

## **GST Not A Substitute to Sales Tax in Sabah, Sarawak, Says Ahmad Maslan**

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KUCHING, May 6 (Bernama) -- The Goods and Services Tax (GST) is not a substitute to the sales tax being enforced in Sabah and Sarawak, says Deputy Minister of Finance Datuk Ahmad Maslan.

He said the collection of 10 per cent sales tax for crude palm oil and 15 per cent for gaming activities were stipulated under Article 95B (3) of the Federal Constitution.

"Under the Sarawak State Sales Tax Enactment 1998 and the Sabah State Sales Tax Enactment 1998, the sales tax in the two states was the absolute right of the respective state government.

"This means eventhough GST is implemented on April 1 next year, the sales tax in Sabah and Sarawak will still remain in force," he told a media conference after a GST briefing at the Communications and Multimedia Ministry level here today.

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