

July saw CPI rise 3.4pc
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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 17— The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the month of July rose 3.4 per cent to 103.4, from 100.0 recorded in the same month last year.

It was up 0.2 per cent from June this year.

National news agency, Bernama, carried a statement by the Statistics Department in which it announced that the CPI was up 3.1 per cent to 102.7 for the period of January-July 2011, compared with 99.6 registered in the same period last year.

Further, the index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages and Non-Food for July 2011 showed increases of 4.9 per cent and 2.7 per cent respectively when compared against the same month in 2010.

In June, the index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages and Non-Food increased by 0.4 per cent and 0.1 per cent respectively.

For period of January-July 2011, the index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages and Non-Food increased by 4.6 per cent and 2.5 per cent respectively against the previous corresponding period.

The 3.1 per cent increase in CPI for January-July was the result of increases observed in the indices of all the main groups except for Clothing & Footwear (-0.4 per cent) and Communication (-0.1 per cent).

The Statistics Department said key increases among these main groups with high weights were Transport (+5.0 per cent); Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+4.6 per cent); and Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (+1.6 per cent).

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