

# **Hong Kong customs seize US\$1.3 million in counterfeit goods, DVDs**

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HONG KONG: Hong Kong customs officials seized HK\$10.4 million (US\$1.3 million, €1 million) in counterfeit goods and pirated DVDs in a monthlong crackdown that arrested 130 people, authorities said Friday.

The operation, code named "Fire Tornado," was launched in December during the peak holiday season when travelers flock to Hong Kong, a government statement said.

Agents raided more than 800 retail stores selling pirated DVDs, along with 80 stalls hawking other counterfeit goods, like handbags, in shopping areas popular with tourists, the statement said.

Officers arrested 130 people, aged between 14 and 60, the statement said.