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China buying palm oil from Malaysia not a form of control: Industry Minister

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CHINA'S decision to buy palm oil without limit is not a form of control, said Minister of Plantation, Industries and Commodities Mah Siew Keong.

He said netizens are twisting facts. Another case of fake news, he said, involves the online posting of photos of patrol cars with Chinese lettering, which was interpreted as Malaysia allowing entry of patrol cars from China. In fact, the patrol cars were being used as movie props.

The decision by China to buy palm oil without imposing a limit is not a form of control, said Mah Siew Keong. Netizens who claimed such a decision was announced by the Chinese envoy to Malaysia, Bai Tian, are another case of people twisting facts.

He said while some countries are implementing discriminatory policies against palm oil in Malaysia, China has extended its hand to Malaysia, willing to buy unlimited palm oil from the country. Malaysian citizens should not be making negative remarks.

Mah, who is also a member of parliament for Teluk Intan, was speaking to media while launching the Chinese New Year carnival organised by Teluk Intan Hawkers Association.

Regardless of the country, whoever increased their purchase of raw materials from Malaysia is welcome. Malaysians should be happy with such a move to improve the economy instead of making negative remarks, he said.

"China is currently the largest importer of rubber from Malaysia and also the second largest importer of palm oil from Malaysia. When China becomes the largest importer of palm oil from Malaysia, we should thank China for supporting Malaysia."

Mah said recently that news of patrol cars from China appeared in Malaysia and said Malaysia allowed such patrol cars to enter Malaysia.

"Police have clarified that the 'patrol cars' from China were actually props used for filming," Mah said. "However, netizens resorted to use such information to spread fake news, which caused people anxiety. The case of 'Chinese police patrol cars' is similar to 'palm oil case'. These are caused by fake news spread by netizens."