to the Wildlife and National Parks Department (Perhilitan) for further action.