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PUTRAJAYA: Efforts are ongoing to ensure the country's energy supply can be extended until December amid the global supply crisis that has disrupted economic chains and increased energy costs, says Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof.

He said Malaysia's energy supply is currently expected to be sufficient until July, and efforts are being intensified to extend this, including sourcing additional supplies from abroad.

"PETRONAS is working tirelessly to secure available supplies, even having to go to Africa," said Fadillah, who is also Energy Transition and Water Transformation Minister, at the ministry's monthly assembly.

He said the current global energy crisis is affecting the entire economic chain, particularly the logistics sector, healthcare and manufacturing, due to shortages of certain raw materials, such as plastic used in packaging, as well as various industrial needs.

"In Malaysia, we are actually still taking things lightly. We still feel as though Malaysia is not facing a crisis. But in reality, many parties are working to ensure we remain in this state of comfort," he said.

He said all parties must play their role by ensuring electricity and water savings to reduce energy consumption.

"By reducing energy use, we can extend the duration of our energy supply and ultimately



Lightening the load: Fadillah (centre) at the SuRIA Home initiative event. He is flanked by Deputy Energy Transition and Water Transformation Minister Datuk Seri Abdul Rahman Mohamad (second, left) and the ministry's secretary-general Datuk Mad Zaidi Mohd Karli. — Bernama

ensure supply security and avoid being affected by the crisis," he added.

He said the government, through the National Economic Action Council meetings, is also engaging with various sectors to identify the impact of the crisis on the national economy as well as intervention measures that can be applied.

The efforts include ensuring the continuity of small and medi-

um enterprises, in addition to preventing job losses and reducing the impact on the people.

He added that the government has assured that electricity tariff protection will remain in place to ensure about 85% of Malaysians are shielded from any impact.

At the event, the Deputy Prime Minister launched the Sustainable Rebate and Incentive Assistance (SuRIA) Home initiative to help Malaysians lower electricity bills

through residential rooftop solar installations.

Under the initiative, domestic users who install solar systems under the Solar Accelerated Transition Action Programme (Solar ATAP) can receive a rebate of RM600 for every 1kWac of solar installation, up to a maximum of RM3,000, equivalent to 5kWac.

The rebate implementation will begin on June 1, 2026.