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## Measures rolled out to manage rising costs and supply uncertainties

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**PETALING JAYA:** The government will tighten energy consumption controls nationwide, including setting air-conditioner temperatures at a minimum of 24°C, as part of measures to manage the impact of the global energy crisis.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof (*pic*) said the move forms part of broader proactive measures to manage rising energy costs and supply uncertainties.

He said geopolitical tensions in the Middle East and disruptions to key shipping routes such as the Strait of Hormuz have contributed to global oil price volatility.

"Malaysia is not excluded from this, but we are in a state of control and taking proactive steps to manage its impact," he said at the global energy crisis conference.

Fadillah stressed that ensuring a stable energy supply remains

the government's top priority, noting that the country's oil supply is currently sufficient and closely monitored by the government, PETRONAS and industry players.

"Contingency plans are in place, including sourcing from alternative markets if disruptions persist," he said.

To ease the burden on consumers, he said the government will maintain the RON95 petrol subsidy at RM1.99 per litre, while targeted diesel subsidies will continue for key sectors.

"Diesel support is provided through the Subsidised Petrol Control System (SKPS) at RM2.05 per litre and the Subsidised Diesel Control System (SKDS) at RM1.88 per litre for eligible users.

"These include subsidised diesel prices for logistics operators, public transport and selected industries, along with monthly cash assistance of RM300 for eligi-



ble drivers and continued support for sectors such as fisheries and agriculture," he said.

Fadillah said the government is also engaging regularly with industry players to obtain real-time feedback and ensure supply chains remain stable.

Despite rising global oil prices, he said subsidies and price controls are being implemented in a targeted manner to balance market realities with the need to protect the rakyat.

"Price monitoring is carried out daily, and action will be taken against profiteering to ensure essential goods remain affordable," he said.

On energy-saving measures, Fadillah said work-from-home arrangements for the public sector will begin on April 15 to reduce electricity consumption and daily commuting.

He added that stricter controls

on energy use will be enforced across government premises, including setting air-conditioning temperatures at a minimum of 24°C and encouraging civil servants to wear suitable local attire, such as batik, to reduce reliance on cooling.

"The government must lead by example in ensuring efficient and responsible energy use," he said.

Fadillah also urged the public to avoid spreading misinformation that could cause unnecessary concern, stressing that clear and transparent communication will continue.

"This crisis requires collective effort. While the government will ensure supply stability and manage costs, success also depends on cooperation from the people and businesses.

"Malaysians must practise prudent energy use and avoid wastage. Discipline and cooperation are also key to keeping the country resilient amid global uncertainties," he said.