

## Ministry: Enough supply of essential food in Limbang

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**Awang Tengah, flanked by Ahmad Denny (right) and Paulus, updates reporters on the status of the supply of essentials items in Limbang.**

**MIRI:** The Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs (KPDNHEP) assures the people that there are sufficient supplies of essentials food items for the current Ramadan month and also for the upcoming Hari Raya Aidilfitri and Gawai Dayak celebrations.

Nonetheless, it would continue to intensify its enforcement operations to keep things under control during the current Conditional Movement Control Order (CMCO) period.

In this respect, Deputy Chief Minister Datuk Amar Awang Tengah Ali Hasan says the enforcement is crucial in ensuring that no trader would take advantage of the Covid-19 situation by doing unethical practices that could cause shortage of goods, or by increasing the prices of essential items.

“From Jan 1 to May 13, 2020, KPDNHEP Limbang had inspected 2,285 business premises including manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers covering both the urban and rural areas – resulting in 31 cases with seizures of goods valued at RM1,489,684.95 and total compounds of RM3,250,” he said in a statement, released by KPDNHEP Kuching yesterday.

Awang Tengah, who is also chairman of the food supply chain sub-committee of the State Disaster Management Committee (SDMC) Sarawak, recently conducted inspection on several commercial premises in Limbang to gain first-hand information about the status of essentials item supplies in the division.

Accompanied by Batu Danau assemblyman Paulus Palu Gumbang, Limbang Resident Ahmad Denney Ahmad Fauzi and KPDNHEP Limbang chief Pulnama Tarah, Awang Tengah visited a few wholesaler's facilities at Kubong Road, namely Quantity Plus Sdn Bhd, S Ahmad and Sons, and Chop Poh Huat Trading Sdn Bhd; as well as Zohrah (Ready-Mix) Sdn Bhd at Buangsiol Road.

On the status of essential items in Limbang Division, Awang Tengah assured everyone that there was sufficient supply.

The current available stocks of items monitored by KPDNHEP Limbang comprises eggs at 242,400kg, chicken meat at 10,350kg, cooking oil at 95.7 metric tonnes, wheat flour at 21.4 metric tonnes, sugar at 31.4 metric tonnes, rice at 118.9 metric tonnes, and liquefied natural gas (LPG) at 3,091 cylinder tanks.

Awang Tengah – also the state's Minister of International Trade and Industry, Industrial Terminal and Entrepreneur Development – reminded all traders to always be ethical in conducting their business.

At the same time, he also called upon the consumers to always cooperate and be in touch with the authorities, especially in matters concerning unethical and illegal trading practices.

To report suspected cases, call KPDNHEP hotline 1-800-886-800, or lodge complaints via <http://e-aduan.kpdnhep.gov.my>, or via WhatsApp number 019-279 4317.

Alternatively, call KPDNHEP Limbang office via 085-217 414 / KPDNHEP Lawas office via 085-283 650.

KPDNHEP operations rooms are open from 8am to 5.30pm daily during the CMCO period.

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