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MTUC WANTS POULTRY FARMERS, RETAILERS COMPLY WITH GOVT DIRECTIVE

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 7 (Bernama) -- The Malaysian Trades Union Congress (MTUC) has called on the Enforcement Division of the Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry to ensure poultry farmers and retailers complied with the government's directive to sell chicken at approved prices.

Its president Senator Zainal Rampak said licences and permits of chicken breeders and retailers must be revoked if they defied the government's directive.

Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Datuk Seri Megat Junid Megat Ayob announced yesterday that the 30 sen hike a kilogramme in ex-farm price of chicken from Friday (Jan 1) was illegal as the government was not consulted over the increase.

As such, the ex-farm chicken price should remain at RM3 a kilogramme and dressed chicken at RM5.40 per kilogramme, he said.

Zainal also said the MTUC welcomed the setting up of an independent panel to investigate charges that police officers were responsible for the injuries suffered by former deputy prime minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim while in police custody.

"This will restore public confidence in the role of the police as protectors of civil rights and custodians of public safety," he said.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said yesterday the government would consider setting up an independent panel to investigate charges that police officers had caused injuries to Anwar while under detention.

Attorney-General Tan Sri Mohtar Abdullah revealed on Tuesday that the police were "fully responsible for the injuries to Anwar" but the Special Investigations Team, which probed the assault allegation, did not pinpoint the person or persons responsible for the injuries.

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