

Aidilfitri Price Control Scheme to be announced today



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THE Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs (KPDNHEP) will announce the Price Control Scheme for the upcoming Hari Raya Aidilfitri celebration, said Senior Minister (Security Cluster) Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob.

Ismail Sabri said he was advised by KPDNHEP Minister Datuk Alexander Nanta Linggi that the ceiling prices of certain items will be revealed today.

"The price of a food item which will be used most for the upcoming Aidilfitri celebration will be controlled with a ceiling price set to it," he said in a daily press briefing yesterday.

Ismail Sabri said as of May 17, KPDNHEP found that the overall supply of essential goods is sufficient and able to meet the needs of the country continuously.

"This was found through KPDNHEP's daily monitoring of 25 types of supply at 1,003 business premises, including retailers (823), wholesalers (149) and manufacturers (31).

"Also, a total of 3,015 price and supply complaints have been recorded through the e-complaint system for actions to be taken," he added.

Ismail Sabri also said actions will be taken if any traders, manufacturers, wholesalers or retailers take an advantage to increase the prices of goods substantially.

According to Ismail Sabri, the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry has indicated that the current status of food supply for major food items such as meat, fish, vegetables and fruits are stable and adequate.

"The current volume of rice stocks, taking into account local production and imports, is stable, regulated and consistent to meet the domestic demand. Therefore, the people do not have to worry about the rice supply in the market," he said.

Separately, the minister also said over a thousand commuters attempting to return to their hometowns for Hari Raya celebration were told to turn back.

He said police stopped a total of 1,175 vehicles who tried to cross state borders "with this same excuse". In total, 24,000 vehicles were checked and 104 people were arrested across 148 roadblocks at state borders on Sunday where a total of 156,096 vehicles were checked.

Meanwhile, 49,019 tertiary students were sent home to be with their families between April 27 and May 17, 2020.

"Some 1,646 higher learning students were sent back to their hometowns on Sunday. A total of 652 students were sent back to Sarawak via four flights from Kuala Lumpur (KL) to Miri, Kuching, Bintulu and Sibiu.

"Another 574 students were flown from KL to Kota Kinabalu by two flights. Students who head back to Sabah will have to undergo swab tests first and those who test negative will be flown back and will be quarantined at home," he added.

Besides that, a flight from Kuching took 160 students to Kota Kinabalu, whereas one shuttle from Bintulu to Kota Kinabalu sent 227 students home.

For intrastate students, 33 students in Sabah were sent back to their hometowns, the minister said.

There are still 7,384 students from Sabah and 2,207 students from Sarawak who have not been sent home from their campuses in Peninsular Malaysia due to the lack of quarantine facilities in Sabah.

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