

**84 Violations Of Price Control Scheme Detected During CNY Celebration
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BERA, Jan 31 (Bernama) -- Domestic Trade, Cooperatives and Consumerism Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob said 84 cases of violation of regulations under the Price Control Scheme, enforced during Chinese New Year celebration, were detected.

He said the offenders were a wholesaler and 83 retailers, involving seizures of goods, worth RM6,044.01 and compound fines, totalling RM8,825.

"Twenty cases were for not displaying price tags, six cases for selling the goods at above the ceiling price set by the government and the remaining for not displaying the pink price tags on controlled items," he told reporters after presenting the Bantuan Rakyat 1Malaysia (BR1M) to recipients in the Bera parliamentary constituency here today.

Ismail Sabri said that checks were carried out at 52,458 premises nationwide during the 12 day enforcement of the price control scheme which ended yesterday.

He said he was satisfied with the implementation of the scheme and that it would continue to be carried out to safeguard consumers' interests.

"Without the scheme, we fear traders will indiscriminately increase prices of goods," he added.

Meanwhile in his speech, Ismail Sabri said the disbursing of BR1M was due to the strength of the country's economy and the government's efficiency in managing the country.

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