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"For the first six months, in terms of volume, it increased because it involved large confiscations. In terms of the number of cases, it decreased, but in terms of value and quantity, it increased.

"Overall, for the six months, we recorded RM348 million in seizures involving especially drugs, cigarettes and liquor," he said.

According to him, in the context of Customs fighting smuggling, it focuses on three main commodities, namely cigarettes, liquor and drugs, but Sabah is faced with other commodities such as imported chicken.

"Only in Sabah, based on achievements and records, frozen goods such as chicken become a large commodity in capture and seizure.



Mohd Nasir (left) presenting a souvenir to Juhar.

"It is imported goods from abroad and entered the State through Sepanggar Port for domestic consumers," he said.

Although the situation is now under control and cases had decreased, Mohd

Nasir said JKDM would continue to increase control measures at the ports through inspection methods using scanning machines equipped with Artificial Intelligence (AI), in addition to enforcing

instructions to delivery agents to make complete and orderly pledges so that JKDM could directly identify the pledged goods.

At the same time, he said as a check-and-balance, JKDM held umbrella operations outside the port as a second check to ensure that the situation could improve the compliance of importers in Sabah's main ports, namely Sepanggar, Tawau and Sandakan.

Mohd Nasir, who was accompanied by his wife Datin Halizah Abdul Samat, was met by the media after paying a courtesy call to the Head of State Tun Juhar Mahiruddin and his wife Toh Puan Norlida RM Jasni at Istana Seri Kinabalu, here, Thursday.

Regarding the visit, he said the purpose of the visit was to express his gratitude to Juhar and informed about his retirement effective Friday, in addition to expressing his appreciation and gratitude for the good relationship between Istana Seri Kinabalu and JKDM Sabah Zone.

Mohd Nasir, who started reporting on October 10, 2022, was awarded the Panglima Gemilang Darjah Kinabalu (PGDK) by Juhar in conjunction with his 70th official birthday celebration last year.



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