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TIGHT CONTROL TO PREVENT PRICE INCREASE DURING FESTIVITIES

PETALING JAYA, Nov 14 (Bernama) -- The Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry will step up the monitoring of goods during Hari Raya Puasa and Chinese New Year to prevent price hikes.

Deputy minister Datuk S. Subramaniam said today that on the whole, monitoring by the ministry's enforcement division had succeeded in preventing price increases during the current Deepavali celebration.

To overcome a price increase for fish, the government might allow imports if there was insufficient supply and the same applied to essential goods like glutinous rice and coconuts used for Hari Raya Puasa, he said at his open house at the Petaling Jaya Civic Hall here.

"We also advise those not celebrating Chinese New year not to buy fish (to control prices)," he said.

Among the 1,000-odd people who attended the open house were Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik.

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