

# PM reinstates RM300 grant

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## Amount to help farmers, fishermen and livestock breeders

**BEAUFORT:** The monthly Elaun Sara Hidup for fishermen has been reinstated to RM300 from RM250.

Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, who announced the reinstatement yesterday, said the allowance was slashed by the Pakatan Harapan government, which Parti Warisan Sabah was part of.

"I would like to announce that we are reinstating it (to the previous amount)," he said to loud applause when speaking at the launch of the Bukit Huma Padi Fertiliser and Pesticide Subsidy Scheme at Dataran Bagandang here.

The scheme, among others, offers assistance in the form of grants, allowances, breeding schemes and zakat to eligible farmers, livestock breeders and fishermen to help improve their standard of living.

It involves agencies like the National Farmers Organisation (Nafas), Fisheries Development Authority of Malaysia (LKIM), Farmers Organisation Authority (LPP) and Agrobank.

The allowance is included in the scheme for the benefit of 7,581 fishermen in Sabah.

The scheme also covers the Breeders Income Scheme incentive involving an allocation of RM1.73mil, which will benefit small- and medium-scale ruminant



**Grand start:** Muhyiddin launching the Bukit Huma Padi Fertiliser and Pesticide Subsidy Scheme at Dataran Bagandang. — Bernama

and poultry breeders.

There is also the Young Agropreneur Grant involving an allocation of RM2.94mil for the benefit of 182 entrepreneurs, as well as the Coffee Industry Development Project Incentive with an allocation of RM556,000.

Muhyiddin said the government was aware of the hardship faced by fishermen, breeders and farmers, especially as the country continued to grapple with the Covid-19 pandemic.

"I hear and understand the diffi-

culties faced by the fishermen community during this challenging time. I hope this increase in allowance will ease your burden to a certain extent," he added.

The Prime Minister also stressed that the Perikatan Nasional government had taken appropriate measures relating to the assistance given to all quarters, including those in the agricultural sector, to ensure economic stability in the country.

"Our economy almost collapsed due to the problems we are facing.

"That is why the government

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acted in such a way (in giving assistance), including in the agricultural sector, so that our economy will not collapse and the people will not suffer," he said.

Muhyiddin added that with the government's capability, Malaysia was able to handle the Covid-19 outbreak to the extent of being recognised as one of five countries in the world to have succeeded in controlling the spread of the disease.

"This (Covid-19) is something that has never happened in the history of Malaysia or anywhere else in the world.

"It is still a problem in every part of the globe, including here in Malaysia.

"But with our government's ability, Malaysia has at least reached the highest level in the effort to face and overcome the problems of Covid-19," he said.



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