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## Ministry says PSP data security breach resolved

BANGI: Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution Ismail has given an assurance that the Petrol Subsidy Programme (PSP) banking leakage problem has been solved and his ministry has tightened the security of its system for data protection.

He said the corrective measures had been taken on its official portal for fuel subsidy recipients within hours after news reports of a leak was reported on Thursday.

"The problem occurred in a short period of time and it was quickly resolved. The system was successfully protected and the data security of recipients was secured," he said after launching the Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry family sports day vesterday.

On Saturday, Communications and Multimedia Minister Gobind Singh Deo said he had asked for a report from relevant parties on the bank account numbers of 2.9 million recipients of PSP, which were exposed on the PSP official portal.

However, Saifuddin said the report was no longer necessary because he had contacted Gobind and informed him that the problem had been resolved.

The ministry, in a statement, said that it had upgraded the system and the data

security of the website before reactivating it for public access.

Bantuan Sara Hidup (BSH) recipients from the B40 group who qualify for the PSP can check their eligibility through the psp.kpdnhep.gov.my portal which was activated on Oct 15.

Saifuddin said more than 1.6 million hits were received in the three days since the launch.

"The portal recorded over 218,000 eligible individuals and updated PSP applications as at Oct 17. The ministry's focus now is to ensure that no one is left out, so we urge the people to update their information."