

**'DON'T HASTILY BOYCOTT
DURIAN SOLD BY WEIGHT'**

MALACCA: Consumers are advised not to be hasty in calling for a boycott of durian sold according to weight. Malacca Agriculture, Entrepreneur Development, Agro-based Industry and Cooperative Committee chairman Norhizam Hassan Baktee said durian prices were different now from 10 years ago because apart from supplying to the local market, it had also become an export product. State Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs director Jaiya Abu said durian was not included in the controlled items list and its price depends on demand and supply. "The department does not monitor durian prices as it is a seasonal product and there are no standard operating procedures for regulating sales from various categories of sellers," Jaiya said. - Bernama