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Bid to smuggle venison may cost sender deer-ly

SANDAKAN: An attempt to smuggle venison and deer antlers by air into peninsular Malaysia was foiled after airport authorities alerted the wildlife department.

They recovered the antlers, meat and innards in a box that was scheduled to be loaded onto a flight at 4.05pm on Tuesday.

Sandakan Wildlife Department officer Hussien Muin said they identified the sender of the cargo and called him in to give a statement over the illegal export of wildlife meat.

The contraband consisted of 6.9kg of meat, 1.6kg of innards and a deer head with the antlers.

Airport police suspected something amiss when the box was scanned.

"We have sent samples of the meat to Jabatan Perhilitan in Kuala Lumpur for analysis," Hussien said.

He said it was an offence for anyone to export wildlife or wild animal parts without a permit, under the state Wildlife Conservation Enactment 1997.

Those found guilty can be fined from RM30,000 to a maximum of RM50,000, or jailed up to three years, or both.



A sad tale: Wildlife Department officers inspecting the seized venison, organs and heads of deer in Sandakan.