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Excise and Taxation Department Rawalpindi has sealed 240 commercial and residential properties here during last five days for non-payment of property tax while 60 token tax defaulters' vehicles were also impounded.

According to Excise and Taxation department spokesman, the city has been divided into four sectors and special squads comprising 13 inspectors under the supervision of Excise and Taxation Officer (ETO), are conducting raids and the properties of tax defaulters are being sealed.

He said, on the directives of authorities concerned, now cases would also be registered against the defaulters. He informed that the department also recovered property tax arrears amounting to over three million rupees.

The properties whose owners had not submitted their property tax dues were sealed in different areas. The Excise and Taxation department during its special campaign launched on the directive of Director Excise and Taxation, is also checking vehicles in the division and recovering outstanding dues of token tax.

Excise and Taxation Motor Branch impounded 60 vehicles and motorcycles during general hold up operation launched against token tax defaulters and without registration vehicles in the city under the supervision of ETO.

As many as 150 vehicles were also challaned. The operation was launched in Civil Line, Pirwadhai, Cantt, Chakari Road and other areas. Most of the impounded vehicles' owners had defaulted on payment of life time token tax, token tax while others did not have proper registration documents.

As many as 550 vehicles and motorcycles were checked during the operation. The vehicles running on city roads with cancelled registration numbers are also being impounded. He informed that there will be two days general hold up for token tax defaulter vehicles while checking on various roads will be made on daily basis.

The teams tasked with the checking duty will continue their work and strict action in accordance with the law would be taken against the rules violators. Unregistered vehicles are also being impounded.

He urged the owners of properties and vehicles to pay their property taxes and vehicles token taxes at the earliest otherwise strict action against the defaulters would be taken under the law.