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Govt's bold move will have minimal impact on people, says PM

KUALA LUMPUR: The Government's bold move to cut subsidies for sugar, petrol, diesel and liquefied petroleum gas will have minimal impact on individuals and families.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said the Government will adopt an approach that will not burden the people when implementing the subsidy rationalising plan.

"The rationalisation move is neces-

sary to reduce Government expenditure and strengthen the country's financial position.

"It will help reduce the fiscal deficit so that world and local markets will have more confidence in the national economy," he told reporters in Kedah.

A statement from his office said fuel prices were still considered the cheapest in the region even after the

increase.

It also said the sugar subsidy cut would help to promote a healthier lifestyle.

The overall reduction in government expenditures will allow investment in the nation's future in education, community development and job creation.

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New prices of fuel and sugar after subsidy cuts

Sugar	LPG	RON 95	RON 97	Diesel
Old price: RM1.65 New price: RM1.90	Old price: RM1.75 New price: RM1.85	Old price: RM1.80 New price: RM1.85	Old price: RM2.05 New price: RM2.10*	Old price: RM1.70 New price: RM1.75
+25 sen per kilogram	+10 sen per kilogram	+5 sen per litre	+5 sen per litre <small>* Controlled float</small>	+5 sen per litre

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Datuk, wife and six others held in baby trafficking probe

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KUCHING: A luxury car dealer who is a Datuk, his wife and six others involved in a suspected baby trafficking ring have been remanded for six days as two more children were rescued yesterday.

Magistrate Nelson W. Angang granted the remand order after considering

the request by the police to carry out investigations under the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act, 2007 and to identify the children involved.

Police yesterday found a three-year-old toddler and 12-year-old girl in a house in Batu Kawa. This brings the number of rescued children to six.

The children were all brought to court yesterday and some of the babies were crying uncontrollably.

It is learnt that they were initially supposed to be sent to a shelter in Kuala Lumpur but were later placed under the custody of the state Welfare Department.

Police believe the 43-year-old Datin could be the mastermind of the alleged syndicate.

She and her husband, who is 65, were detained at their house at Jalan Stampin Tengah on Wednesday morn-

ing when the police "rescued" three children at their residence.

All three children have documentation; one infant girl was registered with a couple, while two boys were registered under another couple.

The two couples, who were also remanded, are believed to be the

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