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Malaysia's chicken export to be considered only if domestic supply not affected, says special task force against inflation

PUTRAJAYA: The approval to export chicken will only be considered if the domestic chicken supply is not affected, said the chairman of Malaysia 's special task force against inflation Annuar Musa on Wednesday (Aug 17). Mr Annuar said this is to ensure that the price of chickens can be controlled.

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"Apart from the issue of export, we also have to deal with the issue of how long the subsidy is to be maintained. If we suddenly allow export and end subsidies, the price of chicken will soar again." We have to make sure that domestic supply is not affected at the expense of pursuing a higher profit margin, especially in Singapore which is willing to buy at a higher price," he told reporters.

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