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OPERATIONS ON PIRATED, PORNOGRAPHIC VCD SUCCESSFUL - IGP

PUTRAJAYA, June 6 (Bernama) -- The Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Norian Mai today said operations against the sales and distribution of pirated and pornographic video compact discs (VCDs) by enforcement authorities over the last two weeks was a success.

He said, based on information received, almost all raids conducted were successful in disrupting sales and distribution of pirated and smut VCDs.

"This convinces me that the target will be achieved on Sunday (June 8)," he told reporters after attending a ceremony for handing over the letter of acceptance and signing of contract for the Home Ministry's projects.

Norian had earlier directed all state police to stop sales and distribution of pirated and pornographic VCDs within a fortnight from May 26 after Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad voiced his concern on the matter.

Then, enforcement authorities nationwide launched large-scale operations to end the illegal activities.

Meanwhile, in KUALA LUMPUR, last night's operation on pirated and pornographic VCDs resulted in the seizure of more than RM400,000 worth of VCDs from five open premises and 25 permanent shops nationwide.

A statement, by the Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs' Enforcement Division, today showed the largest confiscation was conducted by the headquarters involving 67,333 VCDs worth RM338,240 from six shops.

It was followed by Penang, involving the seizure of 12,516 VCDs worth RM62,580 from two open premises and 10 permanent shops.

Operations conducted yesterday resulted in the seizure of 82,344 pirated VCDs worth RM413,295. No pornographic VCDs were seized.

Yesterday's raids bring this month's total seizure to RM1,059,143 which includes a VCD replicator machine worth RM400,000.

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