

Polish police smash 'world's largest' fake Viagra plant

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Polish police said Wednesday they had smashed what could be the world's largest illegal laboratory producing counterfeit Viagra-type pills and steroids during a raid near the northern city of Bydgoszcz.

"It was the world's largest factory making anti-impotence drugs according to representatives of four companies whose products were counterfeited," police spokeswoman Agnieszka Hamelusz told AFP.

She said police had seized over 100,000 fake pills for [erectile dysfunction](#) and 430,000 vials of [steroids](#) worth an estimated 17 million zlotys (3.95 million euros, \$4.4 million).

Officers have arrested 14 suspects over the course of several months, Hamelusz confirmed.

Police allege the gang sold millions of euros worth of the [counterfeit drugs](#) via the internet, labelling them with popular brand names as well as their own branding.

A police swoop on a house near Bydgoszcz turned up machines worth a million euros installed in secret rooms that could only be accessed through hidden passages.

Products for the manufacture of the drugs came from China via Greece, Britain and Romania.

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