



PENGURUSAN PEMANTAUAN KERATAN AKHBAR MBSJ
TARIKH: 1 OGOS 2024 (KHAMIS)

MEDIA ELEKTRONIK (AKHBAR ONLINE / TELEVISYEN / RADIO)

BIL	AKHBAR	TAJUK
1.	SELANGOR KINI	• NAIK TARAF JALAN PUCHONG JAYA SIAP BULAN DEPAN, LIMIT MASA 10 MINIT • MBPJ, PEJABAT KESIHATAN GIAT HAPUS TEMPAT BIAK NYAMUK, PUPUK KESEDARAN MASYARAKAT

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BIL	AKHBAR	PBT	TAJUK
1.	THE STAR	DBKL	• FLESH TRADE ON POLICE RADAR • TITWANGSA RESIDENTS UPSET HOUSING LOTS USED AS SCRAPYARD • CARNIVAL UNITES KL FOLK

UMUM

BIL	AKHBAR	TAJUK
1.	THE STAR	• HUSTLERS CONTINUE TO THRIVE IN THE HEARTS OF KL • SELANGOR SETS THE BAR FOR SCHOOL FUNDING • MYINVOIS TO EASE TRANSITION • WATER UTILITY'S CSR WORK RECOGNISED • RAPID BUS ON-DEMAND SERVICE TO WIDEN ITS REACH • EXPAND AI CAMERAS TO OTHER LOCAL COUNCILS • OVER RM500,000 SPENT TO REPAIR MRT, LRT TOILETS • PWD TOILET ISSUES AT RAWANG STATION TO BE ADDRESSED • RIGHT MOVE TO HAVE SOCIAL MEDIA LICENCE REQUIREMENT
2.	KOSMO	• 123,572 PESAKIT B40 NIKMATI MANFAAT • LEBIH RM1 BILLION DUIT RAKYAT LESAP TAHUN LALU
3.	UTUSAN MALAYSIA	• RAKYAT MASIH TIDAK PEKA ALAM SEKITAR • KOPERAL MENGAKU SALAH TERIMA RASUAH RM1,500 • BELANJAWAN 2025: BANTUAN SOSIAL RAKYAT KEKAL • CUACA PANAS: SARA DIRI BERAS TURUN KEPADA 50% • 123,572 PESAKIT DAPAT MANFAAT SKIM PERUBATAN MADANI
4.	HARIAN METRO	• 79% BEKALAN PERISIAN TERDEDIAH SERANGAN SIBER
5.	SINAR HARIAN	• KITAR SEMULA MASIH BELUM JADI BUDAYA • PENGUATKUASAAN AKTA 588 JAMIN KESELAMATAN SIBER
6.	NEW STRAITS TIMES	• IRB LAUNCHES MYINVOIS TO STRENGTHEN NATIONAL TAXATION SYSTEM • IMPROVE ROAD SAFETY WITH STRICTER RULES ON LORRY LOADS • MCMC MEETS SOCIAL MEDIA GIANTS, CIVIL SOCIETY ON LICENSING • MANY BUSINESSES STILL UNPREPARED • POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS



Ahli Dewan Negeri (ADN) Kinrara Ng Sze Han (tengah) meninjau kerja naik taraf Jalan Puchong Jaya pada 30 Julai 2024.
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ADN SELANGOR

Naik taraf Jalan Puchong Jaya siap bulan depan, iimat masa 10 minit

SHAH ALAM, 30 JULAI: Jalan Puchong Jaya yang kini dinaik taraf membabitkan kos lebih RM747,000 dijangka siap Ogos ini.

Ahli Dewan Negeri (ADN) Kinrara Ng Sze Han berkata, ketika ini kerja yang dilakukan sejak Februari lalu sudah 48 peratus siap.

"Proses naik taraf termasuk melebarkan jalan ini melibatkan jarak 700 meter.

"Ia bertujuan mengurangkan kesesakan lalu lintas di sepanjang Jalan Bandar Puchong terutama pada waktu pagi.

"Jalan lain yang turut sesak pada waktu puncak ialah Jalan Pipit, kawasan Bukit Tandang, laluan ke Jalan Bandar Puchong Jaya serta laluan ke LDP (Lebuhraya Damansara-Puchong)," katanya ditemui ketika melawat lokasi berkenaan hari ini.

Sze Han yang juga EXCO Pelaburan berkata apabila kerja naik taraf itu siap kelak, kesesakan di laluan berkenaan dapat dikurangkan berikutan pelebaran jalan dari satu ke dua lorong seterusnya menjimatkan masa kira-kira 10 minit pada waktu puncak untuk ke LDP.

Sementara itu Datuk Bandar Subang Jaya Datuk Amirul Azizan Abd Rahim yang turut hadir dalam lawatan itu berharap projek terbabit dapat disiapkan mengikut jadual.

"Saya berharap projek ini dapat disiapkan seperti dirancang. Jadual asal ia patut siap bulan ini tetapi terpaksa dilanjutkan sebulan lagi," katanya.

SELANGORKINI ONLINE

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Datuk Bandar Petaling Jaya Mohamad Zahri Samingon mempengerusikan mesyuarat bulanan di ibu pejabat Majlis Bandaraya Petaling Jaya (MBPJ) pada 29 Julai 2024. Foto Facebook MBPJ

MBPJ, pejabat kesihatan giat hapus tempat biak nyamuk, pupuk kesedaran masyarakat

SHAH ALAM, 30 JULAI: Majlis Bandaraya Petaling Jaya (MBPJ) dengan kerjasama Pejabat Kesihatan Daerah Petaling menjalankan aktiviti gotong-royong bersama penduduk untuk memusnahkan tempat pembiakan nyamuk.

Datuk Bandarnya Mohamad Zahri Samingon berkata program dijalankan dari semasa ke semasa bagi mengawal peningkatan kes denggi selain memupuk kesedaran dalam kalangan orang awam tentang bahaya penyakit tersebut.

"Aktiviti ini dijalankan di beberapa lokasi seperti di Kampung Sungai Kayu Ara, Apartment Indah PJU 10, Apartment Pelangi Damansara PJU 6, SS 5C, Flat Impian Baiduri dan Flat Desaria PJS 5.

"Dengan gotong-royong ini diharap dapat membantu membersihkan kawasan yang boleh membawa kepada pembiakan nyamuk Aedes, pembawa demam denggi.

"Usaha ini untuk memberi inspirasi kepada seluruh masyarakat Petaling Jaya khususnya di kawasan 'hotspot' denggi untuk mengambil langkah proaktif dalam mengekalkan persekitaran yang lebih bersih," katanya pada mesyuarat bulanan MBPJ semalam.

Dalam pada itu, beliau memaklumkan sebanyak 133 kes baharu demam denggi dengan jumlah kumulatif kes sebanyak 4,220 dilaporkan pada Minggu Epidemiologi ke-28 (ME28) iaitu bagi tempoh 7 hingga 13 Julai lepas.

"Keadaan ini menunjukkan penurunan kes denggi 1 peratus berbanding minggu epidemiologi sebelumnya (27/2024). Terdapat satu kes kematian di Apartment Permai PJU 3 pada hujung bulan Mei.

"Manakala jumlah kes demam denggi bagi dua lagi Pihak Berkuasa Tempatan (PBT) di Daerah Petaling bagi tahun ini adalah Majlis Bandaraya Subang Jaya sebanyak 5,543 kes dan Majlis Bandaraya Shah Alam (3,892 kes)," jelasnya.



GOLONGAN B40 layak memanfaatkan perkhidmatan Skim Perubatan Madani di 10 daerah Fasa 1 di Kuala Lumpur serta di enam negeri lain. — GAMBAR HIASAN

Belanja RM14.3 juta dana Skim Perubatan Madani **123,572 pesakit B40** **nikmati manfaat**

KUALA LUMPUR — Sera-
mai 123,572 pesakit B40 telah
menikmati manfaat Skim Peru-
batan Madani (SPM) meliputi
151,199 rawatan dengan per-
belanjaan sebanyak RM14.3 juta
telah dibelanjakan dari 1 April
sehingga 30 Jun lalu.

Timbalan Menteri Kesiha-
tan, Datuk Lukanisman Awang
Sauni berkata, bermula pada 26
Februari kawasan liputan SPM
hanya berfokus kepada 10 dae-
rah Fasa 1 iaitu di Wilayah Perse-
kutuan Kuala Lumpur, Gombak,
Hulu Langat, Petaling, Klang
(Selangor), Johor Bahru (Johor),
Kinta (Perak), Timur Laut (Pulau
Pinang), Kota Kinabalu (Sabah),
dan Kuching (Sarawak).

"Antara rawatan kesihatan
yang ditawarkan di bawah skim
ini adalah seperti demam dan
selesema, cirit-birit dan muntah,
terseliuh, sakit kepala dan trau-
ma ringan seperti luka ringan
dan lain-lain.

DEWAN NEGARA



"Kesemua pesakit 100 pera-
tus adalah daripada golongan
B40 kerana kelayakan SPM ada-
lah penerima Sumbangan Tunai
Rahmah (STR) dan isi rumah
mereka sahaja," katanya di De-
wan Negara semalam.

Beliau berkata demikian ke-
tika menjawab soalan Senator
Datuk Ahmad Ibrahim yang me-
minta Kementerian Kesihatan
(KKM) menyatakan peratusan
penggunaan SPM oleh golongan
B40 dan M40 sepanjang suku
kedua 2024.

Terdahulu, SPM yang dilan-

carkan sebagai projek perintis
sejak 15 Jun 2023 dengan objek-
tifnya adalah untuk mengurang-
kan kesesakan pesakit di Jabatan
Pesakit Luar dan Klinik Kesiha-
tan KKM.

Dalam pada itu, katanya, ke-
layakan penerima skim tersebut
akan memberi fokus kepada pe-
nerima STR dan tanggungan (isi
rumah berdaftar) di 10 daerah
terlibat sahaja dan pesakit yang
pernah menerima rawatan boleh
menggunakan sehingga peruntu-
kan skim berkenaan digunakan
sepenuhnya.

"Klinik swasta SPM yang aktif
di dalam daerah yang ditetapkan
boleh terus menyediakan per-
khidmatan berkenaan.

"Peruntukan kumulatif setiap
keluarga B40 berdasarkan ka-
tegori adalah seperti Isi Rumah
Berkeluarga (RM250), Warga
Emas (Tanpa Pasangan) (RM125)
dan Individu Bujang (RM75),"
katanya.

KOSMO

01 AUG 2024

Tarikh:



RAKYAT Malaysia mencatatkan kerugian lebih RM1 bilion akibat menjadi mangsa penipuan di pelbagai medium media sosial. — GAMBAR HIASAN

Jadi mangsa penipuan di medium media sosial

Lebih RM1 bilion duit rakyat lesap tahun lalu

1/8 KOSMO

PETALING JAYA — Lebih RM1 bilion wang rakyat Malaysia lesap akibat ditipu oleh 'scammer' di pelbagai platform media sosial sepanjang tahun lalu.

Menteri Komunikasi, Fahmi Fadzil berkata, dalam pada itu untuk buli siber, tidak kurang 10 kes dilaporkan setiap hari.

Ujarnya, jumlah angka tersebut yang mencatatkan jumlah tinggi adalah sangat membimbangkan dan seharusnya tidak boleh dipandang remeh.

"Perkara ini antara yang

dibangkitkan ketika saya ditemu bual *Channel News Asia* (CNA) di Singapura semalam (kelmarin).

"Suruhanjaya Komunikasi dan Multimedia Malaysia (MCMC) umum keperluan untuk perkhidmatan media sosial dan pesanan internet yang mempunyai sekurang-kurangnya lapan juta pengguna berdaftar di Malaysia.

"Menerusi kerangka kawal selia baharu itu, penyedia media sosial perlu bertanggungjawab terhadap kegiatan jenayah yang berlaku di platform mereka," ka-

tanya di Facebook kelmarin.

Ujarnya, pihaknya tidak boleh berdiam diri dan membiarkan lebih ramai rakyat Malaysia menjadi mangsa jenayah siber.

"Usaha memerangi jenayah dalam talian merupakan fokus negara-negara serantau.

"Insya-Allah, ASEAN akan bekerjasama dalam meneliti kerangka kawal selia lebih tegas bagi memastikan ekosistem internet yang lebih selamat untuk kanak-kanak dan keluarga," katanya.

KOSMO

Tarikh: 01 AUG 2021

Rakyat masih tidak peka alam sekitar ^{1/8} utusan

PETALING JAYA: Rakyat Malaysia masih kurang mengendahkan kepentingan penjagaan alam sekitar sehingga negara kekal berada di luar senarai kedudukan 100 negara dalam Indeks Pencemaran Alam Sekitar 2024.

Berdasarkan laporan itu, Malaysia di kedudukan ke-117 berbanding 180 negara dengan skor 41.2.

Kedudukan itu bagaimanapun peningkatan sebanyak 13 anak tangga berbanding 2022 iaitu pada tangga ke-130 dengan skor 35.

Bagi peringkat Asia-Pasifik, Malaysia pada kedudukan ke-14 berbanding 25 negara lain dengan Singapura di kedudukan ke-2 di belakang Jepun.

EPI lazimnya digunakan sebagai penanda aras tahap keadaan kemampanan alam sekitar sesebuah negara dengan menggunakan 58 indikator prestasi melibatkan 11 kategori isu berbeza.

Pengarah Pusat Pelestarian Alam Sekitar dan Sekuriti Air (IPASA), Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM), Prof. Dr. Zainura Zainon Noor berkata, segelintir rakyat Malaysia kurang prihatin terhadap pemuliharaan dan pemeliharaan alam sekitar walaupun sedikit sebanyak memiliki pengetahuan berkaitan dengannya.

"Hal ini kerana mereka merasakan penjagaan alam sekitar ini hanya tanggungjawab pihak-pihak tertentu sahaja. Mereka juga merasakan isu alam sekitar ini tidak memberi implikasi terus kepada setiap individu.

"Ramai tidak ambil endah tentang pencemaran sungai kerana mereka merasakan minum air sungai dari empangan yang bersih dan terjaga walhal sumber air minuman tersebut diambil dari sungai yang tercemar dan perlu dirawat secara intensif," katanya kepada *Utusan Malaysia*.

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Koperal mengaku salah terima rasuah

RM1,500

1/8 utusan

BUTTERWORTH: Seorang anggota polis berpangkat koperal mengaku bersalah ketika dihadapkan ke Mahkamah Sesyen di sini semalam bagi pertuduhan menerima rasuah berjumlah RM1,500 tiga tahun lalu.

Nor Mohamad Hafizi Hafis Md. Arifin, 33, membuat pengakuan itu sebaik sahaja pertuduhan dibacakan jurubahasa terhadapnya di depan Hakim Zulhazmi Abdullah.

Mengikut pertuduhan, tertuduh didakwa menerima suapan daripada seorang lelaki iaitu wang tunai sebanyak RM1,500.

Suapan tersebut didakwa diterimanya supaya tertuduh tidak mengambil tindakan terhadap seorang individu yang dikatakan melakukan kesalahan di bawah Akta Racun (1952) iaitu memiliki dua bungkus air ketum.

Kesalahan itu didakwa dilakukan kira-kira pukul 1 pagi di Balai Polis Dato' Keramat dalam Daerah Timur Laut pada 6 Julai 2021.

Pertuduhan terhadapnya dibuat mengikut Seksyen 16(a)(B) Akta Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia 2009 dan boleh dihukum dibawah seksyen 24 akta yang sama.

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Belanjawan 2025: Bantuan sosial rakyat kekal

1/8
utusan

PUTRAJAYA: Sumbangan Tunai Rahmah (STR), Sumbangan Asas Rahmah (SARA) dan Bantuan Awal Persekolahan (BAP) dikekalkan dalam Belanjawan 2025 yang akan dibentangkan pada 18 Oktober ini bagi meringankan beban sara hidup rakyat.

Dokumen Pra-Belanjawan 2025 yang dikeluarkan Kementerian Kewangan (MOF) menyatakan, dalam masa yang sama, langkah penyasaran subsidi terus dilakukan ke atas keperluan asas seperti elektrik dan bahan api.

"Tumpuan perbelanjaan untuk Belanjawan 2025 selari dengan pendekatan tahun 2023 dan 2024 iaitu melaksanakan projek yang paling diperlukan oleh komuniti.

"Ia sepertimana dilaksanakan sebelum ini seperti membaiki tandas sekolah, menyelenggara jalan berlubang dan menaik taraf premis perniagaan (gerai) untuk usahawan mikro," menurut dokumen itu.

Pada Belanjawan 2024 lalu, kerajaan memperuntukkan sebanyak RM10 bilion untuk bantuan STR yang memanfaatkan sekitar sembilan juta rakyat dengan kadar maksimum diperolehi berjumlah RM3,700 setiap isi rumah.

Program SARA pula memanfaatkan lebih 700,000 penerima dengan peruntukan RM700 juta merangkumi golongan miskin

dan miskin tegar untuk membeli barang keperluan asas terpilih.

Sebanyak RM788.13 juta diperuntukkan pada Belanjawan 2024 lalu untuk Bantuan Awal Persekolahan (BAP) dengan setiap murid menerima RM150 yang memanfaatkan lebih 5.25 juta murid.

Sebagai langkah pertama ke arah memastikan tiada yang ketinggalan dari segi perlindungan insurans sosial, Belanjawan 2025 turut menyokong penambahbaikan dan peluasan jaringan perlindungan keselamatan sosial merangkumi semua kumpulan umur pekerja.

Ini termasuk pekerja kontrak perkhidmatan dan pekerja ekonomi gig seperti Skim Keselamatan Sosial Pekerjaan Sendiri di bawah Pertubuhan Keselamatan Sosial (Perkeso).

Kerajaan akan terus melindungi hak dan kebajikan pekerja gig termasuk menubuhkan Suruhanjaya Ekonomi Gig dan menggubal undang-undang serta dasar berkaitan.

Belanjawan 2025 juga akan menyaksikan peluasan program seperti SejaTi Madani bagi menggalakkan komuniti melaksanakan projek yang boleh memberi pendapatan tambahan.

"Belanjawan 2025 akan terus membela nasib golongan daif melalui penyelesaian mampan," menurut dokumen itu.

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Cuaca panas: Sara diri beras turun kepada 50%

Dari muka 1

Di Perlis, situasi bertambah buruk apabila empangan Timah Tasoh yang berfungsi sebagai takungan bekalan air untuk pengairan domestik dan pertanian terpaksa membentangkan bekalan untuk sumber pertanian selepas paras air menyusut sehingga paras 26.85 meter.

Bekalan air untuk tujuan pertanian tidak dapat dibekalkan sehinggalah paras empangan kembali berada pada paras melebihi 27.10

Turut terjejas ialah Tasik Bukit Merah yang tidak dapat membekalkan air untuk penanaman padi di Kawasan Kerian, Perak disebabkan ia kering sejak Jun lalu.

Pengerusi Lembaga Pertubuhan Peladang, Datuk Mahfuz Omar memberitahu, kawasan sawah padi yang terlibat akibat kemarau ialah di Perak, Kedah, Kelantan dan Terengganu melibatkan seramai 8,788 pesawah.

Sementara itu, Exco Tugas-tugas Khas Pertubuhan Persaudaraan Pesawah Malaysia (PeSAWAH), Abdul Rashid Yob berkata, setakat hari ini, ka-

wasan paling kritikal yang terjejas akibat cuaca panas adalah kira-kira 5,000 hektar bendang di Kerian, Bagan Serai, Selinsing dan Semanggol di Perak yang dilaporkan sudah kering kontang.

Katanya, turut mengalami masalah sama sebahagian kawasan di wilayah satu dan dua Lembaga Kemajuan Pertanian Muda (MADA) membabitkan daerah Kubang Pasu di Kedah dan Megat Dewa serta sawah padi di luar pentadbiran MADA iaitu di Kuala Nerang.

"Wilayah satu dan dua MADA merangkumi kira-kira 50,000 ke 60,000 hektar sawah padi yang bergantung kepada pengairan dari Empangan Muda, namun disebabkan cuaca panas air di empangan tersebut mengalami kemerosotan sehingga menjejaskan pengairan ke kawasan pertanian di Kedah.

"Situasi membimbangkan juga dilaporkan sedang berlaku membabitkan kira-kira 30,000 hektar sawah padi di luar kawasan MADA yang pengairannya bergantung 100 peratus kepada hujan," katanya kepada

Utusan Malaysia.

Kawasan pertanian padi di MADA merangkumi keluasan 100,000 hektar yang terbahagi kepada empat wilayah manakala kawasan luar pentadbiran MADA merangkumi 30,000 hektar sekali gus membantu Kedah menyumbang kepada 43 peratus pengeluaran beras negara.

Mengulas lanjut, Abdul Rashid berkata, keadaan sama turut dilaporkan berlaku membabitkan 37,000 hektar sawah padi di bawah pentadbiran Lembaga Kemajuan Pertanian Kemubu (KADA) di Kelantan apabila pam air di Kemubu tidak dapat menyalurkan bekalan pengairan secukupnya kepada tanaman padi di kawasan tersebut akibat cuaca panas.

Katanya, situasi itu turut menjejaskan tanaman padi luar jelapang di Melaka membabitkan kawasan di Klebang dan Bukit Rambai.

"Pengeluaran beras akan terjejas kerana pada usia padi 50 ke 60 hari, ia memerlukan pengairan air secukupnya untuk diserap bagi melalui proses pembentukan butir beras.

"Sekiranya air diterima tidak mencukupi ia akan menjejaskan proses pembentukan itu sekali gua mengakibatkan butir beras bagi setiap pokok padi berkurangan," katanya.

Oleh demikian, Abdul Rashid berkata, beliau menjangka pengeluaran beras SSL negara tahun ini akan menurun kepada 50 peratus berbanding 60 peratus sebelumnya disebabkan proses pembentukan makanan ruji itu terganggu akibat cuaca panas yang melanda ketika ini.

"Bagi mencapai 60 peratus SSL, setiap satu hektar sawah perlu menghasilkan sekurang-kurangnya tujuh tan metrik beras namun akibat cuaca panas ketika ini, satu hektar hanya mampu menghasilkan tiga ke empat tan metrik tan sahaja," katanya.

Sementara itu, di Perlis, kira-kira 1,221 pesawah yang mengusahakan tanaman padi di kawasan seluas 2,558.56 hektar di negeri ini berisiko menanggung kerugian mencecah RM9.8 juta berikutan masalah kekurangan bekalan air ekoran cuaca panas dan kemarau ketika ini.

123,572 pesakit ^{1/8 utusan} dapat manfaat Skim Perubatan Madani

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KUALA LUMPUR: Sebanyak 123,572 pesakit mendapat manfaat daripada RM14.3 juta yang dibelanjakan pada suku kedua tahun ini di bawah Skim Perubatan Madani.

Timbalan Menteri Kesihatan, Datuk Lukanisman Awang Sauni berkata, manfaat perubatan itu meliputi 151,199 jenis rawatan, antaranya demam dan selesema, cirit-birit dan muntah, terseliuh, sakit kepala dan trauma ringan.

"Kesemua pesakit adalah dalam kalangan golongan berpendapatan rendah (B40) iaitu penerima Sumbangan Tunai Rahmah (STR) dan isi rumah mereka sahaja.

"Ini selaras dengan hasrat kerajaan memberi subsidi bersasar kepada golongan yang



Ini selaras dengan hasrat kerajaan memberi subsidi bersasar kepada golongan yang memerlukan dan memfokuskan pada kawasan dan penerima tertentu sahaja."

LUKANISMAN AWANG SAUNI

memerlukan bantuan dengan memfokuskan sumber pada kawasan dan penerima tertentu sahaja," katanya semasa sesi pertanyaan-pertanyaan bagi

jawab lisan di Dewan Negara semalam.

Beliau berkata demikian menjawab soalan Datuk Ahmad Datuk Ibrahim mengenai peratusan penggunaan Skim Perubatan Madani golongan B40 dan M40 sepanjang suku kedua 2024.

Mengulas lanjut, kata Lukanisman, Skim Perubatan Madani dilancar sebagai projek perintis sejak 15 Jun 2023 untuk mengurangkan kesesakan pesakit di Jabatan Pesakit Luar dan Klinik Kesihatan kelolaan Kementerian itu.

"Bermula 26 Februari lalu, kawasan liputan skim perubatan ini dalam Fasa 1 hanya fokus kepada 10 daerah iaitu Kuala Lumpur, Gombak, Hulu Langat, Petaling, Klang (Selangor), Johor Bahru (Johor), Kinta (Perak), Timur Laut (Pulau Pinang), Kota Kinabalu (Sabah) dan Kuching (Sarawak)," katanya.

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79% bekalan perisian terdedah serangan siber

Kuala Lumpur: Lebih 79 peratus rantaian bekalan perisian di Malaysia terdedah kepada serangan siber dalam tempoh 12 bulan lalu berbanding 76 peratus secara purata di peringkat global, menurut penyelidikan oleh BlackBerry Ltd.

Firma perisian Kanada itu melancarkan penyeliidikannya pada Sidang Kemuncak Keselamatan Siber Agensi Keselamatan Siber Kebangsaan (NACSA), mendedahkan bahawa hampir 38 peratus organisasi mengambil masa sehingga sebulan untuk pulih daripada serangan itu.

Tinjauan dijalankan pada April 2024 oleh Coleman Parkes, susulan pewartaan kerajaan Malaysia terhadap Akta Keselamatan Siber 2024 (Akta 854) dan pengumuman Strategi Semikonduktor Kebangsaan (NSS) Mei lalu.

Inisiatif berkenaan ber-

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38 peratus organisasi mengambil masa sehingga sebulan pulih daripada serangan itu.

tujuan untuk mengukuhkan kedudukan Malaysia sebagai kuasa semikonduktor global dan menekankan keperluan untuk amalan perisian reka bentuk selamat dan peraturan kukuh untuk melindungi rantaian bekalan teknologi maklumat (IT).

Laporan itu menekankan kepentingan kritikal langkah-langkah ini dalam menyokong cita-cita Malaysia dalam sektor seperti pembuatan semikonduktor dan kecerdasan buatan (AI).

Kajian tersebut bertujuan mengenal pasti prosedur semasa menguruskan pelanggaran keselamatan dalam rantaian bekalan perisian.

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Kitar semula masih belum jadi budaya

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Kempen kitar semula dipupuk sejak awal 90-an, namun dilihat masih gagal dijadikan sebahagian budaya hidup rakyat Malaysia.

Majoriti isi rumah dalam negara ini tidak mengambil berat kepentingan pengasingan sisa, susulan sudah terbiasa dengan cara lama mencampur aduk sampah domestik dan kitar semula dalam satu plastik.

Entah di mana silapnya amalan kitar semula belum lekat di jiwa rakyat Malaysia walaupun pelbagai kempen dan kemudahan disediakan sebagai galakan kepada penjagaan alam sekitar itu.

Jika lihat Korea dan Jepun, rakyatnya begitu disiplin mengasingkan sisa sampah mengikut jenis plastik, kotak dan tin tetapi kenapa itu tidak berlaku di Malaysia?

Saban tahun dikhabarkan timbunan sampah kian membukit, ia didorong oleh kepesatan pembangunan di samping pembukaan sektor ekonomi yang menyumbang kepada peningkatan statistik kutipan sampah setiap tahun.

Malah sisa barangan elektrik dan elektronik (e-waste) saja diibarat sudah setinggi menara ikonik KLCC, namun perkara itu ibarat dipandang sepi.

Program kitar semula juga rancak dijalankan di sekolah dengan meminta pelajar membawa barang kitar semula.

Selain itu, program kitar semula juga diterapkan peringkat sekolah

melalui penghasilan barangan berasas barangan terpakai selain idea kreatif menghiasi landskap sekolah seperti replika bendera Malaysia menggunakan botol yang biasa dilihat ketika sambutan Hari Kemerdekaan.

Meskipun diberikan pendidikan awal peringkat sekolah, namun amalan ini masih sukar diamalkan di rumah masing-masing.

Pelbagai inisiatif lain turut diperkenalkan bagi meningkatkan kesedaran seperti larangan plastik di pasar raya beberapa tahun kebelakangan ini bagi mengurangkan sisa plastik di tapak pelupusan sampah.

Namun sejauh mana keberhasilannya tidak dapat dipastikan, yang pasti kebanyakan pengguna lebih rela membayar 20 sen jika daripada membawa beg sendiri dari rumah.

Tidak cukup itu, beberapa pusat dan mesin kitar semula juga turut diperkenalkan bagi memudahkan pengguna membuat pembuangan barangan itu yang ada antaranya turut diberikan ganjaran mengikut berat.

Begitu juga dengan program pengumpulan minyak masak terpakai dan juga kempen pembuangan e-waste dengan cara betul di lokasi-lokasi disediakan.

Bagaimanapun, adakah sebahagian daripada rakyat Malaysia sudah beralih kepada amalan kitar semula secara keseluruhan?

Adakah rakyat Malaysia sudah boleh menguruskan pembuangan sampah dengan cara betul?

Jawapannya tidak, dapat dilihat tiada pengasingan sampah dilakukan di tong sampah utama.

Akan kelihatan pekerja pembersihan menggeledah sampah untuk mencari botol dan plastik ini untuk dikumpulkan kemudian dijual untuk pendapatan sampingan.

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Setiap rakyat Malaysia seharusnya mempunyai pemikiran waste is money iaitu setiap sampah yang dibuang mempunyai nilai.

Setiap sampah yang dihasilkan memerlukan kos pengurusan untuk pembersihan, tenaga kerja dan penyediaan tapak pelupusan.

Dengan adanya langkah kitar semula, ia sedikit sebanyak meringankan kos pengurusan itu dan pada masa sama boleh menghasilkan duit melalui pemprosesan semula bahan itu untuk kegunaan lain.

Sebagai contoh plastik boleh hasilkan produk bio apabila ia diproses semula manakala minyak masak terpakai boleh menghasilkan produk lain iaitu biodiesel.

Selain kitar semula plastik, kertas dan botol, sisa makanan juga boleh diproses menjadi baja kompos serta gas melalui pusat Anaerobic Digester (AD) yang terdapat di Majlis Perbandaran Ampang Jaya (MPAJ).

Sudah tiba masa amalan kitar semula ini diamalkan secara paksa rela melalui penguatkuasaan.

Kerajaan perlu mengambil langkah drastik menggunakan kaedah yang cepat dan berkesan untuk ubah pemikiran rakyat Malaysia mengamalkan kitar semula secara menyeluruh.

** Norafiza Jaafar ialah wartawan Sinar Harian Selangor*

Penguatkuasaan Akta 588 jamin keselamatan siber

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PUTRAJAYA - Penguatkuasaan Lesen Kelas Pemberian Perkhidmatan Aplikasi di bawah Akta Komunikasi dan Multimedia 1998 (Akta 588) bermula Januari tahun depan akan menjamin keselamatan siber terutamanya golongan kanak-kanak dan remaja.

Pengasas Digital Ihsan, Aaron Mokhtar berkata, ancaman internet kepada pengguna amat luas seperti penipuan dalam talian dan salah laku seksual.

"Dengan penguatkuasaan ini, kawal selia media sosial dilihat lebih proaktif dalam melindungi golongan tersebut," katanya pada Rabu.

Beliau berkata demikian sebagai reaksi mengenai jaminan kerajaan terhadap kebebasan bersuara.

Perdana Menteri, Anwar Ibrahim pada Selasa menegaskan, kebebasan bersuara tetap wujud di media sosial walaupun dengan rancangan kerajaan untuk memperkenalkan lesen dan kawal selia platform tersebut.

Minggu lalu, Suruhanjaya Komunikasi dan Multimedia Malaysia (SKMM) memaklumkan semua perkhidmatan media sosial dan pesanan internet yang mempunyai sekurang-kurangnya 8 juta pengguna berdaftar di Malaysia perlu mendapatkan lesen berkenaan.

Bagaimanapun, keputusan tersebut mengundang kritikan antaranya bekas Pengerusi Bersih, S Ambiga yang menzahirkan kekecewaan terhadap langkah itu sambil menggelar Kerajaan Perpaduan sebagai kerajaan paling diktator.

Mengulas mengenai kritikan yang dibangkitkan, Aaron berkata, kerajaan perlu memperjelaskan bidang kuasa Akta 588 agar ia tidak disalahgunakan untuk menghalang kebebasan orang ramai menyuarakan pandangan.

"Pada masa sama, kerajaan perlu sentiasa mengenal pasti ancaman yang wujud di alam maya dan memberi rakyat maklumat secukupnya untuk melindungi diri mereka," katanya.

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Flesh trade on police radar

KL cops form special task force to crack down on prostitution

By JUSTIN ZACK
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KUALA LUMPUR: A special task force to combat vice activities, including prostitution, has been created, say city police.

KL police chief Comm Datuk Rusdi Mohd Isa, when contacted yesterday, said the task force's main objective is to crack down on all forms of the flesh trade, be it street prostitution or that which operates at hotels, massage parlours and food courts.

"In the last two to three weeks,

we have carried out numerous operations against sex services," he said.

He added that such efforts were ongoing and police have brought cases to the public eye via the media.

"We have raised the issue via media statements, including providing statistics and with our follow-up actions.

"Action is continuously being taken (by the police) and there are also joint operations with the Immigration Department and Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL),"

he said.

He added that existing laws were being applied to their "full-est extent" to ensure that cases result in criminal charges.

"In our investigation process to get statements, there are several other considerations that we have to be mindful of before we suggest charges in court," he said.

Comm Rusdi said the police would seek to collaborate with DBKL to find the best approach against premises involved in such illegal activities.

At a press conference on June 27, he revealed that 1,691 people have been detained in connection with prostitution activities following 409 raids in the first half of the year.

"We have detected prostitution activities in every district in Kuala Lumpur except for Putrajaya. We will use the full legal means to combat prostitution.

"Such cases are often investigated under Section 372 of the Penal Code, which encompasses action against pimps and prostitutes," he added.

Hustlers continue to thrive in the heart of KL

KUALA LUMPUR: In the lively streets of Bukit Bintang, even under the watchful gaze of curious onlookers, individuals suspected of engaging in the world's oldest profession were still present.

Observations at local hotspots revealed that these sex workers continue to seek out customers in dimly lit lanes.

The presence of Kuala Lumpur City Hall officers checking on illegal vendors and vehicles parked illegally across the main road has resulted in fewer working girls appearing in public.

At a row of budget hotels near Pavilion Kuala Lumpur, several scantily clad women were seen trying to engage potential customers while a man approached a waiting lady of the night, both talking in hushed tones before he walked off to another row of hotels.

A member of the investigating team was approached by a man who tried to draw him into a massage parlour.

"Sir, you want a massage?" he said, as a sexily dressed lady stood by the corner, smiling while eyeing the reporter from head to toe.

Some women took notice of the team's unusual presence, covered their faces, and walked away.

While soliciting customers on



Dirty business:

When soliciting customers on the streets, sex service providers avoid eye contact with the public.

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On the Internet, it is a different scenario altogether.

A simple Google search will lead users to tonnes of websites proudly showing off photos of sex workers, whose charges differ depending on the nationality, location and popularity.

The average charge listed online is RM220 per hour, with a collection of reviews to help customers make their choices.

Online forum threads on the matter were also plentiful, with many offering to share contacts with trusted users. For extra security, a paywall locks most of these threads.

With the rise of social media, some "agents" leveraged a messaging application's "people nearby" function to advertise their unscrupulous business.

A click on the feature would allow users to find chat rooms and chat accounts within a 500m

radius that contain information about various services, including the flesh trade, video calls and pornographic materials.

A chat room also explicitly advertised child sex and an array of drugs, including "ice" (methamphetamine), eremin (a hypnotic drug) and marijuana.

According to an advertisement in the chat room, a round of sex service plus the room fee costs as low as RM180 per hour or RM500 for a night.

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Selangor sets the bar for school funding

THE Indian community is hopeful that other state governments will follow Selangor's example of providing annual allocation to Tamil schools, according to *Malaysia Nanban*.

Funds designated for students' programmes and activities are distributed directly to the parent-teacher associations.

"This can help the schools organise workshops, special Bahasa Melayu and English classes as well as other beneficial programmes for the students," the daily quoted Tamil educators, parents and students as saying.

> The daily also reported that a man from Tamil Nadu, India, was stabbed to death by his lover's brothers, who objected to the relationship.

Mohamad Aasik, 25, who worked at a briyani shop in Tharmapuri, was attacked by four men, who stabbed him several times before running away.

The victim died on the spot.

Police, with help from street surveillance cameras and a tracking dog, tracked down the assailants, who turned out to be a pair of twin brothers of the victim's girlfriend and their friends.

The four suspects have been arrested.

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MyInvois to ease transition

Govt launches e-invoicing solution portal to help with switch

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KUALA LUMPUR: With the first phase of e-invoicing beginning today, the government has launched an e-invoicing solution portal to help with the transition.

Hosted and managed by the Inland Revenue Board (LHDN), the free MyInvois portal will enable taxpayers to register and perform their e-invoicing activities entirely via the website.

The portal will provide two primary e-invoice sending mechanisms for taxpayers which include manually filing their invoices into a digital form provided on the website.

The other mechanism is through its Application Programming Interface (Api) which allows taxpayers' existing enterprise resource planning systems to search for necessary e-invoicing related documents available on MyInvois.

It will also help to validate specific Tax Identification Numbers before adding this number to an invoice, issuing the invoice, and submitting it to MyInvois for documentation.

LHDN chief executive officer Datuk Dr Abu Tariq Jamaluddin, who disclosed this, said approxi-

mately 37,300 users have accessed the portal so far, with 1,700 having used the MyInvois Api Production as of July 23.

He said the platform would bring about greater tax transparency and compliance in the country through its state-of-the-art capabilities which focused on security, smooth integration with existing systems, and accurate real-time information.

"MyInvois was built with security at its core, ensuring all data is processed and stored with the highest level of integrity and confidentiality.

"It also seamlessly integrates with existing systems such as MyTax, allowing for smooth portal submissions and interactions.

"Robust validation and processing capabilities are also in place to ensure all documents meet the required standards and regulations to provide real-time insights into operations and prevent irregularities.

"With this, we hope to empower users with actionable insights, enabling better decision-making and strategic planning," he said during the official launch of the portal at a hotel here yesterday.

Deputy Finance Minister Lim Hui Ying, who was present,

described MyInvois as a step towards modernising and digitalising the country's "ageing public systems".

"This marks a new era of digitalisation, enhancing efficiency, transparency and accountability, as well as a significant advancement in our digitalisation journey, empowering businesses of all sizes to embrace digital transformation without financial barriers.

"Being a free platform will help to simplify the e-invoicing process, making it easier for businesses to manage transactions and comply with regulatory requirements.

"Other than combating fraud, MyInvois is expected to significantly reduce potential invoicing errors while also aligning with our environmental goals as well as boosting our economic growth and global competitiveness," she said in her speech.

Lim said a mobile application version of MyInvois for ease-of-access and use was also in the works with the launch planned by October.

"The government recognises the dedication of our taxpayers in adapting to the new e-invoicing requirements, especially for industries with complex business environments," she added.

Starting today, over 5,000 taxpayers with annual turnovers or revenues exceeding RM100mil are required to implement e-invoicing.

As announced on July 2, there will be a six-month grace period from the mandatory implementation date, and those involved can issue consolidated e-invoices for all transactions in the meantime.

There will be no prosecution taken under Section 120 of the Income Tax Act 1967 for non-compliance with e-invoicing regulations, provided taxpayers comply with the submission of consolidated e-invoice requirements.

From Jan 1 next year, e-invoicing will become mandatory for taxpayers with annual turnover or revenue of between RM25mil and RM100mil.

All other taxpayers, including hawkers, petty traders, and micro, small and medium enterprises, are expected to follow suit from July 1, 2025, except for those with annual turnovers below RM150,000.

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Water utility's CSR work recognised

PENGURUSAN Air Selangor Sdn Bhd clinched the Company of the Year in the Water Services – Community Care category at the Sustainability and CSR Malaysia Awards 2024.

The event was officiated by Deputy Women, Family and Community Development Minister Datuk Seri Dr Noraini Ahmad.

Air Selangor chief executive officer Adam Saffian Ghazali described the award as a reflection of the company's commitment and ongoing efforts in improving the lives of grassroots communities in Selangor, Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya.

"It is also in line with our brand promise to ensure 'joy in every drop' for our 9.3 million consumers.

"This recognition also reflects Air Selangor's dedication to maintaining high-quality water services and our continuous, diligent efforts in promoting sustainability and social responsibility."

Under its corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative



Air Selangor in one of its community programmes in Klang.

"Sesama Mara", Air Selangor has implemented three main programmes – Box of Hope, Festive Celebrations for the Underprivileged (Festive CSR) and Empowering Online Learning – supported by the Hydro Heroes staff volunteer programme.

Box of Hope has benefitted 5,775 families since 2020.

Air Selangor has also contributed to welfare homes during festive seasons.

Since 2021, the company has

distributed aid to 3,746 recipients in 54 welfare homes.

Its Empowering Online Learning programme has enabled B40 students to have access to quality education.

In addition, the company teamed up with Pandai Education to provide access to the Pandai Premium application, a comprehensive digital education subscription plan.

To date, a total of 375 Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia students have benefitted from this access.

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RAPID BUS ON-DEMAND SERVICE TO WIDEN ITS REACH

By FARID WAHAB

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CITY bus service provider Rapid Bus Sdn Bhd is set to expand its on-demand van service with the addition of some 100 vans by year end, a move aimed at enhancing the first-mile last-mile connectivity in the Klang Valley.

Called the demand-responsive transit (DRT) service, the first additional 20 vans will be rolled out in June with the rest to be added gradually.

Rapid Bus chief executive officer Muhammad Yazurin Sallij said three test runs were conducted since 2021 to fine tune the service.

He said the service was introduced in population-dense areas such as Shah Alam, Wangsa Maju and Petaling Jaya to gauge public response, with vans that passengers can book rides for via the Kumpool app.

"We found that the service was so popular that the vans were unable to cope with the high demands.

"For this reason, we decided to only offer the service in areas with low to medium population density," he told *StarMetro*.

Muhammad Yazurin said the DRT service was meant to complement the existing bus service and enhance coverage in selected areas.

"Unlike the buses, which must stick to their designated routes, the DRT vans are more flexible.

"They can traverse areas not reachable by bus and reroute during emergencies such as when there is flood," he said.

Asked how many areas would



Rapid Bus chief executive officer Muhammad Yazurin Sallij (standing, left) said test runs were conducted to fine-tune the DRT service. — AZHAR MAHFOF/ The Star

be covered by the DRT service, Muhammad Yazurin said Rapid Bus was in the midst of identifying them.

"We have found several potential areas, and are working with a consultant to map out their travel patterns and demographics," he added.

Members of the media were given a preview of the DRT vans at Prasarana headquarters in Ara Damansara, Selangor on May 24.

The vans were capable of seating 12 people, with seven or eight passengers expected during peak hours.

To use the service, a passenger

would need to choose a designated location and wait for about five minutes to be picked up.

A ride costs RM1 and is payable via Touch n Go, MyCity Pass, Family Pass, MyRapid Concession Card, Free Travel Pass for OKU Smile or cash. Those with My50 Unlimited Travel Pass may use it free of charge.

The service is available from 6am to 11.30pm daily, providing increased accessibility with additional stops beyond the existing bus stops for certain routes.

Muhammad Yazurin said a further announcement would be made soon to inform the public

about the apps to use to book the service.

He explained that the app might vary, depending on which area the passengers were booking the service from.

"However, we are working to integrate all the apps and are targeting to have them all streamlined soon," he said further.

Rapid Bus also runs an exclusive door-to-door transportation service called Rapid Mobility, which began operations around 2011 in Kuala Lumpur and 2016 in Penang with a newly adjusted fare rate of RM7 for two passengers per booking that includes

one passenger with a disability and one companion.

This new fare adjustment will benefit existing passengers and is expected to attract the wheelchair community to enjoy the service in the future.

In line with the new fare rates, Rapid Bus is also introducing a cashless payment method, where Rapid Mobility passengers can make payments by scanning a QR (Quick Response) code displayed inside the vehicle.

However, passengers still have the option to pay in cash if they do not have the QR code facility.

The service covers areas such as Shah Alam, Kajang, Seri Kembangan, Cheras, Subang Jaya, Petaling Jaya, Ampang, Selayang, and Kuala Lumpur for the Klang Valley.

For passengers in Penang, for the time being, Rapid Mobility is only offered for areas on the island.

On a separate matter, Muhammad Yazurin said Rapid Bus had begun outsourcing the operations of 30 bus routes in Klang Valley.

This move, which came into effect in June, was aimed at keeping costs down while maintaining service quality, he said.

At present, Rapid Bus operates a total of 264 routes and more than 900 buses in the central region.

Also present were Rapid Bus special project head (2) Khairil Khalid and Rapid Bus senior vice-president Syed Mohd Faisal Syed Kamaruddin, who is also the fleet planning and acquisition head.

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'Expand AI cameras to other local councils'

Singapore tv

THE installation of artificial intelligence (AI) closed-circuit television cameras (CCTV) should be expanded to include other local authorities in Johor as it can provide better security coverage for all.

Applauding the state government for incorporating the latest technology to address public safety concerns, Malaysian Crime Prevention Foundation (MCPF) Johor chapter chairman Datuk Tee Siew Kiong said using AI technology in various fields including security was a global trend.

"It is good that Johor government is proactive in this."

"Addressing security concerns can help Johor attract more investments into the state, as foreign investors always highlight safety before making a decision to invest," he told *StarMetro*.

Tee added that this was vital in the state government's plan to make Johor a developed state by 2030.

Among key steps to achieve this was the Johor-Singapore Special Economic Zone (JS-SEZ), while the movement of travellers between Johor and Singapore would surely increase with the Rapid Transit System Link (RTS) being operational by 2027, he said.

"Both the JS-SEZ and RTS will bring in more investments into the state. By having the AI CCTV in place, it will surely ease safety concerns among investors."

"It will definitely help change any negative perception of Johor Baru as the state government is taking positive steps through the AI CCTV," he added.

Tee said the four local councils and police could work closely through the smart intelligence operation centres (SIOC).

"I believe criminals will have



Tee hopes to see smart cameras installed in other Johor local councils.

to think twice before committing a crime as their act would be caught on camera."

Tee said with AI technology, local councils would not need a lot of manpower on duty at their respective SIOC.

"That extra manpower can be sent to other departments and the local councils can focus on other services that can improve the people's well-being."

Tee, however, urged the state government to widen the coverage of AI CCTV to other locations outside Greater Johor Baru.

He said many countries had adopted AI technology as part of their safety features.

"For example, all the major cities in China have already installed AI CCTV that help the authorities keep a close watch on things."

"Once the AI CCTV is proven to be a helpful tool in fighting crime, it should be installed at other districts in Johor."

Tee urged other local councils to also instal such cameras in areas under their jurisdiction.

Fighting crime, he said,



The smart camera system helps MJB and police monitor security and traffic flow within Johor Baru city.

should not fall on the shoulders of the authorities alone and called on the public to be more proactive.

"Everyone should play a bigger role in helping the authorities fight crime including preventing it."

"People nowadays have smartphones at their disposal

and they should immediately contact the police by giving out important and valuable information."

"If they see a crime happening in front of their eyes, they should record it on their mobile phones and give the recording to the police," he said. — By **MOHD FARHAAN SHAH**



Offences including illegal parking will be recorded by the AI CCTV.

were also given training from time to time.

Mohd Noorazam said locations for installation of the AI CCTVs were within Johor Baru city as well as major roads in MJB's administrative area which saw high volumes of people and traffic.

The cameras also help security

agencies such as the police to maintain public safety and order as crime incidents could be recorded with quicker response times.

"We are confident that steps taken by MJB will help address safety concerns and give confidence not only to locals but also to investors," he said.



Mohd Noorazam (right) receiving a certificate of appreciation from Johor police chief Comm M. Kumar for JBIICC's role in channelling vital information to the police. — Filepic

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6.00AM: Pokemon Master Journeys: The Series **6.30:** Beyblade Burst Evolution **7.00:** Dinoman **7.20:** Ok to Try **7.30:** The Adventure Of Little Penguin **8.00:** Leo The Wildlife Ranger **8.30:** Pinkfong Songs & Stories **9.00:** Sesame Street **9.30:** Blippi **9.45:** Blippi **10.00:** Lil Wild **10.30:** Mia's Magic Playground **10.45:** Mia's Magic Playground **11.00:** Dinoman **11.20:** Ok to Try **11.30:** Gigantosaurus **NOON:** Pokemon Master Journeys: The Series **12.30PM:** Beyblade Burst Evolution **1.00:** Yu-Gi-Oh! Duel Monsters **1.30:** Petronix Defenders **2.00:** Miraculous: Tales of Ladybug & Cat Noir **2.30:** Stranger Than You! **3.00:** Olympic Games Paris 2024: Today in Paris 2024 (Sports) **3.15:** Olympic Games Paris 2024: Daily Action at Paris 2024 (Sports) **6.00:** Olympic Games Paris 2024: Daily Action at Paris 2024 (Sports) **8.45:** Olympic Games Paris 2024: Today in Paris 2024 (Sports) **9.00:** News Tonight **9.30:** Olympic Games Paris 2024: Daily Action at Paris 2024 (Sports) **2.00AM:** Olympic Games Paris 2024: Today in Paris 2024 (Sports) **2.15:** Olympic Games Paris 2024: Daily Action at Paris 2024 (Sports) **4.30:** Wheel Of Fortune **5.00:** Celebrity Family Feud **6.00AM:** See tomorrow's schedule

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6.00AM: Golden Age Talentime **7.00:** News Tonight **7.30:** Hello Singapore Highlights **8.00:** Hope Afloat **9.00:** Morning Express **9.30:** Speakers Of Law **10.00:** The Wonder Shop **10.14:** The Wonder Shop **10.16:** The Wonder Shop **10.30:** Taste Of Life **11.30:** Taste Of Life **12.30PM:** The Wonder Shop **12.44:** The Wonder Shop **12.46:** The Wonder Shop **1.00:** News 8 At One **1.30:** Lo & Behold **2.00:** Lo & Behold **2.30:** Lo & Behold **3.00:** The Wonder Shop **3.14:** The Wonder Shop **3.16:** The Wonder Shop **3.30:** Silver Carnival 2024 **4.30:** The Way To Happiness **5.30:** Recipe Of Life **6.00:** Recipe Of Life **6.30:** Hello Singapore **7.30:** Speakers Of Law **8.00:** The Food We Love To Hate **9.00:** Hope Afloat **10.00:** News Tonight **10.30:** Focus **11.00:** The Ingenious One **MIDNIGHT:** My Heroic Husband **1.00AM:** The Inner Circle **2.00:** Holland V **3.00:** Holland V **4.00:** The Way To Happiness **5.00:** The Scarlet Kid **6.00AM:** See tomorrow's schedule

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9.00AM: Beyblade Burst Evolution **9.30:** Janji Sedap **10.00:** 1988... Segaris Sinar **11.00:** Bisik-Bisik Gelora **NOON:** Aku Yang Kau Sakiti **1.00PM:** Sabarlah Duhai Hati **2.00:** Aku Titipkan Cinta **3.00:** Detik Personaliti **3.30:** Eat, Fun And Pray **4.00:** Bisik-Bisik Gelora **5.00:** Bukan Syurga Pilihan **6.00:** Beyblade Burst Evolution **6.30:** Janji Sedap **7.00:** Aku Yang Kau Sakiti **8.00:** Berita **8.30:** Hilang **9.30:** Bukan Syurga Pilihan **10.30:** Andai Itu Takdirnya **11.30:** Berita **MIDNIGHT:** Close

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ABOUT half-a-million ringgit was spent in the first half of the year to repair and replace vandalised toilets along the Kajang transit line in Selangor.

MRT Kajang Line head of operations Sofiah Hussien said the company had to allocate RM500,000 from January to June this year, specifically for the repair and replacement of toilet spare parts in MRT and LRT stations.

This included toilets designated for people with disabilities (PwD).

"It is largely due to wear and tear and misuse by the public," she said, adding that theft and vandalism were the main contributing factors.

"We had to constantly replace vandalised parts and stolen items, such as the steel railings in the refuse rooms at our Sg. Buloh and Kajang stations.

"People also steal items like the toilet hand rail and flip bars in the PwD toilets," she said, during a site visit to the MRT

Over RM500,000 spent to repair MRT, LRT toilets

Damage to lavatories for disabled mainly due to theft, vandalism



The stolen hand rail would make it very difficult for a disabled person to use this toilet. — LOW LAY PHON/The Star

Phileo Damansara PwD toilet with *StarMetro*.

Last week, it was reported in a front-page article titled "Make Loos Accessible" and "Not Built to Specs, Misuse by the Able-Bodied Among Issues" that dozens of toilets in the Klang Valley



Sofiah says Rapid Rail has to frequently replace steel railings, hand rails and flip bars.

meant for PwD with disabilities were not built to standard.

Many of those that initially were up to specification have been vandalised or broken.

In some locations, repeated vandalism led building management to permanently close the

Deprived of basic amenities

Wheelchair-users frustrated by locked, cluttered and non-functional toilets in the Klang Valley



StarMetro report on July 22.

toilets and convert them into storage rooms.

Visits by *StarMetro* to public parks, train stations, MRT and LRT stations and other transportation hubs in the city uncovered numerous issues.

Some toilets in train, MRT, and LRT stations were not suitable for PwD.

Many were in a state of disrepair and not fit for use.

At the MRT Phileo Damansara PwD toilet, water was leaking from the hand bidet and there was a mop within the facility.

During the latest visit, the hand bidet hose, which had been leaking earlier, had been fixed.

However, the hand rail had been stolen.

"Among the items that tend to get stolen are racks, hand dryers, soap and tissue paper, while items that are frequently vandalised include toilet seat covers, bidet hoses and hand railings," Sofiah said.

"We appeal to the public to be mindful when using public toilets and to not misuse toilets that are for people with disabilities."

Wheelchair users need the handrail to transfer themselves to the toilet bowl.

Yet the steel hand rail is often sought for scrap metal, she added.

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PwD toilet issues at Rawang station to be addressed 11/8 2024



Hemavathy Muniandy, a wheelchair user, says many PwD toilets are often locked or inaccessible because they are not built according to specifications. — Filepic

RAILWAY Assets Corporation (RAC) and KTM Bhd have addressed concerns raised on the condition of toilets for people with disabilities (PwD) at Rawang railway station.

In a statement to *StarMetro*, RAC assured the public that it would coordinate with KTMB to rectify the highlighted issues to improve user experience.

The effort will begin with the removal of obstructions to the toilets while parts affected by wear and tear or vandalism would be repaired or replaced, according to the statement.

"For the long term, RAC will reassess all PwD toilets and work towards addressing issues and make improvements that align with PwD toilet standards."

It said as the maintenance of toilets for PwDs at railway stations was under the purview of KTMB, the operator, it should be responsible for the overall conditions and maintenance of all facilities in the train station.

RAC was referring to *StarMetro*'s print and video reports on July 22 regarding the plight of PwDs in accessing toilets and poor facility conditions at various locations, including train stations.

The company added that in relation to this, RAC recently conducted an audit exercise, where out of 56 stations and halts within the Klang Valley, 40 had PwD-accessible toilets while nine did not.

For stations without PwD toilets, RAC said it would look into

providing the facilities.

RAC said it was the shared responsibility of the public to not misuse toilets at railway stations, especially those for PwDs, to ensure the facilities were available for convenience of all passengers.

A KTMB spokesperson also addressed the condition of the Rawang station PwD toilet.

She said the toilet had been locked to prevent further damage from vandals and the key was being kept by counter staff trained to provide immediate assistance.

She acknowledged the inappropriate placement of the broken flip bar and said the unit had been repositioned and the broken parts have been replaced. — By BAVANI M

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Titiwangsa residents upset housing lots used as scrapyard 118

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SEVERAL plots of vacant land in Taman Tiara Titiwangsa, Kuala Lumpur, have been utilised to store used and damaged cars, much to the dismay of the residents.

This is despite the area being gazetted for residential use in the Kuala Lumpur City Plan 2020 and draft Kuala Lumpur City Plan 2040.

The problem began two months ago after lots, belonging to individuals, in Jalan Tiara Titiwangsa 2, 5, 11 and 12 were getting cleared.

Residents' association committee member Sylvester Navaratnam claimed that the

lots used as stores were being rented out by the individual land owners.

"We have approached the lot owners with our grievances but they were adamant that they have the right to rent out their land.

"We have spoken to the operators, too, but they ignored our complaints," he added.

Checks by *StarMetro* found the sites cordoned off with zinc and piles of rubbish amid overgrowth.

At one lot, there were stray dogs keeping people away, in addition to several damaged cars nearby.

There was also a trailer parked at the roadside.

Another resident who only

wanted to be known as Zul said the premises were an eyesore.

"We are worried that if action is not taken soon, more of such operations will be set up," he added.

Sylvester said several residents had filed complaints via Kuala Lumpur City Hall's (DBKL) ADU@KL online complaint portal.

He said a letter had been sent to Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Federal Territories) Dr Zaliha Mustafa, Kuala Lumpur mayor Datuk Seri Kamarulzaman Mat Salleh and Setiawangsa MP Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad.

DBKL had yet to comment at press time.



Several lots in Taman Tiara Titiwangsa are being utilised to store used and damaged cars. — LOW BOON TAT/The Star

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AN EVENT called "Karnival Sukan Keluarga 50WP" was held in a bid to bring together Kuala Lumpur folk and to bridge the divide between city communities and the local authority.

Held at Taman Tasik Danau Kota over two days, the event was also a highlight programme for the 50th anniversary of the formation of the Federal Territories (FT).

The carnival, launched by Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (FT) Dr Zaliha Mustafa, was vital in reaching out to the city folk.

"It is also a good opportunity for Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) to showcase the various programmes they have.

"The carnival offers a variety of all-inclusive activities to ensure KL residents are involved and their voices heard," she said in her closing speech.

Activities held included a poetry recital, cat marathon as well as arts and crafts exhibition.

Recreational sports such as wall climbing, fishing and archery were also held during the carnival.

Dr Zaliha also presented awards to 10 winners of the "Pasport 50WP" programme.

The road map challenge required participants to visit 50 locations in the Federal

Carnival unites KL folk ¹¹⁸

Fun activities celebrate the Federal Territories' 50th anniversary



Dr Zaliha (seventh from left) presenting mock cheques to 50WP Passport winners. Looking on is Zahir (sixth from left), Noridah' (sixth from right) and Kamarulzaman (fifth from right). — Photos: RAJA FAISAL HISHAN/The Star

Territories of Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya and Labuan from Oct 1, 2023 to Feb 25, 2024.

The challenge received 7,750 entries and recorded 337 successful participants.

A total of 50 participants were selected as winners, based on a selection of pre-determined criteria and their passing of the final screening process.

Dr Zaliha also announced that 40,000 Jalur Gemilang would be

distributed to government agencies, non-governmental organisations, residents' representative councils and associations as well as educational institutions.

The distribution of the flags would also be extended to Labuan and Putrajaya.

DBKL has also planned numerous programmes throughout the National Month of August.

These include competitions for

the best decorated premises and best lit buildings.

Also present at the carnival were KL mayor Datuk Seri Kamarulzaman Mat Salleh, FT Department director-general Datuk Noridah Abdul Rahim and Wangsa Maju MP Zahir Hassan.

Visitors taking part in sports competition at the carnival.



Performers in traditional costumes during a parade at the carnival.



Dancers in vibrant colours performing during the carnival's closing ceremony.

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'Right move to have social media licence requirement'

► Policy will address long standing issue of inadequate laws to combat online scams, cyberbullying and adult content, says Bukit Aman CCID director

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PETALING JAYA: Bukit Aman Commercial Crime Investigation Department (CCID) director Datuk Seri Ramli Mohamed Yousuf said requiring social media and online messaging platforms with a minimum of eight million users to apply for a government licence from Aug 1 is the right thing to do.

"The licence from the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) will address the long standing issue of inadequate laws to combat online scams, cyberbullying and adult content."

He said police have always worked closely with MCMC to ensure compliance and address violations.

"When criminal elements are identified, we investigate according to existing laws and liaise with domestic and international agencies to gather intelligence."

On July 27, Communications Minister Fahmi Fadzil said social media and messaging services must obtain licences from MCMC, with enforcement of the requirement beginning on Jan 1.

Failure to obtain a licence would constitute an offence under the Communications and Multimedia Act.

Cybersecurity expert Murugason Thangaratnam said achieving the right balance between user experience and security is an evolving process, but licensing is the first step to creating a trusted ecosystem.

"Users are becoming more knowledgeable and generally do not mind an extra layer of security when accessing their personal information or using social media, especially if it is to enhance online safety."

He said the licensing requirement would serve multiple purposes, including maintaining existing protections such as content moderation and user safety measures.

"A licence to operate is not just a tried and tested solution. It also conveys our



Murugason said users are becoming more knowledgeable and generally do not mind an extra layer of security when using social media. - MASRY CHE ANI/THESUN

commitment to holding powerful social platforms responsible for safety in the digital space."

However, he said there may be challenges due to the uncertainty and varying interpretations of licences as each platform has its own rules and procedures for managing licensing and intellectual property.

He said some licences are unclear and may require legal interpretation, leading to misunderstanding among developers about their responsibilities.

"Having no clear licensing guidelines is a major challenge for content creators. It makes it difficult to track where their content is being used and verify its legitimacy."

"Managing rights and permissions across different platforms while controlling content usage and distribution can also be challenging. Hopefully, MCMC will clearly define its requirements from the outset."

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Communication Department head Assoc Prof Dr Tengku Siti Aisha Tengku Azzman said the new licensing requirement would force social media platforms to impose stricter rules for users when posting content.

"A recent case in which a cyberbullying victim committed suicide is an eye-opener that social media users cannot say whatever they want as they sometimes cross the line."

"Malaysian laws are lagging behind technological advancements. Everyone must work together to ensure online platforms are safe, productive and enjoyable for all users."

She said the new framework would not directly affect users' freedom of speech as they are still free to express themselves, but they should be prepared to face the consequences if their posts violate MCMC regulations.

"Major social media platforms will need to take more responsibility for content on their sites and penalise those who violate regulations."

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IRB launches MyInvois to strengthen national taxation system

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KUALA LUMPUR: The Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia (IRB) has launched the MyInvois portal, kicking off its implementation of e-invoicing effective today.

In a statement yesterday, the IRB said the move will strengthen the country's taxation system, increase transparency, and provide a more accurate assessment of compliance risk.

The statement said e-invoicing will be implemented in stages, with the first phase involving 5,000 companies with recorded annual revenue or sales exceeding RM100 million starting today.

"The second phase will start on Jan 1, 2025, involving companies with annual revenue or sales of between RM25 million and RM100 million, with all taxpayers to be involved effective July 1, 2025," said the IRB.

To ensure its smooth and effective implementation, the IRB has provided two mechanisms for sending e-invoices. They are via the MyInvois portal and the application programming interface (API) for the convenience of users.

The testing and production environment for the API has been set up since April 2024, while the MyInvois portal has been in use since June 2024.

Deputy Finance Minister Lim Hui Ying said the ministry had exempted micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) with annual income or sales below RM150,000. But they are encouraged to implement the system voluntarily.

Meanwhile, IRB chief executive officer Datuk Abu Tariq Jamaluddin said the launch of the MyInvois system was the starting point of taxation reforms to drive the country towards sustainable digital innovation.

"The IRB is optimistic and committed to ensuring that preparations to implement e-invoicing in the second and third phases will enable a larger network of taxpayers to make a smooth transition, and thus, make the MyInvois platform the main driver of the national taxation system," he said. **Bernama**

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Enact stricter by-laws and regulations on the weight and height limit of lorry loads to make the roads safer.

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ROAD RISKS

Improve road safety with stricter rules on lorry loads

ROAD users face risks from trucks or lorries dropping stones on roads or highways that can damage other vehicles.

This week, I had to change my front screen because stones from lorries hit my vehicle twice. My insurance policy covers screen damage up to RM1,000, but the replacement cost me RM1,200.

I have to fork out the extra RM200 and pay for the new window tint and RFID sticker.

Because of this, my only car has to go to the workshop. I end up losing time money.

I can only claim one screen a

year. If this happens again, I will have to spend more.

My friends have faced similar situations with stones. So I am not alone and many people have felt the same pain.

We urge the construction industry not to overfill lorries to reap maximum profit.

They should care more about road users' safety and the losses and hassle caused by falling stones.

It is my hope that highway operators will practice more care with lorries carrying stones.

My suggestions on the matter

are as follows:

ENACT stricter by-laws and regulations on the weight and height limit of lorry loads. Encourage the use of canvases to prevent stones from falling. Make lorries use normal roads, not highways.

GET enforcement agencies to conduct checks at toll booths and stop overloaded lorries from entering highways.

IMPOSE heavier fines for owners found guilty of overloading lorries.

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MCMC meets social media giants, civil society on licensing

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KUALA LUMPUR: The Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) has engaged in discussions with major social media platforms on the newly mandated licensing requirements, says Communications Minister Fahmi Fadzil.

This follows MCMC's announcement on July 27 that social media sites and online messaging platforms with at least eight million users will have to apply for a licence from Aug 1 to continue operating in Malaysia, with enforcement beginning on Jan 1 next year.

"Today (July 30), I have had my first round of discussion meetings. The MCMC has met most of the social media platforms, and even the 44 civil societies that

wrote to the prime minister have been briefed by the MCMC.

"Some of them have not, even though we have invited them," he said in an interview with Channel News Asia.

Emphasising the need for effective moderation by social media platforms, he said Malaysia's diverse society presented unique challenges.

The government, he said, had studied approaches from other countries to develop a framework against harmful online content, addressing issues such as scams, sex trafficking networks, child sexual abuse materials and cyberbullying.

"We have looked at how different jurisdictions address online harmful content. Most coun-

tries face relatively similar problems. We can make certain comparisons," he said.

However, Fahmi stressed the importance of contextualising these issues within Malaysia's multicultural, multiethnic and multireligious society.

"Certain words may not be understood as bullying in certain societal or cultural contexts."

He highlighted a particular concern with Tamil-speaking TikTok users, noting that TikTok was not well-equipped to moderate these interactions, especially during live sessions.

"What I found to be absolutely troubling was the kind of bullying that was happening, particularly among Tamil-speaking TikTok users.

"That is where we discovered that an organisation like TikTok was not well placed to moderate, particularly live sessions."

This is especially relevant in the wake of the death of online influencer A. Rajeswary.

Rajeswary, fondly known as Es-ha, allegedly committed suicide after being bullied online.

When it comes to social media sites' compliance with the new regulation, Fahmi said the government welcomed their participation in discussions.

"We remain open. We want to make sure that these social media organisations, which make a handsome profit, do not violate any of our law. We want to make sure the Internet is safer for children and families."

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NEW REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

'POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS'

Fahmi says they acknowledge need to comply with Malaysian laws, ready to cooperate

SINGAPORE

SOcial media platforms have responded positively to the need for licensing under the new regulatory framework for safer Internet use by children and families, set to be implemented next year.

Communications Minister Fahmi Fadzil said in his meetings with the platforms during his three-day working visit to the city-state here, they agreed on the need to comply with Malaysian laws and were ready to participate in the process.

"My meetings have been productive. They acknowledge that Malaysia is an important market for their platforms.

"I'm happy to say that all of these social media platforms are prepared to come on board," he told Bernama and Nikkei Asia in an interview at the end of the working visit on Tuesday.

In Singapore, the minister met with officials from Meta, Google, TikTok and Tencent to update



Communications Minister Fahmi Fadzil (left) with Google Southeast Asia, Government Affairs and Public Policy managing director Andrew Ure after a meeting at the latter's office in Singapore on Tuesday. BERNAMA PIC

them on the new regulatory framework, as well as discuss online security and potential collaborations to combat illegal activities on these platforms.

Fahmi said the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) would publish frequently asked questions today to provide more details on the framework and the licensing mechanism.

It will also conduct a series of public engagements from today

until Jan 1 next year to establish a code of conduct that will serve as reference for licensees under the framework.

Prior to this, Fahmi said MCMC had started engagements with all social media platforms in February over issues faced by Malaysia.

Last Saturday, MCMC said it would be introducing a new regulatory framework for safe Internet use by children and families, from Aug 1, with implementation

set for Jan 1, 2025.

Under the new framework, social media and Internet messaging services with at least eight million registered users in Malaysia must apply for an Application Service Provider Class Licence under the Communications and Multimedia Act 1998 (Act 588).

Yesterday, Fahmi said the issue of non-compliance was also raised at the meetings with the social media platforms, and that they were prepared to work with the ministry.

"We understand their business and regulatory processes, community guidelines or community standards.

"But on the regulator and government's side, we also hope they will understand the expectations that we have of them. We hope to meet in the middle and I believe this can be done."

Last week, Fahmi said MCMC's monitoring of the platforms found varying levels of compliance with Malaysian laws — some were prompt and compliant, some not compliant at all and others were too slow to respond to the authorities.

Fahmi said Instagram, for one, recorded a compliance rate of 88 per cent, followed by Facebook (85 per cent), WhatsApp (79 per cent), TikTok (76 per cent), Telegram (65 per cent) and X (25 per cent). **Bernama**

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E-INVOICING IMPLEMENTATION

'MANY BUSINESSES STILL UNPREPARED'

Lack of resources, financial constraints, limited technological infrastructure among key issues, say industry experts

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MANY businesses remain unprepared for the mandatory implementation of e-Invoicing that starts today, said industry experts, even as the Inland Revenue Board (IRB) announces a six-month extension of the compliance deadline.

SME Association of Malaysia national vice-president Chin Chee Seong said many companies were not ready due to a lack of resources, financial constraints, and limited technological infrastructure.

He added that the six-month grace period granted by the IRB was primarily in response to complaints from companies expressing concerns about being able to get the system ready on time.

"Technical integrations, interoperability with other systems, system security and higher costs incurred are among the challenges faced by businesses."

Chin said many companies also depend heavily on external vendors to support and manage their e-Invoicing systems.

The role of these vendors is crucial in ensuring that the systems are implemented and functioning correctly.

He added that the ability of the company's internal support staff, particularly those in finance and

accounts, in handling and managing the e-Invoicing processes was equally important.

He said without adequate vendor support and competent internal personnel, companies might struggle to implement and maintain effective e-Invoicing systems.

A recent KPMG Malaysia survey found that most large taxpayers (60 per cent) and small and medium enterprises (56 per cent) want the government to offer a no-penalty period during the early stages of e-Invoicing to help manage the complexities.

The professional services firm conducted the survey from July 1 to July 8, collecting insights from over 200 respondents.

The survey found that a majority of taxpayers with annual revenues exceeding RM100 million were not fully ready for the e-Invoicing implementation.

Almost six in 10 reported being less than 50 per cent prepared and 30 per cent claimed to be more than 50 per cent prepared, while only four per cent reported to be fully ready for e-Invoicing.

Furthermore, the survey revealed that the main challenges of transitioning to e-Invoicing were additional costs for information technology (IT) systems and gadgets, the need for extra manpower, and system glitches and possible errors.

A main concern reported by the survey respondents is the readiness of their systems and processes as



they transition to e-Invoicing.

Despite their best efforts, many said they were fine-tuning the technical aspects and ensuring compatibility with existing infrastructure.

SME Management Expert and Byond Group Sdn Bhd chairman Abdul Basit Abdur Rahim expressed concerns about the hurdles smaller

SMEs might face with the implementation of e-Invoicing.

He said unlike larger corporations with dedicated IT departments and substantial budgets for technological upgrades, smaller SMEs frequently relied on basic software or even manual filing.

"The shift to e-Invoicing

demands new investments in software and possibly upgrading existing hardware. I believe that some SMEs may struggle with a spike in management costs due to these requirements," he said.

Abdul Basit also said some SMEs might lack awareness of e-Invoicing requirements.

"Low literacy and digitalisation levels among SMEs are also major obstacles. Without sufficient guidance and support, these businesses may struggle to comply with the new regulations effectively," he added.

Small and Medium Enterprises Association Malaysia (Samenta) national secretary Yeoh Seng Hooi said larger companies should be prepared since the deadline for implementing the new system had been set for a while.

However, he acknowledged that there might be some issues with certain details during the implementation process and hoped there wouldn't be significant problems with system access.

Yeoh said the six-month grace period from IRB could ensure that genuine administrative errors wouldn't result in penalties.

"SMEs should start preparing for full implementation in July next year. Those SMEs that supply to the larger companies may have to come on board earlier."

"By attending training and workshops, SMEs have a one-year runway to prepare. They shouldn't procrastinate and wait until the last minute."

Yeoh added that some business groups were also asking for an increase in the exemption threshold for SMEs.

He said they wanted the annual earnings limit to be raised to RM500,000, or at least RM350,000, from RM150,000 currently.

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