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Crackdown on padi seed shenanigans

THERE will be strict enforcement, among other measures, to ensure padi seedlings can be planted according to schedule to avoid a shortage due to delays, says Datuk Seri Mohamad Sabu.

The Agriculture and Food Security Minister warned that stern action would also be taken against those who hoard local padi seeds, adding that several arrests had been made in over 20 locations involving such activities.

"As for planting padi seedlings, we will act to ensure the planting schedule is followed as much as possible," he said in reply to a supplementary question from Datuk Syed Abu Hussin Hafiz Syed Abdul Fasal (PN-Bukit Gantang) in the Dewan Rakyat yesterday.

The lawmaker had raised complaints by padi farmers over the



Serious matter: Mohamad said stern action will be taken on those hoarding local padi seeds. — Bernama

lack of padi seeds.

Farmers have claimed that some seeds were being sold above the controlled price and that this

could lead to them not being able to plant sufficient padi this season.

To this, Mohamad said there

should be no incidents of padi seeds being "hidden".

"All involved must give their full cooperation. On the price of rice, this can be discussed later. But now, we want padi planting to be expedited," he added.

The Star in its front page on Nov 11 reported that in five months, the country may face a severe shortage of local white rice due to unpredictable weather and the bloated price of padi seeds.

The erratic weather, said to be the result of climate change, has also concerned padi farmers even though they have switched to a schedule that would allow them to harvest five times every two years.

Another dilemma they face is a shortage in the supply of padi seeds, which has resulted in sky-rocketing prices.

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Turut beri amaran terhadap pihak cuba sorok benih padi **KPKM sudah buat tangkapan**



PETALING JAYA – Kementerian Pertanian dan Keterjaminan Makanan (KPKM) telah membuat tangkapan terhadap pihak yang cuba menyembunyikan benih padi.

Menterinya, Datuk Seri Mohamad Sabu berkata, sudah ada penangkapan di 20 tempat akibat perbuatan tersebut dan pihaknya akan bertindak melalui pelaksanaan penguatkuasaan jika masih berlaku.

"Jangan ada berlaku sorokan benih padi. Kita memberi amaran kepada mereka supaya bekerjasama. Soal harga padi dan benih padi, kita runding kemudian, tapi nak bagi orang tanam padi mesti disegerakan.

"Tidak boleh guna suasana begini untuk menekan satu perkara supaya mereka mencapai cita-cita mereka dengan menyeksa orang lain. Kita memberi jaminan kita akan bertindak sebaik mungkin supaya padi dapat ditanam tahun ini, mengikut jadual seboleh-bolehnya," katanya pada sesi Waktu Pertanyaan-Pertanyaan Menteri di Dewan



KPKM memberi amaran kepada pihak yang cuba menyembunyikan benih padi. – GAMBAR HIASAN

Rakyat semalam. Beliau menjawab soalan tambahan Datuk Syed Abu Hussin Hafiz Syed Abdul Fasal (**PN-Bukit Gantang**) mengenai rungutan pesawah susulan ketiadaan benih padi dalam pasaran, selain dijual pada kadar luar harga kawalan, sekali gus menyebabkan kemungkinan dalam kalangan mereka tidak dapat menanam padi pada musim ini. Dalam pada itu, Mohamad menerusi hantaran di Facebook

berkata, KPKM merangka lima strategi bagi memastikan sumber ternakan negara mencukupi serta mudah untuk diperoleh. "Antara lima strategi utama KPKM adalah dengan meningkatkan kemampuan dan pertumbuhan lanjutan dalam industri penternakan ayam dan itik. "Selain itu, bilangan ternakan ruminan juga akan ditambah dan kebolehcapaian pasaran sub industri ruminan kepada usahawan baharu bakal diper-

mudah," katanya. Jelasnya, KPKM juga bakal meningkatkan usaha mengurangkan kehilangan ternakan akibat penyakit dan kebergantungan kepada bahan makanan ternakan yang diimport. Ia bagi menjawab soalan asal Khoo Poay Tiong (**PH-Kota Melaka**) berhubung sasaran Dasar Agromakanan Negara 2021-2030 (DAN 2.0) bagi membantu pencapaian pembangunan sektor ternakan.