

NO HIKE FOR HOUSEHOLDS, SMEs AND FOOD BUSINESSSES

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PM says decision made after taking into consideration economic challenges faced by groups

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THE government will not raise electricity tariff for households, small- and medium-sized enterprises and food and agricultural-related businesses.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said the decision was made after taking into consideration the economic challenges faced by the groups.

“Based on the report by the National Action Council on Cost of Living yesterday (Tuesday), we decided not to proceed with the



A poultry farmer tending to chicks. Food and agricultural-related businesses will not see an increase in electricity tariff. FILE PIC

initial proposal to increase electricity tariff as this will burden the people.

“This, despite our being aware that if nothing is done, it will impact the country’s finances by some RM30 billion,” he said after

chairing a cabinet meeting here yesterday.

Anwar, however, said the electricity tariff would be slightly raised for multinational companies that exported their products.

“The current tariff is too low for them and the subsidy should not be given to giant companies with high profits.

“However, the increase would be gradual and reasonable, so it will not disrupt their operations and projections.”

Anwar added that the details for the affected sectors would be announced by Natural Resources, Environment and Climate Change Minister Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad.

In January, the government announced that it had decided to maintain the current electricity tariff for all users in Peninsular Malaysia.

The step was taken following the government’s decision to implement Tenaga Nasional Bhd’s Third Regulatory period from February 2022 to December 2024 under the Incentive-Based Regulation framework.

In August, the Finance Ministry said it would maintain the electricity tariff for all consumers in the second half of 2022 at the same rate as the first half of 2022.