

## Awg Tengah assures sufficient supply of food, necessities for Ramadan, Aidilfitri, Gawai

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**KUCHING:** There will be sufficient supply of food and necessities for the current Ramadan fasting month and the Hari Raya Aidilfitri and Gawai Dayak festivities, assured Deputy Chief Minister Datuk Amar Awang Tengah Ali Hasan.



**Awang Tengah fields questions at the press conference**

"The current stock can last for another three months. What need to be replenished, we can replenish the stock," he told reporters after chairing the Food Supply Chain Sub-Committee meeting yesterday.

He said based on information given by Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs (KPDNHEP), about 1.85 million chicken eggs are produced daily in the state.

Also, about 91,000 chickens and 158 metric tonnes of cooking oil are produced daily for consumers in Sarawak, he added.



“The current stock of rice is 32,971 metric tonnes, flour is 1,100 metric tonnes, sugar 2,936 metric tonnes and LPG cylinders about 80,000 tanks,” he said.

Aidilfitri is scheduled to be celebrated after the end of Ramadan on May 24, while Gawai falls a week later on June 1.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the celebrations of both festivities are expected to be small-scale even if the Movement Control Order (MCO) is not extended after May 12.

Awang Tengah said 250 enforcement officials and 103 price-checking officials from KPDNHEP are monitoring the supply of items and also to ensure the items are sold reasonably.

“The inspection and monitoring are ongoing. During this MCO, a total of 7,709 premises have been inspected to ensure there is sufficient supply and items are sold at appropriate price.

“The inspection will be increased in the days just before Hari Raya and Gawai,” he added.

He also assured Sarawakians that the 800 points of sales (POS) in the rural areas of Sarawak will also have sufficient supply because the monthly quota for the POS in May will be increased to ensure there is enough food and necessities for the Aidilfitri and Gawai festive periods.

On another matter, Awang Tengah said a total of 380,568 heads of households have received food baskets under the Sarawakku Sayang food aid programme.

He also said the distribution had been done fairly and efficiently, and even urban poor families received the aid.

“The food aid distribution was implemented despite the challenges faced especially in terms of logistics. In some places, we have to use helicopters, or go through timber trails and even navigate rivers.

“Based on study made, the people are thankful for the assistance from the government during the MCO.

“They said the aid was timely, and types of items sent were in line with their daily needs,” he said.

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