

Sufficient supply of food items in Johor

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Supply of food items still arrives and the transportation of goods is on schedule in Johor. — Filepic

MUAR: There is enough supply of food and other essential items in Johor, with no panic buying reported since the movement control order (MCO) was imposed.

State unity, trade and consumer affairs committee chairman Dr Chong Fat Full said despite some initial problems in the manufacturing sector, supply was enough to cater to demand in the state.

"Manufacturers are operating with limited manpower due to MCO but supply still arrives and the transportation of goods is on schedule," he said after visiting a few supermarkets in Pekan Baru, Muar.

Also present was state women development, family and community committee chairman Zaiton Ismail.

Dr Chong said a total of 1,690 premises were inspected by the state Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry (KPDNHEP) involving supermarkets, public markets, grocery stores, wholesalers and manufacturers during phase two of the MCO from April 1 to April 14.

“So far we have not received any reports of panic buying and the buying trend appears normal as buyers have become accustomed to the MCO,” he added.

He said KPDNHEP enforcement unit will continue to monitor market conditions during the third phase of MCO.



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“We are also depending on reports from the public on any such cases because we cannot place our officers everywhere.

“The public must provide accurate and detailed reports on any misconduct in the market.

“At the same time, the public must know that there are items that are not on the controlled items list, with prices based on market forces.

“If demand is high for some items but supply is low, the prices may vary,” he added.

Johor KPDNHEP enforcement chief Mohd Hairul Anuar Bohro said the department had received 247 reports during the MCO, with 55% of the reports on overpriced items, no price tags and selling controlled items beyond the allowed price.

“Some 10 business owners were fined RM2,000 each during the MCO,” he said, adding that 20% of the reports involved online businesses.

The public can channel information or complaints on a lack of supply or price increase throughout the MCO to <https://eaduan.kpdnhep.gov.my>, call 1-800-886-800 or email e-aduan@kpdnhep.gov.my or alternatively use the Ez Adu KPDNHEP app, call 03-8882 6088/6245 or WhatsApp 019-279 4317.

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