

## Two men, petrol kiosk operator caught embezzling subsidised petrol

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KPDNHEP officers inspecting blue plastic drums that contained petrol at the back of a truck.

**KOTA MARUDU:** Two men and a petrol kiosk operator here were caught for alleged embezzlement of subsidised petrol here.

The Ministry of Trade and Consumer Affairs (KPDNHEP) Kudat Branch Chief, Geoffrey Gumalang, in a statement, said investigations prompted his team to carry out a two-day surveillance starting at 5.30am on Friday.

He said their team found a three-ton lorry laden with blue drums with a capacity of 200 litres each, as well as a four-wheel-drive with two drums with the capacity of 200 litres each being filled up at the kiosk.

“Our officers moved in and confiscated the petrol,” he said. He said the seized items included 3,321 litres of petrol, a three-ton lorry and a four-wheel-drive amounting to RM104,883.

He said action under the Control of Supplies Act 1961 and Control of Supplies Regulation 1974 has been taken against the two men, aged 30 and 70, while action under the same Act also applies to the operator who violated the stipulated license requirements by selling petrol or diesel to individuals without special permit from the relevant authorities.

A fine of up to RM1 million or jail time of up to three years or both can be taken upon conviction, while companies can face up to RM3 million fine upon conviction.

On that note, he said KPDNHEP Kudat will continue to monitor and take action against individuals including petrol kiosks operators found involved in embezzling subsidised petrol and diesel.

He said those who wish to apply for the special permit may go to <http://mysubsidi.kpdnhep.gov.my/permitkhas>. These are for individual category, forklift, agriculture, food industry operators, rural settlements and fishermen who are not only full time basis and on small scale, the maximum quantity allowed in the special permit is 200 litres a day.

He said since Jan 1 to May 29, KPDNHEP Kudat recorded 56 cases and inspected 3,202 premises. From the figure, a total of RM186, 391 worth of seizure were recorded, while a total of RM11,400 compound cases have been completed.

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