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Tighter security for Selayang markets



Preventive measures: Shoppers to the Section 16 morning market washing their hands after being sprayed with disinfectant provided by Shah Alam Municipal Council.

PETALING JAYA: Police and soldiers will be deployed to the Selayang wholesale and wet markets to enforce social distancing as the situation concerning crowding in the two markets has not changed, says Senior Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob.

This move was needed following the failure of traders and consumers at the market to follow social distancing rules during the enhanced movement control order (MCO) period, he added.

“(Traders and buyers at the) Selayang wholesale and wet markets are still crowding together without following the standard operating

procedure (SOP), such as having a physical distance of one metre between each other.

“So, now we have decided to deploy police and army personnel to the markets to ensure that everyone adheres to the SOP placed by the Health Ministry and the police,” he added.

He said that the presence of police and army personnel at the markets will help to improve the situation, as what has been seen at the Air Itam market in Penang.

Eight individuals from the market have been found to be positive with Covid-19.

Ismail Sabri also clarified that all agricultural activities in the country are allowed during the enhanced MCO period.

“Every activity and operation related to the agricultural industry is allowed. This also includes transporting agricultural products,” he said.

The Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry was also monitoring prices to ensure that traders did not raise prices of goods indiscriminately, he said.

“There are some who reported that food is running out. I want to give my guarantee that based on reports by the Agriculture and Food Industries Minister (Datuk Seri Dr Ronald Kiandee), there is enough food supply,” said Ismail Sabri.

“So there is no need to worry whether there will be enough food for them (Malaysians), as there is enough food supply to sustain (us).”

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Keperluan makanan rakyat mencukupi

Kerajaan nafi dakwaan Malaysia berdepan dengan kekurangan makanan

Oleh MOHD HAFIZ ISMAIL

PUTRAJAYA

Kerajaan menafikan dakwaan bahawa Malaysia kini berdepan dengan kekurangan makanan seperti yang tersebar di media sosial.

Menteri Kanan (Kluster Keselamatan), Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob berkata, berdasarkan kenyataan daripada Kementerian Pertanian dan Industri Makanan, kerajaan memberi jaminan bahawa makanan bagi keperluan rakyat adalah mencukupi.

“Rakyat tidak perlu ragu-ragu sama ada makanan mereka akan cukup atau tidak kerana ia mencukupi. Selain itu, terdapat aduan orang ramai kepada Kementerian Pertanian dan Industri Makanan mengenai kenaikan mendadak beberapa barang di pasar.

“Kita dimaklumkan oleh Kementerian Perdagangan Dalam Negeri dan Hal Ehwal Pengguna (KPDNHEP) bahawa penguat kuasa mereka sentiasa melakukan pantauan di premis-premis menjual keperluan asas rakyat supaya harga



ISMAIL SABRI

tidak dinaikkan sewenang-wenangnya. Jika ada peniaga ambil kesempatan, sila hubungi pihak berkuasa KPDNHEP,” katanya pada sidang akhbar di sini semalam.

Dalam pada itu, beliau berkata, wujud kekeliruan berkaitan operasi pertanian dan kerajaan menjelaskan bahawa setiap aktiviti atau operasi berkaitan sektor itu dibenarkan ketika Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP) dilaksanakan.

“Bukan setakat pengeluar tetapi semua yang terlibat dalam rantaian pertanian dibenarkan beroperasi. Ini bermakna kenderaan pengangkutan pertanian dibenarkan bergerak.

“Begitu juga dengan penjualan produk pertanian di mana-mana tempat seperti pasar raya, pasar

awam atau pusat jualan barangan segar terkawal. Segala aktiviti berkaitan pertanian seperti pembungkusan produk pertanian dibenarkan. Tidak ada isu produk makanan kita tidak mencukupi,” katanya.

Mengulas lanjut, katanya, polis dan tentera akan ditempatkan di Pasar Borong Selayang dekat Kuala Lumpur susulan pengguna yang bersesak dan tidak mematuhi standard operasi prosedur (SOP) Kementerian Kesihatan.

Sementara itu, beliau berkata, penduduk di kawasan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Diperketatkan (PKPD) yang ingin membuat pesanan barangan keperluan tambahan seperti produk basah, lampin pakai buang bayi dan sebagainya boleh membuat pesanan daripada pusat operasi yang diwujudkan.

Bagaimanapun, katanya, kos barangan tambahan tersebut ditanggung sendiri oleh mereka yang memerlukan.

“Memang kita menghantar produk basah kepada penduduk kerana mereka tidak boleh bergerak ke mana-mana. Apa sahaja keperluan yang diperlukan oleh penduduk, mereka boleh mengadu di pusat-pusat yang disediakan.

“Keperluan setiap berbeza-beza. Kita tidak tahu siapa memerlukan lampin pakai buang atau susu bayi, jadi mereka perlu buat aduan kepada pusat ini,” katanya.

Headline	Sabah perlu atasi segera masalah lambakan sayur di Kundasang		
MediaTitle	Sinar Harian		
Date	06 Apr 2020	Color	Black/white
Section	Nasional	Circulation	140,000
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Language	Malay	ArticleSize	193 cm ²
Journalist	N/A	AdValue	RM 2,162
Frequency	Daily	PR Value	RM 6,486



Sabah perlu atasi segera masalah lambakan sayur di Kundasang

KOTA KINABALU - Kerajaan Sabah digesa supaya segera menyelesaikan masalah lambakan sayur di Kundasang yang menyebabkan lebih 300 orang peniaga sayur mengalami kerugian.

Ketua Unit Kampong Lipasu, Pertubuhan Peladang Kawasan (PPK) Kinabalu, Jailin Nazrin mengingatkan kerajaan negeri, khususnya Menteri Pertanian dan Industri Makanan (KPIM) Sabah, Datuk Wong Hong Jun @Junz Wong agar tidak lepas tangan dan membiarkan masalah itu berlarutan.

Menurutnya, masalah lambakan sayur di tanah tinggi itu disebabkan oleh Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP), selain arahan kerajaan negeri menerusi Pusat Arahan Covid-19 Sabah.

Katanya, masalah itu semakin serius kerana pemborong sayur dari luar Kundasang tidak dibenarkan masuk dan memborong sayur di daerah berkenaan.

"Lori-lori dari luar juga tidak dibenarkan beroperasi, masuk dan mengangkut sayur di Kundasang atas arahan kerajaan negeri.

"Mengikut prosedur (arahan)

PKP, rangkaian makanan sepatutnya tidak boleh diganggu dan kerajaan negeri khususnya Pusat Arahan Covid-19 Sabah sepatutnya patuh seperti yang dilakukan di Semenanjung Malaysia bagi menyelesaikan masalah lambakan sayur di Sabah.

"Kerajaan negeri sepatutnya membantu mempermudah pengeluaran dan penghantaran rantai-

an makanan ini," katanya dalam satu kenyataan semalam.

Beliau berkata demikian sebagai mengulas laporan media bahawa lebih 300 orang peniaga sayur di Kundasang mengalami kerugian selepas berlakunya lambakan sayur ber-

ikutan pelaksanaan PKP.

Sementara itu, Pengerusi Persatuan Penjaja Kundasang, Mariana Taliban berkata, lambakan sayur semakin banyak apabila PKP memasuki minggu kedua.

"Kami terpaksa mengambil inisiatif menghantar semua sayur yang ada ke Kota Kinabalu untuk dijual dengan separuh harga supaya ia tidak dibuang begitu sahaja.

"Lambakan sayur turut diagihkan kepada beberapa kampung di Ranau untuk elak pembaziran," katanya.

Kerajaan Negeri sepatutnya membantu mempermudah pengeluaran dan penghantaran rangkaian makanan ini."

Headline	Bekalan makanan keperluan domestik cukup		
Media Title	Berita Harian		
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Section	Nasional	Circulation	82,252
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Language	Malay	ArticleSize	1323 cm ²
Journalist	N/A	AdValue	RM 43,977
Frequency	Daily	PR Value	RM 131,930



Makanan cukup, harga terkawal

Kerajaan beri jaminan bekalan makanan mencukupi, justeru tidak sepatutnya berlaku pembelian panik. Semua aktiviti pertanian, penangkapan ikan dibenarkan sepanjang PKP termasuk seluruh rantaian pengedaran dan pembekalan input.

Penguat kuasa KPDNHEP sentiasa pantau premis perniagaan untuk pastikan tiada yang menaikkan harga sesuka hati. Jika didapati ada peniaga berbuat demikian hubungi KPDNHEP.

Muka 2

Terkini COVID-19

90

pulih, dibenar keluar hospital, semalam

179

kes baharu disahkan, semalam

61

jumlah kematian dicatat

3,662

jumlah kes disahkan positif



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Penularan COVID-19

Bekalan makanan keperluan domestik cukup

Kerajaan arah KPDNHEP pantau peniaga, elak kenaikan harga produk makanan

Kuala Lumpur: Kerajaan sekali lagi memberi jaminan bekalan makanan untuk keperluan semua adalah mencukupi dan meminta orang ramai tidak mempercayai dakwaan kononnya negara berdepan kekurangan.

Sambil menyanggah beberapa laporan media yang disifatkan sebagai separuh benar atau palsu, Menteri Kanan (Keselamatan), Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob, berkata laporan dikemukakan Kementerian Pertanian dan Industri Makanan mendapati simpanan bekalan makanan adalah mencukupi untuk menampung keperluan semasa domestik.

Ismail Sabri yang juga Menteri Pertahanan menegaskan dakwaan Malaysia ketika ini berdepan kekurangan bekalan makanan adalah tidak berasas sama sekali.

"Laporan semasa dikemukakan Kementerian Pertanian dan Industri Makanan mendapati sim-

panan bekalan makanan mencukupi untuk menampung keperluan negara.

"Jadi, rakyat tidak perlu bimbang atau ragu-ragu mengenai status bekalan makanan mereka kerana ia mencukupi.

"Oleh itu, tiada keperluan untuk melakukan pembelian panik," katanya pada sidang media selepas Mesyuarat Khas Menteri Mengenai Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP) di Putrajaya, semalam.

Ismail Sabri juga berkata, bagi menyokong pengeluaran produk makanan, sektor pertanian dan perikanan, termasuk keseluruhan rantaian perniagaan seperti perkilangan, logistik serta pemasaran dibenarkan terus beroperasi sepanjang PKP yang sedang berkuat kuasa.

Katanya, kebenaran itu diberi bagi menenangkan rakyat yang bimbang kepada sektor berkenaan berupaya mendapat bekalan mencukupi.

Merungkil kekeliruan mengenai sebelum ini, beliau berkata, operasi seperti penanaman padi, penangkapan ikan dan pergerakan kenderaan yang mengangkut hasil pertanian tidak akan disekat pihak berkuasa.

"Semua aktiviti dan operasi berkaitan sektor pertanian dibenar-

kan, justeru ada yang tanya, boleh ke nak tanam padi, tabur benih padi, tangkap ikan oleh nelayan?"

"Kita nak jelaskan, bukan sekadar pengeluaran sahaja, tetapi apa juga berkaitan pertanian dibenarkan, termasuk kenderaan pengangkutan pertanian yang tidak akan dikenakan sekatan," katanya.

Kejelasan beliau susulan laporan sebelum ini mendakwa sejumlah pengusaha pertanian terpaksa menubung hasil mereka selepas terkandas di sekatan jalan raya, sekali gus merencatkan proses pengangkutan ke pusat jualan,

Jadi, rakyat tidak perlu bimbang atau ragu-ragu mengenai status bekalan makanan mereka kerana ia mencukupi. Oleh itu, tiada keperluan untuk melakukan pembelian panik.

Ismail Sabri Yaakob, Menteri Kanan (Keselamatan)



Ismail Sabri pada sidang media selepas mempengerusikan Mesyuarat Khas Menteri Mengenai Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP) di Putrajaya, semalam. (Foto BERNAMA)

sebelum ada petani enggan meneruskan kegiatan mereka kerana khuatir ditahan pihak berkuasa kerana melanggar PKP.

Ismail Sabri berkata, pertanian dan perikanan adalah keperluan asas masyarakat, justeru rantaian aktiviti pengeluaran produk itu diperluaskan mengikut tatacara kawalan PKP.

"Sebab itu juga kita beri kebenaran kepada Lembaga Pemasaran Pertanian Persekutuan (FAMA) membuka pusat jualan barangan segar untuk memenuhi keperluan pengguna.

"Ingin saya jelaskan, kebenaran diberikan kepada rantaian sektor pertanian, termasuk aktiviti dan pengeluaran baja," katanya.

Sementara itu, Ismail Sabri berkata, kerajaan juga menandatangani rangkutan mengenai kawalan harga produk makanan secara mendadak ketika penguat-

kuasaan PKP berlangsung ketika ini.

Katanya, kerajaan tidak akan bertolak ansur terhadap mana-mana peniaga yang cuba menaut keuntungan melampaui dengan menaikkan harga produk makanan dalam pasaran.

Penguat kuasa Kementerian Perdagangan Dalam Negeri dan Hal Ehwal Pengguna (KPDNHEP) sudah melakukan pemantauan terhadap semua premis perniagaan yang menjual produk makanan.

"Kita nak pastikan (tada) peniaga yang menaikkan harga secara sewenang-wenangnya. Jika ada, sila hubungi pejabat KPDNHEP berdekatan supaya tindakan tegas boleh diambil.

"Kita tidak akan beri ruang kepada sesiapa untuk ambil kesempatan terhadap rakyat dalam waktu krisis ini," katanya.



Kerajaan mengarahkan KPDNHEP memantau peniaga bagi mengelakkan kenaikan harga produk makanan dan pengguna turut diingati tidak melakukan pembelian panik.

Headline	Govt urged to solve vegetable dumping in Kundasang		
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Section	Home	Circulation	18,290
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Language	English	ArticleSize	314 cm ²
Journalist	N/A	AdValue	RM 1,751
Frequency	Daily (EM)	PR Value	RM 5,253



MOVEMENT CONTROL ORDER PHASE 2 FOOD & DAILY ESSENTIALS PREMISES



Daily essentials outlets 8 am - 8 pm

- Social distancing (1 metre)
- Limit the number of shoppers at any one time
- One way in, one way out
- The time limit for each customer: 15 minutes (grocery stores) 30 minutes (supermarkets)
- Security control to be provided by business operators

Restaurants 8 am - 8 pm



- Dine in & drive through not allowed
- Delivery only

Motorcycle delivery 8 am - 8 pm



- Basic foodstuff, ready-to-eat food, agri-produce, cooking gas & medicines

e-commerce 24 hours



- Delivery from 8 am - 8 pm



ONE HOUSEHOLD, ONE BUYER RULE

Source: National Security Council

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Bernama Infographics

Govt urged to solve vegetable dumping in Kundasang

KOTA KINABALU: The state government has been urged to solve the vegetable dumping problem in Kundasang, which caused over 300 sellers to suffer losses.

Pertubuhan Peladang Kawasan (PPK) Kinabalu, Kampong Lipasu unit leader Jallin Nazrin reminded the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry, led by Minister Datuk Wong Hong Jun @ Junz, not to neglect the issue or allow it to drag on.

Jallin said the vegetable dumping problem in the highlands occurred due to the Movement Control Order (MCO), in addition to state government directives.

According to him, the issue worsened when vegetable wholesalers from other districts were not allowed into Kundasang.

"Trucks from outside the district are not allowed to operate, enter and transport vegetables from Kundasang, by orders of the state government. However, following MCO procedure or instruction, food supply chain should not be disrupted.

"The state government, specifically the Sabah Covid-19 Command Centre, should adhere to what is being done in West Malaysia to settle the vegetable dumping problem here. Authorities should help ease the process of producing and supplying food," said Jallin.

He went on to say that produce were among essential daily needs with ongoing production, and it needed to be sold as it was one of the people's staple foods.

Jallin was responding to media reports which stated that more than 300 vegetable sellers in Kundasang suffered losses following the enforcement of the MCO.

According to Persatuan Penjaja Kundasang chairperson Mariana Taliban, vegetable dumping became more prevalent after the second week of the MCO. As a result, sellers had no choice but to send their produce to Kota Kinabalu to be sold at half price, so as



Jallin

to avoid wastage.

"Unsold vegetables are also distributed to some villages in Ranau. This is to avoid waste and is a form of aid for families living in more remote areas with limited access," she said.

Jallin added that if the MCO is extended, more losses would be suffered by sellers and farmers not only in Kundasang but throughout the state.

He further said as the minister in charge should know better as the matter had recently been brought up at the Agriculture Exco meeting in Kuala Lumpur, with federal Minister of Agriculture and Food Industry, Datuk Seri Dr Ronald Kiandee.

"As the minister, Junz Wong should help to ease the food supply chain in Sabah so that it is not disrupted, in line with the decision by the federal government," he said.

Headline	FARMERS AND FISHERMEN ALLOWED TO WORK		
Media Title	New Straits Times		
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Section	Local News	Circulation	36,278
Page No	8	Readership	108,834
Language	English	ArticleSize	543 cm ²
Journalist	N/A	AdValue	RM 18,718
Frequency	Daily	PR Value	RM 56,153



MCO EXCEPTION

FARMERS AND FISHERMEN ALLOWED TO WORK

Agricultural, fisheries supply chain may operate as usual, says defence minister

KUALA LUMPUR

ALL agricultural and fisheries product supply chains are allowed to operate as usual during the Movement Control Order (MCO).

Defence Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob said this applied to all levels of the supply chain, including logistics and operations, such as shops selling fertilisers and product packaging factories.

"The agricultural and fisheries supply chain is allowed to operate as usual. Farmers can plant padi, fishermen can go fishing.

"That's why we opened more controlled fresh markets so that the people can buy fresh produce. We know and understand that people need fresh produce, so there is no hindrance to the delivery of agricultural products or operations," he said at a press conference yesterday.

He said the Agriculture and Food Industries Ministry had given the assurance that there was sufficient food supply and urged the people not to worry.

He said reports claiming that food supply was inadequate were false.

"The Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry, through its enforcement officers, is monitoring the prices of goods. If anyone finds that there are parties



People buying chilli at the Selayang wholesale market yesterday. Police and armed forces personnel will be stationed at the market to ensure people adhere to social distancing rules. PIC BY ROHANIS SHUKRI

increasing the prices of necessities, please lodge a complaint with the ministry."

Ismail Sabri said the special ministerial committee on MCO had agreed to station police and armed forces personnel at the Selayang wholesale market. This, he said, was because people were crowding the market and not practising social distancing rules.

"We did this at the Ayer Itam market in Penang, and people started following the standard operating procedure. So we decided to station police and armed forces personnel at the Selayang wholesale market as well."

On the supply of necessities to Enhanced MCO (EMCO) areas, Ismail Sabri said residents in the affected areas could request for the items they needed at the area's monitoring centre.

He said the centre was also tasked with distributing their orders.

"They can order whatever they need through the centre, such as infant diapers. We do not distribute infant diapers to all households because we do not know whether they are needed.

"If you need meat or even toothpaste, you can request for it at the centre and the officer on duty will help to get it."

The EMCO is in force in Simpang Renggam in Johor, Sungai Lui in Hulu Langat, Selangor, and Menara City One in Kuala Lumpur.

The public have been reminded to cooperate with the police and adhere to the MCO.

Ismail Sabri said the police were taking stringent measures for the health and safety of the public and to stop the spread of Covid-19.

"I ask everyone to please cooperate with the police. Now we're seeing arrests not only for those flouting the MCO, but also for obstructing police from discharging their duties. Don't ob-

struct them. Please cooperate."

He said although the police had recorded an 11 per cent drop in the number of arrests from 413 on Friday to 368 on Saturday, many still violated the rules, with some charged under the Penal Code for obstruction of justice.

From the 368 arrests, Ismail Sabri said, 309 had been remanded, while 59 were granted bail.

"Some people even rammed into roadblocks. Last night (Saturday), a police officer was injured when a motorcyclist rammed into a police roadblock."

He reminded people that the police had the best intentions in mind, which are to ensure the safety of Malaysians.

Up to yesterday, Ismail Sabri said the Housing and Local Government Ministry had carried public sanitisation exercises in 83 areas in 11 states, including 41 areas in Johor and 13 areas in Kuala Lumpur.

Among the areas that had been sanitised were houses of worship, markets, supermarkets and residential areas.

"The ministry had also sanitised 32,268 People's Housing Project units in high-risk areas.

"Sanitised areas include the inside and outside of the residential units, surau, multipurpose halls and playgrounds."

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All food-supply chain contributors to receive assistance

LUYANG: The State Government is extending a hand to all who are contributing to the food-supply chain, said Minister of Agriculture and Food Industry Datuk Junz Wong.

"The Sabah Government will help all who are contributing to the food-supply chain regardless of whether they are under B40 or M40. Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry Sabah (MAFI) will channel RM300 to your bank account if you are rubber tappers, farmers, fruits planters, fishermen and breeders.

"For those who have already registered under my ministry, we have your details but we need your bank account. So please come forward to submit your bank account to the respective district agencies according to your sector," he said.

For example, Junz said if they are rubber tappers in Tenom, they can go to LIGS Tenom office; if they are fishermen in Kudat, they can go to Kudat Fishery Department office; and if they are fruit planters in Kota Marudu, they can go to the Pertanian office in Kota Marudu.

"I will also try to help those not registered under any agencies of MAFI. Please also come forward because we need to identify you. We need your details so that my ministry can help you.



Junz

"To be fair, every applicant will only be helped once. If you rear chickens (breeder) and plant chilli (farmer) at the same time, you will only receive RM300 instead of RM600."

Junz, who is also Warisan Sabah vice president, said a holistic plan to resolve problems faced by agropreneurs during the MCO period is also underway.

"Apart from short-term relief, a holistic plan to resolve problems faced by local players contributing to the food chain is to be finalised soon. The holistic plan will tackle issues involving local produces, marketing, logistics, transportation and sales, which will also address issues pertaining to food chain related industries such as fertilizers, seedlings, animal feed and fish mills," he said.

Junz assured all that his ministry will do its level best to make sure they help farmers and fishermen survive this crisis, in order to sustain the continuity of food supply in Sabah.

He also urged Sabah agro players to apply for any available assistance in the meantime.

"There are also schemes and assistances decided in my first national exco meeting with Federal Agriculture Minister, Datuk Dr. Ronald Kiandee, on March 31.

"You can apply for aids programmes like the RM4.5 billion micro credit loan, the RM1,600 one-off Bantuan Prihatin Nasional, the up to RM2,000 employee-wage subsidy from Perkeso, the 15% - 50% electricity rebate (aquaculture and close door breeders) and the programmes funded through Lembaga Kemajuan Ikan Malaysia and Lembaga Pertubuhan Peladang."