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Nationwide ops to curb profiteering

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PUTRAJAYA: The Ministry of Domestic Trade and Cost of Living (KPDN) will implement Ops Kesan 6.0 nationwide from June 1 to Aug 31, 2026, to curb profiteering activities amid global economic uncertainty and rising supply chain costs.

KPDN Enforcement Director-General Datuk Azman Adam (pic) said the operation is being carried out under the Price Control and Anti-Profiteering Act 2011 (Act 723) to ensure that traders do not take advantage of the situation by unreasonably increasing the prices of goods and services.

He said the operation follows the global supply disruptions that occurred earlier this year, which led to a surge in global crude oil prices and consequently affected production costs, transportation expenses, and the prices of various essential goods in the market.

"KPDN views these developments seriously because rising upstream costs have the potential to place pressure on consumers if not effectively monitored.

"Therefore, Ops Kesan 6.0 is being implemented as a proactive measure to ensure that any price increases are based on actual cost factors and not driven by traders seeking excessive profits," he said here on May 30.

For this operation, Azman said KPDN will utilise data collected periodically since the outbreak of the crisis in West Asia as the basis for monitoring and analysing changes in costs and business profit margins.

He said inspections will be conducted comprehensively across the entire supply chain, including manufacturers, livestock breeders, farmers, distributors, wholesalers and retailers.

Among the key sectors that will receive attention are the petrochemical industry, involving packaging and plastic products such as polyethylene and polypropylene, as well as agricultural fertilisers, including urea and ammonia, which play important roles in food production, he added.

"In addition, the agriculture sector will be a focus area, with monitoring of prices for several key produce items including mustard greens, kailan, cucumbers, tomatoes and red chillies, which are commonly consumed by households.

"For the livestock sector, inspections will focus on the cost of feed for broiler



and layer chickens, the price of standard chicken, and all categories of chicken eggs, including Grade A, B and C eggs, which are among the main components of household expenditure.

"KPDN will also monitor the transportation sector, particularly logistics delivery charges, which have a direct impact on market prices. At the same time, periodic inspections will be conducted on other sectors based on complaints and current information received throughout the operation period," Azman said.

Throughout Ops Kesan 6.0, he said KPDN enforcement officers will issue Notices for Verification of Goods Information (NPMB) under Section 21 of Act 723 to inspect premises to obtain detailed information on operating costs, selling prices and business documents.

He said the notices are an important instrument that enables the ministry to conduct a detailed analysis of a business's cost structure and profit margins to detect any elements of profiteering.

He added that failure to comply with the notice or the submission of false information constitutes a serious offence and may result in legal action without having to wait for the final outcome of profiteering analyses.

"If investigations reveal an unreasonable increase in profit margins compared to the previous year and elements of profiteering can be proven, action will be taken under Section 14(1) of the Price Control and Anti-Profiteering Act 2011.

"For companies or corporate bodies, a first offence carries a fine of up to RM500,000, while a second and subsequent offence may result in a fine of up to RM1 million.

"For individual traders, a first offence carries a fine of up to RM100,000 or imprisonment of up to three years, or both. A second and subsequent offence may result in a fine of up to RM250,000 or imprisonment of up to five years, or both," he said.

Azman said KPDN would continue strengthening market monitoring efforts and would not compromise with any party attempting to exploit the current situation to reap excessive profits at the expense of consumers.

He also urged the public to continue serving as the ministry's eyes and ears by reporting suspicious price increases, stressing that consumer cooperation is vital in ensuring price stability and safeguarding public well-being amid current economic challenges.

Special fuel permit aid for farmers

ALOR SETAR: The Ministry of Domestic Trade and Cost of Living (KPDN) Kedah is committed to helping farmers obtain special permits to purchase petrol or diesel exceeding 20 litres.

Enforcement Chief Zalina Aziz said the ministry conducts various on-site programmes and engagement sessions to understand the needs of farmers who require large amounts of fuel to operate machinery such as grass cutters, water pumps, or tractors.

"Farmers can apply for a special permit to purchase petrol or diesel in drums or tanks at petrol stations under the agriculture and livestock category. They can buy over 20 litres of fuel based on land size and machinery needs," she told Bernama.

She said applications for the special permit are free and can be made online via the KPDN Supply Permit System. The permit can only be used at designated petrol stations near the applicant's farm or operational area.

Zalina said that to facilitate matters, KPDN conducted engagement tours involving the Regional Farmers' Organisation (PPK), the Muda Agricultural Development Authority (Mada), and the Federal Village Development and Security Committee (JPKKP) across 11 areas in the state.

"As a result, 494 new special permits were approved from Jan 1 to June 1, 2026. We bring our equipment and officers to designated locations to assist with the fully online application process.

"We understand some farmers and padi planters are less familiar with online systems. That is why KPDN goes to the ground to guide and assist them with the applications," she said.

She said the response was very encouraging, with each programme recording 20 to 30 new applications.

Zalina said, so far, there have been no issues in the application process because most applicants have received confirmation from relevant agencies such as PPK and Mada.

She added that awareness of the need for the special permit has also increased among farmers, as a result of the outreach programmes.

"More farmers now know: buying over 20 litres of petrol or diesel needs a special permit. Each time KPDN holds engagement sessions with PPK and Mada, many apply on the spot.

"We will step up our information and assistance to ensure agricultural fuel needs are met according to regulations," she said. - Bernama

RM1.04m goods seized, 26 held in Lahad Datu

Azmie Lim

LAHAD DATU: The Battalion 17 General Operations Force (GOF) Lahad Datu detained 26 individuals and seized goods worth RM1.04 million in 17 raids and 27 police reports in May.

GOF Lahad Datu, in a statement, said they comprised 24 men and two women – 15 locals and 11 foreigners – who were detained for various offences.

Among the goods seized were diesel, ketum, cough medicine, syabu, Philippine-bred fighting cocks, cooking oil, smuggled cigarettes and vehicles believed to have been used in carrying out the illegal activities, amounting to RM1,038,100.95.

Among the successes recorded are three raids carried out by Company B during Op Taring Esszone in Felda Sahabat and Silabukan that led to the arrest of two local men and two foreigners.

The operations also led to the seizure of 4kg of ketum powder, 23 bottles of

processed ketum juice and cough medicines.

The case was handed over to the Narcotic Crime Investigation Division of the Lahad Datu Police Headquarters for further investigation.

In another operation codenamed Op Tiris 4.0 and Op Taring Bravo 1 on May 20 at Batu 9, Segama, the GOF Lahad Datu intelligence branch apprehended a rigid lorry carrying 12,000 litres of subsidised diesel, suspected of being misappropriated, without valid permit.

The operation also led to the arrest of two local men.

The case was handed over to the Ministry of Domestic Trade and Cost of Living (KPDN) Lahad Datu for further action.

All the offences were under the Dangerous Drug Act 1952, Poison Act 1952, Control of Supply Act 1961, Immigration Act 1959/63, Customs Act 1967, Firearms Act 1960 and Animal Welfare Enactment 2015.



LORI yang membawa muatan diesel dirampas oleh PGA.

PGA tahan 26 individu, rampas barangan bernilai RM1.04j

Azmie Lim

LAHAD DATU: Batalion 17 Pasukan Gerakan Am (PGA) Lahad Datu menahan 26 individu dan merampas pelbagai barangan bernilai RM1.04 juta menerusi 17 serbuan serta 27 laporan polis sepanjang Mei lalu.

GOF Lahad Datu dalam satu kenyataan berkata mereka yang ditahan terdiri daripada 24 lelaki dan dua wanita, melibatkan 15 warga tempatan serta 11 warga asing atas pelbagai kesalahan.

Antara barangan yang dirampas ialah diesel, ketum, ubat batuk, syabu, ayam sabung baka Filipina, minyak masak, rokok seludup serta kenderaan yang dipercayai digunakan untuk menjalankan aktiviti haram, dengan nilai keseluruhan RM1,038,100.95.

Antara kejayaan yang direkodkan ialah tiga serbuan yang dijalankan Kompeni B menerusi Op Taring Esszone di Felda Sahabat dan Silabukan yang membawa kepada penahanan dua lelaki tempatan dan dua warga asing.

Operasi itu turut membawa kepada

rampasan 4 kilogram serbuk ketum, 23 botol air ketum yang telah diproses serta ubat batuk.

Kes berkenaan diserahkan kepada Bahagian Siasatan Jenayah Narkotik Ibu Pejabat Polis Daerah (IPD) Lahad Datu untuk siasatan lanjut.

Dalam operasi berasingan menerusi Op Tiris 4.0 dan Op Taring Bravo 1 pada 20 Mei di Batu 9, Segama, Cawangan Risikan GOF Lahad Datu menahan sebuah lori rigid yang membawa 12,000 liter diesel bersubsidi yang disyaki diseleweng tanpa permit sah.

Operasi itu turut membawa kepada penahanan dua lelaki tempatan.

Kes berkenaan diserahkan kepada Kementerian Perdagangan Dalam Negeri dan Kos Sara Hidup (KPDN) Lahad Datu untuk tindakan lanjut.

Semua kesalahan itu disiasat mengikut Akta Dadah Berbahaya 1952, Akta Racun 1952, Akta Kawalan Bekalan 1961, Akta Imigresen 1959/63, Akta Kastam 1967, Akta Senjata Api 1960 dan Enakmen Kebajikan Haiwan 2015.

23類調整補貼的貨運車輛

車輛類別	調整後配額 (公升)	原本配額 (公升)	差額
流动服务巴士	1200	3999	-2799
流动服务罗里	1200	3999	-2799
流动服务货车	1200	3999	-2799
封闭式货车	1200	2999	-1799
餐饮服务罗里	1200	3999	-2799
水槽车	1200	3999	-2799
厢式货车	900	2999	-2099
厢式货车	900	2999	-2099
瓶装饮料货车	1200	3999	-2799
皮卡车	1200	2999	-1799
吉普车	1200	2999	-1799
普通货车/罗里	1800	5999	-4199
罗里货车	1200	3999	-2799
冷藏货车	1600	3999	-2399
侧帘式硬斗罗里	2000	3999	-1999
垃圾罗里	2000	3999	-1999
农作物载送罗里	2500	3999	-1499
开放式平台罗里	2000	3999	-1999
动物围栏罗里	2500	3999	-1499
饮用水槽罗里	2000	3999	-1999
牵引车	5000	6999	-1999
组合型罗里	4000	3999	+1
面粉槽罗里	4000	3999	+1



羅里業：柴油補貼配額減30至70%

運費增物價恐漲

【八打灵再也3日讯】业界指出，随着政府从6月1日起调整23类车型陆路货运领域的柴油补贴后，多数车型的补贴柴油额度被削减30至70%，业者担忧此举将对运输业造成重大冲击，并进一步推高各类民生必需品价格，增加人民生活负担。

根据马来西亚罗里同业协会及业者提供的资料，不同车型面对不同幅度的削减。其中，26轮重型罗里的补贴柴油配额，从每月6999公升减至5000公升，减少1999公升，降幅约28.6%；普通货运罗里则从每月5999公升大幅削减至1800公升，减少4199公升，降幅高达70%。

黃冠榮：長途運送影響大

馬來西亞羅里同业总会会长拿黃冠榮受詢時告訴《星洲日報》，隨著柴油補貼配額削減，運費可能上漲，商家將不可避免將商品的成本轉嫁給消費者。

他表示，對沒有運送長途貨物的羅里業者，約7000公升的補貼柴油是勉強足夠，但對於南上北下的長途羅里業者而言，這個減幅對他們會帶來明顯的影響。

他說，公會理解政府的難處，但也希望政府不要進一步削減羅里業者的柴油補貼配額。

“公會將致函給國內貿易及生活費部，促請政府保留現有的配額。”

他也表示，儘管成本或會增加，但基於目前行情看淡的情況，運輸業者也不敢隨意起價，只能挑選付收信譽佳的優質顧客。



黃冠榮：政府削減補貼柴油配額，業者或被迫將成本轉嫁給消費者。（檔案照）

辜健欽：成本飆逾1倍



辜健欽促請政府勿削減運輸主者的補貼柴油配額。（受訪者提供）

另外，經營一家大型羅里運輸公司的辜健欽告訴記者，如果是從北部如檳城載一超貨到南部柔佛，再回去檳城，原本6999公升的補貼柴油已經不夠用，約19天就用完，如今驟減約30%，5000公升11天左右就會用完，過後羅里業者就必須添打沒有補貼的柴油。

他說，以目前每公升4令吉87仙的柴油價格，還有各種的維修成本等，成本飆漲超過一倍。

他說，如果沒有補貼柴油，在虧損的情況下，業者是無法營業的。

“每個產品都需要物流，如果要繼續營運，就只能漲價，在這種情況下，最終受害的是消費者，商品也無可避免會起價。”

不過，他坦言，運輸業者不能貿然漲

起價，以目前的行情必須跟顧客溝通，所以是步步維艱。

辜健欽說，很多物流業者也向他訴苦，政府削減柴油補貼配額，讓他們苦不堪言。

盼政府保留原有配額

他說，業者明了政府在目前國際局勢下面對能源短缺的困境，也願意與政府共赴時艱，但還是希望政府保留原有的配額。

政府在2024年6月10日啟用補貼柴油管制系統，通過SKDS系統註冊的商業領域車輛，通過柴油補貼卡交易，可享有每公升2令吉15仙的補貼柴油。

國內貿易及生活費部長拿督阿末占此前表示，政府決定調整SKDS固定配額上限，作為加強監管與執法機制的措施。



拿篤普通行动部队起获大批物品。

拿篤PGA上月戰績亮眼 捕26人繳值逾百萬物品

（拿篤3日讯）拿篤普通行动部队（PGA）在今年5月份雷厉执法，共展开17次突袭行动并开档调查27宗案件，起获总值约103万8101令吉的各类走私品、违禁品及涉案工具，并将26人逮捕归案。

上述系列成果是由该营情报组以及B连队在执行“沙巴东部特别保安区Taring行动”中创下。落网的26名嫌犯中，包括24名男子及2名女子。其中，有15名为本地男子，其余11人（9男2女）则为外国人。

该营在脸书发文指出，期间扣押的物品种类繁多，包括补贴柴油、哥冬叶、止咳药水、冰毒、菲律宾品种斗鸡、食油、走私香烟以及涉案的交通工具。

当中，B连队在沙哈拔联邦土地发展局垦殖区及西拉布干区域展开行动时，成功发动3次突袭。行动中，共有2名本地男子及2名外籍男子被捕，执法人员当场缴获4

公斤哥冬粉、23瓶疑似已加工的哥冬水以及止咳药水。有关案件已移交予拿篤警区总部毒品罪案调查组跟进。

此外，该营情报组于5月20日在拿篤西加麦执行任务时，拦截一辆违规载有1万2000公升补贴柴油的罗里。

当时车内2名本地男子因无法出示合法准证且涉嫌挪用津贴物资而被捕，案件随后移交给国内贸易及生活费部拿篤分局处理。

警方指出，所有在5月份被扣查的人及充公物资，分别涉及触犯多项法令，其中包括1952年危险毒品法令、1952年毒药法令、1961年供应管制法令、1959/63年移民法令、2015年沙巴动物法令、1967年关税法令以及1960年枪械法令。

拿篤普通行动部队强调，该营将继续致力打击区域内的违法犯罪活动。

இதற்குமுன் காய்கறிகள் விலை உயர்ந்ததற்கு பருவநிலை மாற்றம் ஒரு காரணமாக இருந்தது

காய்கறி விலைமீது கண்காணிப்புப் பரிசோதனைகள் தொடர்ந்து தீவிரமடையும்

உணவுகள் விலையில் மாற்றம் வந்தால் மக்களின் வாழ்வாதாரத்தில் தாக்கத்தை உருவாக்கும்



காய்கறித் தோட்ட அளவில் சில காய்கறிகள் உயர்ந்து விட்டது என கேமரன் மலை மலாய் காய்கறித் தோட்டக்காரர்கள் சங்கம் கூறி இருந்தது. பற்றி அவர் இவ்வாறு கருத்துரைத்தார். முட்டைக் கோல் விலை கிலோ 50 காசிலிருந்து ரிம். 1.50 காசு வரை உயர்ந்திருக்கிறது என்று

காய்கறி விலைகளில் மாற்றம்

சந்தை நிலவரம் சீரடைவதால் விலை குறைகிறது

கோலாலம்பூர், ஜூன் 4 -

இதற்கு முன் விலை உயர்வு கண்டிருந்த சில காய்கறிகள் விலை தற்போது குறைந்து வருவதாக உள்நாட்டு வர்த்தக வாழ்க்கைச் செலவினத்துறை துணை அமைச்சர் ஃபுஸியா சாலே கூறியிருக்கிறார். சந்தை நிலவரம் சீரடைந்து வருவதை அடுத்து காய்கறிகள் விலை குறைந்து வருவதாகவும் அவர் சொன்னார். இதற்கு முன் உற்பத்தி செலவினம் அதிகரிப்பு, மோசமான பருவநிலை ஆகியவற்றால் சில காய்கறிகள்

அதிகரித்திருந்தன. குறிப்பாக பருவநிலை காரணமாக விவசாய உற்பத்தியும் பாதிக்கப்பட்டிருந்தது. பிரதேச அளவில் போக்குவரத்து, விநியோகத்துறைகளில் இடையூறு ஏற்பட்டிருந்ததால் அது காய்கறிகள் விலையில் தாக்கத்தை ஏற்படுத்தி இருந்தது.

உற்பத்தியாளர்கள், மொத்த வியாபாரிகள், சில்லறை வியாபாரிகள் ஆகியோர் சம்பந்தப்பட்ட கண்காணிப்பு, பரிசோதனைகளில் பகாங் மாநில உள்நாட்டு வர்த்தக வாழ்க்கைச் செலவினத்துறை அதிகாரிகள் ஈடுபட்டனர். கடந்த ஏப்ரல் தொடங்கி மே மாதம் வரையில் சில வகையான காய்கறிகள் விலை உயர்வு கண்டிருந்தது இதன் மூலம் தெரிய வந்தது.

எனினும் தற்போது மேற்கொள்ளப்பட்டிருக்கும் கண்காணிப்பு வழி விநியோகம் சீரடைந்து வருவதற்கான அறிகுறிகள் தென்பட்டுள்ளன. சில வகை மூலப்பொருட்கள் விலையும் குறைந்திருக்கின்றன. விநியோகம் சீரான தன்மைக்கு திரும்பியதே இதற்குக் காரணம் என தெரிய வருவதாக துணை அமைச்சர் குறிப்பிட்டார்.

அச்சங்கத்தின் தலைவர் சைட் அப்துல் ரஹ்மான் சைட் அபுரஷிட் கூறியிருந்தார். தக்காளி கிலோ 1 ரிங்கிடிலிருந்து 3 ரிங்கிட், 50 காசு வரை உயர்ந்தது என்றும் மிளகாய் 4 ரிங்கிடிலிருந்து 5 ரிங்கிட்டாக உயர்ந்தது என்றும் அவர் தெரிவித்தார்.

வெளிநாட்டுச் சந்தை நிலவரத்தின் அடிப்படையில் உரங்களின் விலையும் களைக்கொல்லி மருந்து விலையும் உயர்ந்ததால் விவசாய உற்பத்தி செலவும் அதிகரித்த நிலையில் காய்கறி விலை உயர்ந்ததாக அவர் குறிப்பிட்டிருந்தார்.

விவசாயத்தில் சவால்கள்

இதற்கிடையே உள்நாட்டுக் காய்கறி தோட்டக்காரர்கள் உள்ளிட்ட விவசாயிகள் எதிர்நோக்கி வரும் சவால்களை அரசாங்கம் புரிந்து வைத்திருக்கிறது என்று துணை அமைச்சர் ஃபுஸியா கூறினார். குறிப்பாக விவசாய உற்பத்திச் செலவு அதிகரித்திருப்பதால் விவசாயிகள் சவால்களை

எதிர்நோக்கியிருக்கின்றனர்.

இந்தநிலையில் மக்களின் உணவு விலை மாற்றத்தால் ஏற்படக்கூடிய விளைவுகளையும் அரசாங்கம் கருத்தில் கொண்டிருக்கிறது என்று அவர் சொன்னார். அரசாங்கம் விவசாய உற்பத்தியாளர்கள்- பயனீட்டாளர்கள் நலன்களுக்கிடையே சமச்சீரான தன்மை இருப்பதை உறுதி செய்வதில் முனைப்புக் காட்டி வருகிறது என்றும் அவர் உறுதியளித்தார். உணவு விலையில் ஏற்படக்கூடிய மாற்றங்கள் மக்களின் அன்றாட வாழ்வில் நேரடியான தாக்கத்தை ஏற்படுத்தும் என்பதை அரசாங்கம் உணர்ந்திருக்கிறது.

அதேசமயம் உள்நாட்டு விவசாயத்துறையை வலுப்படுத்து வேண்டும் என்பதையும் அரசாங்கம் கருத்தில் கொள்கிறது. இதன் மூலம் சந்தையில் ஏற்படக்கூடிய சவால்கள் ஆகியவற்றை எதிர்நோக்குவதில் விவசாயத்துறை சிறந்த போட்டித் தன்மையைக் கொண்டிருக்க முடியும் என்று அவர் சுட்டிக்காட்டினார்.

கேமரன் மலையில் காய்கறி விலை அதிகாரிகளால் தொடர்ந்து கண்காணிக்கப்படும். அவ்வப்போது பரிசோதனை நடத்தப்படும். இதன்மூலம் காய்கறிகள் விலை விநியோகம் எப்போதும்



கட்டுப்பாட்டில் இருப்பதை உறுதிப்படுத்த முடியும் என்று அவர் சொன்னார்.

அதேவேளை சந்தை நிலவரங்களுக்கு ஏற்ப அவ்வப்போது கடுதல் கண்காணிப்பும் காய்கறி விலை மீது மேற்கொள்ளப்படும் என்றும் பகாங் மாநில உள்நாட்டு வர்த்தக வாழ்க்கைச் செலவினத்துறை அதிகாரிகள் இந்தப் பணியில் ஈடுபடுவார்கள் என்றும் அவர் கூறினார்.



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Pang cutting the hair of a customer at his barber shop in Tampoi.

Johor traders keep prices low, community spirit high

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DESPITE the rising cost of living, some businesses in Johor are choosing to keep their prices low in a bid to make life a little easier for customers struggling to stretch their riggls.

One such business owner is Ling Pau Mui, who has been providing affordable tailoring services from her home in Kulai for the past 20 years.

Coming from an underprivileged family, the 60-year-old understands firsthand the challenges of having to make every straggle count.

She charges customers RM1 to sew buttons and RM2 to replace jacket zipper pullers.

"For me, there is no need to charge too much, especially since I am working from my own house and not paying rental for a shop."

"My intention is to earn just a little side income for me and my family, not to make large profits."

"At the same time, I also want to help people as much as I can. This is the way I know how."

Other services Ling provides are repairing school bag straps and zips as well as altering clothes.

The services I provide are simple things that budget-conscious people need, particularly those with school-going children.

"These are minor fixes that can help people save a lot of money because they do not have to buy new items," she said.

Ling picked up tailoring when working at a clothing factory in Singapore more than 30 years ago.

"I worked for several companies for about 10 years before moving here with my husband for good," she added.

One of the few remaining traditional barbers in Johor Baru, Pang Heek See has kept the price

Some old-school business owners charge less to help families cope with rising cost of living



Ling sewing the zipper of a jacket at her home in Kulai.

of a haircut with full grooming service at just RM9 for adults and RM5 for children.

"I used to charge only RM6, but I increased it to RM8 about five years ago, then to RM9 about three years ago to cope with rising costs," he said.

The 78-year-old does not see the need to increase prices anytime soon as he is making enough to cover operating costs and still has a little extra for daily expenses.

"At my age I am not interested in making a ton of money, especially since all my children are working," said Pang who has been a barber since he was 17.

One of the main reasons he has been able to maintain his business despite keeping prices low is because he owns his shop in Tampoi.

"My years of hard work have also allowed me to own this shop."

"So, I do not have to worry about rent, which has skyrocketed over the years and could have driven up my operating costs drastically."

"It is not a luxury that many businesses get to enjoy. Other businesses are forced to either increase prices to cope or shut down for good," said the father of five.

Pang has cut back on his work hours due to advancing age and now receives about 10 customers daily.

"I used to open from 9am until 10pm, but I have now decided to close by 8pm, so I can have more time to myself," he said.

Pang said that apart from locals, some customers were also

Singaporeans who sometimes paid him extra as a way of showing appreciation for his service.

"There are not that many traditional barber shops operated by old-school barbers like myself anymore, especially in urban areas," he noted.

Pang said some well-to-do customers even paid as much as RM100, while Singaporeans typically paid about S\$15 (RM45), which is the amount they would normally pay back home.

Also opting to keep prices reasonable is S. Kalaiarasi, 42, who has been selling nasi lemak with basic ingredients for just RM1 since she started the business seven years ago.

Her nasi lemak comprises rice, sambal, fried anchovies, peanuts and egg.

"For now I don't intend to increase the price of my nasi lemak, as the income is manageable."

"I am also well aware that those struggling to make ends meet depend on affordable food," she said.

She also offers add-ons such as chicken, prawn, squid or cockle



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ambel at RM2.

Kalaiarasi, whose stall is located in Tampoi Indah, Johor Baru, said her customers included students and those working in Singapore.

"I operate my stall from 4pm to 8pm the next morning," she said.

"For now, my suppliers are able to get me the ingredients I need at an affordable price, allowing me to still cover my operating cost."

"So I do not see the need to increase prices anytime soon, and will stick to the current price for as long as I can," she added.

Eatery owner Anor Serat, 17, continues to offer meal sets from as low as RM5 despite current economic challenges.

Anor, who previously worked as a ship cook in Singapore for 19 years, opened his eatery in Kampung Bendabara, Johor Baru, two years ago.

The eatery, which operates from 8am to 5pm daily except on



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Friday, offers meal sets comprising rice, vegetables, a choice of fish or chicken, and either iced tea or iced syrup.

"Customers can refill their rice for free. We replenish the dishes every two hours."

"Although raw material costs continue to rise, I will continue to maintain the RM5 price as long as I can. So far, I am still able to make a profit," he said.

Anor, who moved from Penang to Johor about 20 years ago, said the business carried sentimental value as it was inspired by his parents' constant reminders to be charitable and to help others.

"As such, I do not focus solely on making profits. Instead, I want to ensure that everyone can enjoy a full meal at a reasonable price."

"The profits may not be as high as what other eaters make, but I am grateful that the business continues to receive support from the



Kalaiarasi has kept the price of nasi lemak at only RM1 for the last seven years.

public," added Anor.

Traders praised

Johor Domestic Trade and Cost of Living Ministry director Lilis Sasulinda Purnomo said businesses that continued to offer affordable goods and services played an important role in helping consumers cope with rising living costs.

"While businesses are also facing increasing operating costs, including raw materials, rent and utilities, there are still some traders who choose to keep their prices low to support their communities."

"Such efforts should be appreciated as they help ease consumers' financial burden, particularly low-income families and those struggling with the rising cost of living," she said.

Lilis added that consumers should continue supporting local businesses that strive to maintain affordable prices without compromising on the quality of their products and services.



Live Nation Malaysia's managing director Paramananthan Rajagopal said that they can't take legal action against secondary ticketing websites because Malaysia does not yet have an anti-scalping law. — Photo by Raymond Manuel

'When the buying stops, so does the scamming': Live Nation M'sia cautions fans after reseller sites list BTS KL tickets before presales

KUALA LUMPUR: Live Nation Malaysia's managing director Paramananthan Rajagopal is urging fans once again to source their concert tickets from authorised and official ticketing platforms.

This comes after several secondary ticketing or reseller websites such as Viagogo or Veritickets were already seen selling tickets for the upcoming K-pop group concerts BTS World Tour 'Arirang' in Kuala Lumpur even before the presales started.

In a brief conversation, Paramananthan told Malay Mail that fans should stop sourcing tickets from such sites as it could lead to ticketing scams and they should be aware of the websites they are visiting.

"When the buying stops, so does the scamming."

"Fans also need to be aware of the authenticity of these platforms," he said.

When asked whether Live Nation Malaysia will take legal action against these sites, Paramananthan said that there are no legal action they could take against these types of resellers as Malaysia does not have any law that explicitly bans ticketing scalping.

Previously, local BTS fans

took to social media platforms such as X and Threads to vent their frustrations after several secondary ticketing websites were seen selling the highly anticipated BTS in KL tickets even before its official release dates.

Aside from that, local BTS fans also called out several influencers who were allegedly trying to sell BTS in KL tickets ahead of the release date too via social media.

A check by Malay Mail showed that a reseller site, Veritickets, was selling several ticket categories, including the VIP package, for the upcoming BTS in KL concerts at inflated prices of RM2,000 to RM15,000.

The original ticketing prices for the concerts ranged between RM338 to RM1,288.

Although Malaysia does not yet have an anti-scalping law, it was previously reported that one is currently being formulated by the Ministry of Domestic Trade and Cost of Living (KPDN) and the Communications Ministry.

However, this was reported back in 2023 and little to no updates have been provided by either ministry so far despite Malaysia expecting to host several global concert tours this year. — Malay Mail



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