

Najib Visits Anti-Profiteering Operations Centre At KPDNKK
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PUTRAJAYA, June 29 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak today visited the Anti-Profiteering Operations Centre (PGAP) at the Ministry of Domestic Trade, Cooperatives and Consumerism (KPDNKK) here.

He spent almost an hour at the centre, including attending a briefing on the PGAP, which was launched before the enforcement of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on April 1 to receive complaints and queries from consumers.

Meanwhile, Domestic Trade, Cooperatives and Consumerism Minister, Datuk Seri Hasan Malek in a statement today said the issue on the price of goods remained a priority with the ministry as it could affect the lives of the people especially those in the lower-income group.

He said since Jan 15 till yesterday, a total of 1,184,565 checks had been carried out throughout the country during phase one and phase two of Ops Catut.

Of these, action had been taken in 4,507 cases, with a total confiscation value of RM822,216 and compounds issued worth RM591,936.

Hasan said during the same period, 1,773 notices were also issued under the Price Control and Anti-Profiteering Act 2011 on traders who raised the price of goods.

"Nine cases were taken to court under the Price Control and Anti-Profiteering Act 2011 for offences committed under section 14(1) for profiteering and section 21(5) for refusing or not responding to notices under section 21," he said.

He added that stern action would be taken against traders who violated the act which provided for a fine of up to RM100,000 for individuals or three years' jail or both, or a fine of up to RM500,000 for a company, if found guilty.

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