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Crime In Taxation

Cyberjaya, 29 August – The Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia (IRBM) today reminded taxpayers not to take their tax affairs for granted if do not want to be charged under the Income Tax Act (ITA) 1967 and the Anti-Money Laundering And Anti-Terrorism Financing Act 2001(AMLATFA 2001).

Three types of tax offences enacted by the Government of Malaysia on 7 October 2010 as serious in AMLATFA 2001 are:

- Failure to submit the Income Tax Return Form (ITRF) for a year of assessment
- Submit an incorrect return
- Willfully and with intent to evade tax

If found guilty, the offender shall be liable to severe punishment of a fine not exceeding RM5 million or imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years or both for each offence.

The above matter was highlighted by Tan Sri Dr. Mohd Shukor bin Hj. Mahfar, IRBM CEO in a statement today.

He added, IRBM can freeze, seize or forfeit property suspected of the offence during the investigation. During the year 2011, the IRBM has frozen the bank accounts of 1,389 companies and individuals believed to be committing or abetting in the above offence.

He stressed that the actions taken by the IRBM is severe enough to combat tax criminals affecting the peace, economic and political stability of the of the nation.

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