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TARIKH	MEDIA	RUANGAN	MUKA SURAT
22/5/2019	ASTRO AWANI	ONLINE	

Isu NFC perlu di selesaikan segera - Salahuddin Ayub

Datuk Salahuddin Ayub berkata, dalam masa terdekat iaitu beberapa bulan lagi sudah ada sebuah syarikat yang berminat untuk membeli NFC. - Gambar fail/BERNAMA

KOTA BHARU: Kementerian Pertanian dan Industri Asas Tani (MOA) mahu isu National Feedlot Corporation (NFC) dapat diselesaikan dengan segera kerana ia melibatkan kepentingan awam.

Menterinya, Datuk Salahuddin Ayub berkata, dalam masa terdekat iaitu beberapa bulan lagi sudah ada sebuah syarikat yang berminat untuk membeli NFC.

"Saya telah membuat kenyataan seawal berada di MOA, sebuah syarikat berminat untuk beli NFC, kita telah lihat syarat-syarat itu dan perkara ini telah diajukan kepada perdana menteri dan menteri kewangan," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian kepada media ketika ditemui pada majlis berbuka puasa bersama warga MOA Kelantan, di Kota Bharu, pada Selasa.

Katanya, pihaknya menyambut baik sekiranya syarikat berkenaan dapat memenuhi syarat-syarat yang ditetapkan termasuk menyelesaikan pinjaman dengan Kementerian Kewangan.

"Menteri kewangan dah beri respon bahawa NFC perlu kembalikan semula pinjaman, itu terma yang perlu dipatuhi.

"Saya dimaklumkan syarikat ini memang amat berminat untuk ambil alih NFC dan sekiranya semua syarat dipenuhi, kita tak ada masalah. Syarikat baru boleh meneruskan projek NFC, mungkin kita tukar nama baru, " katanya.

Headline	Isu NFC Perlu Diselesaikan Segera		
MediaTitle	Bernama Radio (www.bernamaradio.com.my)		
Date	22 May 2019	Color	Full Color
Section	News	Circulation	3
Order Rank	8	Readership	3
Language	English	ArticleSize	N/A
Journalist	N/A	AdValue	RM 750
Frequency	Daily	PR Value	RM 2,250

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22/5/2019	UTUSAN MALAYSIA	DALAM NEGERI	10

Projek NFC perlu diteruskan demi kepentingan negara

KOMITMEN Pengerusi National Feedlot Corporation (NFC), Datuk Seri Dr. Mohamad Salleh Ismail mengenai pembayaran pinjaman lebih RM250 juta kepada kerajaan semalam, menjadi titik tolak penting untuk meneruskan semula projek ternakan lembu serta penghasilan daging yang telah dirancang di bawah NFC.

Beliau sendiri mahukan projek penuh potensi itu dibangunkan semula oleh kerajaan dan pembeli baharu NFC dalam usaha memastikan bekalan daging di pasaran tempatan terjamin.

Meskipun isu NFC penuh dengan kontroversi membabitkan beberapa nama besar dalam politik tanah air, namun sewajarnya kisah lama dibiarkan berlalu dan buku baharu dibuka demi kepentingan negara.

MOHAMAD SALLEH ISMAIL

Menteri Pertanian dan Industri Asas Tani, Datuk Salahuddin Ayub juga mahu agar projek itu diberi nafas serta jenama baharu dan dilaksanakan secepat mungkin.

Projek ternakan lembu serta penghasilan daging amat kritikal kepada Malaysia untuk menampung permintaan domestik, membekalkan daging halal selain mengekang import yang boleh mempengaruhi harga daging di pasaran runcit tempatan.

Projek itu juga boleh menggalakkan perkembangan industri serta melahirkan pengusaha tempatan, dan secara tidak langsung memecahkan 'kartel' sekumpulan pihak yang pernah didakwa menguasai sektor pengimportan daging bernilai sekitar RM2 bilion setahun.

Berdasarkan rancangan NFC yang dilancarkan sejak 12 tahun lalu, projek tersebut berhasrat mengeluarkan lebih 8,000 ternakan lembu terutamanya di Gemas, Negeri Sembilan untuk sekurang-kurangnya menampung 30 peratus permintaan daging tempatan.

Johor Corporation (JCorp) pernah dikatakan berminat untuk menguruskan ladang ternakan itu selain dilaporkan beberapa syarikat milik kerajaan (GLC) berkaitan bidang pertanian dan perladangan dialu-alukan bagi menjayakan projek tersebut.

Penyertaan Felda, Felcra serta Tabung Haji dalam projek ternakan sebegini amat tepat sekali demi membolehkan GLC tersebut mempelbagaikan aktiviti ekonomi selain menyelesaikan kemelut yang sedang dihadapi kesan kejatuhan harga komoditi dan masalah tadbir urus.

Idea menjenamakan semula projek itu tanpa menggunakan nama NFC juga disambut baik untuk membawa semangat baharu selain menghentikan polemik berterusan dalam kalangan ahli-ahli politik yang hanya merugikan rakyat.

TARIKH	MEDIA	RUANGAN	MUKA SURAT
22/5/2019	THE EDGE MARKET	ONLINE	

NFCorp issue needs to be resolved soon — Salahuddin

KOTA BHARU (May 21): The Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Ministry (MoA) wants the National Feedlot Corporation (NFCorp) issue to be resolved immediately because it involves public interest.

Its Minister Datuk Salahuddin Ayub said that in the near future, within the next few months, there is a company interested in acquiring NFCorp.

"I have already made a statement that a company is interested in acquiring NFCorp, we have seen the terms and this matter has been submitted to the Prime Minister and Finance Minister," he said.

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He was speaking to the media when met at a breaking of fast with ministry staff in Kelantan in Kota Bharu, today.

He said his Ministry welcomes the move if the company could meet the stipulated conditions including settling the outstanding loan with the Finance Ministry.

"Finance Minister has responded that NFCorp needs to make full repayment of the loan and the terms that must be complied with.

"I was informed that the company is very keen to take over NFCorp and if all conditions are met, there should be no problem. The new company can continue the NFCorp project, perhaps we can change the name," he said.

TARIKH	MEDIA	RUANGAN	MUKA SURAT
22/5/2019	FREE MALAYSIA TODAY	ONLINE	

Minister sees no problem in takeover of NFCorp

Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Minister Salahuddin Ayub.

KOTA BHARU: The agriculture and agro-based industry ministry has called for a speedy resolution to the National Feedlot Corporation (NFCorp) issue as it involves public interest.

Its minister Salahuddin Ayub said a company had expressed interest in acquiring NFCorp in the near future.

"I have already made a statement that a company is interested in acquiring NFCorp. We have seen the terms, and the matter has been submitted to the prime minister and finance minister," he told reporters at a breaking of fast event here yesterday.

He said his ministry welcomed the move if the company could meet the conditions, including settling its outstanding loan with the finance ministry.

"The finance minister has said that NFCorp needs to make full repayment of the loan. He has also stated the terms that must be complied with.

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TARIKH	MEDIA	RUANGAN	MUKA SURAT
22/5/2019	MALAYSIA KINI	ONLINE	

NFC may be rebranded after takeover, says minister

The controversial National Feedlot Corporation Sdn Bhd may be rebranded after its takeover over by a new investor, Agriculture and Agro-based Industries Minister Salahuddin Ayub said today.

Salahuddin said his ministry would welcome the move, so long as the investor fulfils all necessary conditions, including repaying NFC's loan to the Finance Ministry.

He added that he wants the NFC issue resolved as soon as possible because public interest is at stake.

"I have said since I've been with the Agriculture and Agro-based Industries Ministry that a company is interested in buying NFC, and that we have studied the conditions and forwarded it to the prime minister and finance minister.

"The finance minister said NFC must repay the loan. That is the condition that needs to be met," he told reporters during a breaking fast session with Kelantan Agriculture Ministry staff in Kota Bharu.

"I have been informed by the company that it is very keen on taking over NFC, and if all conditions are met, we have no issues.

"The new company can continue the NFC project, and perhaps we can change to a new name," he added.

Yesterday, NFC chairperson Mohamad Salleh Ismail said the potential buyer is prepared to fully repay of the outstanding loan amount within three months of the government greenlighting the takeover.

Salleh was responding to Finance Minister Lim Guan Eng saying that his ministry is seeking full repayment of RM253.6 million in outstanding loan, interest and late payment charges.

Meanwhile, Salahuddin said he would be happy if the NFC project were to continue, because of its objective to supply 30 percent of the local demand for beef.

"I hope this can be resolved quickly. If all conditions are met, the Agriculture Ministry will immediately facilitate the NFC takeover," he said.

Headline	NFCorp issue needs to be resolved soon — Salahuddin		
MediaTitle	KL Screener (https://www.klsescreener.com)		
Date	22 May 2019	Color	Full Color
Section	News	Circulation	3
Order Rank	10	Readership	
Language	English	ArticleSize	N/A
Journalist	N/A	AdValue	RM 450
Frequency	Daily	PR Value	RM 1,350

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Headline	NFCorp issue needs to be resolved soon - Salahuddin		
MediaTitle	Bernama(www.bernama.com)		
Date	22 May 2019	Color	Full Color
Section	NEWS	Circulation	2
Order Rank	4	Readership	7
Language	English	ArticleSize	N/A
Journalist	N/A	AdValue	RM 900
Frequency	Daily	PR Value	RM 2,700

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22/5/2019	MALAY MAIL	ONLINE	

Local fragrant rice for KADA, MADA padi areas to be planted on large-scale basis, says minister

Datuk Salahuddin Ayub said the MRQ76 variety which had been planted on a trial basis in Kampung Bendang Kolam, Tembusu, Selising here had proven to be on par with rice from Thailand and Vietnam. — Picture by Miera Zulyana

PASIR PUTEH, May 21 — The Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-Based Industry will ask the Kemubu Agricultural Development Authority (KADA) and the Muda Agriculture Development Authority (MADA) to begin planting high-quality local fragrant padi soon.

Its minister, Datuk Salahuddin Ayub said the MRQ76 variety which had been planted on a trial basis in Kampung Bendang Kolam, Tembusu, Selising here had proven to be on par with rice from Thailand and Vietnam.

"The trial cultivation turned out successful and studies showed that the rice was of high quality and on par with imported rice.

"I will propose that KADA and MADA plant this rice on a large scale basis so that it can be produced locally," he told reporters after a dialogue session and launch of the padi harvest here today.

Also present were KADA chairman, Senator Datuk Husam Musa and chairman of the Kelantan Fragrant Rice Operators' Association Zailan Awang.

Salahuddin said to encourage farmers to plant the fragrant rice, his ministry would provide the same subsidy as that given to other padi planters.

"Farmers who grow this fragrant rice will enjoy the same subsidy, and this is the first time we are introducing this because before, fragrant padi growers did not get it," he said.

Salahuddin said the price of this fragrant rice could increase the farmers' incomes as every five kilogrammes could fetch RM40 compared to RM15 for ordinary padi.

Headline	Nanas tanaman selingan Felda		
MediaTitle	Sinar Harian (Selatan)		
Date	22 May 2019	Color	Full Color
Section	News	Circulation	20,000
Page No	23	Readership	60,000
Language	Malay	ArticleSize	282 cm²
Journalist	MOHD FIRDAUS YON	AdValue	RM 2,858
Frequency	Daily	PR Value	RM 8,574

Nanas tanaman selingan Felda

Bantu pekebun sawit peroleh pendapatan tambahan

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Salahuddin menunjukkan produk nanas dihasilkan usahawan tart nanas di Taman Bukit Indah kelmarin.

Kementerian Pertanian dan Industri Asas Tani (MoA) mengenal pasti potensi nanas sebagai salah satu tanaman selingan di negara ini.

Menteri Pertanian dan Industri Asas Tani, Datuk Salahuddin Ayub berkata, ia boleh ditanam bersama kelapa sawit dan getah yang berdepan ketidaktentuan harga pasaran.

"Ia dapat membantu pekebun sawit dan getah memperoleh pendapatan tambahan.

"Saya sudah bermesyuarat bersama Menteri Hal Ehwal Ekonomi, Datuk Seri Azmin Ali untuk majukan tanah terbiar dan tanah ladang Felda," katanya melawat premis usahawan tart nanas di Taman Bukit Indah kelmarin.

Salahuddin berkata, MoA bersedia memberikan varieti nanas dan kepakaran bagi menjayakan syor tanaman selingan antara nanas dengan kelapa sawit dan getah di Felda.

Selain itu, katanya, potensi nanas sebagai tanaman selingan juga seiring sasaran untuk meningkatkan keluasan tanaman nanas terutama MD2.

"Malaysia sasar untuk tingkatkan keluasan tanaman nanas MD2 daripada 2,032 hektar pada 2017 kepada 5,500 hektar pada 2020," katanya.

Ditanya mengenai kesesuaian tanah bagi menjayakan tanaman selingan, katanya, MoA akan meminta Institut Penyelidikan dan Kemajuan Pertanian Malaysia (MARDI) serta Jabatan Pertanian untuk membuat kajian terlebih dahulu.

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> **Potensi nanas sebagai tanaman selingan juga seiring dengan sasaran untuk meningkatkan keluasan tanaman nanas terutama MD2**

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Headline	Pineapple industry has great potential for development		
MediaTitle	China Press (Johor)		
Date	22 May 2019	Color	Full Color
Section	News	Circulation	19,804
Page No	C3	Readership	59,412
Language	Chinese	ArticleSize	377 cm²
Journalist	N/A	AdValue	RM 5,141
Frequency	Daily	PR Value	RM 15,423

■柔佛五王子东姑阿布峇卡（右起）、公主夫婿丹尼斯莫哈末阿都拉、公主东姑阿米娜及柔佛王后拉惹查丽苏菲雅在晚宴上祈祷。

黃梨業發展潛能大

農長：鼓勵企業擴大業務

■莫哈末凯鲁占里（后排左起）、法蒂玛、沙拉胡丁及莫哈末沙列胡丁，颁赠小礼包给40名小学生。

（新山21日讯）农业及农基工业部长拿督沙拉胡丁阿育指出，我国的黄梨业拥有非常大的发展潜能，不仅仅在上游产业，下游产业也有潜在的实力。

他鼓励中小型企业通过贷款，扩大黄梨业务发展，增加企业之间的竞争力。

“我国黄梨工业尚有许多不足的地方，因此未来不止在上游产业，下游工业也须不断提升。”

沙拉胡丁阿育昨晚出席马来西亚黄梨工业局举行的开斋宴，发表谈话。

会上也颁赠小礼包给40名小学生，迎接即将到来的开斋节。

出席者包括农业部长夫人拿汀法蒂玛、农业部秘书长拿督莫哈末沙列胡丁，以及马来西亚黄梨工业局副总监莫哈末凯鲁占里。

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Headline	Pineapple exports up 56 pct		
MediaTitle	Nanyang Siang Pau		
Date	22 May 2019	Color	Full Color
Section	National	Circulation	27,667
Page No	A20	Readership	83,000
Language	Chinese	ArticleSize	326 cm²
Journalist	N/A	AdValue	RM 4,101
Frequency	Daily	PR Value	RM 12,302

沙拉胡丁（左）好奇地询问员工制作黄梨的过程。

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黄梨出口增长56%

（新山21日讯）农业及农基工业部长拿督沙拉胡丁指出，大马黄梨出口在2018年取得56%的增长，出口额达3亿4200万令吉。

他说，同比进口1亿5900万令吉的黄梨制成品，我国黄梨业在去年取得1亿8300万令吉的贸易顺差。

列新收入来源

沙拉胡丁昨日到武吉英达花园一家黄梨饼制作厂参观后向记者说，政府已把黄梨列为新收入来源，而且该部接下来将鼓励垦殖民在栽种油棕及橡胶之外，也同时兼种黄梨，可助增加农民收入。

"政府目标是希望从2017年的2032公顷，到了2020年可扩大至5500公顷，尤其是MD2和N36品种的黄梨。"

他说，我国的黄梨产品外销超过20个国家及地区，包括日本、韩国、中国、香港、新加坡、阿拉伯联合酋长国、沙地阿拉伯、伊朗、埃及、德国及法国。

他说，国内对黄梨产品的需求也有上升，主要是MD2品种黄梨，尤其是它没有季节性，而且价格公道。

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Headline	Encourage development of pineapple industry		
MediaTitle	Oriental Daily News		
Date	22 May 2019	Color	Full Color
Section	News	Circulation	85,616
Page No	A36	Readership	256,848
Language	Chinese	ArticleSize	106 cm²
Journalist	N/A	AdValue	RM 1,859
Frequency	Daily	PR Value	RM 5,577

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鼓励发展黄梨工业

农业与农基工业部长拿督沙拉胡丁阿育表示，大马黄梨出口量上升，他鼓励农产品企业申请政府补助和奖掖，扩大业务，增加农业加工品产量，供应国内外市场。

他说，发展黄梨工业除了持续发展上游工业，也不能忘了发展下游工业。他希望，国内的黄梨工业未来可以更加活跃，并带动其他农产品发展。

沙拉胡丁也是诚信党埔莱国会议员，他周一携夫人法蒂玛出席大马黄梨工业局主办的开斋晚宴上，如是表示。

沙拉胡丁透露，黄梨出口在2018年取得56%的高幅成长，出口总额在2018年达到3亿4200万令吉。若对比进口1亿5900万令吉的黄梨制成品，我国黄梨业在2018年总供取得1亿8300万航贸易顺差，显示黄梨业成长惊人。

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Headline	Pineapple, coconut and rubber can plant together		
MediaTitle	Nanyang Siang Pau		
Date	22 May 2019	Color	Full Color
Section	National	Circulation	27,667
Page No	A20	Readership	83,000
Language	Chinese	ArticleSize	178 cm²
Journalist	N/A	AdValue	RM 2,239
Frequency	Daily	PR Value	RM 6,717

农长：提高园主收入

黄梨椰子橡胶可混栽

（依斯干达公主城21日讯） 农业与农基工业部已鉴定黄梨是可以与椰子及橡胶一同种植的混栽植物，这也是政府致力于提高园主收入的举措之一。

农业及农基工业部长拿督沙拉胡丁说，有潜能为农夫及园主带来丰硕回酬的黄梨，已经被列为国家新的收入来源。

他今日巡视Tuzra Marketing的活动后说，当局已要求大马农业与发展研究院（MARDI）与农业局，对联邦土地发展局（FELDA）的土地是否适宜种植黄梨一事研究。

"在决定要种植任何混栽植物或'经济作物'以协助FELDA之前，我们将会先研究土地的合适性。"

鉴定特定FELDA地区

他说，当局正鉴定特定FELDA地区："我认为在年底前，我们应该可在数个被遴选的FELDA地区，进行数个试点项目。"

沙拉胡丁提及，黄梨成为混栽植物的潜能，符合市场想要提升黄梨，尤其是MD2品种黄梨的种植范围。

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LETTERS

GROOMING AGROPRENEURS

UiTM PERAK's PINEAPPLE VENTURE

Pineapple is a fruit crop that can be exported, as well as ensures food security. FILE PIC

FOLLOWING discussions with UiTM Perak branch in February, the head of department of the Perak branch of the Malaysian Pineapple Industry Board (MPIB) and her team visited the university's Seri Iskandar campus.

It was to determine whether the site was suitable for planting MD2 pineapples. The MPIB team was welcomed by UiTM Perak Deputy Rector (Academic) Associate Professor Dr Norhayati Baharun.

Upon deciding that the site was suitable to plant the crop, MPIB allocated RM17,000 — worth 10,000 MD2 seedlings — to UiTM Perak.

In March, the first phase of the project started with students planting 200 MD2 pineapple seedlings, supplied by the state MPIB.

The Department of Agriculture has said pineapple is a major crop apart from papaya, banana, mango, pomelo, watermelon and jackfruit. MD2 has been identified as a suitable fruit crop that can be exported, as well as ensures food security.

Since the demand for MD2 pineapples is high locally and abroad, UiTM Perak decided to venture into planting it.

MD2 pineapples have three grades: A, B and C. The grades are determined by the weight of the fruit, which is between 1.5kg and 2.5kg.

Grade A MD2 pineapples are reserved for the international markets.

MPIB believes that for Malaysia to have a larger share of the world production of pineapples, it needs to produce about 700,000 tonnes this year.

This means that Malaysia needs to groom more industrial planters.

UiTM Perak Rector Associate Professor Dr Md Yusof Hamid and the executive management were supportive of the project.

By sharing agricultural knowledge, especially in planting MD2 pineapples, the university can create more agropreneurs among its graduates. It is hoped that these graduates will add value to the development of agriculture practices.

AMERI MOHD SHARIFF
Head supervisor, UiTM Perak branch, Seri Iskandar campus, Perak

Headline	`Lapor polis jika terima ugutan'		
MediaTitle	Sinar Harian (Selatan)		
Date	22 May 2019	Color	Black/white
Section	News	Circulation	20,000
Page No	23	Readership	60,000
Language	Malay	ArticleSize	138 cm²
Journalist	N/A	AdValue	RM 795
Frequency	Daily	PR Value	RM 2,385

'Lapor polis jika terima ugutan'

KEMENTERIAN Pertanian dan Industri Asas Tani (MoA) menasihatkan nelayan di Muar yang mendakwa menerima ugutan pihak berkuasa laut untuk membuat laporan polis.

Menterinya, Datuk Salahuddin Ayub berkata, laporan polis tersebut bagi membolehkan beliau dan kementeriannya mengambil tindakan susulan.

"Sebagai menteri, saya tak boleh bertindak atas *hear say*. Mesti ada laporan lengkap. Tetapi perkara ini telah dibangkitkan YB Syed Saddiq sebagai Ahli Parlimen Muar.

"Saya mengambil maklum dan perkara itu telah pun sampai ke peringkat jawatankuasa khas Kabinet untuk kita bertindak," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian ketika diminta mengulas mengenai dakwaan nelayan di Muar yang diugut dan sengaja ditahan pihak berkuasa laut setelah mengemukakan bukti mengenai pencerobohan bot pukat tunda haram.

Salahuddin yang juga Ahli Parlimen Pulai berkata, beliau perlu terlebih dahulu melihat perincian dakwaan tersebut dan laporan polis sekiranya dibuat nelayan terbabit.

Selain itu, ditanya MoA sudah membuat keputusan sama ada membenarkan tanaman guarana, beliau berkata, guarana masih dalam kajian.

"Walaupun saya tidak boleh menafikan potensi dari segi harga, tetapi setiap varieti tanaman yang masuk ke negara ini memerlukan laporan daripada kuarantin.

"Kita tidak mahu penyakit, ulat, lalat, fungus ataupun bakteria dari luar negara masuk. Walaupun saya tahu ia ada potensi, harga mahal, tetapi perlu lalui proses tertentu sebelum jabatan pertanian buat pengesahan selamat di tanam di Malaysia atau tidak," katanya.

Katanya, MoA masih belum ada keputusan sama ada tanaman guarana dibenarkan atau tidak di negara ini.

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Air bertukar hitam dan busuk kerana mendapan kotoran, kandungan garam air laut

Sungai Melaka bebas toksik

MELAKA – Air Sungai Melaka yang bertukar menjadi warna hitam, berbau busuk dan menyebabkan ribuan ikan mati bukan berpunca daripada pencemaran toksik sebaliknya hanya mendapan kotoran serta kandungan garam air laut yang mengalir masuk sewaktu hujan lebat.

Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Perumahan, Kerajaan Tempatan dan Alam Sekitar Negeri Melaka, Datuk Tey Kok Kiew berkata, rumusan tersebut dibuat hasil siasatan awal ke atas kajian sampel air dan bangkai ikan yang diambil oleh Jabatan Pengairan dan Saliran serta Jabatan Perikanan negeri.

KOK KIEW

Beliau berkata, hasil kajian sampel, air sungai bertukar menjadi berwarna hitam merupakan campuran sisa mendapan yang tidak mengalir ketika proses *flushing* sungai dilakukan, naik semula ke permukaan ketika hujan lebat.

"Sementara itu, bangkai ikan yang mati hanyalah jenis talapia. Ikan tersebut mati disebabkan terdapat kandungan garam air di dalam air sungai yang mengalir dari Empangan Batu Hampar, Batu Berendam.

"Kita percaya hal ini juga disebabkan limpahan air laut yang masuk ke dalam Empangan Batu Hampar ketika hujan lebat sekali gus berlaku campuran air sungai dan kandungan garam," katanya pada sidang akhbar di Seri Negeri di sini semalam.

Sungai Melaka bertukar warna hitam, ribuan ikan mati akibat tercemar

KERATAN *Kosmo!* 21 Mei 2016

BANGKAI ikan masih terapung di jeti Melaka River Cruise selepas berlaku pencemaran di Sungai Melaka kelmarin.

Semalam, *Kosmo!* melaporkan kejadian Sungai Melaka bertukar warna menjadi hitam, berbau busuk dan ribuan ikan mati dikesan berlaku di Taman Rempah.

Pencemaran itu dikesan bermula dari Empangan Batu Hampar dan ia menyebabkan kawasan Muara Sungai Melaka sehingga ke Melaka Sentral sejauh empat kilometer tercemar.

Ekoran itu kerajaan negeri mengarahkan penutupan empangan tersebut dilakukan serta-merta.

Mengulas lanjut, Kok Kiew berkata, mendapan kotor hitam itu turut berlaku di Empangan Batu Hampar, kerana proses *flushing* hanya melibatkan kira-kira 30 peratus kandungan air.

Katanya, Jabatan Alam Sekitar terlibat turut melakukan pemeriksaan di 26 kilang di kawasan perindustrian berhampiran dan mendapati semua syarikat mematuhi standard pelepasan bahan kimia.

"Hasil sampel ujian air sungai juga gagal membuktikan sebarang pencemaran bahan kimia dan kejadian ini hanyalah fenomena alam sewaktu berlaku hujan lebat selepas musim panas berpanjangan," katanya.

Beliau bagaimanapun berkata, pihaknya masih menunggu laporan kimia lengkap yang dijangka siap kira-kira dua minggu lagi.

Headline	Reasons for `surge` in Viet fishermen encroachment		
MediaTitle	Daily Express (KK)		
Date	22 May 2019	Color	Black/white
Section	Nation	Circulation	25,055
Page No	10	Readership	75,165
Language	English	ArticleSize	231 cm²
Journalist	N/A	AdValue	RM 491
Frequency	Daily (EM)	PR Value	RM 1,473

Reasons for 'surge' in Viet fishermen encroachment

KUALA LUMPUR: Vietnamese trawlers encroach on Malaysian waters partly because it is less stringently policed compared with the sea around the Paracels and Spratlys archipelago, where Chinese forces have a strong presence.

Vietnamese fishermen are also venturing further out into the open sea after over-harvesting, dredging and the building of artificial islands had damaged 160 sq km of their country's seabed.

A fisheries industry expert said poaching had also resulted in the depletion of Vietnam's fish stock by as much as 70 per cent over the past 20 years.

Fisheries Department Director-General Datuk Munir Mohd Nawi told the *NST*, these had caused the Vietnamese fishermen to trespass on Malaysian waters to plunder some RM6 billion in marine resources a year.

The worst part was that the illegal fishermen used dragnets that destroy the priceless marine ecosystem including corals.

Vietnam's fishing industry employs more than 4.5 million people and is the world's fourth largest exporter of fish after China, Norway and Thailand.

The Vietnamese Association of Seafood Exporters and Producers (Vasep) reported that the country's catch amounted to US$10 billion (RM41 billion) a year.

Former Maritime Institute of Malaysia (Mima) director-general retired First Admiral Datuk Chin Yoon Chin said there were more than 80,000 trawlers operated by Vietnamese fishermen.

"Their favourite catch are the expensive bluefin tuna and equally high-priced yellowfin tuna. Other popular ones are grouper, squid, cockles and shell-fish, crabs, shrimps, snapper, lobsters, oysters and baby sharks."

A Bluefin tuna reportedly sells for US$200 per kg, while yellowfin tuna can fetch US$8 per kg. Earlier this year, a 277.6kg bluefin tuna was sold for US$3 million in Japan.

"The extraction of this natural resource in the South China Sea has been the cause of many international spats recently.

"The area is biologically diverse and home to 3,365 species of fish. It is also one of the five most productive fishing zones in the world with regard to total annual marine production.

"It helps the coastal economy and is crucial for the export trade and food security of 12 countries and territories it borders."

Chin added that since 1998, Vietnam had offered US$65 million in economic incentives and preferential loans to its offshore fishermen to upgrade their vessels with powerful engines and modern equipment.

"Private businesses and foreign-invested businesses linked to Vasep are also given tax reductions during the first three years of offshore fisheries business," said Chin.

He said there were 31 ports from where the Vietnamese trawlers operated.

However, only seven could accommodate large vessels equipped with 400hp engines — Lach Bang and Lach Hoi in Thanh Hoa province; Cua Hoi in Nghe An province; Xuan Pho in Ha Tinh province; Song Gianh in Quang Binh province; Con Co in Quang Tri province; and Thuan Phuoc in Da Nang province.

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Lembu seludup bawa penyakit

TUMPAT – Penyeludupan lembu menerusi sempadan Malaysia-Thailand di Kelantan menjadi punca penularan wabak penyakit kuku dan mulut membabitkan ternakan lembu di negara ini.

Ketua Pengarah Jabatan Perkhidmatan Veterinar, Datuk Quaza Nizamuddin Hassan Nizam (**gambar**) berkata, ini kerana lembu yang dibawa masuk secara haram itu tidak melalui proses kuarantin dan suntikan vaksin.

"Kami dapati sejumlah 10 kes wabak penyakit kuku dan mulut melibatkan ternakan lembu berlaku di seluruh negara sehingga April tahun ini dan ia satu jumlah yang agak besar berbanding keseluruhan 35 kes sepanjang tahun lalu.

"Kebanyakan wabak itu dikesan berlaku di Pahang, Johor serta Melaka dan kami dapati kebanyakan lembu terbabit adalah dari Kelantan yang dibawa masuk secara tidak sah melalui Thailand," katanya kepada pemberita selepas merasmikan Sidang Penternak Jajahan Tumpat di sini semalam.

Turut hadir Pegawai Tugas-Tugas Khas Menteri Pertanian dan Industri Asas Tani, Wan Johari Wan Omar dan Pengarah Jabatan Perkhidmatan Veterinar Kelantan, Suratan Kamarudin.

Program itu diadakan untuk memberi pendedahan berkaitan fungsi jabatan dan agensi dalam membantu industri penternakan selain satu platform menyalurkan pendapat dan perkongsian pengetahuan dalam kalangan penternak yang telah berjaya.

Kempunan lauk raya

HASRAT kumpulan sindiket di Kelantan untuk mengaut keuntungan dengan menjual beratus-ratus haiwan ternakan yang diseludup dari Thailand menjelang Hari Raya Aidilfitri terbantut apabila kegiatan mereka digagalkan Pasukan Gerakan Am (PGA)

PGA rampas lembu, kambing seludup bernilai RM1 juta di sempadan Kelantan-Thailand

Batalion 9.

Pegawai Pemerintah PGA Batalion 9, Superintendan Ramly Pancho berkata, dalam tiga serbuan di negeri itu sejak Jumaat lalu,

pihaknya merampas 235 ekor lembu, 46 ekor kambing, 38 ekor biri-biri dan empat ekor kerbau yang dianggarkan bernilai hampir RM1 juta.

KERATAN *Kosmo!* semalam.

Kosmo! semalam melaporkan, Pasukan Gerakan Am Batalion 9 berjaya menggagalkan cubaan menjual beratus-ratus haiwan ternakan yang diseludup dari negara jiran bagi memenuhi permintaan musim perayaan nanti.

Dalam serbuan tersebut, pihak berkuasa berjaya merampas 235 ekor lembu, 46 ekor kambing, 38 ekor biri-biri dan empat ekor kerbau yang dianggarkan bernilai hampir RM1 juta.

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FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

Outbreak caused by smuggled cattle

Some of the smuggled cattle that were seized by the General Operations Force in Tumpat over the weekend. PIC BY FATHIL ASRI

TUMPAT: The cattle smuggling across the Malaysia-Thailand border in Kelantan has been identified as the cause of the outbreak of foot and mouth disease among cattle in Malaysia.

Veterinary Services Department director-general Datuk Quaza Nizamuddin Hassan Nizam said this was because cows brought into the country illegally had not undergone the necessary quarantine process and vaccinations.

"As of April this year, there were 10 cases of foot and mouth disease involving cattle nationwide. This is a big number as there were only 35 cases reported last year.

"Most of the cases occurred in Pahang, Johor and Melaka. We found that these cases mostly involved cattle from Kelantan, which were brought into the country illegally from Thailand," he said.

He was speaking to reporters after officiating the Tumpat district livestock breeders conference, which was attended by the Agriculture and Agro-based Industries minister's special functions officer Wan Johari Wan Omar and Kelantan Veterinary Services Department director Suratan Kamarudin.

The *New Straits Times* on Monday reported that the General Operations Force (GOF) seized more than 300 cows, goats and sheep worth almost RM1 million which were smuggled into Kelantan via Sungai Golok over the weekend.

GOF believed that the number of smuggled livestock was expected to increase in the coming days due to the demand for meat ahead of Hari Raya.

Smugglers, said the agency, took the opportunity of high demand from locals to smuggle the livestock.

GOF officers also found that most of the smuggled cattle had fake ear tags to make them ap pear to be legally certified.

Quaza said Malaysia currentl supplied only 23 per cent of it own meat to the local market.

"Livestock production ha been static in recent years. W hope that more Malaysians wi get involved in this industry a there is large demand here fc livestock," he said. **Bernama**

Headline	KADA galak petani tanam kopi		
MediaTitle	Sinar Harian (Pantai Timur)		
Date	22 May 2019	Color	Full Color
Section	News	Circulation	40,000
Page No	23	Readership	120,000
Language	Malay	ArticleSize	374 cm²
Journalist	ROHANA ISMAIL	AdValue	RM 4,030
Frequency	Daily	PR Value	RM 12,090

KADA galak petani tanam kopi

Tanaman itu mendapat permintaan tinggi seluruh negara

ROHANA ISMAIL

TUMPAT

Lembaga Kemajuan Pertanian Kemubu (KADA) menggalakkan petani di negeri ini menceburi bidang tanaman kopi memandangkan industri ini berpotensi diusahakan secara komersial.

Pengerusi KADA, Datuk Husam Musa berkata, ia boleh dimulakan secara kecil-kecilan sebagai pendapatan sampingan petani.

Menurutnya, industri ini juga digalakkan diusahakan dalam skala besar kerana kopi mendapat permintaan tinggi seluruh dunia.

"Kita sudah ada pengilang dan outlet berjaya dan duanya adalah usahawan KADA tetapi kopinya diimport dari luar negeri.

"Dengan adanya tanaman kopi sendiri, kita boleh bekalkan kepada pengilang dan hasilkan kopi jenama sendiri yang boleh menebusi pasaran antarabangsa," katanya kepada pemberita pada Program Makan Colek di Lojing Coffee Kota Kubang Labu di sini malam semalam.

Husam berkata, sudah tiba masanya petani buka mata dan minda supaya tidak terlepas peluang perkembangan pesat industri kopi yang berkembang seluruh dunia.

Husam (tengah) bersama pemilik Lojing Coffee, Wan Izzudin Wan Sulaiman (kiri) ketika melancarkan Kelab Kopi KADA di Lojing Coffee di Kampung Kota Kubang Labu, Wakaf Bharu.

Menurutnya, sebagai galakkan petani di Kelantan menceburi tanaman kopi, pihaknya akan berbincang dengan pihak Institut Penyelidikan dan Kemajuan Pertanian Malaysia (MARDI) atau Institut Penyelidikan Perhutanan (FRIM) untuk membekalkan benih kopi selepas Aidilfitri ini.

"Saya bercadang beri anak pokok kopi kepada petani untuk mereka tanam di halaman rumah dan tanam di kebun sebagai tanaman sampingan.

"Galakkan ini supaya negeri Kelantan mendahului negeri lain menceburi tanaman kopi.

"Kalau pergi ke kampung-kampung memang banyak pokok kopi ditanam tetapi tidak diusahakan.

"Bagi yang mahu mengusahakan tanaman kopi secara besar-besaran, boleh adakan perbincangan lanjut," katanya.

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KADA adakan perbincangan bersama FRIM untuk bekalkan benih kopi kepada petani

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Headline	Kelantan farmers encouraged to take up coffee planting		
MediaTitle	New Sabah Times English (KK)		
Date	22 May 2019	Color	Black/white
Section	Home	Circulation	11,025
Page No	10	Readership	33,075
Language	English	ArticleSize	157 cm²
Journalist	N/A	AdValue	RM 348
Frequency	Daily (EM)	PR Value	RM 1,043

Kelantan farmers encouraged to take up coffee planting

TUMPAT: The Kemubu Agricultural Development Authority (KADA) encourages farmers in Kelantan to grow coffee in an effort to develop the industry following worldwide demand for the beverage.

KADA chairman, Senator Datuk Husam Musa said, for this purpose it plans to discuss with the Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute (MARDI) to provide seedlings free to farmers for a start so as to get them involved in the coffee industry.

"KADA together with the Kelantan Coffee Club can make a success of this endeavour, while MARDI can provide seeds and seedlings to be distributed to the farmers.

"When the coffee is produced, it can be supplied to the manufacturer to produce their own local coffee brands that can be developed for local and international markets," he said at the Colek dinner event and Lojing Cofffe Launch at Wakaf Bharu, here, Monday night.

Also present were KADA deputy manager (development) Nik Roslan Idris and owner of Lojing Coffee, Wan Izzuddin Wan Sulaiman.

"We expect Kelantan to produce up to RM10 million to RM50 million worth of coffee per year. The amount will contribute to the people's income and create a value chain in the coffee industry," he said.

He said, at the moment they had no specific plans, and intend to discuss with the relevant parties including the Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM) and MARDI after Hari Raya Aidilfitri for the supply of seedlings.

According to Husam, coffee cultivation was already underway on a small scale in the villages, but the effort was not being commercialised for various reasons.

"Already having a sophisticated coffee outlet and successful coffee producers, including two under KADA, we can develop the industry. I only plan to give coffee seedlings to farmers who already have land for planting," he said.

He added that if farmers were keen on developing the effort, discussions can be held separately whether to grow coffee as a main or secondary crop. –Bernama

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Headline	Grow coffee, Kada urge farmers		
MediaTitle	Daily Express (KK)		
Date	22 May 2019	Color	Black/white
Section	Nation	Circulation	25,055
Page No	11	Readership	75,165
Language	English	ArticleSize	142 cm²
Journalist	N/A	AdValue	RM 302
Frequency	Daily (EM)	PR Value	RM 905

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Headline	KADA encourages Kelantan residents to plant coffee		
MediaTitle	Nanyang Siang Pau (East Coast)		
Date	22 May 2019	Color	Full Color
Section	News	Circulation	6,000
Page No	B3	Readership	18,000
Language	Chinese	ArticleSize	617 cm²
Journalist	N/A	AdValue	RM 1,215
Frequency	Daily	PR Value	RM 3,646

农业发展局：物色优良品种

鼓励丹州民种咖啡

（道北21日讯）随着咖啡文化风靡全球，哥姆布农业发展局（KADA）鼓励吉兰丹子民规模式栽种咖啡豆。

该局主席拿督胡山慕沙说，他们将与马来西亚发展研究所（MARDI）讨论，负责物色优良品质的咖啡豆。

胡山（右）与会员商讨规模性栽种咖啡豆计划。

"本局与吉兰丹咖啡协会可以带旺吉兰丹的咖啡生产业，将良好的品种发放给吉兰丹人。"

胡山慕沙说，当吉兰丹人都乐于生产咖啡豆之后，这些货品将会送到厂家加工，然后制造出有甘榜风味的咖啡豆，成为享誉国际的大品牌。

他今天在罗京一项商业活动上致词时这么说。

他说，上述计划始于足下，先从生产咖啡豆开始，再到提炼及包装，再到市场行销，全部都是一条龙的业务。目前，我国从外国输入过亿令吉的咖啡粉。

"相信一旦全民产咖啡的计划成事，将会为国家带来每年1000万至5000万令吉的收入，咖啡豆行业是非常吃香的。"

盼成盛产咖啡州属

胡山慕沙说，开斋节过后，他将与有关当局商讨有关咖啡豆的事，包括森林局及农业发展局。

"我将会与农业部长会面，我们会探讨吉兰丹州大量生产咖啡豆的建议，让吉兰丹成为全国首个盛产咖啡的州属。

"其实，吉兰丹人有少量种植咖啡豆，只是一直没有被商业化而已。

"如果全国都有本地的咖啡专卖店，我们可以将本土的咖啡业发扬光大，我只是建议将咖啡苗送到小园主手中，因为他们有园丘栽种树苗。"

他说，任何有兴趣的商家可与当局提出建议，讨论到底要以小规模方式栽种，或者是商业化的大规模方式。

"开始的阶段，本局将鼓励小园主自动自发栽种，不要错过全球的咖啡潮流。"

他说，如果农业局能提供免费的咖啡豆，该局也会免费提供予园主，目前为止，该会将鼓励务农者参与上述计划。

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Headline	Encourage Kelantan farmers to plant coffee tree		
MediaTitle	China Press (East Coast)		
Date	22 May 2019	Color	Full Color
Section	News	Circulation	10,592
Page No	C2	Readership	31,776
Language	Chinese	ArticleSize	407 cm²
Journalist	N/A	AdValue	RM 5,575
Frequency	Daily	PR Value	RM 16,725

今日 東海岸 EASTCOAST

■罗京咖啡屋座落在道北县华卡吉鲁。

道北 胡桑：將提供種子幼苗 鼓勵丹農民種咖啡樹

■胡桑（右）聆听业者讲解。

（道北21日讯）阁姆布农业发展局有意鼓励吉兰丹农民种咖啡树，以迎合喝咖啡消费的全球趋势。

该局主席拿督胡桑上议员说，马来西亚农业发展研究院（MARDI）会成为合作对象，并由对方提供适合本地种植的咖啡种子和幼苗。

他说，吉兰丹咖啡俱乐部会配合推广这项鼓励性宣传，一旦取得鼓舞性成果，农民可把收成卖给本地厂家，由厂家包装在国内外销售。

他昨晚主持罗京咖啡屋推介礼后，如此指出。

阁姆布农业发展局（发展）副经理拔罗斯兰和罗京咖啡屋东主旺依祖丁也在场。

胡桑说，我国每年入口的咖啡总值高达10亿令吉，在他的初步概念里，吉兰丹每年可以生产1000万令吉咖啡，或最高5000万令吉，这将成为本地农民的主要收入，同时带动咖啡产业链。

他说，开斋节之后他会做出详细的构思，同时也会邀请森林研究机构和农业发展研究院，派员商议可行方案。

他也说，本地已有人种咖啡树，但都是小规模种植。

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Berkongsi rezeki jual beras murah

JITRA 21 Mei - Falsafah perniagaan untuk mahu mencari keuntungan semaksimum mungkin biasanya tidak dapat lari bagi setiap peniaga.

Namun tidak bagi seorang peniaga beras di sini yang memilih untuk menjual makanan ruji itu pada harga yang lebih murah daripada pasaran bagi mencari keberkatan.

Inisiatif diambil Mohd. Norazim Abd. Razak, 33, itu juga supaya beliau dapat berkongsi rezeki dengan golongan kurang berkemampuan yang mahu membeli beras terutamanya di kawasan luar bandar.

Menurut Pengarah Urusan Trubiz Advance Resources itu, sasaran pelanggannya adalah mereka yang bekerja kampung seperti pesawah dan penoreh getah untuk membeli beras 10 kilogram dengan harga RM22 berbanding harga pasaran RM26.

"Walaupun keuntungan yang saya perolehi sedikit tetapi saya rasa puas apabila dapat melihat golongan kurang berkemampuan datang membeli beras kerana dengan cara ini saya dapat berkongsi rezeki dengan orang miskin.

"Lagipun memang niat saya untuk memberi infaq atau menderma sejak memulakan perniagaan ini pada September tahun lalu," katanya ketika ditemui di kilangnya di Jenan, di sini hari ini.

Mengulas pembabitannya dalam perniagaan itu, Mohd. Norazim berkata, impiannya itu direalisasikan setelah mendapat lesen daripada Bahagian Kawalselia Padi dan Beras Negeri serta bekalan daripada Padiberas Nasional Berhad (Bernas).

MOHD. NORAZIM ABD. RAZAK menunjukkan beras Jenan ketika ditemui di kilangnya di Jenan, Jitra, Kedah, semalam. - UTUSAN/FARIZ RUSADIO

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Ketepi untung, jual beras murah bantu orang miskin

Jitra: Seorang peniaga sanggup mengorbankan keuntungan dengan menjual beras harga lebih rendah dari pasaran bagi memastikan pelanggan kurang berkemampuan dapat membelinya.

Peniaga beras, Mohd Norazim Abd Razak, 33, berkata beliau tidak terlalu memikirkan keuntungan, sebaliknya mahu rezeki diterimanya mendapat keberkatan.

Katanya, niat membantu golongan kurang berkemampuan sudah ditetapkan apabila syarikatnya mendapat lesen daripada Kawalselia Padi Dan Beras Kedah dan bekalan dari Padi Beras Nasional Berhad (BERNAS), September tahun lalu.

"Dengan bantuan pemasaran daripada Lembaga Pemasaran Pertanian Persekutuan (FAMA), saya membuka kedai di Jalan Kolej Heights Utara Darul Aman supaya pembeli boleh terus membeli beras di situ.

"Sasaran pelanggan adalah masyarakat luar bandar yang bekerja kampung seperti pesawah dan penoreh getah, jadi harga jualan beras 10 kilogram (kg) hanya RM22 berbanding harga pasaran RM26.

Tak fikir keuntungan

"Walaupun keuntungan rendah, saya puas apabila melihat golongan kurang berkemampuan datang membeli dan dengan cara ini saya dapat berkongsi rezeki bersama mereka," katanya.

Mohd Norazim berkata, pada peringkat awal perniagaan, beliau hanya mampu menjual kira-kira lima tan beras sebulan, namun selepas tiga bulan, jualannya mencecah antara 20 hingga 30 tan sebulan.

"Saya berniaga bukan untuk memberi saingan kepada peniaga lain, saya ada golongan sasar sendiri dan kerana itu saya berniaga di kawasan luar bandar saja.

"Selain Jitra, saya juga membuka kedai di Kuala Nerang dan tahun ini, saya merancang membuka enam lagi kedai di luar bandar dengan peruncit juga boleh mendapatkan bekalan beras terus daripada saya," katanya.

Ditanya mengenai jualan beras ketika Ramadan, Mohd Norazim mengakui ia agak perlahan pada minggu pertama, namun kembali meningkat apabila orang perseorangan dan syarikat swasta membeli beras bagi tujuan membayar zakat fitrah serta dijadikan sumbangan.

Beliau berharap lebih ramai peniaga dapat melakukan perkara sama iaitu membantu golongan miskin dan pada masa sama mengejar ganjaran akhirat.

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Mohd Norazim menunjukkan beras *yang dijualnya dengan harga yang lebih murah berbanding harga pasaran di Jitra, semalam.*

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Nelayan sambut baik janji syarikat

Alor Gajah: Komuniti nelayan sungai di Lubok Cina, di sini menyambut baik janji syarikat pemegang konsesi mengorek pasir sungai untuk memulihara sumber udang galah dan ikan lampam selepas projek berkenaan selesai.

Tidak hanya lega dengan janji Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif Melaka Halal Hub Sdn Bhd (Halal Hub), Md Zaini Zainal untuk melepaskan anak udang galah dan ikan lampam, malah mereka turut menuntut syarikat terbabit mengotakan janji itu.

Minta syarikat tepati janji

Abdul Maulud Idris, 58, berkata, projek mengorek pasir Sungai Rembau di Lubok Cina akan menyebabkan sumber udang galah dan ikan lampam berkurangan kerana hidupan sungai itu terpaksa berpindah ke habitat lain berikutan habitat mereka tercemar akibat kerja berkenaan.

"Saya lega dengan janji syarikat berkenaan mahu melepaskan anak udang galah dan ikan lampam selepas kerja mengorek pasir selesai tetapi dalam masa yang sama saya meminta mereka supaya menepati janji apabila tiba masanya kelak," katanya ketika ditemui di pengkalan nelayan Kampung Paya Lebar, Lubok Cina, di sini.

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SAMBAL hitam jenama Minz tidak menggunakan perisa tambahan.

Sambal hitam kekal rasa sebenar

SITI AMINAH SHAMSUDDIN menunjukkan sambal hitam yang sudah dibotolkan.

Pesona

SAMA seperti sajian orang Perak yang tidak lengkap tanpa tempoyak atau cencalok bagi orang Melaka, begitu juga halnya sambal hitam di Pahang.

Usaha mengkomersialkan makanan warisan itu membuatkannya semakin dikenali terutama dalam kalangan mereka yang mengemari makanan autentik.

Perkembangan itu turut mengujakan seorang pengusaha sambal hitam, Siti Aminah Shamsuddin, 39, yang berbangga apabila makanan asli negerinya kini popular.

Jika dahulu sekadar 'makanan orang kampung', kini sambal hitam sudah ada di restoran-restoran besar, bahkan turut 'masuk' ke istana.

"Tiga tahun lalu ketika saya menyuarakan hasrat untuk berniaga sambal hitam, ahli keluarga saya agak skeptikal, tidak yakin ada orang mahu beli makanan kampung itu.

"Idea itu timbul selepas saya berhenti kerja sebagai pengurus sumber manusia dan tercari-cari apa yang boleh dilakukan bagi menjana pendapatan.

"Saya terfikir untuk buat sambal hitam kerana sejak kecil itulah yang emak hidangkan.

"Percayalah, dalam bulan Ramadan, sekadar nasi panas, telur dadar, ulam dan sambal hitam sudah cukup membuka selera terutama ketika sahur," katanya kepada Mega Rona.

Menurutnya, terdapat tiga variasi sambal hitam iaitu Sambal Hitam Ikan Talang, Sambal Hitam Ikan Bilis Basah dan Sambal Hitam Ikan Bilis Kering di bawah jenama Minz, iaitu gabungan namanya dan suami, Zahari Jaffar, 56.

Wanita berasal dari Raub, Pahang itu menjadi pengusaha pertama memperkenalkan Sambal Hitam Ikan Talang hasil inovasi menggunakan ikan talang jeruk.

Ditanya keistimewaan produk itu, Siti Aminah berkata, dia berusaha mengekalkan rasa asli sambal hitam tanpa menggunakan perisa tambahan.

"Sambal hitam yang asli ada rasa aroma asap kerana orang dahulu masak menggunakan dapur kayu. Sambal akan dimasak lama sehingga 12 jam untuk memastikan belimbing buluh benar-benar kecut dan airnya kering. Sebab itu bau asap dari kayu api menyatu dalam sambal membuatkan rasanya unik.

"Rasa itu juga yang saya cuba kekalkan. Sebab itu, belimbing buluh yang saya gunakan dimasak oleh saudara-mara di kampung di Ulu Tembeling menggunakan dapur kayu.

"Selepas itu, barulah saya masak dengan bahan lain.

"Saya memang tidak berkompromi dari segi rasa kerana saya mahu pelanggan menikmati rasa sebenar sambal hitam sebagaimana yang saya biasa makan semasa zaman kanak-kanak dahulu.

"Alhamdulillah, pelanggan yang sudah biasa makan sambal hitam mengakui keaslian rasa sambal hitam saya," katanya sambil memberitahu kedainya terletak di Setia Alam, Selangor.

Ditanya mengenai cabaran, katanya, paling getir adalah ketika enam bulan pertama beroperasi apabila setiap hari dia terpaksa bangun seawal pukul 4 pagi untuk ke pasar membeli barang, kemudian masak, membungkus, menghantar tempahan dan sebagainya.

"Semua ini dilakukan sendiri tanpa dibantu suami seperti sekarang.

"Jika tidak memasak, saya akan tebalkan muka, pergi dari satu kedai ke satu kedai untuk minta izin meletakkan produk saya. Sudah tak ada rasa malu lagi," katanya.

Melalui bantuan teknologi Institut Kemajuan dan Penyelidikan Pertanian (MARDI), dia berjaya memendekkan tempoh memasak tanpa menjejaskan kualiti produknya.

Kini selepas tiga tahun, Siti Aminah berkata, selain mempunyai lebih 20 ejen atau wakil pengedar, Sambal Hitam Min'z turut ditempatkan di kedai vendor sekitar Shah Alam dan Kuala Lumpur dan terbaru boleh didapati di stesen minyak Petronas terpilih.

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