

# Fake medicine worth \$7m seized across Asia: Interpol

Lyon (France), Dec. 22: Interpol seized counterfeit drugs worth \$7 million in September in an operation encompassing 13 Asian countries, the international police organisation said on Monday.

Medication including antibiotics, anti-hypertension pills and even rabies vaccines were taken from hundreds of pharmacies and markets, including dozens of online pharmacies, as Interpol attempts to curb the widespread sale of fake drugs being produced in the region.

Interpol said in a statement they had arrested

● **Interpol said they had arrested 87 individuals in the course of the crackdown. Participating countries included 13 Asian countries, including Afghanistan, Cambodia, China, India and Pakistan.**

87 individuals in the course of the crackdown, which "brought together law enforcement and drug regulatory agencies to target the organised criminal networks behind pharmaceutical crime in

Asia".

"Operation Storm VI demonstrated the sophistication and determination of criminal groups engaged in pharmaceutical crime, creating dangers to public health and the safety of the population," said Aline Plancon, head of Interpol's global health and safety unit.

Participating countries included 13 Asian countries: Afghanistan, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

— AFP

Regulatory