



JABATAN PERKHIDMATAN VETERINAR MALAYSIA

## LAPORAN LIPUTAN MEDIA

**09 FEBRUARI 2021**

1. Salahuddin dakwa pernah ditawar percutian mewah
2. MAQIS rampas enam anjing import
3. Bebola ikan + Babi
4. Kilang jijik konon nak bankrap
5. Salahuddin was offered Europe trip
6. More messages linked to cartel leaked
- 7.

DISEDIAKAN OLEH:

**SEKSYEN KOMUNIKASI KORPORAT  
JABATAN PERKHIDMATAN VETERINAR MALAYSIA**

*Isu kartel daging import*

# Salahuddin dakwa pernah ditawar percutian mewah

Bekas menteri tolak pelawaan supaya kartel jadi 'pilihan' utama kementerian

Oleh Suzalina Halid  
suzalina@bh.com.my

**Kuala Lumpur:** Bekas Menteri Pertanian dan Industri Asas Tani, Datuk Seri Salahuddin Ayub mendedahkan, beliau pernah ditawarkan percutian mewah ke Eropah oleh individu dipercaya mewakili kartel daging import ketika baru beberapa bulan dilantik ke jawatan berkenaan.

"Saya pernah didatangi (wakil) syarikat kartel di pejabat ketika menjadi Menteri Pertanian dan Industri Asas Tani, menawarkan saya percutian kelas pertama di Eropah. Saya memang tak sangka," katanya yang menegaskan, beliau menolak tawaran tersebut.

Difahamkan, tindakan kartel itu dipercayai bagi memastikan syarikat mereka menjadi 'pilihan' utama kementerian untuk urusan membawa masuk bekalan daging sejuk beku ke negara ini.

Salahuddin yang menerajui kementerian berkenaan hampir dua tahun bermula Mac 2018, turut mengakui terpaksa berdepan kerana birokrasi agensi awam tertentu apabila mahu melakukan penambahanbaikan prosedur mengimpor bekalan daging sejuk beku.

"Perjalanan tidak mudah, ter-

paksa berjuang untuk penambahbaikan prosedur berkenaan," katanya menambah, antara kejayaan dicapai ialah menambah jumlah loji penyembelihan di India bagi mengurangkan 'monopoli' syarikat tertentu daripada tujuh pusat ketika itu kepada 11.

"Saya perlu melawan (birokrasi) dan ia tidak mudah. Saya bawa isu ini ke mesyuarat Kabinet dan akhirnya berjaya menambah jumlah loji penyembelihan (di India)," katanya.

Katanya lagi, beliau difahamkan, Malaysia setakat ini mengimpor 78 peratus bekalan daging sejuk beku dari India, 10 peratus dari Australia dan selebihnya dari Brazil serta negara lain, tetapi kerajaan dicadang menambah sumber produk itu bagi mengurangkan kebergantungan kepada India.

Salahuddin berkata, proses tambah baik lain cuba dilakukan, termasuk menyarankan penyertaan Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) dan pertubuhan bukan kerajaan (NGO) dalam senarai agensi kerajaan yang diberi tanggungjawab memeriksa loji penyembelihan di luar negara.

Beliau menjelaskan, tiga agensi sedia ada yang memikul tanggungjawab itu adalah Jabatan Perkhidmatan Veterinar (JPV), Jabatan Kemajuan Islam Malaysia (JAKIM) dan Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM).

"Tujuan saya mahu kehadiran mereka (SPRM, NGO) bagi memastikan loji penyembelihan itu benar-benar halal dan selamat sebelum (produk) diizinkan dibawa masuk ke negara kita, namun tidak kesampaian. Usaha ini per-



Salahuddin Ayub

lu lebih dari satu penggal pentadbiran untuk dijayakan," katanya.

Bekas menteri itu turut mengesyorkan semula penubuhan Suruhanjaya Siasatan Diraja (RCI) dalam menyelesaikan isu bekalan daging import, bagi membolehkan usaha mengesan punca sebenar masalah berkenaan, sama ada di pintu masuk negara atau aspek penguatkuasaan.

Sementara itu, BH dan *The New Straits Times* (NST) memperoleh banyak mesej komunikasi di aplikasi sembang, dipercayai ejen kartel daging import meminta bantuan pegawai agensi kerajaan tertentu untuk membenarkan kontena daging sejuk beku yang tidak disahkan, keluar dari pelabuhan.

Melalui gambar diperoleh, kelebihan individu tertentu menunjukkan kotak yang diperiksa di pelabuhan, dipercayai mengandungi daging lembu sejuk beku diimport dari negara Asia bersama logo halal yang diperakui.

Ada individu dipercayai pegawai agensi tertentu bertanya kepada individu dipercayai ejen kartel, sama ada terdapat pegawai kerajaan lain di pelabuhan

mengambil sampel daging terabit. Ia kerana gambar kotak itu menunjukkannya dibungkus dan ada pelekat dari agensi kerajaan tertentu, bukti ia dilepaskan dari pelabuhan.

Menerusi maklumat sumber, pemeriksaan di pelabuhan diperlukan kerana bekalan dalam kes berkenaan tidak memenuhi syarat izin, malah sumber juga berkongsi beberapa tangkap layar lain dari mesej WhatsApp yang dipercayai di antara wakil kartel selepas berjaya mengambil bekalan.

Berdasarkan mesej itu, anggota sindiket mendapat arahan daripada individu lain disyaki majikan untuk 'membungkus semula' bekalan dipercayai tulang sejuk beku ke dalam kotak baharu, bersama logo yang disahkan halal dari negara sumber.

Individu disyaki majikan itu turut memaklumkan, sebuah lori akan keluar untuk menghantar 800 hingga 900 kotak daging lembu yang dibungkus semula sebelum dibekalkan kepada pengedar dan pasar tempatan.

Sumber memberitahu BH, itu antara cara bagaimana sindiket daging import mengendalikan aktiviti mereka, mencampur produk dan kemudian membungkus semula bersama label halal sah diberikan syarikat pengimpor, sekali gus menyukarkan usaha mengenal pasti produk disahkan halal atau tidak.

Difahamkan, kegiatan berkenaan makin sukar dibanteras dan bertahan sekian lama berikut ada dakwaan unsur penyalahgunaan kuasa dan penyelewengan oleh beberapa pegawai dalam agensi tertentu.

# MAQIS rampas enam anjing import

**Putrajaya:** Jabatan Perkhidmatan Kuarantin dan Pemeriksaan Malaysia (MAQIS) merampas enam anjing yang diimport dari Taiwan, selepas nombor mikrocip pada haiwan itu didapati berbeza dengan dokumen permit import yang diisytiharkan.

Pengarah MAQIS Selangor, Dr Tarmisal Alimin, berkata kesalahan itu dikesan ketika pemeriksaan dilakukan terhadap dokumen dan fizikal haiwan berkenaan di Kompleks Kargo Lapangan Terbang Antarabangsa Kuala Lumpur (KLIA) pada jam 6 petang, 4 Februari lalu.

Dalam satu kenyataan semalam, beliau berkata, haiwan terbabit ditahan dan dikuarantin untuk tindakan lanjut.

Tarmisal berkata, mengimport haiwan kesayangan dengan mengisytiharkan maklumat palsu, tidak tepat atau mengelirukan ialah satu kesalahan mengikut Seksyen 13, Akta Perkhidmatan Kuarantin dan Pemeriksaan Malaysia 2011.

Jika sabit kesalahan boleh denda tidak melebihi RM50,000 atau dipenjarakan tidak melebihi dua tahun atau kedua-duanya.

BERNAMA



Lijik dan meloykan apabila proses membuat bebola ikan dan babi dicampurkan di tempat sama di sebuah kilang makanan sejuk beku di Kepala Batas, Pulau Pinang. Dalam serbuan Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri semalam mendedahkan kilang itu yang sudah 50 tahun beroperasi juga pernah disita kerala terlalu kotor. lapor Nur Izzati Mohamad

**lokal**

Oleh Nur Izzati Mohamad am@hmetro.com.my

**Kepala Batas**

**L**oya dan menjijikkan. Begitu keadaan sebuah kilang makanan sejuk beku bukan Islam di sini, apabila makanan yang diproses didapati diletakkan di atas lantai selain turut dihirung lalat.

Penemuan itu diperoleh hasil serbuan Bahagian Keselamatan dan Kualiti Makanan (BKKM) Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri Pulau Pinang (JKNPP) selepas menerima maklumat pada jam 10 pagi semalam.

Pemeriksaan awal mendapati tahap kebersihan kilang agak kotor kerana terdapat lipas selain tahi tikus pula dijumpai di celah-celah peralatan yang digunakan.

Difahamkan, ketika serbuan pekerja kilang itu dipercaya warga asing didapati membawas kulit babi dengan keadaan lantai agak lecas.

Pegawai Kesihatan BKKM JKNPP Mohd Wazir Khalid berkata, ketika serbuan dilakukan, pekerja di kilang terbabit didapati sedang memproses produk bebola ikan dan bebola babi.

Menurutnya, pihaknya pernah menyerbu kilang mengeluarkan produk untuk bukan Muslim berkenaan namun mereka masih gagal mematuhi arahan diberikan dan menjadi keutamaan pihaknya memeriksa aspek kebersihan supaya tidak berlaku kejadian keracunan makanan.

"Tahun lalu, pihak kita memberi amaran dan nasihat kepada pemilik kilang ini, tetapi ia tidak diendahkan"

**Mohd Wazir**

Tahun lalu, pihak kita sudah memberi amaran dan nasihat kepada pemilik kilang ini, tetapi ia tidak diendahkan

pekerja juga tidak mengambil suntikan tifoid. "Apabila disoal pemilik kilang beri alasan kilang sudah nak tutup sebab bankrap berulang-kali, tapi dalam rekod sudah 50 tahun beroperasi dan berulang-ulang melakukan kesalahan sama," katanya selepas mengadakan pemeriksaan Op Tegar di kilang itu di sini, semalam.

Serbuan membabitkan 43 anggota penguat kuasa dari JKNPP, Kementerian Perdagangan Dalam Negeri dan Hal Ehwal Pengguna (KPDNHEP) dan Majlis Bandaraya Seberang Perai (MBSP).

Mohd Wazir berkata, pihaknya bimbang berikutnya setelah produk bebola ikan dan bebola babi dikeluarkan tiada label, sekali gus ia menimbulkan kekeliruan terutama pada pengguna Muslim.

"Kita dapat ada percampuran pada bahan ikan serta daging babi dalam proses menghasilkan bebola dan apa yang menjadi kekeliruan tersebut bungkusan tidak mempunyai label."

"Bagi produk mempunyai label pula ditulis dalam tulisan Cina di mana ia menyatahi undang-undang kerana setiap produk dikeluarkan wajib mempunyai tulisan dalam bahasa Melayu kerana produk makanan seperti ini kebiasaannya turut dijual di pasar basah," katanya.

Katanya berikutnya pihaknya menutup kilang terbabit dua minggu mengikut Seksyen 11 Akta Makianan 1983 selain mengeluarkan tiga notis di bawah Peraturan 22 akta sama atas kesalahan pengabaian kebersihan diri ketika mengendalikan makanan.

**PRODUK** bebola tidak dikendalikan dengan baik sehingga menyebabkan ia dihirung lalet.

MEAT CARTEL SCANDAL

# SALAHUDDIN WAS OFFERED EUROPE TRIP

He was approached by frozen meat importer after he was appointed minister under PH govt

MOHAMED BASYIR  
KUALA LUMPUR  
news@nst.com.my

**A** FORMER minister has revealed that he was offered an all-expenses-paid trip to Europe for him and his family by a frozen meat importer allegedly linked to a meat cartel that had for more than 40 years developed a stranglehold on the country's imported meat business.

Datuk Seri Salahuddin Ayub, who is former agriculture and agro-based industry minister, dropped a bombshell by claiming that he was approached by the company two years ago when he first took office.

He said the meeting took place several months after Pakatan Harapan won the 14th General Election and he was appointed minister.

The meeting, he said, was supposed to be an introductory session between industry players and the new minister.

However, he said, he noticed something amiss during the meeting he was offered holiday packages, but they framed the Europe trip as a "courtesy visit".

"They offered luxurious holiday packages to me and my family. An all-expenses-paid trip to Europe. But I had to decline," he said in a special interview with the *New Straits Times* and *Berita Harian* recently.



Datuk Seri  
Salahuddin Ayub



Former agriculture and agro-based industry minister Datuk Seri Salahuddin Ayub said he was offered an all-expenses-paid Europe trip that was framed as a 'courtesy visit'.

Asked why he did not lodge a report with the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), he said at the time, he was not sure of the nature of the offer.

He said the company's representatives did not ask for anything in return and he did not accept their offer and, as such, decided to let the matter go.

He said one company had monopolised abattoir operations in India, with at least four out of the seven abattoirs in India that exported meat to Malaysia at the time held by the same company.

Representatives from this company, he claimed, offered him the Europe trip.

Salahuddin said during his two-year stint as minister, he wanted to address the issue of meat imports, but faced a host of problems.

"I faced bureaucratic challenges from another government agency when I wanted to make changes to the procedures governing the import of frozen supplies."

He said upon learning about the monopoly on frozen meat imports, he worked towards certifying more abattoirs to give Malaysian importers more options to obtain their products.

He said he eventually managed to get four more abattoirs certified, albeit with much difficulty.

"We received reports that a company had been monopolising the supply from existing abattoirs, so I added a few more to overcome the issue."

"But we faced a host of bureaucratic issues. The agencies had asked for justification on why we needed to certify more abattoirs when what we already had were enough for the Malaysian market."

"My aim was that by adding more sources, we would be able to break the monopoly."

"I had to bring it to the cabinet before finally getting approval."

He said Malaysia depended on

India for 78 per cent of its beef supply, with 10 per cent coming from Australia, and the rest from Brazil and other countries.

Salahuddin, who is also Parti Amanah Negara deputy president, said during his tenure as minister, he wanted MACC representatives and those from non-governmental organisations to join the three government agencies' visits to abattoirs for the import approval to be issued.

The three agencies are the Veterinary Services Department, Islamic Development Department and Health Ministry.

The aim of including other parties, he said, was to ensure that the process was transparent. The presence of integrity agencies such as the MACC, he said, would have ensured that any form of corrupt practices would be tackled.

"I just wanted to make sure the process and products are fully halal-compliant and safe for our people."

"But it did not happen. It needed more than just one term to materialise."

"I also wondered, when these government agencies go there, who takes care of them? Their arrival, accommodations and others, what happens there?"

Salahuddin called for a Royal Commission of Inquiry (RCI) to

be established to investigate the meat cartel's operations.

"It is the best way to get to the bottom of this," said Salahuddin.

Last year, the *New Straits Times* shed light on the activities of a meat cartel that had allegedly been operating for more than 40 years.

Sources had claimed that senior officers from no fewer than four government agencies were working hand-in-glove with the syndicate to bring non-certified meat into Malaysia and distribute them as halal-certified products.

The senior officers had allegedly turned a blind eye to the cartel's operations and allowed its activities to go undetected.

They were alleged to have received money as bribes and in some cases women for sex.

The NST also reported on the discovery of cold storage warehouses that had been used to mix beef from certified and non-certified abattoirs.

Following the reports, the MACC made a series of arrests. Up to Feb 2, 11 people have been detained in connection with the case.

They include five Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services Department officers, a delivery agent, as well as directors and employees of two import companies.

## PRAYER TIMES

	SUBUH Iam	STURUK	ZUHR	ASAR Ijam	MAGHRIB	ISYAK
Melaka	6:15	7:25	1:28	4:48	7:28	8:39
Penang	6:25	7:33	1:35	4:55	7:32	8:43
K. Lumpur	6:19	7:27	1:30	4:51	7:29	8:40
Johor Baru	6:08	7:18	1:22	4:41	7:22	8:33
Kuantan	6:12	7:22	1:25	4:45	7:24	8:31
Ipoh	6:22	7:29	1:33	4:53	7:31	8:42

# More messages linked to cartel leaked

**KUALA LUMPUR:** More screen grabs of WhatsApp conversations between agents of a meat cartel and government officers have been leaked to the *New Straits Times*.

The messages appear to be a continuation of a series of conversations which the NST had published earlier this month that showed how the cartel's agents sought help from government officers to allow containers with uncertified frozen beef to exit the ports.

In the latest messages, a government officer linked to the syndicate is seen warning the cartel's agents of the possibility that one of its consignments could be checked for irregularities.

The agent had shared a picture of the item with the officer to show that it had cleared official checks. The box bore a certified halal logo.

It is understood that the con-

signment of frozen beef, imported from an Asian country, did not meet the necessary requirements to enable it to be released from the port.

The government officer, upon realising this, appeared to panic and asked if other officers (not linked to the syndicate) based at the port had taken samples of the beef for testing.

"This is dangerous.

"Did they take any samples? So lucky.

"Have they opened and taken samples?" the officer asked the agent.

It is unknown whether samples were taken as the reply from the agent came in the form of a voice note. However, the image showed

that the box had been wrapped with stickers from a government agency, indicating that it had been cleared to leave the port.

A source familiar with the investigation said the conversation

demonstrated the ease with which corrupt officers were able to warn the syndicate's agents on what to do and how to avoid scrutiny by the authorities.

Another series of screenshots, meanwhile, showed a conversation between the syndicate's members after they had successfully brought out the consignment from the port.

The message thread showed how the syndicate members received instructions from their boss to repack the supply, understood to be imported frozen beef bones, into new boxes which feature legitimate halal-certified logos.

The messages also detailed how a lorry would ferry the 800 to 900 boxes of repacked bones to distributors and the local market.

The source told the NST that the conversations demonstrated how the syndicate ran their activities with the aid of corrupt



WhatsApp conversations between a government officer and an agent of the meat cartel.

government officials.

"When the items have been mixed, they are difficult to trace and they have been repacked with legitimate halal labels," said the source.

"This is how agents cut deals with officers to ensure that their operations run without any trouble from the authorities," said the source.