

Police seize pirated DVDs worth Dh800,000

Two suspects have been arrested after a raid on a storage room in Al Qadisiya area

- By Mariam M. Al Serkal, Staff Reporter
- Published: 00:00 October 7, 2010



Sharjah: Police Wednesday arrested two Asian suspects who possessed 40,000 pirated DVDs that were worth Dh800,000.

A senior official at the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) at Sharjah Police confirmed that police are currently on the hunt for their accomplices who distributed the pirated goods in residential neighbourhoods.

"We were able to locate a storage room located on the roof top of a one-storey building in the area of Al Qadisiya facing the main road, where women and children lived in. The storage room was used to hold 40,000 pirated pornographic DVDs and films for viewers," said Colonel Mohammad Rashid Byat, director of CID.

Col Byat said initially the CID received a tip-off about pirated DVDs being distributed in residential areas.

During the investigation, police found that the two suspects would hand over small quantities of the pirated goods to other men, who were then responsible for selling them to residents. The two suspects had also confessed that they sold the DVDs from Dh10-Dh20.

"Despite continuous police campaigns against pirated DVDs, this type of illegal activity continues to exist. From January to September 2010, we have seized 32,489 pirated DVDs and arrested 92 suspects for carrying out such crimes," said Col Byat, adding that they also seized a number of electronic equipment and printers that were used to duplicate DVDs.