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5/5/2020	ELEVEN MEDIA	ONLINE	

National Food Security Policy set up

PETALING JAYA: (The Star/ANN)--- A Cabinet committee on National Food Security Policy has been set up to coordinate strategies and action plans in addressing national food security issues for the short, medium and long term.

The drafting of a more holistic and sustainable National Food Security Policy will strengthen food security at all levels of the food supply chain, said Agriculture and Food Industries Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ronald Kiandee (pic).

The Prime Minister will chair the committee, and its members will include the Agriculture and Food Industries Minister, the Finance Minister, the Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Economic Affairs), the Science, Technology and Innovation Minister and the Health Minister.

Others are International Trade and Industry Minister; the Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister, the Plantation Industries and Commodities Minister, the Transport Minister, the Rural Development Minister as well as the Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Special Functions).

The committee will seek input from stakeholders including academics, industry players, non-governmental organisations as well as farmers, animal breeders and fishermen.

Kiandee stressed that in general, Malaysia's supply of food is sufficient. However, he also acknowledged the need to improve upon that position of security.

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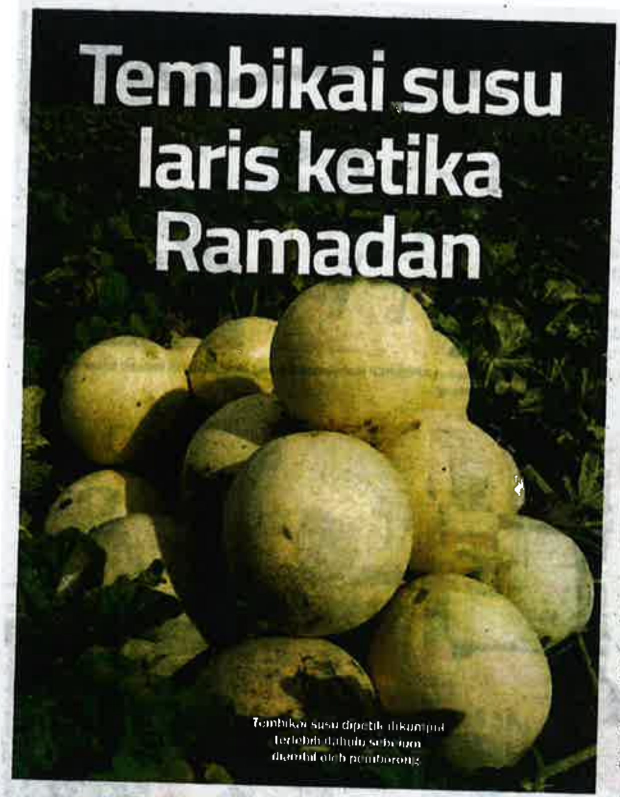
5/5/2020	SINAR HARIAN	SINAR RAMADHAN	18

Tembikai susu laris ketika Ramadan



Tembikai susu dipetik dikumpul terlebih dahulu sebelum diambil oleh pemborong

Bisnes Ramadan

Pengusaha kebun tidak sangka permintaan melebihi hasil tuaian

Oleh MOHD HAFIZ ISMAIL

Tanggapan pengusaha kebun tembikai susu atau *honey dew* di Kampung Sungai Haji Dorani, Sabak Bernam, Selangor bahawa buah yang dipetik sejak Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP) fasa satu tidak terjual ternyata silap kerana permintaan daripada pemborong melebihi hasil kebun.

Saiful Anuar Suad yang mula terlibat dalam bidang penanaman buah-buahan dan sayur-sayuran sejak 2012 berkata, tembikai susu diusahakan di atas tanah berkeluasan satu ekar itu telah mengeluarkan hasil sebanyak lapan tan pada Mac lalu.

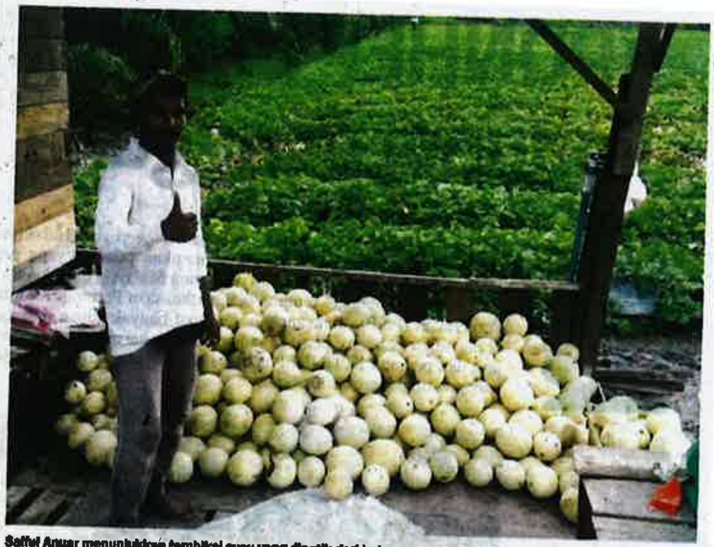
"Ketika PKP pertama dilaksanakan, tembikai di kebun telah memasuki fasa masak dan boleh dipetik pada bila-bila masa. Pada masa itu, saya sangkakan PKP tidak disambung tetapi kerajaan menyambung lagi PKP bagi fasa dua.

"Ketika itu saya sedikit risau jika ia tidak terjual selepas kebun memberikan hasil memuaskan tahun ini. Saya cuba menghubungi rakan-rakan pemborong dan ada juga mengiklankan di media sosial seperti Facebook berkenaan jualan borong serta runcit. Alhamdulillah, permintaan daripada pemborong cukup tinggi melebihi hasil kebun," katanya kepada *Sinar Harian*.

Selain tembikai susu, lelaki berusia 31 tahun itu berkata, dia juga mengusahakan tembikai merah dan kuning yang telah habis dituai sebelum PKP lagi.

"Setakat ini jumlah tuaian terkumpul bagi tembikai susu yang telah dijual kepada pemborong adalah sebanyak 21 tan.

"Kalau ikutkan setiap hari kita petik kira-kira satu tan tetapi masih tidak cukup untuk tampung permintaan.



Saiful Anuar menunjukkan tembikai susu yang dipetik dari kebunnya.

Selain menjual tembikai secara pukal, Saiful Anuar berkata, dia turut menjual secara runcit kepada penduduk di kawasan sekitar pada harga berpatutan.

"Saya cuma ambil keuntungan minimum sahaja kepada mereka yang datang membeli di kebun saya. Selain berniaga kita bersedekah di bulan yang mulia ini," katanya.

Saiful Anuar berkata, tembikai susu di Sabak Bernam adalah antara yang terbaik kerana rasanya lebih manis berbanding di kawasan lain.

"Ada satu kajian yang dibuat oleh Taiwan mendapati antara faktor menyebabkan buah kita lebih sedap berbanding mereka ialah faktor tanah di tepi laut.

"Ini antara sebab saya usahakan tanaman ini kerana kita mempunyai kelebihan daripada jenis tanah yang memberikan rasa lebih baik," katanya.

Berbakti

Walaupun mempunyai Ijazah Sarjana Muda Kebudayaan Melayu daripada Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), namun ia tidak menghalang Saiful Anuar untuk berbakti kepada tanah.

Katanya, dia mula berjinak-jinak dalam dunia pertanian sebaik sahaja menamatkan pengajiannya di universiti berkenaan.

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Menurutnya, dia berhasrat untuk menanam buah-buahan dan sayu-sayuran dalam skala yang lebih besar bagi memenuhi permintaan setempat jika mempunyai modal.

"Setakat hari ini, saya mengusahakan kira-kira tujuh ekar tanah bagi tujuan pertanian yang disewa daripada penduduk di Kampung Sungai Haji Dorani ini.

"Setahun akan ada tiga musim penanaman iaitu buah-buahan seperti tembikai, kemudian sayur dan jagung," katanya.

Menurutnya, menanam buah bukan satu pekerjaan mudah kerana ia menuntut disiplin yang tinggi.

"Kalau kita tak ikut disiplin ketika membaja dan meracun buah tidak akan menjadi.

"Malah, buah juga mudah rosak dan diserang oleh penyakit," katanya.

Kebun tembikai susu yang diusahakan oleh Saiful Anuar di Kampung Sungai Haji Dorani, Sabak Bernam, Selangor.

TARIKH	MEDIA	RUANGAN	MUKA SURAT
5/5/2020	HARIAN METRO	ONLINE	

Etnik Rohingya dah jadi nelayan, rancang tubuh persatuan

KERAJAAN diminta mengambil tindakan tegas terhadap pendatang asing tanpa izin (PATI) yang didapati semakin berani melanggar undang-undang dan merampas hak nelayan tempatan.

Persatuan Pendidikan dan Kebajikan Jaringan Nelayan Pantai Malaysia (Jaring), Che Ani Mat Zain berkata, ia termasuk kegiatan etnik Rohingya yang mula dikesan turut menjadi nelayan di negara ini.

Katanya, kegiatan nelayan PATI dan etnik Rohingya ternyata memberi kesan terhadap aktiviti penangkapan hasil laut nelayan tempatan sehingga menjejaskan pendapatan mereka.

"Jaring berasa bimbang dan kesal apabila menerima banyak aduan daripada nelayan pantai di Semenanjung tentang kehadiran golongan PATI dan kini etnik Rohingya yang menangkap ikan.

"Golongan ini dikesan mempunyai sampan dan menjalankan aktiviti memukat sehingga mengganggu sumber pencarian nelayan tempatan," katanya dalam kenyataan, hari ini.

Che Ani berkata, golongan itu turut didakwa menceroboh kawasan paya bakau dengan menebang pokok bakau dan membina rumah.

Katanya, golongan itu juga menimbulkan kebimbangan nelayan tempatan apabila ada yang bersikap agresif seperti ahli kumpulan samseng.

"Di Pulau Pinang, terdapat 40 pemilik sampan yang merancang menubuhkan Persatuan Nelayan Rohingya Pulau Pinang (kawasan Teluk Kumbar) yang jelas melanggar Akta Persatuan Nelayan 1971.

"Penguatkuasaan yang kurang tegas juga dibimbangi menyebabkan penyeludupan pelarian lebih senang dilakukan terutama di perairan Kedah dan Perlis," katanya.

Beliau berkata, tindakan drastik perlu diambil bagi membendung kebanjiran golongan berkenaan ke dalam negara yang secara tidak langsung menjejaskan ekonomi penduduk tempatan termasuk nelayan.

TARIKH	MEDIA	RUANGAN	MUKA SURAT
5/5/2020	NST	ONLINE	

Experts call for more emphasis on food security

Experts in the food security industry call for more emphasis to be given to agriculture and farming sectors to ensure continuous availability and food in the region. - NSTP/AIZUDDIN SAAD

KUALA LUMPUR: Experts in the food security industry call for more emphasis to be given to agriculture and farming sectors to ensure continuous availability and food in the region.

The recent Covid-19 pandemic is one obvious example where there was a worldwide concern over food security because of border closures, closure of restaurants and countries banning exports that affected the food supply chain.

Institute of Agricultural and Food Policy Studies' director Professor Dr Paul Teng shared his concern over agriculture ecosystem and food systems.

He said it was about time governments in Asean countries invest in agriculture research and development (R&D) work that empowers farmers.

He said the lack of importance given to food security would not only cause shortage but affect an entire food supply chain and production, possibly crippling a nation.

"Covid-19 pandemic has forced us to start rethinking about our food systems. We have seen in the last few weeks, early in the pandemic, agriculture was not seen as an essential service.

"As things dragged on, we started to realise that if you stop people from being involved in agriculture, you will experience a disruption in the food supply. That is when countries like India and China relooked at the agricultural sector," he said during a webinar discussion session organised by the Science Media Centre (SMC) Malaysia.

The SMC session was jointly organised by International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-biotech Applications (ISAAA) and Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM).

There were also three other panelists, Nanyang Technological University (NTU) Singapore's School of International Studies Adjunct Senior Fellow (Food Security) S. Rajaratnam; UPM's Associate Professor Dr Shaufique Fahmi Ahmad Sidique and Eats,Shoots & Roots' design director Shao-Lyn Low who shared their views and ideas on how to ensure continuity and food security.

"By empowering your farmers to produce more, you are also empowering your consumers and all the way the supply chain, upstream, downstream. Sadly, in all the studies that we have done, agriculture R&D generally received among the lowest attention in the public sector.

"As much as the world is aware that food is important, agriculture cannot compete with computer chip manufacturers, services and so on. Most governments tend to go for economies that create a higher value" he said adding that Covid-19 pandemic is a wake-up call for countries to prepare for future food crises.

He said Covid-19 will not be the only food security disruptor experienced. Thus countries and governments must be prepared to ensure food and supply chain continuity despite any future hindrance in the system.

The webinar session was moderated by Global Coordinator at International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-biotech Applications (ISAAA) and co-founder of SMC Malaysia Dr Mahaletchumy Arujanan.

"Asia has 80 percent of the world's small-hold farmers amounting to 100 million in the Asean region, thus scientists, policymakers and Governments must educate the public about food production and its importance," she said.

Meanwhile, Low, who spoke on community and awareness level on food security, said there has been an increase of public interest in urban farming since Movement Control Order.

"We see people starting to look into edible farming and notice a surge in the online sales as well. It is encouraging when people start to realise how important it is to know and understand how their food grows," Low said suggesting that growing food should be included as part of education in schools.

Shaufique Fahmi opined that food security should be addressed from a multi-dimensional aspect, where it is not only about the availability of food supply but the variety in choices as well as making sure that it is filled with nutrition.

TARIKH	MEDIA	RUANGAN	MUKA SURAT
5/5/2020	THE STAR	ONLINE	

Food truck drive-through service begins

Here you go: A vendor handing over food to a buyer at the food truck drive-through at the Hassanal Bolkiah National Stadium parking lot. — Borneo Bulletin/ANN

THE Ministry of Home Affairs, in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports and the Ministry of Health, has allowed the pre-order and drive-through business concept for the public to buy food for iftar during Ramadan.

Fourteen registered food trucks were made available from yesterday, selling various types of food and drinks while maintaining social distancing.

The food trucks are located at the parking lot of the Hassanal Bolkiah National Stadium and operate from 1pm to 7pm except on Fridays (2pm to 7pm).

One of the vendors, Mohd Badrun Samsol of Perusahaan Haji Samsol bin Haji Md Said, expressed his appreciation to the government of His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, for the initiative in allowing vendors to sell their items through food truck system.

"Previously, we set up our small business at Jerudong Beach but now no vendors are allowed (there).

"Through this initiative, we are able to continue our business and have received good response from the public, " he said.

Acting Director of Youth and Sports Mariam Ulat said the food truck initiative would help the public to buy food throughout Ramadan and enable vendors to sell their products during the pandemic. — Borneo Bulletin/ANN