

MEDIA STATEMENT ROAD TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

SPEED OPS: DRIVING ON RIGHT LANE CONTINUOUSLY AND DANGER OF THREATS

Road Transport Department has always given priority in shaping the environment safe road to highway users. Accordingly, the Department has been carrying out operations on commercial and public service vehicles under Rule 4A Traffic Rules 1959 which is driving continuously in the right lane.

The operation, which began on 4th of August, 2016 from 7.00 am to 12.00 pm on all major highways of the Nation. RTD Enforcement Division has been using three (3) types of methods for the implementation which were patrolling using RTD vehicles, patrol vehicles without the RTD logo and masquerading as bus passengers.

Until the 28th of August, 2016, the total number of summonses issued was 368 with number of offenses recorded by goods vehicles / trucks were 207 summonses. Whereas buses totaled 161 summonses and goods vehicles less than 5000kg had a total of 41 summonses. The maximum fine for this offense is RM 300. Many drivers gave the excuse that they 'were overtaking' and 'needed to reach their destinations immediately' which is unacceptable and the RTD will not budge in this matter.

At present, there are unscrupulous people who want to challenge the integrity and firmness of the RTD in performing their duties in eradicating the overloading of commercial vehicles / dangerous cargo. Among their recent actions are sending live bullets and slashing the tires of enforcement vehicles.

RTD is working with the Royal Malaysian Police (PDRM) and the Land Public Transport Commission (LPTC) in this special assignment. Severe and commensurate action will be taken to use the provisions of the law through charges in court. RTD will also take action to revoke the Good Driving License (GDL) / Public Service Vehicle (PSV) and Motor Vehicle Licence (MVL)

against the driver and the owner of the vehicle if they stubbornly continue to violate the road laws and endanger the lives of other road users.

RTD would like to stress that there is no compromise to those who commit traffic offenses. Action will be taken according to the provisions of the law to those who commit offenses under the 1987 Road Transport Act. RTD is also committed to implementing continuous enforcement to combat these traffic offenders in ensuring the safety of other road users.

Road Transport Department Malaysia

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