

Subsidised goods delivery to Long Pasia halted

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Vehicles transporting the subsidised goods have were unable to pass muddy gravel roads.

SIPITANG: The delivery of subsidised goods to rural folks in Long Pasia and Long Miau under the price standardisation programme has been temporarily halted when its transporter encountered a difficult road that was too damaged to pass through.

Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry (KPDNHEP) Beaufort Division Chief Fikri Lai Abdullah said the transporter got stuck in mud to the point that its crew had to use rocks and wooden branches to facilitate the vehicle's movement.

To deliver the goods, he said the crew had to travel a lengthy 130-kilometre distance, where 50 kilometres were on asphalt and the remaining were on gravel, which was very challenging.

“Among the supplies delivered to the village are petrol, diesel, liquid petroleum gas (LPG) cooking oil and wheat flour and other necessities.

“So far the prices of essential goods in both destinations have been relatively stable and there has been no case of raising prices of essentials so far,” said Fikri when contacting Daily Express on Sunday.

On the programme, he said it is under the KPDNHEP with the objective to lessen the rural folks’ living costs such as those in Long Miau and Long Pasia.

He added the programme was implemented in January and is expected to complete by December this year.

“The goods will be delivered to the designated point of sales (POS) and must be sold at a controlled price just like in urban areas. All transportation costs are borne by the Government through KPDNHEP,” he said.

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