

Don't resort to panic buying, public told

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KUANTAN: The public must refrain from panic buying following the implementation of the conditional movement control order (MCO) tomorrow, says Deputy Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Datuk Rosol Wahid.

“Food supply is sufficient for the next nine months and I urge people not to worry because it will be enough for every possibility, including throughout Ramadan and the Hari Raya Aidilfitri celebration.

“Before this, on the first day of the first phase of the MCO, panic buying occurred in major cities across the country. Perhaps they were worried that the supplies would be insufficient.

“However, come this Monday, I want to call on the people to only buy what they need.

“Based on data and forecast, some panic buying is expected as many people will be out and about due to movement being less rigid as provided for under the conditional MCO.

“Besides that, the people have also received their salaries and the second phase payment of Bantuan Prihatin Nasional,” he said.

Rosol told reporters this after a visit to check on food supplies at a wholesaler here yesterday.

He said food prices were also regulated with some items having recorded increase and decrease, depending on demand and supply in the market.

He also said firm action would be taken against traders who hoarded supplies and raised prices indiscriminately. — Bernama

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