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We don't want to repeat mistake, says Salahuddin



KUALA LUMPUR: The food sector involves a complex network that translates into a multibillion dollar trade globally.

Apart from expanding markets for Malaysian products and tapping into new growth areas, the Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Ministry strived to first and foremost ensure that people had enough food.

To do so, its minister, Datuk Salahuddin Ayub, said, various initiatives had been launched, including a five-year plan to improve livestock population in Malaysia.

"On ruminants, we had experienced with the failed National Feedlot Centre and we are determined not to repeat the same mistake.

"So now, we are planning to give opportunities to anyone who's interested in going big into the venture (of breeding livestock), through among others, grants or loans.

"While it's true that grants and loans are nothing new as they had been offered by the government for years, there was no constant monitoring by the relevant authorities, leading to closure of some farms.

"We have failed in this sense. It is time we focused on a few sectors to ensure the sustainability of the value chain or the whole ecosystem.

"This is to ensure that whatever initiatives we carry out actually work," he told the *New Straits Times* in an interview recently.

He said the food ecosystem involved the marketing aspect, as well as the upstream and downstream sectors.

The three principles in any food ecosystem, he said, were "availability, achievability, affordability".

On grouses by industry players over the red tape and the allegedly lackadaisical attitude of agencies, like the Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute (Mardi) and the Federal Agricultural Marketing Authority (Fama), Salahuddin said he was committed to improving this.

"To be fair, I have to be with my officers and can't afford to distance myself. I admit that it's a real challenge for me and changing the mentality is not easy. We are talking about 60 years of doing things in the government, with reports of corruption among some staff.

"Instead of creating enemies (in the ministry), I want to make them (staff) my friends and work as a team. This is my role as a minister in charge of agencies such as Fama, Mardi, Nikmat (National Fishermen's Association) and Nafas (National Farmers Association).

"On my first day, some people, including farmers and fishermen, got really angry with us as we decided to change the approach to subsidies, like for diesel and fertiliser.

"The problem is that the input of fuel subsidy, for instance, could easily be misused. Previously, there were reports of people selling the subsidised fertilisers, for example, when they were supposed to be used for their farms.

"We decided to change the approach by giving incentives to farmers who offer more produce; the more they produce, the more we give instead of providing 'blanket' assistance to all."

Inspired by the success stories of agropreneurs, especially the youth, he said more should be done to help promote their business.

"Today, we see people who were previously engineers for the oil and gas sector joining sectors such as farming, like fgs, poultry and goats, and becoming successful.

"My plan is to meet these successful entrepreneurs and offer assistance for them to go far. Agro Bank is able to help them through loans to expand their business."

He said stringent monitoring should also be implemented to ensure that the mechanism worked and the goals were achieved.

"Upon receiving proposals for loan application for business expansion, for example, it is better for us to go check out the farm before issuing approval. There were cases where the disbursed monies were not utilised for the farms and spent elsewhere."

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Kerajaan perlu serius bantu pesawah

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KEMENTERIAN Pertanian dan Industri Asas Tani digesa lebih serius membelas nasib golongan pesawah termasuklah seluruh rantaian yang terlibat dengan pengeluaran padi.

Gesaan itu disuarakan Ketua Pembangkang, Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob selepas beliau menerima kunjungan daripada Persatuan Pengilang Padi dan Beras Malaysia hari ini.

Pertemuan tersebut bertujuan membincangkan permasalahan yang dihadapi petani itu sejak kebelakangan ini.

Menurut Ismail Sabri, antara isu yang dibangkitkan dalam



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Mereka menzahirkan rasa kesal dengan sikap Menteri Pertanian yang enggan berjumpa untuk berbincang mengenai permasalahan tersebut,” kata Ismail Sabri berkata, sebelum ini Bernas diberi tanggungjawab untuk menjaga semua pengilang dan pesawah tetapi selepas 2021 nanti timbul persoalan siapa yang akan menjaga kumpulan tersebut.

ISMAIL SABRI,

pertemuan berkenaan ialah isu monopoli kilang beras, subsidi benih dan kuota pengilang.

“Memandangkan kuota Padiberas Nasional Berhad (Ber-

nas) yang bakal berakhir pada Januari 2021, jadi Kementerian harus mengemukakan apakah model yang bakal menggantikan model lama.

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Lebih-lebih lagi, kata beliau, kilang Sinor Malay yang dulunya berjumlah 130 buah sekarang hanya tinggal 10, manakala kilang bumiputera sebelum ini berjumlah 2013 tetapi kini tinggal 12 sahaja.

“Dulu... di situ ada kilang di situ lah diproses, sekarang tidak lagi begitu,” ujar beliau yang juga Naib Presiden UMNO.

Sehubungan itu, Ismail Sabri memberitahu, isu tersebut akan dibawa ke Dewan Rakyat apabila mula bersidang pada 7 Oktober depan.

Walaupun begitu, beliau berharap pihak Kementerian dapat menyelesaikan isu tersebut sebelum sidang bermula.

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Nelayan tak turun ke laut bimbang 'sesat' akibat jerebu

Alor Gajah: Bimbang 'sesat' di tengah laut akibat cuaca jerebu yang bertambah buruk menyebabkan hanya 32 daripada 160 nelayan di Pangkalan Nelayan Kuala Sungai Baru, di sini turun ke laut sejak minggu lalu.

Daripada keseluruhan 50 bot yang berada di pangkalan itu pula, hanya 10 bot ke laut, sekalligus menampakkan suasana bot tersadai di pangkalan berkenaan.

Ketua Jaringan Perikanan Kuala Sungai Baru, Jasman Nor, 55, berkata beliau tidak turun ke laut sejak seminggu lalu berikutan jerebu semakin serius menyebabkan sukar mengesan lokasi untuk melabuhkan pukat.

"Kami tak boleh buang (melabuhkan) pukat sesuka hati kerana bimbang ia tersangkut pada batu karang.

"Cuaca berjerebu yang berterusan menyebabkan kami sukar mengesan lokasi selamat untuk membuang jaring, selain bimbang tidak dapat mencari jalan pulang akibat jarak penglihatan terhad," katanya ketika ditemui di sini, semalam.

Jasman berkata, kejadian nelayan di Pantai Puteri tersesat hingga ke Pulau Rupert, Indonesia akibat gagal mencari jalan pulang minggu lalu memberi pengajaran kepada nelayan di Kuala Sungai Baru supaya berhati-hati jika ingin ke laut.

Abdul Rahman Mat Amin, 64, berkata dia tidak mahu menempuh bahaya turun ke laut ketika jerebu semakin serius.

Rabu lalu, nelayan di Pantai Puteri, Putih Dagang, 62, dan anaknya Mohamad Shahrulnizam, 30, 'tersesat' akibat jerebu sehingga memasuki sempadan Indonesia.

Beliau bagaimanapun berjaya ditemui pasukan Agensi Penguatkuasaan Maritim Malaysia (Maritim Malaysia) Melaka dan Negeri Sembilan berhampiran jeti di Kuala Sungai Baru, Alor Gajah.



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Ketua Jaringan Perikanan
Kuala Sungai Baru

Green turtle survives plastic waste ordeal

Sidewinder's story an environmental concern

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GEORGE TOWN: If you think the dangers of plastic waste at sea are exaggerated, read this story about a small, disabled green turtle named Sidewinder.

In 2015, fishermen found the three-year-old turtle injured at sea, with its carapace struck by a boat propeller at the rear.

They brought it to the Penang Turtle Sanctuary in Pantai Kerachut and sanctuary rangers nursed it back to health.

Then suddenly, said state fisheries director Noraisyah Abu Bakar, Sidewinder stopped eating.

Eventually, they pulled out two plastic bags and 10 straws from its anus, as Sidewinder had thought these were food and was experiencing constipation.

"Sidewinder immediately began defecating and eating again. We must stop plastic waste ending up at sea all together."

"The danger to turtles is very real and Sidewinder is the living proof," said Noraisyah.

The sad part about Sidewinder is that when the boat propeller struck its carapace, it left a permanent slash that acts like a fixed rudder,

resulting in Sidewinder always swimming in circles now.

Twice, the rangers tried to release it back into the wild but to no avail. The first time, a fisherman rescued it when it was seen struggling on the surface.

On the second time, a tourist found the hungry and exhausted turtle at the meromictic lake of Pantai Kerachut.

Sidewinder is now a permanent resident of the sanctuary.

The public can visit Sidewinder at the sanctuary, which is open daily from 10am to 4pm.

Noraisyah revealed Sidewinder's story while visiting another turtle at the Tunku Abdul Rahman Aquarium in Batu Maung yesterday.

This one is the 60kg female loggerhead turtle that fishermen rescued near Pulau Kendi on Sept 7 after it got snared in an abandoned trawler's net.

The three fishermen - Ang Ja Lin, 46, Lee Boon Hin, 40, and Chan Zhi Sheng, 18 - were taken to the aquarium by Noraisyah to visit the turtle.

"She ate 15 kembong fish for breakfast before we arrived. She's doing well now and once we are sure she is in good health, we will release her, so that she can continue on her journey," said Noraisyah.



Keeping them healthy: (From right) Ang, Chan, Rosli and Lee looking at the rescued female loggerhead turtle at the Tunku Abdul Rahman Aquarium in Batu Maung. (Left) Due to injury sustained after being hit by a boat propeller, Sidewinder is always swimming in circles now. - Photo courtesy of Penang Fisheries Department

media. They were viewed over 30,000 times and triggered a worldwide discussion among herpetologists (reptile experts).

"Loggerheads are not native to Malaysia and this one must have travelled thousands of kilometres.

"We know that Pulau Kendi is a feeding ground for turtles and fishermen have told us that they even spotted massive leatherback turtles there.

"We want the government to make sure the environment around Pulau Kendi is always protected,"

she said, urging the government to reconsider reclamation plans off the south of Penang island if it threatens Pulau Kendi.

Herpetologist Dr Sarahaizad Mohd Salleh, who was present, said she believed this loggerhead turtle came from either Japan or Australia, where they are commonly found.

Anyone who finds a turtle - dead or alive - or turtle eggs are required to call the government's FishCom hotline (03-8870 4058) or the Penang Fisheries Department (04-657 2777).

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Maqis rampas produk babi dari China di KLIA2

SHAH ALAM - Jabatan Perkhidmatan Kuarantin Dan Pemeriksaan Malaysia (Maqis) berjaya melumpuhkan cubaan warga tempatan yang membawa masuk produk haiwan dari China ke negara ini melalui Lapangan Antarabangsa Kuala Lumpur 2 (KLIA2) pada Sabtu lalu.

Pengarah Maqis Selangor, Dr Tarmisal Alimin berkata, dalam kejadian jam 6 pagi itu, pihaknya dengan kerjasama Jabatan Kastam Diraja Malaysia (JKDM) merampas 20 kilogram (kg) produk babi, 12kg daging angsa dan 10kg ayam panggang.

"Kita telah merampas kesemua produk berkenaan di Balai Ketibaan Antarabangsa KLIA2 untuk dilupuskan mengikut prosedur operasi standard (SOP) yang telah ditetapkan," katanya melalui kenyataan kelmarin.

Beliau berkata, arahan larangan membawa masuk dan pengimportan daging babi dan produk babi dari negara yang mengalami wabak penyakit *African Swine Fever* (ASF) yang dibawa penumpang di laluan udara serta laluan laut telah dikeluarkan.

Tarmisal berkata, rampasan produk babi bertujuan mengekang penularan virus ASF yang akan memberi impak negatif kepada industri dalam negara.

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Cuba seludup benih kelapa

RANTAU PANJANG - Pasukan Gerakan Am (PGA) Batalion 7 Kuantan mematahkan cubaan menyeludup anak pokok kelapa bernilai RM36,000 dalam dua serbuan berasingan di sini pada 18 dan 22 September.

Dalam serbuan pertama di pangkalan haram Lubok Gong jam 10.40 malam pada 18 September itu, PGA merampas 538 anak pokok kelapa bernilai RM11,000.

Serbuan kedua pada 22 September sejumlah 1,124 anak pokok kelapa bernilai RM25,000 berjaya dirampas di pangkalan haram Mak Adam pada jam 5.50 petang.

Selain anak pokok kelapa PGA turut menyita dua lori yang digunakan untuk mengangkut barang seludup itu dalam serbuan tersebut.

Pengarah Jabatan Perkhidmatan Kuarantin dan Pemeriksaan Malaysia (Maqis) Kelantan, Mohd Azam Yahya berkata, kesemua rampasan itu kemudian diserahkan kepada pihaknya untuk tindakan lanjut.

"Kes ini disiasat di bawah Seksyen 11(1) Akta Perkhidmatan Kuarantin dan Pemeriksaan Malaysia 2011 [Akta 728] atas kesalahan mengimport anak benih kelapa tanpa permit," katanya.



Anggota Maqis menunjukkan anak pokok kelapa yang berjaya dirampas PGA Batalion 7.

Headline	Exploring durian orchard		
Media Title	China Press		
Date	24 Sep 2019	Color	Full Color
Section	Supplement	Circulation	127,822
Page No	D1	Readership	383,466
Language	Chinese	Article Size	2846 cm ²
Journalist	N/A	Ad Value	RM 56,139
Frequency	Daily	PR Value	RM 168,417



✦ 蔡文海在果园内拍摄榴莲树。榴莲树是一种常绿乔木，树龄可达数十年。榴莲树的果实通常在每年的5月至7月成熟。榴莲树的果实是一种热带水果，味道独特，深受人们喜爱。

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寻找猫山王极品

榴莲林间

猫山王还没出现之前，O24品种称霸大马榴莲业；猫山王出现后，风靡全亚洲国家，如今又杀出一个“宿敌”紫刺，身价比猫山王还要高！一般平民百姓吃上一粒猫山王，已算是榴莲中的极品，殊不知，真正的皇家，卖的不仅只是猫山王，而是猫山王中的冠军。

文/ 蔡文海 摄影/ 蔡文海

懂得吃榴莲的人，一定都听过猫山王。猫山王是马来西亚的特产，也是榴莲中的极品。猫山王的果实通常在每年的5月至7月成熟。猫山王的果实是一种热带水果，味道独特，深受人们喜爱。猫山王的果实是一种热带水果，味道独特，深受人们喜爱。猫山王的果实是一种热带水果，味道独特，深受人们喜爱。

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果树保健
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Pesawah Kedah gelisah baja subsidi belum tiba



Tinggal beberapa hari sahaja lagi sebelum masuk musim penanaman padi, namun baja subsidi setakat ini belum diagih, membuatkan kira-kira 100,000 pesawah di Kedah dirundung gelisah.

Menurut Pengerusi Pertubuhan Peladang Negeri Kedah, Abdul Lateh Mohd Saman, sawah-sawah ketika ini dalam proses dibajak dan hanya menunggu masa untuk proses penyemaian benih, seperti yang dijadualkan.

Namun yang menjadi kebimbangan, katanya, syarikat pembekal baja yang dilantik kerajaan belum berbincang dengan pertubuhan peladang kawasan (PPK) untuk pengagihan.

"Kelewatan pengagihan baja akan mengganggu tumbesaran padi, menjejaskan penghasilan dan pendapatan pesawah," katanya seperti dipetik *Utusan Malaysia*.

Tambah Abdul Lateh, semua jadual penanaman padi diatur di kawasan Lembaga Kemajuan Pertanian Muda (Mada) dan Lembaga Pertubuhan Peladang (LPP).

Selain itu, dia turut meminta kerajaan menunaikan janji untuk mengembalikan subsidi dan insentif kepada pesawah seperti tahun lepas, memandangkan kos sara hidup yang kian meningkat.

Katanya, pengurangan pendapatan akan menyebabkan pendapatan pesawah juga berkurang, memandangkan harga beras tidak berubah.

"Harga beras tetap sama manakala harga padi pula tidak dinaikkan oleh pengilang kecuali peratusan beras hancur ditambah dalam beras yang dijual," katanya lagi.

Cari mekanisme baharu edar baja kepada pesawah

ALOR SETAR 23 Sept. - Pertubuhan Peladang Kebangsaan (Nafas) dan pihak berkaitan diminta mengkaji semula mekanisme pengedaran baja subsidi kepada pesawah bagi mengelak sebarang isu kelewatan seperti yang dibangkitkan.

Pengurus Badan Bertindak Petani Lembaga Kemajuan Pertanian Muda (MADA), Che Ani Mat Zain berkata, pihaknya mencadangkan baja tersebut dapat diedarkan sebaik sahaja musim menuai tamat.

"Misalnya, setelah berakhir penanaman pada musim pertama, mereka sudah boleh mengedar baja subsidi untuk persediaan pesawah memulakan proses penanaman pada musim seterusnya.

"Dahulu, tidak ada masalah kelewatan seperti ini tetapi sejak musim lalu terdapat pesawah yang hanya menerima baja tersebut sebaik sahaja padi hampir masak," katanya ketika dihubungi hari ini.

Akhbar hari ini melaporkan kira-kira 100,000 pesawah di negeri ini gelisah kerana sehingga kini belum menerima baja subsidi sedangkan musim penanaman padi akan bermula beberapa hari lagi.

Perkara itu didedahkan Pengerusi Pertubuhan Peladang Negeri (PPN) Kedah, Datuk Abdul Lateh Mohd. Saman yang berkata, ketika ini sawah-sawah sedang dibajak dan hanya menunggu masa untuk menyemai benih.

Bagaimanapun, Pengerusi Ahli Jemaah Pengarah Nafas, Datuk Phahrolrazi Mohd. Zawawi menjelaskan tidak me-



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CHE ANI MAT ZAIN

nerima sebarang aduan rasmi mengenai kelewatan bekalan baja sampai kepada pesawah di negeri ini setakat ini.

Tambah Che Ani, proses bancian untuk musim 2/2019 di beberapa kawasan sawah yang terletak di bawah MADA di negeri ini dan Perlis dipercayai belum dilakukan yang secara tidak langsung akan melewatkan proses pengedaran baja subsidi.

"Kebiasaannya bagi musim kedua penanaman, pesawah akan mula menyemai benih bermula Oktober, tetapi kini hanya tinggal beberapa hari dan proses bancian masih belum diselesaikan di sesetengah kawasan," ujarnya.

Teraju tawar geran sehingga RM500,000

KUALA LUMPUR 23 Sept. - Unit Peneraju Agenda Bumiputera (Teraju) menawarkan geran-geran pembangunan perniagaan sehingga RM500,000 menerusi program Skim Usahawan Permulaan Bumiputera (Superb).

Pemangku Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif dan Pengarah Kanan (Keusahawanan & Pembangunan Perniagaan) Teraju, Megat Mohd. Yatim Megat Hamid berkata, bagi permohonan fasa pembentukan dan pembangunan idea atau prototaip akan berpeluang menerima geran pembangunan perniagaan berjumlah sehingga RM100,000.

Katanya, manakala, perniagaan yang sudah berada di fasa prakomersial atau pengkomersialan berpeluang menerima geran pembangunan perniagaan sehingga RM500,000.

“Teraju memberi peluang kepada usahawan permulaan (*start-up*) berfikiran kritis dan mempunyai idea perniagaan

yang kreatif dan inovatif melalui program Superb atau dahulu dikenali sebagai Skim Usahawan Permulaan Bumiputera.

“Superb kini telah memasuki siri yang ke-14 dan penyertaannya terbuka kepada golongan belia bumiputera yang berminat untuk menjadi usahawan ataupun syarikat bumiputera yang telah beroperasi kurang dari tiga tahun,” katanya dalam kenyataan di sini hari ini.

Superb setakat ini telah berjaya memilih 201 pemenang. Daripada 201 pemenang, lebih 40 hingga 50 peratus peserta yang dibantu telah berjaya memperkukuhkan perniagaan mereka.

Superb juga menampilkan enam bidang fokus sebagai tema iaitu ekonomi digital, revolusi perindustrian 4.0 (IR 4.0), perusahaan sosial, ekonomi perkongsian, bidang seni dan kreatif, kesihatan, inovasi makanan dan pertanian.



MEGAT MOHD. YATIM



A farmer showing ginger grown in his farm in Bentong recently. The *New Straits Times* on Saturday reported that 231 ginger farmers in Bentong could not renew their land permits with the state Forestry Department this year. FILE PIC

STATE LAND

'Bentong ginger farmers to get new site'

BENTONG: Ginger farmers operating along the hilly slopes of the Bukit Tinggi forest reserve here will have to move to a new site that has been identified by the state government.

The 231 farmers' land use permit (*permit penggunaan*) would no longer be renewed as a private company would take over the 286ha piece of land for ecotourism development and the farmers would be relocated.

A Forestry Department source with knowledge of the ginger farm issue said the department would now degazette the forest reserve (land used for ginger farming) and provide the farmers with a new site.

"Since Bentong's ginger is popular, the state government feels that the farmers should be relocated and their farming (at the current site) should cease.

"The developer of the ecotourism development will bear the cost of building basic infrastructure at the new site, which is not far from the existing farms.

"The developer is completing the Environmental Impact Assessment report of the new site before measuring and marking land plots, installing pipes and building roads for the farmers."

The source said the 231 farmers were aware of the rules and regulations of their land-use permits as they had signed an agreement when they moved to the site in 2008.

He said conditions in the deal included the right of the menteri besar to cancel the permits.

"The new land for the farmers

will be under the jurisdiction of the State Government Secretariat Corporation (PSK) and the permit payment will be collected by PSK. They will not pay directly to the Forestry Department. We hope the farmers will adhere to the instruction to relocate as they can be punished under the National Forestry Act for operating illegally in a reserve forest."

He said the current farms were not far from the Genting Sempah rest and recreation area and the new site was on the other side of the Karak Expressway.

On claims that the new land was not suitable for ginger farming, the source said there was no scientific evidence of that and the new and old farming sites had similar temperatures.

The *New Straits Times* on Saturday reported that the 231 farmers, who had been growing the popular Bentong ginger for five decades, were facing an uncertain future as they could not renew their land permits with the state Forestry Department this year.

They claimed that their farms would make way for a private development project and they would be given another land to farm on, but many were reluctant to leave their existing farms.

Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Wan Rosdy Wan Ismail could not be reached for comment. He is in China on a working visit.

It is learnt that state Agribased Industry and Biotechnology Committee chairman Datuk Seri Mohd Soffi Abd Razak is also abroad for personal matters.

Headline	Small and medium rice factories seek help		
MediaTitle	Oriental Daily News		
Date	24 Sep 2019	Color	Black/white
Section	News	Circulation	85,616
Page No	A9	Readership	256,848
Language	Chinese	ArticleSize	250 cm ²
Journalist	N/A	AdValue	RM 2,923
Frequency	Daily	PR Value	RM 8,769



中小米较厂求救

吉隆坡23日讯 | 中小型米较工厂不满希盟政府任凭大型工厂垄断市场，导致中小型米较工厂陆续倒闭，在投诉无门之下，今日转向巫统求助。

马来西亚马来米较商会和吉打华巫米较公会今日会见了巫统副主席拿督斯里伊斯迈沙比里后，促请农业与农基工业部长正视他们的问题。

吉打华巫米较公会主席陈燕翔指出，虽然政府有津贴白米，但都是给大型米较工厂垄断，中小型米较工厂在未获得津贴，以及无法和大型工厂竞争的情况下，已纷纷倒闭。

他说，在吉打州的中小型米厂，从2000年的40多间，剩下目前的10间。

陈燕翔指出，大型米厂能获得津贴，能以更好的价格向稻农收购稻米，以致中小型米厂在向稻农收购稻米时的价格，根本没法和大型米厂竞争。

他今日在记者会上促请政府，不应把稻米的津贴给大型米厂，而是要

把津贴直接给稻农，包括在农药和稻谷方面都给予津贴，让大家能受惠。

他指出，他们已多次和政府投诉，但都没有下文，也不要和他们对话，以致他们没办法表达困境。

马来西亚马来米较商会主席莫哈末特米兹也指出，给予大型米厂的垄断，导致全国约200间马来人经营的中小型米厂也陆续倒闭，目前只剩下12间。他们已多次求见农业部长，但都没有下文。

对此，伊斯迈沙比里指出，前朝政府也有给大型米厂津贴，但有固打的限制，不过目前新政府已取消该固打限制。他促请政府推出更完善的津贴制度，让所有业者都能受惠。

出席记者会者还包括巫统双溪甸州议员拿督苏拉雅和吉打华巫米较公会会员刘荣君。

Headline	Rice farmers may lose protection		
MediaTitle	Sin Chew Daily		
Date	24 Sep 2019	Color	Full Color
Section	Nation	Circulation	288,920
Page No	8	Readership	866,760
Language	Chinese	ArticleSize	174 cm ²
Journalist	N/A	AdValue	RM 5,273
Frequency	Daily	PR Value	RM 15,818



马来米较公会和吉打华巫米较公会代表向伊斯迈沙比利（左二）申诉困境。右起为穆逊奈夫和特米基，左一为陈燕翔

（吉隆坡23日讯）巫统副主席拿督斯里伊斯迈沙比利说，一旦政府终结国家稻米公司（Bernas）对白米的垄断，大马稻农料将丧失保护伞。

他今日在接见大马马来米较公会和吉打华巫米较公会代表后说，尽管国家稻米公司垄断了白米的入口，但是根据合约，该公司必须照顾稻农，至于照顾的程度如何，他并不清楚。

他指出，如果白米入口开放之后，国家稻米公司就无须再照顾稻农的福利，因为该公司是以白米入口的盈利来交叉补贴稻农。

他说，稻农需要政府拟定一个明确的方向，说明之后由谁来照顾稻农的福利。

他指出，农业部迄今还拟定出清晰的政策，而且应该与稻农和相关利

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稻農恐失保護傘

益者会商，而非将他们排除在外。

陈燕翔：

补贴应直接发给稻农

另外，吉打华巫米较公会主席陈燕翔指出，吉打的米较厂也由于政府把谷种的补贴交给9家公司，导致很多稻农直接把农收卖给大厂，让中小型米较厂难以生存，引发恶性竞争。

他说，马来米较公会原有200多家的规模，如今只剩下12家，而吉打华巫米较公会也从40多家变成只有10家。

他促请政府应该直接把谷种、农药和肥料等补贴直接发给稻农，而非给生产商，以克服垄断和纰漏问题。

出席者有大马马来米较公会主席特米基和前主席穆逊奈夫，以及吉打华巫米较公会会员刘荣君。