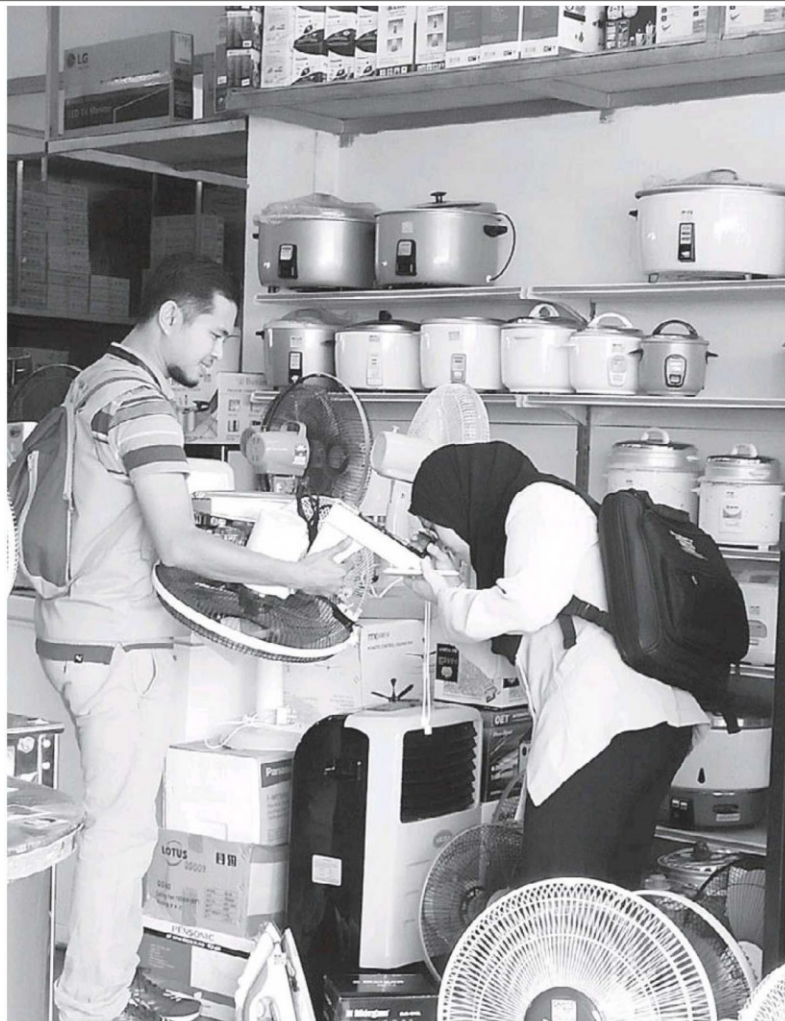


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Officers checking the authenticity of SIRIM and EC stickers during the operation.

Fake electrical equipment seized from business premises

SANDAKAN: The Energy Commission (EC) Sandakan Branch confiscated electrical equipment from several business premises here yesterday.

Sabah's East Coast Director of Energy Commission, Mohd Yusrul Bin Yusop said the confiscated electrical equipment had fake EC and SIRIM stickers and several others had no EC and SIRIM stickers at all.

"In three years of EC operations, we found that some 40 percent of electrical equipment sold by premises here have fake EC and SIRIM stickers or without the EC and SIRIM stickers.

"Prior to this operation, we have given them three notices in order to stop selling those electrical equipment to public.

"However, several premises failed to comply with the rules and EC need to take stern action," he said this to reporters during the operation at a premises in Mile 7, yesterday.

This offence was committed under 97/98 Electrical Rules 1994 which requires manufacturers, importers and sellers to display stickers of EC and SIRIM.

The one-day operation was jointly carried out by EC, SIRIM and Ministry of Domestic Trade, Cooperatives and Consumerism Sandakan Branch.