

Protest against price hike to be launched July 28
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The anti-fuel hike protest movement (Protes) will launch their campaign against the government's move to raise petrol, diesel, sugar and liquified petroleum gas this July 28.

hatta ramli 070708The launch will take place at the Kuala Lumpur-Selangor Chinese Assembly Hall, Protes coordinator Dr Hatta Ramli (right) told a press conference today after a meeting with other Protes leaders on the matter.

"On that day (July 28), we will arrange the activities such as the distribution of pamphlets and information and the dates of the nation-wide road show.

"We will also propose a date for the demonstrations that will be organised," said Hatta.

Asked whether the demonstration would be held during the fasting month of Ramadan, Hatta said: "If possible, we want to hold it soon. We cannot delay it too much," he added.

Hatta said the demonstration will serve as the culmination of the campaign against the price hike.

Others present at the meeting included PKR strategy director Tian Chua, PSM secretary-general S Arutchelvan, PAS Muslimat secretary Aiman Athirah, and representatives from human rights group Suaram student activist organisation Dema.

According to Hatta, the plan to hold demonstrations follows the 'success' of the protests against the issue of maths and science being taught in English (PPSMI) as well as the sports betting issue.

Hatta, is also PAS treasurer, said efforts will be made to get the involvement of many more NGOs to work together with the Protes coalition to campaign against the price hikes.

"We will mobilise NGOs, workers unions and students," he said.

protes kenaikan tol committee 191206 arutchelvanProtests will also be held nation-wide, especially by those affected by the increase of prices such as low-income earners.

The Kuala Krai member of parliament said the fuel and food price hikes should not have been carried out merely to save RM750 million and bear the costs of 1Malaysia clinics and the Permata educational programs of the prime minister's wife Rosmah Mansor.

Arutchelvan (right) said the effects of the price hikes will be felt by the people within a few weeks, especially during the upcoming festive season.

Tian Chua said the hikes serves as the beginning of an increase in prices of other basic necessities and will lead to more subsidy cuts.

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