

**Hash of responses on Twitter, some accept need for fuel price hike**  
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Netizens took to social media to comment on the petrol price hike after Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak's announcement today.

Twitter was abuzz with people ranting over the price hike, which led to Syd Rahim (@SydRahim) to comment: "Wondering why some people manage to buy a few cars but then rage after seeing petrol price increases 20 cent."

Alexander Tong (@alexandertks913) tweeted that "Everyone is queuing up to fill up their car petrol just because of the price has been increased to 20 cents per liter.

Perhaps surprisingly there were those who called for cool heads.

Faisal Moideen (@macfaisal) posted: "Can't deny we will feel the impact from removal of subsidy but continued fuel subsidy isn't healthy and isn't targeted assistance for poor."

ashraffmoghni (@AshraffMoghni) called on people to study the matter first before jumping the gun.

John F SeaDemon (@seademon) noted that "Thais GDP is USD5,678. Ours is USD10,304. Petrol in Thailand is RM4/litre. Price increase is inevitable. Even @anwaribrahim can't control it.

"To those who are complaining about the petrol price. Please make a research first on the petrol price before blaming it on the government."

Some could not be bothered to brave the queue, with izrin irina (@izrinirina) noting on her Twitter that "Queueing at the petrol station wont change the price when u pump in a week time. Its still gonna b 20 sen higher no? Tak larat"

Others seemed determined to save as much as possible, as Juwei Ong (@Juweibug) noticed; "So many people lining up for petrol now. Some even brought extra external tank and fill in petrol".

Others were already braving the long queues at petrol stations such as user TheBeast (@ThamJunHao) who posted: "My blood pressure is directly proportional to the price of petrol... and it's getting higher.."

Zee Kin (@TAIZEEKIN) took issue with the term "price hike", tweeting; "please rephrase OK. Not petrol price increase 20 sen. Its 'Subsidy reduced by 20 sen'. Use the correct language smilesmile".

DAP Batu Gajah MP V.Sivakumar tweeted, "don't only talk about petrol and diesel price increases. Price of other goods will also go up and cause inflation."

He also tweeted that voting for BN has resulted in the petrol price hike.

Kinabatangan MP Datuk Bung Mokhtar Radin tweeted that the fuel price increase would not

burden the rakyat, as only the successful people drove cars while the kampung folk didn't own cars. - September 2, 2013.

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