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THERE IS ENOUGH FOOD SUPPLY IN SARAWAK

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 24 (Bernama) -- Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Datuk Megat Junid Megat Ayob today dispelled rumours of food shortage in Sarawak.

"There is no essential food shortage in Sarawak and so far we haven't received any report on that. If there is a shortage of supplies then we will do our best to send enough supply to the state," he said at the post-cabinet meeting news conference at his office, here today.

Megat said, "People were rushing out to buy enough supplies for their families since shops had been closed for two days, everybody seems to be panicking, thinking that there is not enough supply for their families."

He also said that agencies and factories had also been told to continue their production to ensure enough supply for consumers.

When asked if there was any shortage of canned foods or such in the state, Megat said, "We have imformed agents to send enough supply, either by ship or by plane .. we will do our best."

Megat Junid also said that the Cabinet had agreed to form a very high-powered committee consisting of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (Miti), Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Housing and Development, Ministry of Primary Industries and his ministry to discuss prices of goods following the ringgit depreciation.

"We will have our first meeting on Friday to discuss in detail all prices of goods including controlled items and find ways to deal with the situation," he said.

He said the outcome of the meeting will be reported to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Oct 7.

The meeting is to be held at Miti, he said. -- BERNAMA

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