

CPI Rose 3.5 Per Cent To 109.8 In February
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KUALA LUMPUR, March 21 (Bernama) -- The Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 3.5 per cent to 109.8 in February 2014 from 106.1 in the same month last year, the Statistics Department said Friday.

Compared with January, the CPI was up by 0.3 per cent, the department said.

The 3.5 per cent rise in the CPI was brought about by the increased indices of all the main groups except those of miscellaneous goods and services (-0.8 per cent) and communications (-0.5 per cent), the department said in a statement.

Notable increases among the main groups with high weights are transport (5.4 per cent); food and non-alcoholic beverages (4.0 per cent); housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (3.4 per cent), the department said.

The department said the 4.0 per cent increase in the index for food and non-alcoholic beverages was the result of the increase for food at home (4.3 per cent); food away from home (3.8 per cent) coffee, tea, cocoa and non-alcoholic beverages (1.3 per cent).

"Three main groups -- food and non-alcoholic beverages; housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels; and transport -- together accounted for 83.1 per cent of the overall increase recorded for the current period," the department added.

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