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KOTA BARU: The government views seriously the problem of leakage in the supply of subsidised cooking oil that is said to be due to, among others, smuggling to neighbouring countries, said Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Economy) Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed.

He said his office took a serious view of the matter, with a shortage of the commodity affecting supply in the country.

"We held discussions with various parties to obtain clearer information on the issue, including with the Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry.

"We want to know how serious the matter is because the government provides subsidies for locals to enjoy, but it is enjoyed by foreigners... this should not happen," he said after checking prices of daily necessities and goods at the Tunjong Rural Transformation Centre yesterday.

Mustapa, who is also a member of the "Jihad Tangani Inflasi" (Jihad on Addressing Inflation) special task force, said the team would focus on two main issues, namely shortage of subsidised cooking oil and the rising prices of essential goods.
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Mustapa checking on a stall at the Tunjong Rural Transformation Centre during his visit yesterday. - **BERNAMAPIX**