

PM: GOVT HAS TAKEN STEPS TO EASE PRICE BURDEN

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Prices of essential goods expected to stabilise early in 2022 when nations reopen borders

This was when most countries reopen their borders, allowing economic activities to slowly return to normal, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob.

He said the current price increases were the result of border closures and movement restrictions in several countries, which prevented Malaysia from importing the essential items needed.

Ismail Sabri added that a surge in demand but a drop in supply would increase prices.

He said although the increased prices were beyond the control of the government, it did not re-

main idle, nor claimed that its hands were tied on the matter.

He said the government had introduced measures to ease the burden faced by the people due the price hikes of essential goods.

"The government will always look into ways to help the people by prioritising their interests as we do not want them to suffer hardship."

Ismail Sabri said the Keluarga Malaysia (Malaysian Family) sales programme was among the

measures taken by the government to assist the people.

He said since the price of pesticides had increased, the government had provided subsidies and incentives to lower the prices of vegetables.

"The Keluarga Malaysia sales programme offers discounts of up to 50 per cent," he said, adding that it would be carried out until March when the prices of goods were expected to stabilise.

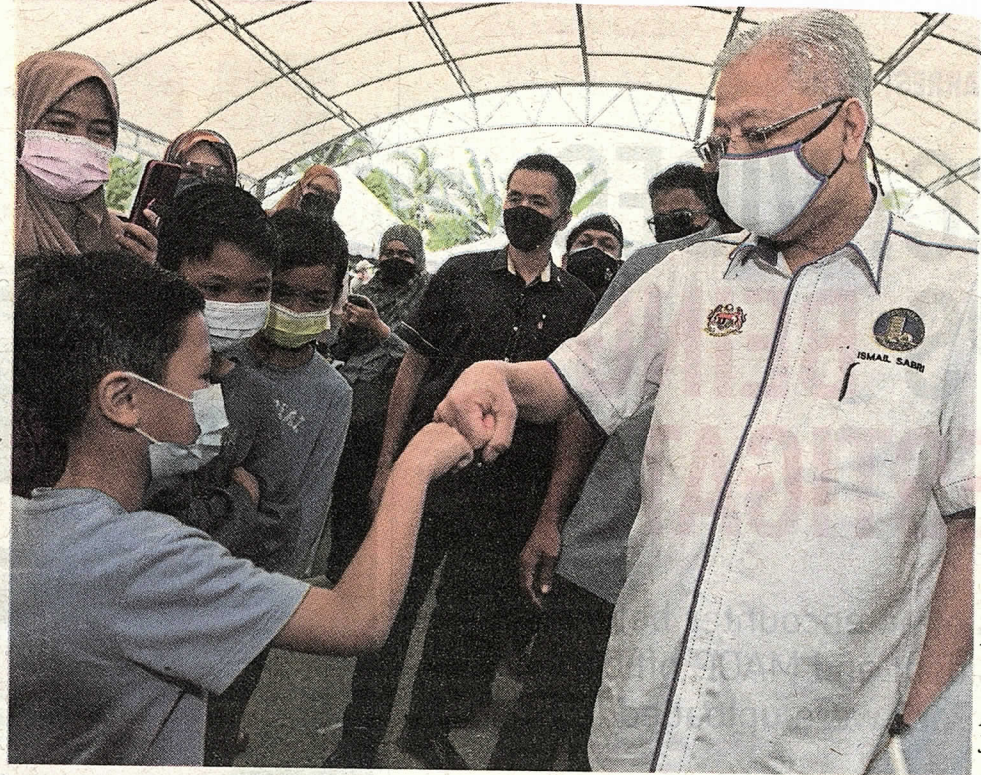
Ismail Sabri said this when launching the Bera parliamentary-level mass circumcision pro-

gramme at the Bera District Council Hall here yesterday.

A total of 350 children, aged between 5 and 12, took part in the ceremony sponsored by Ismail Sabri's constituency office.

Ismail Sabri also said the Rural Development Ministry had been given an additional RM500 million to boost development efforts in rural areas.

"This is to ensure people living in rural areas will get proper infrastructure, including roads and houses," he said.



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob and a boy exchanging a fist-bump at the Bera parliamentary-level mass circumcision programme yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

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THE prices of essential goods are expected to stabilise and recover by early next year.