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Errant department heads getting titles and promotions

SHAH ALAM: Auditor-General Tan Sri Ambrin Buang says he is saddened by cases of errant heads of government departments and agencies being decorated and rewarded.

He, however, did not identify who they were.

Ambrin said the senior government officials concerned had been decorated and given promotions although they had disregarded the Government's financial management regulations and procedures.

Such a lackadaisical attitude on the part of these officials had caused the Government to suffer huge financial losses, he said.

"It is indeed sad to see such officers being promoted and decorated with excellence service awards, medals and titles," he said at a function here yesterday to mark Malaysian Auditors Day.

Ambrin also expressed concern that the poor attitude of the department and agency heads would in turn affect their subordinates.

"Their staff too will have no regard for rules and procedures. And this will have a negative effect on financial and accounting records, which will become messy. Cheating, abuse of power, extravagance and even corruption can occur," he said.

He said that all heads of departments and agencies must uphold the principles of accountability and integrity. – Bernama