

## RM185,500 goods seized in K'gau checks

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**KENINGAU:** The majority of traders here are complying with the Kaamatan and Hari Raya Maximum Price Control Scheme with only one being pulled up so far for failure to display pink price tags.

Head of Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs (KPDNHEP) Keningau branch, Gunasegaran Krishnan (pic), said the pricing control scheme for Hari Raya was held for 30 days from May 21 to June 19 while for Kaamatan for 14 days from May 23 to June 5.

"Even though we have some more days to go, as the Hari Raya season ends June 19, traders have complied with the government's directives," he said.

Twenty types of goods were placed under controlled prices for Hari Raya and 13 for the Kaamatan.

Traders who failed to comply face action under the Price Control and Anti-Profiteering Act 2011.

Selling price offences exceeded the maximum price for individuals to be fined up to RM100,000 or imprisoned not exceeding three years, or both, or compounded up to RM50,000 while for companies, they can be fined up to RM500,000 or compounded up to RM250,000.

He said failure to place a pink price tag on controlled price items causes individuals to be fined up to RM10,000 or compounded up to RM5,000 and for companies fined up to RM20,000 or compounded up to RM10,000.

Gunasegaran said the enforcement branch inspected 2,314 premises in urban and rural areas and seized a total of RM185,497 worth of goods here in the first five months (Jan to May) this year.

He said a total of 77 cases involving the Price Control and Anti-Profiteering Act 2011, Weights and Measures Act 1972, Supply Control Act 1961, Trade Description Act 2011 and Consumer Protection Act 1999.

"All these cases involved compound collection amounting to RM20,300 and during this period KPDNHEP Keningau Branch received 76 complaints from consumers.

"All complaints have been successfully investigated and solved," he said.