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STOP INDISCRIMINATE INCREASE OF PRICE OF VEGETABLES

The Consumers' Association of Penang (CAP) calls on the Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs and Federal Agricultural Marketing Authority (FAMA) to take immediate steps to bring down the price of vegetables which has increased up to 200% in the past two weeks.

| No | Items | Old Price (RM) | New Price (RM) | Percentage |
|----|------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------|
| 1. | Cauliflower | 7.00 | 16.00 | 100% |
| 2. | Sawi Pendek (choy sum) | 3.00 | 9.00 | 200% |
| 3. | Broccoli | 8.00 | 20.00 | 150% |
| 4. | Sawi | 5.00 | 8.00 | 60% |
| 5. | Beans (kacang buncis) | 8.00 | 15.00 | 88% |
| 6. | Cabbage | 4.00 | 6.00 | 50% |
| 7. | Red Chili | 13.00 | 19.00 | 46% |
| 8. | Green Chili | 10.00 | 14.00 | 40% |

Several retailers complained that distributors and wholesalers have warned them that prices of other vegetables may go up in the coming weeks.

CAP calls on the Enforcement Division of the Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs to investigate the above price increases as average income earners will be badly affected by escalating prices of goods and crackdown on traders who hike their prices excessively and violating Anti-Profiteering Act 2010.

CAP has also been repeatedly calling for FAMA to take control of the marketing and distribution of vegetables in the country but our calls has fallen on deaf ears.

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