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**KOTA BAHARU:** The Road Transport Department (RTD) received 26,880 picture-attached complaints through the Multimedia Messaging System (MMS) from the public who managed to catch traffic offenders on mobile cameras.

Its director-general, Datuk Solah Mat Hassan, said of the total received between January and August, 16,349 were solved, 4,659 cases blacklisted and 5,872 others were under investigation.

Among the complaints made through MMS were for beating red lights (7,890 cases), overtaking on double lines (2,012), cutting queues (3,190) and using mobile phones while driving (850), besides

not wearing a helmet (5,597), he told reporters after inspecting the Lembah Kampung Sireh bus terminal here today.

Solah said during the festive season, the RTD would not set up roadblocks, but instead would adopt a more effective measure through public complaints, using the MMS.

When asked whether the public's cooperation in lodging a complaint through MMS was actually violating the law, he said the matter had been discussed in great detail.

"This is because each complaint should be attached with sufficient and clear information like picture, time and place the offence was

allegedly committed before any action can be taken.

"We will also call the alleged traffic offender to our nearest office for questioning," he said.

On inspection on express buses, Solah said the department had carried out inspection at 32 depots or bus terminals nationwide so far to ensure that all traffic regulations were adhered by bus operators.

He also said during the inspections and urine tests conducted with cooperation from the National Anti-Drug Agency, none of the bus drivers tested positive for drugs, except two passengers who were HIV positive.- Bernama