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In addition, it is also to help the front-line workers in the food industry sell their produce.

"Among the problems faced (by the public, fishermen, farmers and livestock farmers) during the MCO period are the number of business outlets closed, besides the supermarkets which were allowed to operate.

"So the PST was created under the concept of a supermarket, complete with the aspect of health screening to help the public and the frontline workers of the national food industry," he said during a Ruang Bicara programme titled 'Covid-19: Food Safety Assurance', on Bernama TV here, Thursday night.

The Federal Agricultural Marketing Authority (FAMA) had so far opened 44 PST locations while the Farmers' Organisation (LPP) has 17 PST locations nationwide, with 36

more PST locations to be opened in stages.

Kiandee said among the PST fresh produce sales were vegetables, fruits, poultry, fish, meat, groceries and agricultural produce.

He said the PST was also set up to curb the issue of dumping fresh goods, including vegetables and fruits as they were not sold due to the MCO, while guaranteeing that the government would continue to ensure that food supply and food security remained at their best levels.

"The government through the MOA and agencies under the ministry will continue to take steps to facilitate the delivery, sale, retail, wholesale and so on to ensure that food items remain in every Malaysian home.

"To date, the Ministry of International Trade and Industry has granted approval to operate more than four thousand factories throughout the MCO period including those related to the food industry, including processing and seafood factories, plastic packing factories and so on," he said.

Meanwhile, Stakeholder Management SOI.S24/7 director Alya Syahida Alias said that people and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) must know of the things needed by the person and group they want to donate or contribute to, to avoid food waste problem. - Bernama

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| 13/4/2020 | ASTRO AWANI | ONLINE  |            |

## **Kerajaan ambil langkah tangani masalah lambakan sayur-sayuran**

Kementerian Pertanian dan Industri Makanan sudah mengambil langkah segera untuk menyelesaikan masalah lambakan sayur di Cameron Highlands dan Lojing, yang terjejas akibat COVID-19. Timbalan Menteri, Datuk Che Abdullah Mat Nawi, berkata pihaknya sudah menghantar pegawai Lembaga Pemasaran Pertanian Persekutuan (FAMA) ke lokasi berkenaan untuk mendapatkan maklumat lanjut.

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## Kerajaan bantu pengeksportan sayur

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**NAWI** (tiga, kiri) melihat ikan yang baru dinaikkan ketika lawatan kerja di Kompleks Lembaga Kemajuan Ikan Malaysia (LKIM), Tok Bali semalam. • Foto BERNAMA

**PASIR PUTEH:** Kerajaan akan membantu pengusaha sayur-sayuran untuk eksport di Cameron Highland, Pahang dan Lojing, Gua Musang bagi mengatasi lambakan bekalan itu sehingga terpaksa dibuang akibat tidak dapat dipasarkan berikutan pelaksanaan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan ketika

ini. Timbalan Menteri Pertanian dan Industri Makanan II Datuk Che Abdullah Mat Nawi berkata, pihaknya telah menghantar pegawai Lembaga Pemasaran Pertanian Persekutuan (FAMA) ke kawasan terbabit untuk melakukan siasatan dan mendapatkan maklumat lanjut berkaitan perkara itu.

"Sebahagian daripada sayur-sayuran itu akan dibeli oleh FAMA manakala sebahagian lagi kami sedang pertimbang pelbagai cadangan yang dikemukakan oleh pelbagai pihak," katanya kepada pemberita selepas meninjau operasi di Pelabuhan Lembaga Kemajuan Ikan Malaysia Tok Bali di sini, semalam.

Che Abdullah berkata, kementerian itu membuka bilik gerakan yang beroperasi sepanjang PKP bagi menyelesaikan masalah dalam kalangan pengusaha tanaman. "Kami harap pengeluar makanan lebih kreatif dalam memasarkan hasil mereka dan berfikir ke hadapan seperti melakukan jualan dalam talian serta perkhidmatan penghantaran berbanding cara konvensional yang mereka lakukan sebelum ini," katanya. - Bernama

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| Date        | 13 Apr 2020                                 | Color       | Full Color          |
| Section     | Nasional                                    | Circulation | 82,252              |
| Page No     | 1,6   | Readership  | 246,756             |
| Language    | Malay                                       | ArticleSize | 947 cm <sup>2</sup> |
| Journalist  | N/A   | AdValue     | RM 31,478           |
| Frequency   | Daily                                       | PR Value    | RM 94,435           |



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## Skim Harga Maksimum

# sepanjang PKP

Pelaksanaan skim itu oleh KPDNHEP bertujuan membendung perbuatan menaikkan harga barangan keperluan utama oleh peniaga tidak bertanggungjawab yang mengambil kesempatan mengaut untung berlebihan dalam tempoh Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP).

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Penularan COVID-19

# Skim Harga Maksimum dilaksana sepanjang PKP

Langkah elak peniaga ambil kesempatan naikkan harga barangan

**Putrajaya:** Kementerian Perdagangan Dalam Negeri, Koperasi dan Kepenggunaan (KPDNHEP) akan melaksanakan Skim Harga Maksimum sepanjang tempoh pelaksanaan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP).

Menteri Kanan (Keselamatan), Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob, berkata ia sebagai langkah bagi membendung kenaikan harga barangan keperluan oleh peniaga.

"Disebabkan PKP ini akan diteruskan (hingga 28 April), kita faham kemungkinan ada peniaga tidak bertanggungjawab dan mengambil kesempatan menaikkan harga.



"Justeru, pada mesyuarat sebentar tadi (semalam), kita memutuskan supaya Skim Harga Maksimum ini dilaksanakan KPDNHEP," katanya, semalam.

Skim harga maksimum biasanya biasanya diperkenalkan pada

musim perayaan tetapi kerajaan turut memutuskan pelaksanaannya ketika PKP.

Ismail Sabri memaklumkan, KPDNHEP sentiasa memantau bekalan barangan keperluan harian dan menjalankan peme-

riksaan khas bagi memastikan tahap bekalan 25 jenis barangan yang menjadi pilihan utama pengguna di pasaran.

"Semalam (kelmarin), sebanyak 1,205 pemeriksaan melibatkan peniaga pada peringkat peruncit, pemborong dan pengilang diadakan dan didapati hampir semua barangan keperluan asas berada pada tahap stabil, di mana bekalmnya mencukupi termasuk topeng muka dan cecair pencuci tangan.

"Hingga semalam (kelmarin) juga, KPDNHEP menerima 8,145 aduan dan pertanyaan berkaitan bekalan dan harga barangan," katanya.

Selain itu, beliau berkata, Kementerian Pertanian dan Industri Makanan juga mengesahkan bahawa bekalan basah dan kering terutama beras adalah lebih daripada mencukupi.

"Rakyat tidak perlu bimbang kerana bekalan mencukupi. Justeru, jangan ada timbul sebarang pembelian panik," katanya.

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| Headline   | Skim Harga Maksimum dilaksana |             |                     |
| MediaTitle | Sinar Harian                  |             |                     |
| Date       | 13 Apr 2020                   | Color       | Full Color          |
| Section    | Nasional                      | Circulation | 140,000             |
| Page No    | 8                             | Readership  | 420,000             |
| Language   | Malay                         | ArticleSize | 448 cm <sup>2</sup> |
| Journalist | MOHD HAFIZ ISMAIL             | AdValue     | RM 9,498            |
| Frequency  | Daily                         | PR Value    | RM 28,493           |



# Skim Harga Maksimum dilaksana

Langkah elak kenaikan harga barang sepanjang tempoh PKP

Oleh MOHD HAFIZ ISMAIL

PUTRAJAYA

**K**ementerian Perdagangan Dalam Negeri dan Hal Ehwal Pengguna (KPDNHEP) akan melaksanakan Skim Harga Maksimum bagi mengatasi kenaikan harga barang keperluan rakyat sepanjang tempoh Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP).

Menteri Kanan (Keselamatan), Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob berkata, jika sebelum ini skim tersebut dilaksanakan setiap kali musim perayaan tetapi kerajaan memutuskan ia dilaksanakan dengan senarai barang akan diumumkan oleh kementerian terlibat.

"Memandangkan kita akan memulakan PKP (fasa tiga) pada 15 April ini, kita faham kemungkinan ada pihak mengambil kesempatan menaikkan



Orang ramai membeli barang keperluan di Pasar Chow Kit, Kuala Lumpur pada hari ke-28 PKP semalam.

harga barang.

"Justeru, KPDNHEP akan melaksanakan Skim Harga Maksimum sebagai langkah membendung kenaikan harga barang sepanjang PKP fasa ketiga," katanya pada sidang akhbar selepas Mesyuarat Khas Menteri-Menteri Mengenai Pelaksanaan PKP semalam.

Katanya, Kementerian Pertanian dan Industri Makanan turut memaklumkan bahawa

bekalan barang basah dan kering terutama beras lebih daripada mencukupi.

"Walaupun PKP fasa ketiga akan dilaksanakan, rakyat tidak perlu risau sama ada bekalan makanan di pasaran cukup atau tidak kerana KPDNHEP dan Kementerian Pertanian dan Industri Makanan telah membuat pemeriksaan.

"Jangan ada pembelian panik kerana semuanya mencu-

kupi," katanya.

Mengulas lanjut, Ismail Sabri berkata, KPDNHEP sentiasa memantau bekalan barangan keperluan harian sepanjang tempoh PKP.

"KPDNHEP menjalankan pemeriksaan khas terhadap barangan-barang keperluan harian di seluruh negara bagi menentukan tahap keberadaan 25 jenis barangan pilihan utama pengguna di pasaran.



ISMAIL SABRI

"Semalam (kelmarin), pemantauan khas dilaksanakan menerusi 1,205 pemeriksaan melibatkan peniaga peringkat peruncit, pemborong dan pengilang," katanya.

Jelasnya, hasil pemeriksaan mendapati hampir semua bekalan barangan keperluan mencukupi termasuk topeng muka dan cecair pembasmi kuman.

"KPDNHEP menerima 8,145 aduan dan pertanyaan berkaitan bekalan dan harga dari 18 Mac hingga 11 April 2020 melalui empat saluran iaitu WhatsApp (4,140 aduan); sistem e-aduan (1,766); hotline (1,631) dan talian Enforcement Command Center (608)," katanya.

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| 13/4/2020 | NST   | ONLINE  |            |

## MCO: Sabah farmer distributing vegetables for free rather than letting them go to waste



Kundasang farmer Simon Leong, 52, who went viral in giving out tonnes of vegetables in viraled Twitter Video. - NSTP/Courtesy of Simon Leong

RANAU: Simon Leong is doing all he can to assist fellow Kundasang farmers to peddle their vegetables, which are going unsold during the Movement Control Order (MCO).

A Twitter video documenting Leong's campaign has gone viral since it was uploaded by his friend, Shahrizal Denci, on April 10.

Shahrizal said Leong was among the first to distribute free vegetables to the public and Covid-19 frontliners in the state, rather than allowing them to go to waste.

He also bought other products for donation to those in need.

"Since the implementation of the MCO on March 18, I have been giving vegetables from my farm to people, including those at the Ranau food court, Ranau hospital and health clinics, as well as the district police.

"I had no choice, as the vegetables need to be harvested, or else, they would turn bad.

"Some city folks are in need of them, while in Kundasang, the people have to discard them. Might as well give them to those who want them," he told the New Straits Times.

Leong, who is also Kundasang Agriculture Operators Association president, said after he finished distributing his own produce, he focused on helping other farmers earn extra.

He approached Ranau Member of Parliament Jonathan Yasin, Inanam assemblyman Kenny Chua and Karamunting assemblyman Hiew Vun Zin to buy the vegetables in bulk at a cheaper price to be given to their constituents.

"There will be another 100 tonnes of sponsored vegetables to be given out next week. I am helping to load the produce from the farms using my lorry.

"After that, I will liaise with those handling the logistics to send the vegetables around Ranau, Inanam and Sandakan," he added.

Leong said the farmers will not reap huge profits from the bulk sales after taking into account their initial investments, but at least they are making a little to buy rice and other essentials.

He added that although the state government has issued more permits for lorries to transport vegetables, there are not many consumers.

"Most of the restaurants are closed or passively operating, thus the lorries are only taking half of the normal loads from us," he added.

## Farmers must continue planting to ensure food security



**Lower demand: Choong estimates that about 30-50% of fruits produced have to be dumped as they have gone bad during the MCO.** DESPITE the difficulty faced by farmers over the movement control order (MCO), it is important that farmers continue to plant, stresses Kuala Lumpur and Selangor Fruit Farmers Association (KLSFFA) chairman Jeffrey Choong. This is to ensure food security in the near future, says Choong: "We would like to request farmers not to stop planting, they need to continue. Otherwise, there might

be a shortage." He predicts that if farmers do not continue to plant over the MCO, there is a possibility that there will be fewer supply of fruits in the coming three months to a year. "Some workers also do not want to work at this time as they are afraid [of Covid-19]. We have offered to pay them

more but some of them are still worried, and of course I cannot force them," he explains. "There are also fewer packing staff. We are facing this problem." Choong adds that some farmers choose not to plant due to other issues like difficulty securing the necessary machinery, piping and irrigation hardware, or accessing fertiliser.

On April 3, Deputy Agriculture and Food Industries Minister I, Datuk Seri Ahmad Hamzah assured the public that there will be enough supply of food and agricultural produce during the MCO as the government has implemented measures to ensure that the supply chain would not be disrupted. The government has also said that food supply sectors and its chain of essential services can operate as usual.

On a positive note, problems on the distribution of produce that farmers faced at the beginning of the MCO have now been resolved, Choong notes.

Initially there was some confusion due to communication issues but these have been ironed out.

"There are no more issues with access as [Agriculture and Food Industry Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ronald Kiandee] has clarified it," he says.

However, other barriers are still there. "There are many fruits that cannot be sold, for example papayas and watermelons. We can pick the fruits but there is not enough transportation to move the produce," he says.

Choong gives examples of lorries which require repair and maintenance but cannot be fixed as many vehicle repair shops are either closed or only partially open, and spare parts are limited due to the MCO.

"Some fruits do not last long, and if they don't arrive on time we have to dispose of them," he says.

Demand has also slowed as hawker centres, restaurants and shops have closed or are operating in limited hours over the MCO. Members of the public are also afraid to go out to purchase the items, he adds.

Choong estimates that about 30-50% of fruits produced have to be disposed of as they have gone bad.

He proposes for government agencies like the Federal Agricultural Marketing Authority (Fama) to purchase unsold fruits and vegetables from farmers and distribute them to frontliners and the needy. "We feel this will help both farmers and society," says Choong. Federation of Malaysian Vegetable Farmers Association president Tan So Tiok meanwhile has requested for a targeted stimulus package to assist farmers who are badly affected over the MCO following the spread of Covid-19.

"Vegetable farmers had to dispose of 20-30% of our produce. We have also donated some to the needy," he says.

If conditions do not improve, vegetable farmers stand to face a total loss of RM22.75mil within the first 28 days of MCO, Tan had said in a letter to the Agriculture Department dated March 30. The letter also included a plea for the government to provide an incentive on vegetable production of RM90 per metric ton, as the incentive given by the government in 2008 of RM81 per metric ton had greatly reduced farmers' burdens. Under the recently unveiled special stimulus package worth RM10bil aimed at small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in a bid to soften the impact of the MCO, only farmers who are registered as SMEs will get financial assistance. The Bantuan Prihatin Nasional cash aid, however, is available for individual farmers based on their income levels.

On Monday, the Perak government launched its RM1mil AgroPrihatin scheme to help farmers.

"Demand is less at this time, and the hours of operation of shops and restaurants are also shorter. Many wet markets and night markets are also not operating," says Tan.

Despite the temporary wastage, Tan nevertheless echoes the advice of Choong for farmers to continue planting crops.

"We hope that farmers will not cut production as there may not be enough fresh produce for the market in future. Hari Raya Puasa is coming up, and demand usually increases then," he says.

"It will be difficult to increase import as other countries are also limiting their export. Covid-19 really does impact the market."

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| Headline   | Farmers change to plant on vegetable which able to store for long period |             |                     |
| MediaTitle | Kwong Wah Yit Poh  |             |                     |
| Date       | 13 Apr 2020  | Color       | Full Color          |
| Section    | Nation   | Circulation | 59,667              |
| Page No    | A10  | Readership  | 179,000             |
| Language   | Chinese  | ArticleSize | 474 cm <sup>2</sup> |
| Journalist | N/A  | AdValue     | RM 5,315            |
| Frequency  | Daily  | PR Value    | RM 15,945           |



## 行管令打乱粮食供应链

金马仑

# 蔬果花卉供应受严重冲击 菜农改种耐存椰菜

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林嵩胜。



行动管制令打乱粮食供应链，金马仑的热闹不再。



林嵩胜：受到行管令影响，收入下降30%。

【怡保12日讯】行动管制令打乱粮食供应链，金马仑的蔬果和花卉供应及出口受到严重冲击，菜农只好改种耐储存的椰菜。

一位来自金马仑直冷甲的菜农林嵩胜（40岁）以往在种植蔬菜时，4英亩菜园都是种植同一个品种，但是现在不仅减少一半的农地种植，也开始在农地上种植多种蔬菜，采取多元化种植，主要是种植比较耐放的椰菜。

他受访时指出，菜农不能停止种植，一旦停下就会使到蔬菜供应链断了。

他说，现在菜园约30%的收成都捐给慈善机构及贫困的一群，如刚有一位旧同学载了一些新鲜鱼给他，他就将对方的罗里塞满了蔬菜，让对方载回双溪大年送给孤儿院和老人院。

他说，以前差不多每天把蔬菜出口新加坡，然而，现在新加坡也实施行管令，需求量也大大减少，因此新加坡方面已与他联系，每周只需运送3趟。国内的批发商也同样要求减少运输的次数。

他指出，这时候是菜园收成最好的季节，却面对这突如其来的病毒，导致国家需实施行管令，人们的收入受影响，购买量也随之减少，其

收入也减少超过30%。

面对运输问题无法进行网上销售

当询及是否有考虑进行网上销售以扩大客源时，他指出，在行动管制令初时，已透过社交网络进行网上销售，当时只是接受朋友的订购，不久就面对物流上的运输问题，由于无法预计蔬菜运抵的时间，因此过了一段短时间就没有再做网上销售。

他表示，菜农是因为需求量下降，才出现销毁蔬菜的情况，因为菜园需要收割后才能重新种植，然而出现了供过于求的情况，无法卖出和捐出的蔬菜只能丢弃。

农业及食品工业部副部长拿督仄阿都拉于周六上午走访位于督峇里的渔业发展中心后承诺，该部会设法协助彭亨州金马仑及吉兰丹话望生菜农解决蔬菜过剩的问题。他表示，联邦农业销售

局将向菜农购入部分蔬菜，同时，该部门也在寻求其他的方法解决问题。比如，把蔬菜交给非政府组织，让他们派送给有需要的家庭，又或者饲养动物。他也希望农民在营销方面要适当的调整，比如提供网上销售服务。#

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| Headline   | Six premises ordered closed in Sabah |             |                     |
| MediaTitle | The Star                             |             |                     |
| Date       | 13 Apr 2020                          | Color       | Black/white         |
| Section    | Nation                               | Circulation | 175,986             |
| Page No    | 6                                    | Readership  | 527,958             |
| Language   | English                              | ArticleSize | 152 cm <sup>2</sup> |
| Journalist | N/A                                  | AdValue     | RM 3,648            |
| Frequency  | Daily                                | PR Value    | RM 10,944           |



## Six premises ordered closed in Sabah

**KOTA KINABALU:** Six premises were closed by the Health Department for failing to comply with the Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases Act 1988.

Sabah Health director Datuk Christina Rundi said four factories, a restaurant and a sundry shop in Sandakan were ordered closed during inspections on Saturday.

Dr Rundi said the six were among 490 premises checked statewide by the department in joint operations with local authorities, the police, Armed Forces and Rela.

She also said that so far nine of the 26 districts in Sabah were green zones with no cases of Covid-19 detected.

She noted that health officials were taking proactive action to create public awareness.

Dr Rundi cited the example of the central Sabah district of Telupid where health officials had taken positive action to work together with the communities in getting

them to observe the movement control order, practise social distancing and maintain personal hygiene, among others.

"We appreciate the proactive action taken by the Telupid district health office," she said.

As at Saturday, Sabah had 260 Covid-19 cases with three deaths.

Meanwhile, the state wants the Federal Government to consider and make adjustment to the industrial diesel price in Sabah.

Sabah Agriculture and Food Industry Minister Datuk Junz Wong said the global crude oil prices had dropped to below US\$32 (RM137) per barrel following economic uncertainty caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

"However, state industrial diesel still remains above RM1.90 per litre, which, according to Petronas management, is based on the original purchase price transacted," he said.