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LPG crisis over soon, assures Chong

KUCHING: The shortage of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) supply in the state will be resolved as soon as possible, assured Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Deputy Minister Chong Chieng Jen.

He revealed that after a discussion with MyGaz Sdn Bhd director Datuk Zayad Ismail, the company's LPG cylinder production level in Sarawak had resumed normally and that new gas cylinders would be delivered next week.

"They are working on extra production to make up for the shortage created during the past two-week crisis," said Chong in a press statement yesterday. He pointed out that the company would prioritise distribution of the LPG to hawkers, food stall operators and other traders whose living depended on it.

"The company (MyGaz) is now replenishing the stocks of its dealers and sellers and estimates all supply will be normalised by the first week of September."

The deputy minister also revealed that new valves have been delivered in batches and additional manpower had been deployed to Sarawak to address the leaking valve problem.

"The staff are working overtime to carry out the valve inspection and to perform replacement works. He also disclosed the company represented by its director had apologised for the mishap and was currently undertaking all possible means to resolve the issue.

"The ministry has also contacted Petronas to increase its supply of LPG cylinders so that if the consumers wish to switch from MyGaz to Petronas, there is sufficient stock for supply.

"We (KPDNHEP) regret the inconvenience caused to public by the shortage and assure the public that the ministry will be keeping a close and constant look out on the progress of the matter," added Chong.