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### **Govt to probe, take action over shortage of subsidised cooking oil due to smuggling, says Tok Pa**



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

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

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

"We want to know how serious this matter is because the government provides subsidies for the locals to enjoy, but it is enjoyed by foreigners... this should not happen," he said when met after surveying the prices of daily necessities and goods at the Tunjong Rural Transformation Centre here on Sunday (July 3).

Mustapa, who is also a member of the special team "Jihad Tangani Inflasi" (Battle on Addressing Inflation), said the team would have its third meeting tomorrow with the focus on two main issues, namely shortage of subsidised cooking oil and the rising prices of essential goods. - Bernama