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# **KERATAN AKHBAR**

## **UMUM**

## Tamat subsidi telur: Gapema bimbang ada pihak sorok bekalan

**SHAH ALAM** - Langkah kerajaan menamatkan subsidi telur ayam pada Ogos ini menimbulkan kebimbangan dalam kalangan peniaga khususnya terhadap kemungkinan berlakunya kenaikan harga mendadak serta gangguan bekalan berkenaan.

Naib Presiden Gabungan Persatuan Penaja dan Peniaga

Melayu Malaysia (Gapema), Baharudin Mohamed Ali berkata, keadaan itu turut dibimbangi akan wujudnya tindakan menyorok bekalan oleh pihak tidak bertanggungjawab.

"Kita risau ada yang mahu mengambil kesempatan atas

perubahan dasar subsidi, sekali gus menjejaskan kelancaran rantaian bekalan dan operasi harian.

"Hal ini memberi kesan langsung terhadap kos operasi, terutama bagi premis yang bergantung kepada telur sebagai bahan asas dalam penyediaan pelbagai menu dan produk," katanya kepada *Sinar Harian* pada Khamis.

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BAHARUDIN

melaporkan Kementerian Pertanian dan Keterjaminan Makanan (KPKM) mengumumkan akan menamatkan kawalan harga dan subsidi telur ayam secara berfasa bermula Khamis, sebagai langkah penyasaran semula subsidi di bawah inisiatif Kerajaan Madani.

Kadar subsidi telur ayam akan dikurangkan daripada 10 sen kepada 5 sen sebiju bermula Khamis manakala pemberian subsidi sepenuhnya akan ditamatkan pada 1 Ogos depan.

Dalam pada itu, Baharudin menyeru kerajaan memperketat pemantauan terhadap pembekal bagi mengelak sebarang unsur penyorokan atau manipulasi pasaran, selain mengkaji semula penamatan subsidi secara menyeluruh.

"Sebagai langkah persediaan; kebanyakan pengusaha kini menilai semula struktur kos operasi mereka,

termasuk menyesuaikan menu tanpa menjejaskan kualiti makanan.

"Kami sedar keperluan untuk tidak mengambil kesempatan menaikkan harga sewenang-wenangnya sebab dalam perniagaan ini sudah tentu ada pelbagai persaingan dan semuanya perlu diambil kira selain perlu mematuhi peraturan dan undang-undang yang ditetapkan kerajaan.

"Kita berharap kerajaan mempertimbangkan pendekatan lebih berperingkat atau bersasar bagi melindungi industri makanan dan pengguna, selaras dengan semangat Kerajaan Madani yang inklusif dan prihatin," katanya.

Baharudin bagaimanapun menjelaskan mereka memahami kerajaan sedang menyasar semula pemberian subsidi, namun penarikan sepenuhnya subsidi telur menimbulkan kebimbangan besar.

"Jika harga telur meningkat mendadak, ia boleh menjejaskan margin keuntungan yang sudah pun kecil, terutama bagi perniagaan kecil dan sederhana," ujar beliau.



Laporan *Sinar Harian* pada Khamis.

Namun kenaikan diramal tidak terlalu tinggi, bergantung kepada pembekal

## Pemborong jangka harga telur naik dua minggu lagi

IPOP

**G**olongan peniaga dan pemborong mengambil langkah bersiap sedia susulan pengumuman kerajaan bahawa kawalan harga dan subsidi telur ayam ditamatkan secara berfasa bermula Khamis.

Bagi pemborong, Fauziah Mohamad Arib, 31, ketidadaan subsidi telur itu dijangka memberi kesan terhadap bekalan telur dan harga.

Menurutnya, kesan tersebut dijangka berlaku dalam masa dua minggu lagi, namun ia tidak mendedak.

"Berdasarkan pengalaman sebelum ini memang akan ada kenaikan harga tapi mungkin tak tinggi, begitu juga dengan bekalan yang turut terkesan disebabkan keadaan itu."

"Macam kami pemborong ikut kepada pembekal dan kita tak boleh nak naikan harga se-suka hati kerana ia masih dipantau."

"Kita juga tak mahu beban pengguna jika harga terlalu tinggi," katanya kepada *Sinar Harian*.

Menurut Fauziah, kedainya ketika ini hanya menjual telur gred C pada harga RM8.50 untuk 30 biji atau satu papan telur, dan setakat ini bekalan setiap dua minggu sebanyak 60 hingga 100 papan telur masih tidak berkurang.

Pemborong telur ayam, Adnan Azizi Zainal Abidin, 42, pula berpandangan, tindakan kerajaan menghapuskan subsidi secara berperingkat tidak akan mengurangkan bekalan telur di pasaran.

Katanya, permintaan terhadap telur ayam amat tinggi dan

jika penternak mengambil pendekatan mengurangkan pengeluaran, mereka akan mengalami kerugian.

Jelasnya, kesan diterima pengguna dan peniaga mungkin melibatkan harga kerana pengurangan subsidi dan tiada kawalan harga akan memberi peluang kepada pembekal menetapkan harga mereka.

"Namun persaingan di peringkat ladang juga akan memberi kesan kepada harga telur ayam apabila masing-masing akan menawarkan harga berpatutan bagi memastikan hasil mereka terjual."

"Kita akan tengok sama ada berlaku perubahan selepas seminggu ini," katanya.

Adnan Azizi berkata, sehingga kini pihaknya menerima permintaan sebanyak 500 papan telur ayam setiap hari oleh pelanggan tetap yang kebanyakannya mereka merupakan peniaga.

Sementara itu, tinjauan di **KUALA SELANGOR**, rata-rata peniaga kedai runcit di sini menjangkakan harga telur akan naik susulan langkah kerajaan itu.

Peniaga, Sofiya Mohd Naim, 26, bersetuju harga telur dijangka naik apabila subsidi di-hentikan sepenuhnya.

"Saya jual telur gred A pada harga RM12.60 dan B RM12. Harga borong yang saya terima ialah RM11.50 untuk A dan B pula RM10.50, namun bila subsidi tiada, pasti harga meningkat," katanya.

Bagaimanapun, Sofiya optimis bekalan telur kekal mencukupi meskipun subsidi ditamatkan sambil menambah peniaga dan pengguna perlu

menyesuaikan diri dengan perubahan harga pasaran.

Peniaga, Fakhruddin Mohd Yusof, 65, pula berkata, walaupun belum menerima maklumat rasmi daripada pembekal, namun yakin penghapusan subsidi menyebabkan kenaikan harga runcit.

"Saya percaya harga telur akan naik bila subsidi dihapus kerana selama ini bantuan kerajaan itulah yang membantu menstabilkan harga di pasaran."

"Tanpa subsidi, kos pengeluaran akan ditanggung sepenuhnya oleh penternak dan pemborong, seterusnya menyebabkan harga borong meningkat dan akhirnya memberi kesan kepada harga jualan di peringkat runcit," ujarnya.

Menurut Fakhruddin, permintaan yang sentiasa tinggi terhadap telur menyebabkan sebarang perubahan dalam struktur subsidi akan memberi kesan ketara kepada peniaga kecil dan pengguna.

"Buat masa ini saya masih jual pada harga subsidi kerana beli daripada pemborong sebelum pengumuman dan tak mahu ambil kesempatan naikan harga," katanya yang mengambil telur secara borong dari pembekal di Sekinchan.

Tinjauan di **KUANTAN** pula mendapati telur ayam dijual di bawah harga subsidi kerana di pasar raya utama, manakala di kedai runcit harganya masih tidak berubah kerana menggunakan bekalan lama.

Pekerja sebuah pasar raya, Arfan, 32, berkata, harga ketika ini masih rendah kerana mereka sedang menghabiskan bekalan terdahulu.

"Sekarang harga kekal sebab masih guna stok lama. Tapi bila bekalan baru sampai, kemungkinan harga akan ikut perubahan subsidi," katanya.

Pengusaha kedai runcit, Azman Abdul Ghani, 55, pula menjangka kenaikan harga boleh berlaku dalam masa terdekat.

Jelasnya, pengumuman pemotongan subsidi ini tidak mengejutkan mereka sebagai peniaga kerana sudah diberikan maklumat awal oleh pembekal.

"Kita ikut sahaja harga dan mungkin dalam seminggu dua lagi kalau ada stok baru, telur naik harga."

"Walaupun bekalan stabil, tapi yang susahnyanya margin untung kami memang nipis," katanya.



Fauziah mengukir kemungkinan berlaku perubahan harga dan bekalan susulan penarikan subsidi secara berperingkat oleh kerajaan.

### REAKSI

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Sebarang kenaikan harga bahan asas seperti telur memberi kesan langsung. Kami guna dua papan sebulan. Telur itu lauk wajib di rumah. Kalau naik, memang beban. Saya berharap kerajaan memastikan harga tidak naik mendadak selepas subsidi diansurikan sepenuhnya pada 1 Ogos nanti.”

- Pekerja swasta, Azli Sehabili, 53

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Keputusan kerajaan itu dijangka tidak menimbulkan isu berbangkit seperti kenaikan harga dan ketidadaan bekalan pada masa akan datang. Apabila kerajaan sudah membuat keputusan, rakyat berpandangan perkara itu sudah diteliti secara rapi dan mendalam. Jadi kerajaan perlu pastikan penamatan subsidi pada 1 Ogos depan tidak memberikan implikasi kepada pengguna. Sebagai pengguna sudah tentu ada kerisauan jika berlaku kenaikan harga mendadak, justeru pengut Kuantan harus memainkan peranan bagi memastikan perkara itu tidak berlaku.”

- Pekerja swasta, Farah Anis Zulalikhah Mohamad Ishar, 26

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Kita harap agar bila sudah tak ada subsidi harga janganlah pula naik suka hati. Sebabnya harga telur sekarang dah berpatutan, sesuai untuk semua.”

- Fernando Itri, Mahab Salamat, 56



Fakhruddin menunjukkan bekalan telur di kedainya yang diambil daripada pembekal sebelum pengumuman penghapusan subsidi.

Kebanyakan premis masih mengekalkan harga sedia ada

SEREMBAN

**T**iada kenaikan harga mahupun pembelian panik berlaku di Negeri Sembilan susulan pengumuman Kementerian Pertanian dan Keterjaminan Makanan (KPKM) yang menamatkan subsidi telur ayam secara berfasa bermula Khamis.

Tinjauan *Sinar Harian* di beberapa pasar raya dan pasar mini sekitar Seremban mendapati kebanyakan premis masih mengekalkan harga sedia ada dan tidak menaikkan harga bahan mentah itu secara mendadak.

Pekerja pasar mini, Fatimah Azzahra Mohamed Razak, 18,

berkata, tiada arahan daripada pengurusan untuk menaikkan harga bekalan itu buat masa ini.

"Setakat ini telur masih dijual dengan harga sama untuk menghabiskan stok sedia ada, tapi tidak pasti penetapan harga pada stok akan datang.

"Selain itu, tiada pelanggan yang membuat pembelian panik dan stok telur juga dalam keadaan stabil," katanya.

Pengguna, Noor Ain Ahmad Sabtu, 38, berkata, tiada masalah mendapatkan bekalan stok setakat ini, namun bimbang berlaku kenaikan harga pada masa akan datang.

"Mungkin masih ramai pengguna tidak tahu berkenaan pengurangan subsidi secara berperingkat ini, jadi tiada yang buat pembelian panik.

"Saya harap tidak berlaku kenaikan mendadak pada masa akan datang.

"Jika berlaku, kasihan kepada mereka yang mempunyai keluarga besar atau berpendapatan rendah yang akan terbeban dengan kenaikan itu," katanya.

Tinjauan di **KUALA TERENGGANU** pula mendapati harga telur ayam di pasaran sekitar daerah ini masih kekal seperti biasa, tiada kenaikan harga mendadak dan pengguna masih membeli seperti biasa tanpa berlaku pembelian panik.

Pekerja di sebuah premis pemborong telur, Muhammad Azfar Aiman Mazlan, 20, berkata, harga telur pelbagai gred masih kekal sejak dua minggu lalu dengan gred AAA dijual pada harga RM12.80, sepapan, AA (RM12.50), A (RM11.20), B (RM9), C (RM8.40), D (RM7.50), E (RM6.70) dan F (RM5.70).

"Pelanggan pun datang beli macam biasa, tiada yang beli berlebihan.

"Bekalan telur diperoleh dari Perak dan Melaka sebanyak dua kali seminggu dengan kemasukan 1,000 hingga 2,000 papan

Dua pekerja premis pemborong telur di Kuala Terengganu, Ishak Ismail, 20, bersama Muhammad Akwa Basil Arshad Firdaus Alias, 22, memeriksa dan menyusun telur.



telur setiap kali penghantaran.

"Hari ini telur agak cepat habis, mungkin sebab cuti umum jadi ramai keluar beli barang dapur," katanya.

Di **ALOR SETAR**, tinjauan mendapati tiada sebarang kekurangan bekalan telur ayam dikesan di sekitar daerah ini meskipun berlaku pengurangan subsidi daripada 10 sen kepada 5 sen sebiju bermula Khamis.

Tinjauan di dua pasar raya utama di daerah berkenaan mendapati rak telur di premis terbabit sentiasa diisi semula dan pelanggan berbelanja secara terkawal tanpa sebarang

peningkatan ketara dalam jumlah pembelian.

Menurut seorang pekerja di salah sebuah pasar raya, bekalan telur tiba pada waktu pagi seperti biasa dan harganya juga masih sama seperti sebelum ini.

"Orang ramai juga dilihat tidak melakukan pembelian panik, cuma hari ini Sumbangan Asas Rahmah (SARA) dah masuk untuk bulan Mei, jadi ramai yang beli barang rumah termasuk telur.

"Tapi kalau hendak katakan pelanggan sampai berebut-rebut beli telur banyak-banyak tak ada pula," ujarnya.



Pekerja sebuah pasar raya di daerah Kota Setar sedang menyusun bekalan telur yang baru tiba pada Khamis.

# Egg subsidy cut won't crack prices

## Removal unlikely to raise costs for eateries, say traders

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**PETALING JAYA:** The removal of egg subsidies will have almost no impact on the price of omelettes, noodles and pastries, say bakers and restaurateurs, as egg prices have hit the lowest level in recent memory.

"I have never seen the price of eggs this low," said Che Mamat Chemod, a veteran of the local restaurant group, Persatuan Sahabat Tomyam Prihatin Semalaysia.

"So the removal of subsidies will not affect us because we have never had such low egg prices, even in the pre-Covid-19 era," said Che Mamat, the association's adviser.

A tray of eggs in the food production industry is now priced as low as RM9, said Malaysia Bakery,

Biscuit, Confectionery, Mee and Kuey Teow Merchants' Association president Chaang Tuck Cheong.

"Previously, a tray cost us RM16, and this caused a 10% increase in our operating costs," he said.

"So, the 5sen seems reasonable and will not impact our members that much," he said in response to the government's decision to cut subsidies for eggs from 10sen to 5sen per egg and end price controls for the item starting yesterday.

The subsidy will be fully discontinued on Aug 1.

The decision was made after considering the industry's commitment to ensuring a sufficient and stable production of eggs, following the stabilisation of production costs.

However, the Malaysian Indian Restaurant Owners Association



**End of the sunny side:** A shopper buying eggs at a grocery store. The government's decision to cut subsidies for eggs from 10sen to 5sen per egg and end price controls for the item began yesterday. The subsidy will be fully discontinued on Aug 1. — ART CHEN/The Star

(Primas) is taking a cautious stance regarding the potential impact of the subsidy cut on egg prices, and consequently, on the cost of dishes containing eggs.

Primas president Govindasamy Jayabalan said restaurants would first need to see how much their suppliers charged for ingredients.

"Eggs are a big staple and part of Malaysians' diet, especially during breakfast. We can't decide anything now because we need to

see how much our suppliers will charge before they pass on their costs to us.

"We also don't want to burden the people, which is why we urge the government to continue the subsidy for another year," he said.

"But we also understand that the government has spent billions on the subsidy. So we will do our best for the country and our customers and maintain our prices."

Malaysia imposed ceiling prices for eggs, ranging from 38sen to 42sen each, depending on their grade and quality, in response to elevated prices and a shortage caused by supply chain disruptions resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic.

The government spends about RM100mil per month, or RM1.2bil a year, on the egg subsidy.

Previously, subsidies and price controls for chicken were lifted in November 2023.

# Harga makanan berasas telur kekal

- **Biarpun subsidi telur ayam dikurangkan**
- **Peniaga tidak tergamak jual mahal**

Oleh MEGAT LUTFI MEGAT RAHIM,  
ALANI NIZAM dan  
NABILA NATASHA YUSMADIE

**PETALING JAYA** – Sebahagian peniaga serta pemilik restoran memaklumkan mereka masih mengekalkan harga makanan berasaskan telur biarpun kadar subsidi telur ayam telah dikurangkan berkuat kuasa semalam.

Kata peniaga, ketika ini harga telur ayam di pasaran masih

**NURUL HIDAYAH** menunjukkan telur yang digunakan dalam masakan di Restoran Warisan Bonda Samsiah, Tapah semalam.



**PENIAGA** martabak, Hafizuddin membungkus martabak yang dipesan pelanggan di Pasar Raja Bot, Chow Kit, Kuala Lumpur.

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Saya kalau harga itu betul-betul naik macam harga bawang dan telur sebelum ini, memang kita akan naikkan harga martabak, tetapi kalau setakat naik sedikit kita akan kekalkan harga RM5 sekeping.”

**MUHD. HAFIZUDDIN**

sama, namun sekiranya berlaku sedikit kenaikan, ia tidak akan memberi kesan besar terhadap harga makanan.

Di **Tapah, Perak**, seorang pemilik bersama Restoran Warisan Bonda Samsiah, Nurul Hidayah Ismail, 47, berkata, setakat ini, harga makanan berasaskan telur yang dijual masih kekal.

“Tidak tergamak untuk menaikkan harga, lagipun majoriti pelanggan tetap yang makan di restoran ini bukannya semua orang senang ada pekebun, pekerja industri dan ramai golongan B40.

“Asalkan lepas untuk membayar gaji pekerja, kos utiliti dan tidak berhutang setiap bulan



cukuplah,” katanya kepada Kosmo semalam.

Penebar roti canai, Saiful Nizam Abu, 40, pula berkata, harga roti telur masih kekal RM2.80 sekeping.

“Jika selalu naik harga, pelanggan pun lari, jadi kekalkan, sama-sama berkongsi rezeki asalkan kedua-dua pihak berpuas hati,” katanya.

Di **Kuala Lumpur**, peniaga martabak, Muhd. Hafizuddin Mohd. Zaki, 33, tidak bercadang untuk menaikkan harga jualan selagi kenaikan harga telur tidak naik terlalu mendadak.

“Saya kalau harga itu betul-betul naik macam harga bawang dan telur sebelum ini, memang kita akan naikkan harga martabak, tetapi kalau setakat naik sedikit kita akan kekalkan harga RM5 sekeping,” katanya.

Kelmarin, kerajaan memutuskan untuk menamatkan sepenuhnya pemberian subsidi telur ayam bermula 1 Ogos ini.

Kawalan harga telur ayam juga akan ditamatkan, manakala kadar subsidi akan dikurangkan daripada 10 sen kepada 5 sen sebiju berkuat kuasa semalam, sebelum subsidi dihentikan sepenuhnya.

Keputusan itu dibuat setelah mengambil kira komitmen pihak industri untuk memastikan pengeluaran telur ayam kekal mencukupi berikutan kos pengeluaran yang telah stabil.

**Kuala Berang:** Tiada pembelian panik berlaku dalam kalangan pengguna di Terengganu walaupun kerajaan menetapkan pengurangan kadar subsidi telur ayam memandangkan bekalan telur ayam mencukupi.

Menurutnya, begitu juga dengan bekalan keperluan lain yang dilihat mencukupi bagi pengguna di negeri ini.

Pengarah Kementerian Perdagangan Dalam Negeri dan Kos Sara Hidup (KPDN)

## ***Bekalan telur mencukupi, tiada pembelian panik***

Terengganu, Mohd Mufsi Lat berkata, begitu juga dengan bekalan keperluan lain yang dilihat mencukupi bagi pengguna di negeri itu.

Kelmarin, kerajaan mengumumkan kadar subsidi telur ayam dikurangkan daripada 10 sen kepada lima sen sebiju bermula semalam dan seterusnya ditamatkan sepenuhnya mulai 1 Ogos

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Kementerian Pertanian dan Keterjaminan Makanan (KPKM) memaklumkan keputusan itu dibuat selepas mengambil kira komitmen pihak industri untuk memastikan pengeluaran telur ayam yang mencukupi dan terjamin berikutan kos pengeluaran sudah stabil.

Ia terbukti sepanjang mu-

sim Aidilfitri lalu yang mana ketersediaan bekalan mencukupi dengan harga kompetitif.

Sejak Februari 2022 hingga Disember tahun lalu, kerajaan membelanjakan hampir RM2.5 bilion untuk pembayaran subsidi telur ayam kepada pihak industri bagi menampung peningkatan kos pengeluaran beriku-

tan pandemik Covid-19 serta kesan peperangan antara Ukraine dan Russia ke atas harga import soya dan jagung bijian.

Sementara itu, Mohd Mufsi berkata, penganjuran Program Jualan Rahmah Madani (PJRM) sehingga akhir April lalu memberi manfaat kepada 314,521 pengunjung dan mencatatkan

hasil jualan melebihi RM13 juta di negeri itu.

Menurutnya, KPDN Terengganu hingga kini sudah menganjurkan 314 siri PJRM membabitkan tiga jenis model pelaksanaan iaitu 136 siri dalam premis, 177 siri secara bergerak dan satu siri dalam pasar bagi semua lapan kawasan Parlimen di seluruh negeri.



SEORANG peniaga menyusun telur di kedainya di Pasar Besar Ipoh. Kerajaan memutuskan untuk menamatkan sepenuhnya pemberian subsidi bagi telur ayam bermula 1 Ogos ini.



Saya lihat harga telur sekarang mula kembali kepada asal seperti sebelum Ramadan"

Mohammad Firdaus

## KADAR SUBSIDI TELUR DIKURANGKAN

# Stok telur lama harga tak berubah

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**M**eskipun subsidi telur ayam dikurangkan daripada 10 sen kepada lima sen sebiju mulai semalam, harga jualan telur ayam Gred AA hingga E di ibu kota tidak menunjukkan peningkatan ketara.

Tinjauan Harian Metro di kedai borong dan runcit sekitar Jalan Raja Bot, di sini, mendapati harga 30 biji atau satu papan telur Gred AA dijual pada harga RM13.20 dan RM12.30 (Gred A).

Telur Gred B dijual pada harga antara RM9.30 hingga RM10, Gred C pada harga antara RM9 hingga RM9.30, RM8.10 (Gred D) dan

RM7.50 (Gred E).

Pemborong telur hanya ingin dikenali sebagai Firdaus berkata, harga telur terbahit masih sama seperti kelmarin berikutan ia adalah stok sedia ada.

Menurutnya, harga setiap gred mungkin meningkat apabila pembekal menghantar stok telur baharu dalam beberapa hari lagi.

"Kami sedia maklum subsidi telur dikurangkan, tapi pembeli tak perlu bimbang kerana harga masih sama."

"Naik atau turun harga telur, kami tak boleh jamin kerana ia bergantung kepada kos pengeluar serta keadaan bekalan dan permintaan di pasaran."

"Kami harap bekalan telur sentiasa mencukupi supaya harganya tidak melambung tinggi dan tidak

membebankan rakyat," katanya.

Peruncit telur, Rasydan Ahmad pula mengakui ada peningkatan harga sekitar RM3 bagi telur Gred C dan D berbanding Ramadan lalu.

"Pada bulan puasa lalu, telur Gred C dijual pada harga RM6 sepapan, sekarang sudah naik kepada RM9, manakala Gred D naik kepada RM8.10 sepapan berbanding RM5.30 ketika Ramadan."

"Harga sepapan telur ini naik secara beransur-ansur sejak Aidilfitri."

"Namun, pada pagi ini (semalam), harga telur tidak berubah berbanding semalam (kelmarin) walaupun subsidi sudah ditarik 50 peratus. Ini stok telur lama, jadi tiada kenaikan harga lagi," katanya.

Sementara itu, penghantar makanan sambilan, Mohammad Firdaus Shafii, 37, berkata, harga telur Gred D menunjukkan peningkatan harga.

"Hari ini (semalam) saya beli telur Gred D dengan harga RM8.10 sepapan, ingat saya harga telur gred sama hanya RM6.90 ketika saya beli tiga hari lalu."

"Saya tidak pasti sama ada ini kesan pengurangan subsidi atau bukan. Saya lihat harga telur sekarang mula kembali kepada asal seperti sebelum Ramadan," katanya.

Pekerja swasta, Norzaini Kassim, 54, pula tidak bersejua dengan pengurangan subsidi telur kerana bimbang harga bahan mentah itu mungkin meningkat.

## Kenaikan tarif elektrik, penyasaran subsidi RON95 beri kesan berantai

**SHAH ALAM** - Penyasaran subsidi petrol RON95 dan kenaikan tarif elektrik di-khuatiri akan memberi kesan berantai terhadap pengguna sekiranya dilaksanakan dalam masa terdekat.

Pensyarah Kanan Fakulti Ekonomi dan Pengurusan Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), Profesor Madya Dr Mustazar Mansur berkata, kerajaan perlu mengambil kira industri tempatan sedang berdepan tekanan ketidaktentuan ekonomi akibat tarif yang diumumkan Amerika Syarikat (AS).

Menurut beliau, industri bergantung sepenuhnya kepada tenaga elektrik dan pengangkutan untuk beroperasi.

Tambah beliau lagi, tidak mustahil bebanan tersebut akan dipindahkan kepada pengguna menyebabkan kos sara hidup rakyat Malaysia semakin tinggi.

"Kita tahu kos utiliti terutamanya syarikat-syarikat yang menggunakan penyaman udara serta mesin besar di kilang menanggung kos elektrik sangat tinggi.

"Jadi, kenaikan tarif elektrik pasti memberikan kesan kepada syarikat-syarikat yang masih lagi belum menukar ke tenaga yang baharu," katanya kepada *Sinar Harian* pada Khamis.

Beliau sehubungan itu berkata, adalah wajar sekiranya kerajaan Malaysia mempertimbangkan semula cadangan menaikkan tarif elektrik dan melaksanakan penyasaran subsidi RON95 pada tahun ini jika tidak mahu pengguna terus terbeban.

"Tumpuan terhadap pelaksanaan tarif elektrik baharu juga perlu mengambil kira kesannya kepada pengguna mengikut kategori pendapatan dan jenis penggunaan," ujar beliau.

Tambah Mustazar, selain rancangan penyasaran subsidi RON95 dan kenaikan tarif elektrik, pelaksanaan kenaikan gaji minimum dan langkah memperluaskan cukai jualan dan perkhidmatan (SST) turut menambahkan lagi beban peniaga dan pengguna.

Beliau bagaimanapun berkata, sekiranya kerajaan masih mahu meneruskan pelaksanaan subsidi RON95 dan menaikkan tarif elektrik dalam masa terdekat ini, pastikan hanya membabitkan golongan maha kaya.



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# Stabilkan ekonomi terlebih dahulu

Tangguh penyasaran subsidi RON95, kenaikan tarif elektrik langkah terbaik dan strategik

Oleh NURUL HIDAYAH HAMID SHAH ALAM

**M**enangguhkan penyasaran subsidi petrol RON95 dan kenaikan tarif elektrik yang dicadangkan akan dilaksanakan pada pertengahan tahun ini merupakan satu langkah pragmatik dan strategik dalam menghadapi ketidakpastian ekonomi global.

Pensyarah Kanan Sains Politik, Fakulti Sains Pentadbiran dan Pengajian Polisi Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), Mujiu Abd Muis berkata, penangguhan itu penting berikutan berlaku gangguan rantai bekalan global susulan pelaksanaan tarif baharu oleh Amerika Syarikat (AS).

Menurut beliau, sekiranya kedua-dua rancangan tersebut tidak dikuatkuasakan dalam masa terdekat, ia mampu mengimbangi kestabilan ekonomi, kebajikan rakyat serta modal politik negara dalam tempoh tidak menentu.

"Saya melihat cadangan penangguhan itu bertujuan untuk memastikan kestabilan ekonomi Malaysia yang bergantung kepada



Penyasaran subsidi petrol RON95 dijangka dilaksanakan pada Jun atau Julai ini. Gambar kecil: Mujiu



eksport terutama ketika negara berdepan kesan akibat dasar perdagangan baharu AS.

"Langkah itu akan melindungi rakyat daripada tekanan kos sara hidup, sekali gus memberi ruang kepada sektor penting seperti elektrik dan elektronik serta industri minyak sawit untuk menstabilkan operasi mereka," katanya kepada *Sinar Harian* pada Khamis.

Mujiu berkata demikian mengulas saranan Ahli Parlimen Subang, Wong Chen yang berpandangan bahawa pelaksanaan penyasaran subsidi RON95 dan kenaikan tarif elektrik dalam masa terdekat perlu ditangguhkan bagi memberi ruang kepada industri tempatan menstabilkan semula operasi.

Ketika menjadi panel Wacana Sinar, ahli Parlimen daripada PKR itu berkata, ekonomi global ketika ini sedang mengalami gangguan

rantaian bekalan akibat tarif AS yang dijangka berlarutan tiga hingga enam bulan lagi.

Sementara itu, Mujiu berkata, sekiranya kerajaan setuju menangguhkan penyasaran subsidi RON95 dan kenaikan tarif elektrik, ia juga akan mengukuhkan sokongan rakyat dan perniagaan terhadap kerajaan.

"Ini juga selari dengan dasar subsidi sedia ada. Adalah wajar kerana ia mengelakkan lonjakan kos pengeluaran, mengekalkan daya saing industri serta mencegah ketidakpuasan rakyat sambil memanfaatkan masa rundingan dengan AS," katanya.

Mujiu bagaimanapun mengingatkan kerajaan supaya mengurus kewangan negara secara teliti dan terbuka agar beban subsidi tidak menjadi tanggungan berpanjangan kepada negara.

# MACFEA gesa GP jawab isu harga ubat

Disaran tampil dengan pendirian berasaskan data dan amalan terbaik global

Oleh SITI NOOR FAEZAH MUDA  
SHAH ALAM

**P**engamal perubatan am (GP) disarankan tampil secara kolektif dengan satu kertas pendirian berasaskan data, kajian, dan amalan terbaik antarabangsa bagi menjawab isu ketelusan harga ubat.

Exco Persatuan Ekonomi Pengguna dan Keluarga (MACFEA), Profesor Dr Nuradli Ridzwan Shah Mohd Dali menyatakan bahawa langkah tersebut bertujuan memperkukuhkan kedudukan organisasi itu dalam wacana dasar kesihatan negara serta meningkatkan kepercayaan rakyat terhadap sistem perubatan swasta di Malaysia.

Menurutnya, sebagai barisan hadapan dalam sistem penjagaan kesihatan negara, GP seharusnya menangani isu tersebut dengan pendekatan berdasarkan fakta, kajian, dan penjelasan saintifik.

"Sebarang kebimbangan mengenai implikasi pendedahan harga ubat, seperti kesan kepada model perniagaan klinik swasta, variasi kos logistik dan perolehan, serta perbezaan formulasi ubat, harus disampaikan secara telus, bertanggungjawab, dan mampu meyakinkan pihak kementerian serta rakyat Malaysia.

"Ketelusan dalam kos kesihatan adalah satu aspek penting bagi memastikan keadilan kepada pengguna," katanya dalam satu kenyataan pada Khamis.

Sebelum ini, semua jenis ubat yang dijual atau dibekalkan di farmasi komuniti serta fasiliti kesihatan swasta diwajibkan mempunyai penandaan harga bermula 1 Mei 2025.

Menteri Kesihatan, Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad dan Menteri Perdagangan Dalam Negeri dan Kos Sara Hidup (KPDN), Datuk Armizan Mohd Ali, menyatakan bahawa langkah tersebut adalah sebahagian daripada pelaksanaan Mekanisme Ketelusan Harga Ubat (MKHU).

Tambah Nuradli Ridzwan, reaksi GP yang gagal memberikan justifikasi kukuh dan bersifat ilmiah dalam isu harga ubat-ubatan adalah amat mengecewakan serta tidak mencerminkan tahap profesionalisme golongan berkecuali tinggi seperti mereka.

Ujarnya, MACFEA turut menyokong sepenuhnya usaha kerajaan untuk meningkatkan ketelusan harga dalam sektor perubatan swasta, selaras dengan prinsip kebertanggungjawaban, integriti, dan keadilan sosial.

"Kami percaya GP profesional mampu tampil dengan hujah yang bernas dan beretika bukan hanya untuk mempertahankan kepentingan komuniti perubatan swasta, tetapi yang lebih penting demi kesejahteraan serta hak pengguna seluruh negara," katanya.

Sementara itu, Ahli Jawatankuasa Pilihan Khas Kesihatan Parlimen, Young Syefura Othman berkata, penguatkuasaan penandaan harga ubat merupakan satu



Semua jenis ubat yang dijual atau dibekalkan di farmasi komuniti serta fasiliti kesihatan swasta perlu mempunyai tanda harga bermula 1 Mei 2025. - Gambar hiasan

langkah progresif ke arah meningkatkan ketelusan, melindungi hak pengguna, dan menjamin akses ubat-ubatan yang lebih adil serta mampu milik untuk rakyat.

"Saya memahami kebimbangan pihak industri, namun kerajaan akan sentiasa memantau pelaksanaan dasar ini secara berfasa selama tiga bulan.

"Kita juga akan melaksanakan sesi libat urus bersama pihak industri dan pemegang taruh yang berkaitan bagi menilai impak sepanjang tempoh pelaksanaan," katanya.

Dalam pada itu, Presiden Teras Pengupayaan Melayu (Teras), Mohd Azmi Abdul Hamid berkata, terdapat beberapa sebab utama yang menekankan ke-

pentingan usaha mengawal harga ubatan di farmasi atau klinik, termasuk memastikan ketelusan harga untuk pengguna.

"Ia juga membantu mengelakkan perbezaan harga ubat antara premis, menggalakkan persaingan sihat, memperkasakan hak pengguna, serta mempermudah pemantauan dan penguatkuasaan.

"Tanpa kawalan, harga ubat yang sama boleh berbeza secara drastik antara satu farmasi atau klinik dengan yang lain," katanya.

Mohd Azmi turut menggesa kerajaan mengiktiraf mekanisme pelaksanaan yang berkesan terhadap perubatan alternatif bagi menjamin fungsi serta faedahnya kepada pengguna.

# Farmasi patuh pamer harga ubat

Pemilik sambut baik arahan bagi tingkat keyakinan pengguna buat keputusan bijak

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**Kuala Lumpur:** Farmasi mematuhi Mekanisme Ketelusan Harga Ubat dengan mempamerkan harga ubat, termasuk yang disimpan di dalam almari belakang kaunter dan peti sejuk.

Tinjauan BH di Kota Bharu mendapat pemilik farmasi tiada masalah untuk mengikut ketetapan berkenaan kerana setiap ubat ditampal tanda harga, manakala ubat khusus yang perlu ditempah disediakan senarai harga di papan kenyataan atau skrin elektronik untuk rujukan pembeli.

Pengerusi Persatuan Farmasi Komuniti Malaysia Cawangan Kelantan, Azian Muhammad, berkata arahan KKM itu dapat meningkatkan keyakinan orang ramai, iaitu farmasi beroperasi secara adil dan profesional.

Katanya, langkah itu juga secara tidak langsung dapat membantu pengguna membandingkan harga dan membuat keputusan lebih bijak.

Tanpa garis panduan yang jelas, beliau berkata, farmasi mungkin akan bersaing menu-



Setiap ubat yang dijual ditampal tanda harga dalam tinjauan di Kota Bharu, semalam.  
(Foto Nik Abdullah Nik Omar/BH)

runkan harga ubat secara agresif hingga menjejaskan margin keuntungan.

"Harga ubat yang terlalu rendah tidak mengambil kira khidmat farmaseutikal yang menyeluruh, termasuk konsultasi, pemantauan, dan lain-lain."

"Banyak faktor perlu dipertimbangkan dalam penentuan harga sesuatu produk kerana klinik, farmasi dan hospital swasta mempunyai struktur kos berbeza bergantung kepada lokasi, saiz dan perkhidmatan yang ditawarkan."

"Pemaparan harga yang standard mungkin tidak mencerminkan kos sebenar yang ditanggung setiap penyedia perkhidmatan dan akan ada perbezaan harga di antara satu fasiliti kesihatan de-



Keratan akhbar BH, semalam.

ngan fasiliti yang lain," katanya.

#### Rakyat ada pilihan

Kementerian Kesihatan dan Kementerian Perdagangan Dalam Negeri dan Kos Sara Hidup memaklumkan pelaksanaan Mekanisme Ketelusan Harga Ubat di kemudahan jagaan kesihatan



Antara farmasi yang mematuhi arahan pemaparan harga ubat di Kuching.  
(Foto BERNAMA)

swasta dan farmasi komuniti berkuat kuasa semalam.

Ini dilaksanakan melalui Perintah Kawalan Harga dan Antipencatutan (Penandaan Harga Bagi Ubat) 2025 di bawah Akta Kawalan Harga dan Antipencatutan 2011.

Pelaksanaan inisiatif itu bertujuan memastikan rakyat mempunyai pilihan bermaklumat dengan mengetahui, membuat perbandingan dan memilih harga yang terbaik dalam merancang perbelanjaan ubat-ubatan.

Tinjauan di Kuching pula mendapati farmasi sudah sudah lama meletakkan tanda harga pada ubat-ubatan serta semua produk kesihatan.

Kakitangan Farmasi Caring di

E-Mart Batu Kawa berkata, penandaan harga pada produk jualan di premis mereka bukan perkara baharu kerana dilakukan sejak mula beroperasi.

Tinjauan di Farmasi Big di Satok juga mendapati semua produk memiliki tanda harga.

Sementara itu, Presiden Teras Pengupayaan Melayu (TERAS), Mohd Azmi Abdul Hamid, berkata keputusan mewajibkan pemaparan harga ubat di farmasi dan klinik swasta menjadi asas kepada ketelusan, selain mengawal inflasi dalam sektor kesihatan dan membuka pilihan kepada pengguna.

Beliau berkata, langkah itu sangat penting untuk mengawal harga ubat dalam negara.

## 'Medication, tech costs driving private hospital inflation'

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**PETALING JAYA:** Amid debate over rising charges on hospital supplies and services (HSS), the Association of Private Hospitals Malaysia says that they have "no control over costs related to medication, medical equipment and emerging technologies like electronic medical records and artificial intelligence".

"This is made worse by the unfavourable currency exchange rates. As a result, we have to absorb these costs, which are ultimately passed on to the

patient in the final bill," said association president Datuk Dr Kuljit Singh.

The bills issued by private hospitals reflect the comprehensive costs incurred in providing medical treatment.

He said that regulating the prices of such medical equipment must be approached realistically and studied thoroughly to determine if it could lead to companies discontinuing the supply of the latest medical innovations to Malaysia.

It is essential that regional markets be analysed for comparison to determine whether costs

can be lowered sufficiently to remain competitive, he said.

"A comprehensive study is necessary to understand the dynamics at play," he said when contacted.

Dr Kuljit said the Malaysian healthcare system is facing inflationary pressures, which are affecting public healthcare as well.

"Moreover, there is limited recourse available to mitigate these effects as we do not have local industries producing healthcare products such as medical equipment and medications."

He said Malaysia should con-

sider investing in the development of its own pharmaceutical products and medical equipment in the future.

"Such a strategic move could enhance independence and contribute to a more sustainable healthcare ecosystem," Dr Kuljit said.

The increasing number of patients and insurance claims, he pointed out, is largely driving the rise in medical inflation in the country.

"While private hospitals' profitability is often scrutinised, factors contributing to rising healthcare costs, such as inflation, are

frequently overlooked."

"This reality is not fully understood by many, but it highlights the challenges we face in the healthcare sector."

Such a trend, he said, is not unique to Malaysia, as many countries are experiencing similar increases in medical expenses.

Dr Kuljit said the association is committed to ensuring the affordability of treatment costs, using strategies including transparency in drug prices.

However, he said it is important that such a move is carried out wisely without compromising on the care given to patients.

## Scrambling to put up price lists

### Not all clinics managing compliance smoothly

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**PETALING JAYA:** Private clinics are still struggling to display the prices of the medicines they dispense, although a ruling requiring them to do so came into effect yesterday.

Some have not even started doing so.

Checks at clinics here found that some were in the midst of compiling and preparing their price lists due to Wednesday's gazette of the Price Control and Anti-Profiteering (Price Marking for Drugs) Order.

Dr Nadir Khan, 60, said that he was busy preparing the price list while treating his patients.

"I began working on the list on Wednesday. I spent most of last night and this morning drawing up the list.

"Luckily, I have almost finished preparing it. All that's left is to print it out later," he said in an interview.

A 21-year-old clinic nurse, who only wanted to be known as Maisarah, said they had just managed to prepare the price list

earlier yesterday.

"We have a simple medicine price list ready to be printed and put on display, but we are waiting for final instructions from our clinic headquarters," she said.

Many other clinics were also waiting for word from their headquarters, most of which were closed for Labour Day yesterday.

One clinic in Puchong, however, displayed medicine prices in an 18-page binder.

A nurse at the clinic, Aishah Maisara, 22, said they could produce the list due to their modern clinic management system that was installed less than a year ago.

"Our management system had a full list of our medication and prices all readily available. All we had to do was print it out into a binder that is now displayed at the front desk."

Many patients, however, were not impressed by the rule on price display. They said it was good for transparency but unlikely to affect their clinic choice.

Accountant Nur Sara Shahera, 30, said the price displays were not going to make her go "window shopping" for cheaper prices



**New rule takes effect:** Medicine prices compiled in a binder at a clinic for display. — AZMAN GHANI/The Star

if she were ill.

"It could be risky for me to wander around clinics just to find cheaper prices. It is the last thing I will think about when I get sick."

"However, the prices displayed could be used as a point of reference when I need to visit other clinics," she said when met at a clinic here.

Hamrul Fahmi, 31, who works for a third-party administrator company, said that he would only

use display pricing to compare prices to those at pharmacies to find the best deal.

"I will tell my doctor to give me a prescription so that I can verify which medications are cheaper at his clinic and which are cheaper at pharmacies," he said.

"But I will still visit the same clinic because consultation with the doctor is still important."

Association of Private Hospitals Malaysia president Datuk Dr

Kuljit Singh said their members have begun displaying medicine prices since yesterday.

"We see the three-month phased educational approach to this enforcement as a good opportunity for all stakeholders to identify and address any challenges in the implementation."

"Ultimately, we want to ensure that the practice of price transparency benefits patients," Dr Kuljit added.

## Healthcare will not be cheaper, say unhappy docs

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**PETALING JAYA:** The new law requiring medicine prices to be displayed at private clinics will not bring down the price of healthcare, says the Malaysian Medical Association (MMA).

Instead, it may lead to more clinics closing down, resulting in hardship for patients, the group said.

With clinics forced to close, it said, the already strained public healthcare system would be further burdened.

"Rising healthcare costs are largely due to other factors, including medical insurance premiums, claims denials, third-party administrator (TPA) policies, illegal, unsafe healthcare centres,

etc, all of which are unregulated," it said on its Facebook page, MMA Schomos.

The ruling on displaying medicine prices came into effect yesterday, leaving many in the private healthcare fraternity upset.

Disgruntled doctors are set to march on May 6, marking the first protest in four years since the Hartal Doktor Kontrak strike on July 26, 2021.

Called "Doctors Betrayed: The Long Walk to Putrajaya", the march organised by the MMA will see participants walking from the Health Ministry to the Prime Minister's Office.

In the social media post yesterday, the MMA called out the government for not keeping its promise of reviewing the consultation fees for 33 years, since 1992.

"Our fees have remained

between RM10 and RM35 since 1992, despite rising operational expenses.

"It may even be cheaper than getting a meal and coffee," the post read.

In a statement, MMA president Datuk Dr Kalwinder Singh Khaira urged the government to put the ruling on hold, pending the resolution of issues like the consultation fees.

"These valid questions should be answered prior to any decision-making," said Dr Kalwinder, who was disappointed that the government had proceeded with the implementation without addressing the reservations of the medical practitioners.

During the "Advocacy" meeting in February, it was concluded that the rule for displaying medicine prices would only be implement-

ed after the long-overdue revision of private GP consultation fees.

"That commitment has not been honoured," said Dr Kalwinder.

He said GPs have every reason to feel frustrated over the use of the Price Control and Anti-Profitteering Act, which is a non-medical Act, on the already heavily regulated medical profession.

"The MMA strongly urges the government to halt the rule for displaying medicine prices.

"This will allow for proper engagement and resolution of the concerns raised."

Malaysian Dental Association Assoc president Prof Dr Mas Suryalis Ahmad said the association stands in solidarity with the MMA.

"We believe that healthcare

should be recognised as a vital public service rather than a commercial commodity," she said.

A doctor based in Sabah also called on his counterparts to protest by wearing black attire to work and to take photos and post it on social media.

"We will shut our clinics and pharmacies, and we will walk to Parliament – when our associations call."

On Wednesday, Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad and Domestic Trade and Cost of Living Minister Datuk Armizan Ali said in a joint statement that the price list initiative was in line with the government's commitment to price transparency.

They said the move would allow the people to make informed choices and make price comparisons.

# Painful cost of healthcare

**'Excessive profiteering' in private sector putting vulnerable at risk**

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**PETALING JAYA:** Baby wipes at RM18.80. An ice bag at RM43.35. RM1.60 for a paper wrist band to indicate that the patient is a "fall risk". These are examples of consumables and items charged by a private hospital in Selangor.

Patients have to pay for such consumables once they undergo a procedure or surgery in private hospitals.

The list goes on. It could include items like syringes, latex gloves, surgical gowns, gauze swabs, disposable kidney bowls, absorbent hand towels, alcohol swabs and bedpan liners.

In its 2024 annual report, which was released a month ago, Bank Negara raised the issue of high costs of hospital supplies and services (HSS), such as drugs, laboratory fees and consumables.

"These costs are currently unregulated and show wide variation across hospitals. Given that the HSS accounts for 59% to 70% of overall private hospital bills, depending on the type of treatment (i.e. non-surgical versus surgical), its impact on overall claims costs is significant," the central bank said.

Malaysian Coalition of Ageing chairman Cheah Tuck Wing said there is an urgent need to halt excessive profiteering in the private healthcare sector.

He said transparency and regu-

lation must be in place to protect vulnerable groups, particularly older Malaysians and persons with disabilities.

"Profiteering must stop to protect vulnerable groups like seniors and persons with disabilities," he said.

Cheah cited examples of inflated prices for medical supplies post-Covid-19, such as face masks being charged at RM5 each when a box of 50 costs RM20, oral gel priced at RM110 in private hospitals despite its retail price being less than RM30, and a pair of surgical gloves charged at RM20 when a box of 100 costs no more than RM30.

He also highlighted the lack of transparency and regulation in private hospital charges, with 70% of fees being unregulated and no oversight bodies in place.

"There is no justification or transparency on how costs are determined and reviewed.

"We don't need five-star luxury hospitals, but affordable healthcare is what we need," he said.

Cheah noted that older Malaysians, who are more likely to need healthcare, face rising costs with inadequate financial protections.

Noting that 70% of hospital charges occur in the last 20 years of life, he stressed the importance of affordable healthcare for those over 60.

"Most seniors will struggle to afford healthcare and will rely on public hospitals," he stated, add-



**Priced out:** A patient receiving an injection from a doctor. In its 2024 annual report, which was released a month ago, Bank Negara raised the issue of high costs of HSS, such as drugs, laboratory fees and consumables. — AZHAR MAHFOF/The Star

ing that the private healthcare operators' demand for higher drug prices, despite government efforts for transparency, only adds to the burden on the rakyat with increasing living expenses.

To tackle these issues, Cheah suggested capping private hospital charges for supplies, medicines and equipment, along with

a transparent price list for medical items and procedures.

"There should be a regulatory body involving the Health Ministry, private hospitals, consumer groups, NGOs and the public accounts committee."

Cheah also recommended using generic drugs to cut costs, and promoting preventive healthcare

by encouraging healthy lifestyles.

"We must implement common-sense measures to reduce costs without compromising care," he said, also cautioning against unnecessary tests.

Cheah also called on the government to address its inaction in regulating private hospital charges, saying it was "long overdue".

## 'Hospital service charges need to be regulated'

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**PETALING JAYA:** The charges for hospital supplies and services (HSS) should be regulated to prevent patients from having to put up with excessive costs, say insurance consultants.

Senior insurance consultant Chan Wei Fay said drug prices merely made up to a third of the bills issued by private hospitals.

"A bulk of the charges often comprised miscellaneous HSS," he said.

HSS refers to consumables, laboratory testing, and the use of medical and diagnostic equipment, such as scanners, X-ray machines, and other amenities.

Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) said in its 2024 annual report that the total cost of medical and health insurance/takaful (MHIT) claims had gone up by 73% between 2021 and 2023, surpassing the 21% growth in MHIT premiums collected.

BNM reported that the elevated costs associated with HSS, including pharmaceuticals, laboratory fees, and consumables such as gloves, further exacerbated this issue.

The central bank pointed out that these costs, which could comprise up to 70% of the overall private hospital bills, are unregulated, thus impacting the overall claims costs.

Chan, who has been in the insurance sector for three decades, said that authorities aiming to curb medical inflation must look beyond drug prices and address HSS charges as well.

"Drugs are just one part of it. Generally, a fair and transparent hospital billing structure should allocate between 30% and 40% to professional fees, 35% to 40% to room and board and 30% to 40% to HSS."

"However, what we are seeing now is that HSS charges are exceeding 60% of the charges. Since professional fees are regulated and room and board charges are often fixed, are HSS being overpriced?" Chan said.

For example, he said that a small syringe that could be purchased for RM1 could cost four times more at a private hospital.

"Even the price of disposable cups used to serve medication is marked up several times over," he claimed.

"It is the same case with laboratory tests and health scan charges," he said.

Chan claims that the "inevitable" steep rise in medical insurance premiums, which has burdened policyholders, was unavoidable as insurance companies have been in the red for years after paying out the exorbitant charges imposed by private healthcare services.

However, he also acknowl-

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Sim Tze Tzin

edged that insurance companies share the blame over the "inflated" billing by private hospitals.

"For years, insurance companies paid out these charges without scrutiny. The appointment of third-party administrators (TPAs) has made it even worse, triggering higher costs."

"When the TPA presents the charges, the insurance companies would pay up without question, even when it appears to be unreasonable."

"No auditing is conducted and this is why the insurance companies have themselves to blame," he said.

Another veteran insurance consultant, Leonard Tan, suggested that the government form a commission to review healthcare charges.

The commission, he said, could also study insurance premium and reimbursement structures.

He said insurance companies have been selling policies with multi-million ringgit limits and higher premiums.

"These bigger limits trigger and encourage higher charges for medical services and drugs," he said.

Tan pointed out that the overall cost of a hospital stay is in tandem with the room that the patient chooses.

"If you pick a high-end room, the rest of the other charges will also rise, except for the fee of medical consultants and surgeons, which is regulated."

He questioned the high prices of drugs, too.

"Why does it cost way more at private hospitals compared to pharmacies? HSS charges should be strictly regulated," he said.

Lawmaker Sim Tze Tzin, who has raised concerns about medical charges and insurance premiums,

said HSS should be regulated to counter excessive profiteering.

"Yes, private healthcare centres are profit-driven and may invest their profits in R&D (research and development) or sophisticated medical equipment. However, we are against excessive profiteering."

He claimed that private hospitals are imposing HSS charges "as they wish".

"Currently, there are no laws to regulate HSS charges," he said, adding that patients are often given bills that run into dozens of pages which they are expected to accept.

"Transparency is the best policy and market forces should be the control mechanism," he said.

Sim said the overcharging by private hospitals has also impacted the insurance industry, which in turn has raised premiums that are burdening its policyholders.

He said private healthcare operators should work closely with the government on the matter.

"Just because other countries do not regulate private hospital charges, it does not mean we cannot do so. We have our ecosystem. Every country is unique in its own way," he said.

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**HARGA MAKANAN DI RESTORAN NASI KANDAR**

# Tak ikut suka, tapi ikut sistem

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**Kuala Lumpur**

Meskipun keadaan ekonomi semakin mencabar, harga makanan di restoran nasi kandar di Lembah Klang didapati masih munasabah tanpa perbezaan ketara. Tinjauan Harian Metro selama empat hari di sebuah restoran nasi kandar, di sini, mendapati satu set hidangan nasi terdiri nasi putih, kuah campur, ayam goreng, sayur dan teh 'O' ais kekal dijual pada harga RM11.

Pelajar, Aisyah Nasuha Asri, 21, berkata, dia sering berkunjung ke restoran berkenaan pada setiap minggu kerana harga makanannya yang konsisten. "Harga makanan di sini tetap, tidak berubah sejak

kali pertama saya berkunjung di restoran ini. Saya perasan harga kekal sama setiap kali datang.

"Saya pernah dikenakan harga berbeza di restoran lain, lauk sama, tapi harga lain mengikut hari. Tetapi, di restoran ini harga sentiasa sama, lebih mudah untuk rancang perbelanjaan," katanya.

Sementara itu, pengurus restoran berkenaan memaklumkan pihaknya menggunakan sistem harga tetap di semua cawangan restoran terbabit.

"Harga makanan di sini tetap memandangkan ia sudah ditetapkan dalam sistem. Pelanggan pun pernah tanya kenapa harga murah dan tidak berubah-ubah, saya jawab kita ikut sistem.

"Memang kos bahan mentah makin meningkat, tetapi harga makanan konsisten kerana mahu kekal kepercayaan pelanggan.

"Rungutan orang ramai mengenai isu 'harga ikut suka' di restoran nasi kandar tidak sepatutnya timbul jika setiap premis mengamalkan sistem harga tetap yang telus dan dipaparkan secara jelas kepada pelanggan," katanya.

Sementara itu, Harian Metro turut melakukan tinjauan di sebuah lagi restoran nasi kandar di Kajang, Selangor dan mendapati harga hidangan sama adalah RM9 bagi nasi putih, kuah campur, ayam goreng dan sayur.

Pengunjung, Rahmat Desa, 53, berkata dia kerap ber-



MENU nasi kandar menjadi pilihan kebanyakan masyarakat di sekitar Lembah Klang.

kunjung ke restoran berkenaan kerana berhampiran tempat kerjanya.

"Selalunya saya ambil lauk berlainan setiap hari

kerana tidak mahu jemu makan menu sama. Antara lauk yang saya ambil adalah ayam, daging dan sayur. "Walaupun lauk berbeza,

namun harganya lebih kurang sama dan tidak ada kenaikan ketara," katanya yang juga penjawat awam di restoran terbabit.



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| 2-May  | Putrajaya to scrap egg subsidy by August 1, phase-out begins tomorrow | <a href="https://www.malaymail.com/news/malaysia/2025/04/30/putrajaya-to-scrap-egg-subsidy-by-august-1-phase-out-begins-tomorrow/175002">https://www.malaymail.com/news/malaysia/2025/04/30/putrajaya-to-scrap-egg-subsidy-by-august-1-phase-out-begins-tomorrow/175002</a> | MALAYMAIL    |
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| 2-May  | Polis gempur tiga premis simpan minyak enjin kenderaan palsu          | <a href="https://www.utusan.com.my/nasional/2025/04/polis-gempur-tiga-premis-simpan-minyak-enjin-kenderaan-palsu">https://www.utusan.com.my/nasional/2025/04/polis-gempur-tiga-premis-simpan-minyak-enjin-kenderaan-palsu</a>                                               | UTUSAN       |
| 2-May  | 13 arrested in counterfeit engine oil crackdown                       | <a href="https://thesun.my/malaysia-news/13-arrested-in-counterfeit-engine-oil-crackdown-JE14018414">https://thesun.my/malaysia-news/13-arrested-in-counterfeit-engine-oil-crackdown-JE14018414</a>                                                                         | THE SUN      |
| 2-May  | Kaut untung berjuta, jual minyak enjin palsu label jenama terkenal    | <a href="https://www.kosmo.com.my/2025/04/29/kaut-untung-berjuta-jual-minyak-enjin-palsu-label-jenama-terkenal/">https://www.kosmo.com.my/2025/04/29/kaut-untung-berjuta-jual-minyak-enjin-palsu-label-jenama-terkenal/</a>                                                 | KOSMO        |

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| 2-May | PDRM bongkar sindiket edar minyak enjin kenderaan palsu                                   | <a href="https://www.hmetro.com.my/mutakhir/2025/04/1213261/pdrm-bongkar-sindiket-edar-minyak-enjin-kenderaan-palsu#google_vignette">https://www.hmetro.com.my/mutakhir/2025/04/1213261/pdrm-bongkar-sindiket-edar-minyak-enjin-kenderaan-palsu#google_vignette</a>                                   | HARIAN METRO       |
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