

635 notices issued to barbers, beauty salon operators

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PUTRAJAYA (June 17): The Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs (KPDNHEP) has issued a total of 635 show-cause notices to barbers, hairdressers and beauty salons nationwide over suspicion of profiteering.

Minister Datuk Alexander Nanta Linggi said the show-cause notices were issued to the operators not only over suspicion of profiteering but also to serve as a warning for them to comply with the laws.

"Those notices were issued prior to the implementation of the movement control order (MCO) and during the recovery MCO (RMCO).

"Those who fail to submit to the notices within the stipulated period or are found to be profiteering will face stern action under the Price Control and Anti-Profiteering Act 2011," he told Bernama in a special interview here yesterday.

He said that since the implementation of the RMCO on June 10, the ministry had carried out enforcement under Ops Catut 7.0 by targeting service providers to prevent profiteering.

Commenting on the latest petroleum product prices, Nanta said KPDNHEP would ensure that petrol station operators comply with the ceiling prices set by the Ministry of Finance.

"I understand the complaints raised by consumers often shared on social media pertaining to increases in prices of petroleum products.

"I want to emphasise that the ceiling prices of petroleum products are determined by the Ministry of Finance using the Automated Pricing Mechanism (APM) formula influenced by refined products' prices in line with global crude oil prices," he said.

He also stressed that the government will consider appropriate action or mechanisms to be implemented should prices rise to an unreasonable level.

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