

KPDNHEP officers keeping tabs on goods supply, prices

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The enforcement officers from the ministry check supply of goods and prices at a store.

BINTULU: The Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs (KPDNHEP) Bintulu has been conducting regular inspections on business premises such as supermarkets, wholesalers, mini markets, grocery stores and wet markets since the enforcement of the Movement Control Order (MCO).

Its chief Nazari Hassan said the inspections were carried out to ensure there is sufficient essential items in the market sold at reasonable prices.

“In the meantime, the delivery of the basic necessities by the contractors under KPDNHEP’s supervision to the rural people has also been intensified to ensure they receive sufficient food supplies at their respective Point of Sales appointed by the ministry,” he said.

According to Nazari, as of yesterday the supply of essential items for domestic market is sufficient.

“However, I would like to advice consumers against panic buying because the ministry always monitors the supplies to avoid any shortage in the market,” he told The Borneo Post.

He also reminded traders to be ethical in doing business by not hiking up the prices of goods, not making a conditional purchases and hoarding of controlled items because stern action will be taken against them.

Nazari said according to reports from his enforcement officers in Bintulu during the second phase of MCO, there was no panic buying.

He said only face masks and hand sanitisers are in short supply because of high public demand.

“To-date KPDNHEP Bintulu has recorded 38 cases with a total seizure of RM447,836.35 involving various offences such as Price Control and Anti-Profiteering Act 2011, Control of Supplies Act 1962 and other acts,” he added.

He said the KPDNHEP Bintulu thanked wholesalers, supermarkets and other business premises here for their cooperation.

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