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KUALA LUMPUR: Energy controls in government buildings will be tightened, including setting air-conditioning temperatures at no lower than 24 degrees Celsius, following the global energy crisis, Deputy Prime Minister Fadillah Yusof said.

Fadillah, who also serves as Minister of Energy Transition and Water Transformation (Petra), urged civil servants to wear attire better suited to the local climate, such as batik, corporate shirts or baju Melayu, to reduce reliance on excessive cooling.

He said the measures reflect the government's commitment to leading by example in prudent energy use.

"As a proactive response to the global energy crisis, the government will implement several energy-saving measures at the national level," he said at the Global Energy Crisis Briefing, broadcast live by local television stations Thursday.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim had announced in a video message that a work-from-home policy will be introduced from April 15 for the public sector and government-linked companies.

The decision, made at a Cabinet meeting, aims to cut fuel consumption and ensure the sustainability of the nation's energy supply amid the ongoing global energy crisis.

Fadillah said Malaysia remains in a stable position but is ready to take proactive measures to manage the impact of the global energy crisis, triggered by conflict in West Asia that has disrupted supply and driven up oil prices. – Bernama