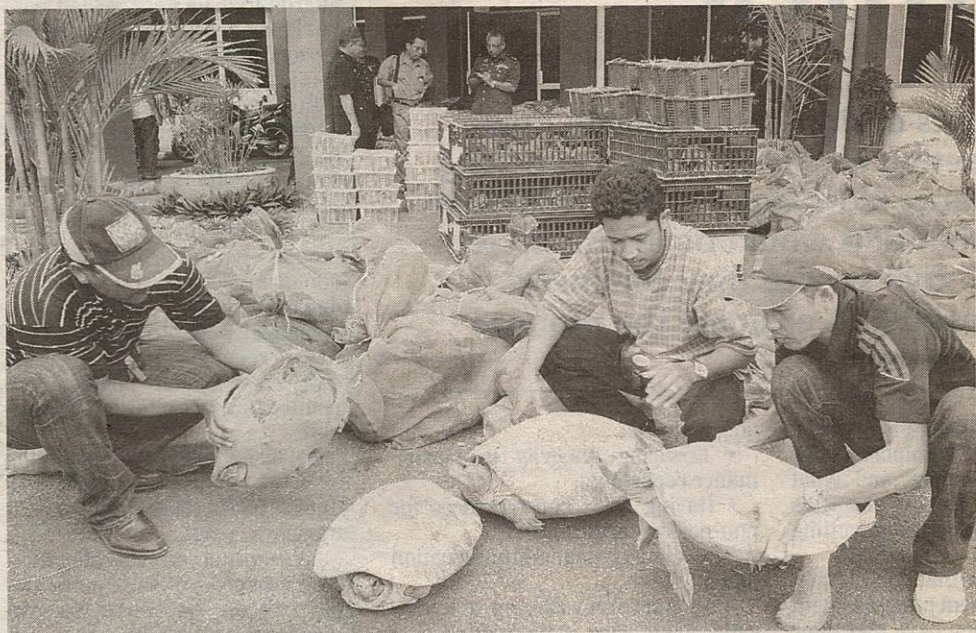


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Customs seizes 160 cobras and 814 tortoises



Customs officers showing some of the wildlife seized from a Thai at the Customs complex in Padang Besar yesterday.

PADANG BESAR: The Customs seized 814 tortoises and 160 king cobras, believed to have been on their way to Thailand, following an inspection on a lorry at the Customs, Immigration and Quarantine Complex here yesterday.

Perlis Customs director Mohd Isa Endot said the lorry driver, a 30-year-old Thai, was detained when he failed to produce any documents on the consignments he was carrying.

He said the tortoises and snakes were found under-

neath a 2,300kg of garlic, believed to have been placed in the lorry to avoid the authorities from detecting the animals.

The tortoises and snakes have been handed to the Wildlife and National Parks Department. —Bernama