

## Minister lauds officers for turning down bribes

**PUTRAJAYA:** Traders caught with counterfeit goods or those nabbed for trading without a licence would often attempt to bribe their way out, said Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution Ismail.

He said over the last few months, no officer from his ministry had been arrested for taking bribes.

"Four officers from Negri Sembilan were given commendation letters for turning down bribes from traders," Saifuddin said after launching the ministry's Organisational Anti-Corruption Plan.

"This is not the first instance that enforcement officers from the ministry have turned down bribes. We gave them commendation letters during the ministry's monthly gathering in the hope that the example they set will be followed by others."

He pointed out there are 3,000 people employed in the ministry, with 2,300 enforcement officers.

Saifuddin said his ministry was the first to launch the programme, which is part of the of the National Anti-Corruption Plan.

On the targeted subsidy programme, Saifuddin said upon checking at the programme official website, some people have asked the ministry to remove their names because they were over-qualified. - by

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