

No sudden hikes in chicken prices

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An enforcement team inspect vendors at Emart Tudan wet market.

MIRI: The people have been assured that there will be no sudden hikes in the prices of chickens and chicken eggs.

“Regarding the situation in some states in West Malaysia, we would most likely not have price hikes for these two controlled items,” assured Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumers Affairs (KPDNHEP) Miri enforcement chief Joe Azmi Jamil when met after inspecting the wet markets in Emart Tudan yesterday.

In several states in Malaya — for example in Penang — the price for fresh chicken is RM9.50 per kg, nearly 50 percent costlier than in March.

On his inspection yesterday, Joe was satisfied with the ceiling prices set for chickens and chicken eggs, as well as other controlled items including local and imported beef.

“Traders are complying with the price control scheme for the Hari Raya festivities,” he said, adding that most traders were selling beef below the ceiling price.

From January 1 until May 20 this year, the ministry has seized RM241,236.53 worth of goods and issued RM6,850 in compounds for various offences under the Control of Supplies Act 1961 and the Price Control and Anti-Profiteering Act 2011. They have also inspected 2,671 premises in urban and rural areas in this division, with 49 cases being investigated.

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