

## **Patriotism And Integrity Crucial To Tackle Smuggling Of Controlled Items**

TAWAU, March 14 (Bernama) -- Patriotism and high integrity especially among the people staying along the border areas of the nation are needed to tackle the issue of leakages or smuggling of controlled items.

Sabah Ministry of Domestic Trade, Cooperatives and Consumerism (KPDNKK) director Yahya Sulaiman said suppliers and retailers too must be patriotic and had high integrity so that goods which should benefit Malaysians were not sold to neighbouring countries.

"The cooperation of enforcement agencies is also important over the issue by taking action against smuggling activities," he said when met by reporters at a controlled goods inspection programme at Merotai Besar, near here today.

He said KPDNKK was seeking a new mechanism to overcome the issue of leakages taking place including conducting careful evaluation on the distributions of controlled goods in the district to ensure they reached the target groups.

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