

Two drug peddlers caught after chase in illegal racing op

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ALOR SETAR: The police launched an operation on illegal racing but ended up in a "race" of their own before forcing a drug peddler's car to a halt in Jalan Kuala Kedah.

Two suspects in the car, both fishermen, were caught near an ice factory while on their way to deliver the drugs worth about RM26,000

to ready buyers.

The drugs were found hidden behind the car's gearbox.

Also seized in the 3.30am incident on Saturday were a small weighing scale and RM850 believed to have been proceeds from the sale of drugs.

The two men were believed to

have obtained the drugs comprising heroin syabu and Eramin 5 psychotropic pills from a neighbouring country for local distribution.

Kota Star police chief ACP Abdul Ghafar Rejab said the suspects, aged 31 and 32, of Kuala Kedah, would be remanded for a week to

facilitate investigations under the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952, which carries the death penalty upon conviction.

He said that earlier, a team from the Kota Setar traffic police headquarters had conducted an operation on illegal racing at the traffic light junction, off Jalan

Kuala Kedah.

Upon spotting two men in a car cruising suspiciously in the area from Jalan Tanah Merah, the police ordered them to stop.

However, the car sped away and the police gave chase and managed to corner it after 40 minutes. — Bernama