

## Overpriced face masks: Three dealers fined

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KPDNHEP enforcement officers during an inspection of a business premise.

**KOTA KINABALU:** The Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry (KPDNHEP) fined three dealers RM30,500 for selling face masks above the set price cap and capitalising on the current global novel coronavirus outbreak.

Its Deputy Director cum Chief Enforcement Officer, Taha Julai, said KPDNHEP inspected a total of 332 retail and wholesale premises from Jan 29 to Feb 6, resulting in two cases being filed in Kota Kinabalu and one in Sandakan, involving a total seizure of RM3,160.

"For all three cases, the State KPDNHEP has imposed a fine of RM30,500 for the offence of selling face masks above the controlled price under the Price Control and Anti-Profit Act 2011," he said in a statement, Friday.

Taha added that he had also led a special inspection on Feb 7 along with KPDNHEP enforcement officers at premises around Kg Air, here.

"The purpose of this inspection is to ensure that business premises, especially pharmacies and grocery stores, sell face masks at government-designated prices.

"Monitoring will continue throughout the State. If users are having problems in terms of selling face masks, please file a complaint with your local KPDNHEP office or branch," he said.