

## Enough wheat flour despite price increase, say ministry

**KUALA BERANG:** The supply of wheat flour in the country is stable and sufficient, says Deputy Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Datuk Rosol Wahid.

However, he said production of subsidised wheat flour had to be reduced due to the price spike at the global level.

He added that there was no reason for panic because the supply of basic food in the market was sufficient, but he acknowledged there was an increase in prices of between 10% and 30%.

"In terms of supply, it is unaffected, there's only increase in prices due to the Ukraine-Russia conflict and the cost of transportation that rose sharply.

"As for subsidised wheat flour – a special wheat flour for B40 use – the reduction does not affect traders who make roti canai, kuih and so on," Bernama quoted him as saying after reviewing the Kedai Prihatin Sales programme here yesterday.

Rosol said the government would continue to monitor the price of mixed palm cooking oil in the market, even though the product was not subject to maximum price control.

He urged consumers to report traders who sell the product at an exorbitant price.

He said pure palm cooking oil, sold in one-to five-kilogramme bottles, is under the ministry's control.

"If there are traders found to be selling it above the ceiling price set, action can be taken under the Price Control and Anti-Profitteering Act 2011.

"Also, if there are traders who take excessive profits on the sale of mixed palm cooking oil, the public can make a complaint and we will take action," he added.