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## Wuhan virus: Govt monitoring imported goods from China



JOHOR BARU: The Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Ministry (MOA) will closely monitor the traffic of imported goods that are coming from China following the outbreak of the Wuhan novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV).

Its minister Datuk Seri Salahuddin Ayub (*pic*) said that one of the imported items that has already been stopped was pork and pork-related products from entering the country.

"The import ban on pork and pork-related products is conducted by the Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services (Maqis) to prevent the threat of African swine fever (ASF).

"As for other products such as fruits, vegetables, and seafood, the ministry is still closely monitoring the situation with the help from the Health Ministry," he said when contacted here on Sunday (Jan 26).

He added that the MOA and Health Ministry were expected to come out with a joint statement on food safety and security on Tuesday (Jan 28).

Salahuddin, who is also the Pulai MP, added that so far no additional import ban has been imposed on products from China.

"Some of the goods that we imported from China are mandarin oranges that have been shipped here even before Chinese New Year.

"Other items include apples, grapes and many others including seafood," he said adding that the ministry would continue to monitor the situation.

As of Sunday (Jan 26), four cases of the coronavirus have been recorded in the country.

The first three cases were China nationals from Wuhan, family members of a 66-year-old Chinese patient confirmed to be infected with the virus in Singapore recently.

The three were the man's 65-year-old wife and two grandchildren aged two and 11.

The patients were part of a group of 10 that had travelled to Singapore from Guangzhou on Jan 20.

While in Singapore, the 66-year-old man and his son were confirmed to have the virus while the rest showed no signs.

The fourth case involves a 40-year-old man from Wuhan, China who came to Johor Baru on Jan 22 via a bus from Singapore, together with 17 other tourists from China and did not have any connection to the three earlier cases.

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## APMM rampas 33 bubu naga

**LUMUT** - Agensi Penguatkuasaan Maritim Malaysia (APMM) merampas 33 unit bubu naga di perairan Pulau Talang di sini kelmarin.

Pengarah APMM Perak, Kepten Maritim Shahrizan Raman berkata, rampasan termasuk hasil tangkapan dianggarkan berjumlah RM2,500.

Menurutnya, dua bot nelayan tempatan diusahakan enam warga Myanmar turut ditahan di muara Sungai Beruas.

“Kesemua tekong dan awak-awak berusia 22 hingga 38 tahun itu didapati melakukan kesalahan di bawah Akta Perikanan 1985.

“Kesemua bot dan bubu naga tersebut telah dibawa ke Pusat Tahanan Vesel Kampung Acheh untuk siasatan lanjut,” katanya dalam satu kenyataan di sini semalam.



Sebanyak 33 bubu naga dirampas oleh APMM Perak bersama ikan bernilai RM2,500 di perairan Pulau Talang kelmarin.

# Barang seludup RM700,000 dirampas

Menerusi Op Pengkalan dalam tiga serbuan pada 21 Januari lalu

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RANTAU PANJANG

**A**genси Kawalan Sempadan Malaysia (Aksem) Rantau Panjang merampas pelbagai barang seludup berjumlah RM700,000 menerusi Op Pengkalan dalam tiga serbuan pada 21 Januari lalu.

Antara barang dirampas dalam op tersebut ialah buah mangga dan keropok keping masing-masing seberat 800 kilogram (kg), selain pelbagai jenis sosej dan ayam sejuk beku seberat 243kg.

Kesemua rampasan itu kemudian diserahkan kepada Jabatan Perkhidmatan Kuarantin dan Pemeriksaan Malaysia (Maqis) Kelantan untuk tindakan lanjut.

Pengarah Maqis Kelantan, Mohd Azam Yahya berkata, siasatan awal mendapati kesemua barang terbabit dipercayai untuk pasaran tempatan.

"Maqis Kelantan sama sekali tidak akan berkompromi dengan mana-mana pihak yang terlibat de-



Anggota Maqis menunjukkan buah mangga yang dirampas oleh Aksem menerusi Op Pengkalan pada 21 Januari lalu.

ngan aktiviti menyeludup barang termasuklah produk pertanian tanpa permit sah," katanya.

Mohd Azam berkata, Maqis Kelantan sentiasa memantau dan mempertingkatkan kawalan ke atas setiap kemasukan keluaran pertanian yang masuk ke negeri itu bagi memastikan isu-isu melibatkan aspek halal, keselamatan makanan, kawalan penyakit dan risiko kemasukan perosak berbahaya yang boleh mengancam industri pertanian dan penternakan

negara dapat dikawal.

Katanya, kes tersebut disiasat mengikut Seksyen 11(1) Akta Perkhidmatan Kuarantin dan Pemeriksaan Malaysia 2011 [Akta 728] kerana membawa masuk keluaran pertanian tanpa permit import sah dan jika sabit kesalahan boleh dikenakan denda tidak lebih RM100,000 atau penjara tidak lebih enam tahun atau kedua-duanya sekali sebagai mana peruntukan Seksyen 11(3) akta yang sama.

**VOLVARIELLA**

## Hot weather hits Kedah mushroom farmers

**KUALA NERANG:** The hot weather in Kedah since November is not only drying out padi fields, but other crops as well, including Volvariella mushrooms, whose farmers have been suffering heavy losses.

Ismail Ibrahim, 63, from Kampung Musa here, said he previously enjoyed a yield of up to 30kg of mushrooms per day. That has dropped to between 10 and 15kg daily in the past month.

"The yield is badly affected because Vovariella mushrooms need lots of moisture for growth, but this hot weather has dried out the bed soil. To ensure some survive, I water them twice a day," he said on Saturday.

His mushrooms are planted in his rubber smallholding as the rubber trees provide the shade needed for growth.

Ismail said when temperatures soared, rubber trees shed their leaves, leaving the mushrooms exposed to heat even further. He said as production was now low, he sold his mushrooms only to regular customers at RM15 per kg.

Another mushroom farmer, Mohd Azrul Nizam Othman, 40, from Kampung Belukar Luas here, has the same problem.

His farm used to produce 10 to 15kg of mushrooms daily, but now it can yield only about 5kg.

"Before this, watering was done



Ismail Ibrahim checking the Volvariella mushrooms at his farm in Kuala Nerang on Saturday. BERNAMA PIC

only in the early stages of planting, but now, I pump water from the nearby reservoir."

Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mukhriz Mahathir said the dry spell had caused water shortages

in several areas, which could affect padi yields and marine produce supplies when sea water temperature rose.

On Thursday, Muda Agricultural Development Authority gener-

al manager Datuk Fouzi Ali said water levels at three dams in the state were dropping.

The dry spell in the northern peninsula is expected to last until March. Bernama