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## IRB detect 604 cases of tax arrears

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KOTA KINABALU: The Inland Revenue Board (IRB) Malaysia have detected 604 cases of tax arrears here with a total backlog of more than RM8 million through the Operasi Mesra Hasil (OMH) National Level.

According to the IRB Deputy Chief Executive Officer (Compliance), Datuk Dr Siti Mariam Che Ayub, OMH conducted for three days from yesterday saw stubborn taxpayers will be given a notice to remind them about the tax arrears.

"A total of 200 IRB officials at the Federal and State, divided into four groups will conduct OMH in 3,355 outlets in 16 areas around Kota Kinabalu," Mariam said in a press conference after opening the IRB OMH National Level 2/2013 on behalf of the Chief Executive Officer IRB of Malaysia, Tan Sri Dr Mohd Shukor Mahfar, here, yesterday.

She said among the areas involved in this OMH is Inanam, Tanjung Aru, Sinsuran, Lintas Square, Asia City, Papar, Lok Kawi, Tuaran, and Penampang.

In the meantime, targets and operational objectives of this exercise are to increase awareness and voluntary compliance among taxpayers through educational approach, she said.

She said that she also wants to reduce the number and amount of arrears other than raising the tax base by increasing the number of taxpayers.

IRB also intends to conduct a census of business owners to ensure the owners are registered as taxpayers.

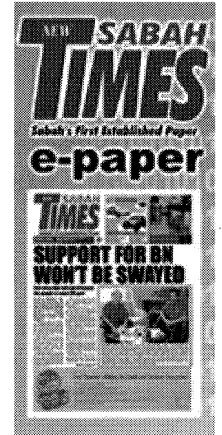
In addition, the IRB will also open two information booths in Papar and Tuaran for the public to make inquiries without having to visit the main office.

"The IRB personnel will be able to assist and provide accurate information and help taxpayers," she said.

Meanwhile, Siti Mariam said that about 70 to 75 per cent of taxpayers in the state are aware of their responsibilities as tax payers.

Therefore, he said, OMH National level was one of the many initiatives undertaken by the IRB to track stubborn taxpayers.

Also present were IRB State Director, Kamaruzzaman Ab Salleh, IRB Director for Tax Compliance, Mohd Idris Mamat, and Director of Tax Education, Department of Corporate Services, Rahimah Abdullah.



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