Agro-based Industry, Ministry of Transport and so on would be appointed as members. Meanwhile, the Deputy Prime Minister said the government also decided to create a special laboratory for two weeks beginning today to study measures to ease the burden of the people.

It also had the role of conducting a holistic study, fiscal consolidation needed to ensure that the people were not burdened, as well as the type of aid that could be channelled to the people.

"Besides representatives of the relevant ministries and agencies, other members of the laboratory are representatives of the consumers associations, the industry, academicians, students and so on who would provide inputs and their opinions in tackling the cost of living," he said.

Meanwhile, Muhdyinid said the enforcement of the Price Control and Anti-Profiteering Act would be enhanced to take more effective action on traders who took the opportunity to raise prices indiscriminately.

In addition, he said other measures that were being planned were efforts to promote or relaunch the Kadai Rakyat 1Malaysia concept, Sarapan 1Malaysia menu, besides increasing the frequency of getting on the ground for every ministry, safety in times such as these. Ministry of Domestic Trade, Cooperatives and Consumerism is tabling a report to the cabinet on all aspects of the prices of goods," he said. - Bernama

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The PGA has to extend its responsibilities and duties to the people, and I want the people to know that the PGA is the best," he told a news conference here.

The PGA, known as the Police Field Force before it was renamed in 1989 after Malaysia no longer faced the threat from communist terrorists, now has 14,600 personnel throughout the country. Salleh had earlier witnessed the handing over of duties by Sarawak PGA Brigade commander Datuk Wan Abdullah Tuanku Said to the deputy commander, ACP Zahari Ahmad, who will serve in an acting capacity at the Sarawak PGA Camp in Batu Kawa.

Also present at the event was Sarawak Deputy Commissioner of Police Datuk Law Hong Soon.

Sarawak legal year starts with procession Friday

The judiciary, comprising lawyers, will take part in a procession to mark the beginning of the legal year.

Makinudin; Chief Judge of Sabah and Sarawak Tan Sri Richard Malanjum; Attorney-General Tan Sri Abdul Gani Patail and the City of Kuching North Commission (DBKU) Mayor Datuk Abang Abdul Wahap Abang Jalil.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Nancy Shukri is also scheduled to be present in the event.

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UMS to beef up security measures

Concerns rose even higher following the drive-by shooting recently which made students and staff of the University of Malaysia Sabah (UMS) beef up security measures.

The security guards of the university are always reminded to not compromise the safety of students. Foreigners and outsiders will be questioned as to what business they have in the campus and will be asked to leave if they are deemed too suspicious.

"Even animals could be a danger to the students, so we take action and capture these animals to release them somewhere else," he said.

Student hostels can be within the campus and also outside, thus posing many security risks, but UMS has taken careful steps in keeping students safe.

We issued a curfew for hostels before, but we are enforcing it even more now. With rising crime, we must understand the reason behind us enforcing curfews and other rules.

"The curfew that we have placed on students living in hostels, is 1pm. Main gates, at campus and outside hostels, will close and will not open for anyone for security reasons. Students who have obtained special permission to be out later than the curfew are the only ones able to enter after 11," he said.

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