



PENGURUSAN PEMANTAUAN KERATAN AKHBAR MBSJ
TARIKH: 26 MEI 2025 (ISNIN)

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BIL	AKHBAR	PBT	TAJUK
		MBPJ	- UPDATED SERVICES – MBPJ HAS UPDATED OPERATIONS HOURS FOR ITS COUNTER SERVICES AT ITS HEADQUARTERS (8AM-5PM), MENARA MBPJ (8AM-4.30PM) AND KOTA DAMANSARA (8AM-4PM) AND FOR ALL DRIVE-THROUGH KIOSK (9AM TO 4PM) WHICH OPEN ON WEEKDAYS. - COMMUNITY GRANT – APPLICATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED FOR PETALING JAYA SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY DEVELOPMENT (PJ SEED) COMMUNITY GRANT BY PETALING JAYA CITY COUNCIL (MBPJ) UNTIL MAY 30.
		DBKL	- KL BAZAAR FEEDBACK – DBKL IS CALLING FOR PUBLIC FEEDBACK ON RAMADHAN AND AIDILFITRI BAZAARS AT THE CITY. FOR BETTER PLANNING NEXT YEAR. - VIVEKANANDA ASHRAM 'AT A CROSSROADS' 'LANDOWNERS ASKED FOR COMMERCIAL ZONING'

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2.	THE STAR	- OVER 4,000 UNLICENSED FACTORIES IN SELANGOR - ILLEGAL REFLEXOLOGY AND MASSAGE OPERATORS IN SELAYANG RAIDED - RETIREMENT REVIEW UNDERWAY - THREE HELD OVER PUCHONG HOME ATTACK - IMMIGRATION SMASHES TWO SYNDICATES INVOLVED IN FORGING PAPERS - POLICY CHANGES CONFUSING AND ANXIETY-INDUCING, SAY STUDENTS 2025 NOT AS SCORCHING AS 2024 'AVOID OFFLOADING NEW SERVICE CHARGES ONTO PATIENTS' - PRIVATE CLINICS GET FINAL SAY ON FEES - M'SIA, LAOS BACK TIMOR-LESTE BID - IMMIGRATION : RM1.61MIL COLLECTED IN REPATRIATION FEES
3.	SINAR HARIAN	- KERAJAAN BUKA ADAPTASI GUNA SISTEM SOLAR PV - AHLI PERNIAGAAN KENA SCAM RUGI RM5.3JUTA
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5.	HARIAN METRO	- PPJJ USM BANTU PENUNTUT 'BERUMUR' - MANGSA TERMUDA GANGGUAN SEKSUAL SEAWAL BAWAH 6 TAHUN
6.	BERITA HARIAN	- PROJEK PEARL, KUKUHKAN LITERASI ASAS ANAK KOMUNITI BANDAR - MALAYSIA, ASEAN ADA PERANAN PENTING TENTANG TINDAKAN UNILATERAL EKONOMI - PBAKL PROMOSI KARYA BERKUALITI

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		• BIL PERUBATAN, KOS MAJIKAN TINGGI IMPAK SYOR NAIK HAD USIA BERSARA • PENIAGA RUGI RM5.3J KENA TIPU PELABURAN TAK WUJUD • KERAJAAN BUKA RUANG KEPADA SEMUA PIHAK GUNA SOLAR PV
7.	UTUSAN MALAYSIA	• BANTERAS PENYELEWENGAN TERHADAP BANTUAN KERAJAAN • MALAYSIA 'KEMUDI' ASEAN KE ARAH KEBERSAMAAN • KEMPEN IKRAR KESELAMATAN DAN KESIHATAN PEKERJAAN • UMUR PERSARAAN 65 TAHUN BUKAN IDEA YANG BIJAK • JENAYAH SIBER, PENIPUAN PEKERJAAN CABARAN ASEAN
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But this was lacking in two local authorities, based on two news articles I worked on this month.

The first was a prolonged service disruption of Kuala Lumpur City Hall's (DBKL) online systems from April 27.

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Authorities need to keep stakeholders informed about any disruption in service

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In the case of DBKL, all the local authority had to do was send out updates to media outlets about which of its

portals had been restored and which were still down.

DBKL did not provide an explanation or reason for the prolonged disruption nor give alternative channels to help folk who could not access the online portals.

DBKL only issued a press statement on May 18 that it had been working with the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) as well as National Cyber Security Agency (Nacsa) to mitigate the situation, after the disruption was detected.

Meanwhile, talk spread about the systems being hacked and that a ransom was demanded, forcing Kuala Lumpur mayor Datuk Seri Maimunah Mohd Sharif to deny the allegations.

Despite this, DBKL did not disclose any information on the progress of investigations into the disruption, including the possible cause.

On the bus service, MBSJ only announced the temporary halt of Smart Selangor under its jurisdiction one day after commuters had faced disruptions.

The announcement was only made on May 2, but many commuters had waited for the buses on May 1, only to see none.

MBSJ explained that there was a change in the bus operator as its contract with the previous one had ended in February.

The contract was extended to April 30 to give room to the new operator to do necessary preparations but it faced issues in obtaining a bus route permit from the Land Public Transport Agency (APAD), leading to the delay in service.

However, all this information was not disclosed in MBSJ's public announcement.

Passengers would have remained in the dark had I not pursued the matter with the city council.

MBSJ should have disseminated the information to the media instead of staying silent and having to defend itself after regular commuters complained.

I am aware that the authorities have a string of protocols to be followed when giving details and updates to the media, ergo dissemination of information to the public, on important issues.

However, the absence of regular and transparent communications can lead to angry and unhappy stakeholders, and it will take a lot more work to rebuild trust that has been lost.

THE STAR

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Tarikh:.....

Car-free day travels to Seri Kembangan tomorrow



Muhammad Azli (centre) posing with sponsors of the MBSJ Car-Free Day with the lucky draw grand prize of a 110cc motorcycle. — AZLINA ABDULLAH/The Star

SUBANG Jaya City Council's (MBSJ) Car-Free Day programme is coming to Seri Kembangan this Sunday.

The event, which will feature a 4.2km fun run and 15km fun ride, will take place outside South City Plaza.

MBSJ Corporate and Strategic Management Department director Muhammad Azli Miswan said the car-free day was aimed at promoting healthier lifestyles, environmental awareness, and community engagement through vehicle-free roads.

Car-free day takes place four times a year, with the next two slated for August and October.

"We first began in 2022, with all activities held in Subang Jaya but we are now expanding to other state constituencies.

"In February we held it in Seri Serdang, and this is our first time hosting the event in Seri Kembangan.

"We are grateful for the support from the police, Public Works Department and other relevant agencies to ensure safety throughout the programmes," he said during a press conference at MBSJ headquarters in Subang Jaya.

The fun run is open to participants aged 12 and above, while the fun ride is for those aged 15 and above.

Registration can be done online, with participation fees starting from RM10.

"We have introduced a small fee this time to improve the overall experience, including offering a lucky draw with the grand prize of a 110cc motorcycle, as well as insurance coverage," Muhammad Azli added.

Other activities include an aerobics session as well as an "explorace" aimed at raising awareness of dengue prevention.

Various exhibitions will also be held by the police, Fire and Rescue Department and companies, many of which will offer special promotions. — By ALISA IDRIS

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Markets potential for tourism as cultural landmarks

By ALISA IDRIS



Nga (right) with Subang Jaya mayor Datuk Amirul Azizan Abd Rahim during the competition prize-giving ceremony.

HOUSING and Local Government Ministry (KPKT) has allocated more than RM136mil to transform public markets nationwide into cultural landmarks and tourism hotspots.

The announcement came during the second edition of Subang Jaya Car-Free Day (HTKSJ) 2025, held in Seri Kembangan, where Minister Nga Kor Ming officiated the prize-giving ceremony of the Design Idea Competition (DIC) for the redevelopment of Pasar Awam SK10, Seri Kembangan.

He added that all new markets and those undergoing upgrades above RM10mil would be required to hold similar design competitions.

The design competition for Pasar Awam SK10 in Selangor, set to undergo redevelopment estimated at RM12mil, was a joint effort between Subang Jaya City Council (MBSJ) and Malaysian Institute of Architects (PAM). It attracted 91 designs from local architecture firms.

This competition used a comprehensive evaluation method, with 90% assessed by professional jurors.

The remaining 10% comprised community representatives, including Seri Kembangan assemblyman Wong Siew Ki, city councillors, MBSJ department heads and representatives from SK10 Market Traders Association.

The competition also accepted international entries to ensure the best ideas were considered.

Moa Architects Sdn Bhd took home the top prize of RM50,000, followed by Ky Loh Architect with RM30,000 in second place.

Spatial Factor Architects received RM15,000 for third placing, while seven other firms were given consolation prizes of RM5,000 each.

The winning firms would be appointed as consultants, while the city council would retain design copyright.

"This initiative empowers local professionals, strengthens public-private sector collaboration and ensures that the redevelopment of public markets aligns with the needs of both the community and the industry," said Nga.

The Local Government Department (JKT), in collaboration with PAM, will run the design competition for eight other public market projects.

They are Pasar Taman Muda in Ampang, Pasar Kajang and Pasar Kekal at the Pasar Sungai Long site in Cheras – all three in Selangor, Pasar Borong Gong Pauh in Kuala Terengganu (Terengganu), Pasar Besar Kuala Pilah (Negri Sembilan), Pasar Besar Kuala Krai (Kelantan), Pasar Besar Ipoh (Perak) and Pasar Besar Melaka Sentral in Melaka.

On another matter, Nga said local councils would be categorised under performance-based "traffic light" policy regarding federal funding.

"Councils ranked with a red light due to poor performance might have their allocations pulled.

"Those in yellow due to unsatisfactory (performance) will be reviewed.

"And those in green will be eligible for increased allocations," he said.

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Sistem 'lampu isyarat' nilai prestasi Datuk Bandar seluruh negara

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MENTERI Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan, Ng Khor Ming pada sidang media pada Program Hari Tanpa Kenderaan Subang Jaya (HTKSJ) 2025. FOTO: Saifulizan Tamadi

Serdang: Datuk Bandar di seluruh negara yang gagal mempamerkan prestasi baik berdasarkan sistem penilaian 'lampu isyarat' akan dikenakan tindakan.

Menteri Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan (KPKT), Ng Khor Ming memberi amaran itu kepada semua pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) namun memberi ruang untuk mereka memperbaiki agensi masing-masing.

Menurutnya, setakat ini penilaian masih dilakukan berikutnya sistem lampu isyarat itu baru saja dilaksanakan pada awal Mei.

"Datuk Bandar semua yang ada di sini, dengar baik-baik sekiranya gagal, nama dia saya akan serahkan kepada KPPA (Ketua Pengarah Perkhidmatan Awam), ada maksud tersurat dan tersirat.

"Mana-mana PBT yang dinilai 'lampu merah' peruntukan mereka akan ditarik, kuning, peruntukan akan dikurangkan tetapi jika hijau, peruntukan akan ditambah.

"Sekiranya mendapat 'lampu merah' YDP dan SU (Yang di-Pertua dan setiausaha) akan dipanggil untuk kaunseling dan ada kursus pementapan," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian selepas menyempurnakan program Hari Tanpa Kenderaan Subang Jaya (HTKSJ) dan Majlis Penyampaian Hadiah Reka Bentuk (DIC) Pasar Awam SK 10 Seri Kembangan, di sini, hari ini.

Kor Ming berkata, pihaknya menerima sebanyak 91 penyertaan daripada pelbagai firma dan ahli profesional seni bina tempatan yang mana 10 reka bentuk terbaik disenaraikan pendek oleh tujuh juri pakar dan juri awam yang berkepentingan antaranya wakil penduduk serta peniaga.

Katanya, kesemua yang disenaraikan pendek menerima wang tunai dan sijil bermula RM5,000 hingga RM50,000 bagi rekaan terbaik.

"Pemenang bukan saja menerima hadiah wang tunai malah akan dilantik sebagai perunding bagi projek pembinaan pasar yang bernilai RM12 juta itu.

"Pertandingan ini dilaksanakan berdasarkan kepada sistem penilaian 90 peratus daripada panel juri profesional yang berkecuali dan 10 peratus daripada juri awam membabitkan wakil komuniti, Adun dan ahli majlis," katanya.

Disiarkan pada: Mei 25, 2025 @ 12:15pm

HARIAN METRO ONLINE

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RM136.7 juta untuk bina, naik taraf pasar awam

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Kor Ming pada sidang media di Program Hari Tanpa Kenderaan Subang Jaya (HTKSJ) 2025 di South City Plaza. FOTO SAIFULLIZAN TAMADI

Serdang: Kementerian Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan (KPKT) memperuntukkan sejumlah RM136.7 juta bagi membina pasar awam baharu dan menaik taraf pasar sedia ada.

Menterinya, Nga Kor Ming berkata, langkah itu selaras usaha kerajaan bagi memberi nafas baharu kepada pasar-pasar awam menjadi lebih moden dan menarik.

*Antara lokasi terlibat adalah pembinaan Pasar Taman Muda Ampang, Selangor dengan kos RM35 juta, naik taraf Pasar Gong Pauh, Terengganu (RM15 juta), membina baru Pasar Besar Kuala Pilah (RM11.7 juta) dan Pasar Besar Kuala Kral, Kelantan (RM15 juta).

*Turut terabit pembinaan Pasar Besar Kajang dengan kos RM15 juta, pembinaan pasar kekal di tapak Pasar Sungai Long, Cheras (RM15 juta), naik taraf pasar besar Ipoh (RM15 juta) dan pembinaan Pasar di Melaka Tengah (RM15 juta); katanya.

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Menurutnya, rekaan pasar terbabit akan dipilih menerusi pertandingan reka bentuk yang akan dianjurkan oleh pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) yang berkenaan.

Katanya, inisiatif itu bukan sahaja menggalakkan usaha sama antara kerajaan dan golongan profesional malah medium itu dilihat dapat mengurangkan risiko ketirisan.

*Melalui pertandingan ini, kita ingin menggalakkan pendekatan reka bentuk yang inovatif, mampan dan inklusif, di mana pasar awam bukan sekadar tempat membeli-belah tetapi turut mencerminkan kehidupan berbilang kaum rakyat Malaysia.

*Kita mahu (pasar) menjadi nadi komuniti yang menyatukan pendudukan setempat jadi konsep yang dipilih hasil daripada pertandingan ini akan menjadi milik penuh PBT.

*Ia akan digunakan oleh pasukan perunding bagi menyediakan lukisan terperinci serta dokumen tender untuk pelaksanaan projek di peringkat seterusnya," katanya.

Kor Ming berkata, pertandingan itu terbuka kepada golongan profesional dan firma seni bina tempatan yang jika terpilih bukan sahaja memenangi hadiah malah bakal dilantik sebagai konsultan projek pembinaan itu kelak.

Beliau berkata, program itu akan dilaksanakan dalam masa terdekat berikut beberapa isu teknikal yang perlu diselesaikan pihaknya terlebih dahulu.

*Projek ini kita akan mula secepat mungkin namun ada sedikit kekangan teknikal di mana mengikut arahan projek pembinaan pasar dahulunya diletak bidang kuasa JKR (Jabatan Kerja Raya).

*Namun bagi projek ini saya sudah minta pengecualian supaya dapat dilaksanakan oleh PBT dan saya jangka akan dapat kelulusan," katanya.

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HARIAN METRO ONLINE

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96 sekolah berentap rebut Piala Dato' Mokhtar Dahari dan Piala Raja Muda Selangor bermula Oktober ini



PENERUS jawatankuasa induk kejohanan, Datuk Emran Kadir (enam dari kanan) bersama barisan wakil pengagor kejohanan Piala Dato' Mokhtar Dahari dan Piala Raja Muda Selangor. FOTO NSTP/Norazma Che Noh

Shah Alam: Sejumlah 96 sekolah menengah dan kebangsaan seluruh Selangor bakal berentap dalam Kejohanan Piala Dato' Mokhtar Dahari dan Piala Raja Muda Selangor yang akan bermula secara berperingkat mulai Oktober ini.

Pengerusi jawatankuasa induk kejohanan, Datuk Emran Kadir berkata penyertaan babitkan 32 pasukan masing-masing bagi Piala Dato' Mokhtar Dahari bawah 18 tahun, bawah 15 tahun serta bawah 12 tahun untuk Piala Raja Muda Selangor.

Beliau berkata, kejohanan yang diilhamkan Sultan Selangor Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah itu diteruskan untuk pencarian bakat serta pelapis bola sepak di peringkat akar umbi.

"Hasrat Tuanku Sultan Selangor supaya kejohanan ini melahirkan seramai mungkin bakat dalam bola sepak bukan sahaja di Selangor tetapi seluruh negara.

"Malah ada pemain yang mempamerkan aksi cemerlang dalam pertandingan ini diterima masuk ke Akademi Bola Sepak Negara Mokhtar Dahari," katanya pada sidang media selepas Majlis Penyerahan Tajuan bagi Kejohanan Bola Sepak Piala Raja Muda Selangor dan Piala Dato' Mokhtar Dahari di sini, hari ini.

Beliau berkata, secara keseluruhan 946 sekolah seluruh negeri menyertai perlawanan bola sepak yang dianjurkan di peringkat Majlis Sukan-Sukan Daerah (MSSD) sebelum juara-juara dikumpul untuk perlawanan peringkat pusat.

Katanya, Piala Raja Muda Selangor dijangka bermula pada 4 November hingga 4 Disember; Piala Dato' Mokhtar Dahari bawah 15 tahun pula pada 1 Oktober hingga 25 Oktober.

"Bagi Piala Dato' Mokhtar Dahari bawah 18 tahun pula, tarikh kejohanan akan dimaklumkan kemudian kemudian kelayakan di peringkat MSSD belum selesai," katanya.

Mengulas lanjut, Emran berkata, juara bagi Piala Raja Muda Selangor akan membawa pulang wang tunai RM5,000 manakala juara bagi Piala Dato' Mokhtar Dahari (bawah 18 tahun) akan membawa pulang RM10,000 manakala bagi kategori bawah 15 tahun juara akan menerima RM8,000.

Delam pada itu, beliau berkata, kejohanan berkenaan mendapat penaja lebih RM300,000 dengan penaja utama adalah Kumpulan Perangsang Selangor Berhad (KPS) dan Permodalan Negeri Selangor Berhad (PNSB) serta pihak swasta.

Jelasnya, turut memberi sumbangan adalah Pihak Berkuasa Tempatan (PBT) antaranya Majlis Bandaraya Shah Alam (MBSA), Majlis Bandaraya Subang Jaya (MBSJ) dan Majlis Bandaraya Petaling Jaya (MBPJ).

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HARIAN METRO ONLINE

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PBT dinilai 'lampu merah' akan ditarik peruntukan, 'lampu kuning' pula dikurangkan - Kor Ming

Oleh Mohd Haris Fadli Mohd Fadzil - Mei 25, 2025 @ 12:33pm



Nga Kor Ming. - NSTP/Mohd Fadli Hamzah

SERDANG: Pihak berkuasa tempatan yang mencatat prestasi 'lampu merah' melalui sistem penilaian 'lampu trafik' yang diguna pakai akan dikenakan tindakan termasuk ditarik peruntukan.

Amaran itu diberikan Menteri Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan (KPKT), Nga Kor Ming, susulan sistem penilaian 'lampu trafik' yang diguna pakai bagi menilai prestasi 156 pihak PBT di seluruh negara bermula Mei lalu.

Beliau turut mengingatkan datuk bandar, yang dipertua dan setiausaha PBT bahawa tindakan akan dikenakan sekiranya mereka gagal mempamerkan prestasi baik berdasarkan sistem penilaian itu.

"Datuk bandar semua yang ada di sini dengar baik-baik... sekiranya gagal, nama dia saya akan serahkan kepada KPPA (Ketua Pengarah Perkhidmatan Awam)... ada maksud tersurat dan tersirat.

"Mana-mana PBT yang dinilai 'lampu merah' peruntukan mereka akan ditarik, kuning pula peruntukan akan dikurangkan... tetapi jika hijau, peruntukan akan ditambah.

"Sekiranya mendapat 'lampu merah' YDP (yang dipertua) dan SU (setiausaha) akan dipanggil untuk kaunseling dan ada kursus pemantapan," katanya selepas menyempurnakan program Hari Tanpa Kenderaan Subang Jaya (HTKSJ) dan Majlis Penyampaian Hadiah Reka Bentuk (DIC) Pasar Awam SK 10 Seri Kembangan, di sini, hari ini.

Mengulas program hari ini, Kor Ming berkata 91 penyertaan diterima dari pelbagai firma dan ahli profesional seni bina tempatan, di mana 10 reka bentuk terbaik disenarai pendek oleh tujuh juri pakar dan sejumlah juri awam yang berkepentingan antaranya wakil penduduk serta peniaga.

Katanya, semua yang disenarai pendek menerima wang tunai dan sijil bermula RM5,000 hingga RM50,000 bagi rekaan terbaik.

"Pemenang bukan sahaja menerima hadiah wang tunai malah akan dilantik sebagai konsultan bagi projek pembinaan pasar yang bernilai RM12 juta itu.

"Pertandingan ini dilaksanakan berdasarkan kepada sistem penilaian 90 peratus daripada panel juri profesional yang berkecuali dan 10 peratus daripada juri awam melibatkan wakil komuniti, ADUN dan ahli majlis," katanya.

BERITA HARIAN ONLINE

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Premis jual e-rokok, vape masih beroperasi, PBT di Selangor akan laksana tindakan

Oleh Ruwaida Md Zain - Mei 21, 2025 @ 5:09pm



Premis menjual e-rokok dan vape di sekitar Seksyen 7, Seksyen 9, Seksyen 13 dan Seksyen 18 di Shah Alam yang beroperasi seperti biasa. - Foto NSTP/RUWAIDA MD ZAIN

SHAH ALAM: Premis yang menjalankan perniagaan rokok elektronik atau vape masih meneruskan operasi mereka seperti biasa, malah pelanggan yang terdiri dalam kalangan lelaki dewasa keluar masuk untuk membelinya.

Tinjauan di sekitar Seksyen 2, Seksyen 7, Seksyen 9, Seksyen 13 dan Seksyen 18, Shah Alam mendapati premis terbabit terletak di kawasan awam di bangunan kedai biasa dan ada penduduk mendakwa suasana di premis berkenaan pada sebelah malam lebih 'meriah', berbanding siang hari.

Semalam, pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) di Selangor diarah menyita iklan memaparkan rokok elektronik atau vape di seluruh negeri dengan negeri ini dalam proses pertimbangan untuk melarang penjualannya berikutan ancaman penggunaan rokok elektronik yang semakin membimbangkan, khususnya generasi muda.



Premis menjual e-rokok dan vape di sekitar Seksyen 7, Seksyen 9, Seksyen 13 dan Seksyen 18 di Shah Alam yang beroperasi seperti biasa. - Foto NSTP/RUWAIDA MD ZAIN

"Pihak majlis tidak pernah mengeluarkan lesen perniagaan bagi aktiviti rokok elektronik (vape)," katanya ketika dihubungi hari ini.

Yang Dipertua Majlis Perbandaran Kuala Langat (MPKL), Mohd Hasry Nor Mohd, berkata pihaknya menyambut baik dan menyokong arahan bagi melaksanakan langkah awal dalam usaha mengekang ancaman penggunaan rokok elektronik yang mencetuskan kegusaran awam terutama dalam kalangan generasi muda di negeri ini seperti yang dinyatakan oleh EXCO Kesihatan Awam.

"MPKL memandang serius perkembangan aktiviti vape dalam kalangan masyarakat dan sedang meneliti bagi menggerakkan operasi pemberitahuan kepada pihak terbabit supaya tiada lagi paparan iklan (gegantung dan sepanduk) berkaitan produk vape dalam kawasan pentadbiran MPKL.

"Kita akan beri ruang kepada pemilik premis atau pengiklan untuk menurunkan sendiri sebarang bentuk pengiklanan, promosi dan penajaan berkaitan produk rokok elektronik sebelum tindakan lebih tegas diambil sekiranya arahan itu tidak dipatuhi.

"Tindakan yang sedang digerakkan ini adalah langkah yang tepat dalam melahirkan generasi yang lebih sihat, produktif sebagai aset masa hadapan negara selaras dengan selaras peruntukan Akta Kawalan Produk Merokok untuk Kesihatan Awam 2023 (Akta 852)," katanya.

Sementara itu, Pengarah Korporat dan Perhubungan Awam Majlis Bandaraya Shah Alam (MBSA), Mohd Fauzi Aziz Maamor ketika dihubungi, berkata pihaknya tidak memberikan lesen kepada premis yang menjalankan aktiviti membuat, memproses, menjual dan menyimpan rokok elektronik.

"Mana-mana premis yang beroperasi tanpa mempunyai lesen yang sah, pihak MBSA boleh mengambil tindakan kompaun di bawah peruntukan 3 Undang-Undang Kecil Pelesenan Tred, Perniagaan dan Perindustrian (MBSA) 2007 dan penyitaan Mengikut Seksyen 101(1)(v) Akta 171 Akta Kerajaan Tempatan 1976.

"Merujuk kepada kenyataan media oleh Yang Berhormat EXCO Kesihatan Awam dan Alam Sekitar Selangor semalam, Jabatan Pelesenan mengambil maklum berkenaan perkara itu serta mengikuti perkembangan lanjut bagi tindakan yang akan diambil seiring dengan dasar yang dikuatkuasakan," katanya.

Bagaimanapun, Majlis Bandaraya Subang Jaya (MBSJ) enggan mengulas mengenai perkara itu ketika dihubungi sebentar tadi.

Sementara itu, beberapa PBT di Selangor memberikan pelbagai maklum balas susulan kenyataan yang dikeluarkan oleh EXCO Kesihatan Awam negeri, Jamaliah Jamaluddin berhubung isu berkenaan.

Pengarah Komunikasi Korporat Majlis Bandaraya Diraja Klang (MBDK), Norfiza Mahfiz, berkata pihaknya mengikut arahan daripada kerajaan negeri selaras peruntukan Akta Kawalan Produk Merokok Demi Kesihatan Awam 2024 (Akta 852) yang secara jelas melarang sebarang bentuk pengiklanan, promosi dan penajaan berkaitan produk merokok elektronik.

"MBDK akan melaksanakan tindakan penurunan iklan-iklan yang memaparkan rokok elektronik atau vape di kawasan MBDK seperti mana yang diperuntukkan di bawah Undang-Undang Kecil 21, Undang-Undang Kecil Iklan (MPK) 2007.

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96 pasukan rebut Piala Raja Muda Selangor, Piala Datuk Mokhtar Dahari

Oleh Norzamira Che Noh - Mei 21, 2025 @ 5:38pm



Pengerusi jawatankuasa induk kejohanan, Datuk Emran Kadir (enam dari kanan) bersama barisan wakil penganjur kejohanan Piala Datuk Mokhtar Dahari dan Piala Raja Muda Selangor - Foto NSTP/Norzamira Che Noh

SHAH ALAM: Sebanyak 96 sekolah menengah dan kebangsaan seluruh Selangor bakal berentap dalam Kejohanan Piala Datuk Mokhtar Dahari dan Piala Raja Muda Selangor yang akan bermula secara berperingkat mulai Oktober ini.

Pengerusi jawatankuasa induk kejohanan, Datuk Emran Kadir berkata, penyertaan membabitkan 32 pasukan masing-masing bagi Piala Datuk Mokhtar Dahari bawah 18 (B-18) tahun dan B-15 serta B-12 tahun untuk Piala Raja Muda Selangor.

Beliau berkata, kejohanan yang diilhamkan Sultan Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah itu diteruskan untuk pencarian bakat serta pelapis bola sepak di peringkat akar umbi.

"Hasrat Tuanku Sultan Selangor supaya kejohanan ini melahirkan seramai mungkin bakat dalam bola sepak bukan sahaja di Selangor tetapi seluruh negara.

"Malah ada pemain yang mempamerkan aksi cemerlang dalam pertandingan ini diterima masuk ke Akademi Bolasepak Negara Mokhtar Dahari," katanya pada sidang media selepas Majlis Penyerahan Tajaan bagi Kejohanan Piala Raja Muda Selangor dan Piala Datuk Mokhtar Dahari di sini, hari ini.

Beliau berkata, secara keseluruhan 946 sekolah seluruh negeri menyertai perlawanan bola sepak yang dianjurkan di peringkat Majlis Sukan-Sukan Daerah (MSSD) sebelum juara-juara dikumpul untuk perlawanan peringkat pusat.

Katanya, Piala Raja Muda Selangor dijangka bermula pada 4 November hingga 4 Disember manakala Piala Datuk Mokhtar Dahari B-15 pula pada 1 Oktober hingga 25 Oktober.

"Bagi Piala Datuk Mokhtar Dahari B-18, tarikh kejohanan akan dimaklumkan kemudian berikutan kelayakan di peringkat MSSD belum selesai," katanya.

Juara Piala Raja Muda Selangor akan membawa pulang wang tunai RM5,000, manakala juara Piala Datuk Mokhtar Dahari B-18 dan B-15 masing-masing akan membawa pulang RM10,000 dan RM8,000.

Emran memaklumkan, kejohanan berkenaan mendapat penajaan lebih RM300,000 dengan penaja utama adalah Kumpulan Perangsang Selangor Berhad (KPS) dan Permodalan Negeri Selangor Berhad (PNSB) serta pihak swasta.

Katanya, turut memberi sumbangan adalah Pihak Berkuasa Tempatan (PBT) termasuk Majlis Bandaraya Shah Alam (MBSA), Majlis Bandaraya Subang Jaya (MBSJ) dan Majlis Bandaraya Petaling Jaya (MBPJ).

BERITA HARIAN ONLINE

TARIKH: 26 MEI 2025

MBSA siasat punca letupan

SHAH ALAM - Majlis Bandaraya Shah Alam (MBSA) bersedia menyiasat punca bunyi seakan-akan letupan di sekitar Shah Alam yang masih menjadi tanda tanya dalam kalangan penduduk.

Datuk Bandarnya Dato' Mohd Fauzi Mohd Yatim berkata, hasil siasatan berhubung gangguan bunyi yang tular di media sosial itu akan dimaklumkan dalam masa terdekat.

"Saya akan minta Jabatan Kejuruteraan menyiasat punca bunyi letupan yang dikatakan kerap didengari sekitar dua tiga minggu lepas di bandar raya ini," katanya pada 24 Mei.

EXCO Kerajaan Tempatan, Dato' Ng Suee Lim meminta MBSA menyegerakan siasatan selain menggerakkan kerjasama antara Unit Perancang Ekonomi Negeri, pasukan penguat kuasa dan rondaan pantas.

Pakar: Lindungi kesihatan lebih penting

Larangan promosi vape langkah tepat

Oleh **SOFIA NASIR**

SHAH ALAM - Keputusan Kerajaan Negeri yang mengarahkan pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) merampas dan menyita iklan berkaitan produk rokok elektronik (vape) disifatkan tepat.

Pakar Kesihatan Awam Dato' Dr Khalid Ibrahim memberitahu penjualan vape yang mengandungi bahan berbahaya semakin meluas dan memberi risiko kesihatan terutama anak muda.

"Saya menyokong penuh saranan negeri. Ini langkah terbaik. Kita tahu pe-



lesenan bawah PBT dan ada beberapa negeri telah pun melaksanakannya.

"Kita dapati ramai yang salah gunakan vape. Malah, bukti saintifik membuktikan vape menyebabkan isu kesihatan seperti barah paru-paru," katanya pada 21 Mei.

Menurut beliau yang kini berkhidmat sebagai timbalan pengarah profesional dan operasi di Hospital Al-Sultan Abdullah UTM Puncak Alam, mudarat vape lebih besar dari faedah ekonomi.

Bagaimanapun, beliau berkata penguatkuasaan berkaitan vape perlu ditangani dengan berhemah kerana dijangka memberi kesan kepada golo-

ngan usahawan.

"Bagi saya kesihatan ini lebih penting daripada isu duit. Tapi mungkin akan timbul isu daripada peniaga nanti," kata bekas pengarah kesihatan negeri itu.

Pada 20 Mei, Kerajaan Selangor mengarahkan semua PBT merampas dan menyita iklan berkaitan produk rokok elektronik atau vape di semua medium fizikal termasuk papan iklan digital (LED).

EXCO Kesihatan Awam Jamaliah Jamaluddin berkata tindakan itu selaras Akta Kawalan Produk Merokok untuk Kesihatan Awam 2023 (Akta 852) bagi melindungi generasi muda dari ancaman vape.

Keputusan larangan e-rokok Julai

SHAH ALAM - Selangor dijangka memuktamadkan keputusan larangan produk rokok elektronik atau vape dalam tempoh dua bulan, kata EXCO Kesihatan Awam Jamaliah Jamaluddin.

Beliau memberitahu dua mesyuarat diadakan bagi membincangkan perkara tersebut bersama Kementerian Kesihatan, Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri Selangor dan pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT).

"Kita sedang bergerak ke arah pelaksanaan larangan tetapi perlu berhati-hati dan mengambil pendekatan menyeluruh.

"Cabaran utama yang dikenal pasti ialah penjualan dalam talian tanpa kawalan, produk jenama tidak berdaftar serta pengeluaran tidak rasmi di kawasan kediaman," katanya baru-baru ini.

Pada 20 Mei, Kerajaan Selangor mengarahkan semua PBT merampas sebarang iklan berkaitan produk rokok elektronik atau vape di semua medium fizikal termasuk papan iklan digital (LED).

Tindakan itu selaras dengan peruntukan Akta Kawalan Produk Merokok untuk Kesihatan Awam 2023 (Akta 852) bagi melindungi rakyat khususnya generasi muda daripada ancaman vape yang semakin membimbangkan.

Rampas paparan iklan di premis

SHAH ALAM - Pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) di Selangor sedia mematuhi arahan untuk merampas dan menyita iklan produk rokok elektronik (vape) meliputi semua medium pengiklanan fizikal.

Pengarah Komunikasi Korporat Majlis Bandaraya Diraja Klang (MBDK) Norfiza Mahfiz berkata tindakan itu selaras undang-undang MBDK yang tidak pernah mengeluarkan lesen jualan vape.

Katanya, arahan tersebut selaras Akta

Kawalan Produk Merokok Demi Kesihatan Awam 2024 (Akta 852) yang jelas melarang sebarang bentuk iklan, promosi dan penajaan berkaitan produk itu.

"MBDK akan menurunkan iklan yang memaparkan vape di kawasan MBDK seperti yang diperuntuk bawah Undang-Undang Kecil 21, Undang-Undang Kecil Iklan (MPK) 2007," katanya pada 22 Mei.

Yang Dipertua Majlis Perbandaran Kuala Langat (MPKL) memaklumkan operasi pemberitahuan kepada pihak

terlibat digerakkan supaya tiada lagi paparan iklan termasuk gegantung dan sepanduk.

Mohd Hasry Nor Mohd menjelaskan MPKL memandang serius perkembangan aktiviti vape dalam masyarakat selain menyokong langkah awal mengawal jualan vape terutama generasi muda.

"Kita beri ruang kepada pemilik premis atau pengiklan untuk turunkan sendiri semua bentuk iklan, promosi dan tajaan berkaitan produk vape sebelum ambil tindakan tegas," katanya.



'Candu baharu'

APA ITU E-ROKOK?

- peranti elektronik mengandungi nikotin
- terbaharu dikenali sebagai 'E-Cigs', 'mods', 'E-Hookahs' dan pod
- tidak guna tembakau sebagai sumber penghasilan asap tetapi cecair kimia berperisa

POTENSI KETAGIH

- nikotin punca ketagihan
- sekali cuba mungkin cenderung hisap kembali
- bahan perasa turut jadi punca ketagih
- berbanding rokok, vape lebih cepat ketagih untuk hisap berterusan

PERBEZAAN DENGAN ROKOK

- kandungan nikotin lebih tinggi kerana tiada kawalan
- dicipta dengan pelbagai perisa enak
- ada antaranya dihasil tanpa asap dan bau
- mudah diubahsuai kerana kandungan cecair boleh bertukar
- risiko keracunan kanak-kanak tinggi kerana warna menarik dan bau harum

KESAN KESIHATAN

- lebih bahaya kerana bahan perisa memasuki paru-paru
- lebih cepat sesak nafas dan rasa tersekat
- kesan nikotinnya lebih sensitif terhadap remaja berisiko terbantu pembesaran
- berisiko terkena kanser paru-paru

GEJALA AWAL

- cepat sesak nafas ketika menaiki tangga
- mudah batuk pada waktu malam
- susah bernafas bila berjalan jauh

GARA GEGAH

- minta bantuan pengamal perubatan
- ubat akan ditawarkan mengikut tahap ketagihan
- terapi gantian nikotin dalam bentuk pelekat atau gula-gula getah

ROKOK elektronik atau vape sering dianggap alternatif lebih selamat berbanding kaedah merokok konvensional.

Bagi generasi hari ini, penggunaannya juga dikaitkan dengan gaya hidup yang lebih santai dan moden. Maka tidak hairanlah, ramai golongan dewasa dan remaja terjebak dalam penggunaan vape tanpa menyedari mudarat terhadap kesihatan diri.

Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) tahun lalu mendedahkan, penggunaan bahan itu meningkat 600 peratus dengan 5.8 peratus pengguna dikenal pasti pada 2023 berbanding 0.8 peratus pada 2011.

Bimbang dengan peningkatan ketara itu, Johor menjadi negeri pertama mengharamkan penjualan rokok elektronik sepenuhnya sejak 2016, diikuti Kelantan.

Terengganu dan Perlis pula bermula 1 Ogos ini, manakala Melaka dan Selangor sedang mempertimbangkan untuk mengenakan larangan sama.

Wartawan NADIAH ZAMLIUS menyusun semula temu ramah Bicara Semasa Bahana Vape, kendalian ALIFF HAIQAL MOHAMED bersama Perunding Perubatan Keluarga dan Perubatan Gaya Hidup Pusat Perubatan MSU Dr Faridah Mohd Zin. (gambar)



TINDAKAN KERAJAAN SELANGOR

- 18 April: Dato' Menteri Besar Dato' Seri Amirudin Shari meneliti cadangan mengharamkan penjualan rokok elektronik di Selangor
- 19 Mei: Kerajaan Negeri pertimbang larangan jual vape, sedang bincang dengan KKM, Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri, keputusan Julai depan
- 20 Mei: Selangor arah pihak berkuasa tempatan sita iklan vape di semua medium fizikal termasuk papan iklan digital atau LED

Lori lut sinar untuk kitar semula

SHAH ALAM - KDEB Waste Management (KDEBWM) akan menggunakan lori lut sinar bagi program Selangor Kitar Semula (SELKitar) pada masa akan datang.

Pengarah Urusannya Dato' Ramli Mohd Tahir berkata penggunaan kenderaan khas itu membezakan operasi lori sampah biasa selain semua barangan yang dibawa boleh dilihat dengan jelas.

"Buat masa ini, kita ada dua lori menerusi program dengan kerjasama Nestle Malaysia dan bercadang untuk beli 12 lagi," katanya dalam wawancara kendalian Media Selangor.

Beliau memberitahu sebanyak 2,184 kilogram barangan kitar semula dapat dikumpul pada minggu pertama program.

Car-free day travels to Seri Kembangan tomorrow



Muhammad Azli (centre) posing with sponsors of the MBSJ Car-Free Day with the lucky draw grand prize of a 110cc motorcycle. — AZLINA ABDULLAH/The Star

SUBANG Jaya City Council's (MBSJ) Car-Free Day programme is coming to Seri Kembangan this Sunday.

The event, which will feature a 4.2km fun run and 15km fun ride, will take place outside South City Plaza.

MBSJ Corporate and Strategic Management Department director Muhammad Azli Miswan said the car-free day was aimed at promoting healthier lifestyles, environmental awareness, and community engagement through vehicle-free roads.

Car-free day takes place four times a year, with the next two slated for August and October.

"We first began in 2022, with all activities held in Subang Jaya but we are now expanding to other state constituencies.

"In February we held it in Seri Serdang, and this is our first time hosting the event in Seri Kembangan.

"We are grateful for the support from

the police, Public Works Department and other relevant agencies to ensure safety throughout the programmes," he said during a press conference at MBSJ headquarters in Subang Jaya.

The fun run is open to participants aged 12 and above, while the fun ride is for those aged 15 and above.

Registration can be done online, with participation fees starting from RM10.

"We have introduced a small fee this time to improve the overall experience, including offering a lucky draw with the grand prize of a 110cc motorcycle, as well as insurance coverage," Muhammad Azli added.

Other activities include an aerobics session as well as an "explorace" aimed at raising awareness of dengue prevention.

Various exhibitions will also be held by the police, Fire and Rescue Department and companies, many of which will offer special promotions. — By ALISA IDRIS

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HOUSING and Local Government Ministry (KPKT) has allocated more than RM136mil to transform public markets nationwide into cultural landmarks and tourism hotspots.

The announcement came during the second edition of Subang Jaya Car-Free Day (HTKSJ) 2025, held in Seri Kembangan, where Minister Nga Kor Ming officiated the prize-giving ceremony of the Design Idea Competition (DIC) for the redevelopment of Pasar Awam SK10, Seri Kembangan.

He added that all new markets and those undergoing upgrades above RM10mil would be required to hold similar design competitions.

The design competition for Pasar Awam SK10 in Selangor, set to undergo redevelopment estimated at RM12mil, was a joint effort between Subang Jaya City Council (MBSJ) and

Markets potential for tourism as cultural landmarks



Nga (right) with Subang Jaya mayor Datuk Amirul Azizan Abd Rahim during the competition prize-giving ceremony.

Malaysian Institute of Architects (PAM). It attracted 91 designs from local architecture firms.

This competition used a comprehensive evaluation method, with 90% assessed by professional jurors.

The remaining 10% comprised community representatives,

including Seri Kembangan assemblyman Wong Siew Ki, city councillors, MBSJ department heads and representatives from SK10 Market Traders Association.

The competition also accepted international entries to ensure the best ideas were considered. Moa Architects Sdn Bhd took

home the top prize of RM50,000, followed by Ky Loh Architect with RM30,000 in second place.

Spatial Factor Architects received RM15,000 for third placing, while seven other firms were given consolation prizes of RM5,000 each.

The winning firms would be appointed as consultants, while the city council would retain design copyright.

"This initiative empowers local professionals, strengthens public-private sector collaboration and ensures that the redevelopment of public markets aligns with the needs of both the community and the industry," said Nga.

The Local Government Department (JKT), in collaboration with PAM, will run the design competition for eight other public market projects.

They are Pasar Taman Muda in

Ampang, Pasar Kajang and Pasar Kekal at the Pasar Sungai Long site in Cheras – all three in Selangor, Pasar Borong Gong Pauh in Kuala Terengganu (Terengganu), Pasar Besar Kuala Pilah (Negri Sembilan), Pasar Besar Kuala Krai (Kelantan), Pasar Besar Ipoh (Perak) and Pasar Besar Melaka Sentral in Melaka.

On another matter, Nga said local councils would be categorised under performance-based "traffic light" policy regarding federal funding.

"Councils ranked with a red light due to poor performance might have their allocations pulled.

"Those in yellow due to unsatisfactory (performance) will be reviewed.

"And those in green will be eligible for increased allocations," he said.

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PICKLEBALL

> Subang Jaya City Council's pickleball courts in Kompleks 3K, SS13, Subang Jaya is open to the public. Bookings and payment can be done via the EZY MBSJ system. For details, call 03-5621 0686.

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PBT gagal tunjuk prestasi ikut 'lampu isyarat' kena tindakan

Sistem penilaian diperkenalkan awal bulan, pihak berkuasa tempatan masih diberi ruang

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Serdang: Kepemimpinan pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) yang terdiri daripada Datuk Bandar atau Yang Dipertua (YDP) Majlis Perbandaran dan Daerah yang gagal mempamerkan prestasi baik berdasarkan sistem penilaian 'lampu isyarat' akan dikenakan tindakan.

Menteri Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan, Nga Kor Ming, memberi amaran itu kepada semua PBT, namun memberi ruang untuk mereka memperbaiki agensi masing-masing.

Beliau berkata, setakat ini penilaian masih dilakukan berikutan sistem penilaian lampu isyarat itu baru sahaja dilaksanakan pada awal Mei ini.

"Datuk bandar yang ada di sini, dengar baik-baik. Sekiranya gagal, nama dia saya akan serahkan



Kor Ming bersama pemenang Pertandingan Idea Reka Bentuk Pasar Awam SK 10 Seri Kembangan pada Program Hari Tanpa Kenderaan Subang Jaya di Serdang, semalam. (Foto Saifullizan Tamadi/BH)

kepada KPPA (Ketua Pengarah Perkhidmatan Awam), ada maksud tersurat dan tersirat.

"Mana-mana PBT dinilai 'lampu merah' peruntukan mereka akan ditarik, kuning peruntukan akan dikurangkan, tetapi jika hijau, peruntukan akan ditambah.

"Sekiranya mendapat 'lampu merah' YDP dan SU (setiausaha) akan dipanggil untuk sesi kaunseling dan ada kursus pema-

tapan," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian kepada pemberita selepas menyempurnakan program Hari Tanpa Kenderaan Subang Jaya dan Majlis Penyampaian Hadiah Reka Bentuk Pasar Awam SK 10 Seri Kembangan, di sini, semalam.

Penilaian juri pakar, awam

Kor Ming berkata, sebanyak 91 penyertaan diterima daripada

pelbagai firma dan ahli profesional seni bina tempatan dengan 10 reka bentuk terbaik disenarai pendek oleh tujuh juri pakar dan sejumlah juri awam yang berkepentingan antaranya wakil penduduk serta peniaga.

Katanya, semua yang disenarai pendek menerima wang tunai dan sijil bermula RM5,000 hingga RM50,000 bagi rekaan terbaik.

"Pemenang bukan sahaja me-

nerima hadiah wang tunai, malah akan dilantik sebagai konsultan bagi projek pembinaan pasar yang bernilai RM12 juta itu.

"Pertandingan dilaksanakan berdasar sistem penilaian 90 peratus panel juri profesional yang berkecuali dan 10 peratus daripada juri awam membabitkan wakil komuniti, Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri (ADUN) dan ahli majlis," katanya.

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MEREKA YANG GAGAL DIKENAKAN TINDAKAN

Nilai datuk bandar ikut sistem 'lampu isyarat'

Datuk bandar yang gagal mempamerkan prestasi baik berdasarkan sistem penilaian 'lampu isyarat' akan dikenakan tindakan.

Menteri Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan (KPKT), Nga Kor Ming memberi amaran itu kepada semua pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) namun memberi ruang untuk mereka memperbaiki agensi masing-masing.

Menurutnya, setakat ini penilaian masih dilakukan berikutan sistem lampu isyarat itu baru dilaksanakan pada awal bulan Mei.

"Sekiranya gagal, nama (datuk bandar) saya serahkan kepada KPPA (Ketua Pengarah Perkhidmatan Awam), ada maksud tersurat dan tersirat. Mana-mana PBT dinilai 'lampu merah' peruntukan mereka ditarik, kuning peruntukan dikurangkan, tetapi jika hijau peruntukan akan ditambah. Sekiranya mendapat lampu merah YDP dan SU (Yang di-Pertua dan Setiausaha) dipanggil untuk kaunseling dan ada kursus pemantapan," katanya selepas menyempurnakan program Hari Tanpa Kenderaan Subang Jaya (HTKSJ) dan Majlis Pe-



KOR Ming pada program Hari Tanpa Kenderaan Subang Jaya (HTKSJ) dan Majlis Penyampaian Hadiah Reka Bentuk (DIC) Pasar Awam SK 10 Seri Kembangan. - Gambar NSTP/SAIFULLIZAN TAMADI

nyampaian Hadiah Reka Bentuk (DIC) Pasar Awam SK 10 Seri Kembangan di sini, semalam.

Pada program itu, KOR Ming berkata, sebanyak 91 penyertaan dari pelbagai firma dan ahli profesional seni bina tempatan diterima.

Katanya, 10 reka bentuk terbaik disenarai pendek tujuh juri pakar dan sejumlah juri awam berkepentingan antaranya wakil penduduk serta peniaga.

Menurutnya, semua disenarai pendek menerima wang tunai dan sijil bermula RM5,000 hingga RM50,000 bagi rekaan terbaik.

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"Pertandingan ini dilaksanakan berdasarkan kepada sistem penilaian 90 peratus daripada panel juri profesional berkecuali dan 10 peratus daripada juri awam membabitkan wakil komuniti, Adun dan ahli majlis," katanya.

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COUNCIL COMPETITIONS

> Klang Royal City Council (MBDK) is holding competitions targeting cleanliness and collection of recyclable items and used cooking oil, running from June to November. Registration is open until May 31. For details, call 03-3372 4820 ext 134/119 or visit MBDK's social media pages.

> Melaka Historic City Council (MBMB) and the state government are holding a Dondang Sayang competition at Melaka Tropical Fruit Farm, Sungai Udang, on May 25, 8am to 6pm. Participation is free and open to all Malaysians. Cash prizes ranging from RM500 to RM1,000 await. For details, call 018-402 7554 (Amirah), 011-5163 0035 (Mazni) or visit MBMB's social media pages.

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UPDATED SERVICES

MBPJ has updated operations hours for its counter services at its headquarters (8am-5pm), Menara MBPJ (8am-4.30pm) and Kota Damansara (8am-4pm) and for all drive-through kiosks (9am to 4pm) which open on weekdays. Kiosk services at MBPJ headquarters, Menara MBPJ, Pasar PJKita (Sri Damansara) and Pasar Jalan Othman, available 7.30am-9pm daily.

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KL BAZAAR FEEDBACK

Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) is calling for public feedback on Ramadan and Aidilfitri bazaars in the city, for better planning next year. Those interested can participate by going to forms.gle/Gh5SzYJ5TxDsYZQp6 and filling in the form by May 31.

COMMUNITY GRANT

Applications are being accepted for Petaling Jaya Social, Environment and Economy Development (PJ SEED) community grant by Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) until May 30. For details, visit rb.gy/d22yfh

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Vivekananda Ashram 'at a crossroads'

Fears loom on loss of greenery in Brickfields after revised KL local plan allows commercial zoning around heritage site

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STAKEHOLDERS have flagged a critical inconsistency in the revised draft Kuala Lumpur Local Plan 2040 (KLLP2040) pertaining to the century-old Vivekananda Ashram in Brickfields.

While the premises is classified as a Category 1 Heritage Building under National Heritage Act 2005, the 0.4ha site is zoned as "main commercial".

Kuala Lumpur residents, who attended a three-day public inspection of KLLP2040 from May 7 to 9, said this fact rang alarm bells over the possibility of future development encroaching into the ashram's setting.

In the earlier draft KLLP2020, the land was classified as a facility, utility and infrastructure zone within a heritage area.

However, when the plan was eventually gazetted, the zoning was changed to "mixed development", already paving the way for commercial or high-rise projects.

The latest push for a full "main commercial" designation has now further intensified fears of the ashram being dwarfed by concrete and glass.

According to news reports, the ashram's landowner had made

several attempts over the past 25 years to either sell or develop the site.

Its board of trustees even rejected the government's offer in 2008 to gazette the building as a heritage site.

The ashram was officially gazetted as a heritage site on June 16, 2016, following public outcry over a proposal to redevelop the land that included a residential tower and carpark.

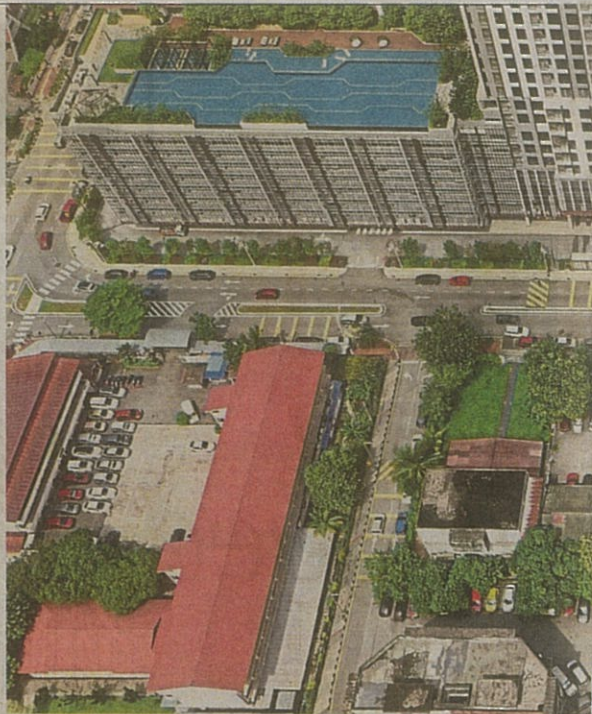
The designation by National Heritage Department (JWN) came after the trustees withdrew a legal challenge against the site's heritage status.

Last year, 876 objection forms were submitted to Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) opposing the rezoning of the Vivekananda Ashram land to "main commercial".

Worrying classification

Conservationists fear the dual classification could open the door to commercial blocks being built around the ashram, gradually chipping away its historical character and natural setting, eventually turning the area into yet another concrete jungle.

"With the zoning favouring commercial use and no heritage buffer beyond the building's



An aerial view of Vivekananda Ashram (foreground) that appears as a quiet green pocket in the heart of Brickfields, nearly encircled by rapid development. — Photos: FAIHAN GHANI/The Star

footprint, there is a real fear that the ashram could soon be dwarfed by high-rises," said Save Kuala Lumpur Coalition (SKL) member Charles Tan.

"During consultations with City Hall officers at the draft local plan open day recently, we were told that the landowners wanted the land to remain classified as 'main commercial'.

"We are very concerned because this zoning leaves the surrounding land wide open for overdevelopment.

"Concrete structures could soon pop up all around the heritage site, eroding its historical value and ruining its visual charm," said Tan.

He opined that if, for some reason, the Heritage Department ever delisted the building, there would be nothing to stop full-blown commercial redevelopment.

Pointing out another contradiction about the city's local plan, he said: "DBKL has said it must comply with 'syarat nyata' listed on a land title, even when this clashes with the goals of the local plan."

(*Syarat nyata* or express condition is a specific rule written on the land title that tells what the land can be used for – such as for housing, commercial buildings, or agriculture. It is legally binding and tied to the land itself, not just the owner.)

"It makes a mockery of the planning process," said Tan.

"Instead of the land title being guided by the local plan, we have the local plan bending to the land title's terms."

He said that although the Kuala Lumpur mayor was a member of the Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur Land Executive Committee (JKTWPKL), she

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A man at the entrance of Vivekananda Ashram looking at the colonial facade of the building and the statue of Swami Vivekananda.



Above: A quiet corner of the Vivekananda Ashram complex with its colonial-style veranda shaded by mature trees.



Tan says there is a real fear that the ashram may soon be dwarfed by high-rises.



Tamilwanan: Residents pushing for reclassification under 'public facilities' sub-category.

only had one vote and could be overruled.

"DBKL should have the authority to veto *syarat nyata* changes when they go against sound planning principles," Tan added.

Calls for reclassification

P. Tamilwanan, a member of the Save Vivekananda Ashram Group, said the draft KLLP2040 clearly categorised the site under the "main commercial" sub-category geared towards high-density development to attract investment and employment.

"The plan states that at least 90% of land in these zones must be used for commercial purposes, and 676ha have been allocated for this, including the ashram site," he said.

Tamilwanan said residents were pushing for the ashram to be reclassified under the "public facilities" sub-category, which caters to community-based functions like religion, culture, healthcare and recreation – more in line with the ashram's 120-year-old legacy.

He noted that relying on heritage status alone was misleading, as it created a dangerous loophole.

"You have a building that is protected, but the land around it is a free-for-all.

"That is how you end up with a concrete jungle engulfing the ashram and wiping out its cultural value," he pointed out.

DBKL responds

Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) City Planning Department senior deputy director Rosli Nordin clarified that any development application must first be approved by JWN.

"I understand the public's concerns. There are clearly two conflicting elements here.

"The land is zoned 'main commercial', but the building itself is heritage-listed.

"On one side, you have the public with over 800 individuals submitting objections to the rezoning.

"On the other, you have the ashram trustees pushing for commercial zoning," said Rosli, adding that the landowners had also requested the area remain zoned as 'main commercial.

"Even if the trustees apply to DBKL for development, they still need the green light from JWN.

"Without that, DBKL cannot and will not invoke Section 17 of Federal Territory (Planning) Act 1982, which allows the mayor to alter or replace the local plan, provided there is public notification, room for objections and a formal hearing process under Sections 14 and 15."

Rosli also noted that even if the trustees secured JWN's approval, any new construction would likely be limited in scale.

"They wouldn't be able to put up a skyscraper.

"At most, it might be a three-to

Right: Deva Kunjari (fourth from right) with Save Vivekananda Ashram members presenting objections on the rezoning of the ashram land last year. — Filepic

seven-storey structure."

On getting feedback from the ashram as well as surrounding landowners, he said, "We have to listen to both sides."

Planning must reflect place

Local government legal expert Derek Fernandez said DBKL must impose controls on the entire ashram site within the draft KLLP2040 before its gazetement and not only protect the building.

"They cannot just rely on the National Heritage Act.

"Those protections must be written into KLLP2040 itself.

"DBKL has a duty to do this, especially since the area is a designated heritage zone.

"It cannot allow increased development intensity or building height beyond what is already there," he said, adding that it might be acceptable to build something in line with the ashram's purpose, like a classroom.

"But anything more goes against the site's character.

"The planning approach should be like Penang's Unesco heritage zone, where the structure and facade of old shophouses are preserved.

"That is what needs to happen



here. No expanding the footprint, raising the roofline or altering the aesthetic DNA of the site," he emphasised.

Legacy of learning, culture

Long-time advocate for the preservation of Vivekananda Ashram, lawyer Deva Kunjari Sambanthan said the institution was established over a century ago as a social service organisation.

"Although it would be classified as a non-governmental organisation by today's standards, the ashram is actually managed by an elected committee and registered under the Companies Act as a company limited by guarantee," she said.

The committee, she said, was not only responsible for the Brickfields site where the ashram stood, but also for the management of four schools, three of which are Tamil schools.

"Our forefathers were really forward-thinking when they bought this land back in the early 1900s," she added.

The ashram was built in the

early 20th century and has a unique architectural charm.

Named in honour of Swami Vivekananda, who visited Malaya in 1893, the ashram became a centre for religious and cultural life, said Deva Kunjari.

"Swami Vivekananda was born in 1863 and was a Hindu monk, philosopher and spiritual leader from India who played a key role in introducing Vedanta and Yoga philosophies to the western world.

"It started off as a simple Reading Room in 1904, but slowly grew into a place for cultural and religious gatherings.

"These days, the hall has been used as makeshift classrooms for yoga, music, dance and *thevaram* lessons," she added.

Kuala Lumpur mayor Datuk Seri Maimunah Mohd Sharif told *StarMetro* that all necessary procedures for KLLP 2040 had been completed, including public participation and formal hearings.

She added that the Prime Minister has been briefed on the plan, which is expected to be launched and gazetted within the month.

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'Landowners asked for commercial zoning'

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KUALA LUMPUR City Hall (DBKL) says landowners of the 120-year-old Vivekananda Ashram in Brickfields, Kuala Lumpur, asked for its site to be zoned as "main commercial".

Its City Planning Department senior deputy director Rosli Nordin said the ashram landowners and other landowners in the vicinity requested for the change in zoning status for the 0.4ha site.

The site was recently zoned as "main commercial" under Kuala Lumpur Local Plan 2040 while the ashram building is classified as "Category 1 Heritage Building" under National Heritage Act 2005.

"We obtained their opinions through procedures under Rule 7 in Planning (Development) Rules 1970," Rosli said at a conference held



Rosli: Landowners' opinions sought according to procedure.

in Kuala Lumpur.

He was responding to session moderator Charles Tan, a member of the Save Kuala Lumpur Coalition.

Tan said the area was not classified as "main commercial" in the 2020 local plan, so the recent zoning was actually a change.

The conference themed "Moving Towards a Sustainable

City" was organised by Kuala Lumpur Residents Action for Sustainable Development Association and attracted about 100 attendees.

It featured three panel sessions that discussed the issues of transparency and public participation in development control processes, hill land management, and urban renewal.

Another heated exchange occurred during a session discussing urban renewal.

Concerns were raised about the proposed Urban Renewal Act (URA), which an attendee alleged does not include home-owners and residents, and would grant too much power to the minister in charge.

He also questioned the need to lower the consent threshold from 80% to 75%.

In answer, Town and Country Planning Department (PLANMalaysia) head of

technical drafting unit Lilian Tai said URA would not grant excessive power to the minister.

"If you read through the law, the minister is not the only member of the executive committee responsible for urban renewal," she said.

She added that the government was opening up an avenue for residents to be involved in the development of URA.

The attendee urged Tai and the relevant authorities to visit the 139 sites earmarked for redevelopment, to obtain residents' feedback.

Tai replied that the 139 sites were only "potential" sites for redevelopment.

"Even if the sites were already gazetted for redevelopment, the developer still needs to go through a consultation process led by the government.

"The project won't take off if it is not viable," she explained.

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A TOTAL of 4,170 unlicensed factories have been identified operating illegally throughout Selangor.

State local government and tourism committee chairman Datuk Ng Suee Lim said this marked a reduction from the over 6,000 premises previously recorded.

"This updated figure follows a comprehensive whitening exercise carried out by the special committee on illegal factories.

"It serves as the foundation for the three-year Legalising of Unlicensed Factories programme (PPKIT), running from 2024 to 2027," Ng said at a press conference after chairing a meeting by the standing committee on illegal factories at Bangunan Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah (SSAAS) in Shah Alam.

The meeting was attended by representatives from several state agencies including the Selangor Land and Mines Office (PTGS) and Selangor State Economic Planning Unit (Upen).

Ng said Selangor aimed to assist unlicensed factory operators in transitioning to legal operations.

"However, enforcement action will be taken against those who continue to refuse to come forward," Ng warned.

"So far, 90 notices under Section 7A have been issued, and the state government expects to issue 500 notices by July.

"These notices instruct landowners to restore land that has been misused, such as for the

Over 4,000 unlicensed factories in Selangor

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Exco: State government to issue 500 notices for misuse of land by July, with Klang and Petaling focus of enforcement



Ng (seated, fourth from left) at the press conference after chairing the meeting on illegal factories. — KK SHAM/The Star

construction of factories on agricultural land," he said.

Ng identified Klang and Petaling as focus areas for enforcement, due to the number of structures built on government land without approval.

"There are 17 factories in Klang and 51 in Petaling operat-

ing on government land, including road reserves.

"These include furniture factories, lorry depots, machinery workshops, aluminium workshops, and storage areas for heavy machinery like forklifts," he said.

Ng emphasised that the legal-

sation offer was a final opportunity for operators to come forward.

"The state government is being fair to all parties.

"It is not right for compliant factories operating in industrial zones to be burdened by illegal competitors," he said.

It was previously announced that the legalisation programme would adopt a dual approach of incentives and enforcement.

Among the special offers are a 30% discount on land premiums, development charges, and contributions to the Infrastructure Services Fund (ISF).

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Illegal reflexology and massage operators in Selayang raided

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A REFLEXOLOGY and massage centre in Jalan Sri Selayang, Selangor, was ordered to close after being found operating without a valid licence during a raid by authorities.

The operation by Selayang Municipal Council (MPS), carried out at several areas in the municipality, also saw the operator fined RM1,000 under the Beauty and Healthcare Centres By-Laws (MPS) 2007.

During the raid at Uptown Sri Gombak, authorities also took action against nine stall operators offering reflexology and body massage treatments, as

well as employing foreign workers without approval.

"MPS confiscated business items including 27 recliner chairs, eight tents, six massage beds and 49 small stools," it stated on its social media page.

The operation, which was also carried out at the Selayang Hot Springs area, saw seven stalls operating without a licence fined for various offences.

Action was taken under Licensing of Trades, Businesses and Industries By-Laws (MPS) 2007, Food Establishment Licensing By-Laws 2007 and Hawkers By-Laws 2007.

"MPS will continue to monitor and take legal action to ensure all business activities within the municipality comply with regulations," the local council said.

In Bangsar, Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) removed two illegal billboard structures during an integrated operation on May 20.

DBKL, in a joint operation with the police and Tenaga Nasional Bhd, dismantled two billboards measuring 6.7m by 3.3m which were installed on road reserve land without approval.

"The owners of the billboard structures had been issued a

notice on April 9 and a follow-up notice on May 16 to demolish and clear the site within the stipulated timeframe," it said in a media statement.

Action was taken under Section 70 of the Street, Drainage and Building Act 1974.

"This decisive action is part of DBKL's ongoing efforts to improve the city's appearance and ensure that all developments and structures in Kuala Lumpur comply with existing regulations.

"It also supports the goal of reinforcing Kuala Lumpur's image as a well-organised city

with strong governance and adherence to the law, especially as preparation for hosting the Asean Summit 2025.

"As the host city, Kuala Lumpur is committed to presenting itself as a well-managed, sustainable urban centre," the statement added.

The dismantled structures were sent to DBKL's Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Department's storage facility Jalan Cheras for documentation purposes.

The public can channel information to its complaints website at adukl.dbkl.gov.my

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Retirement review underway

Sim: Proposal to raise limit to 65 being studied by govt panel

KLANG: The Human Resources Ministry is currently reviewing the proposal to raise the mandatory retirement age from 60 to 65, said Minister Steven Sim.

He said the matter is being examined by a special committee led by the ministry's deputy secretary-general (policy and international), Dr Mohd Shaharin Umar, as it involves labour laws that fall under the ministry's purview.

He said the ministry will seek input and feedback from stakeholders – especially from the public sector, workers and employers – during the study to ensure compliance with international best practices.

"This committee will assess the suitability of raising the retire-

ment age in Malaysia, as there are both pros and cons, along with certain challenges. However, within the ministry, labour market reforms includes reviewing all 28 existing labour laws.

"This is because some of these laws are outdated. We will look at ways to refine and harmonise them, and there are also (provisions) that we need to abolish or update," Sim said after the central-level 2025 Union Affairs Development Grant (PHEKS) handover ceremony here yesterday.

On Thursday, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said the proposal to raise the mandatory retirement age from 60 to 65 is among the issues requiring

attention and careful consideration. Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Law and Institutional Reform) Datuk Seri Azalina Othman Said had previously proposed that the government consider raising the mandatory retirement age.

Azalina, who made the suggestion in her personal capacity, said it would be a loss for individuals to retire at 60 when they are still energetic, productive, and capable of contributing to the workforce. Regarding the event, Sim said the government had allocated RM10mil this year, up from RM5.8mil in 2024, marking the highest amount in the history of PHEKS implementation, as reported by Bernama.

He said the move reflected the ministry's efforts to further strengthen the trade union movement in Malaysia, with the assistance to be used for training and educational programmes aimed at equipping union members with skills in areas such as management and leadership.

"What we are introducing this year focuses on digitalisation, encouraging unions to transition to computer technology and digital systems" he said.

Of the 1,049 assistance applications received, 551 were approved, amounting to RM7.15mil, including 138 applications for the central zone, which covers Selangor and the Federal Territory, worth RM2.1mil.

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Three held over Puchong home attack

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SUBANG: The man, who is suspected of attacking his ex-wife's boyfriend in Puchong has been detained, along with his two accomplices.

Subang Jaya deputy OCPD Supt Mohd Fairus Jaafar said the three suspects were nabbed at USJ9, Subang Jaya at about 3pm yesterday.

"All three of them had prior criminal records.

"They will be remanded on Monday," he said.

The police have already recorded the statements of three individuals.

It was reported that the 47-year-old victim was seriously injured after he was allegedly attacked by his girlfriend's ex-husband and two accomplices in Puchong.

Supt Mohd Fairus had said the incident occurred at about 2.15am on Saturday (May 24) at an apartment in Taman Puchong Intan.

"We received a call from a woman who reported an attack on her boyfriend at her residence.

"Initial investigations indicate that the victim and the woman are living together.

"The ex-husband and two other men, in their 30s and 40s, came to the house before assaulting the victim using a knife and an iron rod," he said.

The victim suffered various injuries to his head and body, he said.

We believe the motive behind the attack was jealousy and unresolved domestic issues between the woman and her former spouse," he added.

Supt Mohd Fairus said the case is being investigated under Section 326 of the Penal Code for voluntarily causing grievous hurt with dangerous weapons, which carries a penalty of up to 20 years imprisonment, a fine, or whipping upon conviction.

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Immigration smashes two syndicates involved in forging papers

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KUALA LUMPUR: Two groups, known as Ejen 001 and Al Ameen, involved in the abuse and forgery of Immigration documents, have been busted in raids by the Immigration Department here.

Immigration director-general Datuk Zakaria Shaaban said that based on a two-week surveillance, his team raided three locations in Jalan Ampang and Jalan Kia Peng here at 12.10pm last Tuesday.

They arrested five Chinese nationals and one Myanmar national, aged between 28 and 41, and subsequently dismantled the Ejen 001 group.

He said the team seized 23 Chinese passports, one Vanuatu passport, two sets of computer central processing units, premises stamp, four handphones, two Employment Pass cards, two sets of Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation application copies, one Chinese travel document and RM50,000 in cash.

"Preliminary investigations found that the Chinese national is believed to be the mastermind in offering immigration document-related services to other Chinese nationals in the country, such as applications for Social Visit Passes and Special Passes," he said in a statement here yesterday, Bernama reported.

He said Ejen 001 was operating behind office premises that had been turned into an operations centre to deceive authorities, while the charges imposed were from RM10,000 to RM15,000 for each service offered.

The operations were believed to have been going on for the past six months.

In the second raid at 5.42pm on three business premises on Jalan Raja Laut here, Zakaria said the team arrested three Bangladeshi men, aged between 24 and 32.

They were identified as being involved in the forgery of Immigration documents for the Temporary Employment Visit Pass (ePLKS).

He said it was believed a group known as Al Ameen was involved in the forgery of ePLKS, targeting Bangladeshi nationals who do not have work permits here.

"The results of the QR Code check on ePLKS found that the owner is a different individual and there is no information, while the syndicate operates this illegal activity from mobile phone shops to deceive the authorities. They had been operating for six months," he said, adding that the fee charged was RM30 to RM70 for one unit of fake ePLKS.

The team seized 18 Bangladeshi passports, one Pakistani passport, three laptops, two printers, closed-circuit television camera, a Kuala Lumpur City Hall licence and cash amounting to RM3,446.

Zakaria said all the detained individuals were taken to the Putrajaya Immigration Depot for further investigation.

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Policy changes confusing and anxiety-inducing, say students

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PETALING JAYA: Malaysian students in the United States are now concerned over policy changes there which could affect their academic future.

This follows the Trump administration move to revoke Harvard University's ability to enrol international students.

One student studying at the institution described the situation as "confusing and anxiety-inducing".

"It's hard not to feel anxious when your ability to continue your education is suddenly in question," the student shared, adding that they have yet to form a backup plan as the situation is still unfolding.

While confident in the quality of education in the United States, the student acknowledged the fragility of their position as an international student.

"It's a reminder that we are vulnerable to policy shifts beyond our control, regardless of country," said the student.

A fellow Malaysian studying at University of California, Berkeley, said the news also caught them off guard.

"I was initially shocked the administration had such authoritative power to demand such a policy," the student said.

"Naturally, what followed was fear – would this happen to my university too?"

While the student acknowledged some degree of reassurance due to California's more protective policies, the uncertainty

lingered.

"At the moment, while the worry is there, I personally am not super concerned," the student said.

There are around 4,800 Malaysians studying in the United States for the 2023-2024 academic year, according to the Open Doors Report on International Educational Exchange, published by the US State Department.

Harvard Club of Malaysia (HCM) president Khoo Eu Wen also said prospective students are anxious following the move.

"We estimate that around 30 scholars, both among undergrads and postgrads, will be affected by this," he said when contacted by *The Star*.

Separately, in a statement released yesterday, HCM voiced strong support for Harvard

University in opposing the Trump administration's move to bar the institution from enrolling international students.

HCM declared its solidarity with Harvard's stance, reaffirming its dedication to the core values that define both the university and its alumni network.

"We at HCM fully support our alma mater's stand and affirm our commitment to openness, inquiry, and service – principles that not only define Harvard, but also our enduring role in society."

"To isolate institutions of learning from the world is to undermine the very foundation of human progress."

"We are confident that the university's ongoing commitment to its values, globalism, the rule of law and the betterment of humanity will continue to stand it in

good stead, whatever the political winds of the day," the statement read.

Khoo said alumni are ready to meet the challenge by championing intellectual and cultural exchange, while also ensuring that Malaysian students remain motivated to achieve their hopes and dreams.

HCM deputy president Krishnavenee Krishan said the club is concerned about the plight of current Malaysian students at Harvard and students who have just been admitted.

"These are bright young Malaysians with plenty to offer Malaysia, America and the world."

"They should not be robbed of their opportunity to receive a world-class education, and to make world-class contributions," she said.

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2025 not as scorching as 2024

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PETALING JAYA: Malaysians can hopefully expect fewer incidents of heatstroke as the Malaysian Meteorological Department (MetMalaysia) says this year won't be as hot as 2024 which was the fourth hottest year on record for the country.

Although Malaysia is currently experiencing more dry days than rainy days due to the south-west monsoon, heavy rains with thunderstorms and strong winds may still occur occasionally, the department said.

"The majority of forecasts produced by the latest international weather models do not expect extreme dry weather phenomena to occur throughout this south-west monsoon season," said MetMalaysia director-general Dr Mohd Hisham Mohd Anip.

He added that current ENSO (El Nino-Southern Oscillation) conditions, which affect global weather patterns, are neutral and are expected to remain so throughout

the year.

A neutral ENSO means the climate is neither in an El Nino nor a La Nina state, but is in a normal condition. El Nino is a climate pattern typically bringing hotter, drier weather to Malaysia, while La Nina usually causes wetter conditions.

"Therefore, the country is also expected to experience the inter-monsoon transition from late September to early November, along with the north-east monsoon at the end of the year under normal conditions."

Mohd Hisham said last year was the fourth hottest year observed since 1981, when MetMalaysia began tracking the country's annual average temperature.

The average annual temperature for Malaysia in 2024 was 27.55°C.

He said the warmest year was 2016 (27.84°C), followed by 1998 (27.7°C) and 2019 (27.63°C).

The National Disaster Management Agency (Nadma) recorded 116 cases of heat-related illness cases in Malaysia as of July 30, 2024.

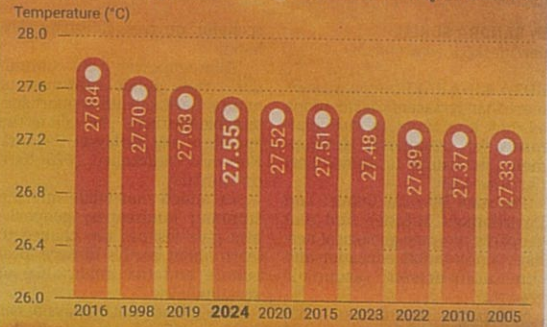
Citing data from the Health Ministry, Nadma said the majority of cases were due to heat exhaustion (81), followed by heat stroke (27) and heat cramps (eight).

Mohd Hisham said that Chuping, Perlis, recorded the highest temperature at 39.0°C on March 23.

Chuping also experienced 52 consecutive days without rain in 2024, marking it as the location with the longest dry spell in 2024.

Mohd Hisham said that the country experienced 45 days under a Level 2 high temperature advisory last year, the highest for any year in the past decade.

Malaysia's top 10 average annual temperatures



Source: Malaysian Meteorological Department (MetMalaysia) The Star graphics

A Level 2 (Orange) advisory means that a location is officially facing a heatwave, with temperatures going above 37°C but remaining below 40°C.

According to previous reports by *The Star*, MetMalaysia issued nearly 2,000 Level 1 and Level 2

high temperature alerts since 2023.

Among the locations or areas most affected by extreme temperatures were Baling in Kedah which had 73 alerts, Padang Terap with 61 alerts and Pendang with 56 alerts.

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'Avoid offloading new service charges onto patients' ^{SM 26/5}

PETALING JAYA: While general practitioners (GPs) may have objections over the newly enforced rule for displaying drug prices, they should not respond unreasonably by imposing new service-related charges on patients, cautioned consumer groups.

These additional charges, which will increase patients' medical bills, would add to the financial pressure on the public, they said.

Consumers' Association of Penang (CAP) president Mohideen Abdul Kader said the proposed charges are unwarranted, unreasonable and unjustified.

He said CAP believes the move was a reaction by certain quarters who are exploiting the recent implementation of the drug price display in order to impose new charges for regulatory compliance, registration, drug prescriptions and the use of facilities on their premises.

"Is this a reaction to the recent drug price display order by the Health Ministry and an attempt to use it as an excuse to increase prices and fees?"

"We believe the GPs have seriously misjudged the situation and need to be aware that it can financially burden the public.

"Their recent actions to protest against the drug price display order have not gone down well with the public," Mohideen said.

However, he said CAP backs a proposal to review the consultation fees of GPs, which has not been revised for over 30 years.

Mohideen said the revised rate should be in tandem with inflation.

"We believe it is fair and reasonable for them to seek a raise for their professional services.

"GPs should be generating most of their income from consultations or their professional fees."

Malaysian Consumers Move-

ment legal adviser Sukhdave Singh said GPs should not "hold consumers at ransom" to resolve their ongoing dispute with the authorities.

"It is extremely disappointing. We do not understand their reluctance to display the price of medicines. Are they jacking up prices and profiteering from medicines?"

"Consumers should be entitled to the right to make choices, whether they want to obtain drugs from a clinic or pharmacy.

"GPs should not hold consumers at ransom and use them as their bargaining chip. It is unethical.

"We commend both the Health Ministry and the Domestic Trade and Cost of Living Ministry for being steadfast in their stand on this matter," he said when contacted.

Sukhdave also concurred that reviewing the consultation fees of GPs is acceptable, provided that the fees remain reasonable and do not unduly burden the public financially.

The associations also applauded the Malaysia Competition Commission for exercising its powers by reprimanding the GPs over malpractices that may be deemed anti-competitive.

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Private clinics get final say on fees

Stakeholders: Advisories meant to help GPs find ways to cover rising operational costs

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PETALING JAYA: Although some doctors' groups have proposed new service charges in retaliation against the newly enforced rule for displaying drug prices, private clinics can exercise their own autonomy in deciding their fees, says a private practitioners' group.

The Federation of Private Medical Practitioners' Associations Malaysia insists that the proposals made by some of its state affiliates were made in "good faith", adding that they were meant to help GPs cover the rising operational costs.

Its president Dr Shanmuganathan Ganeson said while advisories were issued, it is not compulsory for clinics to fix prices accordingly, and clinics are able to exercise full autonomy in setting their charges.

He was responding to a Malaysia Competition Commission (MyCC) statement last Friday where the commission had cau-

"A shophouse in Mont Kiara will cost much more than (one) in Hulu Selangor. However, GP consultation fees have remained capped at RM35 for the past 30 years. Hence, GPs have no choice but to mark up medicine prices to manage their overhead costs."

Dr Roland Victor

tioned private medical practitioners against introducing new service-related charges, as it could infringe the Competition Act 2010.

Dr Shanmuganathan revealed that medical practitioners had a dialogue with MyCC in December last year, during which a proposal for a RM20 regulatory compliance charge was considered.

Consequently, he said these state affiliates were mindful of

not imposing fixed charges and opted to provide indicative ranges, but the move has since backfired.

"While the meeting with MyCC was constructive, the Competition Act now flags the decision to provide an indicative range as potentially problematic.

"At this point, we are compelled to ask: what are the government's real intentions toward private GP clinics?

"From where we stand, it appears the system is simply tolerating us until something more centralised and controlled is in place.

"Our profession is for patient care and the health of the rakyat," Dr Shanmuganathan said when contacted.

"We want a sustainable, transparent GP ecosystem that patients can continue to trust.

"If there is no future for general practitioners in Malaysia's health system, we ask for honesty.

"Let us begin to responsibly wind down our practices so that our staff, medical suppliers, and patients are not blindsided when community-based private primary care collapses," he added.

Dr Shanmuganathan said what was more disturbing was the regulatory imbalance where independent GP clinics are being scrutinised while corporate third-party administrators (TPAs) continue to suppress fees without equivalent oversight from the authorities.

GP Dr Roland Victor said it is

not feasible for the price of medicines prescribed by clinics to be regulated as operating expenses may vary based on location.

"A shophouse in Mont Kiara will cost much more than (one) in Hulu Selangor.

"However, GP consultation fees have remained capped at RM35 for the past 30 years.

"Hence, GPs have no choice but to mark up medicine prices to manage their overhead costs such as rental, staffing and other facilities to sustain their clinics," he said.

Dr Victor said he was not against the display of drug prices but GPs need to see consultation fees fairly revised for sustainability.

He agreed that TPAs contribute to the escalation of medical costs but they are not being monitored enough, nor are they regulated by the same laws imposed on GPs and clinics.

"These companies often dictate terms and conditions to GPs on how medical charges should be imposed," Dr Victor said.

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M'sia, Laos back Timor-Leste bid

Both countries also agree on solutions to Myanmar crisis

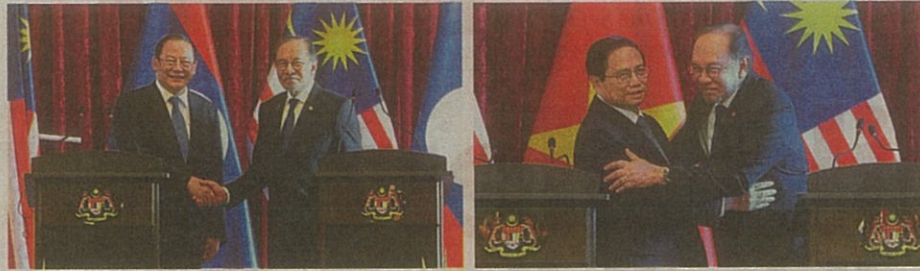
PUTRAJAYA: Malaysia and Laos have reiterated their strong support for Timor-Leste's full Asean membership and called for intensified, inclusive efforts to address Myanmar's prolonged crisis.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said both countries agreed that it is time to finalise Timor-Leste's accession process.

"(On Timor-Leste's full Asean membership) hopefully by October, if we can retain a consensus in the meeting tomorrow (today), particularly during the retreat," he said in a joint press conference with Laos Prime Minister Sonexay Siphandone.

Timor-Leste officially applied for Asean membership on March 4, 2011.

Malaysia, which is Asean Chair, will host the 46th Asean Summit



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Forging stronger bonds: (From left) Anwar shaking hands with Siphandone after a four-eyed meeting; Anwar greeting Chinh at a joint press conference at Perdana Putra. — Bernama

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today, followed by the Asean-Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Summit and the Asean-GCC-China Summit tomorrow.

The Prime Minister said the situation in Myanmar was also raised during discussions with Siphandone.

"We discussed the need to continue humanitarian assistance and for all parties in Myanmar to

respect the need for peace and an immediate ceasefire, and then to try and work through the Asean mechanism and understanding," he said, Bernama reported.

Anwar also expressed appreciation for Laos' commitment and cooperation in strengthening bilateral and regional ties, particularly in support of Malaysia's Asean chairmanship this year.

At another joint press conference, this time with Vietnamese Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh, Anwar said the Asean Power Grid undersea cable project linking Vietnam to Peninsular Malaysia and onward to Singapore stands out as one of the key achieve-

ments of this year's Asean Summit.

The Prime Minister expressed appreciation for Vietnam's strong support in advancing regional energy transition policies.

"The programmes we initiate, either in the context of multilateral Asean mechanisms or within bilateral Malaysia and Vietnam, you (Vietnam) have been very, very supportive," he said.

While acknowledging that some challenges remain, Anwar said both nations have agreed to strengthen collaboration through joint operations and enhanced security arrangements.

He also commended Chinh's

economic stewardship, describing Vietnam's progress under his leadership as "phenomenal".

"You (Chinh) yourself are an economist; you have done remarkably well.

"Despite starting from a low base after a period of devastation, your country has grown.

"The transformation that has taken place is something that we admire, and there are certainly lessons we can learn from your experience," Anwar said.

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Immigration: RM1.61mil collected in repatriation fees

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KUALA LUMPUR: A total of RM1.61mil has been collected in fees for compounds and special passes as part of the latest Migrant Repatriation Programme.

Immigration Department director-general Datuk Zakaria Shaaban (pic) said that a total of 3,288 undocumented migrants registered for the programme between its commencement on May 19 and 22.

"The highest number of undocumented migrants were from Indonesia with 1,561, followed by Bangladeshis with 741.

"The remaining foreigners (who registered with the programme) are from various countries," he said in an interview.

Zakaria said they received an

average of 800 undocumented migrants registering under the programme daily.

"The response, especially in the Klang Valley, has been encouraging.

"So far, some 776 of those who registered have gone back to their home countries," he said.

Zakaria urged all parties, especially foreigners, employers and the respective embassies, to work together in ensuring the success of the programme.

"The programme not only gives the opportunity for foreigners to return home legitimately, but it also mirrors the government's balanced approach between the firmness of enforcement and showing compassion.



"It will also be an important indicator of our capabilities to manage migrants systematically and effectively," he said.

Zakaria also advised those who are eligible for the programme to join as soon as possible.

"The process is simple, transparent and based on clear procedures.

"Don't wait until enforcement is taken," he added.

Zakaria said undocumented migrants should take the opportunity to return home safely without the risk of being detained or prosecuted.

"We are ready to assist in terms of advice and other matters throughout the implementation of the programme," he said.

The programme will run until April 30 of next year.

Charges for the compound ranged between RM300 and RM500, depending on the offences committed by the migrants.

They are also required to pay for a RM20 special pass.

According to earlier reports, Home Minister Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution Ismail said the programme would end on April 30 next year for Peninsular Malaysia and Labuan.

He said those who had entered the country without a valid pass or had overstayed would have to pay a RM500 compound.

Those who have violated the conditions of their entry passes will incur a fine of RM300.

"A payment of RM20 for a special pass will also be imposed.

"The compound will be exempt-

ed for foreign children under the age of 18 who entered without a pass.

"However, their guardian will have to pay for their special pass," he said.

The programme will not be available for those who had previously applied but failed to return home in the stipulated time.

Those with arrest warrants, who are wanted by the authorities or who have been blacklisted by the Immigration Department are also ineligible.

Employers who continue to employ and accommodate illegal immigrants will face severe measures.

They face a fine of up to RM50,000 for each illegal immigrant, a jail term of up to five years and whipping if convicted.

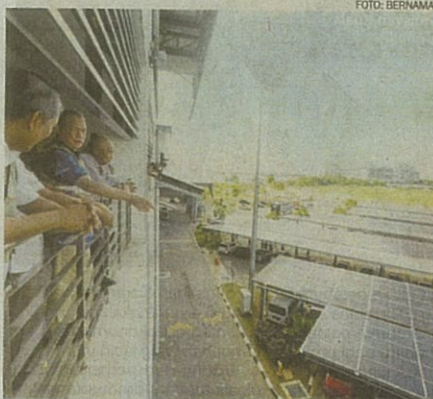
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Kerajaan buka adaptasi guna sistem Solar PV

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Fadillah (dua dari kiri) melihat Sistem Solar PV di bumbung ruang tempat letak kenderaan di Menara MBKT ketika mengadakan lawatan kerja Program PETRA Skwad Zon Timur ke Kelantan dan Terengganu pada Ahad.

KUALA TERENGGANU - Kerajaan membuka ruang kepada semua pihak khususnya pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT), dalam mengadaptasi penggunaan sistem Solar Fotovoltaik (Solar PV) dalam usaha peralihan kepada tenaga bersih.

Timbalan Perdana Menteri Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof berkata, menerusi pemasangan sistem Solar PV di premis masing-masing, ia dapat menjimatkan elektrik sekali gus menjana tenaga baharu serta mengurangkan pelepasan karbon di udara.

Fadillah yang juga Menteri Peralihan Tenaga dan Transformasi Air (PETRA) berkata, usaha berkenaan dapat dilihat menerusi inisiatif dilaksanakan Majlis Bandaraya Kuala Terengganu (MBKT) dengan pemasangan sistem Solar PV di tempat letak kenderaan serta bumbung di Menara MBKT.

"Sistem Solar PV di MBKT ini ada-

lah yang terbesar dipasang di bangunan milik pihak berkuasa tempatan, melalui program Net Energy Metering (NEM 3.0) di bawah kategori NEM GoMEN yang diluluskan Pihak Berkuasa Pembangunan Tenaga Lestari (SEDA) Malaysia, pada 16 Disember 2021.

"Ia telah beroperasi bermula pada 2 Jan 2024 dan pemasangan ini dianggarkan dapat menjana sebanyak 1,147 MWj (megawatt-jam) bekalan elektrik hijau setahun dengan anggaran penjimatan bil elektrik lebih RM200,000 setahun," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian kepada pemberita selepas meninjau pemasangan sistem Solar PV di Menara MBKT pada Ahad sempena Jelajah PETRA Skwad Zon Timur yang berlangsung selama dua hari bermula Sabtu di Kelantan.

Katanya lagi, jelajah PETRA Skwad diteruskan ke Loji Solar Berskala Besar

(LSS) Coara Marang untuk meninjau secara langsung pengoperasiannya, yang dilaksanakan di bawah inisiatif kerajaan melalui program LSS3.

"Kapasiti tenaga yang dijana daripada loji ini dianggarkan mencukupi untuk membekalkan elektrik kepada lebih 10,000 isi rumah setiap hari dan ia antara loji solar termaju dari segi teknologi dan kecekapan.

"Selain membantu mengurangkan pelepasan karbon, projek LSS Coara Marang ini juga menjadi model bagi reka bentuk loji solar tahan bencana, yang sesuai untuk dibangunkan di kawasan berisiko banjir," katanya.

Beliau berkata, pembangunan loji jana kuasa berkenaan melibatkan pelaburan RM21 juta merangkumi pemasangan dua enjin biogas, dengan jumlah kapasiti keseluruhan sebanyak 2.404 megawatt (MW) dengan menggunakan biogas dari sumber sisa effluen kilang sawit. - Bernama

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Ahli perniagaan kena scam rugi RM5.3 juta

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Mangsa yakin selepas terima pulangan awal hampir RM25,000

Oleh MUHAMMAD AMINNURALIFF MOHD ZOKI SHAH ALAM

Seorang ahli perniagaan kerugian RM5.3 juta selepas terpedaya tawaran pelaburan tidak wujud yang diiklankan melalui satu aplikasi di laman sesawang.

Ketua Polis Selangor, Datuk Hussein Omar Khan berkata, mangsa berusia 67 tahun pada awalnya tertarik dengan satu iklan pelaburan sebelum menekan pautan dan disambungkan ke aplikasi WhatsApp.

"Suspek memperkenalkan diri

sebagai 'Ms Ng' kemudian menghubungi mangsa melalui panggilan telefon dan mendakwa sebagai tenaga pengajar pelaburan tersebut.

"Mangsa dimasukkan ke satu kumpulan WhatsApp dan mengikuti pelaburan itu kira-kira seminggu," katanya dalam satu kenyataan pada Ahad. Menurutnya, suspek kemudian meminta mangsa mendaftar sebagai pelabur baharu di satu platform.

"Pada peringkat awal, mangsa menerima pulangan awal RM24,308.48 hingga membuatnya semakin yakin.

"Mangsa kemudiannya membuat 13 transaksi berjumlah RM5.3 juta ke tiga akaun bank berbeza," katanya.



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Tambahnya, selepas semua transaksi dibuat, mangsa dijanjikan keuntungan mengikut harga pasaran.

"Bagaimanapun, mangsa diarahkan membuat pelbagai bayaran cukai sebelum dibenarkan membuat pengeluaran.

"Mangsa akhirnya menyedari ditipu selepas gagal mendapatkan semula wang pelaburan," katanya.

Hussein berkata, kes disiasat mengikut Seksyen 420 Kanun Keseksaan kerana menipu.

"Orang ramai dinasihatkan sentiasa berwaspada terhadap tawaran pelaburan di media sosial yang menjanjikan pulangan tidak munasabah terutama melalui aplikasi tidak diluluskan Bank Negara Malaysia atau Suruhanjaya Sekuriti Malaysia," ujarnya.



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Malaysia seru pendekatan kolektif tangani cabaran global

Oleh RIDZAUDDIN ROSLAN dan NUR ALWANI ZAFIRAH KHAIRUL

KUALA LUMPUR – Malaysia selaku Pengerusi ASEAN menyeru blok serantau mengaplikasi pendekatan kolektif bagi menangani pelbagai cabaran global termasuk isu tarif Amerika Syarikat (AS) yang dilihat memberi kesan kepada Asia Tenggara.

Dalam konteks ini, pendekatan kolektif dilaksanakan ASEAN membolehkan blok serantau itu meminimumkan kesan terhadap rakyat, sekali gus berkembang secara mampan dengan pemikiran berpandangan jauh.



Menteri Luar Negeri, Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan berkata, susulan itu, ASEAN perlu merebut peluang sebaik-baiknya memperkukuhkan integrasi ekonomi serantau bagi memastikan terlindung daripada kejutan luaran.

"Perang perdagangan antara AS dan China secara dramatik mengganggu corak pengeluaran dan perdagangan global yang mana kelesuan ekonomi global dijangka berlaku.

"Kita juga berhadapan dengan kesan perubahan iklim yang semakin pantas serta gangguan teknologi.

"Di seluruh dunia, suhu dan paras laut meningkat dan kecerdasan buatan (AI) berkembang lebih ce-



MOHAMAD HASAN (enam dari kiri) bergambar bersama Menteri-menteri Luar pada Mesyuarat Menteri Luar ASEAN bersempena Sidang Kemuncak ASEAN ke-46 di Pusat Konvensyen Kuala Lumpur semalam. – SHIDDIQIIN ZON

pat daripada tindak balas kebanyakannya kerajaan," katanya ketika menyampaikan ucapan pada Mesyuarat Menteri Luar ASEAN sempena Sidang Kemuncak ASEAN ke-46 di sini semalam.

Mohamad berkata, pada masa sama, negara rendah di rantau ini

turut terdedah kepada kenaikan paras laut selain iklim panas menyebabkan kejadian cuaca ekstrem.

"Rakyat kita yang menikmati kadar penembusan internet yang tinggi, juga terdedah kepada penggunaan teknologi seperti AI yang

berniat jahat dan tidak dikawal.

"Jadi, dengan penuh rasa tanggungjawab, saya menyeru agar kita semua menangani cabaran-cabaran mendatang secara kolektif.

"Kita mesti memainkan peranan aktif dalam menghadapi pergolakan pada tahun-tahun akan datang," katanya.

Pada masa sama, ASEAN juga perlu berdiri teguh sebagai pemacu utama kepada blok serantau bagi memastikan tidak berlaku sebarang perpecahan khususnya apabila menerima tekanan daripada pihak luar.

Dalam hal ini, kepusatan ASEAN perlu menjadi kompas kepada blok serantau agar gabungan itu terus diperkukuh serta tidak mudah berpecah.

"Dalam dunia yang semakin berpecah, ASEAN mesti menawarkan jalan yang berbeza berdasarkan dialog, kerjasama dan multilateralisme.

"Kita mesti berfikir secara serius bagaimana ASEAN boleh memberi sumbangan yang membina dan positif kepada perkembangan global," kata Mohamad.

Mohamad berkata, sumbangan itu termasuk kemampuan bersuara dengan tegas dan sepakat dalam isu-isu keamanan selain keadilan kesaksamaan, kemanusiaan dan undang-undang antarabangsa.

Selain itu, menerusi Mesyuarat Menteri Luar ASEAN, cadangan lanjutan dan peluasan gencatan senjata di Myanmar turut diutarakan bagi menghentikan keganasan secara menyeluruh serta melaksanakan Konsensus Lima Perkara secara berkesan.

Sekretariat ASEAN berkata, langkah itu bukan sahaja mampu meredakan konflik berlarutan, malah membuka ruang penyaluran bantuan kemanusiaan secara selamat dan berkesan.

"Menteri Luar ASEAN turut menekankan kepentingan memastikan persekitaran yang selamat dan kondusif bagi penyaluran bantuan kemanusiaan dan pembinaan semula komuniti terjejas," katanya.

Pada masa sama, mesyuarat turut menerima pakai Garis Panduan Memudahkan Akses Timor-Leste kepada Instrumen dan Perjanjian Undang-Undang ASEAN.

"Ia menandakan kemajuan berterusan ke arah keanggotaan penuh Timor-Leste dalam ASEAN di bawah Mesyuarat Menteri-Menteri Luar ASEAN.

"Selain itu, mesyuarat turut meneliti dan meluluskan draf Tambahan kepada Perjanjian Kawasan Bebas Senjata Nuklear Asia Tenggara (SEANWFZ) yang telah dimuktamadkan oleh Jawatankuasa Eksekutif SEANWFZ semasa mesyuaratnya pada 29 April lalu," katanya.



MOHAMAD HASAN mempengerusikan Mesyuarat Menteri Luar ASEAN.

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Scam jejas ekonomi serantau



- Maruah serantau diperdaya sindiket scam
- Penipuan itu turut menjejaskan ekonomi negara anggota

KUALA LUMPUR – Rantau ini berdepan dengan ancaman keselamatan yang kian meningkat terutama jenayah siber seperti penipuan dalam talian dan tawaran kerja tidak wujud.

Menteri Luar, Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan berkata, ASEAN berdepan dengan landskap serantau dan global yang semakin kompleks dipengaruhi persaingan geopolitik, ketidakstabilan ekonomi serta cabaran rentas sempadan.

"Ribuan warga ASEAN telah menjadi mangsa sindiket ini dan mereka diperdaya, diperdagangkan dan dijadikan buruh paksa di pusat-pusat scam.

"Mereka kehilangan kebebasan, maruah, dan wang simpanan untuk hidup. Operasi haram dalam talian yang berleluasa ini turut menjejaskan ekonomi negara-negara anggota ASEAN,"



MOHAMAD mempengerusikan mesyuarat pada Mesyuarat Menteri Luar ASEAN sempena Sidang Kemuncak ASEAN ke-46 dan GCC di Pusat Konvensyen Kuala Lumpur semalam. – SHIDIEQIN ZON

katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian semasa ucapan pembukaan Mesyuarat Majlis Komuniti Politik-Keselamatan ASEAN (APSC) ke-29 di Pusat Konvensyen Antarabangsa Kuala Lumpur (KLCC) di sini semalam.

Mohamad berkata, dalam tempoh beberapa tahun kebelakangan ini, ASEAN telah meningkatkan usaha membanteras jenayah siber, namun sindiket ini terus menunjukkan kemampuan dengan berpindah dan membina semula operasi mereka.

Katanya, justeru pendekatan menyeluruh dan bersepadu amat diperlukan demi kesejahteraan rakyat ASEAN serta keselamatan dan kemakmuran rantau ini.

"ASEAN perlu memperkukuh kerjasama serantau, menyergamkan kerangka perundangan

dan meningkatkan mekanisme perkongsian maklumat antara Negara-Negara Anggota.

"Tambahan pula, kemajuan teknologi yang pesat dan perkembangan ruang siber menuntut kita bukan sahaja melindungi keselamatan ekosistem digital rantau ini, tetapi juga membina ketahananannya secara berterusan.

"Perubahan landskap ini turut menuntut agar ASEAN sentiasa bersedia menyesuaikan diri dengan keperluan semasa," katanya.

Sehubungan itu, Mohamad berkata, Pelan Strategik APSC 2045 akan menjadi panduan penting bagi kerjasama politik keselamatan ASEAN dalam tempoh dua dekad akan datang berasaskan nilai keamanan, ketahanan dan pembangunan yang

berteraskan rakyat.

"Badan-Badan Sektor ASEAN di bawah tonggak APSC perlu merujuk kepada bidang kerjasama dan inisiatif digariskan dalam pelan strategik ini, bagi memperkukuh keupayaan kolektif ASEAN dalam menangani cabaran keselamatan dan rentas sempadan yang berkembang.

"Dalam konteks ini, ASEAN juga harus mengenal pasti rakan kerjasama yang boleh menyokong usaha kita ke arah matlamat tersebut. Pada masa sama, kita mesti memastikan institusi-institusi kita kekal relevan, berpandangan jauh dan inklusif," ujarnya.

Beliau berkata, ini penting bagi merealisasikan aspirasi bersama kita untuk membentuk sebuah rantau yang selamat, terjamin dan aman untuk semua.

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Tarikh: 26 MAY 2025

Ahli perniagaan rugi RM5.3 juta ditipu pakar pelaburan KOSMO 20/5

SHAH ALAM - Seorang ahli perniagaan berusia 67 tahun berputih mata apabila kerugian RM5.3 juta ditipu pakar pelaburan selepas wanita tempatan itu menekan pautan iklan pelaburan di aplikasi Google.

Ketua Polis Selangor, Datuk Hussein Omar Khan berkata, perkara itu terbongkar hasil laporan diterima di daerah ini daripada mangsa berkaitan kes peni-

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puan pelaburan tidak wujud.

Katanya, hasil siasatan mendapati mangsa telah disambung-

kan ke aplikasi WhatsApp sebaik menekan pautan di aplikasi Google itu.

Mangsa telah berhubung melalui panggilan telefon dengan suspek yang bertindak sebagai tenaga pengajar pelaburan itu.

"Kemudiannya, mangsa telah diberi penerangan berkenaan pelaburan itu dan dimasukkan ke-kumpulan aplikasi WhatsApp.

"Mangsa telah mengikuti

pelaburan tersebut kira-kira seminggu sebelum diminta untuk mendaftar sebagai pelabur baru di satu platform pelaburan," katanya dalam kenyataan di sini semalam.

Beliau menambah, pada peringkat awal mangsa telah mendapat pulangan awal berjumlah RM24,308.48 yang membuatkan dirinya lebih yakin dengan pelaburan itu.

Ujarnya, mangsa kemudiannya telah membuat 13 transaksi berjumlah RM5.3 juta ke tiga jenis akaun berbeza dengan dijanjikan keuntungan mengikut pasaran.

"Mangsa berasa ditipu apabila diarah membayar pelbagai bayaran cukai bagi membuat pengeluaran wang keuntungan pelaburan itu. Kes disiasat mengikut Seksyen 420 Kanun Keseksaan," katanya.

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Tarikh:



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Bekas akauntan pun kena tipu, lesap RM317,000

JOHOR BAHRU — Seorang pesara akauntan mengalami kerugian sebanyak RM317,000 selepas menjadi mangsa sindiket pelaburan saham menerusi laman sosial Facebook.

Ketua Polis Daerah Seri Alam, Asisten Komisioner Mohd. Sohaimi Ishak berkata, kejadian

bermula apabila lelaki tempatan berumur 71 tahun itu tertarik dengan pelaburan yang menjanjikan keuntungan sehingga 20 peratus.

Menurutnya, mangsa terlihat iklan pelaburan tersebut pada 23 Mac lalu yang menjanjikan pulangan berganda.

"Akibat tertarik, mangsa membuat 22 transaksi kewangan ke dalam tujuh akaun berbeza di antara 23 Mac hingga 8 Mei lalu berjumlah keseluruhan RM317,000.

"Mangsa hanya menyedari dirinya ditipu apabila diminta membuat bayaran tambahan

sebelum boleh mengeluarkan keuntungan berjumlah RM3.42 juta," katanya dalam satu kenyataan semalam.

Menurutnya, siasatan mendapati enam daripada tujuh akaun terbabit mempunyai keseluruhan 70 rekod laporan polis bersabit kes penipuan pelaburan.

KOSMO

Tarikh: 26 MAY 2025

Rawatan mental mahal, orang miskin bertambah murung

SAUDARA PENGARANG,

PENJAGAAN kesihatan mental di Malaysia masih dianggap sebagai satu kemewahan, sedangkan hakikatnya ia adalah satu keperluan hidup.

Saya menulis surat ini bukan sekadar sebagai pelajar, tetapi sebagai individu yang pernah menyaksikan sendiri betapa senyap dan peritnya perjuangan ini bagi ramai rakyat Malaysia.

Kita sering dengar ungkapan seperti 'kesihatan mental itu penting', namun realitinya, bantuan dan rawatan hanya terasa seperti pilihan yang mampu diakses oleh mereka yang berkemampuan sahaja.

Akses kepada rawatan

kesihatan mental yang sepatutnya masih terlalu jauh daripada jangkauan. Rawatan terapi swasta boleh mencecah sehingga RM200 bagi setiap sesi.

Ini hampir separuh daripada perbelanjaan makanan mingguan sesetengah keluarga.

Klinik kesihatan awam pula sentiasa sesak, dan masa menunggu untuk sesi kaunseling boleh mengambil masa berbulan-bulan.

Di kawasan luar bandar, kemudahan ini hampir tiada langsung. Ramai terpaksa menguruskan kegelisahan, kemurungan, dan trauma secara bersendirian.

Ada yang disuruh kuatkan semangat, ada pula yang disuruh

berdoa lebih banyak, tetapi jarang sekali mereka diberitahu bahawa tidak mengapa untuk meminta bantuan.

Walaupun terdapat inisiatif baik seperti MySalam, jurang tetap wujud. Syarat kelayakan yang hanya membenarkan individu yang didiagnosis mulai Januari 2025 untuk menerima subsidi kesihatan mental adalah tidak adil.

Bagaimana pula dengan mereka yang telah didiagnosis pada tahun 2023 atau 2024 dan masih bergelut sehingga hari ini? Adakah penderitaan mereka tidak sah hanya kerana ia berlaku terlalu awal? Situasi ini seolah-olah menafikan realiti mereka yang telah lama

menderita.

Ini bukanlah cara yang sepatutnya kita layan isu kesihatan mental. Perubahan perlu dilakukan segera.

Kerajaan harus mempertimbangkan semula syarat kelayakan MySalam dan menyediakan sokongan kewangan kepada mereka yang telah lama berjuang.

Kita perlukan lebih banyak perkhidmatan terapi yang mampu milik, pegawai kesihatan mental di sekolah, universiti, tempat kerja, serta akses yang adil di pekan-pekan kecil dan kawasan luar bandar. Paling penting, kita perlu ubah cara kita bercakap tentang kesihatan mental. Hentikan jenaka.

Hentikan stigma. Mulakan perbualan yang tulen dan berempati.

Kesihatan mental bukan satu trend. Ia bukan tanda kelemahan.

Ia bukan hak eksklusif untuk golongan berada. Ia adalah hak asas setiap manusia.

Tiada siapa yang patut terpaksa memilih antara membeli makanan atau mendapatkan bantuan.

Tiada siapa yang patut rasa tidak wujud hanya kerana mereka didiagnosis lebih awal daripada tarikh yang ditetapkan. Bertindaklah.

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Tarikh:

Untung besar tak dapat, wanita rugi pula RM221,000

PONTIAN – Niat seorang suri rumah untuk mendapat keuntungan besar bertukar derita apabila wanita itu akhirnya mengalami kerugian besar.

Mangsa mengalami kerugian RM221,000 setelah menjadi mangsa penipuan pelaburan tidak wujud secara dalam talian.

Ketua Polis Daerah Pontian, Superintendan Mohammad Shofee Tayib berkata, wanita

berusia 60 tahun itu telah membuat laporan polis kelmarin selepas menyedari dirinya menjadi mangsa penipuan sindiket pelaburan palsu.

Katanya, berdasarkan laporan polis yang dibuat, mangsa berkenalan dengan seorang lelaki warga China melalui aplikasi sosial Wesing pada November tahun lalu.

"Suspek telah memperkenalkan

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kan satu skim pelaburan dengan menjanjikan pulangan yang ting-

gi dalam mata wang AS\$ bermula dari 27 Mac hingga 23 Mei tahun ini.

"Mangsa yang percaya kepada kata-kata suspek telah membuat beberapa bayaran modal kepada suspek sehingga berjumlah RM221,000 ke dalam beberapa akaun.

"Wanita itu hanya menyedari ditipu setelah wang modal dan komisen yang dijanjikan tidak

dikembalikan kepadanya," katanya dalam satu kenyataan semalam.

Menurutnya, walaupun sebagai peringatan telah diberikan Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM) kepada orang ramai mengenai bahaya pelaburan online, namun masih ada yang percaya.

Kes itu disiasat di bawah Seksyen 420 Kanun Keseksaan kerana menipu.

KOSMO

Tarikh: 26 MAY 2025

PPJJ USM bantu penuntut 'berumur'

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Kuala Lumpur: Perubahan gaya pembelajaran berorientasikan digitalisasi masih menjadi cabaran utama kepada warga emas yang bercita-cita melanjutkan pengajian di usia persaraan.

Pensyarah Kanan Pusat Pengajian Jarak Jauh (PPJJ) Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) Dr Ku Boon Dar (*gambar*) berkata, bukan mudah penuntut pendidikan jarak jauh (PJJ), khususnya yang sudah memasuki usia emas, menyesuaikan diri dalam dunia pembelajaran digital.

"Platform pembelajaran ini sepenuhnya atas talian, tiada lagi kelas fizikal yang memerlukan mereka hadir ke kampus seperti dahulu.

"Bagi warga emas, ini satu halangan besar kerana kebanyakan mereka kurang mahir menggunakan teknologi seperti komputer dan sistem e-pembelajaran," katanya.

Bukan sekadar itu, katanya, cabaran psikologi turut membelenggu kelompok penuntut usia senja.

"Ada dalam kalangan mereka rasa rendah diri

apabila belajar bersama penuntut muda.

"Mereka anggap diri tidak setanding dan sukar untuk bersaing, walaupun sebenarnya mereka sangat berpotensi.

"Faktor kesihatan fizikal juga sering kali menjadi cabaran, masalah penglihatan misalnya, menyebabkan proses pembacaan bahan akademik menjadi lebih mencabar," katanya.

Tambah beliau, keperluan untuk menghasilkan penulisan akademik yang formal dan dihantar secara digital juga memberi tekanan.

"Ramai

warga emas sudah lama meninggalkan dunia penulisan. Tiba-tiba perlu menulis tugas formal mengikut gaya akademik, rujukan, etika penulisan, semua ini bukan mudah," katanya.

Namun begitu, katanya, PPJJ USM proaktif menyediakan pelbagai sokongan dan inisiatif khas bagi membantu penuntut warga emas, termasuk latihan penggunaan teknologi, sokongan psikologi dan fleksibiliti dalam pengantaraan tugas.

"Saya cukup kagum dengan disiplin mereka. Tugas dihantar lebih awal daripada tarikh akhir, mereka lebih bertanggungjawab dan sentiasa bertanya jika tidak faham.

"Walaupun pada awalnya mereka perlu bimbingan, akhirnya mereka mampu berdiskari dan menguasai kemahiran baharu, termasuk penulisan akademik dan pembentangan dalam talian," katanya.

"Platform pembelajaran kini sepenuhnya atas talian, tiada lagi kelas fizikal"

Dr Ku



Kosmo 26/5 Mangsa termuda gangguan seksual seawal bawah 6 tahun

KUALA LUMPUR — Statistik Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM) mendedahkan sebanyak 8,620 kes gangguan seksual melibatkan 9,112 kanak-kanak direkodkan dari tahun 2023 hingga April 2025 dengan mangsa termuda berusia seawal bawah enam tahun.

Pengarah Jabatan Siasatan Jenayah (JSJ) Bukit Aman, Datuk Seri Mohd. Shuhaily Mohd. Zain berkata, daripada jumlah itu, golongan berusia antara 13 hingga 15 tahun mencatatkan peratusan tertinggi iaitu sebanyak 499 peratus bagi tempoh sama.

"Jumlah itu diikuti oleh mangsa berusia 16 hingga 18 tahun (24.8 peratus), seterusnya 10 hingga 12 tahun (15.2 peratus), enam hingga sembilan tahun (6.6 peratus) dan kanak-kanak berusia bawah enam tahun (3.6 peratus)," katanya ketika ditemui Kosmo! di Bukit Aman, di sini baru-baru ini.

Menurutnya, anjakan kes dilihat semakin membimbangkan berikutan jumlahnya sepanjang tahun menunjukkan trend menaik selain membabitkan umur mangsa terlibat semakin muda.

"Selain kes yang direkodkan menunjukkan trend menaik, umur mangsa terlibat juga didapati semakin muda selain je-



PENYALAHGUNAAN media sosial antara punca kanak-kanak menjadi mangsa gangguan seksual daripada individu yang mereka kenali. — GAMBAR HIASAN

nayah itu juga dikesan menjadi lebih ganas serta serius," katanya.

Menurutnya, peningkatan kes dapat dilihat dengan catatan

kes gangguan seksual terhadap kanak-kanak melonjak sebanyak 13.2 peratus bagi tempoh tahun 2023 hingga 2024 iaitu sebanyak

453 kes.

Katanya, jumlah kes membabitkan kumpulan berkenaan bagi tempoh tahun 2023 sehingga

April 2025 adalah sebanyak 8,620 kes bagi seluruh negara.

"Kategori kes gangguan seksual terhadap kanak-kanak yang paling tinggi dicatatkan sepanjang tempoh berkenaan adalah amang seksual fizikal iaitu sebanyak 42.8 peratus.

"Antara kesalahan lain adalah kes rogol, sumbang mahram, amang seksual bukan fizikal, pornografi kanak-kanak, seks luar tabii, gangguan seksual, komunikasi seksual dengan kanak-kanak, pengantunan kanak-kanak, cabul kehormatan serta melibatkan kes di bawah Seksyen 292 Kanun Keseksaan dan juga berjumpa selepas pengantungan," ujarnya.

Bagi kategori negeri, Mohd. Shuhaily berkata, Selangor, Johor, Sabah, Perak dan Kedah mencatatkan jumlah kes tertinggi dalam kedudukan lima teratas carta.

"Selangor merekodkan jumlah tertinggi iaitu sebanyak 20.4 peratus, diikuti dengan Johor (12.4 peratus), Sabah (10.3 peratus), Perak (7.2 peratus) dan Kedah (7.2 peratus).

"Seterusnya adalah Kelantan, Sarawak, Kuala Lumpur, Pahang, Pulau Pinang, Melaka, Terengganu, Negeri Sembilan dan Perlis," katanya.

KOSMO

Tarikh: 26 MAY 2025

Projek PEARL, kukuhkan literasi asas anak komuniti bandar

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Kuala Lumpur: Keupayaan membaca, mengira, memahami sains dan teknologi serta menguasai bahasa Inggeris dianggap sebagai keperluan asas generasi muda hari ini.

Bagaimanapun segelintir kanak-kanak daripada keluarga berpendapatan rendah di bandar, masih bergelut dengan asas literasi ini.

Susulan itu, Jabatan Pendidikan Bahasa dan Literasi, Universiti Malaya (UM) tampil dengan Projek PEARL, iaitu inisiatif literasi yang dilancarkan sejak tahun 2018.

Diketuai oleh Prof Madya Dr Adelina Asmawi, ia diusahakan UM dengan kerjasama Majlis Bandaraya Petaling Jaya (MBPJ) dan Yayasan Amal ASAS.

Adelina berkata, pada peringkat awal projek berkenaan me-



Peserta Projek PEARL turut dibawa melawat Ladang Institut Sains Biologi, UM dalam usaha menambah pengalaman dan pengetahuan mereka.

numpukan kepada literasi bahasa Inggeris, namun ia mula berkembang kepada pendedahan terhadap kemahiran digital, kewangan dan terkini, asas Sains, Matematik, Kejuruteraan dan Teknologi (STEM).

"Pendekatan yang digunakan tidak bergantung kepada buku teks atau peperiksaan, sebaliknya menekankan pembelajaran berasaskan pengalaman, aktiviti, dan situasi dunia sebenar," katanya.

BERITA HARIAN

Tarikh.....26 MAY 2025.....

Malaysia, ASEAN ada peranan penting tentang tindakan unilateral ekonomi

Perang tarif dicetuskan Presiden Donald Trump bertujuan mengimbangi defisit perdagangan besar antara Amerika Syarikat (AS) dengan negara lain, khasnya China ternyata 'memporak-peranda' ekonomi global.

Kempen Trump ini ternyata menguji ketahanan struktur ekonomi global, sekali gus mewujudkan landskap ekonomi antarabangsa semakin dipengaruhi pendekatan unilateralisme atau satu pihak. Pengenaan tarif sebagai alat tekanan ekonomi dilihat sebagai bentuk paksaan menjejaskan banyak negara sama, termasuk Malaysia dan rantau ASEAN.

Justeru, Malaysia dan ASEAN sebagai negara perdagangan terbuka, tidak boleh berdiam diri terhadap perkembangan ini. Ini kerana pendekatan unilateral seperti pengenaan tarif tanpa rundingan atau persetujuan bersama, amat bertentangan dengan semangat kerjasama antarabangsa yang menjadi asas kepada sistem perdagangan global hari ini. Ia mencetuskan ketidaktentuan, menyekat aliran dagangan bebas dan akhirnya melemahkan ekonomi negara yang bergantung kepada eksport serta pelaburan asing.

Dalam konteks ini, ASEAN mesti segera memperkukuh suara kolektifnya dan menolak segala bentuk dominasi perdagangan berasaskan tekanan atau tindakan sebelah pihak yang cenderung kepada satu bentuk penindasan.

Ketika ini berlangsung Sidang Kemuncak ASEAN, maka inilah peluang strategik untuk Malaysia, di bawah pimpinan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim memacu pendirian serantau tegas dan berprinsip. Pendirian Malaysia seperti ditegaskan Anwar betapa negara ini berpegang kepada prinsip keterangkuman ekonomi, keadilan global dan solidariti serantau, selari dengan aspirasi ASEAN sebagai satu komuniti yang mendukung prinsip perdagangan terbuka, telus dan saling menyokong, bukan saling menindas.

Maka, Malaysia sebagai Pengerusi ASEAN 2025 dan tuan rumah sidang kemuncak kali ini, perlu tampil sebagai pemimpin menyatukan pendirian ASEAN. ASEAN harus bersuara lantang menolak tindakan pemaksaan tarif timbal balas sepihak ini dan pada masa sama memperjuangkan reformasi sistem perdagangan dunia lebih adil kepada negara membangun.

Zaman kini bukan lagi era perlindungan ekonomi yang membelenggu, tetapi era saling kebergantungan. Rangkaian bekalan global menjadi teras kepada pertumbuhan ekonomi banyak negara, termasuk negara ASEAN. Pengenaan tarif secara unilateral bukan sahaja tidak produktif, tetapi turut membahayakan integrasi ekonomi yang dibina selama beberapa dekad.

Sidang Kemuncak ASEAN kali ini perlu menzahirkan pendirian bahawa rantau ini mesti memainkan peranan sebagai 'blok ketiga' dalam ekosistem perdagangan global, menjadi jambatan antara kuasa besar, sambil mempertahankan hak dan kepentingan negara kecil ekonomi.

Hari ini, dunia memerlukan lebih banyak ruang untuk rundingan, persefahaman dan perkongsian pintar sebagai negara bersaudara, bukan dominasi kuasa besar dengan menggunakan tarif sebagai senjata ekonomi. Dalam dunia semakin kompleks, keupayaan negara seperti Malaysia mempertahankan kedaulatan ekonominya bergantung kepada keberanian untuk bersuara dan kebijaksanaan membina pakatan dengan negara lain.

Maka, wadah ASEAN harus dimanfaatkan sebaiknya untuk menolak sebarang tindakan unilateral yang bersifat memaksa dan menindas negara lain.

BERITA HARIAN
Tarikh... 26 MAY 2025

PBAKL promosi karya berkualiti

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Inisiatif Taman Sastera bukti komitmen penulis, penerbit pikat masyarakat

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Kuala Lumpur: Pesta Buku Antarabangsa Kuala Lumpur (PBAKL) 2025 di Pusat Dagangan Dunia (WTC) di sini, menjadi pentas penting penggiat sastera mempromosikan karya bermutu kepada masyarakat.

Antara menonjol ialah inisiatif unik, Taman Sastera oleh NUSA Center dikendalikan Penerima Anugerah SEA Write, Syed Mohd Zakir Syed Othman atau lebih dikenali sebagai SM Zakir.

SM Zakir berkata, Taman Sastera mengetengahkan kompilasi karya sastera tempatan dan luar negara, merangkumi terjemahan serta karya asli untuk menarik minat masyarakat terhadap sastera.

"Taman Sastera ini berkonsepkan taman bunga menarik orang ramai bukan hanya kerana keindahan visual, bahkan keharmonian dan keunikan kandungan sastera.

"Sastera moden dan klasik berbeza dari segi konteks. Karya klasik banyak berteraskan skrip sejarah dan mitologi, manakala sastera moden lebih menekankan keterhubungan dengan realiti masyarakat hari ini seperti isu kelangsungan hidup," katanya.

SM Zakir berkata, sambutan pengunjung terhadap karya sastera di PBAKL juga amat menggalakkan, sekali gus membuktikan masyarakat masih mempunyai minat terhadap karya memiliki nilai intelektual dan berjiwa.

"Usaha seperti ini memperlihatkan komitmen penulis dan penerbit kecil dalam memastikan dunia sastera kekal hidup serta relevan dalam landskap penerbitan masa kini," katanya.

Sementara itu, tinjauan BH merakamkan PBAKL 2025 terus menjadi tumpuan generasi muda yang bukan sahaja hadir membeli buku, malah menghidupkan semangat membaca.

Pengunjung, Nur Aisyah Batrisyia Abd Razak, 23, berkata PBAKL dinanti-nantikannya kerana menyediakan pelbagai jenis bahan bacaan untuk golongan muda terutama genre fiksi yang sangat mengembangkan imaginasi.

Katanya, dia lebih gemar membaca buku secara fizikal kerana selesa dan memberi kepuasan berbanding secara dalam talian atau e-buku.



"Namun, media sosial tetap berperanan besar memupuk minat membaca terutama dalam kalangan belia," katanya.

Bagi Nur Athirah Johar, 22, dan rakannya Muhammad Muhaimin Johari, 24, kunjungan ke PBAKL sudah menjadi kebiasaan kerana banyak promosi menarik ditawarkan dan peluang bertemu penulis.

"Perkembangan penerbitan buku tempatan sangat membanggakan, terutama penulis muda. Harga buku juga sangat berpatutan," katanya.

Yakin sasaran tercapai

Dalam perkembangan sama, Pengerusi Pengelola PBAKL, Mohd Khair Ngadiron yakin sasaran kehadiran 1.9 juta pengunjung boleh dicapai berdasarkan sambutan luar biasa diterima setiap tahun termasuk edisi kali ini.

"Dengan kesesakan pengunjung saban tahun, ia menjadi petunjuk jelas minat membaca rakyat meningkat, sekali gus



Orang ramai berkunjung ke Pesta Buku Antarabangsa Kuala Lumpur di Pusat Dagangan Dunia Kuala Lumpur. (Foto Raihana Mansor/BH)

membuktikan PBAKL terus relevan serta diminati masyarakat pelbagai lapisan," katanya.

Beliau berkata, platform PBAKL secara dalam talian yang berjalan serentak dengan acara fizikal di lokasi program memudahkan peminat buku yang tidak berpeluang berkunjung.

"PBAKL kali ini bukan sahaja meraikan kedai buku kecil, malah menghimpunkan pelbagai genre buku dan terbitan dari dalam serta luar negara," katanya.

Mohd Khair turut mengajak penulis dan masyarakat menyertai Program PENA MADANI dalam usaha memperkasa budaya

ilmu dan penerbitan karya tempatan.

Katanya, program anjuran Persatuan Penulis Nasional Malaysia (PENA) itu menjadi platform penting bagi penulis baharu dan berpengalaman menyumbang karya asli dalam bahasa Melayu mencerminkan nilai Malaysia MADANI.

"Ia turut melahirkan terbitan berkualiti seperti karya Pyan Habib berjudul Kami Sayangi, selain menggalakkan pembabit aktif masyarakat dalam bidang penulisan menerusi pelbagai siri wacana, pelancaran buku dan penyertaan dalam pameran seperti PBAKL," katanya.

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Bil perubatan, kos majikan tinggi impak syor naik had usia bersara

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**Pakar perubatan
saran pekerja
diberi kerja sesuai,
masa fleksibel
jika dilaksanakan**

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Kuala Lumpur: Tanggungan majikan dalam tuntutan bil perubatan terus meningkat antara beberapa kesan utama jika cadangan menaikkan had umur persaraan kepada 65 tahun dilaksanakan.

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Ezat Wan Puteh, berkata ini disebabkan keperluan ergonomik mereka yang sudah berusia akan berbeza berbanding dengan golongan muda.

Bagaimanapun, katanya, jika mereka tidak dapat memenuhi keperluan kerja secara fizikal, mental dan kognitif, kerja yang sesuai, masa fleksibel dan gaji yang sesuai boleh dicadangkan.

"Memang terdapat kelebihan jika mereka yang sudah berusia 60 tahun masih bekerja, iaitu dari segi kemahiran, kenalan dan pengalaman luas dalam menjalankan kerja serta boleh memberi nasihat kepada organisasi.

"Namun, kesan lain ialah kos pembayaran gaji yang tinggi kerana mungkin sudah sampai had maksimum gaji dan syarikat perlu mengeluarkan kos besar untuk emolument pekerja.

"Selain itu, organisasi ber-

kenaan juga tidak dapat mengambil ramai orang muda kerana bayaran gaji terpaksa diagihkan kepada mereka lebih berpengalaman, berbanding pekerja muda yang baru," katanya kepada BH, semalam.

Beliau berkata, kebanyakan warga emas juga tidak mempunyai simpanan kewangan yang mencukupi untuk meneruskan kehidupan.

Bantu buat simpanan

Oleh itu, katanya, jika had umur persaraan kepada 65 tahun diteruskan, ini dapat membantu mereka memenuhi keperluan hidup dan meneruskan membuat simpanan.

Dr Sharifa Ezat Wan Puteh, ba-



Sharifa Ezat Wan Puteh

nyak negara sudah membincangkan mengenai had usia yang bersesuaian untuk persaraan.

Katanya, beberapa negara maju seperti Belgium, Bulgaria, Amerika Syarikat, Switzerland dan beberapa negara Kesatuan Eropah (EU) sudah menetapkan usia 65 tahun untuk lelaki dan 63 tahun

untuk wanita bersara

"Had umur ini dinaikkan secara perlahan-lahan. Sebagai contoh di EU dicadangkan 67 tahun pada 2030 kerana menepati tahap kesediaan populasi, jangka masa hidup warga emas dan tahap kesihatan mereka.

"Di Indonesia tahap persaraan ialah 69 tahun, Singapura (63 tahun) dan United King-

dom (66 tahun).

"Jika Malaysia bercadang menaikkan had usia persaraan, akan ada kesannya tersendiri," katanya.

Sebelum ini, Menteri di Jabatan Perdana Menteri (Undang-Undang dan Reformasi Institusi), Datuk Seri Azalina Othman dilaporkan berkata kerajaan wajar mempertimbang had usia persaraan di Malaysia dinaikkan daripada 60 kepada 65 tahun kerana ramai dalam kalangan mereka yang berusia 60 tahun ke atas masih aktif.

Bagaimanapun, lebih 15,000 pembaca Berita Harian Online menolak cadangan usia persaraan dilanjutkan kepada 65 tahun, berbanding 60 tahun ketika ini.

Lebih menarik, kebanyakan pembaca mencadangkan usia persaraan diturunkan kepada 55 tahun.

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Peniaga rugi RM5.3j kena tipu pelaburan tak wujud

Shah Alam: Ahli perniagaan kerugian RM5.3 juta selepas terpedaya dengan tawaran pelaburan tidak wujud yang diiklankan melalui aplikasi laman sesawang.

Ketua Polis Selangor, Datuk Hussein Omar Khan, berkata, mangsa berusia 67 tahun pada mulanya tertarik dengan iklan pelaburan 'Primus Pacific Partners' sebelum menekan pautan dan disambungkan ke aplikasi WhatsApp.

"Suspek yang memperkenalkan diri sebagai Ms Ng kemudiannya menghubungi mangsa melalui panggilan telefon dan memperkenalkan diri sebagai tenaga pengajar pelaburan berkenaan.

"Mangsa dimasukkan ke dalam satu kumpulan WhatsApp dan mengikuti pelaburan itu selama kira-kira seminggu," katanya dalam kenyataan semalam.

Beliau berkata, suspek kemudian meminta mangsa mendaftar sebagai pelabur baru di satu platform dikenali sebagai 'primuspacificpartners.biz'.

"Peringkat awal, mangsa menerima pulangan awal sebanyak RM24,308.48 yang membuatkan dia semakin yakin.

"Mangsa kemudian membuat 13 transaksi kemasukan wang berjumlah RM5.3 juta ke tiga akaun bank berbeza," katanya.

Katanya, selepas semua transaksi dibuat mangsa dijanjikan keuntungan mengikut harga pasaran.

"Bagaimanapun mangsa diarahkan membuat pelbagai bayaran cukai terlebih dahulu sebelum

melakukan sebarang pengeluaran.

"Mangsa menyedari ditipu selepas gagal mendapatkan semula wang pelaburan dan mengalami kerugian keseluruhan sebanyak RM5.3 juta," katanya.

Hussein berkata, kes disiasat mengikut Seksyen 420 Kanun Keseksaan.

"Orang ramai dinasihatkan sentiasa berwaspada terhadap tawaran pelaburan di media sosial menjanjikan pulangan tidak munasabah terutama melalui aplikasi yang tidak diluluskan Bank Negara Malaysia atau Suruhanjaya Sekuriti Malaysia.

"Sebarang panggilan mencurigakan boleh dilaporkan kepada Pusat Respons Scam Kebangsaan (NSRC) di talian 997," katanya.

● Mangsa menyedari ditipu selepas gagal mendapatkan semula wang pelaburan dan mengalami kerugian keseluruhan sebanyak RM5.3 juta ●



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Kerajaan buka ruang kepada semua pihak guna Solar PV

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Pemasangan di premis jimatkan penggunaan elektrik, kurangkan pelepasan karbon

Kuala Terengganu: Kerajaan membuka ruang kepada semua pihak, khususnya pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) untuk mengadaptasi penggunaan sistem Solar Fotovoltaiik (Solar PV) dalam usaha peralihan kepada tenaga bersih.

Timbalan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof, berkata menerusi pemasangan sistem Solar PV di premis masing-masing, ia dapat menjimatkan penggunaan elektrik, sekali gus menjana tenaga baharu serta mengurangkan pelepasan karbon di udara.

Fadillah yang juga Menteri Peralihan Tenaga dan Transformasi Air (PETRA), berkata usaha berkenaan, dapat dilihat menerusi inisiatif dilaksanakan Majlis Bandaraya Kuala Terengganu (MBKT) dengan pemasangan sistem Solar PV di tempat letak kenderaan serta bumbung di Menara MBKT.

"Sistem Solar PV di MBKT ini adalah yang terbesar dipasang di bangunan milik pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT), melalui program Net Energy Metering (NEM 3.0) di bawah kategori NEM GoMEN yang diuluskan Pihak Berkuasa Pembangunan Tenaga Lestari



Fadillah melihat sistem Solar PV yang dipasang di bumbung tempat letak kenderaan Menara Majlis Bandaraya Kuala Terengganu pada program PETRA Skuad Zon Timur ke Kelantan dan Terengganu, semalam. (Foto BERNAMA)

(SEDA) Malaysia, pada 16 Disember 2021.

"Ia sudah beroperasi bermula pada 2 Januari 2024 dan pemasangan ini dianggarkan dapat menjana sebanyak 1,147 MWj (megawatt-jam) bekalan elektrik hijau setahun dengan anggaran penjimatan bil elektrik sebanyak 11 peratus atau lebih RM200,000 setahun," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian selepas meninjau pemasangan sistem Solar PV di Menara MBKT sempena Jelajah PETRA Skuad Zon Timur yang berlangsung selama dua hari bermula semalam di Kelantan dan Terengganu.

Loji solar termaju

Dalam pada itu, Fadillah berkata, Jelajah PETRA Skuad diteruskan ke Loji Solar Berskala Besar (LSS)

Coara Marang untuk meninjau secara langsung pengoperasian yang dilaksanakan di bawah inisiatif kerajaan melalui program LSS3.

"Kapasiti tenaga yang dijana daripada loji ini dianggarkan mencukupi untuk membekalkan elektrik kepada lebih 10,000 isi rumah setiap hari dan ia antara loji solar termaju dari segi teknologi dan kecekapan.

"Selain membantu mengurangkan pelepasan karbon, projek LSS Coara Marang ini juga menjadi model bagi reka bentuk loji solar tahan bencana, yang sesuai untuk dibangunkan di kawasan berisiko tinggi banjir, sekali gus memperkukuhkan daya tahan sektor tenaga negara," katanya.

Fadillah berkata jelajah PETRA Skuad Zon Timur diakhiri dengan tinjauan ke Loji Jana kuasa Biogas

Concord Biotech Sdn Bhd, di Kemaman.

Beliau berkata, pembangunan loji jana kuasa berkenaan memabitkan pelaburan RM21 juta merangkumi pemasangan dua enjin biogas dengan jumlah kapasiti keseluruhan sebanyak 2,404 megawatt (MW) dengan menggunakan biogas dari sumber sisa effluent kilang sawit (POME).

Fadillah berkata, loji jana kuasa itu, mencapai pengoperasian komersial pada 12 Mac 2022, dengan SEDA Malaysia sudah meluluskan kuota tarif galakan (Feed-in-Tariff atau FIT) pada 18 Februari 2019.

"Sehingga 31 Mac 2025, loji jana kuasa ini menjana tenaga elektrik sebanyak 29,158 MWj bersamaan dengan penghindaran 22,568 metrik setara karbon dioksida (CO₂eq)," katanya. BERNAMA

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**MASZUREEN
HADZMAN**

KERAJAAN sentiasa prihatin terhadap rakyat yang ditimpa musibah dengan menyalurkan bantuan dalam pelbagai bentuk bagi meringankan bebanan mereka yang terkesan.

Namun, usaha murni ini dikhianati oleh pihak-pihak tertentu yang tidak bertanggungjawab, seperti didedahkan oleh Pengarah Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) Terengganu, Hazrul Shazreen Abd. Yazid dalam kes penyelewengan bantuan kerajaan melibatkan Bantuan Wang Ihsan (BWI).

Penyelewengan agihan BWI berlaku apabila individu yang tidak layak dan tidak terjejas dengan bencana turut mengemukakan tuntutan. Tuntutan palsu ini didalangi oleh mereka yang mempunyai kuasa dalam proses menentukan individu yang layak menerima bantuan. Mereka memanipulasi sistem sedia ada untuk kepentingan diri sendiri dan keluarga.

KES DI DUNGUN

Pada Mei 2023, SPRM menerima aduan melibatkan seorang Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Pembangunan dan Keselamatan Kampung (JPKK) yang didakwa mengemukakan senarai palsu kepada Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat (JKM) bagi menerima BWI akibat bencana alam banjir di Terengganu.

Beliau memasukkan nama anaknya yang tinggal bersamanya ke dalam senarai penerima. Padahal, bantuan hanya diberikan kepada yang benar-benar terjejas. Siasatan mendapati anaknya berusia 43 tahun, bekerja sebagai Ketua Balai Bomba, dan menetap di rumah yang sama.

BAGAIMANA PENIPUAN BERLAKU?

JPKK diminta menghantar senarai mangsa ke Pejabat Kebajikan Masyarakat Daerah (PKMD). Dalam kes ini, Setiausaha JPKK kampung X menyediakan senarai awal mengandungi 100 nama ketua isi rumah (KIR). Pengerusi JPKK, yang merupakan tertuduh, menambah dua nama, dirinya dan anaknya menjadikan jumlah kepada 102 orang.

Tertuduh mengesahkan dan menandatangani Borang Pengesahan Daftar Nama Penerima BWI, walaupun mengetahui anaknya bukan KIR dan tidak layak. Anak beliau menggunakan alamat dapur lama rumah keluarga

Banteras penyelewengan terhadap bantuan kerajaan



PENYELEWENGAN agihan Bantuan Wang Ihsan (BWI) berlaku apabila individu yang tidak layak turut mengemukakan tuntutan, didalangi oleh mereka yang mempunyai kuasa dalam proses menentukan individu yang layak menerima bantuan untuk kepentingan diri sendiri dan keluarga. - GAMBAR HIASAN



**HAZRUL SHAZREEN
ABD. YAZID**

yang terbakar pada tahun 2018, yang tidak sesuai untuk didiami, bagi mengaburi pihak berkuasa. Dengan memperakukan dokumen tersebut, anaknya berjaya memperoleh RM1,000 secara tidak sah.

TINDAKAN MAHKAMAH

Tertuduh didakwa di bawah Seksyen 415 Kanun Keseksaan kerana menipu dengan memperakukan maklumat palsu dalam borang rasmi. Beliau mengaku bersalah dan dikenakan denda RM5,000 atau satu bulan penjara jika gagal membayar.

PENYIASATAN TATAKELOLA SPRM

Kes ini membuka ruang kepada SPRM untuk menjalankan siasatan tatakelola menyeluruh terhadap sistem agihan BWI di Terengganu. Ini sejajar dengan Arahan Perdana Menteri No.1 Tahun 2023 mengenai

Gerakan Pemantapan Tatakelola Nasional.

Hasil dari penyiasatan tatakelola yang dijalankan oleh Cawangan Penyiasatan Tatakelola SPRM Terengganu yang diketuai oleh Ketua Penolong Kanan Penguasa, Suhaanuar Mohamad telah mengenalpasti tujuh kelemahan yang wujud dalam pengurusan BWI bencana banjir kerajaan negeri Terengganu.

Pertamanya, perkara ini berpunca daripada ketiadaan satu garis panduan yang jelas dalam menguruskan agihan BWI bencana banjir di bawah kerajaan negeri Terengganu. Keadaan ini telah memberikan persepsi negatif kepada kerajaan negeri khususnya dalam menyampaikan bantuan kepada mangsa-mangsa banjir yang layak menerima BWI ini.

Selain itu, tiada penyenaraian kategori atau kumpulan bagi pemohon yang layak menerima BWI secara dokumentasi dan tiada perincian atau pemakluman bagi kadar BWI bencana banjir bagi penerima yang layak serta tiadanya dokumen atau borang yang khusus yang diwujudkan bagi pemohon BWI bencana banjir yang tidak berdaftar di pusat pemindahan sementara (PPS) atau yang terkeping.

Pengesahan permohonan bagi bantuan agihan BWI yang tidak berpindah ke PPS atau terkeping juga didapati hanya tertumpu kepada JPKK melalui dokumen atau borang pendaftaran mangsa banjir di PPS yang dikeluarkan oleh Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat (JKM) selain ada juga JPKK yang terus menyalurkan nama mangsa kepada JKM.

Bukan itu sahaja, tiada penyaluran bagi kelayakan

dan syarat permohonan BWI bencana banjir di setiap daerah di Negeri Terengganu selain JPKK juga tidak memahami proses sebenar dan syarat agihan BWI bencana banjir.

Malah, tidak ada satu carta alir yang diwujudkan bagi setiap proses permohonan BWI bencana banjir bagi setiap kategori. Ini menyebabkan proses permohonan BWI ini menjadi tidak teratur dan lebih sistematik.

Kelemahan-kelemahan ini telah menimbulkan persepsi negatif terhadap kepercayaan kerajaan negeri dalam mengurus bantuan rakyat, dan membuka ruang kepada penyelewengan.

PENAMBAHBAIKAN

SPRM Terengganu membentangkan tujuh syor kepada Setiausaha Kerajaan Negeri (SUK) Terengganu pada Disember 2023 untuk menutup ruang dan peluang penyelewengan dan salah guna kuasa.

Pertamanya, SUK Terengganu perlu mewujudkan garis panduan agihan BWI bencana banjir kerajaan negeri Terengganu yang akan seterusnya dijadikan panduan dalam menguruskan BWI bencana banjir ini.

SUK Terengganu juga perlu menyenaraikan dan memperincikan kategori atau kumpulan pemohon yang layak untuk menerima BWI bencana banjir dalam garis panduan yang akan diwujudkan kelak.

Kadar BWI bencana banjir juga perlu disenaraikan dalam garis panduan yang akan diwujudkan supaya ia lebih jelas dan tidak menimbulkan apa-apa kekeliruan.

SUK Terengganu juga perlu

mewujudkan dokumen atau borang permohonan BWI bencana banjir khusus bagi pemohon yang tidak berpindah ke PPS atau terkeping atau menambah lagi dokumen atau borang permohonan yang telah sedia ada.

Wujudkan ruangan pengesahan atau semakan bagi dokumen permohonan bantuan BWI bencana banjir yang disyorkan oleh JPKK dan disahkan oleh penghulu. Ini bagi memastikan wujudnya semak dan imbang dalam sistem yang sedia ada.

SUK Terengganu juga perlu mengadakan sesi penerangan dan taklimat kepada ketua masyarakat berkaitan syarat dan proses agihan BWI bencana banjir bagi peruntukan kerajaan negeri Terengganu. Perkara ini seterusnya dipanjangkan lagi kepada kesemua masyarakat khususnya mangsa-mangsa banjir agar proses agihan BWI bencana banjir akan berjalan lebih lancar dan teratur.

SUK Terengganu juga perlu menyediakan carta alir bagi setiap proses untuk semua kategori atau kumpulan pemohon BWI bencana banjir yang layak dan seterusnya dimasukkan ke dalam garis panduan yang akan diwujudkan nanti.

Kesemua syor ini telah diterima baik oleh pihak SUK. Langkah ini dijangka memperkemas sistem dan amalan sedia ada dan mengelakkan ketirisan dana awam.

IKTIBAR DAN SERUAN

Kes ini bukan kes terpencil. Watak dan lokasi mungkin berbeza, tetapi pola penyelewengan serupa. Ia harus menjadi pengajaran kepada semua yang diberi amanah, khususnya pemimpin akar umbi.

Dana bantuan kerajaan haruslah sampai kepada kumpulan sasar, bukan untuk kepentingan keluarga sendiri. Pemimpin harus bertindak dengan integriti dan menjadi jambatan antara rakyat dan dasar kerajaan.

SPRM menyeru agar semua pemimpin masyarakat mengambil serius tanggungjawab ini dan menjadi contoh teladan dalam menyampaikan amanah secara adil dan telus.

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KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia mahu menggerakkan ASEAN sebagai sebuah pasukan besar dalam menangani ancaman keselamatan, keamanan, perubahan iklim dan tekanan ekonomi tanpa menyisihkan mana-mana negara ahlinya.

Ini dibuktikan dengan komitmen Malaysia tanpa berbelah bahagi dalam memperoleh persetujuan bersama oleh negara ahli ASEAN iaitu Thailand, Filipina, Indonesia, Vietnam, Laos, Kemboja, Myanmar, Brunei dan Singapura bagi menyiapkan Visi Komuniti ASEAN 2045: Masa Depan Kita Bersama.

Visi Komuniti ASEAN 2045 bukanlah dokumen simbolik semata-mata. Sebaliknya ia merupakan permulaan usaha secara kolektif untuk masa depan rantau ini bagi 20 tahun akan datang supaya sentiasa aman, berdaya tahan dan berpaksaan rakyat.

Menteri Luar Negeri, Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan berkata, Visi Komuniti ASEAN 2045 membawa aspirasi berani dengan menjadikan rantau ini sebagai sebuah komuniti berdaya tahan, inovatif dan berorientasikan rakyat.

"Sidang Kemuncak ASEAN ke-46 ini memberi peluang untuk kita menempatkan nilai-nilai ini di pusat hala tuju ASEAN ke arah realisasi Visi 2045.

"Kejayaan visi ini bermula dengan usaha kita hari ini. Asas yang kita bina sekarang akan menentukan sama ada visi itu menjadi kenyataan atau sekadar impian," katanya.

Usaha berterusan Malaysia dalam mengemudi ASEAN sebagai Pengerusi ASEAN 2025 ke arah kebersamaan boleh dilihat menerusi iltizam Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim yang komited untuk mengembalikan keamanan di rantau ini dengan memainkan peranannya ke arah mencari penyelesaian konflik di Myanmar.

Jika dilihat daripada agenda Mesyuarat Pegawai-Pegawai ASEAN (SOM) yang dilaksanakan kelmarin, dua daripada mesyuarat dilaksanakan adalah berfokus mengenai isu konflik di Myanmar khususnya membabitkan pelaksanaan Konsensus Lima Perkara (SPC) yang menjadi titik rujukan ke arah perdamaian.

Bahkan, Mohamad ia dalam ucapan pembukaannya ketika mempengerusikan Mesyuarat Menteri-Menteri Luar ASEAN (AMM) turut menekankan keperluan pihak-pihak berkepentingan di Myanmar untuk menghentikan perbalahan dan melanjutkan gencatan senjata bagi memudahkan proses pemulihan di negara terbabit.

Ia mencerminkan keprihatinan Malaysia terhadap kira-kira 51 juta rakyat Myanmar yang kini menderita akibat 'perang saudara' yang tiada berkesudahan sejak empat tahun lalu.

Tidak berhenti di situ, agenda keamanan ASEAN turut akan diteruskan apabila Malaysia bercadang untuk mengadakan



MOHAMAD Hasan bersama Menteri-menteri Luar pada Mesyuarat Menteri Luar ASEAN sempena Sidang Kemuncak ASEAN ke-46 dan GCC di Pusat Konvensyen Kuala Lumpur, semalam. - UTUSAN/SHIDDIEQIN ZON

Malaysia 'kemudi' ASEAN ke arah kebersamaan



lawatan dan rundingan Majlis Pentadbiran Negara (SAC) Myanmar supaya dapat membentangkan hasrat pihak berkepentingan dalam menghentikan permusuhan.

Felo Kanan Akademi Penyelidikan Strategik Nusantara (NASR), Prof. Dr. Azmi Hassan berkata, sebagai Pengerusi ASEAN 2025, Malaysia sangat menekankan isu konflik di Myanmar sebagai antara agenda utama dalam Sidang Kemuncak ASEAN Ke-46.

Katanya, ia boleh dilihat apabila terdapat dua mesyuarat khas diadakan oleh Malaysia yang dipengerusikan oleh Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan khusus untuk isu tersebut.



MOHAMAD Hasan mempengerusikan mesyuarat pada Mesyuarat Menteri Luar ASEAN sempena Sidang Kemuncak ASEAN ke-46 dan GCC di Pusat Konvensyen Kuala Lumpur, semalam.

"Juga diadakan mesyuarat mengenai SPC yang telah dipersetujui negara ASEAN pada tahun 2021 di Jakarta, Indonesia, untuk menekankan kepada Myanmar supaya ia perlu dipatuhi ke arah negara demokrasi.

"Penekanan isu dalam ASEAN itu penting supaya masyarakat antarabangsa tidak boleh menjadikan konflik Myanmar sebagai alasan untuk mengenyepikan suara rantau ini dalam isu-isu global," katanya.

Sementara itu, pakar Undang-

Undang Antarabangsa Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), Prof. Madya Dr. Salawati Mat Basir berkata, terdapat tiga fokus utama diberikan penekanan dalam Sidang Kemuncak ASEAN Ke-46 yang dipengerusikan oleh Malaysia kali ini.

Katanya, fokus itu adalah isu tarif dikenakan Amerika Syarikat (AS) kepada negara-negara ASEAN, kesepakatan ASEAN terhadap konflik di Myanmar dan Visi ASEAN 2045.

"Jika dilihat daripada isu dibangkitkan dalam tiga hari

Mesyuarat Pegawai-Pegawai Kanan ASEAN (SOM) dan Mesyuarat Menteri Luar ASEAN (AMM) terdapat perkembangan positif dalam usaha Malaysia selaku Pengerusi ASEAN 2025 untuk menamatkan konflik di Myanmar.

"Apabila Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan mengatakan bahawa Malaysia bercadang untuk melawat dan berunding dengan Majlis Pentadbiran Negara (SAC) Myanmar, ia merupakan satu perkembangan sangat positif.

"Jika Malaysia berjaya mendapatkan kebenaran untuk masuk ke Myanmar untuk berunding dengan SAC dan membentangkan kehendak pihak berkepentingan ia adalah satu kejayaan amat signifikan ke arah meredakan konflik," katanya.

Beliau berkata, walaupun pergolakan di Myanmar merupakan satu masalah kompleks dan masih jauh untuk dicapai namun keputusan Malaysia untuk mengadakan lawatan itu adalah langkah positif.

Lebih manis, dalam usaha berterusan Malaysia khususnya Kementerian Luar Negeri dalam isu membabitkan keahlian Timor-Leste, Visi Komuniti ASEAN 2045, Perjanjian Zon Bebas Senjata Nuklear Asia Tenggara (SEANWFZ) dan konflik Myanmar yang dibincangkan mendapat persetujuan peringkat Menteri-Menteri Luar ASEAN untuk dibawa ke Sidang Kemuncak ASEAN Ke-46 hari ini.

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Kempen Ikrar Keselamatan dan Kesihatan Pekerja

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KEMENTERIAN Sumber Manusia (KESUMA) melalui Jabatan Keselamatan dan Kesihatan Pekerjaan (JKKP) dengan kerjasama Institut Keselamatan dan Kesihatan Pekerjaan Negara (NIOH) dan Pertubuhan Keselamatan Sosial (PERKESO) telah melancarkan satu inisiatif nasional bersejarah yang dikenali sebagai Ikrar Integriti Keselamatan dan Kesihatan Pekerjaan (KKP).

Inisiatif ini menyasarkan pengumpulan 350,000 ikrar daripada para pekerja di seluruh negara sebagai simbol komitmen bersama dalam memperkukuh budaya kerja yang selamat dan sihat di Malaysia. Usaha ini turut mencerminkan peranan proaktif negara dalam memperkasa agenda keselamatan dan kesihatan pekerjaan di peringkat nasional dan serantau.

Kempen ini dilancarkan pada Sambutan World OSH Day 2025 pada 28 April 2025 di MMU Cyberjaya, dan akan berakhir pada 4 Ogos 2025, bertepatan dengan ASEAN Worker Safety & Health Summit 2025 sempena kepengurusan ASEAN Malaysia pada tahun 2025.

Inisiatif ini membawa mesej penting bahawa keselamatan dan kesihatan pekerjaan adalah tanggungjawab bersama yang harus dipikul oleh semua dari pekerja di lapangan hingga ke barisan pengurusan tertinggi, termasuk pelajar sebagai tenaga kerja masa depan.

Namun lebih daripada sekadar rekod, inisiatif ini mencerminkan iktizam nasional untuk menjadikan keselamatan dan kesihatan pekerjaan sebagai nilai teras budaya kerja negara.

Matlamat utama kempen ini termasuk:

- Meningkatkan kesedaran nasional terhadap pentingnya KKP.
- Menanam nilai integriti dan budaya kerja selamat.
- Memperluas amalan terbaik KKP merentas semua sektor pekerjaan.
- Menyatukan pekerja Malaysia di bawah satu komitmen nasional.

KESUMA KOMITED LINDUNGI SETIAP PEKERJA

Sebagai peneraju dasar perburuhan, KESUMA memainkan peranan teras dalam membudayakan keselamatan tempat kerja yang progresif dan inklusif. Menerusi pelbagai platform digital dan fizikal, warga kerja di semua sektor awam, swasta,

informal dan gig diberikan akses untuk menyatakan komitmen mereka terhadap keselamatan diri, rakan sekerja dan persekitaran kerja.

KESUMA melihat usaha ini sebagai pemangkin kepada perubahan sikap dan amalan di

tempat kerja, agar setiap warga kerja sedar bahawa keselamatan adalah tanggungjawab bersama, bukan pilihan. Ia juga memperkukuh usaha JKPP dalam menjadikan amalan keselamatan sebagai budaya kerja nasional merentas semua sektor.

SATU IKRAR. PERMULAAN BUDAYA BAHARU

Melalui pendekatan digital dan fizikal, pekerja boleh menyertai ikrar ini secara mudah melalui kod QR, laman sesawang rasmi dan aplikasi mudah alih JKPP. Hebahkan akan digiatkan melalui

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KESELAMATAN DAN KESIHATAN PEKERJAAN

Bahawasanya kami

Majikan dan pekerja Malaysia dengan rasa tanggungjawab dan penuh Integriti berikrar menjadikan Keselamatan dan Kesihatan Pekerjaan (KKP) sebagai teras budaya kerja berdasarkan prinsip-prinsip berikut:

1. Mematuhi sepenuhnya undang-undang dan peraturan KKP
2. Memimpin melalui teladan dengan memastikan setiap tindakan kami mencerminkan komitmen terhadap pelaksanaan KKP di tempat kerja
3. Mengangkat martabat KKP sebagai keutamaan dalam setiap aktiviti kerja
4. Memastikan tempat kerja sentiasa selamat, sihat dan kondusif demi kelestarian generasi kini dan hadapan dan
5. Mengamalkan budaya KKP saling menjaga dan mengingatkan demi kesejahteraan bersama di tempat kerja

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pelbagai saluran media sosial menggunakan hashtag rasmi #SayaJanjiSelamatSihat.

Semua organisasi, agensi kerajaan, sektor swasta dan industri disarankan untuk menganjurkan aktiviti lafaz Ikrar KKP dalam program mereka sebagai manifestasi sokongan terhadap inisiatif ini. Malah, pelajar sekolah, penuntut kolej dan universiti turut diseru menyertai usaha ini sebagai generasi pekerja masa depan.

KESUMA menyeru semua pihak agar memainkan peranan aktif dalam menjayakan inisiatif ini demi menjadikan budaya kerja selamat sebagai tanggungjawab bersama. Dengan sokongan semua, Malaysia bukan sahaja berpeluang mencipta rekod dunia, malah dapat memupuk kesedaran dan tanggungjawab mendalam dalam kalangan rakyat terhadap kepentingan keselamatan dan kesihatan di tempat kerja.

Setiap ikrar yang dibuat membawa kita lebih dekat kepada rekod dunia tetapi lebih penting, ia membawa kita lebih hampir kepada budaya kerja yang melindungi nyawa, kesihatan dan masa depan semua.

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Umur persaraan 65 tahun bukan idea yang bijak

MENTERI di Jabatan Perdana Menteri (Undang-Undang dan Reformasi Institusi), Datuk Seri Azalina Othman Said "atas dasar pandangan peribadi" mencadangkan agar kerajaan mempertimbangkan had umur persaraan dinaikkan daripada 60 kepada 65 tahun.

Katanya, ramai individu berusia 60 tahun ke atas dilihat masih sihat, aktif dan berkemampuan untuk terus menyumbang perkhidmatan.

Beliau berkata beberapa negara sudah bertindak menaikkan had umur persaraan kepada 65 tahun atas dasar sama. Kementerian berkaitan menyatakan kesediaan mengkaji cadangan itu serta kesannya kepada negara.

Apa yang dinyatakan oleh Azalina memang benar tetapi apa yang dilihat itu adalah segelintir daripada keseluruhan tenaga kerja negara yang berjumlah lebih 13 juta orang.

Tidak semua orang mampu berfungsi pada tahap terbaik apabila usia sudah meningkat. Malah ketika ini ramai berusia lebih 55 sendiri hanya menanti masa bersara pada 60 tahun. Mereka melakukan 'apa yang perlu' sebagai tugas harian. Seseorang pekerja yang berada jauh dari Pusat Bandar bangun seawal jam 5.00 pagi dan bergerak ke pejabat sebelum subuh. Anda mengharapkan seseorang berusia 65 tahun untuk melakukan perkara itu setiap hari dan membazirkan hampir tiga jam di jalan raya?

Kesannya jika cadangan itu diterima dan diwajibkan adalah kepada golongan muda. Adakah mereka perlu menunggu semua "senior-senior" bersara pada usia 65 tahun dan baru berpeluang menikmati kenaikan pangkat.

Kita harus menerima hakikat bahawa golongan muda mempunyai keupayaan lebih walaupun mereka mungkin kurang matang. Tetapi siapa matang dalam sehari. Ia proses sepanjang hayat berdasarkan pendedahan dan melanjutkan umur persaraan hanya akan menjejaskan proses itu.

Satu lagi sebab dengan semua teknologi hari ini termasuk kecerdasan buatan (AI) sepatutnya jumlah pekerja sektor tertentu berkurangan. Tugas itu harus diambil alih teknologi yang tidak perlu dibayar gaji, tiada cuti sakit atau kos hospital kecuali tugas-tugas yang memerlukan manusia.

Walaupun ada hujah ia membantu golongan tertentu daripada segi kewangan, kerajaan harus sedar kesan kos ditanggung jika tempoh persaraan dilanjutkan. Setiap pekerja adalah kos. Ia ditanggung oleh pihak lain. Menggaji seseorang bukan hanya mengenai gaji tetapi manfaat lain. Mungkin kerajaan dapat melaksanakan umur persaraan 65 tahun tetapi sektor swasta beroperasi berdasarkan kos, produktiviti dan unjuran pendapatan.

Kita bercakap mengenai produktiviti tetapi ramai tidak faham bagaimana mencapainya.

Sebarang polisi menyeluruh untuk mewajibkan usia persaraan kepada 65 tahun harus ditolak. Sebaliknya tempoh mana seseorang itu bekerja selepas menjangkau usia 60 tahun harus menjadi pilihan individu itu dan hak syarikat.

Benar ada yang "istimewa" serta mampu menyumbang melebihi orang lain. Tetapi golongan yang istimewa ini tidak ramai dan ia perlu atas dasar keperluan. Kerajaan atau pihak swasta berhak menentukan siapa yang harus digaji berdasarkan keperluan dan "keistimewaan" selepas usia 60 tahun tanpa dasar berbentuk paksaan.

Memang yang mampu bekerja pada tahap tertinggi pada usia lebih ini umpama golongan makan "beef wellington". Pilihan bekerja pada sebarang usia mesti berdasarkan keupayaan dan kehendak peribadi dan bukan dasar atau cadangan peribadi. Idea lebih bijak adalah membayar insentif kepada mereka yang berkeluarga besar. Itu lebih bermanfaat untuk negara, menyediakan tenaga kerja pengganti, mewujudkan pasaran konsumer besar, dan menjadikan negara lebih "sustainable" berbanding 34 juta penduduk sekarang.

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Jenayah siber, penipuan pekerjaan cabaran ASEAN

KUALA LUMPUR: Negara ASEAN kini berdepan landskap serantau dan global yang semakin kompleks dengan dibentuk persaingan geopolitik, ketidakpastian ekonomi serta cabaran rentas negara.

Menteri Luar, Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan berkata, lebih membimbangkan, ASEAN turut berhadapan ancaman keselamatan yang semakin meningkat termasuk peningkatan jenayah siber seperti penipuan dalam talian dan penipuan tawaran pekerjaan.

Katanya, ramai rakyat negara ASEAN menjadi mangsa kepada skim penipuan dan telah diperdagangkan untuk bekerja sebagai buruh paksa di tempat operasi penipuan.

"Mereka kehilangan kebebasan, maruah dan simpanan hidup mereka. Operasi haram dalam talian yang berleluasa

memberi kesan negatif terhadap ekonomi Negara-Negara Anggota ASEAN," katanya dalam ucapan pembukaan Mesyuarat Majlis Komuniti Politik-Keselamatan (APSC) Ke-29 semalam.

Mesyuarat berkenaan membincangkan perkembangan terkini Badan Sektor di bawah tonggak APSC disamping meneliti kemajuan pelaksanaan Pelan Induk Politik-Keselamatan APSC 2025 serta persiapan untuk Kajian Akhir Penggal pelan berkenaan.

Mohamad berkata, ASEAN telah meningkatkan usaha untuk membendung ancaman jenayah siber dalam tempoh beberapa tahun kebelakangan ini.

Namun katanya, sindiket jenayah berkenaan masih mampu untuk berpindah dan membina semula operasi mereka dengan mudah.

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ECONOMY COUNCIL DELIVERS 4 OUTCOMES

This reflects bloc's push for deeper economic integration

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ASEAN
MALAYSIA 2025
INCLUSIVITY AND SUSTAINABILITY

THE Asean Economic Community (AEC) has achieved four outcomes that reflect the bloc's readiness to deepen economic integration and navigate global uncertainties with renewed strategic focus.

Investment, Trade and Industry Minister Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Abdul Aziz said the council acknowledged that Asean would need to break away from a "business-as-usual" approach and instead adopt bolder, more agile and forward-looking strategies to safeguard and advance the

bloc's socio-economic interests.

"Asean's centrality, non-alignment, neutrality and unity remain the bedrock of our resilience and success."

He said this after chairing the 25th AEC Council meeting held yesterday in conjunction with the 2025 Asean Summit.

The meeting was attended by economic ministers and delegations from Asean and Timor-Leste.

Tengku Zafrul said the AEC Council welcomed the completion of Laos' Priority Economic Deliverables (PEDs) for 2024.

This was achieved through the adoption of the Roadmap on Digital Trade Standards, reflecting commitment to advancing the region's digital economy agenda.

The second outcome is the progress on Malaysia's 18 PEDs, with two completed: the upgraded Asean-China Free Trade Area 3.0 and Asean Trade in Goods Agreement.

Tengku Zafrul said both upgraded agreements will be signed on the sidelines of the 47th Asean Leaders' Summit in October.

The third achievement is the conclusion of negotiations on the enhanced memorandum of agreement on the Asean Power Grid.

This will be signed at the 43rd Asean Ministers on Energy Meet-

ing in October.

The fourth is related to the AEC Blueprint 2025, now in its final year of implementation.

Up to last month, 75 per cent of measures have been completed, with 22 per cent in progress, bringing the implementation rate to 97 per cent.

He said Asean's economic outlook for the year remains resilient, with growth projected at 4.7 per cent and inflation around three per cent.

These figures outpace the global average, driven by strong exports and public spending in major Asean economies, he added.

"Last year, gross domestic product growth was 4.8 per cent, also higher than the global average, supported by exports and public sector capital spending in key economies."

However, he said, the outlook faces downside risks due to global uncertainties, citing revised projections by the International Monetary Fund and the World Trade Organisation.

He said Asean's response to shifts in the United States' economic policy has been measured and wise.

The bloc opted for dialogue and cooperation over retaliation, and agreeing not to impose countermeasures, he added.

"This prudent stand has averted escalation and preserved the foundation for engagement not just with the US, but also with other major economies."

He said the approach underscored the importance of open communication.

He added that Malaysia, as Asean chair, would focus on steering the right conversations at the right time with the right economic partners.

He said the global economic climate called for stronger collaboration in Asean and greater commitment to advancing shared interests.

"At the same time, we need to explore ways to increase intra-Asean trade to reduce dependency on external partners."

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Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim with Laos Prime Minister Sonexay Siphandone at Perdana Putra in Putrajaya yesterday. PIC FROM PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

SECOND PHASE

ANWAR: ACCELERATE ASEAN POWER GRID

He and Laotian PM
also discuss port
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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has backed the fast-tracking of the second phase of the Asean Power Grid (APG), which aims to connect Laos, Cambodia and Thailand to Peninsular Malaysia and Singapore.

"I agree with (Laos) Prime Minister Sonexay Siphandone that we should fast-track the second phase to benefit Laos, Cambodia and Thailand... to connect to northern Malaya and Singapore," Anwar said, adding that the issue would be raised at the Asean Leaders' Retreat.

Anwar said this after holding a bilateral meeting with Siphandone.

He outlined other key initiatives discussed with his counterpart, including the Perlis Inland Port and Thanaleng Dry Port in Laos, which he said were progressing well and would be operational this year.

"We're expanding the facility and have signed a memorandum of understanding with Penang Port, ensuring that the flow of goods from Penang into Perlis



and to the inland port in Thanaleng showcases a very important collaboration."

He also highlighted discussions on cooperation on port management, labour, digital development, artificial intelligence, semiconductor industries, rare earth and alternative energy.

This includes expanding the KTMB-Lao National Railway State Enterprise (LNRSE) memorandum of collaboration on the Asean Express train project, which aims to shorten travel time between member countries and China.

Anwar said he and his counterpart also discussed Timor-Leste's accession to Asean, which may take place by October, pending consensus from member states in the upcoming days.

The two leaders also discussed issues concerning Myanmar and the importance of continued humanitarian assistance, and called on all parties to respect the need for peace and a ceasefire, emphasising Asean's Five-Point Consensus.

Finally, Anwar confirmed plans for future working visits by the Laos prime minister to further boost bilateral ties and private sector collaboration.

Yesterday morning, Siphandone and his delegation were given an official welcome by Anwar and senior officials at Perdana Putra.

Accompanied by his wife, Vandara, Siphandone was greeted by cabinet ministers, Anwar's wife Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail and senior officials.

Upon arrival, Siphandone inspected a ceremonial guard of honour comprising 103 personnel and three officers from the 1st Battalion Royal Malay Regiment, led by Major Muhammad Fikri Senan.

This visit marks his inaugural trip to Malaysia.

Siphandone's visit precedes the 46th Asean Summit, the 2nd Asean-Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Summit, and the Asean-GCC-China Summit in Kuala Lumpur.

Last year, bilateral trade between the two nations reached US\$21.9 million. Malaysia was Laos' fifth largest foreign investor, boasting US\$942 million in investments and 46 registered projects.

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MALAYSIA WANTS BLOC TO DEFEND THE OPPRESSED

Asean must not remain on the sidelines, says foreign minister

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MALAYSIA, as Asean chair, has called on the bloc to speak "firmly and collectively" in defence of international law, citing the Gaza and Myanmar crises as tests of its moral responsibility.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan said Asean must not remain on the sidelines in the face of global injustices.

Speaking at the Asean Foreign Ministers' Meeting here yesterday, he said Asean's collective spirit must guide the bloc as it confronted challenges within

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and beyond the region.

"Crises around the world continue unabated.

"The siege of Gaza by Israeli forces is causing mass starvation and deaths," he said.

"The atrocities committed against the Palestinian people continue to reflect indifference and double standards.

"They are a direct result of the erosion of international law."

Mohamad said: "Asean cannot remain silent. We have a voice in world affairs, and we must use our voice to speak up for the oppressed and offer solutions grounded in principles and international law."

At a press conference later, he touched on Asean's call for Myanmar to comply with the Five-Point Consensus (SPC) before conducting any election.

"We have sent a strong signal and message to Myanmar that we would want Myanmar to comply with the SPC first.

"Stop the hostility, (implement a) ceasefire, sit down with all parties and stakeholders, and let humanitarian aid reach the people.

"Only then do we talk about an election.

"There's no point having an election if not everyone can participate in it.

"That will aggravate the situation. As far as Asean is concerned, we insist on the SPC consensus being fulfilled by the SAC (Myanmar's State Administration Council).

"That (the election) is not Asean's priority.

"What is the point if it is all just a whitewash?"

In March, junta leader Senior General Min Aung Hlaing said its government will hold a general election in December or January next year.

Myanmar has been in turmoil since 2021, when the military ousted an elected government led by Nobel Peace Prize laureate Aung San Suu Kyi.

This triggered a protest movement that morphed into a rebellion against the junta.

Mohamad said if Myanmar wanted to be a responsible Asean member, it should stick to implementing the SPC, and then the bloc would assist in whatever way it could.

He added that the SPC is the main reference and the agreed solution pathway endorsed by Asean leaders, and the SAC leadership was also one of the signatories to the consensus.

"There isn't really a major issue with the SPC if there is honesty and sincerity.

"What we need is for them to

stop the hostility, observe a ceasefire, engage in dialogue with one another and stakeholders, and ensure that humanitarian aid can be delivered without obstruction.

"The rest can be addressed later, with the goal of ensuring Myanmar returns to a fully democratic government. That is all we ask."

Asked if Asean would want to coordinate with other entities such as the United Nations to come down harder against Myanmar to comply with the SPC, he said Asean should resolve its matters internally.

When asked if there were any signals from Myanmar indicating a willingness to comply with the SPC, he said Malaysia, as Asean chair, would continue efforts to convince its leaders, including him going to visit the country in June.

Page 1 pic: A Palestinian man carrying items he salvaged from a house targeted in an Israeli strike at the Nuseirat camp for refugees in the Gaza Strip on Saturday.



Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan speaking at the Asean Foreign Ministers' Meeting at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

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Raising retirement age unfair to youth, says group

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KUALA LUMPUR: The Malaysian Youth Council does not support the proposal to raise the retirement age to 65, saying it is unsuitable for Malaysia.

Its president, Mohd Izzat Afifi Abdul Hamid, said yesterday the move would have socio-economic implications that could negatively affect employment prospects and youth development.



Mohd Izzat Afifi
Abdul Hamid

He added that increasing the retirement age would reduce the rate of worker replacement in the labour market, thereby shrinking job opportunities for youth.

The increase in the retirement age from 55 to 60 in 2013 was linked to the loss of nearly one million new job opportunities for graduates and young job seekers.

"In the current context,

Malaysia produces more than 300,000 graduates annually, and many of them are struggling to secure permanent employment."

He added that the proposal by Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Law and Institutional Reform) Datuk Seri Azalina Othman Said was seen as lacking sensitivity to the reality of the generation gap in the labour market.

The group said that workforce transition between generations needs to be managed in a balanced and inclusive manner.

"This is not a matter of choosing between the young or the old.

"Rather, it is about ensuring fair policies that guarantee economic security for all parties, especially the younger generation, who are building their lives and careers.

"Raising the retirement age is not just about the ability to work, but also about economic fairness and the right of young people to have equal opportunities."

Izzat said that the council viewed the proposal as too general and inclined towards the ex-

perience of senior professionals.

This was because not all elderly people were physically capable of continuing to work effectively, he added.

"According to a World Health Organisation report (in 2021), one in three people aged over 60 faced physical limitations.

"They are also at risk of chronic diseases, such as diabetes and heart problems."

Last Tuesday, Azalina said the government should consider raising the retirement age from 60 to 65, as many people aged 60 and above were active.

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3 HELD IN KAJANG POLICE CHASE

They have been
remanded for four days

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A MAN who had committed 23 criminal and drug-related offences was among three people arrested after police intercepted their vehicle in Taman Kajang Mewah near Kajang on Friday morning.

Video clips of the police chase and the suspects' capture have gone viral.

Kajang police chief Assistant Commissioner Naazron Abdul Yusof confirmed the incident.

Naazron said: "The incident happened at 2.10am, involving the arrest of one man and two women, aged between 28 and 30.

"The male suspect has 23 records related to criminal and drug offences.

"Further checks found 1g of syabu (methamphetamine) in their possession," he said yesterday.

He said all three suspects had been remanded for four days.

The case is being investigated for obstructing public servants from carrying out their duties, which carries a jail term of up to two years, or a fine of up to RM10,000, or both upon conviction.

Naazron called on those with information on the case to contact the nearest police station or Inspector Ahmad Zahrein Muhd Suod at 017-3818422.



Some of the women detained on Jalan Nagasari and Jalan Changkat in Kuala Lumpur on Friday. PIC TAKEN FROM BULETINTV3.MY

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Ringgit set to stay firm with upside bias against US dollar NST 26/5

KUALA LUMPUR: The ringgit is expected to stay firm with an upside bias against the greenback this week, ahead of the release of United States central bank meeting minutes and the US personal consumption expenditures inflation report.

Bank Muamalat Malaysia Bhd chief economist Dr Mohd Afzanizam Abdul Rashid believed the prevailing upward trend of the ringgit would continue due to concerns over the US' fiscal position.

"The US dollar/ringgit has breached its immediate support level of RM4.2624, and the next

(resistance) level (for the ringgit) is at 4.0947. Perhaps the ringgit would continue to strengthen on the back of a weak US dollar outlook."

Ringgit Performance Amid Asean Summit

SPI Asset Management managing partner Stephen Innes expected the ringgit to trade with a modest tailwind, reflecting broader US dollar softness and renewed interest in emerging Asia foreign exchange.

"The Asean Summit this week might not be a game changer on its own, but it could influence

sentiment depending on how the policy optics unfold.

"These gatherings seldom provide immediate market-moving headlines, but investors will be attentive to nuances — especially anything suggesting tighter Asean integration, moves towards de-dollarisation, or alignment with US trade objectives."

He said a supportive tone could reinforce Malaysia's positioning in regional supply chains and digital trade corridors, which could enhance confidence in the ringgit.

"Announcements on cross-border digital payment infrastruc-

ture, logistics hubs, or energy transition financing could lift foreign direct investment sentiment and inject short-term bullishness into the ringgit."

Innes said the ringgit's current strength reflected a favourable external macro backdrop that was "supportive but not transformative".

"It's trading on the broader narrative — a weaker US dollar, diminishing US fiscal credibility, and the reawakening of Malaysia's role in tech trade. The Asean Summit may provide insight, but it's the global macro pulse — not the official commu-

niqués — that will ultimately steer the currency," he said.

The ringgit ended the week higher against the US dollar, closing at 4.2285/2345 on Friday from 4.2900/2980 a week earlier.

The local note traded mostly lower against a basket of major currencies. The ringgit appreciated versus the euro to 4.7985/8053 at Friday's close from 4.8022/8112 a week earlier.

The ringgit traded mostly higher against Asean currencies.

It firmed versus the Singapore dollar to 3.2891/2940 on Friday from 3.3041/3105 a week before.

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Govt upbeat about making Senior Citizens Bill a reality

► New strategies under consideration include raising awareness on ageing, promoting rights of elders and establishing long-term care system: Deputy sec-gen

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PETALING JAYA: The government is making steady progress towards introducing a Senior Citizens Bill aimed at enhancing protection for Malaysia's ageing population, said Women, Family and Community Development Ministry deputy secretary-general (strategic) Mohd Daud Mohd Arif.

"I don't want to overpromise on the Bill, but the outlook is promising," he said.

The minister (Datuk Seri Nancy Shukri) is optimistic about it, and substantial discussions and research have already been carried out.

"We just need a bit more time to evaluate the findings before moving forward with concrete solutions," he said at the Living Your Golden Years: Reaching Out, Touching Lives Conference and Exhibition 2025.

The event was held on Saturday at Tun Tan Cheng Lock College, Assunta Hospital in Petaling Jaya.

Mohd Daud said the ministry is reviewing the National Policy for Older Persons, first introduced in 2011, with the goal of strengthening strategies related to ageing.

"New strategies under consideration include raising awareness about ageing, promoting the rights of older persons and reminding families of their responsibilities.

"An integrated, institutionalised long-term care system is critical," he added.

He also said the Economy Ministry is leading inter-ministerial coordination – including with the Health, Education, and Women, Family and Community Development ministries – through the National Ageing Agenda.

"The agenda aims to support medium and long-term socioeconomic development for elderly care. It will address key areas such as education, financial planning, labour productivity and technology adoption."

With Malaysians aged 60 and above expected to comprise 15% of the population by 2030, Mohd Daud underscored the urgency of a comprehensive, forward-looking approach.

He identified several key priorities – ensuring access to healthcare, protecting seniors from scams, enhancing financial security and fostering social inclusion.

"It is essential that older adults have access to tailored services, including home-based and palliative care. We must also strengthen retirement schemes and promote lifelong financial literacy."

Echoing these concerns, Alliance for a Safe Community chairman Tan Sri Lee Lam Thye called for the urgent enactment of a Senior Citizens Bill.

"Today's seniors were yesterday's teachers, farmers, factory workers and parents who helped build this nation. They deserve dignity, care and recognition. Are we truly doing enough for them?"

"We need a dedicated legislative framework to protect their rights and promote their well-being," he said.

He stressed that such legislation should not only safeguard economic security – through improved retirement schemes and inclusive employment – but also promote community engagement through lifelong learning and social programmes.

Lee also proposed the formation of a Senior

Citizens Commission to oversee policy implementation and ensure government accountability.

Meanwhile, Third Age Media Association founding president Cheah Tuck Wing cautioned that legislation alone is insufficient without a robust care infrastructure.

"Legal provisions by themselves cannot resolve the socio-economic pressures faced by caregiving families," he said.

"Malaysia's high age dependency ratio means many families are balancing both eldercare and childcare, often leading to carer fatigue. This strain can result in elder neglect or abandonment – not from malice, but from sheer exhaustion."

Cheah urged the government to introduce targeted financial support for caregiving households, increase training of geriatric specialists and strengthen partnerships with NGOs to develop community-based eldercare services.

In December, Nancy said the ministry was evaluating the feasibility of enacting legislation to safeguard welfare of the elderly.

She emphasised the importance of building consensus before moving forward.

"We must ask whether strengthening family values and promoting a sense of responsibility within the household can help reinforce the family unit – perhaps reducing the reliance on legal enforcement," she said.

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4.7% **growth** forecast despite global uncertainty

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► Tengku Zafrul highlights strong exports and public capital spending by regional larger economies, while projecting inflation at 3%

KUALA LUMPUR: Asean's collective gross domestic product (GDP) is projected to grow by 4.7% this year, up from 4.2% in 2024, according to Investment, Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Tengku Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz.

He said the forecast, presented during the 25th Asean Economic Community Council meeting yesterday, also projects regional inflation at 3%.

"There was a discussion and presentation by the Asean Secretariat on the economic outlook for 2024 and the 2025 forecast in terms of GDP growth and inflation.

"The current expectation is 4.7% GDP growth for 2025 and inflation at about 3%", he said during a press conference following the conclusion of



the council meeting held on the sidelines of the 46th Asean Summit yesterday.

Tengku Zafrul said the projection exceeds average global growth, driven by strong exports and public capital spending in the region's larger economies.

However, he cautioned that the 4.7% growth outlook is subject to downside risks stemming from external uncertainties.

On tariff negotiations, he said Asean members have reaffirmed their commitment to neutrality and

multilateralism, while maintaining bilateral engagement with the US.

"Each country will have its position in relation to the US and we welcome the engagements that have taken place bilaterally," he said.

Under the theme "Inclusivity and Sustainability", the summit marks Malaysia's fifth time chairing the bloc, following previous terms in 1977, 1997, 2005 and 2015.

The summit is expected to address a range of key issues, with the crisis in Myanmar remaining a central focus.

The summit will also host two major inter-regional platforms – the 2nd Asean-Gulf Cooperation Council Summit and the inaugural Asean-Gulf Cooperation Council-China Summit, reflecting deepening ties with strategic partners in the Gulf and China.

On regional energy cooperation, Tengku Zafrul said negotiations on an enhanced memorandum of agreement for the Asean Power Grid are expected to conclude with a signing at the Asean energy ministers' meeting in October.

He added that regional economic ministers welcomed progress on

developing a financing facility framework to support cross-border investment and funding for energy projects.

A joint meeting of Asean's energy, finance and economic ministers is scheduled for August, Bernama reported.

Tengku Zafrul chaired the Asean Economic Community Council meeting, attended by ministers and senior officials from all Asean member states and Timor-Leste.

Among those present were Investment, Trade and Industry Deputy Minister Liew Chin Tong, Brunei Minister of Finance and Economy II Datuk Awang Mohd Amin Liew Abdullah, Cambodian Minister of Commerce Cham Nimul, Vietnamese Minister of Industry and Trade Nguyen Hong Dien, Indonesian Trade Minister Budi Santoso and Laos Industry and Commerce Minister Malaithong Kommasith.

Other representatives included Trade Undersecretary Allan Gepty (Philippines), Deputy Prime Minister Gan Kim Yong (Singapore), Minister of Commerce Pichai Nariphaphan (Thailand) and Deputy Prime Minister Francisco Kalbuadi Lay (Timor-Leste).

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MACC chief reflects on 40 years fighting corruption

► Reappointed chief shuns glory, reaffirms commitment to integrity, professionalism and building graft-free institution

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PUTRAJAYA: For more than four decades of dedicated service to the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), Tan Sri Azam Baki (*pic*) has never sought recognition or accolades for his contributions.

He said it was enough for him to serve with integrity and fulfil his responsibilities to the best of his ability.

He emphasised that holding the commission's top post is not a pursuit of personal glory but a duty that must be carried out with sincerity and principle.

"I never expected to be remembered, let alone create a legacy. What matters most is that my conscience remains clear and the path I leave behind is untarnished," he said in an exclusive interview with Bernama.

Azam, 62, joined the then Anti-Corruption Agency (ACA) in 1984 as a Grade 29 officer, a rank equivalent to a police inspector.

The holder of a diploma in Electrical Engineering (Power) from Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM), bachelor's degree in

Jurisprudence from Universiti Malaya and a master's degree from Asia e University said perseverance, commitment and determination have always guided his approach to fighting corruption.

"These were also the motto of UTM, the first university I studied at in 1981. I have never sought to leave behind a personal legacy.

"My only hope is that no one will look back and criticise me for leaving something negative."

Azam said he was never driven by titles or rank, but by a desire to ensure that his work reflected his own ideas, integrity and innovations.

"If people wish to question what I have done, I'm open to engagement and discussion."

For Azam, true leadership is not defined by the number of followers or public recognition, but by the values one upholds and the example left for others.

He said he draws inspiration from national figures such as the late deputy prime minister Tun Dr Ismail Abdul Rahman and the first director-general of ACA Tan Sri



Harun Hashim.

"I regard Tun Dr Ismail as a symbol of national integrity – outspoken and firm. Tan Sri Harun, meanwhile, laid the foundation for ACA. Although I never had the chance to know them personally, their principles left a lasting impression on me."

As chief commissioner, Azam focused on strengthening the internal resilience of MACC, not only technically but by improving the professionalism, skills and confidence of officers.

"I want MACC officers to be more than just skilled investigators. They must speak with confidence, whether in Malay or English. Avoid mixing languages or using slang, speak with credibility."

He introduced intelligence-based investigation methods to target high-profile corruption, starting with identifying major offenders and recovering misappropriated assets.

"This approach has enabled us to expose large-scale corruption and ensure stolen assets are returned to the government."

Azam also launched internal training programmes covering public speaking, high-impact communication and strategic leadership.

"I want the public to see MACC not just as an enforcement agency, but as an institution respected for its discipline, professionalism and leadership."

Reflecting on his recent reappointment, he thanked His Majesty the King of Malaysia Sultan Ibrahim and the government for their continued trust.

"This is a trust and responsibility I must uphold. When I took on this role in 2020, my vision was to build a corps of officers capable of standing shoulder to shoulder with international counterparts."

Azam was reappointed for a one-year term beginning May 13, marking his third consecutive term as MACC chief.

He previously served as director of intelligence, director of investigation and deputy chief commissioner (Operations).

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Support for Timor-Leste full membership in Asean

► Malaysia, Laos agree time to finalise accession process if consensus retained at meeting says Anwar

PUTRAJAYA: Malaysia and Laos have reiterated their strong support for Timor-Leste's full Asean membership, and called for intensified, inclusive efforts to address Myanmar's prolonged crisis.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said both countries agreed that it was time to finalise Timor-Leste's accession process (see also Page 3).

"We also discussed the accession of Timor-Leste, hopefully by October this year if we can retain a consensus in this meeting tomorrow (today), particularly during the following retreat," he said in a joint press conference with Lao Prime Minister Sonexay Siphandone at the Perdana Putra Complex

here yesterday.

Earlier, Anwar and Siphandone witnessed the exchange of a memorandum of cooperation between Penang Port Sdn Bhd and Thanaleng Dry Port.

The exchange was represented by MMC Port Holdings Sdn Bhd CEO Datuk Azman Shah Mohd Yusof and PTL Holding Co Ltd CEO Chanthone Sithixay.

On the situation in Myanmar, Anwar said the matter was also raised during his discussion with Siphandone.

"We discussed the need to continue humanitarian assistance, and also the need for all parties in Myanmar to respect the need for peace, immediate ceasefire, and try to work through the Asean mechanism and understanding, using the five-point consensus among Asean countries," he said.

Siphandone arrived in Malaysia yesterday to begin his first official visit ahead of the 46th Asean Summit and Related Meetings in Kuala Lumpur.

He was accorded an official welcoming ceremony by the prime minister at the Perdana Putra Complex, followed by a bilateral meeting.

Wisma Putra, in a statement, said this is

Siphandone's first visit to Malaysia since being elected as the Lao prime minister in December 2022.

The visit, ahead of the 46th Asean Summit, the second Asean-GCC Summit and the Asean-GCC-China Summit today and tomorrow in Kuala Lumpur, underscores the strong and enduring ties between Malaysia and Laos, Bernama reported.

The 46th Asean Summit is being held under Malaysia's 2025 chairmanship theme, "Inclusivity and Sustainability".

It also marks Malaysia's fifth time chairing the regional bloc since its previous chairmanships in 1977, 1997, 2005 and 2015. In 2024, total bilateral trade between Malaysia and Laos reached RM99.7 million, with Malaysia's exports valued at RM67.8 million and imports totalling RM31.9 million.

Malaysia is the 5th largest foreign investor in Laos, with total investments worth US\$942 million (RM3.9 billion) across 46 registered projects, focusing on sectors such as renewable energy, transport and logistics, telecommunication, construction, banking and hotel services.



Anwar shaking hands with Siphandone at the meeting. —BERNAMAPIC

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