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Govt working to ensure sufficient supply until December, says deputy PM

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has assured Malaysians that energy supply will remain sufficient despite global uncertainty triggered by the conflict in the Middle East.

"*Insyallah, InsyaAllah*, it will be sufficient," he said briefly when asked about the matter yesterday.

Anwar, who is also finance minister, did not elaborate on the government's measures to safeguard energy security.

Earlier, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof said the government was working to ensure sufficient energy supply until December.

The energy transition and water transformation minister said projections indicate supply would remain adequate until July, with efforts underway to secure imports.

Previously, Anwar had said supply would remain stable until June and that although Malaysia was an energy-producing nation, it remained a net importer of higher-value energy products.

Earlier yesterday, Anwar joined about 1,500 congregants for Fri-



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim meeting members of the public during a visit to Kuala Lumpur Hospital yesterday before Friday prayers. PIC FROM PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

day prayers at Masjid Al-Muttaqin in Wangsa Maju.

He was received by mosque chairman Mursyidi Abd Hamid and committee members.

The Friday sermon, "Arafah: The Awakening of the Soul", highlighted the spiritual significance of the Day of Arafah and called for greater unity, reflection and compassion within society.

In a separate development, the government reassured the people that electricity tariffs would remain stable for most consumers despite global energy pressures.

Fadillah said about 85 per cent of users would not be affected by any tariff adjustment.

"There will be no increase for them. Global supply disruptions will, however, push up logistics and commodity costs.

"But for electricity tariffs, we have guaranteed that 85 per cent of the *rakyat* will not be affected as it is backed by the government," he said after officiating at the Sustainable Rebate and In-

centive Assistance (SuRIA) Home solar rebate initiative at the Energy Transition and Water Transformation Ministry.

"Those using 600 kilowatts and below will not be affected. Above that, there may be a slight adjustment. But God willing, it will not be too burdensome."

He said the global energy crisis was already exerting a domino effect across the economy, affecting supply chains and driving up costs in sectors such as manufacturing and healthcare.

"The impact will become more visible in the second and third phases due to supply shortages, affecting various sectors and ultimately the public, especially as the government continues to bear substantial subsidies."

He said the National Economic Action Council met weekly to assess the impact of the crisis and coordinate mitigation efforts, particularly to support small and medium enterprises. **Additional reporting by Zalikha Alessa**