

'Ghost Smoke' candy seized from wholesaler in Masai

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JOHOR BARU: The Johor Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs have seized 150 packets of 'Ghost Smoke' candy following a state-wide operation to monitor the sale of the candy.

Its director Mohd Hairul Anuar Bohro said the candy was seized from a wholesaler in Masai here.

"Following concerns from parents regarding the sale of the candy, we have started to conduct checks on premises selling snacks and sweets, especially those located near schools.

"Since July 23, we have checked 132 premises all over Johor and managed to seize 150 packets of the candy from a wholesaler in Masai. Based on the information we received, each packet is sold for 50 sen," said Hairul Anuar.



Ghost Smoke candy. NSTP/Zain Ahmed

He said during the checks, it is found that most of the premises have either stopped selling the candy or are hiding them.

"The wholesaler is being investigated for selling a product that has dubious information. We are trying to verify the information printed on the packet.

"Moreover, there is also a halal logo on the packet which is not from the Islamic Development Department (Jakim)," said Mohd Hairul Anuar in a press conference today.

He said the case is being investigated under Section 5 of the Trade Description Act 2011.

"This will be a continuous operation as we want to be proactive," he said.

The sale of the candy, which produced a smoke-like vapour once consumed, have been under scrutiny as parents are concerned with its health effect on children.



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