

Traders reminded to display prices of items sold

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Ramakrishnan (second from left) talking to stall owners at a Ramadan bazaar here during an operation by Johor KPDNHEP.

PONTIAN: A trader at a Ramadan Bazaar in Kluang was fined RM100 for failing to display the price of food sold in his stall despite receiving two warnings from the state Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry (KPDNHEP).

Johor Unity, Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Committee chairman Dr S. Ramakrishnan said if the stall operator repeats the offence, a minimum fine of RM500 could be imposed.

"It is compulsory for traders to display the price of items sold under the Price Control Order (Price Indication by Retailer) 1993 and action will be taken against those who fail to comply.

"Johor KPDNHEP has issued 38 warnings at Ramadan bazaars throughout the state since May 7 for the offence," he said during an operation by Johor KPDNHEP at a Ramadan bazaar in Pontian.

He said about 200 enforcement officers had conducted frequent checks at Ramadan bazaars in Johor since early May.

"The ministry conducted checks at about 5,986 stalls at Ramadan bazaars throughout Johor," he said.

Ramakrishnan said the state KPDNHEP launched its Hari Raya festive season price control scheme on May 21 and that the scheme would be in effect for 30 days.

"Since the launch of the scheme, Johor KPDNHEP inspected 16 premises, including wholesale and retail outlets.

"We found one case where a wholesaler had failed to adhere to the scheme by selling a controlled item at a price higher than allowed.

"The item was tomatoes, which was set at the maximum price of RM2.50 per kg under the scheme but the wholesaler was selling it for RM2.80 per kg," he said.

He said action was taken against the seller under Section 11 of the Price Control and Anti-Profiteering Act 2011.

He urged the public to download an app called Price Catcher, available on Google Play Store and Apple App Store, which provide a list of controlled items and its maximum prices for the festive season.

Among controlled items in the scheme include fresh and frozen kembung, selar and selayang fish, long beans, groundnuts, dried chilli, chicken, chicken eggs, beef (local and imported) and small red Indian shallots.

Read more at https://www.thestar.com.my/metro/metro-news/2019/06/01/traders-reminded-to-display--prices-of-items-sold/#bTqZf3I540O6ytrT.99