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Mahathir-Traders

PM ISSUES WARNING TO LANGKAWI TRADERS OVER HIGH PRICES

LANGKAWI, Dec 1 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today warned traders here that they risked losing their licences for hiking the prices of goods.

The Prime Minister, speaking after opening the Langkawi International Motor Show 96 (Limos 96), said he was very happy with everything on the island except for the greedy traders seeking to make fast money.

"I am told some shops here are selling goods at price several times higher than in Kuala Lumpur and I am going to the bottom of it this time," he told a press conference at the Mahsuri International Exhibition Centre.

Also present was Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Sanusi Junid

He said this time the relevant authorities would not hesitate to withdraw the traders' licences which would stop them from carrying on with any business activity.

"The first drastic action on the traders is to withdraw their licences... close down their shops," he said.

Dr Mahathir also said co-operation from the public was needed to stop the traders from continuing to exploit customers including tourists.

"We hope they come up and tell us which shops are selling goods at high prices so that we can take action against the unscrupulous people... and let this be a lesson to the others," he said.

On the resignation of Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Raja Datuk Ariffin Raja Sulaiman, Dr Mahathir said he had accepted the resignation.

The Prime Minister said there was no issue in connection with the resignation, and that Raja Ariffin was only resigning to devote more time on his business. -- BERNAMA

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