

Muhyiddin Visits Market, Checks On Prices Of Goods

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KUCHING, Feb 13 (Bernama) -- Roman Abdul Rahaman, 29, was thrilled that he was able to chat with Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin who is visiting Sarawak.

The retail trader at the e-Mart in Jalan Matang, Petra Jaya, here, said the five minutes of conversation he had with Muhyiddin was most meaningful.

"He (Muhyiddin) enquired about the prices of goods, and asked where I secured my supply of products and how my business was doing.

"He also advised me not to raise the prices of goods arbitrarily," Roman told Bernama.

Muhyiddin, who is on a three-day visit to Sarawak from yesterday, went on a walkabout and inspected the prices of goods at the e-Mart.

Accompanying him on the walkabout of about an hour were Domestic Trade, Co-operatives and Consumerism Minister Datuk Seri Hasan Malek; Works Minister and Petra Jaya MP Datuk Fadillah Yusof; Deputy Domestic Trade, Co-operatives and Consumerism Minister Datuk Ahmad Bashah Md Hanipah; Sarawak Deputy Chief Minister Tan Sri Alfred Jabu and Sarawak Assistant Minister for Infrastructure Development and Tupong state assemblyman Datuk Daud Abdul Rahman.

Muhyiddin chatted with the traders and their customers.

Azmi Wahab, 25, who had come to the market with his wife and son, was surprised but touched when Muhyiddin greeted him.

"Of course, I was a little nervous when the deputy prime minister asked me several questions about the prices of essential goods at the market. He asked whether the prices were reasonable. I replied that they were OK so far and that was why I come here," he said.

Azmi said the fact that Muhyiddin came down to the ground showed that he was concerned for the people, especially in relation to the prices of goods.

"It is good that they do this, coming down to the ground to monitor the prices of goods. This will make the traders keep the prices of goods at a reasonable level," he said.

Moureen Bala, 48, who is in the catering business, took the opportunity of the meeting with Muhyiddin to lament about the fluctuating prices of vegetables.

"I informed him (Muhyiddin) that the prices varied from one market to another. For example, the price of long beans is higher by 20 per cent at the Batu 7 market while here it has not gone up.

He assured me that he will look into the matter," she said.

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