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The revenue was higher than in the same period last year, which was RM36.13 billion, said its director-general, Datuk Anis Rizana Mohd Zainudin.

"This is a remarkable achievement and it shows that Customs is on the right track. Our strategy has yielded results," she said in the *Ruang Bicara* programme produced by Bernama TV on Wednesday night.

Commenting on this year's revenue collection target, she expressed confidence that Customs will be able to achieve the target set by the Finance Ministry, which is RM56 billion.

Last year, the department managed to collect revenue of RM55.1 billion which is 3% higher than the projected rate.

Anis Rizana said it also successfully resolved 5,196 cases, seizing goods with a total value, including duties and taxes, amounting to RM1.25 billion in the first eight months of this year. This achievement reflects a 42.47% increase in

value compared with RM884.26 million during the same period last year.

"Among the notable successes this year was the seizure of 15 containers carrying 150.26 million cigarettes, 30 tonnes of tobacco, and 32.5 tonnes of plastic waste, collectively valued at RM118.18 million," she said.

She also highlighted the seizure of 622kg of methamphetamine by the Australian Border Force from Malaysia to Australia on Oct 12 last year, describing it as one of the department's most significant challenges.

Anis Rizana said among the improvements implemented were 100% inspections of import and export containers at all ports of entry, particularly in Port Klang, along with the introduction of the Import Export Support Document System. It was launched in Port Klang, Selangor, in the second quarter of this year, with plans for a nationwide rollout in stages.

This "seamless trade facilitation" initiative aims to prevent any individual from holding excessive power over the Customs Form screening process, thereby

streamlining operations for importers and shipping agents.

Anis Rizana said 66 high-tech scanning machines utilising artificial intelligence technology were also deployed nationwide to enhance merchandise inspection efficiency and combat smuggling activities.

"Twenty-four Proton X70 concession vehicles have been procured and dispatched to the Customs Sabah Zone, along with 20 new narcotics detection dogs deployed across Malaysia." – Bernama



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