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SELANGOR CUSTOMS PAY OUT RM2 MILLION TO INFORMERS

PORT KLANG, Sept 30 (Bernama) -- The Selangor Customs Department paid out RM2 million to 100 members of the public who have given information on those who evade Customs duties from January to September this year.

Its Director, Datuk Wazir Muaz said the payment was based on a certain value and percentage depending on the value of the goods seized by the department.

"The payment given to informers is lucrative. As such, we have various programmes to inform the public on the matter so that they can assist the department to further enhance preventive measures," he said here today.

He said as such, the department had held the National Campaign on Preventing Smuggling in Port Dickson from Sept 26 to 28.

Wazir also said the smuggling of cigarettes and liquor was expected to be on the rise following the move by the government to raise duty on both products in the 2004 Budget announced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir on Sept 12.

It involved an increase of 20 per cent in the import and excise duties for tobacco and other tobacco products as well as a 10 per cent rise in the import and excise duties for liquor.

Earlier, he said the Selangor Customs Department had seized 6,240 cartons of kretek or clove cigarettes comprising various brands worth RM96,800 and duties worth RM390,477.80 following tip-off from the public and surveillance by officers from the Preventive Division at Jalan Meru, Klang on Saturday.

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