

No more disruption

Sugar available at 200 petrol kiosks

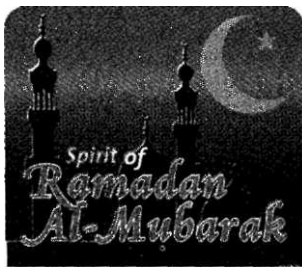
IPOH: Consumers can buy sugar from over 200 petrol kiosk marts in Perak, starting Friday.

State Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs director Ahmad Nasir Khosri said the operators have agreed to sell the essential item throughout the festive period to overcome the disruption of supply.

However, he said consumers would be allowed to buy only up to 4kg of sugar each.

"On Friday, we will distribute some 20 tonnes of sugar to all petrol kiosks.

"Each kiosk will be provided with 100 packets of sugar weighing 1kg each," he told reporters after meeting members of the Perak Petroleum Dealers Association here yesterday.



Nasir said the department would also start selling sugar at Ramadan bazaars and *pasar tani* throughout the state beginning Saturday.

"We hope by doing this, we will be able to resolve the disruption which is quite serious, especially in Teluk Intan, Manjung, Tapah and Taiping," he said.

He said Perak did not have a sugar shortage as the problem

only occurred when the new stock failed to arrive at designated areas on time.

"Certain places experience 'shortage' because the supply finishes before the new stock arrives," he said.

According to Nasir, certain suppliers in the districts even claimed to have shortage but checks by the department showed that they had between 600 tonnes and 760 tonnes of sugar for distribution.

Perak Petroleum Dealers Association chairman Tony Goh said the move would allow consumers to get their supply of sugar more conveniently.

"We have no objection as it doesn't require us to obtain a special licence," he said.