

Protests expected over price hikes
Malaysiakini.com
Disember 10, 2010

Leaders of the civil society and Pakatan Rakyat may take to the streets to protest the recent fuel price hikes imposed by the government.

Fresh from last weekend's demonstration against the "unfair" water restructuring efforts between the Selangor government and water supplier Syabas, they are again looking at mobilising protesters for another go.

Protes coordinator Dr Hatta Ramli - who also the PAS Kuala Krai MP - pas muktamar 130610 hatta ramli 2said the coalition is unhappy that the government reneged on its promise not to increase the prices of essential goods at the end of this year.

Hatta (left) said the government was not caring about the people as the year draws to a close, especially those who need to spend extra to buy school provisions for their children.

"Protes will be discussing our next step," he said in a text message reply to Malaysiakini.

PSM secretary-general S Arutchelvan also said that the party is ready to mobilise its members to protest in a consolidated effort with other parties.

Students to protest in Putrajaya

Last week, the prices of RON 95 petrol, diesel and cooking gas went up by 5 sen, while the price of sugar was raised by 20 sen to RM2.10 a kilogramme.

This came despite Domestic Trade, Consumerism and Cooperatives Minister Ismail Sabri Yaakob declaring in November that there would be no price hikes as the year drew to a close.

Meanwhile, students plan to hold a peaceful protest in Putrajaya today and hand over a memorandum to the prime minister.

Organised by student activist movement Gabungan Mahasiswa Islam Semenanjung (Gamis), they are expected to gather at the Putrajaya mosque after Friday prayers.

The mosque is located next to the Prime Minister's Office.

Copyright © 1999-2007 Mkini Dotcom Sdn. Bhd.
Source : <http://www.malaysiakini.com/news/150433>