

Higher chicken price due to unscrupulous traders, not shortage

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BUKIT MERTAJAM: The Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry has denied claims that the increase in chicken price is due to a shortage in supply.

Deputy Minister Datuk Rosol Waid said traders seizing the opportunity to increase the price of dressed chicken was a common trend before festivals.

Rosol said to date, 103 notices had been issued to traders nationwide for raising the price of the chicken without good reason. Asked if there was a shortage as alleged by the traders, Rosol said this was not true.

On Thursday, dozens of traders at the Bukit Mertajam wet market sold chicken at RM9.50 per kg – nearly 50% more than in March – claiming that suppliers increased the price of dressed chicken.

The traders claimed that the high price was due to a spike in production costs and blamed suppliers for charging more because of shortage from the farms.

In Johor, Bernama reported that five leading chicken wholesalers in the state were being investigated over the sudden increase in price in the state.

In a statement, Johor Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry said investigations were also being conducted on three poultry farms following complaints of price increase.

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