

Johor Sultan Orders GST Implementation Constantly Studied For Suitability
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JOHOR BAHRU, May 7 (Bernama) -- The implementation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) which began last month should be constantly monitored and studied for its suitability, said Sultan Johor Sultan Ibrahim Almarhum Sultan Iskandar.

He said an in-depth study was conducted by the federal government before the tax system was introduced for the benefit of the government and people.

However, he commented on the imposition of the GST on services provided by the local government and authorities (PBT) to the people.

"I am asking the state government and PBT not to impose the GST on services provided to the people and ask that exemption be given by the federal government," he said when officiating the opening of the third term of the 13th Johor State Legislative Assembly sitting at the Bangunan Sultan Ibrahim, here today.

He said it was inconceivable to impose the GST on government services which are the basic responsibilities to the people.

The sitting will begin this Sunday until May 18.

Also present at the ceremony was Tunku Panglima Johor Tunku Abdul Rahman Sultan Ibrahim.

Yesterday, the Domestic Trade, Cooperatives and Consumerism (KPDNKK) Minister Datuk Seri Hasan Malek was reported to have said that the leave of 2,405 enforcement officers and staff of the ministry had been frozen since last month to ensure that all complaints about the GST would be attended to.

The KPDNKK has also appointed 427 enforcement staff to monitor the complaints of the public.

As of April 30, KPDNKK has issued 1,026 notices through the Anti-Profiteering Operations, for offences involving price hikes.

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