

10/07/2008 : Discounts drawing more to pay summonses

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PETALING JAYA: The number of people settling traffic summonses have doubled since police announced discounts for summonses issued from July 1.

Federal traffic chief Senior Asst Comm II Datuk Hamza Taib said traffic counters nationwide received payments for an average of 10,500 summonses per day compared to 5,100 previously.

"Payments through the Internet via portals *www.rilek.com.my* and *www.myeg.com.my* have also doubled to 1,300 daily compared with 600 before July 1. The incentives have also helped improve the summons payment rate, from 70% at the end of last year to 81%," he told *The Star*.

SAC Hamza said he was confident that the positive numbers recorded would remain for a long time and could even be the new benchmark in traffic summons settlement nationwide.

He said the public lauded the latest move by the traffic police but admitted there were certain people who might think the incentive could be interpreted as encouragement for offenders to further flout the law.

"We will continue to enforce the law and the new incentive does not mean we will be allowing traffic offenders off the hook for their offences," he added.

"Motorists summoned during *Ops Sikap* for not stopping at red lights, causing accidents as well as those issued arrest warrants will not be eligible for discounts or even entertained."