

Warning On Fake Notes



The Customs Office has warns travellers and traders to be on alert for fake 1,000-baht banknotes that have been spreading in southern Thailand.

Three men were arrested and fake notes worth more than 300,000 baht were seized in two separate operations this month, Thanayot Charnsin, chief of the Customs Office said.

The arrests were made in a joint operation by Crime Suppression police and Sa Kaeo provincial police.

It was believed the notes were produced in a plant located on the other side of the border in Malaysia.

"More are expected to be smuggled into Thailand," he said.

Earlier this month police also received complaints in Suphan Buri from a woman who allegedly withdrew fake bank notes from an ATM machine there.

Characteristics of Banknote Series 15 1000-Baht Denomination

Front: the portrait of H.M. King Bhumibol Adulyadej, the reigning monarch, in the uniform of the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces

Back: the portrait of H.M. King Bhumibol Adulyadej while performing royal activities & the drawing depicting the Pa Sak Jolasid Dam

Watermark: the portrait of H.M. the King & the classical Thai design " Phum Khow Bin "

Security Thread: metallic windowed security thread

Size: width 7.2 cm; length 16.2 cm

Ink Colour: dark brown printed on orange & violet-pink background and on multi-colour elaborate design

Special Features:

**Pale blue paper on which the watermark of H.M. the King's portrait and the remote watermark depicting the classical Thai design " Phum Khow Bin " appear

**Scattered invisible fibres, incorporated in the paper, luminescent in red, blue, and yellow under the ultraviolet light.

**Metallic windowed security thread inside the paper contains non-staggering translucent micro letterings "1000" and "1000 Baht" with "1000" in Arabic characters and "Baht" in Roman characters, readable by viewing the note against the light.

**The Royal Garuda Emblem on the front is printed in a see-through registered position with the corresponding emblem on the back. The two emblems precisely superimpose on each other when the note is viewed against transmitted light.

**The lotus petals see-through design, two each on the front and the back, are printed on both sides and registered to show a complete lotus floral design when viewed against transmitted light.

**On the upper right corner on the front, the Arabic

numerals indicating denomination "1000" are printed on the upper part with gold-to-green optically variable intaglio ink (OVI), which normally appears in gold colour but will change into green colour when viewed at a small angle.

**On the front, the yellow colour in the elaborate circular design and in the radiating design close to the middle including the yellow tint behind H.M. the King's portrait on the back, are printed with special yellow ink, which turns into luminescent yellow under ultraviolet light. - The Thai alphabetical code with Thai serial number and the Roman alphabetical code with Arabic serial number are printed with special red ink, luminescent orange under ultraviolet light.

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