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CUSTOMS REVENUE HITS RM55B

2025 projection exceeded by RM2.38b, says D-G

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THE Customs Department has surpassed its 2025 revenue target, recording total proceeds of RM54.62 billion up to Sept 30.

The amount exceeded projections for the entire year by RM2.38 billion.

Customs director-general Datuk Anis Rizana Mohd Zainudin said the achievement came ahead of the 2026 Budget tabling, reflecting the department's efficiency in revenue collection, trade facilitation and enforcement.

"Up to September, our total collection stood at RM54.62 billion against the RM52.24 billion target set by the Finance Ministry.

"This means we've exceeded our target by RM2.38 billion, achieving 104.36 per cent of the projection," she said after attending an event to commemorate the 62nd anniversary of the conferment of the department's royal title.

Anis said the department was now working to realign its strategies following the government's new fiscal target under next year's budget, which has revised Customs' revenue goal to RM73.26 billion.

"With the new target announced in the budget presenta-



Customs director-general Datuk Anis Rizana Mohd Zainudin raising her arm in salute at the 62nd anniversary of the conferment of the department's royal title in Kajang yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

tion, we are working hard to meet the government's revised projection by year-end.

"Every year, we anticipate higher targets from the Finance Ministry towards the year end.

"We have factored that into our internal planning since the start of the year, so we're well-positioned and confident of meeting the new target."

She attributed the strong performance to continuous operational initiatives, optimisation of enforcement resources and early-year planning.

At yesterday's anniversary cel-

ebration, Anis received a replica of the Gencana Diraja, the royal emblem, as a tribute to the department's enduring heritage and contributions to Malaysia's development.

The "Diraja" title was bestowed upon the then Customs and Excise Department on Oct 29, 1963 by the third Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Tuanku Syed Putra Syed Hassan Jamalullail, in recognition of its vital role in the nation's economic foundation.

At that time, Customs revenue contributed more than 50 per cent of the federal government's total

annual income, a contribution the late Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj described as the "lifeblood of Malaysia's progress".

Anis, in her opening speech, said the conferment was not merely symbolic, but a profound trust from the monarchy that continues to guide the department's mission.

"The 'Diraja' title represents not just honour, but also responsibility, to serve the people with integrity while upholding the dignity of the Royal Institution."