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Sultan: City must come with quality

MBDK staff urged to always perform their duties with dedication and integrity

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KLANG: There is no point in being proud of achieving city status if the basic needs of the people cannot be managed properly, says Selangor Ruler Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah.

In his royal address after proclaiming Klang a city yesterday, Sultan Sharafuddin said short, medium and long-term plans must be implemented with immediate effect to cater to the needs of the people.

"Efforts must also be increased in providing the best service to the people to ensure Klang Royal City residents live harmoniously in a safe environment," said Sultan Sharafuddin, whose proclamation is effective Nov 23, 2023.

With this, the Klang Municipal Council is now known as the Klang Royal City Council (MBDK).

Former MPK president Datin Paduka Noraini Roslan was announced as MBDK mayor, making her the first female mayor in Selangor.

The Sultan also spoke of the flooding problem in Klang and directed that necessary measures be implemented to counter it.

"I hope the mayor and MBDK councillors will take heed of this seriously by taking steps to overcome it."

"A neat and proper plan has to be implemented while taking into account that the Klang Royal City is located at the Klang river estuary."

"Opinion from experts must be obtained



Royal visit: Sultan Sharafuddin, accompanied by Noraini (left), visiting an exhibition after the declaration ceremony at Wyndham Acmar Hotel in Klang. — IZZRAFIQ ALIAS/The Star

to ensure that any plan to overcome flooding will be effective," added Sultan Sharafuddin, who expressed his wish to see Klang become a city that will be a source of pride for all Selangorians through the upholding of cleanliness, excellence and rich heritage.

"Hence what has to be paid attention to

is the level of cleanliness in housing areas, rivers and riverbanks.

"Attention must be given to the restructuring of the housing sector and commercial areas as well as efforts to counter and control the crow population," said the Ruler who also reminded MBDK councillors and employees to always perform

their duties with dedication and integrity by avoiding graft and abuse of power.

Sultan Sharafuddin said MBDK personnel and officials must also go to the ground to familiarise themselves with the problems faced by the people and deliver the best services.

"Practise having discussions and taking immediate action without having to wait for a complaint to be lodged first," said His Royal Highness.

Sultan Sharafuddin also said that MBDK councillors should be professionals and experts in areas relevant to town planning, as opposed to just politicians, and recommended that at least half the councillors should be non-politicians.

"At the same time, the councillors must also reflect the racial composition of the people living in Klang city so that all races will be appropriately represented," said Sultan Sharafuddin.

The Ruler also urged residents to be proud of Klang's royal city status, and to always cooperate with those entrusted to take care of cleanliness of the city and maintenance of public facilities.

Sultan Sharafuddin said the city was very dear to him as it held many historical facets revolving around the Selangor Sultanate as well as the founding of the state.

Klang is the fourth town in Selangor to be proclaimed a city after Shah Alam, Petaling Jaya and Subang Jaya.

Out of the nine royal towns in Peninsular Malaysia, Klang is the first to be proclaimed a city.

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Where history resonates and diversity flourishes

KLANG: Many may not be aware that Klang is steeped in history that goes back thousands of years.

Apparently, some Bronze Age artifacts were found in the royal city, which indicates that people have been residing there since prehistoric times.

It is also probably one of the fewest locations in Malaysia which has a racially diverse history, with many Chinese and Indian immigrants entering the peninsula through the nation's first port - Port Swettenham - now known as Port Klang.

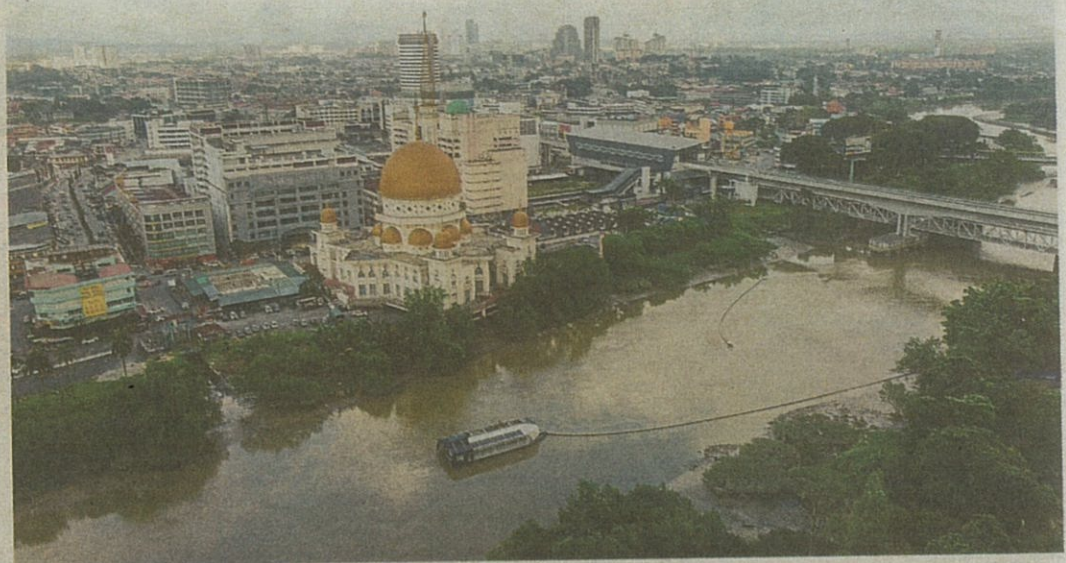
Testimony to this is the generous population of ethnic Indians and Chinese in the royal city, as many who had disembarked there upon arrival from their respective motherlands had chosen to live and prosper in Klang.

The royal city also has Muslim, Hindu and Taoist places of worship that are over a hundred years old.

Klang played a pivotal role in the birth of the Selangor Sultanate in the 1700s after Bugis seafarers and noblemen arrived and settled at the state's coastal region, including Klang.

Klang was also an epicentre for tin mining towards the end of the 1800s, and much of the 1900s.

It is the site of the infamous Klang war between relatives Raja Mahadi and Raja



City steeped in history: An aerial view of Klang and its surrounding areas. — IZZAFIQ ALIAS/The Star

Abdullah between 1867 and 1874.

Klang, which was the nerve centre of the economy during the colonial era, was Selangor's capital from 1974 to 1977, before the state administrative capital was relocated to Shah Alam.

MPK first took root as the Klang Health Board in 1890, and the district's first borders were drawn up in 1895.

The Klang Health Board became the Klang Town Board in 1945 and eventually became the Klang Town Council in 1954, and then subsequently the Klang District Council in 1971, before becoming the Klang Municipal Council in 1977.

Klang is also a victim of various allegations including being mired in crime.

However, last week, the Inspector-

General of Police Tan Sri Razarudin Husain said the crime rate in the city was lower than that in Gombak and Petaling Jaya.

Besides being an apt representation of Malaysia's multiracial community, Klang is also well known as a food paradise, and is a haven for tourists.

As most Klangites would attest - to know Klang is to love Klang.

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Keeping our children safe online

Experts: We need stricter laws and awareness programmes in schools

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PETALING JAYA: Stricter laws and awareness programmes in schools are among the mechanisms that Malaysia can learn from other countries to protect children when they are online and on social media, experts say.

Social media platforms could also be mandated to show educational videos on how to keep children safe online when these apps are downloaded and installed, they added.

Their suggestions follow the government's announcement that it will meet TikTok over findings that Malaysian children under 13 were on the platform despite the fact that its community guidelines state that users must be above that age.

Prof Dr Mohamed Ridza Wahiddin of the International Islamic University said the "Protecting Kids on Social media Act" of the United States is an example that can be used to forge a Malaysian guideline.

The US Act forces all social media platforms to institute age requirements and parental consent for users, said Dr Riza, founder of Malaysia's Centre of Excellence for Cybersecurity.

"Right now, TikTok does not allow those under 13 to create their own accounts but there are loopholes," he said.

The China-based content creat-



Cause for concern: The government will meet TikTok over findings that Malaysian children under 13 were on the platform despite the fact that its community guidelines state that users must be above that age.
— AZMAN GHANI/The Star

ing platform TikTok does not allow those under 13 to own accounts but reports on international media claimed that there are ways to override the restriction by simply stating that such accounts are "monitored by their parents".

Ridza, however, cautioned that a new legal framework is not

enough to keep children safe.

"The Education Ministry should seriously consider value-based education as a more comprehensive solution," he told *The Star*.

Assistant Professor Dr Gan Su Wan of Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR) said social media apps should be required to embed safety videos before someone

opens an account.

"I propose that authorities incorporate information on the safe use of social media directly within all social media apps," said Gan of UTAR's Psychology and Counselling Department.

"For instance, upon downloading a social media app, users could be introduced to an educa-

tional video on child online safety, similar to a user manual that users would need to navigate through step by step before fully engaging with the app's functions," she said.

Gan added that parents should be taught to adjust privacy settings and effectively manage the digital content that their children have access to so as to protect them from paedophiles and scammers.

Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) associate professor Dr Masnizah Mohd said the government must plug loopholes and inconsistencies in its laws regarding online content.

This is since a 2021 study to critically review the legal frameworks on cyber security for children in the Asean region found loopholes in laws relating to age of consent, possession of child pornography, cyberbullying and grooming.

"Previously, the government had announced a technical committee involving online security issues especially involving children. This committee could work on creating the laws and enforcing regulations to protect children online," said Masnizah, who is deputy dean of the Information Science and Technology faculty.

"The government must also look into strengthening the existing policies and their enforcement to better protect children going online."

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'Urgent need to provide safer online usage for kids'

PETALING JAYA: Prompt action from the government is needed to provide safer online usage for children, especially those under 13, say parent groups.

National Parent-Teacher Associations Consultative Council (PIBGN) president Associate Prof Datuk Dr Mohamad Ali Hasan said Education Minister Fadhlina Sidek should not take too much time on issuing the guidelines.

He said it is high time for children, especially those under the age of 13, to stop using TikTok.

"As parents, we are concerned with the content that the children are exposed to apart from other negative elements, such as sexual harassment and bullying.

"With the guidelines, parents and guardians can play their role better to educate their children on the use of social media platforms," he said.

Mohamad Ali said there is an age barrier imposed by social media platforms but it is easy for the children to lie about their information in order to access them.

"Guidelines to educate not only the children but also parents and guardians will be great to enhance awareness on too much use of social media.

"There is also a need to address what kind of content they are exposed to, which can be controlled by parents since there

have been reports that children are at risk to view content produced by irresponsible parties.

"Children, especially those under 13, cannot spend too much time on their phones. They need to learn how to recognise good and bad," he said.

Parent Action Group for Education (Page) chairman Datin Noor Azimah Abdul Rahim said there must be a timeline for authorities to come up with policies or guidelines.

She said this is to enhance the safety of children who are vulnerable to criminal issues such as paedophilia.

"The laws should not be lacking as cybersecurity against paedophiles has been a decade-old problem. Make the authorities accountable.

"If it is the law that needs to be tightened, hold the authorities accountable to make the virtual environment safer and attach to it a timeline.

"When the law is in place, then parents are guided by it. In the meantime, parents have to be on alert," she said.

Noor Azimah said parents are concerned because social media is addictive and can lead to children searching undesirable sites.

However, she said having awareness could put children's digital skills to better use.

Melaka Action Group for

Parents in Education (Magpie) chairman Mak Chee Kin said it is crucial for authorities to consider implementing policies that can protect children under 13 from online criminal activities.

"It is good to have a policy to prevent children under 13 from accessing social media. Surely, the risk is much greater once parents allow their kids to have access to social media.

"While it is the parents' choice to allow or not for their children to have social media accounts, the onus is still on the parents themselves.

"However, having policies that could protect the children would be beneficial to all," he added.

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Fire, floods and gritty fighters

Rescuers forced to deal with twin disasters as climate change worsens

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JOHOR BARU: Firefighter Mohd Khairul Sufian Dahari and his team were once battling against a forest fire for seven days. They had not even finished dousing the fire when they were called away to rescue flood victims.

After saving the victims, they found themselves stranded, in need of rescue; the road leading back to their base was flooded.

Tackling both fires and floods was nothing new for the members of Sebana Cove Fire and Rescue Department station in Pengerang, Johor.

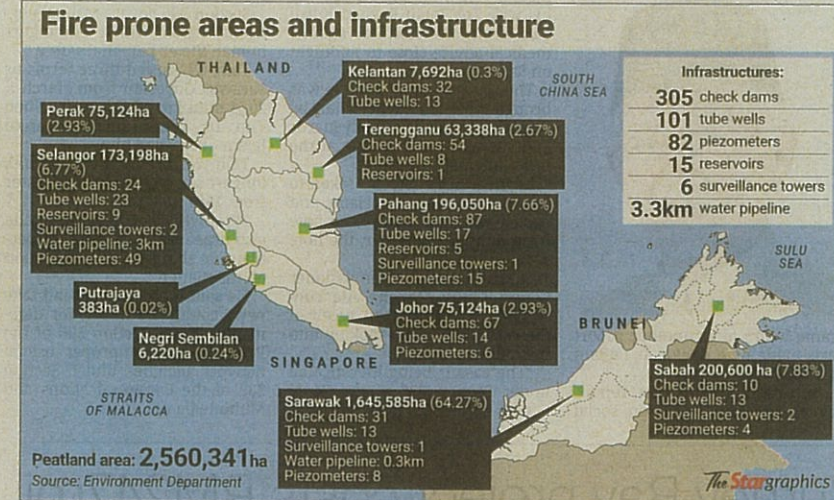
The station is surrounded by more than 1,000ha of peatland – including the oil palm plantation – which, as the weather gets hotter, are susceptible to catching fire. Once it burns, the flames can simmer for months.

Meanwhile, nearby Kota Tinggi is known to be a flood-prone area.

Assistant Fire Superintendent Mohd Khairul, the Sebana station chief, said they had been fighting for a week to put out fires at the Sebana Cove-Punggai bypass on March 4 last year.

“But heavy rain fell in Kota Tinggi that evening. We were asked to send our boat to help with the rescue work.”

“We were supposed to return to our base at 8am the next day but the road back was cut off by floods, so we only managed to



return on March 6,” he recalled.

In October, the team faced one of the most challenging forest fires, stamping out the blaze at a 32ha site after nine days.

“We were lucky as it was raining heavily during the last day of the incident, which contributed to the success,” explained Mohd Khairul.

Twin natural disasters – fire and floods in the same place and at the same time – are no strange occurrences.

In 2023, the world’s hottest

year, different places on the planet had to deal with fires and floods simultaneously due to climate change, which was exacerbated by the El Nino phenomenon.

In Malaysia, as the weather turns from the wetter northeast monsoon to warmer and drier days in the beginning of the year, authorities, who had been helping flood victims, will now be keeping watch on fire-prone areas.

MetMalaysia has already issued a Level One hot weather warning

for three areas in Kedah: Pokok Sena, Pendang and Baling.

The Level One or alert level heatwave warning is issued when daily temperatures range between 35°C and 37°C for at least three consecutive days.

The weather is turning hotter, likely due to the possibility of El Nino being heightened between November and January.

Peatlands, the most fire-prone areas in the country, are especially vulnerable during this dry season.

Taming fires in such areas, as such, has proved to be a challenging task for firemen.

For Asst Supt Mohd Khairul and his team, making their way through the peatland was no walk in the park.

At times, they had to wade through a swamp, which was waist-deep, just to get to where the fire was.

“We deployed our AW139 helicopter to help conduct water drops.”

“We also got help from the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency’s amphibious Bombardier CL415MP aircraft,” he said.

Last year, the station received 51 calls involving forest fires, Asst Supt Mohd Khairul noted.

One of the main reasons for the fires, he said, was the landowners’ irresponsible action of attempting to clear their farm by burning away grass and leaves.

“It was only when the fire was out of their control that they called us for help,” he said.

“We also believe that other causes could be smokers who tossed their cigarette butts outside their vehicles.”

“The forest fire in October started from a roadside blaze that was fanned by the strong wind,” Asst Supt Mohd Khairul added.

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Days of deluge over as heatwave brings blaze risk an sw.

PETALING JAYA: The days of floods are coming to an end; it is now time to prepare for fires, especially peat fires.

With peatlands covering 2,560,341ha of the country, they could be a huge fire hazard.

The Environment Department is already getting ready for the hot and dry weather expected next month.

The El Nino phenomenon is expected to continue until the middle of 2024, along with the positive Indian Ocean Dipole until the first quarter of 2024, leading to hot weather.

The department's director-general Datuk Wan Abdul Latiff Wan Jaffar reminded Malaysians that open burning can spread and cause extensive fires during the dry season.

"There can be a heatwave in March and even haze," he said in an interview with The Star.

Peatlands and waste disposal sites are the most fire-prone areas in the country, he said, adding that of the over 5,000 open burning cases received by the department last year, eight were large-scale fires involving peatlands and landfills.

"Up to Dec 12 last year, 5,121 complaints of open burning cases were received, with 81% of them involving the burning of rubbish.

"Eight cases were large-scale open burning. Four cases involved peatland fires while four were landfill fires," he said.



Cool it down: A fireman putting out peat fires, which proves challenging due to the area's peat soil condition and dry weather.

The biggest peat fire recorded last year was in Kampung Beoh, Mukim Beris Lalang, Bachok, Kelantan, which saw 35ha of land, the size of 28 football fields, razed from March 27 to May 8.

A bushfire in Mukim Bebar, Pekan, Pahang, from April 22 to July 20, involved a bigger area: 263ha.

Pekan was again hit by a large-scale peatland fire near Kampung Baru Cenderawasih, from May 15 to 23, this time covering 12ha.

Climate experts warned that open burning during the coming hot and dry weather will pose serious risks to the environment and public health.

Meteorological expert Prof Emeritus Datuk Dr Azizan Abu Samah said that during the tail end of the northeast monsoon, the north of the peninsula and southern Thailand would have clear skies and a drier climate.

He said the lack of clouds would result in higher temperatures in

the afternoon and cooler nights.

Maximum daytime temperature can hit near 40°C, with night time temperatures dropping to around 24°C, he said.

"El Nino conditions are still prevalent, so most regional forecasts are for drier-than-normal.

"During this dry season, traditional open burning in the country's rice production areas such as Kedah and Perlis is expected," he said.

He added that similar activities

may occur in other padi growing areas like Sekinchan and Perak.

As for oil palm plantation on peat soil, the agroindustry does not practise open burning and so, the burning of peatland may come from market gardening activities, said Prof Emeritus Azizan, a senior research fellow at the Institute of Ocean and Earth Sciences.

"We cannot blame Indonesia, as any smoke will not be blown our way. The main transboundary source will be from the burning in Vietnam and Cambodia.

"This is from the corn agroindustry in those countries, which usually burn their fields during this period," he said.

As such, he said the Asean Transboundary Agreement needs to be strengthened to tackle open burning in the region.

Environmental and wildlife expert Prof Dr Ahmad Ismail of Universiti Putra Malaysia said authorities should identify hot-spots for forest fires and peatland burning, educate the public and agencies on such occurrences, and utilise technology "to quickly and effectively stop the fires, especially those close to protected forest and human residential areas".

"Peatland forests are rich with wildlife, including aquatic species ... Forest fires or peatland burning will threaten such wildlife populations besides releasing carbon into the atmosphere."

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Traffic policing to take flight

Helicopters, drones will monitor S'gor roads over holidays

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PUCHONG: Selangor police will deploy drones and helicopters to monitor traffic as people travel back to their hometowns for the upcoming Chinese New Year break.

Selangor police chief Comm Datuk Hussein Omar Khan said the use of the Airwing Unit and police drones will provide real-time traffic monitoring in the state.

"Last year, we recorded a total of 4,042 accidents during the holiday period compared with 2,810 accidents the year earlier.

"We believe the main reason for the rise in accidents is due to lack of road safety awareness," he told reporters after launching the Road Safety Campaign in conjunction with the Chinese New Year at Toll Plaza Puchong Selatan here yesterday.

"We will focus enforcement efforts on six traffic offences, namely speeding, beating the red light, emergency lane misuse, overtaking on double lines, cutting queue and using mobile phones while operating a vehicle.

"We will be monitoring traffic along the Kuala Lumpur-Karak Expressway near Gombak, Jalan Kuala Lumpur-Ipoh, Jalan Kuala Selangor-Klang," he said.



Essential protection: Comm Hussein (second from right) adjusting a motorcyclist's helmet during the road safety campaign at Puchong Selatan toll plaza, Puchong. — SAMUEL ONG/The Star

Comm Hussein added that 61 officers and 432 personnel will be involved while 42 police patrols and 89 police motorcycles will also be deployed.

He said 11 locations have also been identified where police will

conduct speed traps.

Comm Hussein advised motorists to ensure their vehicles are properly maintained and road-worthy prior to their journeys.

"Keep to the speed limit, be patient and courteous with other

motorists and always use your seat belts.

"Make sure you are well rested before driving, plan your journey and refrain from using your mobile phone while operating a vehicle," he said.

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'Less crime in Klang after Ops Aman Khas'

PUCHONG: Ops Aman Khas has reduced the crime rate in Klang, says Selangor police chief Comm Datuk Hussein Omar Khan.

He said the operation, carried out from Jan 15 to Feb 1, involved the Royal Malaysian Police, Immigration Department, National Anti-Drug Agency, Labour Department, Tenaga Nasional Berhad, Environment Department and local authorities.

"Among the targets during the operation was gangsterism, violent crimes and wanted persons.

"We detained 85 wanted people in a period of two weeks. As for construction sites, 16 locations were raided.

"Drug dens at five locations were also raided. This led to the arrest of 34 drug addicts who are on our (police) wanted list," he told reporters at Puchong Selatan Toll Plaza here yesterday.

Comm Hussein said the operation also involved raids on immoral activities and smuggling of contraband, which led to the arrest of 1,184 individuals for various offences.

He said regular operations carried out will reduce the crime rate because it is more focused.

"The operation in Klang has ended and we will go to other districts," he said.

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Traffic congestion plans bear fruit

Solutions at Bandar Sungai Long include adjusted traffic light timings, increased police presence

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A MULTI-AGENCY effort is underway to ease traffic congestion in Bandar Sungai Long in Kajang, Selangor, with short-term plans already in place to improve traffic flow.

Kajang assemblyman David Cheong said the misalignment of traffic light timings along Jalan Sungai Long had been addressed with Kajang Municipal Council (MPKJ) and Prolintas agreeing to adjust signal timings at two intersections.

In a *StarMetro* report on Aug 25 last year, residents had called on the authorities to address the congestion along the 3km stretch that served numerous housing

estates, two schools and a university with about 3,000 students.

"The timing has been adjusted (on Feb 2) to allow for more traffic to exit the township, while reducing the incoming traffic," Cheong said during a site visit with representatives from the Malaysian Highway Authority, Kajang District Police, MPKJ and Prolintas.

"Traffic lights affecting the flow of vehicles exiting the township will be increased from 90 seconds to 120 seconds, such as the Taman Rakan and intersection where traffic from SILK Highway joins Jalan Sungai Long.

"At the same slip road, signal time from the SILK Highway

onto Jalan Sungai Long will be reduced from 90 seconds to 60 seconds," he said, adding that the changes would be made immediately.

"Since Jan 1, traffic police have been helping to manage congestion along the road between 6.30am and 8am but residents are requesting for them to stay for a longer period," Cheong said.

With action taken based on public feedback, he expects reduced congestion.

He said the authorities would continue to monitor the traffic flow along Jalan Sungai Long.

Cheong said authorities had planned for a long-term solution about three years ago but were delayed because of the Covid-19 pandemic.



Congestion along Jalan Sungai Long at the Sungai Long commercial zone intersection. — Filepic

"The matter of building flyovers has been discussed previously and studies had also been carried out by MPKJ.

"Now we are awaiting a decision from the Federal Government for the allocation of funds," he said.

Two flyovers are being planned for the township, one at Bandar Mahkota Cheras and the other near the commercial zone in Bandar Sungai Long.

Persatuan Penduduk Bandar Sungai Long secretary Danny Lau said residents were happy to

hear of the adjusted timing for the traffic lights.

"Residents typically take about 40 minutes to reach the Cheras-Kajang (Grand Saga) Expressway for what would be a five-minute drive without congestion.

"With the traffic police's assistance, we've noticed a 10-minute reduction and we are happy that our feedback on the timing has also been heard."

Lau, however, worry that future developments could negate the current traffic solution.

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RESIDENSI Wilayah Pangsapuri Salak Selatan buyers say the delay in completing the project is causing them to shoulder additional financial burdens.

In a peaceful demonstration outside the unfinished development, some 100 of them expressed their frustration through placards over delays in the project, also known as Ritz Communities@Salak South.

Nor Ashikin Aziz said she has to continue paying rental for her accommodation in Kampung Malaysia while waiting for her new home to be completed.

The schoolteacher said she is paying interest on her property loan while raising three children.

"I pay RM800 for rent and RM750 a month for the housing loan."

Lee Guan Hau said he bought the unit in 2018, with the expectation of moving in with his mother in 2021.

100 buyers of Salak South housing project protest delay in handing over units

"However, when the Covid-19 pandemic happened, the development came to a halt, so I had to continue renting accommodation."

"As the project has been delayed further, I had no choice but to buy an apartment in Puchong Prima in 2022," he told *StarMetro*.

He said he now spends some RM3,000 a month to service both housing loans.

The project was initiated by the Federal Territories Department (JWP) to offer affordable homes.

Pangsapuri Salak Selatan Owners Association president Leow Sean Paul said the first batch of buyers signed their sales and purchase agreements in February 2018.

"Considering the extension of time granted by the Housing

and Local Government Ministry (KPKT), the vacant possession date was supposed to be Aug 8, 2021 for early buyers.

"However, there has been no sign of progress since last June," he said.

He added that KPKT informed buyers that a letter was issued to the developer on Jan 10 under Section 11 of the Housing Development (Control and Licensing) Act 1966 (Act 118).

"We hope KPKT will appoint an independent third party to conduct a project audit to evaluate the amount needed to complete the project and conduct a financial audit on the developer to determine their financial capacity to complete the project," said Leow.

StarMetro reached out to KPKT for comments but it had not responded at press time.



(Above) Leow says the vacant possession date was supposed to be Aug 8, 2021.



(Right) The Residensi Wilayah Pangsapuri Salak Selatan is also known as Ritz Communities@Salak South.

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Sultan Sharafuddin bertitah bilangan anggota perlu menggambarkan komposisi dan populasi kaum

50 peratus Ahli MBDK perlu golongan profesional

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Sultan Selangor Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah bertitah, agar 50 peratus ahli Majlis Bandaraya Diraja Klang (MBDK) perlu dianggotai golongan profesional yang pakar dalam bidang diperlukan dalam pembangunan sesebuah bandar dan bukan diisi oleh ahli politik semata-mata.

Baginda bertitah, bilangan ahli majlis itu juga perlulah menggambarkan komposisi dan populasi kaum yang menetap di Bandar Klang agar semua kaum dapat diwakili.

"Beta suka mengingatkan kepada ahli-ahli MBDK, Datuk Bandar dan juga kakitangan MBDK agar sentiasa memberikan perkhidmatan dengan penuh dedikasi dan berintegriti.

"Jauhilah daripada segala perbuatan rasuah dan penyalahgunaan kuasa bagi kepentingan diri sendiri atau pihak tertentu.

"Tuan-tuan semua kena turun padang bagi mendekatkan diri dan melihat sendiri masalah rakyat dan memberikan per-

khidmatan terbaik kepada mereka," titah baginda pada Majlis Pengisytiharan MBDK di sini pada Isnin.

Sultan Selangor turut bertitah agar MBDK mencari kaedah dalam mengatasi masalah banjir ekoran daerah berkenaan terletak di sepanjang laluan Sungai Klang dari hulu ke hilir sebelum air sungai itu menuju ke laut.

"Pendapat pakar perlu diperolehi bagi memastikan sebarang rancangan mengatasi masalah banjir ini dapat diatasi dengan berkesan. Sekiranya berlaku air pasang besar dan diikuti dengan hujan lebat, banjir besar akan melanda sebahagian daerah Klang dan akan menjejaskan kehidupan penduduk terlibat.

"Oleh demikian, beta mengharapkan Datuk Bandar dan ahli-ahli MBDK mengambil serius tentang masalah ini dengan memikirkan langkah yang boleh diambil bagi mengatasinya. Pelan rancangan rapi dan teratur perlu dilaksanakan dengan mengambil kira kedudukan Bandaraya Diraja Klang yang terletak di muara Sungai Klang," titah baginda.

Sultan Sharafuddin turut berharap Bandar Klang membangun ke tahap lebih cemer-

lang dan dikenali dengan imej bandar raya bersih di samping memiliki daya tarikan warisan bersejarah.

"Antara perlu diberikan perhatian ialah tahap kebersihan kawasan perumahan, sungai dan tebing sungai serta kemudahan prasarana yang baik.

"Beta juga berharap pihak berwajib yang diamanahkan membangunkan Klang akan terus mempromosi industri pelancongan di lokasi-lokasi menarik dan bersejarah di sekitar Klang, sekali gus mampu menjana ekonomi dan pendapatan penduduk di daerah ini," titah baginda.

Sultan Sharafuddin turut menegaskan supaya perancangan jangka pendek, sederhana dan panjang segera dilaksanakan demi memastikan warga Bandaraya Diraja Klang hidup dalam keadaan harmoni dengan persekitaran selamat untuk dihuni.

Sebelum itu, Sultan Sharafuddin berkenan mengisytiharkan Majlis Perbandaran Klang sebagai MBDK berkuat kuasa 23 November tahun lepas.

Sultan Sharafuddin turut berkenan melantik Datin Noraini Roslan sebagai Datuk Bandar MBDK mengikut Subseksyen 10 (1) Akta Kerajaan Tempatan 1976.



Sultan Sharafuddin berkenan melantik Noraini sebagai Datuk Bandar MBDK pada Majlis Perisytiharan MBDK pada Isnin.

"Oleh yang demikian, gelaran Yang Dipertua Majlis Perbandaran Klang, hendaklah ditafsirkan sebagai Datuk Bandar MBDK manakala Ahli-Ahli Majlis Perbandaran Klang, hendaklah ditafsirkan sebagai Ahli-Ahli MBDK," titah baginda pada majlis pengisytiharan tersebut di sini, pada hari Isnin.

Selepas Shah Alam, Petaling Jaya dan Subang Jaya, Klang adalah daerah keempat di Selangor yang dinaiktarafkan sebagai sebuah bandar raya.

MBDK juga merupakan Majlis Bandaraya Diraja ketiga di negara ini selepas Majlis Bandaraya Diraja Alor Setar dan Majlis Bandaraya Diraja Johor Bahru. - Bernama

SINAR HARIAN

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Tarikh:

Platform i-Lindung
boleh didapati
menerusi aplikasi
i-Akaun

KWSP lulus pembelian insurans melalui Akaun 2

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Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja (KWSP) mengumumkan semua penanam boleh menggunakan Akaun 2 membeli produk insurans dan takaful terdiri daripada perlindungan nyawa atau penyakit kritikal untuk ahli keluarga terdekat.

Menurut satu kenyataan pada Isnin, inisiatif i-Lindung Fasa 2 membolehkan ahli membeli insurans dan menyertai produk takaful ditawarkan syarikat insurans serta pengendali takaful yang diluluskan KWSP.

Katanya, pembelian boleh

dilakukan untuk diri sendiri atau ahli keluarga terdekat melalui platform i-Lindung yang terkandung dalam aplikasi KWSP i-Akaun.

"Sejak dilancarkan pada Julai 2022 hingga Disember tahun lalu, lebih 102,301 ahli membeli sejumlah 118,166 polisi dan produk takaful melalui platform i-Lindung meliputi insurans nyawa dan insurans penyakit kritikal pada premium berpatutan.

"Susulan sambutan menggalakkan ini, KWSP memperkenalkan penambahbaikan yang memfokuskan kepada pengurusan polisi dan sijil yang ditujukan untuk perlindungan lanjutan melebihi satu tahun," katanya.

Menurut kenyataan itu,

penambahbaikan tersebut adalah satu kemajuan penting dalam evolusi platform i-Lindung yang menggabungkan produk perlindungan jangka panjang untuk ahli KWSP dan keluarga tersayang.

Ujarnya, platform dinaik taraf menawarkan ciri mesra pengguna bagi memudahkan pengurusan polisi diperkemas dan pembayaran berulang yang mudah untuk perlindungan jangka panjang.

Orang ramai yang mahu mendapatkan maklumat lanjut mengenai i-Lindung boleh merujuk ke laman web rasmi KWSP di www.kwsp.gov.my atau hubungi Pusat Pengurusan Pelanggan KWSP di 03-8922 6000.



Platform i-Lindung KWSP meliputi insurans nyawa dan penyakit kritikal pada premium berpatutan.

SINAR HARIAN

06 FEB 2024

tarikh:

Sultan Sharafuddin mahu imej terus dipertingkatkan, jadi kebanggaan

Kosmo 4/2
(MBDK)

Klang diisytihar Bandaraya Diraja

Oleh MOHD. YUNUS YAKKUB

KLANG - Sultan Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah mahu Klang menjadi sebuah bandar raya yang boleh dibanggakan oleh seluruh rakyat negeri Selangor.

Titah baginda, ini termasuk dalam mengatasi masalah banjir ekoran daerah ini terletak di sepanjang laluan Sungai Klang daripada hulu ke hilir sebelum air sungai ini menuju ke laut.

Sultan Sharafuddin bertitah, pendapat pakar-pakar perlu diperoleh bagi memastikan sebarang rancangan mengatasi masalah banjir ini dapat diatasi dengan berkesan.

"Sekiranya berlaku air pasang besar dan diikuti pula dengan hujan lebat, banjir besar akan melanda sebahagian daerah Klang dan akan menjejaskan kehidupan penduduk terlibat.

"Oleh yang demikian, Beta mengharapakan Datuk Bandar dan Ahli-ahli Majlis Bandaraya

Diraja Klang mengambil serius tentang masalah ini dengan memikirkan langkah-langkah yang boleh diambil bagi mengatasinya.

"Pelan rancangan yang rapi dan teratur perlu dilaksanakan dengan mengambil kira kedudukan Bandaraya Diraja Klang yang terletak di muara Sungai Klang," titah Baginda pada majlis Perisytiharan Majlis Bandaraya Diraja Klang di sini semalam.

Baginda berkenan melantik Datin Paduka Noraini Roslan sebagai Datuk Bandar Majlis Bandaraya Diraja Klang.

Sultan Sharafuddin turut berharap Klang membangun ke tahap lebih cemerlang dan dikenali dengan imej bandar raya bersih, di samping memiliki daya tarikan warisan bersejarah.

Justeru, baginda menekankan antara yang perlu diberikan perhatian ialah tahap kebersihan kawasan perumahan, sungai dan tebing sungai serta kemudahan prasarana yang baik.

"Tumpuan juga adalah kepada penyusunan semula sektor perumahan, kawasan perniagaan dan usaha mengatasi masalah populasi burung gagak.

"Beta juga berharap pihak-pihak berwajib yang diamanahkan membangunkan Klang akan terus mempromosikan industri pelancongan di lokasi-lokasi menarik dan bersejarah di sekitar Klang," titah baginda.

Sehubungan itu, Sultan Sharafuddin berpandangan dan menyarankan agar Ahli-ahli Majlis Bandaraya Diraja Klang perlu dianggotai oleh bukan sahaja ahli politik, tetapi juga golongan profesional yang pakar dalam bidang diperlukan dalam pembangunan sesebuah bandar.

"Jika boleh beta cadangkan jumlah golongan profesional perlu sekurang-kurangnya memenuhi 50 peratus dari jumlah keseluruhan Ahli Majlis di samping menggambarkan komposisi atau populasi kaum," titah baginda.



SULTAN SHARAFUDDIN mengalungkan kalung rasmi Datuk Bandar kepada Noraini pada Majlis Perisytiharan Majlis Bandaraya Diraja Klang di Klang semalam.

KOSMO

06 FEB 2024

Tarikh:

Golongan profesional isi jawatan Ahli Majlis Bandaraya Diraja Klang

KLANG - Majlis Bandaraya Diraja Klang akan mengisi kekosongan ahli majlisnya daripada golongan profesional selewat-lewatnya dalam masa sebulan ini.

Datuk Bandar Majlis Bandaraya Diraja Klang, Datin Paduka Noraini Roslan berkata, beliau akan merujuk kepada Menteri Besar Selangor, Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari mengenai calon-calon yang dirasakan berkompoten bagi mengisi jawatan itu.

Katanya, pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) Selangor meletakkan sebanyak 24 ahli majlis bagi membantu keberkesanan dan kecekapan operasinya.

"Sekarang ini, 12 daripadanya telah diisi melibatkan golongan politik dan bagi golongan profesional termasuk orang besar daerah adalah sebanyak tiga orang. Jadi, ada kuota perlu diisi lagi.

"Sekiranya parti (politik) tersendiri dapat kemukakan calon, itu satu pilihan. Kedua, kerajaan negeri boleh mencalonkan golongan profesional yang dirasakan sesuai.

"Saya cuba dalam tempoh satu bulan (bagi pengisian kuota profesional) dan akan rujuk kepada Menteri Besar," katanya pada sidang akhbar

selepas Majlis Perisytiharan Majlis Bandaraya Diraja Klang, di sini semalam.

Terdahulu, Sultan Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah bertitah dengan mencadangkan sekurang-kurangnya 50 peratus golongan profesional memenuhi dari jumlah keseluruhan ahli majlis PBT.

Di samping itu, Sultan Sharafuddin menitahkan agar ahli majlis perlu menggambarkan komposisi dan populasi kaum yang menetapkan di Klang agar semua kaum dapat diwakili mereka.

Mengulas lanjut, Noraini berkata, beliau yang menjunjung kasih titah Sultan Sharafuddin, turut memaklumkan majoriti Ahli Lembaga Pengarah di mana-mana PBT bandar lain di dunia adalah golongan profesional.

"Saya yakin hasrat Tuanku begitu juga melihat bandar-bandar di Selangor ini mencapai tahap yang lebih profesional dan seimbang.

"Kedua-duanya (Ahli Majlis daripada golongan politik dan profesional) harus diseimbangkan dan kita akan mencari golongan profesional yang dapat membantu Klang membuat keputusan di masa akan datang," katanya.

KOSMO
06 FEB 2024

Tarikh:

KWSP lancar i-Lindung Fasa 2 guna dana dalam Akaun 2 pencarum

Lindungi ahli keluarga terdekat

Kosmo
6/2

PETALING JAYA – Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja (KWSP) melancarkan i-Lindung Fasa 2 di bawah Pelan Perlindungan Ahli yang membolehkan ahli menggunakan dana dalam Akaun 2 mereka untuk membeli produk insurans dan takaful.

KWSP dalam kenyataan berkata, produk insurans dan takaful itu terdiri daripada perlindungan nyawa dan penyakit kritikal untuk ahli keluarga terdekat mereka.

Ujarnya, ahli yang ingin membeli produk insurans dan menyertai produk takaful yang ditawarkan syarikat insurans atau pengendali takaful yang diluluskan KWSP boleh melakukannya melalui platform i-Lindung yang terkandung dalam aplikasi KWSP i-Akaun (Ahli).

"Sejak ia dilancarkan pada Julai 2022 sehingga Disember 2023, lebih 102,301 ahli telah membeli sejumlah 118,166 polisi dan produk takaful melalui platform i-Lindung, yang meliputi insurans nyawa dan insurans penyakit kritikal pada premium yang berpa-



SERAMAI 102,301 ahli telah membeli sejumlah 118,166 polisi dan produk takaful melalui platform i-Lindung.
— GAMBAR HIASAN

tutan daripada Akaun 2.

"Susulan daripada sambutan yang menggalakkan ini, KWSP telah memperkenalkan penambahbaikan yang memfokuskan kepada pengurusan polisi dan sijil, yang ditujukan untuk perlindungan lanjutan melebihi satu tahun," katanya.

Tambah kenyataan itu, penambahbaikan ini merupakan satu kemajuan penting dalam evolusi platform i-Lindung, yang menggabungkan produk perlindungan jangka panjang untuk ahli KWSP dan keluarga tersayang.

"Platform yang dinaik taraf ini menawarkan ciri-ciri mesra pengguna bagi memudahkan pengurusan polisi yang diperkemas dan pembayaran berulang yang mudah untuk perlindungan jangka panjang," katanya.

Orang ramai yang ingin mendapatkan maklumat lanjut tentang i-Lindung boleh merujuk laman web rasmi KWSP di www.kwsp.gov.my atau hubungi Pusat Pengurusan Pelanggan KWSP di 03-8922 6000.

KOSMO

06 FEB 2024

Tarikh:

HM 6/2 (MBDK)

'Keperluan asas rakyat perlu diberi keutamaan'

Klang: Sultan Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah menitahkan Datuk Bandar dan Ahli Majlis, Majlis Bandaraya Diraja Klang (MBDK) mengambil serius keperluan asas rakyat terutamanya isu banjir.

Sultan Sharafuddin bertitah, baginda mengharapkan Datuk Bandar dan Ahli-ahli Majlis Bandaraya Diraja Klang mengambil serius masalah ini dengan memikirkan langkah yang boleh diambil bagi mengatasinya.

"Pelan rancangan rapi dan teratur perlu dilaksanakan dengan mengambil kira kedudukan Bandaraya Diraja Klang yang terletak di muara Sungai Klang.

"Pendapat pakar perlu diperoleh bagi memastikan sebarang rancangan mengatasi masalah banjir ini dapat diatasi dengan

berkesan," titah baginda selepas menyempurnakan Majlis Pengisytiharan Majlis Bandaraya Diraja Klang di sini, semalam.

Pada majlis itu, Sultan Sharafuddin berkenan mengisytiharkan MBDK secara rasmi yang berkuat kuasa pada 23 November tahun lalu.

Pada majlis itu, baginda berkenan melafazkan pengisytiharan MBDK serta mengurniakan watakah pengisytiharan kepada Datuk Bandarnya, Datin Paduka Noraini Roslan.

Sultan Sharafuddin bertitah, baginda mahu warga Bandaraya Diraja Klang berbangga dengan status Bandaraya Diraja dan sentiasa bekerjasama dengan

pihak berwajib menjaga kebersihan khususnya di pesisir Sungai Klang, harta benda awam dan mengikut peraturan ditetapkan bagi menjaga status Bandaraya Diraja ini selaras slogan 'Klang Sihat dan Sejahtera'.

"Pihak penguat kuasa bandar raya perlulah tegas dan melaksanakan tugas dengan berdisiplin dan berhemah," titah baginda.

Baginda juga mahu MBDK mempertingkatkan usaha menyediakan perkhidmatan terbaik kepada masyarakat demi memastikan warga Bandaraya Diraja Klang hidup dalam keadaan harmoni dengan persekitaran selamat untuk dihidu.



SULTAN Sharafuddin berkenan melihat pameran perkembangan pentadbiran Majlis Bandaraya Diraja Klang diiringi Menteri Besar Selangor, Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari (kanan) serta Datuk Bandar Majlis Bandaraya Diraja Klang, Datin Paduka Noraini Roslan pada Majlis Pengisytiharan Majlis Bandaraya Diraja Klang di Hotel Wyndham Acmar, Klang. - Gambar NSTP/ FAIZ ANUAR

HARIAN METRO

Tarikh: 06 FEB 2024

PADU perlu seiring akta PDPA

Yakinkan rakyat maklumat mereka selamat tak terdedah risiko penggodaman, kecurian data

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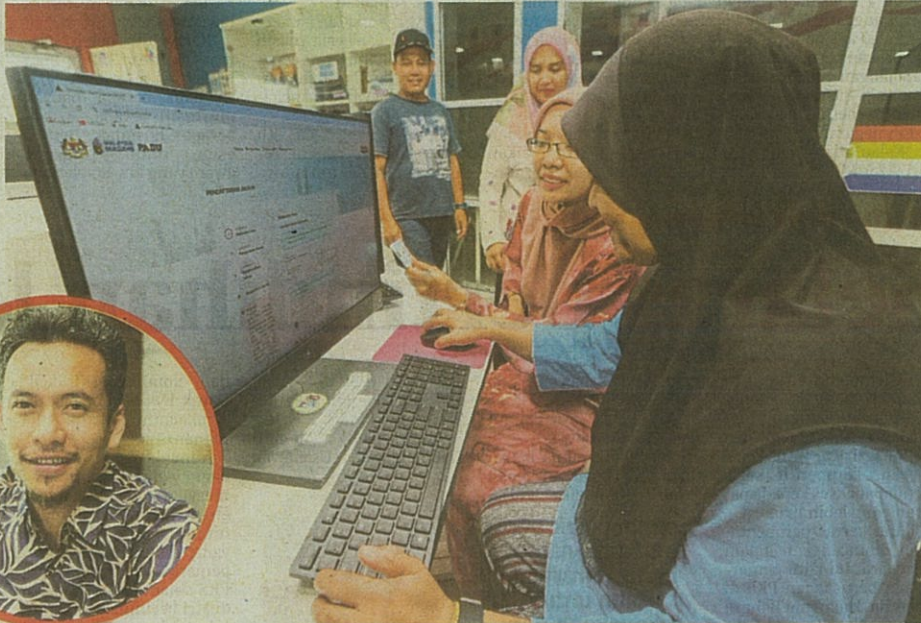
Kuala Lumpur

Pelaksanaan sistem Pangkalan Data Utama (PADU) perlu seiring dengan pengubalan Akta Perlindungan Data Peribadi 2010 (PDPA) bagi memastikan orang ramai yakin maklumat mereka selamat dan tidak terdedah dengan risiko kebocoran data.

Presiden Persatuan Pengguna Siber Malaysia, Siraj Jalil (**gambar**) berkata, ancaman penggodaman dan kecurian data pada masa ini semakin hebat selari dengan cabaran perkembangan teknologi semasa terutama kecerdasan buatan (AI).

Justeru, katanya, tiba masanya kerajaan memikirkan kaedah tuntas bagi menangani ancaman ini terlebih dahulu memandangkan sistem PADU juga berisiko terdedah dengan ancaman ini.

"Data peribadi sekarang bukan macam 20 tahun da-



TIBA masanya kerajaan memikirkan kaedah tuntas bagi menangani ancaman penggodaman dan kecurian data terlebih dahulu memandangkan sistem PADU juga berisiko terdedah kepada ancaman ini.

hulu, tetapi hari ini ia sensitif kerana terdedah dengan ancaman banyak penggodam, malah kerap timbul isu data termasuk data kerajaan sendiri banyak kali bocor.

"Isunya, Akta PDPA itu tidak tertakluk kepada ke-

rajaan atau mana-mana agensi di bawah kerajaan cuma untuk swasta atau komersial saja, jadi ini perkara penting patut diteliti kerana faktor rakyat kurang yakin untuk mendaftar PADU salah satunya kerana soal keselamatan data

mereka tiada jaminan.

"Jadi, polisi kerajaan perlu diperkukuhkan dahulu antaranya dengan memin-
da Akta PDPA supaya diperuntukkan untuk semua termasuk agensi kerajaan kerana isu ancaman keselamatan siber ini tidak

tunggu masa atau memilih mangsa," katanya kepada Harian Metro.

Beliau berkata, demikian mengulas mengenai pendaftaran PADU yang masih kurang mendapat sambutan biarpun berbaki kira-kira dua bulan lagi ta-

rikh penutup.

Mengulas lanjut, Siraj berkata, penyampaian berkaitan PADU terhadap rakyat juga tidak jelas dan bermasalah.

"Banyak persoalan dan pertikaian timbul disebabkan kes kebocoran data terdahulu tidak mampu dijawab atau dijelaskan kepada rakyat sehingga wujud stigma orang ramai pasal PADU tidak selamat.

"Jadi, kerajaan perlu beri satu jaminan supaya rakyat yakin data mereka selamat kerana isu paling banyak berlegar dalam media sosial salah satunya yang hangat ialah soal keterjaminan data pengguna dalam PADU disebabkan banyak insiden kebocoran data sebelum ini.

"Dari faktanya, memang pendaftaran PADU itu penting kerana ia membabitkan subsidi rakyat, tetapi tidak boleh main dengan elemen ugutan contoh kalau tidak daftar tidak dapat bantuan kerana ia akan beri kesan negatif kepada kerajaan semula," katanya.

Bulan lalu, Menteri Ekonomi, Rafizi Ramli dilaporkan berkata, sistem PADU tidak tertakluk di bawah Akta PDPA berikutan semua data terkumpul di bawah kawal selia kementerian dan agensi berkaitan yang sudah terikat dengan akta masing-masing.

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Ahli Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja (KWSP) boleh menggunakan dana dalam Akaun 2 untuk membeli produk insurans dan takaful yang terdiri daripada perlindungan nyawa dan penyakit kritikal untuk ahli keluarga terdekat menerusi i-Lindung Fasa 2 di bawah Pelan Perlindungan Ahli.

Ahli yang ingin membeli produk insurans dan menyertai produk takaful yang ditawarkan oleh syarikat insurans dan pengendali takaful yang diluluskan KWSP untuk diri sendiri atau ahli keluarga terdekat, boleh melakukannya melalui platform i-Lindung yang terkandung dalam aplikasi KWSP i-Akaun.

KWSP dalam satu kenyataan berkata, sejak dilancarkan pada Julai 2022 hingga Disember 2023, lebih 102,301 ahli membeli sejumlah 118,166 polisi dan produk takaful melalui platform i-Lindung, yang meliputi insurans nyawa dan insurans penyakit kritikal pada premium yang berpatutan daripada Akaun 2.

Katanya, susulan sambutan menggalakkan ini, KWSP memperkenalkan penambahbaikan yang memfokuskan kepada pengurusan polisi dan sijil, yang ditujukan untuk perlindungan lanjutan melebihi satu tahun.

"Penambahbaikan ini satu kemajuan penting dalam evolusi platform i-Lindung, yang menggabungkan produk perlindungan jangka panjang untuk ahli KWSP dan keluarga tersayang.



AHLI yang ingin membeli produk insurans dan menyertai produk takaful ditawarkan syarikat insurans dan pengendali takaful boleh melakukannya melalui platform i-Lindung yang terkandung dalam aplikasi KWSP i-Akaun.

i-LINDUNG FASA 2

PERLINDUNGAN UNTUK KELUARGA

"Platform yang dinaik taraf ini menawarkan ciri-ciri mesra pengguna bagi memudahkan pengurusan polisi yang diperkemas dan pembayaran berulang yang mudah untuk perlindungan jangka panjang," katanya.

Ahli boleh merujuk laman web rasmi KWSP di www.kwsp.gov.my atau hubungi Pusat Pengurusan

Pelanggan KWSP di 03-8922 6000 untuk maklumat lanjut mengenai i-Lindung.

Sementara itu, dalam ke-

nyataan berasingan, Etiqa Maybank Ageas Holdings Bhd (Etiqa) memperkenalkan perlindungan keluarga bertempoh dan penyakit

kritikal yang ditambah dengan kerjasama KWSP.

Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif Kumpulan Etiqa Insurance and Takaful, Kamaludin Ahmad berkata, pelan terbaharu itu terdiri daripada dua produk insurans, iaitu Etiqa Term Plus dan Etiqa Critical Care Plus, serta dua produk takaful, iaitu Etiqa Term Takaful Plus dan Etiqa Critical Care Ta-

kaful Plus.

Beliau berkata, pelan itu adalah versi yang ditambah baik dan diperbaharui daripada produk perlindungan bertempoh serta penyakit kritikal yang diperkenalkan pada tahun 2022 di bawah inisiatif i-Lindung KWSP.

Katanya, sudah menjadi komitmen Etiqa untuk menangani keperluan komuniti, terutamanya golongan berpendapatan rendah, dengan menawarkan perlindungan yang mampu milik.

Dengan menyediakan perlindungan minimum berjumlah RM10,000, sumbangan dengan harga premium dan sumbangan yang sangat rendah, bermula daripada RM12 di RM16 setahun.

"Matlamat kami untuk memastikan individu di keluarga mereka mudah mendapatkan perlindungan takaful dan insurans yang mampu milik dengan kelulusan yang dijaja untuk pelan bertempoh serta tanpa perlu pemeriksaan perubahan untuk pelan penyakit kritikal," katanya.

Kamaludin berkata, pengenalan pelan insurans dan takaful adalah komitmen KWSP untuk melindungi ahlinya, terutamanya ahli dari kalangan muniti B40 serta keluarga dengan kemudahan pembayaran terus daripada Akaun 2 KWSP.

Beliau berkata, pelan-pelan itu menawarkan perlindungan yang lebih baik, termasuk jumlah perlindungan yang lebih tinggi untuk pelan bertempoh dan faedah kan serta elaan tunai untuk penyakit berjangkit dalam pelan penyakit kritikal.

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Sultan Selangor mahu profesional isi 50 peratus Ahli Majlis MBDK

BH 6/2 (MBDK)

Bukan saja ahli politik, pakar bidang tertentu juga diperlu dalam pembangunan sesebuah bandar

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Klang: Sultan Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah, menitahkan supaya separuh daripada Ahli Majlis dalam Majlis Bandaraya Diraja Klang (MBDK) membabitkan profesional.

Baginda berpandangan, bukan saja ahli politik, profesional yang pakar dalam bidang tertentu juga diperlukan dalam pembangunan sesebuah bandar.

"Jika boleh beta cadangkan jumlah profesional perlu sekurang-kurangnya memenuhi 50 peratus daripada jumlah keseluruhan Ahli Majlis.

"Di samping itu, Ahli Majlis juga perlu menggambarkan komposisi kaum dan populasi sesuatu kaum yang menetap di Bandaraya Klang supaya semua kaum

dapat diwakili oleh wakil mereka mengikut jumlah yang berpadanan dengan jumlah sesuatu kaum," titah baginda selepas menyempurnakan Majlis Pengisytiharan MBDK di sini, semalam.

Turut hadir mengiringi baginda, Menteri Besar, Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari.

Baginda juga mengingatkan Ahli Majlis, Datuk Bandar dan kakitangan MBDK supaya sentiasa memberikan perkhidmatan dengan penuh dedikasi dan berintegriti.

"Jauhi segala perbuatan rasuah dan penyalahgunaan kuasa bagi kepentingan diri sendiri atau pihak tertentu.

"Tuan-tuan semua kena turun padang bagi mendekati diri dan melihat sendiri masalah rakyat serta memberikan perkhidmatan terbaik kepada mereka.

"Amalkan pendekatan berbilang dan bertindak segera tanpa perlu menunggu aduan dibuat mahu bertindak," titah baginda.

Kelmarin, Ketua Polis Negara, Tan Sri Razaruddin Hussain, bertugas polis akan menghapuskan stigma 'Klang seperti Bandar Colombia' seperti didakwa sesetengah pihak sejak kebelakangan ini.

Beliau berkata, PDRM komited memastikan dan menentukan



Sultan Sharafuddin berkenan melafazkan pengisytiharan Majlis Bandaraya Diraja Klang (MBDK) pada Majlis Pengisytiharan Bandaraya Diraja Klang di Klang, semalam.
(Foto Faiz Anuar /BH)

Klang bersih, malah tidak sama sekali membenarkan Klang disamakan dengan Colombia, sebaliknya sebagai bandar diraja.

Pernah jadi ibu negeri

Sementara itu, Sultan Sharafuddin mengisytiharkan MBDK secara rasmi yang berkuat kuasa pada 23 November tahun lalu dan

mengurniakan watak pengisytiharan kepada Datuk Bandarnya, Datin Paduka Noraini Roslan.

Daerah terbesar di Selangor yang berstatus Majlis Perbandaran Klang (MPK) sejak 1977 itu suatu ketika dulu pernah menjadi ibu negeri Selangor, sebelum diganti oleh Kuala Lumpur dan kini, Shah Alam.

Amirudin ketika sembah ucapan berkata, Klang adalah daerah keempat di Selangor yang dinaik taraf sebagai bandaraya selepas Shah Alam, Petaling Jaya dan Subang Jaya.

"Kita bermula dengan Majlis Bandaraya Shah Alam (MBSA) pada 10 Oktober 2000, Majlis Bandaraya Petaling Jaya (MBPJ) pada 20 Jun 2006, diikuti penaiktarafan Subang Jaya pada 20 Oktober 2020.

"Sehinggalah ke detik pagi ini (semalam), apabila Klang turut serta dan bakal menjayakan ikhtiar kerajaan negeri untuk membentuk Lembah Klang Raya yang mengatur dan menyusun serta meningkatkan kualiti perkhidmatan kerajaan kepada semua pemegang taruh.

"Uniknya Klang adalah bandaraya diraja pertama di Selangor dan hanya majlis bandaraya diraja ketiga di Malaysia, selain Majlis Bandaraya Alor Setar dan Majlis Bandaraya Johor Bahru.

"Bagi pihak Kerajaan Selangor dan seluruhnya saya merakamkan penghargaan kepada Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, dan Menteri Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan, Nga Kor Ming di atas pengiktirafan status taraf Majlis Bandaraya Diraja Klang," katanya.

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Gesa Datuk Bandar serius atasi isu banjir di Klang

Klang: Sultan Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah menitahkan Datuk Bandar dan Ahli Majlis, Majlis Bandaraya Diraja Klang (MBDK) mengambil serius keperluan asas rakyat terutama isu banjir.

Titah baginda, sekiranya berlaku air pasang besar diikuti hujan lebat, banjir besar akan melanda sebahagian daripada daerah Klang dan menjejaskan kehidupan penduduk ini.

"Beta mengharapkan Datuk Bandar dan Ahli Majlis MBDK mengambil serius masalah ini dengan memikirkan langkah yang boleh diambil bagi mengatasinya.

"Pelan rancangan rapi dan teratur perlu dilaksanakan dengan mengambil kira kedudukan Bandaraya Diraja Klang yang terletak di muara Sungai Klang.

"Pendapat pakar perlu diperoleh bagi memastikan sebarang rancangan mengatasi masalah banjir ini dapat diatasi dengan berkesan," titah baginda selepas menyempurnakan Majlis Pengisytiharan MBDK

di sini, semalam.

Sultan Sharafuddin bertitah, warga Bandaraya Diraja Klang perlu berbangga dengan status ini dan sentiasa bekerjasama dengan pihak berwajib menjaga kebersihan khususnya di pesisir Sungai Klang, harta benda awam dan mengikuti segala peraturan ditetapkan bagi menjaga status Bandaraya Diraja selaras slogan 'Klang Sihat dan Sejahtera'.

"Pihak penguat kuasa bandar raya perlu tegas dan melaksanakan tugas dengan berdisiplin serta berhemah," titah baginda.

Baginda juga mahu MBDK mempertingkatkan usaha menyediakan perkhidmatan terbaik kepada masyarakat demi memastikan warga Bandaraya Diraja Klang hidup dalam keadaan harmoni dengan persekitaran selamat untuk dihuni.

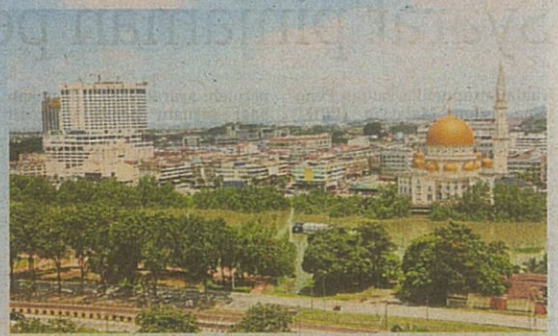
"Perancangan jangka pendek, sederhana dan jangka panjang perlu segera dilaksanakan kerana apalah guna kita berbangga dengan pencapaian status bandar raya sekiranya masalah keperluan asas rakyat pun tidak dapat diurus dengan baik.

"Beta mahu pengiktirafan status bandar raya ini menjadi dorongan kepada pihak berkuasa menyediakan perkhidmatan lebih efisien, kemudahan prasarana dan utiliti awam yang lebih baik serta menyediakan perkhidmatan perbandaran yang cekap, berkualiti dan bertaraf antarabangsa demi kesejahteraan rakyat di Klang," titah baginda.

Sementara itu, Sultan Sharafuddin menzahirkan penghargaan dan terima kasih kepada Yang di-Pertuan Agong ke-16, Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah dan Kerajaan Persekutuan yang berkenan dan bersetuju menaikkan taraf Majlis Perbandaran Klang (MPK) menjadi MBDK.

"Beta berasa sukacita kerana selepas melalui pelbagai peringkat, cabaran dan proses, Bandar Diraja Klang ini akhirnya dinaik taraf kepada status bandar raya.

"Selepas Shah Alam, Petaling Jaya dan Subang Jaya, Klang adalah daerah keempat di Selangor dinaik taraf sebagai ban-



Bandaraya Diraja Klang.

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dar raya. Bandaraya Klang amat dekat di hati beta, bukan saja kerana ia menempatkan istana beta, Istana Alam Shah, tetapi Klang juga menyimpan pelbagai sejarah kesultanan Selangor dan sejarah penubuhan negeri Selangor itu sendiri," titah baginda.

Baginda juga menyaksikan pembangunan bandar Klang melalui pelbagai fasa sama ada dari

segi perubahan fizikal, sosial dan demografik mahupun populasi penduduk yang semakin meningkat setiap tahun.

"Beta bersyukur kerana Klang berjaya melalui pelbagai fasa kejayaan dan cabaran sejak zaman penjajahan sehingga kini yang membolehkan rakyat tinggal di Klang menikmati pembangunan dan kemajuan pesat," titah baginda.

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BH 6/2 (DBKL) Sasar 10 minit akses ke stesen transit di KL 2040

Kuala Lumpur: Kerajaan menasarkankan lapan daripada 10 jumlah isi rumah di Kuala Lumpur mempunyai akses dalam lingkungan tempoh 10 minit ke mana-mana stesen transit berdekatan menjelang tahun 2040.

Menteri di Jabatan Perdana Menteri (Wilayah Persekutuan), Dr Zaliha Mustafa, berkata bagi menggalakkan penggunaan pengangkutan awam, perkhidmatan pengangkutan sedia ada perlu mencapai kualiti yang diharapkan oleh pengguna.

"Contohnya dari segi peningkatan tahap frekuensi atau kecekapan yang lebih singkat, di samping memastikan kemudahan pertukaran mod pengangkutan lebih berintegrasi di bawah satu hab yang sama.

"Begitu juga bagi perkhidmatan Bas GOKL, kerajaan terus komited meningkatkan kualiti perkhidmatan dengan meluaskan laluan sedia ada kepada 15 laluan secara keseluruhannya dengan menambah tahap capaian penduduk kepada perkhidmatan berkenaan," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian ketika berucap pada Majlis Perasmian Bas Mini GOKL dan Peluncuran Laluan Baharu GOKL Ke-15 di Dewan Perdana Mestika, Institut Latihan Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL) di sini, semalam.

Zaliha berkata, laluan perkhidmatan Bas GOKL sedia ada terdiri daripada 14 laluan, di mana empat laluan adalah da-



Dr Zaliha (empat dari kanan), bersama Ahli Parlimen Bandar Tun Razak, Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail dan Datuk Bandar Kuala Lumpur, Datuk Kamarulzaman Mat Salleh pada Majlis Perasmian Bas Mini GOKL dan Peluncuran Laluan Baharu GOKL Ke-15 di Kuala Lumpur, semalam. (Foto Saifullizan Tamadi/BH)

lam pusat bandar, manakala 10 laluan lain adalah di luar pusat bandar.

"Laluan sedia ada ini menghubungkan warga kota dari hab pengangkutan ke sekitar pusat bandar seperti Bukit Bintang, KLCC, KL Sentral dan lokasi tumpuan lain di luar pusat bandar seperti Bandar Tun Razak dan Bandar Sri Permaisuri.

"Mulai 1 Februari lalu, perkhidmatan GOKL terus ditambah baik dengan satu lagi laluan baharu dinamakan GOKL 15.

"Laluan sepanjang 20.6 kilometer (km) itu bermula dari Alam Damai ke Hospital Canselor Tuanku Mukriz (HCTM) menghubungkan kawasan kediaman Alam Damai, Taman Desa Cheras, Taman Bukit Ang-

gerik, Bukit Mandarina, Taman Orkid, Taman Mulia dan sekitar Bandar Tun Razak hingga ke HCTM," katanya.

Beliau berkata, laluan GOKL 15 juga akan menghubungkan kawasan sering menjadi tumpuan seperti Residensi PRIMA Alam Damai, Flat Taman Desa Cheras, Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan (SMK) Alam Da-

mai, Sekolah Kebangsaan (SK) Alam Damai, Flat Taman Bukit Anggerik, SMK Orkid Desa, Madrasah Makarimul Akhlak, Residensi Razak Mas, Angkasa Kondominium, Puncak Bayan Kondo, Kuarters Institut Pendidikan Alam Damai serta menghubungkan stesen LRT Bandar Tun Razak.

"Bagi meningkatkan integrasi dan memastikan pengangkutan awam yang lebih sistematik, perkhidmatan GOKL 15 itu juga membabitkan tiga lokasi pertukaran mod pengangkutan iaitu pertukaran ke laluan GOKL 11, laluan 400 RapidKL dan stesen LRT Bandar Tun Razak.

"Sebagai usaha kerajaan menyokong inisiatif matlamat pembangunan mampan (SDG), laluan itu juga akan menggunakan bas elektrik sebagai mod pengangkutan yang lebih mesra alam sekitar dan akan membawa gaya hidup yang lebih sihat.

"Penggunaan Bas Mini EV bersaiz lapan meter akan digunakan di laluan baharu GOKL 15, di mana pergerakan bas di laluan itu akan lebih lancar dan mudah untuk membuat pusingan terutamanya yang membabitkan kawasan perumahan," katanya.

Katanya, buat sementara waktu laluan terbabit akan beroperasi menggunakan bas elektrik 10 meter terlebih dahulu sebelum digantikan dengan bas mini elektrik yang dijangkakan pada bulan Mei akan datang.

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VM 6/2 (MPK)

Klang kini bandar raya diraja

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KLANG: Daerah Klang kini menjadi bandar raya keempat di negeri ini selepas Shah Alam, Petaling Jaya dan Subang Jaya dalam majlis perisytiharannya hari ini.

Perisytiharan itu dilakukan Sultan Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah selepas baginda berkenan berangkat ke Majlis Perisytiharan Majlis Bandaraya Diraja Klang menjadikan daerah tersebut sebagai pertama bergelar bandar raya diraja di Selangor.

Baginda bertitah, perisytiharan itu dikuatkuasakan bermula 23 November lalu dan berkenan melantik Yang Dipertua Majlis Perbandaran Klang (MPK) sebagai Datuk Bandar pertama.

"Beta, dengan ini mengisytiharkan dan menetapkan bahawa MPK, bermula pada 23 November 2023, akan menjadi sebuah Bandar Raya Diraja buat selama-lamanya dan hendaklah disebut sebagai Majlis Bandaraya Diraja Klang.

"Oleh yang demikian, gelaran Yang Dipertua MPK, hendaklah ditafsirkan sebagai Datuk Bandar Majlis Bandaraya Diraja Klang. Ahli-Ahli Majlis Perbandaran Klang, hendaklah ditafsirkan sebagai Ahli-Ahli Majlis Bandaraya Diraja Klang.

"Bahawasanya, menurut Subseksyen 10(1) Akta Kerajaan Tempatan 1976, adalah dipepundukkan bahawa hendaklah ada seorang Datuk Bandar bagi majlis bandaraya yang dilantik oleh kerajaan beta," titahnya.

Baginda juga memaklumkan pelantikan Datuk Bandar selaras dengan Subseksyen 10(1) Akta Kerajaan Tempatan.

"Maka diketahui oleh seka-



SULTAN Sharafuddin Idris Shah berkenan melantik Noraini Roslan sebagai Datuk Bandar pertama Majlis Bandaraya Diraja Klang di Klang, Selangor, semalam. - UTUSAN / AFIQ RAZALI

lian bahawa kerajaan beta dengan ini melantik Datin Noraini Roslan menjadi Datuk Bandar Majlis Bandaraya Diraja Klang untuk suatu tempoh perkhid-

matan yang tidak ditetapkan dan atas sifat yang demikian itu mengguna dan menjalankan segala kuasa yang terletak pada Datuk Bandar Raya Diraja

Klang itu dan mempunyai serta menikmati segala hak, kuasa dan kelebihan yang sah dipunyai oleh penyandang jawatan itu," jelasnya.

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KWSP lancar i-Lindung Fasa 2

PETALING JAYA: Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja (KWSP) melancarkan i-Lindung Fasa 2 di bawah Pelan Perlindungan Ahli yang membolehkan ahli menggunakan dana dalam Akaun 2 mereka untuk membeli produk insurans dan takaful.

Menurut kenyataannya, produk insurans dan takaful yang boleh dibeli terdiri daripada perlindungan nyawa dan penyakit kritikal untuk ahli keluarga terdekat mereka.

Katanya, ahli yang ingin membeli produk untuk diri sendiri dan keluarga terdekat boleh berbuat demikian daripada syarikat insurans dan pengendali takaful yang diluluskan KWSP boleh mel-

akukannya melalui platform i-Lindung yang terkandung dalam aplikasi KWSP i-Akaun (Ahli).

"Sejak ia dilancarkan pada Julai 2022, hingga Disember 2023, lebih 102,301 ahli telah membeli sejumlah 118,166 polisi dan produk takaful melalui platform i-Lindung, yang meliputi insurans nyawa dan insurans penyakit kritikal pada premium yang berpatutan daripada Akaun 2.

"Susulan daripada sambutan yang menggalakkan ini, KWSP telah memperkenalkan penambahbaikan yang memfokuskan kepada pengurusan polisi dan sijil, yang ditujukan untuk perlindungan lanjutan melebihi satu tahun," katanya.

KWSP berkata, penambahbaikan ini merupakan satu kemajuan penting dalam evolusi platform i-Lindung yang menggabungkan produk perlindungan jangka panjang untuk ahli KWSP dan keluarga tersayang.

"Platform yang dinaik taraf ini menawarkan ciri-ciri mesra pengguna bagi memudahkan pengurusan polisi yang diperkemas dan pembayaran berulang yang mudah untuk perlindungan jangka panjang," ujarnya.

Untuk maklumat lanjut tentang i-Lindung, ahli boleh rujuk laman web rasmi KWSP di www.kwsp.gov.my atau hubungi pusat pengurusan pelanggan KWSP di talian 0389226000.

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PENTING untuk memastikan pelajar yang mengikuti Pelaksanaan Program Dwibahasa (DLP) memiliki penguasaan asas bahasa Melayu agar mereka dapat bersaing di peringkat global tanpa mengabaikan identiti kebudayaan negara.

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Pastikan penguasaan bahasa Melayu dalam DLP

SAUDARA PENGARANG,

KEPUTUSAN Kementerian Pendidikan berkaitan dengan Pelaksanaan Program Dwibahasa (DLP) menarik pelbagai reaksi dalam kalangan rakyat. Saya percaya tindakan ini merupakan satu langkah progresif dalam memartabatkan penguasaan bahasa Melayu dan pada masa sama, meningkatkan mutu pendidikan bahasa Inggeris.

Hakikatnya, Dasar Memartabatkan Bahasa Melayu, Memperkukuh Bahasa Inggeris boleh dilihat sebagai satu langkah ke arah memastikan kecakapan pelajar dalam kedua-dua bahasa ini.

Sangat tepat apabila Menteri Pendidikan, Fadhlina Sidek menekankan bahawa pelaksanaan DLP perlu memenuhi kriteria-kriteria tertentu, termasuk penguasaan bahasa Melayu. Saya bersetuju dengan pandangan beliau bahawa kecemerlangan dalam bahasa ibunda itu adalah asas kepada pembangunan pendidikan di Malaysia.

Penting bagi kita memastikan bahawa pelajar yang mengikuti DLP memiliki penguasaan asas bahasa Melayu yang kukuh agar mereka dapat bersaing di peringkat global tanpa mengabaikan identiti kebudayaan negara.

Langkah-langkah yang diambil untuk menjaga pelaksanaan bahasa ibunda di sekolah vernakular adalah langkah yang bijaksana. Kita perlu sedar bahawa Malaysia

adalah sebuah negara berbilang kaum dan sebagai rakyat, kita perlu menerima kepelbagaian dalam bahasa dan kebudayaan.

Kenyataan bahawa terdapat isu beberapa murid dalam DLP tidak mencapai tahap penguasaan asas bahasa Melayu adalah satu tindakan yang jujur. Oleh itu, tindakan KPM untuk memastikan sekolah-sekolah melaksanakan DLP mematuhi garis panduan yang telah ditetapkan adalah langkah yang bijaksana.

Garis panduan ini, termasuk mengenai peluang bagi murid-murid lain untuk mengikuti mata pelajaran sains dan matematik dalam bahasa kebangsaan penting bagi memastikan keadilan dalam sistem pendidikan.

Saya percaya bahawa keputusan ini adalah hasil daripada pertimbangan teliti dan keprihatinan terhadap perkembangan pendidikan negara.

Sebagai rakyat yang prihatin terhadap pendidikan, saya juga berharap agar Kementerian terus memantau pelaksanaan DLP dan memberikan penerangan yang mencukupi kepada pentadbiran sekolah.

Saya juga mengalu-alukan keputusan Kementerian yang sentiasa terbuka kepada cadangan dan inisiatif lanjut dari masyarakat, termasuklah melibatkan mereka dalam sesi dialog bersama pemegang taruh.

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Klang won't be a Colombia, says mayor

KLANG: The Klang Royal City Council says it is taking extra effort to tackle crime so that the city does not turn into "another Colombia".

Mayor Datin Noraini Roslan, said police were cooperating with the council to tackle the issue.

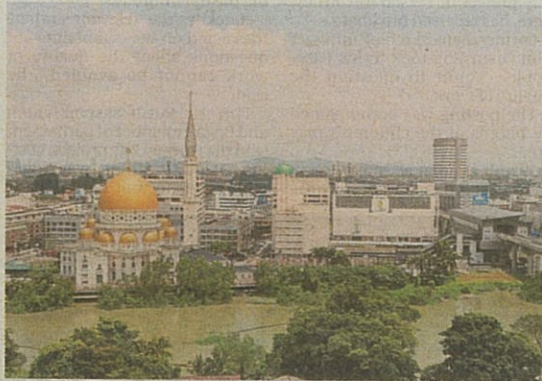
She said despite a surge in robberies and other crimes, the crime rate in Klang was low compared with other areas in the state.

"Klang does not have the highest crime rate in Selangor and this (issue) has been addressed by the inspector-general of police (Tan Sri Razarudin Husain).

"However, in any port city, the challenges related to crime are high, and we (the council) received good cooperation from the police (to curb the issue).

Noraini said: "Police have been working to improve the image (of Klang) and I believe that even though efforts are being made in other cities, police are intensifying their efforts in Klang."

Noraini was speaking after the proclamation of Klang as a royal city yesterday.



Police are working to improve Klang's image.

On Sunday, Razarudin said Klang was not another "Colombia" despite a surge in robberies and other violent crimes.

Razarudin's statement came on the heels of media reports last week comparing Klang's crime rate to Colombia's — a South American country with a reputation for violent crime.

Razarudin had said that Gombak was the jurisdiction in Selangor with the highest crime rate, followed by Petaling Jaya.

He said operations had been conducted in Klang between Jan 15 and Feb 1, which focused on drugs, people smuggling and other crimes.

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SELANGOR'S FOURTH CITY

SULTAN PROCLAIMS KLANG A ROYAL CITY

Sultan Sharafuddin hopes upgraded status will lead to better services for residents

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KLANG was proclaimed a royal city by Sultan of Selangor Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah yesterday.

The proclamation sees the Klang Municipal Council renamed Klang Royal City Council.

Sultan Sharafuddin appointed Datin Noraini Roslan, who was president of the Klang Municipal Council, as the city's first mayor.

His Majesty congratulated Noraini as the first mayor of Klang and reminded council members to serve with dedication and integrity, as well as to avoid corruption and abuse of power.

Present was Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari.

On July 26 last year, the cabinet approved the upgrading of Klang to a city.

Klang is Selangor's fourth jurisdiction to be made a city after Petaling Jaya, Shah Alam and Subang Jaya.

Sultan Sharafuddin said he did not want only politicians to sit on Klang's council.

"Ideally, at least 50 per cent of members should be professionals

who are experts in urban development. It (the council) should also represent each ethnic group to ensure fair representation."

He added that the council must engage with the community to find out problems, rather than waiting for complaints.

"I (also) hope the recognition of city status will motivate the council to provide efficient services, better public infrastructure and as well as to offer a higher quality of services for residents."

Sultan Sharafuddin highlighted several matters for the council's attention, including cleanliness of residential areas, restructuring of housing and business areas, curbing the crow population, and resolving flood issues, especially during the monsoon.

"Following this, I hope that the council will consider the issues as well as (come up) with measures to address them."

"A well-organised and systematic plan must be implemented and expert opinions should be sought to ensure that flood-mitigation plans are implemented."

"Simultaneously, short-, medium- and long-term plans should be implemented because what is the use of achieving city status if



Klang Mayor Datin Noraini Roslan explaining an exhibit to Sultan of Selangor Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah after the ceremony to proclaim Klang a royal city yesterday. With them is Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari (right). PIX BY FAIZ ANUAR

issues concerning the people aren't addressed?"

Sultan Sharafuddin expressed his appreciation to 16th Yang di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah and the federal government for their approval to upgrade the township into a city.

"Following Shah Alam, Petaling Jaya and Subang Jaya, Klang is the fourth in Selangor to be upgraded to a city."

"Klang holds a special place in my heart, not only because it houses my palace (Istana Alam Shah), but also because it preserves historical aspects of the

Selangor sultanate and the state's establishment.

"I am delighted because after various stages, challenges and processes, the royal township has been upgraded to a city."

Page 1 pic: An aerial view of Klang in October 2020.

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Economic zone plan for Greater Klang Valley

KLANG: Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Amirudin Shari will meet Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim to discuss a plan to turn the Greater Klang Valley into a special economic zone while increasing the area's potential.

Amirudin said the initiative, involving four cities in the state – Petaling Jaya, Subang Jaya, Shah Alam and Klang – will boost investment and emerge as the main economic concept in Southeast Asia.

"I do not see why the Greater Klang Valley cannot compete and become an alternative to the city of Singapore or Greater Seoul or Greater Tokyo, with the existence of mutual understanding and cooperation between the state and federal governments.

"I will discuss with the prime minister so that the Greater Klang Valley is given special economic zone status, so that the full potential of these four cities can be realised," he said in his speech at the Royal Klang City Council's proclamation ceremony at a hotel here yesterday.

Amirudin said although the areas within the Greater Klang Valley are mature cities, the rejuvenation and regeneration efforts of these areas can attract investment in the digital industry and high technology.

"Among them are artificial intelligence, the placement of data centres, as well as a model for government service management systems, which remove aspects of duplication and are based on sustainable management."

He said the Greater Klang Valley has 3.4 million residents, which is almost 50% of the total population in Selangor, and more than 10% of the total population of the country.

Klang city has continued to grow into one of the main economic centres of the country, apart from the centre of administration, industry, and tourism, which reflects the wealth of the localities and communities with multiple cultures and beliefs.

"Klang is the 12th busiest port in the world and the second busiest in Southeast Asia. When meeting local and foreign investors, I often mention that Selangor is the gateway to Asean, and Klang, with its port, is the gateway to Malaysia's economy," he said. – Bernama

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