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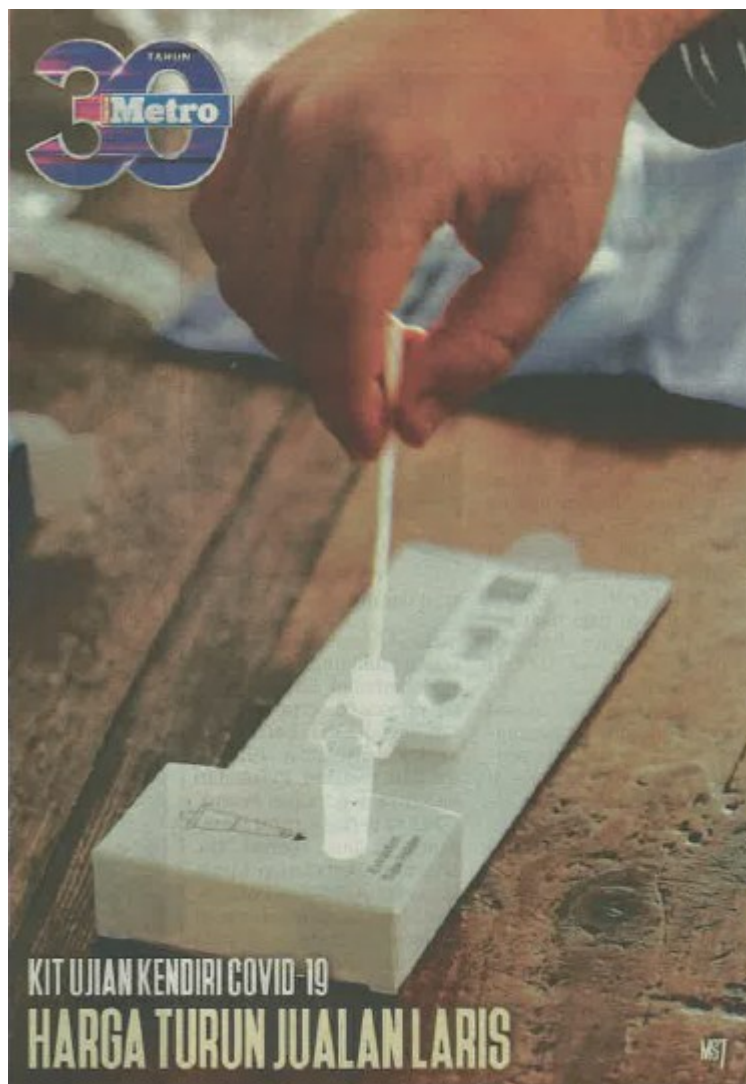
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60 pek terjual sehari

Kit ujian sendiri Covid-10 'diborong' ekor harga lebih rendah

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Penjualan kit ujian sendiri Covid-19 di pasar raya, rangkaian kedai serbaneka dan stesen minyak tertentu sejak awal minggu ini mendapat sambutan mengalakkan daripada orang ramai.

Pekerja di sebuah kedai serbaneka di daerah ini, Daniah Syazwan Musa, 24, berkata, premis itu mula menjual kit ujian berkenaan sejak awal minggu ini pada harga RM6.50 seunit.

"Pada mulanya, sambutan tidak mengalakkan kerana ramai orang masih tidak tahu kedai serbaneka ada menjual kit ini.

"Namun dalam tempoh beberapa hari kemudian, jumlah kit ujian semakin meningkat dengan purata penjualannya lebih 60 kit setiap hari," katanya.

Daniah berkata, setiap pelanggan mahu membeli kit ujian perlu mengisi borang yang disediakan sebagai rekod pembelian.

"Mereka yang membeli kit diminta mengisi maklumat nama, nombor kad pengenalan, nombor telefon, kuantiti serta tandatangan.

"Melihat kepada trend pembelian ketika ini, penjualan kit berkenaan dijangka akan lebih meningkat," katanya.



DANIAL Syazwan menunjukkan kit ujian sendiri Covid-19 yang dijual.



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Seorang lagi pekerja kedai serbaneka di bandar ini, Felicia Jool, 35, berkata, ramai pelanggan yang datang ke premis berkenaan mencari kit ujian itu.

"Kami mendapat bekalan bagi kit itu sebanyak 10 unit sahaja yang dijual dengan harga RM6.60 seunit pada Sabtu lalu dan semuanya habis dijual hari sama.

"Boleh katakan hari-hari

ada yang datang mencari kit itu, namun ketika ini, kami masih lagi menunggu bekalan kit berkenaan yang dijangka sampai esok (hari ini)," katanya.

Sementara itu, pembeli kit ujian, Shahrol Anuar Mohamed, 33, berkata, penurunan harga kit ujian amat meringankan beban rakyat terutama golongan berpendapatan rendah.

"Sebelum ini, saya beli pada harga RM19 seunit. Dengan harga baru iaitu RM6.90 seunit pasti meringankan beban kami yang berpendapatan rendah kerana dapat beli dengan kuantiti banyak.

"Kerja sebagai pemandu lori memerlukan saya sentiasa melakukan ujian sendiri memandangkan terde-

dah dengan risiko jangkitan ketika berada di luar.

"Dengan harga murah ini, saya boleh gunakan lebih kerap bagi mengelakkan jangkitan dalam kalangan ahli keluarga," katanya.

Terdahulu, kerajaan mengumumkan kit ujian sendiri Covid-19 boleh didapati pada harga serendah RM6.90 seunit di pasar raya, rangkaian kedai serbaneka dan stesen minyak tertentu.

Menteri Perdagangan Dalam Negeri dan Hal Ehwal Pengguna Datuk Seri Alexander Nanta Linggi memaklumkan langkah itu sebagai perluasan penjualan kit ujian sendiri itu secara berperingkat termasuk di pasar raya, rangkaian kedai serbaneka dan stesen minyak.

Buy only approved, certified self-test kits

I READ with interest the recent announcement by Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Datuk Seri Alexander Nanta Linggi on the proposed move to make Covid-19 self-test kits available at supermarkets, convenience stores, and petrol stations.

At first impression, this might seem to be a practical move, as it would make it more convenient for consumers to get the self-test kits. While I understand that low prices and easy access will benefit consumers, we nevertheless cannot simply opt for convenience at the expense of safety or quality.

What I mean by this is self-test kits are currently available at pharmacies, which already exist in every township, suburb and residential area.

When we purchase self-test kits from pharmacies, we can be assured that they are approved and certified by the Medical Device Authority (MDA) under the Health Ministry.

But when you allow various other outlets to sell them, I believe that somewhere along the line, there will be counterfeits or kits that are not approved by the relevant authorities.

When the Covid-19 pandemic first broke out, the demand for face



masks shot up drastically. There was a shortage at first, but when they became readily available, a lot of enterprising people began to sell masks. Some of the face masks do not meet the required medical standards and cannot fulfil their purpose of preventing infections.

There were even reports that used masks were being recycled to produce new ones! By this analogy, if self-test kits are made available easily at multiple outlets, issues of counterfeit or unapproved kits may also arise. Even now, we are hearing that some self-test kits sold online seem to be producing inac-

curate results.

As long as Covid-19 remains in our midst, this may lead to the possibility of a black market with no proper quality control. We know how creative and resourceful Malaysians can be, hence we do not want something as important as these self-test kits to be the object of such scams.

As a father of two, I am more confident buying self-test kits from a pharmacist or a proper health-care provider, as I know they would have been verified and approved by the MDA.

Covid-19 self-test kits are cur-

rently available at pharmacies, and I truly believe this should be maintained.

Recently, I read that in countries such as the United Kingdom and India, self-test kits are only available at pharmacies and other certified bodies.

The way I see it, our government needs to put the safety of the rakyat above everything else.

I'm also wondering why the announcement to expand the sale of self-test kits to supermarkets, convenience stores and petrol stations was made by the Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister and not the Health Minister.

Shouldn't the matter of health-care be under the Health Ministry, especially when its minister, Khairy Jamaluddin, had announced last month that pharmacies are the best places to buy Covid-19 self-test kits?

This contradiction between the two ministries shows there is lack of communication and understanding between them, and this could create problems that could put the safety of the public at risk.

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HARI	:	<u>JUMAAAT</u>
TARIKH	:	<u>5/11/2021</u>
M/SURAT	:	<u>16</u>

	New fuel prices Nov 4 – Nov 10
RON95	RM2.05 (unchanged)
RON97	RM3.06 (+9 sen)
DIESEL	RM2.15 (unchanged)