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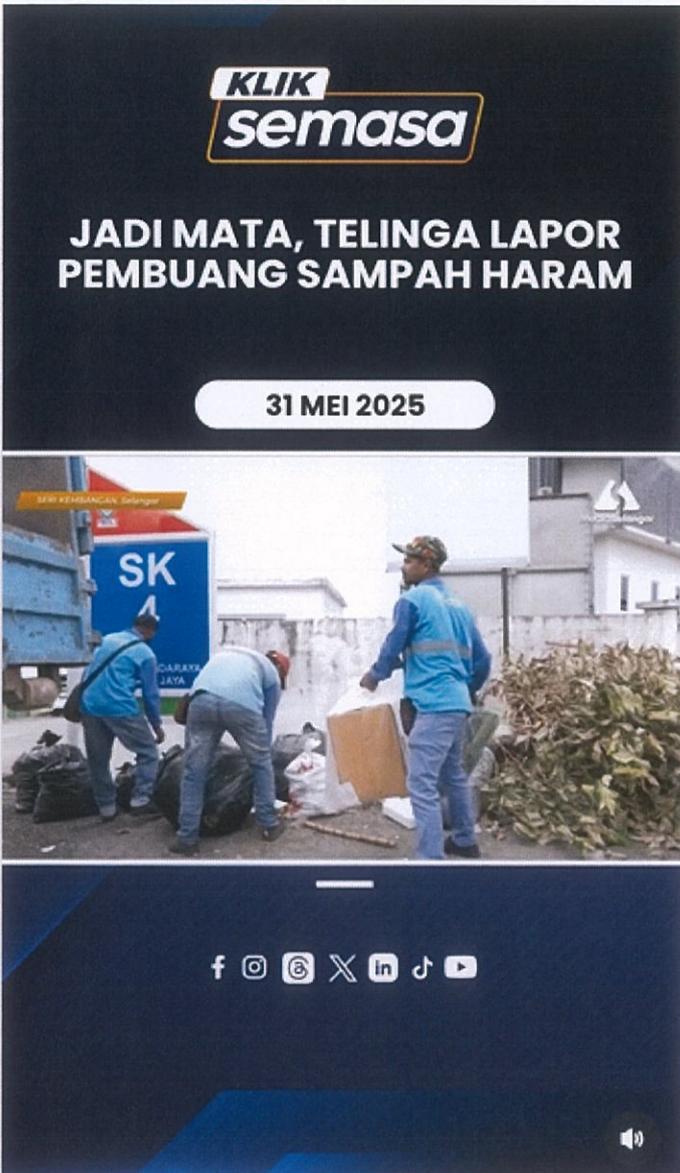
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Part of Jalan Kepong has been resurfaced.



Lai (left) with DBKL engineering department officials during a site visit to Jalan Kepong. — Photos: AZMAN GHANI/The Star

# Resurfacing of KL roads underway

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## Lane closures to facilitate work on Jalan Kepong, Pintasan Segambut from midnight to 6am

MOTORISTS are advised to be cautious and anticipate lane closures when using Jalan Kepong and Pintasan Segambut as Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) is resurfacing the roads.

DBKL is also resurfacing neighbourhood roads in Jinjang Utara, Kuala Lumpur.

A DBKL spokesperson said the road resurfacing works in Pintasan Segambut was expected to finish next month, while Jalan Kepong and Jinjang Utara works were expected to

be completed in August.

Kepong MP Lim Lip Eng's assistant Dic Lai said the last major road resurfacing work on Jalan Kepong was done in 2023, covering the stretch outbound from Kuala Lumpur to Kepong.

"The current roadwork will cover the stretch going inbound from Kepong to Kuala Lumpur.

"There will be lane closures along the construction zones.

"Work on these projects will be from midnight until 6am so that rush-hour traffic will not be affected," he said at a press conference at Jalan Kepong.

He said once the main roads were done, residential roads in Kepong Baru would be targeted for resurfacing.

Lai said the biggest challenge faced was the aged water pipes underneath Jalan Kepong.

"These pipes are susceptible

to leakage or pipe bursts due to the water pressure as they are more than five decades old."

The City Hall representative said some 5.5km of Jalan Kepong and Pintasan Segambut would be resurfaced.

"The repavement in Jalan Kepong will begin from the Kepong police station to Jalan Jambu Jerteh, which is 4km."

"Meanwhile, the repavement in Pintasan Segambut will

begin at the Jalan 1/40 and Pintasan Segambut junction going outbound to the Jalan Kepong junction, totaling up to 1.5km.

"As for Jinjang Utara, works will cover several neighbourhood roads in the residential area," he said.

The spokesperson said the road resurfacing works was expected to cost RM10mil.

"RM4mil has been allocated for Jalan Kepong while RM3mil was set aside for the construction works in Pintasan Segambut and Jinjang Utara, respectively."

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# Be more humane in managing stray dogs, govt urged

**KUALA LUMPUR:** The Stray Animal Foundation Malaysia (SAFM) has called on the government to implement a large-scale sterilisation programme and establish proper shelters to tackle the growing number of stray dogs nationwide.

SAFM president Kalaivanan Ravichandran described the move as a more humane and effective way to address the stray dog problem. He condemned the practice of capturing and killing stray dogs, calling it both cruel and ineffective in the long term.

"This method merely postpones the issue without solving its root cause: irresponsible pet ownership and poor population control.

"We need sustainable, compassionate solutions," he said in a statement yesterday.

Kalaivanan urged Housing and Local Government Minister Nga Kor Ming to allocate immediate funding and provide dedicated space for non-governmental organisations willing to manage the stray dog population responsibly.

"Sterilisation and shelter-based management have proven suc-

cessful in other countries. They are far more effective and ethical than violent measures, which only worsen the problem," he added.

SAFM also called for nationwide awareness campaigns to educate the public on responsible pet ownership and humane methods of managing stray animals.

"Only with immediate and committed government support can we resolve this crisis effectively while protecting both human and animal lives," Kalaivanan said.

This call for action comes amid growing concerns from residents

of Kampung Bahagia in Teluk Intan, who have reported a surge in stray dog activity.

The dogs, believed to be scavenging from a nearby rubbish disposal site, have been roaming in large packs, especially at night, causing safety fears and sanitation issues.

Reported incidents include an attempted attack on a resident and the killing of free-range chickens.

Locals are also worried about potential health risks, such as rabies and the mess created by dogs dragging rubbish into homes

and public spaces.

The residents urged the authorities to intervene before the situation worsens.

Kalaivanan said proactive and humane management is crucial to prevent further conflicts between humans and animals.

"Minister Nga, the time to act is now. Let us work together to create a safer, cleaner and more compassionate community," he said.

Members of the public interested in supporting or learning more about managing strays can contact SAFM at 013-706 6770.

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## 'Specialised training should be introduced to enhance road safety'

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**PETALING JAYA:** The driving school curriculum in Malaysia needs to be improved through tailored training to effectively enhance road safety among drivers, says Road Safety Marshal Club president K. Balasupramaniam.

He said specialised training that considers the specific challenges drivers face should be introduced, based on factors such as vehicle type and varied route conditions.

"While the existing curriculum is adequate, additional training tailored to drivers' specific needs - like managing automatic versus manual buses or navigating difficult terrains such as Cameron Highlands - is crucial.

"It is necessary to equip drivers with survival skills and defensive driving techniques specific to their routes," he said yesterday.

Balasupramaniam stressed the importance of the '3M factor' of man, machine, and maintenance.

"A holistic approach is essential, involving not only driver training but also educating their families to support safer driving habits," he said.

He also urged greater investment in vehicle technology and maintenance, citing systems like Tyron that mitigate flat tyre-related accidents.

Balasupramaniam emphasised that the responsibility of maintenance extends not only to the driver, but also to mechanics and company policies.

"If a company limits its budget, leading to inadequate vehicle upkeep, it ultimately falls on the driver when malfunctions occur.

"This blame game is avoidable if we focus on 3M: the preparedness of the driver, the performance of the machine and thorough maintenance," he added.

Malaysian Road and Transportation Safety Association president Md Hairolazaman Muhamed said road conditions need to be looked at as contributing factors to road accidents.

"There are certain stretches of roads which are not properly maintained.

"This could also be one of the factors resulting in accidents, among the other factors," he said when contacted.

He said drivers, particularly those involved in public transportation, should be trained in safe driving techniques, which would prove helpful in dangerous situations.

"This includes dynamic risk management, which involves drivers trained to adapt quickly to changing road conditions and traffic situations," he said.

"The bus management or supervisor must brief the driver to be more careful when driving along certain risky stretches of road.

"This includes compulsory stops to ensure that the driver is well rested," he added.

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## M'sia's international reserves increase to US\$119.6bil

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PETALING JAYA: Bank Negara's total international reserves increased marginally to US\$119.6bil as of May 30, lifted by an increase in foreign currency reserves.

In the previous update by the central bank, the international reserves were reported at US\$119.1bil as of May 15.

Bank Negara said in a statement yesterday that its reserves position as of end-May was sufficient to finance five months of imports of goods and services.

It was also 0.9 times the country's total short-term external debt.

For context, the short-term external debt comprises borrowings from non-residents with a maturity of one year or less.

It is accounted mostly by resident banks

in connection with their foreign currency liquidity operations and multi-national corporations (including foreign banks) borrowing from their overseas parent or headquarters.

Of the US\$119.6bil international reserves by end-May, foreign currency reserves made up US\$106.4bil or nearly 89% of the total amount.

The remaining amount comprised the International Monetary Fund reserve position (US\$1.3bil), special drawing rights or SDRs (US\$5.8bil), gold (US\$3.8bil) and other reserve assets (US\$2.3bil).

The central bank also announced yesterday that its total assets as at end-May amounted to RM627.92bil, comprising gold

and foreign exchange and other reserves, including SDRs (RM530bil), Malaysian government papers (RM12.92bil), deposits with financial institutions (RM4.26bil), loans and advances (RM27bil), land and buildings (RM4.58bil), and other assets (RM49.16bil).

Bank Negara said its total capital and liabilities amounted to RM627.92bil, comprising paid-up capital (RM100mil), reserves (RM193.24bil), currency in circulation (RM172.90bil), deposits by financial institutions (RM131.81bil), federal government deposits (RM5.44bil), other deposits (RM82.37bil), Bank Negara papers (RM10.56bil), allocation of SDRs (RM28.35bil), and other liabilities (RM3.12bil).

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# Fire dept warns against open burning ahead of drier days

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**PETALING JAYA:** As Malaysia braces for drier days ahead, the Fire and Rescue Department has issued a stern reminder against open burning.

Department director-general Datuk Nor Hisham Mohammad said 3,791 open burning cases were recorded from January until last month.

Of the total, Kedah had the highest number of cases at 547, followed by Johor (468),

Terengganu (384), Selangor (368), Perak (357) and Melaka (348).

"However, this is a 32% decrease across all states nationwide compared with the same period last year.

"The department takes a zero-tolerance stance towards open burning. We closely monitor the situation, especially during dry spells where humidity is low," he said when contacted.

Nor Hisham said more than 500 open burning hotspots had also been identified nationwide during the same period, with Kedah

having the highest number at 119.

Some 111 open burning hotspots were recorded in Sabah, followed by Selangor (84), Johor (45), Negri Sembilan (41), Terengganu (34), Sarawak (30), Penang (28), Perak (22), Labuan (14), Melaka (11), Pahang and Kelantan (10 each), Perlis (eight), Kuala Lumpur (four) and Putrajaya (one).

Hotspots are classified as locations where open burning has been reported thrice.

During dry spells, the department worked closely with the

Environment Department, local councils and other authorities to ensure strict enforcement of the Environmental Quality Act 1974.

Under the law, those convicted of open burning can be fined not exceeding RM500,000, imprisonment not exceeding five years, or both.

"Our firefighters and resources are always ready for rapid deployment," Nor Hisham said.

"Teams with specialised firefighting equipment are also deployed for tougher conditions like forest and peat fires, which

are particularly challenging during dry weather," he added.

He urged those who witness open burning to immediately report such cases to the authorities.

Nor Hisham said open burning episodes can easily escalate during the dry season, due to factors like dry vegetation and soil, wind speed, lack of moisture or uncontrolled flames.

"Safer disposal methods, such as composting or using waste management services, should be used instead," he said.

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DBKL sita 14 premis sembelih  
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**KUALA LUMPUR** - Sebanyak 14 premis diarahkan tutup serta-merta dalam Operasi Bersepadu dilaksanakan Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL) bersama Jabatan Veterinar dan Jabatan Agama Islam Wilayah Persekutuan (JAWI).

DBKL dalam satu kenyataan memaklumkan, operasi tersebut bertujuan membanteras aktiviti penyembelihan dan penjualan daging secara haram di ibu negara sempena Aidiladha.

Menurutnya, operasi tiga hari bermula 6 hingga 8 Jun menumpukan lokasi sekitar Jalan Silang, Jalan Berangan dan Pusat Perniagaan Bandar Utara.

"Antara kesalahan serius dikesan termasuk melapah daging di lorong belakang premis dikendalikan warga asing tanpa lesen sah, pemotongan daging di lantai kotor serta pembuangan sisa seperti darah dan lemak ke longkang," katanya.

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## Wanita rugi RM600,500 dijerat scammer

KUANTAN – Seorang pegawai penyidik kerugian RM600,500 selepas terjerat sindiket skim pelaburan saham tidak wujud menerusi aplikasi WhatsApp.

Wanita berusia 57 tahun dari Rompin itu menyertai skim berkenaan selepas dimasukkan dalam satu kumpulan dikenali sebagai *K81 Lombard Stock Investment Academy* pada 21 Mac lalu.

Ketua Polis Pahang, Datuk Seri Yahaya Othman berkata, mangsa turut diarahkan memuat turun aplikasi LOARDB melalui pautan yang



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diberikan suspek untuk tujuan pelaburan.

"Mangsa membuat tiga transaksi awal berjumlah RM14,000 dan berjaya membuat satu pengeluaran awal sebanyak RM1,000.

"Keuntungan itu menyebabkan mangsa yakin untuk meneruskan pelaburan seterusnya," katanya pada Isnin.

Beliau berkata, sebanyak 28 transaksi dibuat ke tiga akaun bank berbeza sehingga jumlah keseluruhan pelaburan menecah RM600,500.

Jelasnya, transaksi itu dibuat oleh mangsa dalam tempoh 23 April

hingga 4 Jun lalu.

Yahaya berkata, paparan dalam aplikasi itu menunjukkan keuntungan melebihi RM300,000, namun, apabila mangsa cuba mengeluarkan wang sebanyak RM50,000, suspek meminta bayaran tambahan.

"Namun, suspek meminta bayaran tambahan sebanyak RM200,000 sebagai caj perkhidmatan.

"Mangsa mula sedar ditipu selepas diminta bayaran tambahan itu. Wang yang dilaburkan adalah wang simpanan mangsa sendiri," katanya.

Jelasnya, kes diasas mengikut Seksyen 420 Kanun Keseksaan.

Beliau menasihati orang ramai supaya tidak mudah terpengaruh dengan skim pelaburan yang menjanjikan keuntungan lumayan.

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# Peduli kita di jalan raya



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**R**akyat Malaysia ialah mereka yang berani. Mungkin ia adalah kenyataan yang membuatkan kita berbangga.

Tetapi, berani tanpa mempedulikan orang lain atau diri sendiri tak semestinya sesuatu yang baik, tetapi membawa musibah.

Begitulah yang boleh kita gambarkan apabila melihat rekod kemalangan jalan raya rakyat Malaysia.

Dianggarkan setiap hari, ada sebanyak 18 orang kita mati akibat kemalangan, atau puratanya seorang mati setiap dua jam. Di Asia Tenggara, kita adalah negara kedua paling teruk setelah Thailand.

Jika dikatakan kita tidak memahami undang-undang jalan raya, kita mempunyai lebih 139 sekolah memandu di seluruh negara.

Kita juga mempunyai undang-undang sama seperti di banyak negara lain. Papan tanda keselamatan dan warna

lampu isyarat kita juga adalah sama.

Yang mungkin berbeza hanyalah ada negara yang memandu di sebelah kiri, ada pula di kanan. Selebihnya sama sahaja. Jadi apa yang berbezanya?

Berbezanya ialah sikap kita dengan keselamatan dan undang-undang. Di negara lain, seperti di Australia atau New Zealand, takutnya pemandu dengan undang-undang lalu lintas sama seperti membawa dadah atau melakukan jenayah serius.

Walaupun kereta mereka besar, tetapi mereka boleh memandu selaju 50km/j atau 60km/j jika itulah papan tanda yang terpampang di tepi jalan. Di tempat kita, umumnya cara orang kita memandu adalah sama sahaja baik di lebuhraya atau di jalan kampung.

Lintasan pejalan kaki ialah antara tempat paling dihormati. Sebaik sahaja ada manusia memijak garis kuning lintasan pejalan kaki, semua kenderaan pasti berhenti.

Pejalan kaki diutamakan dahulu. Di negara kita, siapa yang boleh dengan kenderaan yang akan berhenti apabila melangkah di lintasan pejalan kaki. Malah tatkala lampu isyarat bertukar merah pun, kita perlu menjeling kiri dan kanan banyak kali.

Malah cara pemberitaan kemalangan

jalan raya dalam berita di luar negara juga digambarkan seperti tragedi yang cukup membimbangkan.

Pesalah yang melakukan kesalahan dijejak dari satu simpang ke satu simpang. Ia untuk menunjukkan betapa jahat dan hinanya pelaku kesalahan jalan raya. Mungkin kita juga perlu mengubah cara pemberitaan kita dengan tak hanya sekadar menunjuk berita simpati dan takziah semata-mata.

Pesalah jalan raya perlu ditunjukkan wajah mereka di kaca televisyen. Ia mungkin sedikit kontroversi, tetapi mungkin itulah langkah yang boleh membantu kita semua.

Tapi itulah cara menghidupkan budaya selamat kita. Jika kita melewati kawasan masjid di waktu solat Jumaat, atau pada waktu yang lain, kita akan melihat banyak jemaah menunggang motosikal. Yang biasa kita lihat ialah jemaah yang berkopiah atau berserban. Jarang kita lihat ada yang memakai topi keledar. Tidakkah pasti adakah yang sunat itu telah menjadi lebih afdal daripada menjaga keselamatan diri.

Di dalam kawasan universiti, yang biasanya menjadi tempat paling selamat pun, tak semua mematuhi undang-undang jalan raya.

Apatah lagi di tempat-tempat yang lain. Tak siapa yang ambil peduli. Kita

hanya mula menimbulkan pelbagai cerita setelah berlaku satu-satu tragedi.

Ketika saya menulis ruangan ini, tiba-tiba saya mendapat berita tentang tragedi yang menimpa pelajar Universiti Perguruan Sultan Idris (UPSI) dalam kemalangan di Gerik.

Ia tragedi yang berlaku tatkala kita semua masih lagi hangat bercerita tentang kejadian yang menimpa sembilan anggota polis Pasukan Simpanan Persekutuan (FRU) di Teluk Intan hampir sebulan lalu.

Tragedi-tragedi ini mungkin boleh dihindar jika setiap orang mengambil langkah keselamatan.

Kepada ahli keluarga semua mangsa tragedi kemalangan, kita ucapkan takziah untuk mereka. Untuk rakyat Malaysia yang lain, termasuk diri saya, marilah kita memperbaiki sikap kita.

Ia bukan sekadar untuk diri kita, tetapi juga masa depan anak-anak kita juga. Setiap kali ada yang terkorban, paling menyedihkan apabila ada yang menjadi balu dan anak yatim. Semua boleh dielakkan dengan sedikit rasa peduli.

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## Kes Covid-19 meningkat di Melaka

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**MELAKA** - Kes jangkitan Covid-19 di Melaka meningkat lebih 20 peratus dengan 93 kes baharu didaftarkan pada Minggu Epid 23 (ME 23) iaitu dari 1 hingga 7 Jun lalu.

Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Kesihatan, Sumber Manusia dan Perpaduan negeri, Datuk Ngwe Hee Sem berkata, jumlah itu menunjukkan peningkatan berbanding minggu sebelumnya dengan hanya 77 kes didaftarkan.

"Kita merekodkan peningkatan sebanyak 20.8 peratus pada Minggu Epid 23 ini apabila sebanyak 93 kes baharu didaftarkan.

"Jumlah itu menjadikan jumlah keseluruhan individu disahkan positif Covid-19 di negeri ini adalah seramai 164,821," katanya kepada pemberita di sini semalam.

Tambahnya, keseluruhan kes Covid-19 yang dikategorikan sebagai Variant of Concern (VOC) dan Variant of Interest (VOI) dipantau di negeri ini adalah sebanyak 1,545 kes.

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bagaimanapun berkata, setakat Sabtu lalu tiada kes kematian, mahupun pesakit yang sedang dirawat di Unit Rawatan Rapi (ICU) di rekodkan.

"Kes kematian kekal sebanyak 1,228 kes. Setakat 7 Jun 2025, tiada kluster aktif di negeri ini dan tiada kluster dari luar Melaka.

"Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri negeri akan terus memantau perkembangan penyakit berjangkit di Melaka, pelaksanaan pencegahan serta kawalan Covid-19 akan dijalankan secara berterusan," ujarnya.

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## Pegawai penyelidik wanita rugi RM600,500 diperdaya scammer

**KUANTAN** - Seorang pegawai penyelidik mengalami kerugian sebanyak RM600,500 selepas terperdaya dengan skim pelaburan saham tidak wujud.

Ketua Polis Pahang, Datuk Seri Yahaya Othman berkata, kejadian di Rompin itu berlaku pada 21 Mac lalu selepas mangsa yang merupakan wanita berumur 57 tahun dimasukkan ke dalam satu kumpulan aplikasi WhatsApp.

"Mangsa turut diarahkan untuk memuat turun satu aplikasi melalui pautan yang diberikan oleh suspek bagi tujuan pelaburan.

"Tiga transaksi pelaburan awal berjumlah RM14,000 telah dilakukan oleh mangsa dan dia berjaya mendapat pulangan awal sebanyak RM1,000 sehingga membuatnya yakin untuk menambah jumlah pelaburan.

"Dalam tempoh 23 April 2025 hingga 4 Jun 2025, mangsa telah melakukan sebanyak 28 transaksi dalam talian ke tiga akaun bank berbeza sehingga jumlah pelaburannya mencecah RM600,500," katanya di sini semalam.



**MANGSA** yang merupakan wanita berusia 57 tahun telah membuat 31 transaksi melibatkan pelaburan berjumlah RM600,500.

Katanya, paparan dalam aplikasi tersebut menunjukkan anggaran keuntungan yang diperoleh mangsa melebihi RM300,000.

Bagaimanapun, kata beliau, ketika mangsa cuba mengeluarkan wang sebanyak RM50,000, suspek telah meminta bayaran

sebanyak RM200,000 sebagai caj perkhidmatan menyebabkan wanita itu menyedari dirinya telah ditipu.

"Berdasarkan siasatan awal, kesemua wang yang dilaburkan itu adalah wang simpanan milik mangsa sendiri," katanya.

KOSMO

Tarikh: 10 JUN 2025

# AI DI HUJUNG JARI

Kewujudan pelbagai aplikasi canggih bantu pelajar tingkat kefahaman pembelajaran pelbagai subjek

MANFAAT aplikasi pintar janaan AI untuk pembelajaran.

## TIP IT

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Penggunaan aplikasi berasaskan kecerdasan buatan (AI) dalam kalangan pelajar semakin berkembang pesat seiring transformasi pendidikan digital.

AI bukan sahaja membantu menyusun nota atau menyemak ejaan, malah ia kini menjadi rakan pintar yang memudahkan pembelajaran sendiri, pengurusan tugas dan peningkatan kefahaman dalam pelbagai subjek.

### 1. Grammarly

Grammarly berfungsi

sebagai pembantu penulisan digital yang menyemak ejaan, tatabahasa, nada dan struktur ayat.

Ia sangat berguna untuk menulis esei, laporan dan e-mel rasmi terutama dalam bahasa Inggeris.

### 2. Quizlet

Aplikasi ini membantu pelajar mencipta kad imbas (flashcards) dan kuiz AI untuk mengulang kaji pelajaran.

Algoritma AI akan menyesuaikan soalan mengikut tahap pemahaman pelajar.

### 3. Notion AI

Notion bukan sekadar tempat catatan dengan integrasi AI, pelajar boleh menjana ringkasan nota, cadangan jadual dan isi

penting secara automatik.

Sangat sesuai untuk pelajar universiti dan mereka yang mengurus banyak subjek atau projek serentak.

### 4. Photomath

Pelajar hanya perlu ambil gambar soalan matematik, AI dalam Photomath akan memaparkan jawapan dan jalan kerja secara terperinci.

Berguna untuk pelajar sekolah rendah hingga pra-universiti yang bergelut dengan algebra atau kalkulus.

### 5. Khan Academy (GPT-4 Khanmigo)

Tutor maya berasaskan GPT-4 ini membolehkan pelajar bertanya soalan dan mendapat penerangan mudah difahami dalam pelbagai subjek, termasuk matematik, sains dan

ekonomi.

Platform ini kekal percuma dan kini menawarkan pembelajaran lebih interaktif.

### 6. Otter.ai

Otter menggunakan AI untuk merakam dan menyalin audio secara automatik.

Ia amat berguna untuk pelajar yang ingin merakam kuliah atau temu bual, dan kemudian mendapatkan transkripsi yang boleh disemak semula.

Memudahkan pembelajaran berasaskan pendengaran dan penyediaan nota.

### 7. Socratic by Google

Menggunakan teknologi AI dan enjin carian Google, Socratic membantu

menjawab soalan akademik melalui analisis gambar, teks atau suara.

Sesuai untuk pelajar sekolah menengah dalam pelbagai subjek termasuk biologi, sejarah dan kimia.

### 8. ChatGPT

Dengan kemampuan menjana teks secara interaktif, ChatGPT membantu pelajar menjelaskan konsep sukar, membuat draf esei, menulis puisi atau membina kod atur cara.

Pelajar boleh menggunakannya untuk semakan, idea projek dan penulisan kreatif.

### 9. Wolfram Alpha

Wolfram Alpha ialah mesin pengetahuan berasaskan AI yang berguna

dalam subjek matematik lanjutan, statistik dan fizik. Ia memberikan jawapan berdasarkan pengiraan logik dan data saintifik.

Sering digunakan oleh pelajar universiti dan jurusan sains, teknologi, kejuruteraan dan matematik (STEM).

### 10. Duolingo (AI Language Pathways)

Aplikasi pembelajaran bahasa ini menggunakan AI untuk menyesuaikan pelajaran mengikut prestasi pelajar.

Ia kini menyokong lebih 30 bahasa dan menawarkan pendekatan yang menyenangkan dan interaktif.

Sangat sesuai untuk pelajar yang ingin belajar bahasa asing secara sendiri.



BANTU pembelajaran secara sendiri.



MAMPU menjadi tutor maya untuk golongan pelajar dalam memahami sesuatu topik.

HARIAN METRO  
Tarikh: ...1.0 JUN 2025....



Ahmad Zahid ketika mempengerusikan Mesyuarat JPBP Bilangan 1 bagi 2025 di Putrajaya, semalam.  
(Foto FB Zahid Hamidi)

# Siap siaga hadapi impak cuaca kering

JPBP sedia langkah  
komprehensif  
berdepan Monsun  
Barat Daya

**Putrajaya:** Jawatankuasa Pengurusan Bencana Pusat (JPBP) menggariskan langkah kesiapsiagaan komprehensif bagi menghadapi kemungkinan impak musim Monsun Barat Daya (MBD) yang dijangka membawa cuaca kering dan risiko kebakaran terbuka.

Timbalan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, berkata menurut Jabatan Meteorologi Malaysia (Met-Malaysia), MBD bermula pada 10 Mei lepas dan akan berterusan hingga September ini, dengan ciri utama musim itu adalah cuaca yang lebih kering, menyebabkan kebanyakan negeri di Semenanjung Malaysia dan Sarawak dijangka mengalami bilangan hari tanpa hujan yang lebih banyak.

Beliau yang juga Pengerusi JPBP berkata, MetMalaysia turut menjangka jumlah hujan akan berkurangan 20 hingga 40 peratus di utara Semenanjung dan barat Sarawak bulan ini, namun pada Ogos dan September nanti jumlah hujan di selatan Semenanjung Malaysia dan barat Sarawak dijangka meningkat 20 hingga 40 peratus.

"Keadaan cuaca kering yang berpanjangan ini berisiko tinggi menyebabkan pelbagai impak negatif seperti isu kesihatan awam, kekurangan bekalan air, kebakaran hutan atau belukar, jerebu, serta menjejaskan hasil pertanian," katanya dalam kenyataan semalam yang dikeluarkan selepas beliau mempengerusikan Mesyua-

rat JPBP Bilangan 1 bagi 2025.

Mesyuarat itu turut dihadiri oleh Setiausaha Kerajaan Negeri selaku Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Pengurusan Bencana Negeri (JPBN) serta wakil agensi teknikal dan agensi tindak balas.

Ahmad Zahid berkata, pada mesyuarat itu beliau menekankan mengenai kepentingan tindakan awal, penyelarasan yang mantap, serta penyampaian maklumat yang pantas dan tepat, bagi menghadapi sebarang kemungkinan impak bencana dan usaha kolektif ini adalah asas dalam memastikan daya tahan negara sentiasa diperkukuh.

## Operasi pembenihan awan

Beliau berkata, Jabatan Bomba dan Penyelamat Malaysia (JBPM) kekal berada pada tahap siapsiaga tertinggi untuk menghadapi sebarang kemungkinan impak MBD dengan kekuatan keanggotaan seramai 24,053 orang dan aset logistik yang komprehensif.

"Sebagai langkah segera dan situasi semasa, saya juga menyarankan agar operasi pembenihan awan (OPA) dilakukan di empangan Malut, Kedah yang kini berada di tahap waspada dapat dilaksanakan bagi memastikan ia tidak turun ke paras kritikal," katanya.

Ahmad Zahid berkata, langkah mengoptimalkan penggunaan aset sedia ada juga telah dipersejuti, dengan penggunaan perigi tiub dan pam air Jabatan Pengairan dan Saliran boleh diperluaskan untuk diguna pakai oleh agensi tindak balas seperti JBPM, khususnya bagi operasi pemadaman kebakaran semasa dan di luar musim Monsun Timur Laut.

"Dalam usaha bersama menghadapi situasi ini, JPBN juga digesa untuk mengambil langkah sewajarnya, termasuk mengarahkan pengendali bekalan air meningkatkan kecekapan opera-

si mereka serta menyediakan sokongan logistik untuk mobilisasi bekalan air ke kawasan terjejas.

"Mobilisasi menyeluruh semua agensi di peringkat Persekutuan, negeri dan daerah juga sedang digerakkan secara bersepadu, melibatkan aspek kesiapsiagaan sumber manusia, logistik, pemantauan, penguatkuasaan dan komunikasi strategik," katanya.

Ahmad Zahid berkata beliau turut menegaskan prinsip *No One Left Behind* dari segi bentuk pengagihan bantuan kepada mangsa bencana, yang jelas mencerminkan komitmen kerajaan terhadap kesejahteraan rakyat.

Katanya, susulan keputusan Perdana Menteri pada 21 Mei lalu, satu inisiatif penambahbaikan bantuan wang ihsan (BWI) dibangunkan dengan kerjasama Bank Simpanan Nasional (BSN) bagi mempercepatkan proses pembayaran bantuan tanpa kerehah birokrasi.

Timbalan Perdana Menteri berkata di bawah inisiatif penambahbaikan itu, pembayaran BWI dapat disegerakan kepada satu hingga tiga hari selepas Pusat Penempatan Sementara ditutup, berbanding tempoh satu hingga enam bulan sebelum ini, dan inisiatif BWI BSN itu dijangka dilaksanakan bermula Monsun Timur Laut 2025/2026.

"Secara keseluruhannya, mesyuarat JPBP Bilangan 1 Tahun 2025 mengambil maklum persejuaan rapi yang telah dilakukan oleh agensi-agensi kerajaan dalam menghadapi MBD serta cabaran berkaitan kemarau dan kebakaran terbuka.

"Ini mencerminkan nilai keyakinan dan hormat terhadap keupayaan kerjasama antara agensi Kerajaan Persekutuan serta hubungan Kerajaan Persekutuan-Negeri, seperti yang diterapkan dalam kerangka falsafah Malaysia MADANI," katanya.

BERNAMA

# Bimbingan kerjaya perlu didedah seawal pada peringkat sekolah

MAAC cadang wujudkan guru dapat tanam minat pelajar bidang pekerjaan

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**Kuala Lumpur:** Bimbingan kerjaya dalam kalangan pelajar perlu didedahkan seawal pada peringkat sekolah bagi memastikan mereka lebih jelas mengenai laluan masa depan masing-masing.

Justeru, Presiden Kongres Peratuan Akademik Malaysia (MAAC), Prof Dr Ahmad Ismail, berkata pihaknya mencadangkan supaya diwujudkan guru kerjaya di sekolah khususnya dalam me-

naman minat pelajar terhadap bidang pekerjaan tertentu termasuk Sains, Matematik, Kejuruteraan dan Teknologi (STEM).

Katanya, perkara yang diketengahkan itu sudah lama dibincangkan termasuk kualiti graduan dihasilkan universiti, kesesuaian dengan pekerjaan, persaingan di alam pekerjaan terutama dalam industri, swasta dan menjadi usahawan.

"Sehingga kini, disebabkan kita tiada guru kerjaya di sekolah, guru kaunseling boleh berperanan memulakan bimbingan kepada pelajar.

"Ini kerana di universiti, mahasiswa sudah dianggap pelajar dewasa dan kaedah pendidikan lebih bebas serta berdikari," katanya kepada *BH*.

Kelmarin, *BH* melaporkan Pusat Kajian Pasaran Buruh Masa Hadapan (EU-ERA), THE FUTURE, mendedahkan sebanyak 78.7 peratus graduan di negara ini,



tidak bersedia sepenuhnya untuk memasuki alam pekerjaan selepas tamat pengajian masing-masing.

Dapatan hasil kajian 'Job Market Monitor' yang kali pertama dibuat di negara ini oleh pusat itu, mendapati daripada jumlah terbabit, 44.4 peratus ketidaksiediaan itu membabitkan sektor pekerja berkemahiran, antaranya bidang profesional, pengu- rusan dan eksekutif (PMET).

Pada masa sama, Ahmad berkata, di universiti pendidikan diberikan melalui kuliah, amali, kerja lapangan, latihan industri

dan beberapa aktiviti ko-kurikulum dan kesukarelawan bebas dipilih mahasiswa.

Beliau berkata, satu sistem yang berterusan dicadang dibina menggunakan gajet terkini bagi memastikan mesej mencapai mahasiswa dalam aspek bimbingan kerjaya.

"Pensyarah juga mesti berperanan membantu mahasiswa melalui aktiviti pembelajaran, penyelidikan dan penulisan supaya mereka nampak hala tuju kerjaya mereka.

"Budaya akademik di universiti mesti dikembalikan untuk generasi akan datang yang berilmu, kompetitif dan masyarakat sejahtera," katanya.

## Tiada bimbingan jelas

Sementara itu, lepasan graduan universiti awam yang hanya mahu dikenali Mohd Khalis, 26, berkata walaupun ada *finishing school* ketika di hujung pengajian, beliau mengakui ia tidak

mencukupi untuk melengkapkan pakej sebagai seorang bakal pekerja.

Katanya, disebabkan tiada bimbingan jelas daripada pihak universiti, ia menyebabkan beliau buntu dan hilang arah ketika memasuki alam pekerjaan.

"Sejujurnya, kalau persiapan kemahiran untuk bekerja itu tiadapun. Macam kemahiran menggunakan 'Excel' semua itu, kita kena belajar sendiri masa sudah memulakan kerja. Tiada bimbingan dari universiti.

"Saya hanya bersedia dari segi mental, tapi kemahiran itu semua tiada, kena belajar sendiri. Ketika di 'finishing school', saya belajar aspek pengucapan awam, sesi temuduga dan membuat 'resume'," katanya.

Wujud juga kebimbangan apabila graduan yang terpaksa bekerja dalam bidang di bawah kelayakan mereka, terperangkap tanpa peningkatan kerjaya kerana sudah berasa selesa.

# Pegawai penyelidik rugi RM600,500 ditipu pelaburan tidak wujud

**Kuantan:** Seorang pegawai penyelidik berusia 57 tahun kerugian RM600,500 selepas terpedaya dengan skim pelaburan tidak wujud melalui aplikasi WhatsApp.

Ketua Polis Pahang, Datuk Seri Yahaya Othman, berkata berdasarkan laporan kementerian wanita terbabit menyertai skim itu selepas dimasukkan dalam satu kumpulan dikenali 'K81 Lombard Stock Investment Academy' pada 21 Mac lalu.

Mangsa turut diarahkan memuat turun aplikasi bernama 'LOADMB' melalui satu pautan yang diberikan suspek bagi tujuan pelaburan.

"Tiga transaksi pelaburan awal RM14,000 dilakukan mangsa dan berjaya membuat satu pengeluaran awal berju-

mlah RM1,000 sehingga meyakinkan mangsa untuk meneruskan pelaburan.

"Seterusnya, dalam tempoh 23 April hingga 4 Jun lalu, mangsa melakukan sebanyak 28 transaksi kepada tiga akaun bank sehingga jumlah pelaburan RM600,500.

"Paparannya dalam aplikasi itu menunjukkan anggaran keuntungan melebihi RM300,000 tetapi apabila mangsa cuba mengeluarkan RM50,000, suspek meminta bayaran RM200,000 sebagai caj perkhidmatan.

"Selepas itu, mangsa mula menyedari dirinya ditipu. Sumber kewangan daripada simpanan milik mangsa. Kes terbabit disiasat mengikut Seksyen 420 Kanun Keseksanan," katanya dalam kenyataan semalam.



Yahaya Othman

BERITA HARIAN

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# Semakan semula SST untuk pastikan rakyat tidak terjejas

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**PUTRAJAYA:** Kerajaan menjelaskan, barangan dan perkhidmatan asas tidak akan dikenakan cukai apabila semakan semula Cukai Jualan dan Perkhidmatan (SST) mulai 1 Julai ini.

Menteri Kewangan II, Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan berkata, penyediaan perundangan turut mengambil kira maklum balas serta input industri bagi memastikan majoriti rakyat tidak terjejas dan kesan terhadap pihak industri dapat diminimumkan.

Menurut beliau, kadar Cukai Jualan (CJ) kekal tidak dinaikkan ke atas barangan keperluan asas yang digunakan rakyat, manakala kadar CJ dikenakan sebanyak 5 peratus atau 10 peratus dikenakan ke atas barangan pilihan dan bukan keperluan asas.

"Skop kenaan Cukai Perkhidmatan (CP) diperluas kepada perkhidmatan baharu seperti sewaan atau pajakan, pembinaan, jagaan kesihatan swasta, pendidikan dan kecantikan."

"Peluasan ini disertakan dengan pengecualian terpilih untuk mengelakkan cukai ber-



**Skop kenaan Cukai Perkhidmatan (CP) diperluas kepada perkhidmatan baharu seperti sewaan atau pajakan, pembinaan, jagaan kesihatan swasta, pendidikan dan kecantikan."**

DATUK SERI AMIR HAMZAH AZIZAN



ganda, serta memastikan perkhidmatan keperluan tertentu untuk warganegara Malaysia tidak dikenakan cukai," katanya dalam kenyataan di sini semalam.

Amir Hamzah berkata, semakan semula SST telah mela-

lui proses libat urus bersama pihak berkepentingan, khususnya persatuan industri dan ejen percukaian.

Katanya, kerajaan komited untuk meneruskan pembaharuan di bawah kerangka Ekonomi Madani.

"Bagi memastikan rakyat terbanyak tidak terkesan daripada semakan semula SST, kerajaan mengambil pendekatan bersasar untuk memastikan barangan dan perkhidmatan asas tidak dikenakan cukai.

"Selain itu, pelbagai kemudahan turut disediakan bagi mengurangkan kesan kepada perusahaan mikro, kecil dan sederhana (PMKS)," katanya.

Beliau berkata, hasil tambahan daripada penambahbaikan SST ini akan membolehkan penambahbaikan lanjut dalam perkhidmatan awam.

Ini khususnya peningkatan jumlah bantuan tunai kepada rakyat, serta memperkukuh prasarana asas dan penyampaian perkhidmatan awam sebagai melengkapkan usaha kerajaan merancakkan ekonomi dan memperkukuh jaringan keselamatan sosial.

"Tambahan hasil ini dapat dimanfaatkan seluruh negara tanpa menambah beban kepada majoriti rakyat," tambah beliau.

Pada masa sama, beliau berkata, bagi syarikat yang mengambil tindakan untuk mematuhi syarat perundangan SST yang ditetapkan, tiada tindakan pendakwaan dan penalti akan dikenakan sehingga 31 Disember 2025.

UTUSAN MALAYSIA  
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# Kerajaan perlu agresif banteras sindiket haji

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**PETALING JAYA:** Kerajaan perlu lebih agresif membanteras sindiket penipuan pakej haji agar tiada lagi individu menjadi mangsa setiap kali musim ibadah tersebut.

Pengarah Urusan Rayhar Travels Sdn. Bhd., Harun KC Ahmmu berkata, pihak tidak bertanggungjawab sering menggunakan pelbagai modus operandi yang berjaya mengaburi mata orang ramai.

"Kerajaan perlu bertindak lebih proaktif dan sentiasa selangkah ke hadapan daripada sindiket ini. Bawa pesalah ke muka pengadilan melalui penguatkuasaan undang-undang khusus. Tindakan tegas seperti penangkapan boleh menjadi pengajaran kepada mereka agar tidak mengulangi kesalahan sama.

"Saya juga menyeru pihak Lembaga Tabung Haji, Kementerian Pelancongan Seni dan

Budaya serta Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM) menjalankan program kesedaran berterusan tentang penipuan pakej haji.

"Kalau buat iklan dan menguar-uarkan secara kerap, orang ramai akan lebih berhati-hati daripada menjadi mangsa pihak tidak bertanggungjawab," katanya kepada *Utusan Malaysia*.

Sebelum ini, PDRM mendedahkan pihaknya menerima 37 laporan polis membabitkan 124 jemaah mangsa penipuan 'Infaq Haji' dengan keseluruhan kerugian yang dicatatkan adalah RM2 juta.

Harun yang juga Jurucakap Persatuan Syarikat Pengendalian Pelancongan Bumiputera Malaysia (BUMITRA) turut menasihatkan orang ramai agar sentiasa bersabar dalam menunggu giliran haji.

Disebabkan hilang kesabaran, katanya, ia membuatkan

ramai individu yang hilang pertimbangan sehingga mudah terpedaya dengan pakej haji palsu.

"Bila ada pihak yang menawarkan pakej haji dengan harga yang murah serta kononnya ada penaja, mereka yang tidak sabar sudah tentu akan tertarik dengan tawaran tersebut dan berurusan dengan pihak tidak bertanggungjawab.

"Sindiket ini pula akan menghilangkan diri apabila sudah menerima bayaran tertentu daripada pelanggan. Kesilapan ini juga berpunca daripada sikap individu yang tidak sabar menunggu giliran haji.

"Jadi orang ramai perlu memastikan mereka berurusan dengan saluran rasmi iaitu syarikat-syarikat yang dilesenkan oleh Lembaga Tabung Haji," katanya.

Pengurus Cawangan Fa Izin International Travel & Tours

Sdn. Bhd. di Johor Bahru, Afzal Zaaba pula menasihatkan orang ramai agar berhati-hati dengan tawaran menunaikan haji atau umrah yang lebih murah daripada harga asal.

Katanya, orang ramai perlu melakukan semakan harga tersebut beserta pakej yang ditawarkan serta memilih syarikat yang terkenal.

"Kalau ada individu yang berpangkat besar sekalipun menawarkan pakej haji atau umrah percuma serta kononnya menanggung perbelanjaan tertentu, itu jelas adalah scam.

"Kalau betul individu itu berhasrat untuk membuat penajaan, misalnya menaja jemaah cacat penglihatan, dia akan berurusan dengan agensi pelancongan. Segala urusan dokumentasi akan diuruskan oleh syarikat yang dilantik," katanya.

UTUSAN MALAYSIA  
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# MCMC ALLAYS CONCERN OVER DATA SHARING

Mobile phone info cannot be used to trace individuals, says deputy MD

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**A**NONYMISED mobile phone data collected by the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) is not classified as personal data.

MCMC deputy managing director Datuk Zurkarnain Mohd Yasin said this was because the data received from mobile network operators could not be used to identify or trace individuals.

He said the eight data sets collected by mobile network operators only included an anonymised identifier set by the operators, date and time of the transaction by transmitters, location of the transmission tower connected to the devices, type of network and the country identifier.

Zurkarnain gave his assurance that they were in full compliance with Malaysian laws and international standards.

"If we look at the letter we issued to service providers, we clearly stated that the data provided must be anonymised. There must not be any element that can identify the account owner or individual. There should be no information such as names, IC numbers or addresses.

"We only collect locations of transmission towers or base stations where communication takes place, whether it's phone calls or Internet data usage.

"From the beginning, we requested that the data be anonymised. Do not send us raw data, we don't want that.

"So, at the service provider level, we ensure that they comply with the Communications Act and the Personal Data Protection Act," he said at a briefing session at the MCMC headquarters.

Zurkarnain refuted allegations of privacy invasion and human rights violations.

He said mobile network operators were given two options before sharing mobile phone data to MCMC. The first was for them to process mobile phone data within their secure environment, with the anonymised and aggregated outputs to be submitted after.

For mobile network operators without in-house processing capabilities, they could choose the second option where anonymised data will be securely submitted to MCMC for processing.

Currently, CelcomDigi and Maxis have chosen the first option.

Zurkarnain said: "We have communicated to them that the first option is the better privacy protection for their subscribers.

"To also show how transparent MCMC and the DOSM (Department of Statistics Malaysia) are in collecting personal data, under the Personal Data Protection Act, anonymous mobile phone data is not classified as personal data and it cannot be used to identify or trace individuals."

Zurkarnain said MCMC had its own IT security policy that covered information security policy, organisation information security, asset management, access control, cryptography and physical and environment security to ensure that data was not shared with others.

On Friday, MCMC said its collection of mobile phone data did not involve the access, processing or disclosure of any personally identifiable information.

MCMC said mobile phone data would be used strictly to generate official statistics to support evidence-based policymaking in information and communications technology and tourism sectors.

Zurkarnain said Malaysia was not the only country using mobile phone data for statistical purposes. He said the initiative was part of a global effort supported by United Nations agencies.

"We have studied the application of mobile phone data and found it to be a crucial tool for big data analytics and digital transformation. It allows for more informed policy and development planning."

He said the use of mobile phone data aligned with Malaysia's digital transformation goals.

# GLITCH SEES KELANA JAYA LRT LINE GO ON MANUAL MODE

Services between Pasar Seni and Bangsar stations affected by track switch fault

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**A** TECHNICAL fault affecting the track switch system between the Pasar Seni and Bangsar LRT stations yesterday prompted manual train operations along the affected stretch.

As a result, trains on the Kelana Jaya LRT line were running at slower speeds, leading to packed coaches, overcrowded platforms and extended waiting times.

It took several hours for the issue which began at 5.30am to be corrected, by which time many commuters had taken to social media in frustration and outrage as they were left stranded at peak hours.

RapidKL, in a statement in the morning, confirmed that trains were being manually controlled between the two stations while repair works were underway.

It advised passengers to follow the instructions of station staff for assistance, plan their journeys in advance due to expected de-

lays or seek other transportation.

On social media, one user going by @ammz posted that he and others had been stuck in a train for over an hour on a journey from Wangsa Maju to KLCC.

"It shouldn't take this long. This is unacceptable," he wrote.

Another commuter, @hazimabhar, questioned the lack of contingency planning.

"It's already been four hours. These stations have existed for over 20 years — how is there still no disaster recovery system?"

Several others expressed dismay over disrupted work schedules.

"I left early thinking I could arrive at the office on time, only to get stuck," said @rausyannur.

Some users said the recurring issues had driven them away from using the service entirely.

"This is one of the reasons I stopped taking the LRT to work since 2022," said @arvinraj.turu.

While many vented their frustrations, others offered words of encouragement.

"Stay strong, RapidKL LRT users. Hopefully, everyone gets to work safely," posted @ddong\_ya.

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# Call to tap into most 'underutilised' assets

► Need to increase women in workforce by ensuring consistent, long-term support, enabling employees to remain and thrive in careers, says economist

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**PETALING JAYA:** Malaysia risks jeopardising its long-term economic growth if it fails to retain and support more women in the workforce, warns World Bank senior economist Shakira Teh Sharifuddin.

With the country facing a demographic crunch, marked by a shrinking working-age population and a rapidly ageing society, Shakira called for urgent action to tap into one of Malaysia's most underutilised economic assets - women.

"The benefits of increasing women's participation in the workforce are evident.

"A World Bank report, *Breaking Barriers: Toward Better Economic Opportunities for Women*, found that closing gender gaps in the economy could boost Malaysia's income per capita by 26.2% over time - equivalent to an annual increase of RM9,400 per person," she said.

On a global scale, the World Bank's Gender Employment Gap Index also suggests that eliminating gender employment disparities could boost long-term gross domestic product per capita by nearly 20%, she added.

Shakira said despite these high stakes, current labour force data tells a worrying story.

Citing data from the Statistics Department, Shakira said female labour force participation in Malaysia peaks at 77.4% among women aged 25 to 29.

However, this figure declines steadily with age - to 74.5% for those aged 30 to 34, 52.4% at 50 to 54 and just 36% among women aged 55 to 59.

In stark contrast, male participation stays consistently above 90% between the ages of 25 and 54.

"Malaysia's labour force data reveals a deeper issue," she said.

"Many women enter the workforce in their 20s but leave as they start families, with few returning later.

"This pattern differs from other countries, where women often take temporary breaks for caregiving and then rejoin the workforce once those responsibilities ease."

Shakira stressed that Malaysia must confront the ongoing challenge of ensuring consistent, long-term support to enable women not only to remain in the workforce but also to thrive



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throughout their careers.

She also highlighted that a growing body of research supports the effectiveness of hybrid and flexible working arrangements in enabling more women to participate in the labour market.

"For instance, research conducted on US households found that a 10% increase in work-from-home opportunities is associated with a 0.94% increase in mothers' employment," she added.

In the Malaysian context, a 2022 survey further underscored the value of flexible work arrangements in helping women balance career ambitions with family responsibilities.

"Employer-provided childcare benefits and subsidies have been shown to boost women's employment. A study by the International Finance Corporation found that over 60% of workers aged 29 to 44 consider onsite or subsidised childcare a key job benefit," she said.

Despite these promising measures, Shakira acknowledged that the greatest barrier women face in re-entering the workforce remains the dual burden of paid work and unpaid caregiving responsibilities - ranging from housework to caring for children and elderly relatives.

Other less frequently mentioned obstacles include workplace discrimination, health conditions (including disabilities), early retirement and limited access to suitable

job opportunities.

"These challenges are corroborated in an upcoming study by the World Bank that examines employment barriers among women living in People's Housing Programme communities and in economically lagging states such as Kelantan," she said.

Shakira also shared insights from a forthcoming World Bank survey of employers, which found that many companies cite family-related obligations as a major challenge when hiring women.

Some employers remain hesitant to recruit women returning to the workforce due to assumptions that they may be out of touch with industry trends or lacking in up-to-date skills, she added.

"Extending paternity leave, offering shared family leave and ensuring equitable pay are crucial steps toward creating a more equal workplace and breaking the stereotype that caregiving is solely a woman's role."

She emphasised that policies supporting women in the workforce should not be viewed as benefiting only women.

"Efforts to raise female workforce participation should focus on building a more inclusive labour market for all carers," she said.

"This includes promoting workplace flexibility, improving access to care services, and adopting inclusive practices that respect and accommodate diverse needs."

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