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JOHOR BAHRU: A total of 423 cases involving commercial crime and losses totalling RM15.6 million were recorded in Johor throughout May.

State police chief CP M. Kumar said the numbers have increased from 273 cases and losses totalling RM6.88 million recorded in May last year.

He said cases of fraud were the highest contributor, recording 373 cases and the greatest total losses reported this year.

"The fraud cases include 101 cases of online purchases, 65 non-existent transactions, 42 phone scams, 45 non-existent loans and 42 involving other crimes," he said in a statement.

Kumar said his team was committed to continuously carrying out commercial crime awareness campaigns face to face as well as through social media.

The public is advised to be vigilant and aware of trends in commercial crime to avoid becoming victims of fraud, in addition to obtaining information related to the *modus operandi* of commercial crime schemes through the Commercial Crime Investigation Department (CCID) official accounts, such as @cybercrimealert and @JSJK_PDRM on Facebook, Instagram and TikTok.

"We also suggest the public use the CCID infoline and *Semak Mule* service before making any payment." – Bernama