

PORT KLANG: Malaysian authorities have yet to verify the contents of two containers seized by police on board a Malaysian-registered ship that berthed at North Port here 10 days ago.

Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Ismail Omar said police were still trying to ascertain if the equipment seized was to be used in the manufacture of weapons of mass destruction.

"We have called upon all relevant parties to inspect and ascertain if the equipment seized are parts used to make nuclear warheads," he said after receiving a RM10 million grant in form of equipment from the Japanese government at the marine police base here yesterday.

The equipment was found in two containers of the Malaysian-registered ship, which was bound for Teheran from China.

It is learnt that the vessel, which was detained two weeks ago and subsequently released minus its cargo, was not permitted to berth in the Philippines, Thailand and also Singapore.

Ismail said police found several boilers in the containers, which were confiscated. "Investigations are still going on and we are not sure if the equipment seized is already assembled," he said, adding that the exporter was also not known.

A special task force from the Federal Criminal Investigation Department (CID) boarded the ship when it berthed at North Port and seized the cargo.

It was reported that the seized equipment was listed among several items subjected to controlled and restricted sale to the receiving country by the United Nations Security Council and other international laws. It was learnt that the crew were unable to produce the required documentation for the shipment.

Meanwhile, Japanese ambassador to Malaysia Masahiko Horie, who was also present at the ceremony, thanked the police and for the concern and care shown to the victims of the earthquake that struck Japan.

"I appreciate the Malaysian police and hope that through this grant, ties between both our countries will be strengthened."



Japanese ambassador to Malaysia, Masahiko Horie, examining equipment used by the marine police. With him is Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Ismail Omar.

the theft of 258 boxes of condoms which were bound for Japan. The six, mostly lorry drivers and labourers, were arrested at their homes in Perak and Selangor over the past few days. Perak police chief Datuk Mohd Shukri Dahlan said the boxes of condoms were recovered from a house in Puchong and a warehouse in Klang, which was used as a store. He said the consignment of condoms was stolen while it was on transit in Port Klang two months ago. "Three of the suspects had previous convictions for burglary, possession of stolen goods and cheating," he said here yesterday.

Malaysiakini's application rejected

KUALA LUMPUR: The High Court yesterday rejected MKini Dotcom Sdn Bhd's (publisher of online news portal Malaysiakini) application to strike out a defamation suit against it by Sarawak Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud. Judge Datuk John Louis O'Hara ruled that the suit was not a plain and obvious case to be struck out. He dismissed the application with costs. The suit is in relation to articles published in Malaysiakini between April and May 2007, alleging that the chief minister was involved in receiving kickbacks for timber extracted from the state. Taib claimed that the articles were defamatory as they alleged that he had amassed money from unlawful activities.

High Court dismisses Tian Chua's suit

KUALA LUMPUR: The suit by Parti Keadilan Rakyat vice-president Tian Chua and a Bersih

Malaysian charged in Australia



MELBOURNE: Malaysian Oswyn de Silva's former high-flying life as a Macquarie Bank fund manager came to an end when he was remanded in custody after a Supreme Court hearing in Sydney yesterday.

De Silva had placed trades via his secret offshore account by using a computer in a cafe within the Mac-

quarie Bank was unaware of de Silva's insider trading between Dec 20, 2006 and April 26, 2007 and that he continued working for the Macquarie group in Sydney until August 2007 during which he received A\$575,000 in bonuses and A\$900,000 in ex-gratia payment.

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after at an inflated price.

Most of the securities were personally acquired and subsequently sold by him to MIML at prices higher than those for which he acquired them shortly before, the court was told. The Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC) first learnt of the suspected insider trading in June 2007 via the Monetary