

17.52pc INCREASE

CUSTOMS SEIZURES HIT RM1.8B

Priority is on high-value seizures and revenue impact, says D-G

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THE Customs Department recorded RM1.8 billion in seizures and tax recovery from enforcement operations between January and November, marking a 17.52 per cent increase com-

pared with the same period last year.

Its director-general, Datuk Anis Rizana Mohd Zainuddin, said yesterday the increase reflected a strategic shift from an output-based approach, measured by the number of cases, to an outcome-based enforcement strategy prioritising high-value seizures and revenue impact.

"Up to Nov 30, we carried out 122 enforcement operations that resulted in 6,597 cases, lower than the 6,705 cases recorded in the same period a year ago.

"However, the total value of seizures and related taxes rose from RM1.53 billion in 2024 to RM1.8 billion in 2025, an increase

of RM268.46 million."

Anis said the department recorded 642 drug enforcement cases involving seizures of nearly 6,950kg of drugs valued at RM478.5 million.

"On vehicles seizures, we recorded 502 cases involving 6,475 units worth RM118.37 million, plus RM65.06 million in unpaid taxes.

"We recorded 2,248 cigarette seizure cases involving 526.82 million sticks valued at RM96.3 million, and RM364.18 million in unpaid taxes."

She added that the department seized 60.5 million litres of alcohol and beer valued at RM33.53 million, with RM86.08 million in

unpaid taxes.

She said the department also seized 482.656kg of fireworks valued at RM11.24 million, with RM10.54 million in unpaid taxes.

Meanwhile, she said the department exceeded the Finance Ministry's revised indirect tax revenue target for 2025 after collecting RM73.27 billion up to Dec 16.

She said the Finance Ministry had initially set a revenue target of RM67.25 billion for 2025 before revising it upward to RM73.26 billion following a fiscal review on Oct 10.

"Our latest figures show the department marginally exceeded the revised target, achieving



Customs Department director-general Datuk Anis Rizana Mohd Zainuddin says it is now focused on outcome-based enforcement strategy.

108.95 per cent of the original projection.

"This represents a RM6.02 billion surplus compared with the initial estimate, reflecting stronger-than-expected performance in indirect tax collection amid fiscal consolidation efforts," she added.