

Raid Action against one of the biggest importers of counterfeit auto spare parts in the UAE

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Counterfeit spare parts seized

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DUBAI — The Anti-Economic Crime section of the Dubai Police have foiled an attempt to distribute 11,357 counterfeit spare parts of leading brands including Volvo, Bosch and Toyota.

Major Salah Juma Bu Osaiba, Director of Anti-Economic Crime said that the police have recorded 124 cases of counterfeit products in Dubai last year and most of them dealt with are spare parts of cars.

He said that the police received a tip-off that a warehouse based in Dubai sells counterfeit spare parts of famous

brands, which are imported from China, after putting the trademark and barcode.

He said that the police arrested a Chinese national recently after receiving a complaint from Al Shaali Advocates on behalf of their clients. Auto firms complained that a warehouse in Al Quoz Industrial area was selling duplicate spare parts using the trademarks of their clients. The police raided the warehouse from where the suspect was arrested and counterfeit spare parts were seized.

Also in mid-January, the police arrested an Iranian national and an Indian who worked for a spare parts company located in Umm Al Ramool. Bu Os-

aiba said counterfeit spare parts would endanger the life of passengers as the those are of low quality compared to the genuine ones that are sold by the agents.

He called on public to be careful and to buy spare parts from authorised agents. Her also urged them to inform the authorities about any person who sells counterfeit products.

Police personnels are monitoring the market and exert efforts to arrest the people who violate intellectual property rights. Pirated CDs and computers with pirated programmes also come under the jurisdiction of the section, he added.

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