

Anti-Profitteering Operations Centre Receives 175 Complaints Since Monday
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KLANG, April 1 (Bernama) -- The Anti-Profitteering Operations Centre (PGAP), at the Ministry of Domestic Trade, Cooperatives and Consumerism Ministry (KPDNKK) headquarters has received 175 complaints since it was launched on Monday.

The ministry's enforcement division director-general Mohd Roslan Mahayudin said most of the complaints received were related to the Goods and Services Tax (GST) which was implemented from today.

"Among the complaints received are mostly related to consumers' confusion about the price tags for goods that are subjected to GST and food premises that are imposing the new tax," he said after joining inspections done at a shopping centre here today.

He said the price tags on items subjected to GST should show the price after adding the tax, to avoid confusion among consumers.

"For example the price of telecommunication prepaid top-up cards is only RM10 because the amount has been added with GST, and not RM10.60 as spread on social websites," he said.

Therefore, he warned traders from taking advantage of GST by raising prices arbitrarily.

The implementation of GST at the rate of six per cent starting today is to replace the Sales and Services Tax which charged an overall rate of 16 per cent.

A total of 40 Selangor KPDNKK enforcement officers and 10 Customs officers were involved in the operation, which starts today until April 15.

KPDNKK Selangor director Mior Najmuddin Mior Dzulkifli was also present.

During the one-hour operation, two shops were given notices on suspicion of raising the prices of their merchandise.

On the operation code-named 'Ops Catut' which began on January 15, Roslan said 597,883 inspections had been made and a total of 2,831 retailers and wholesalers were compounded a total of RM355,000.

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