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NACCOL bincang isu beras negara

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PAPAR – Mesyuarat Khas Majlis Tindakan Sara Hidup Negara (NACCOL) dipengerusikan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim bagi membincangkan mengenai isu beras negara bakal diadakan pada Jumaat ini.

Perkara itu dimaklumkan Menteri Perdagangan Dalam Negeri dan Kos Sara Hidup yang juga Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Pemantauan Pelaksanaan NACCOL, Datuk Armizan Mohd Ali.

Armizan berkata, Kementerian Perdagangan Dalam Negeri dan Kos Sara Hidup (KPDN) selaku urusetia NACCOL sudah mendapat pengesahan dari

Kementerian Pertanian dan Keterjaminan Makanan (KPKM) bahawa salah satu perkara yang akan diangkat untuk pertimbangan adalah berkaitan bekalan beras negara.

"Kuasa kawal selia padi dan beras termasuklah berkaitan hala tuju bekalan serta harga terletak di bawah KPKM sejak berkuatkuasanya Akta Kawalan Padi dan Beras 1994 (Akta 522).

"Oleh itu, sebarang perubahan yang melibatkan dasar dan program kerajaan yang terkait dengan industri padi dan beras merupakan tanggungjawab Menteri Pertanian dan Keterjaminan Makanan.

"Ia sejajar dengan Perintah

yang dikeluarkan di bawah Akta Fungsi-Fungsi Menteri 1969," katanya ketika ditemui media sempena Majlis Berkhatan Peringkat Dewan Undangan Negeri (DUN) Kawang semalam.

Sementara itu, Armizan menyatakan kos sara hidup juga antara isu yang bakal diutarakan dalam mesyuarat itu nanti.

Armizan berkata, ia termasuklah saranan bagi mewujudkan indikator kos sara hidup.

"Melalui indikator ini, kita bukan sahaja boleh melihat indeks harga pengguna yang spesifik tetapi mampu melakukan penilaian secara menyeluruh dalam konteks pengagihan bantuan kepada rakyat," katanya.



ARMIZAN (kanan) ketika menyampaikan sumbangan pada Majlis Berkhatan Peringkat Dewan Undangan Negeri Kawang di Papar semalam.

Seludup RON95 guna Toyota Camry

PENGKALAN HULU – Seorang lelaki warga Thailand ditahan ketika cuba menyeleweng 60 liter petrol RON95 bernilai RM5,123 menggunakan kereta jenis Toyota Camry di sempadan Malaysia-Thailand di sini kelmarin.

Suspek berusia 51 tahun itu diberkas pada pukul 11.30 pagi di Kompleks Imigresen, Kastam, Kuarantin dan Keselamatan (ICQS) Bukit Berapit di sini.

Pengarah Kementerian Perdagangan Dalam Negeri Perak, Datuk Kamalludin Ismail berkata, suspek telah mengubah suai tangki kereta untuk memasukkan lebih banyak petrol tersebut.

"Pemeriksaan menemui sebuah tangki tambahan di bahagian belakang yang bersambung dengan tangki asal.

"Suspek kini direman selama empat hari bagi membantu

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KAMALLUDIN ISMAIL

siasatan mengikut Akta Kawalan Bekalan 1961 dan Peraturan-Peraturan Kawalan Bekalan 1974,” katanya.

Menurut Kamalludin, pihaknya sedang memperingkatkan penguatkuasaan dengan menempatkan lebih ramai anggota di pintu masuk sempadan dalam usaha mengekang ketirisan serta aktiviti penyeludupan barangan kawalan dan bersusidi.



ANGGOTA KPDN memerhatikan suspek yang menunjukkan tangki petrol rahsia yang dipasang di dalam kereta Toyota Camry di ICQS Bukit Berapit di Pengkalan Hulu kelmarin.

Bincang isu beras Jumaat ini

Dalam mesyuarat
NACCOL yang akan
dipengerusikan
oleh Perdana
Menteri

PAPAR

Mesyuarat Khas Majlis Tindakan Sara Hidup Negara (NACCOL) yang dipengerusikan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim akan diadakan Jumaat ini bagi membincangkan isu kos sara hidup terutamanya bekalan beras di negara ini.

Menteri Perdagangan Dalam Negeri dan Kos Sara Hidup (KPDN), Datuk Armizan Mohd Ali berkata, kementerian-nya selaku urus setia NACCOL telah mendapat pengesahan Kementerian Pertanian dan Keterjaminan Makanan (KPKM) bahawa satu daripada perkara diangkat untuk pertimbangan adalah berkaitan bekalan beras negara.

"Sejak berkuat kuasanya Akta Kawalan Padi dan Beras 1994 (Akta 522), kuasa kawal selia padi dan beras termasuk berkaitan hala tuju bekalan dan harga terletak di bawah KPKM.

"Sebarang perubahan yang melibatkan dasar dan program kerajaan terkait dengan industri

padi dan beras adalah di bawah tanggungjawab Menteri Pertanian dan Keterjaminan Makanan, sejajar dengan perintah yang dikeluarkan di bawah Akta Fungsi-Fungsi Menteri 1969," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian kepada pemberita selepas program Majlis Berkhatan Peringkat Dewan Undangan Negeri Kawang di sini pada Ahad.

Armizan berkata, sebarang pengumuman rasmi berkaitan beras negara akan dibuat Menteri Pertanian dan Keterjaminan Makanan, Datuk Seri Mohamad Sabu atau wakil dipertanggungjawabkan selepas keputusan dibuat NACCOL dan kemudian dibawa kepada Jemaah Menteri sekiranya keputusan itu besar serta melibatkan implikasi kewangan.

Pada masa sama, beliau berkata, dengan kerjasama Kementerian Ekonomi iaitu melalui Jabatan Perangkaan, pihaknya juga akan mengangkat mengenai pertimbangan mewujudkan petunjuk kos sara hidup pada mesyuarat berkenaan.

"Jika tidak sempat dibincangkan pada mesyuarat Jumaat ini kita akan bawa pada mesyuarat NACCOL Mac nanti. Kita ada indeks harga peng-



ARMIZAN

guna tetapi sekiranya ada indikator kos sara hidup ini, kita akan dapat membuat penilaian yang lebih menyeluruh termasuk dalam konteks pengagihan bantuan kepada rakyat.

"Kita tahu setiap daerah atau

wilayah, kos sara hidup adalah berbeza. Harga barang termasuk kos logistik berbeza. Oleh itu kita perlu wujudkan petunjuk berkenaan, namun untuk mewujudkannya, kita perlu melibatkan dasar kerana kita perlu melihat apa komponen yang akan dimasukkan dalam petunjuk berkenaan," tambah beliau.

Mengenai kos sara hidup yang semakin membebankan, Armizan berkata, masalah berkenaan merupakan isu yang dihadapi oleh seluruh negara di dunia.

"Peningkatan kos sara hidup ini bukan sahaja berlaku di Malaysia dan kalau lihat laporan Forum Ekonomi Dunia yang baru dikeluarkan pada 2024 dan 10 tahun mendatang, antara satu isu cabaran global adalah kos sara hidup, jadi ia bukan isu yang unik untuk Malaysia tetapi dihadapi seluruh dunia," jelasnya. - Bernama

Action Council to discuss rice supply issue

PAPAR: A special meeting of the National Action Council on Cost of Living (Naccol), chaired by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, will be held on Friday to discuss the rice supply issue, said Domestic Trade and Cost of Living Minister Datuk Armizan Mohd Ali.

"Since the enforcement of the Control of Padi and Rice Act 1994 (Act 522), the power to regulate padi and rice, including supply and price, is under the Agriculture and Food Security Ministry.

"Any change involving government policies and programmes related to the padi and rice industry comes under the responsibility of the Agriculture and Food Security minister, in line with the order issued under the Ministerial Functions Act 1969," he said, after attending a mass circumcision ceremony here yesterday.

Armizan said any official announcement on the country's rice supply would be made by the Agriculture and Food Security Minister Datuk Seri Mohamad Sabu, or a designated representative, after decisions are reached by Naccol.

He said the decisions would be brought to the Cabinet subsequently, if they are significant and involve financial implications.

Armizan added that at the meeting his ministry, with the cooperation of the Economy Ministry and the Statistics Department, would bring up for consideration relevant indicators to measure living costs.

"We have a consumer price index, but if there is a cost of living indicator, we will be able to make a more comprehensive assessment, including in the context of the distribution of aid to the people.

"We know that in every district or region, the cost of living is different. Prices of goods, including logistics costs, are different. Therefore, we need to establish the indicator, but in order to establish that indicator we have to involve policy as we need to see what components have to be included."

On cost of living pressures that are becoming more and more burdensome, Amrizan said this is an issue facing all countries worldwide.

"The increase in the cost of living is not only happening in Malaysia. If you look at the World Economic Forum report that was just released, for the next 10 years one of the global challenges is cost of living." - Bernama

Thai nabbed for petrol smuggling bid

IPOH: A Thai national was arrested by the Domestic Trade and Cost of Living Ministry Perak branch on suspicion of modifying his vehicle's tank to misappropriate subsidised petrol.

Its Perak director, Datuk Kamalludin Ismail, said the 51-year-old man was detained at the Bukit Berapit Immigration, Customs, Quarantine and Security Complex in Pengkalan Hulu at about 11.30am on Saturday.

During an inspection at a roadblock, enforcement officers found an additional tank connected to the original tank of the Malaysian-registered car driven by the individual.

"Further examination showed that the liquid is believed to be petrol in the additional tank," he said in a statement yesterday.

Sixty litres of liquid believed to be petrol, along with the vehicle, valued at RM5,123, were seized.

Kamalludin said the man has been remanded for four days for investigation under the Control of Supplies Act 1961 and the Control of Supplies Regulation 1974.
- Bernama

MADANI WHITE RICE INITIATIVE

PADI FARMERS' JOY OVER NEW CEILING PRICE SHORTLIVED

Also, rumours abound that rice millers may reduce the purchase price

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FOR a moment, padi farmers believed that they could heave a sigh of relief as the government reviewed the ceiling price of white rice.

However, it seemed that the farmers, who have been under pressure following the steep hike of input costs in recent years, would have to wait further as the authorities sort out the matter.

"We were happy when we learnt that the government was setting a new retail price of locally produced rice at RM30 for a 10kg package by March 1," said Che Ani Mat Zain, the chairman of the Muda Agriculture Development Authority (Mada) action committee.

He was referring to the announcement by the National Action Council for Cost of Living (Naccol) food cluster task force

on the Malaysia Madani white rice initiative.

On Wednesday, task force chairman Datuk Syed Abu Husin Hafiz Syed Abdul Faisal said the government would introduce the Malaysia Madani white rice priced at RM30 for a 10kg sack on Feb 19.

He said that following the move, there would no longer be local white rice (SST) and imported white rice (SSI) categories, adding that the Malaysia Madani white rice would be the sole category.

Padi farmers in Kedah, half of whom are under Mada, contributed the largest chunk, or 45 per cent, to national rice production.

So the announcement was music to their ears, since the ceiling price of RM2.60 per kilogramme for locally produced white rice had not been revised for nearly two decades, despite hikes in input costs.

For the farmers, a revised ceiling price of rice would pave the way for millers to adjust their padi purchasing price upward.

Che Ani said: "We understand that consumers might be unhappy with the hike, but it may be the solution to the supply crisis of locally produced white rice."

"To us, the RM4 increase for a 10kg sack for local white rice is



Padi farmers were left astounded on Saturday when Agriculture and Food Security Minister Datuk Seri Mohamad Sabu said the government had not made any decision on introducing a single category of white rice. PIC BY DANIAL SAAD

reasonable given the rising input costs over the past 18 years.

"It will be a win-win situation as farmers will get a fairer selling price of padi while consumers will get locally produced white rice."

The farmers, however, were left astounded on Saturday when Agriculture and Food Security Minister Datuk Seri Mohamad Sabu said the government had not made any decision on introducing a single category of white rice known under the Malaysia Madani white rice branding.

The *New Straits Times* reported that analysts had raised concerns about the poor coordination in the government.

They said these shortcomings could erode public confidence in the government.

While they await the government's decision on the matter, padi farmers in Kedah have another issue to worry about.

Che Ani said rumours were rife that rice millers would reduce the purchase price from RM1,600 per metric tonne to RM1,300 from today.

"Since the harvesting season started about a month ago, rice millers have been buying our padi at RM1,600 per metric tonne."

"We heard rumours that the rice millers are revising the purchase price to RM1,300 per metric tonne."

The move to cut the purchase price, he said, if it went through, would devastate the farmers as they would not be able to cover their high input costs to cultivate the crop.

He said this move was unacceptable to farmers in Kedah since rice millers in Negri Sembilan were buying the crop at RM1,600 per metric tonnes while those in Selangor were paying RM1,800 per metric tonne.

He said Mada farmers would organise a peaceful protest should the rice millers proceed with the move today.

Yesterday, Bernama reported that a Naccol meeting, to be chaired by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, would be held on Friday to discuss the cost-of-living issue, especially rice supply.

Domestic Trade and Cost of Living Minister Datuk Armizan Mohd Ali said the ministry, as the Naccol secretariat, had received confirmation from the Agriculture and Food Security Ministry that the rice supply issue would be discussed.

"The power to regulate padi and rice, including the direction of supply and price, is under the Agriculture and Food Security Ministry."

"Any changes involving government policies and programmes related to the padi and rice industry are under the responsibility of the agriculture minister," he said in Papar, Sabah, yesterday.

Armizan said any announcements on rice supply would be made by Agriculture and Food Security Minister Datuk Seri Mohamad Sabu or a representative after decisions were reached by Naccol.

Subsequently, these decisions would be taken to the cabinet if they were significant and involved financial implications, he said.

M'sia's rice supply issue to be discussed at NACCOL meeting

PAPAR: Issues pertaining to the country's rice supply will be in the National Action Council on Cost of Living's (NACCOL) special meeting agenda this Friday, says Domestic Trade and Cost of Living Minister Datuk Armizan Mohd Ali.

Armizan said his ministry, as NACCOL secretariat, has received confirmation from the Agriculture and Food Security Ministry that the issue of rice supply would be one of the matters to be raised for discussion.

The NACCOL special meeting will be chaired by Prime Minister



Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Armizan said the power to regulate padi and rice, including matters pertaining to its supply and price, is under the Agriculture and Food Security Ministry's purview.

"This is in line with the order issued under the Ministerial Functions Act 1969," he told reporters after attending a mass

circumcision ceremony, as reported by Bernama.

Any official announcements regarding the country's rice supply will be made by Datuk Seri Mohamad Sabu, or a designated representative after decisions are reached by NACCOL, Armizan added.

He said these decisions will also be brought to the Cabinet, especially if major decisions are made and if it involves financial implications.

On Friday, the Prime Minister had said that the government would finalise price controls for

rice at the special Naccol meeting next week and expressed confidence that the price of rice could be reduced and subsequently alleviate the people's burden.

It was reported that the government would introduce a "Beras Putih Malaysia Madani" white rice category to replace the local and imported white rice categories in the market.

Armizan also said his ministry will seek the meeting's consideration to set up an indicator for cost of living.

"We have a consumer price index, but if there is an indicator

for the cost of living, we will be able to make a more comprehensive assessment, including in the context of aid distribution to the people," he said.

Armizan pointed out that different districts and regions will have different costs of living.

"The price of goods, including logistics costs, is different. That is why we need to establish the indicator," he said.

Armizan added that the Economy Ministry and Statistics Department will be roped in to see the components to be included in the cost of living indicator.



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Nota Di Sebalik Tabir

Bersama MERAK JALANAN

SEJAK beberapa hari lalu, kecoh cerita tentang beras. Tidak kira jantina, latar belakang kaum mahupun peringkat umur, masing-masing 'seronok' bercerita perihal makanan ruji kita itu.

Ia susulan perkhhabaran kerajaan akan memperkenalkan kategori tunggal beras putih bagi menggantikan beras putih tempatan dan import dikenali Beras Putih Malaysia Madani.

Perkara itu diumumkan Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Menangani Harga Makanan dan Kos Sara Hidup, Mesyuarat

Khas Majlis Tindakan Sara Hidup Negara (NACCOL), Datuk Syed Abu Hussin Hafiz Syed Abdul Fasal pada Rabu lalu.

Dalam sidang akhbarinya itu, beliau umum harga siling beras putih pada kadar RM30 bagi kampil 10 kilogram (kg), RM15.50 (5kg) dan RM3.50 (1kg) yang sepatutnya berkuat kuasa hari ini.

Perkhhabaran itu nyata mengejutkan dan meresahkan rakyat termasuk Merak Jalanan sendiri. Apa tidaknya, sekarang harga siling beras putih tempatan bagi 10kg ialah RM26. Tetapi jika harga siling

baharu mula dikuatkuasakan iaitu RM30, berlaku kenaikan RM4.

Begitu juga harga siling beras putih tempatan 5kg dan 1kg. Bagi 5kg, sekarang harganya RM13, manakala 1kg pula harganya RM2.60.

Tetapi jika harga siling Beras Putih Malaysia Madani dikuatkuasakan, beras bagi 5kg ditetapkan pada harga RM15.50 dan 1kg (RM3.50), juga ada berlaku kenaikan.

Mujur kenyataan Menteri Pertanian dan Keterjaminan Makanan, Datuk Seri

Mohamad Sabu pada Sabtu meredakan sedikit keresahan rakyat.

Kata Mohamad, kerajaan belum membuat sebarang ketetapan berhubung 'cadangan' Syed Abu Hussin Hafiz itu.

Merak Jalanan ucap terima kasih kepada 'Abang Mat' atas respons itu. Setidak-tidaknya berita itu sedikit meredakan.

Cuma Merak Jalanan berharap jangan lagi ada 'kejutan' selepas ini. Kalau diumumkan harga siling beras baharu nanti, biarlah ia 'menguntungkan' rakyat.



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