



Kerja pemasangan cerucuk giat dijalankan di kawasan tanah runtuh dekat Jalan Wawasan, Taman Wawasan, Puchong pada 3 Januari 2024. Foto MBSJ

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## Kerja stabil tanah runtuh Taman Wawasan jangka siap tujuh bulan lagi

SUBANG JAYA, 26 MAC: Kerja penstabilan cerun di kawasan tanah runtuh di Jalan Wawasan, Taman Wawasan, di sini, yang kini masuk fasa kedua dijangka siap antara enam hingga tujuh bulan lagi.

Datuk bandarnya berkata pihaknya sudah mengenal pasti pemilik tanah iaitu Wawasan Indera Sdn Bhd dan pemaju itu bersetuju menanggung keseluruhan kos serta kerja penstabilan cerun.

"Pihak pemaju akan mengambil alih sepenuhnya kerja pembaikan dan ia akan dijalankan segera.

"Penduduk diharap bersabar kerana proses ambil alih pemaju sedang dilakukan," kata Dato' Mohd Fauzi Mohd Yatim.

Beliau berkata demikian selepas mempengerusikan mesyuarat penuh di ibu pejabat MBSJ di sini hari ini.

Kejadian 16 Disember 2023 itu mengakibatkan 29 penghuni di sembilan rumah teres kawasan berkenaan diarah berpindah atas faktor keselamatan, susulan kejadian tanah runtuh berhampiran kediaman mereka.

Kejadian tanah runtuh yang berlaku di Jalan Wawasan 3/9 dan 3/14 pada 7.30 malam itu turut menyebabkan empat kenderaan tertimbus namun tiada kemalangan jiwa berlaku.

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## Coveted MSC slots up for grabs in MPL MY season 13

By Fadhli Ishak - March 25, 2024 @ 3:24pm



MPL Malaysia season 13 is set to run from March 29 to May 12. - Courtesy pic

KUALA LUMPUR: Much is at stake for teams competing in the 13th season of Mobile Legends: Bang Bang Professional League Malaysia (MPL MY), which will run from March 29 to May 12.

The MPL MY champions will earn direct qualification to the new Mid Season Cup (MSC), which offers a staggering US\$3 million prize purse. The MSC will be held in conjunction with the Esports World Cup in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia from June 28 to July 14.

MPL My runners-up also stand a chance of competing in MSC, but must earn qualification via the MSC Wild Card competition.

Ten teams will compete in MPL MY this year, which offers an RM468,000 prize purse, including newcomers Bountee Esports, who are based in Sarawak, as well as Monster Vicious.

All MPL MY matches will be played at Stadium MBSJ, Serdang Jaya, which has been dubbed the home of MPL Malaysia and can accommodate up to 1,000 spectators.

Moonton Games head of marketing and business development Fikri Rizal Mahrudin is looking forward to the new season of MPL MY.

Moonton are the developers of MLBB.

"MPL MY has come a long way to become the leading competitive esports ecosystem in Malaysia, but there is still much to do this year to achieve our vision of making esports for everyone," said Fikri in a statement released to the media today.

"Through close discussion and collaboration with experts and stakeholders, we continue to explore new and innovative opportunities for Malaysians to experience and benefit from esports."

MPL MY defending champions HomeBois are again expected to be among the frontrunners in the competition this season.

They have strengthened their squad in the off season by signing Muhammad Ardiansyah, better known by his nickname Udil, from Indonesian side Alter Ego Sports for a Malaysian record RM330,000.

The 2024 MPL MY teams are: HomeBois, Todak, RSG Malaysia, Niners (formerly MPX NSEA), Barracuda Esports, King Empire, Selangor Red Giants, Team HAQ, Bountee Esports, Monster Vicious.

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## No tolerance for those trying to outwit PJ tender process

THERE will be zero tolerance for applicants trying to rig Petaling Jaya City Council's (MBPJ) tender application process.

Petaling Jaya mayor Mohamad Zahri Samingon said it was widely known that companies choosing to reject a tender awarded by the local council would be blacklisted for two years.

They are also blacklisted by the Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB).

Despite this, interested parties awarded projects by MBPJ's tender board have rejected the offers.

"There was a recent case involving five companies bidding for an MBPJ development project," said Mohamad Zahri.

"The budget for the project was estimated at RM2mil.

"The tender board offered the project to company A that met the budget and criteria," he said.

"However, company A rejected



Mohamad Zahri (standing second from right) at the Padu registration booth at Desa Mentari.

the offer. Then the project was offered to company B and it too rejected the offer.

"During the period, companies

C and D withdrew their interest as well.

"MBPJ was left with company E which had put in a budget

higher than we could afford."

At the March full board meeting yesterday, Mohamad Zahri suggested calling for fresh tender applications for the project.

"The city council's time and resources cannot be wasted by sitting through tender meetings, only to have them (awarded projects) rejected," he said.

Councillor Terence Tan said all directors of the companies involved should also be blacklisted, while Councillor Billy Wong recommended that consultants representing the companies be blacklisted too.

Mohamad Zahri said that ideally, the tender process should start at least six months before the end of the previous contract.

On another matter, the mayor managed to increase the registration for Central Database Hub (Padu) from 180 Desa Mentari low-cost flats residents to 516 in a day.

He said local councils had a role to play in meeting objectives set out by the Federal Government.

"Those from lower income groups might not be able to understand how to fill up the online form, so MBPJ should lend a hand.

"I was aware of the low numbers at B40 areas, so MBPJ helped push for registration by setting up counters," said Mohamad Zahri.

"As more Desa Mentari residents came to register, we opened up more counters."

From 10, he said MBPJ eventually had 25 counters.

"Booths were even set up under trees to maximise the registration process," he said.

He urged Petaling Jaya residents to register for Padu as the government had incentives for different groups of people, especially those from the B40.

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# Donate through proper channels, urges JKM

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**PETALING JAYA:** Use official channels to make donations or contributions to those in need, says the Social Welfare Department.

It said this could include contributions towards welfare homes, registered welfare groups, houses of worship, and the National Welfare Foundation, adding that the department was also carrying out awareness and prevention

campaigns to educate the public on not giving alms or contributions to beggars.

"We hope these efforts will curb begging and prevent such activities from spreading," it told *The Star* in a recent statement.

It said stern warnings would be given to any welfare aid recipients who were found begging.

"Action can also be taken against these individuals under the Destitute Persons Act 1977 (Act 183). They can also be charged by the police under the

Minor Offences Act 1955 and the House to House and Street Collections Act 1947," it added.

When asked how many individuals had their welfare aid terminated throughout 2022 and 2023 after being found begging, the department said they did not keep records on the matter.

The department was responding to questions by *The Star* about a recent incident where a man in Maran, Pahang, was reported to have been able to collect RM500 within five hours of begging at a

night market.

The man's earnings from begging and his salary as a bus company shift supervisor enabled him to purchase a Proton X70 Premium.

He also received welfare assistance for his hand disability, but following this revelation, the Women, Family and Community Development Ministry revoked further disability allowance for the individual.

Recent checks by *The Star* also found several beggars in Pasar

Seni, Kuala Lumpur.

According to several vendors, beggars tend to avoid crowded areas like Petaling Street and instead opt for quieter spots like roadsides or bus stations.

In February, *StarMetro* reported that beggars and homeless people were becoming an increasingly common sight in Kuala Lumpur.

Activists also voiced out that the public should give beggars in kind and not cash to prevent the money from being misused.

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# Ramadan bazaar traders choose customers over profits

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**JOHOR BARU:** Despite the rising cost of living, some traders at Ramadan bazaars here have opted not to increase food prices for fear of losing customers.

They said they would maintain the prices from last year and absorb the extra expenses.

Mohd Kamil Ahmad, 39, who sells pasta and steak, said many customers do not understand their predicament when it comes to food pricing.

"Last year, I sold a container of spaghetti for RM10. I set the price

after taking into account the cost of ingredients at that time.

"This year, the prices of the ingredients have gone up by about 30%.

"However, if I increase the price, people may not want to buy. So, I had to stick to the old price despite knowing that it would reduce my profit margin," he said in an interview.

Mohd Kamil said he was able to reduce his operating costs as he no longer runs a restaurant.

"I decided to shut it down for good late last year and run a home-based business as I could no longer cope with the costs such

as rental, utilities and salary for workers.

"Now, I am running the business with my wife and without any workers, so I'm able to cut down on cost and maintain the old price," he said.

Helmi Razali, 21, who sells drinks, also decided to maintain the prices.

"People are very sensitive when it comes to prices these days, due to the rising cost of living. But I hope customers understand that it is not easy for traders too, as we are just trying to earn a living.

"If the price is unreasonably high, then it is fair for them

to complain.

"However, if it is just a little higher, I hope they know it is because we are also paying more to make the food or drinks," he said.

Johor Consumers Movement Association chairman Md Salleh Sadijo said it was good that traders are considerate.

"At least, businesses, including Ramadan bazaar traders, will now think twice before increasing food prices.

"They know that people can easily complain to the Domestic Trade and Cost of Living Ministry or on social media," he said.

Asked if the stronger purchasing power of Singaporeans would lead to some traders increasing food prices, he said it was unlikely.

"Singaporeans rarely go to Ramadan bazaars. Normally, they will visit these bazaars if they happen to be in the vicinity.

"Besides, the Singaporean crowd is usually here during the weekends. Traders need the support of locals to keep their businesses afloat," he said.

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# M'sians to endure a bit longer

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Hot, dry spell in northern states and Sabah to continue in April, says weather expert

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** As the nation continues to be gripped by the heat, climatologists say the hot and dry spell, especially in the northern states of the peninsula and Sabah, may continue in April.

Attributing this to the present El Nino phenomenon, they said the temperature could potentially be on the high side, with conditions forecast to be back to normal by May after the Hari Raya Aidilfitri period.

Academy of Sciences Malaysia fellow Prof Fredolin Tangang said the El Nino is steadily declining and will transition to the La Nina by the middle of this year.

He said this follows the forecast of the Climate Prediction Centre and APEC Climate Centre in the United States and South Korea respectively.

"However, the El Nino's impact in April is still dominant. The northern region of the peninsula, and Sabah in particular, will potentially continue to experience drier conditions due to the El Nino effect," he said when contacted.

He added that the inter-monsoon, which begins on Friday and is expected to last till May, usually sees higher rainfall in April and May along the west coast of the peninsula.

"Thunderstorms may occur in the afternoon and evening.

However, this may not be the case for the east coast of the peninsula and Sabah where rainfall in April is the lowest," he said.

Prof Fredolin pointed out that the mean temperature for April would be similar to that of March.

"The public are advised to tune in to forecasts issued by the Malaysian Meteorological Department (MetMalaysia)," he said.

Institute of Ocean and Earth Sciences senior research fellow Prof Datuk Dr Azizan Abu Samah said the heatwave could be present between now until mid-April based on observational records of previous maximum temperature in the northwest of the peninsula.

He added that the inter-monsoon period also tends to see more rainfall in the west coast of the peninsula, adding that Kuala Lumpur tends to have peak rainfall in April.

"Expect more frequent afternoon or evening thunderstorms," he said.

The northwest states - Perlis, Kedah, Penang and northern Perak - meanwhile will not experience much rain compared with the southwest states, namely from west Johor to Selangor, said Prof Azizan.

"What is more interesting is that the La Nina is forecast for December. This means that the coming northeast monsoon may bring more rain compared with

2023," he added.

The entire state of Perlis and Hulu Perak were issued a Level 2 heatwave alert while 41 areas across the peninsula, Sabah and Sarawak were issued Level 1 alerts yesterday (March 26), according to MetMalaysia.

In the peninsula, the Level 1 alerts were issued for parts of Kedah, Pahang, Perak, Melaka, Negri Sembilan, Johor, Kelantan and the Federal Territories of Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya.

Level 2 heatwave status indicates daily maximum temperature of between 37°C and 40°C for three consecutive days.

Level 1 indicates daily maximum temperature of between 35°C and 37°C.

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# Early birds get the tickets

## 'Balik kampung' travellers secured seats since January

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**PETALING JAYA:** Many Malaysians made arrangements to "balik kampung" for Hari Raya early in the year and have already booked their tickets for travel from April 6-9.

Senior executive Sakeena Bakri, 32, said she booked her train ticket back to her hometown of Taiping in January.

"I decided to do it early this year because train tickets usually sell out very fast. Besides, I get to choose a preferred seat," she said.

Sakeena said she prefers to travel by train rather than drive back because this way, she can avoid the traffic jam.

"I think more trains can be provided to accommodate those who want to go home for Hari Raya.

"This mode of transport (train) is also on time and less of a hassle," she added.

Checks by *The Star* yesterday on the Keretapi Tanah Melayu Bhd (KTMB) website showed that train tickets to Ipoh and Padang Besar between April 6 and April 9 were sold out.

However, towards Butterworth, there are still tickets available for travel on April 7.

KTMB will increase the frequency of its Electric Train Service (ETS) and the number of tickets to the northern parts of Peninsular Malaysia from April 4-15.

Pan-Malaysian Bus Operators Association president Datuk Mohamad Ashfar Ali said tickets for most bus routes for the festive season are sold out too.

"Tickets have been open for booking since early this month.



**It's that time of the year:** Long queues to purchase tickets for the Hari Raya festivities seen at Terminal Bersepadu Selatan (TBS).  
— Bernama

"There are more buses on the road for Hari Raya but still, this is not enough to meet the demand due to a shortage of drivers," he said.

Popular destinations are in the east coast, followed by southern states.

Business intelligence executive Imran Azmi, 24, said he wanted to take the bus back home to Kota Tinggi, but tickets were sold out.

"I checked last week and saw there were no more tickets available. Last year, I could still buy tickets three days before Hari Raya," he said.

Imran said he will now car pool with his friends instead.

Teacher Nurul Amira Adriana Mohd Hisham, 23, said she was lucky to get bus tickets from Gerik, Perak, to Kuala Lumpur, to meet her family for the festive break.

"This will be my first time taking a bus in the peninsula as I've always been in Sabah,"

she said, adding that the ticket price is reasonable.

Malaysia Aviation Group, meanwhile, said there is high demand for flights to all domestic destinations.

"Malaysia Airlines flights to Sabah and Sarawak are full from April 6-9, though there are still seats available to Labuan, Bintulu and Sibu.

"For Firefly, flights to Kota Kinabalu and Kuching still have limited seats available.

"Peninsular Malaysia flights also have limited seats left," it said in a statement.

Malaysia Airlines has added 190 flights for the Hari Raya period from April 1-18, and increased flight frequencies from April 6-14.

"We have upgraded 26 Malaysia Airlines flights to widebody aircraft with 13 flights from Kuala Lumpur to Kota Kinabalu and Kuching to meet the demand during the Hari Raya period," the company said.

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## Bursa Malaysia ends marginally higher on late buying

**BURSA** Malaysia closed higher yesterday, buoyed by late buying in blue-chip stocks led by Maybank, MISC, and Petronas Chemicals, amid the mostly weaker performance in regional peers.

At 5pm, the FBM KLCI inched up by 0.88 of-a-point to 1,538.42 from Monday's close of 1,537.54.

The benchmark index opened 1.48 points lower at 1,536.06 and moved in a tight range between 1,532.07 and 1,540.51 throughout the day.

Gainers beat losers 570 to 472, while 491 counters were unchanged, 807 untraded, and 47 others suspended.

Turnover increased to 3.83 billion units worth RM3.04 billion from 3.59 billion units worth RM2.49 billion on Monday.

Bank Muamalat Malaysia Bhd chief economist Dr Mohd Afzanizam Abdul Rashid said that the prevailing general sentiment in the stock market is still cautious.

"Investors are awaiting key statistical updates in the US, particularly the Personal Consumption Expenditures inflation data which is projected to hold steady at 2.4% for February.

"Essentially, this inflation figure will influence the US Federal Reserve's decision on the timing of any potential interest rate adjustments, which has been a significant factor driving positive investor sentiment," he told Bernama.

Among the heavyweights, Maybank added 7 sen to RM9.69, Petronas Chemicals improved by 5 sen to RM6.83, Public Bank advanced 1 sen to RM4.25, while CIMB Group was flat at RM6.50.

As for the actives, Sapura Energy added 1 sen to 5 sen, TCS Group added 6.5 sen to 19.5 sen, while TWL Holdings, Fitters Diversified and Lambo Group were flat all at 3 sen, 5.5 sen and 3 sen respectively, and Wentel slipped 2 sen to 33 sen.

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# Watch speed during balik kampung trip, public told

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► 'Sheer madness' to tailgate as collision would surely occur if vehicle in front brakes during emergency, says expert

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**SERDANG:** A total of 598,635 road crashes occurred in the country in 2023, or one crash every 53 seconds. Of the number, 6,433 victims died, accounting for three deaths every four hours.

Motorcyclists recorded the most fatalities at 67.45%, followed by motorists at 17.91% and pedestrians at 4.84%. Bus drivers and passengers contributed the least to road deaths, accounting for 0.44%.

At a recent talk titled "Safe Travels During Festive Season", Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) Department of Community Health professor, Dr Kulanthayan K.C. Mani, presented the statistics and warned motorists to watch their speed during their Hari Raya balik kampung journey.

The talk was part of the faculty's monthly Community Health Medicine programme, which serves to build capacity and continuously educate medical and health professionals and the public about new learnings in the field of medical and health sciences.

Kulanthayan told *theSun* that few motorists are aware that it takes 26m to stop a vehicle travelling at 50kph, 37m for a vehicle travelling 70kph and 58m for one going at a speed of 80kph.

"So, it is sheer madness for motorists to tailgate another vehicle when they will surely be involved in a crash if the vehicle in front applies the emergency breaks," he said.

Kulanthayan, who also heads the UPM Putra Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion Research Group, and is a Selangor Road Safety Council permanent member, said the speed of a vehicle directly relates to the injuries sustained during a crash.

"For instance, injuries suffered in a 90kph crash is equivalent to a person falling from the 10th floor of a building, while a crash at 30kph is like one falling from the first floor."

He said travelling on public transport is much safer compared with private vehicles.

Travelling on motorcycles is the riskiest, as the machines are open with no protection for the riders and passenger, thus making them vulnerable to serious injuries during a crash.

During the talk, Kulanthayan stressed that road safety is a multidisciplinary issue and every member of society shares responsibility.

He said prominent stakeholders for road safety are industries and companies because employers have a duty of care to their workers in terms of providing a safe and healthy work environment.

"Commuting to and from work is part of the work environment concept as any road crash will lead to absenteeism, which directly affects output and production."

"So, to prevent workplace absenteeism due to preventable road crashes, it is vital for

employers to play a much bigger role in addressing the matter."

Kulanthayan said during the Hari Raya exodus, employers could adopt the "Vision Zero Crash" concept, in which they and their employees send reminders to colleagues to be careful and keep safe during their travels.

He said the initiative should later be extended for the whole year since the risk of travelling remains constant and is not limited only to the festive travel period.

"If all employers spearhead this win-win initiative via their safety and health officials, a significant segment of society will be reminded to make our roads safer to travel on."

"There is a high chance workers will pay heed to their employer's call since they are their paymasters and know them well. Thus, the employee's road safety behaviour can be modified from unsafe to safe."



Motorcyclists are vulnerable to serious injuries during a crash, recording the most fatalities at 67.45% in 2023. — ADIB RAWI YAHYA/THE SUN

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## Zoom lauds M'sia's AI and digital economy stance

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Malaysia is making significant strides in embracing artificial intelligence (AI) to enhance its national competitiveness and secure its position as a regional digital economy leader, said international "all-in-one" collaboration platform provider Zoom Video Communications.

In a statement yesterday, Zoom's head of Asia Lucas Lu said the government's focus on AI as a pivotal force for the nation's future bodes well for continued national innovation and growth.

"In recognising AI's transformative potential, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's recent call to the government, businesses and the rakyat to embrace AI for greater competitiveness is both timely and visionary.

"The announcement of plans to establish the first AI faculty at Universiti Teknologi Malaysia coupled with the ambition to bring the fastest AI supercomputers to our shores by mid-this year is a bold step towards securing Malaysia's position as a regional leader in AI," he said.

Meanwhile, the company announced the launch of Zoom Workplace, an AI-powered collaboration platform, alongside expanded AI Companion features.

AI Companion is a generative AI digital assistant which helps users improve productivity and work together more effectively. - Bernama

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## Ramadan bazaar price hikes not due to SST, says Anwar

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** The increase in food prices at Ramadan bazaars is not due to the implementation of the sales and service tax (SST), but rather the high rental cost of bazaar lots, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

He said the high rental costs are

partly due to some traders renting the bazaar lots from agents who take advantage of the situation, instead of renting directly from the local authorities.

"I acknowledge there is a slight increase in prices, but I don't think it's because of the service tax, as

according to the Statistics Department's survey, the increase is only around 0.2%, and Ramadan bazaars have no direct relevance to the SST."

Anwar said this in reply to Datuk Seri Takiyuddin Hassan (PN-Kota Bharu), on the government's plans

to lower the hike in food prices and Ramadan bazaar operational costs following the increase in the SST from 6% to 8%.

He said if the government did not implement the SST, it was feared that there would be negative effects on the economy. - Bernama

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## Wise dealings vital for economic growth

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Malaysia must deal with major world powers wisely to achieve healthy economic growth based on pragmatic policies while facing global geopolitical challenges.

Geostrategist and senior fellow at the Nusantara Academy of Strategic Research Prof Dr Azmi Hassan emphasised that Malaysia's policy of neutrality is crucial to avoid appearing too inclined towards any particular country, especially the United States or China.

"In other words, we're playing in two ponds but not leaning heavily towards one side. Whatever foreign policy decisions we make with China are aimed at benefitting us," he said when appearing as a guest on Bernama TV's *Ruang Bicara* programme titled "50 Years of Malaysia-China Strategic Relations".

He stressed that Malaysia needs to ensure a policy of neutrality while simultaneously making a positive impact on the country's geopolitical environment, including in the Asia-Pacific and Indo-Pacific regions.

He said Malaysia should maintain good bilateral relations with China as it is the country's largest and most important trading partner for the nation's interests.

Azmi also expressed confidence in Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's leadership, adding that Anwar possesses the charisma to express views abroad and continue the long-standing Malaysia-China relationship.

He noted that the 50-year relationship between Malaysia and China began with efforts made by the second prime minister, the late Tun Abdul Razak Hussein, who took a bold and wise step that ultimately strengthened Beijing-Kuala Lumpur relations.

The relationship was initiated on May 31, 1974, and later upgraded to a comprehensive strategic partnership by former prime minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak, he added.

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## Padu safe from illegal access: Rafizi

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** The Central Database Hub (Padu) system has complied with security features and met international standards, the Dewan Rakyat was told yesterday.

Economy Minister Rafizi Ramli said despite over two million attempts daily to access the system illegally, all have been thwarted.

He was replying to Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail (PH-Bandar Tun Razak), who wanted to know the mechanism for increasing and expediting the registration of Malaysian citizens in Padu and the steps to control data from being misused. - Bernama

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## Ramadan bazaar price hikes not due to SST, says Anwar

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** The increase in food prices at Ramadan bazaars is not due to the implementation of the sales and service tax (SST), but rather the high rental cost of bazaar lots, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

He said the high rental costs are

partly due to some traders renting the bazaar lots from agents who take advantage of the situation, instead of renting directly from the local authorities.

"I acknowledge there is a slight increase in prices, but I don't think it's because of the service tax, as

according to the Statistics Department's survey, the increase is only around 0.2%, and Ramadan bazaars have no direct relevance to the SST."

Anwar said this in reply to Datuk Seri Takiyuddin Hassan (PN-Kota Bharu), on the government's plans

to lower the hike in food prices and Ramadan bazaar operational costs following the increase in the SST from 6% to 8%.

He said if the government did not implement the SST, it was feared that there would be negative effects on the economy. - Bernama

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## Ringgit rises against US dollar as traders trim positions

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**THE** ringgit continued its upward momentum to close higher against the US dollar yesterday as traders trimmed their positions on the greenback ahead of the US Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) Price Index, scheduled this Friday.

At 6pm, the ringgit rose to 4.7109/7220 against the greenback from Monday's close of 4.7205/7270.

Bank Muamalat Malaysia Bhd chief economist Mohd Afzanizam Abdul Rashid said the local currency was well supported against the greenback yesterday, reaching the 4.7100 level.

He said the US dollar Index was also leaning on the lower side, declining by 0.09% to 104.134 points.

On Monday, the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta president Raphael Bostic maintained his position that there could be one rate cut this year, adding further ambiguity to the market direction.

At the close, the ringgit was traded weaker against a basket of major currencies.

It depreciated against the euro to 5.1225/1257 from Monday's close of 5.1066/1137 and also against the British pound to 5.9733/9771 from 5.9549/9631.

The ringgit was also lower vis-a-vis the Japanese yen to 3.1194/1216 from 3.1185/1230 on Monday.

Meanwhile, the ringgit traded lower against other Asean currencies.

It slipped versus the Thai baht at 13.0021/0151 from 12.9627/9866 and was flat vis-a-vis the Indonesian rupiah to 298.7/299.1 from 298.7/299.3.

The local unit also fell against the Singapore dollar to 3.5112/5137 from 3.5060/5111 and against the Philippine peso, it declined to 8.38/8.38 from 8.37/8.39 previously. - Bernama

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# 'ALL DATA ON PADU ENCRYPTED'

Rafizi says more than 2 million unsuccessful hacking attempts were made daily on the database in its early days

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Economy Minister Rafizi Ramli answering a question in the Dewan Rakyat yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

**T**HERE have been more than two million daily attempts to infiltrate the Central Database Hub (Padu) in its early days of inception, the Dewan Rakyat was told yesterday.

Economy Minister Rafizi Ramli said however, no party succeeded in infiltrating the system as Padu's security features complied with global standards.

He gave his assurance that all data registered on Padu were encrypted.

He said the team that developed Padu is led by the National Digital Department in collaboration with several cybersecurity and national data privacy agencies including the chief government security officer, National Cybersecurity Agency Malaysia, CyberSecurity Malaysia, Personal Data Protection Department, as well as the Communications Ministry and the Digital Ministry.

"These partnerships help reduce the risk of data leakage and prioritise personal data privacy. All data registered on Padu is encrypted, so even if the system was hacked into and the files downloaded, they have to be decrypted.

"An exception is if the hacker is a super-computer capable of decrypting data, but that is nonsense," he said in a reply to Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail (PH-Bandar Tun Razak), who asked about the government's measures to ensure data on Padu is protected from misuse.

Rafizi said a majority of the attempts to penetrate Padu data was from overseas, and "risky" locations, but did not reveal the origins of the attempts.



"*Insyallah*, we will ensure the security of Padu while also ensuring that no exclusions occur during registration."

On a related matter, Rafizi denied claims the low registration rate among non-Bumiputeras for Padu was due to a trust deficit towards the government.

Instead, he said it was because non-Bumiputeras were not used to receiving government aid.

"That is why many of them are not in the government system. A lot of them also feel that they are in the M40 (middle 40) category and not eligible for aid," he said in response to a supplementary question from Ahmad Fadhli Shaari (PN-Pasir Mas), adding that it was important to convince non-Malays that they would be at risk of exclusion from government aid and subsidies.

"Not all of them are wealthy. Some are eligible for assistance. If they don't register with Padu and have never received aid through eKasih or Sumbangan Tunai Rahmah, they will be left out."

He said more than 50 per cent of the 4,752 locations at risk of exclusion were in the Klang Valley, and added that the ministry, together with the Selangor government and Federal Territories department had met with community leaders and representatives of these areas to increase awareness

on Padu registration.

To reduce exclusion, the ministry also matched existing government aid databases with the geolocation pins of the locations, he said.

On a separate issue, Rafizi said the Economy Ministry will organise a briefing session with Sarawak government representatives to address the latter's concerns about Padu's security measures.

On Monday, Deputy Minister in the Sarawak Premier's Department (Legal, MA63, and State-Federal Relations) Datuk Sharifah Hasidah Sayeed Aman Ghazali said the state government sought clarification from the ministry on the security of personal data collected under Padu.

She pointed out that Malaysia had no specific law to protect personal privacy except for the Personal Data Protection Act 2010, which only regulates the processing of personal data in commercial transactions.

Up to 11.59pm on Monday, 8,093,336 Malaysians aged 18 and above had registered for Padu, representing 36.8 per cent of the total.

Rafizi said there was an average of 350,000 to 400,000 registrations daily, and he was confident the ministry would achieve the 50 per cent target in the last six days of the registration period.

Registration for Padu closes on March 31. Additional reporting by Najihah Borhan

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## 'Bazaar rent hikes have nothing to do with SST'

**PRIME** Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim (Pakatan Harapan-Tambun) said outsourcing to agents led to traders paying more for the rental of Ramadan bazaar sites.

Anwar said a hike was particularly evident when traders did not deal directly with the local authorities, but through others.

"I visited four to five Ramadan bazaars and (I discovered) the rental costs are too high. We (the government) have given instructions that if (the bazaar site) is managed by the local authority, there should not be pressure (referring to increase in rental cost).

"This is clear in sites managed by local authorities, but if it is being dealt with by agents, the costs are increased," he said in the Dewan Rakyat yesterday.

Anwar said this in response to a question from Datuk Seri Takiyuddin Hassan (Perikatan Nasional-Kota Baru) who enquired from Anwar about the plans to address the hike in Ramadan bazaar operational costs.

Anwar said the hike in rental costs did not have anything to do with the increase in the rate of SST, which started on March 1.

This, he said, was as certain sectors and services were exempted from the increase in SST, including food, telecommunications and electricity.

He said some companies might be taking advantage of this to increase costs and that continuous monitoring of Ramadan bazaars must be carried out.

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# MBSA sumbang RM10,000 untuk Tabung Infak Iftar Ala Madinah

Sokong usaha Karangkraf sediakan hidangan berbuka puasa percuma kepada orang ramai

Oleh NOR SYAMIRA LIANA  
NOR ASHAHA  
SHAH ALAM

Majlis Bandaraya Shah Alam (MBSA) menyerahkan sumbangan berjumlah RM10,000 kepada Tabung Infak Iftar Ala Madinah@Karangkraf 2024 pada Isnin.

Pemangku Timbalan Datuk Bandar, Madiyan Bawah ber-

kata, objektif sumbangan itu adalah untuk membantu pihak Kumpulan Karangkraf menyediakan hidangan berbuka puasa secara percuma kepada orang ramai.

"Kami pihak MBSA mahu bersama-sama menjadi sebahagian daripada usaha pihak syarikat dalam membuat kebaikan pada bulan Ramadan.

"Saya melihat program ini bukan sahaja bertujuan meringankan beban masyarakat malah ia merupakan satu inisiatif yang begitu baik dalam mewujudkan suasana harmoni dalam komuniti," katanya ketika ditemui di Kompleks Kumpulan Karangkraf di sini pada Isnin.

Majlis penyerahan sumbangan tersebut disampaikan Madiyan bersama Pengarah Korporat dan Perhubungan Awam MBSA, Mohd Azhar

Mohd Sharif kepada Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif Grup Buku Karangkraf, Firdaus Hussamuddin.

Tambah Madiyan, penyertaan MBSA dalam program berkenaan untuk mengukuhkan lagi hubungan dengan syarikat swasta.

"Kita (MBSA) sebagai salah satu agensi paling dekat dengan masyarakat terutama penduduk yang menerima perkhidmatan pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT), mahu bersama-sama dengan mana-mana syarikat yang mengadakan aktiviti kemasyarakatan seperti ini.

"Ia bukan sahaja memberi manfaat untuk orang ramai malah memberi kelebihan kepada MBSA membina hubungan baik dengan syarikat swasta," ujarnya.

Sementara itu, Mohd Azhar



Majlis penyerahan sumbangan tersebut disampaikan Madiyan (tengah) dan Mohd Azhar kepada Firdaus (kanan) di Kompleks Kumpulan Karangkraf, Shah Alam pada Isnin.

berkata, pihaknya mengalu-alukan mana-mana agensi atau syarikat untuk melakukan pro-

gram kemasyarakatan kerana mahu membina hubungan baik dalam komuniti.

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# Harga di bazar Ramadan naik bukan sebab SST - PM

Anwar tegur PBT kenakan sewa tapak bazar mahal, punca kos peniaga meningkat

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**K**enaikan kadar sewa tapak bazar Ramadan menjadi punca kos operasi peniaga meningkat dan bukan disebabkan perubahan kadar cukai jualan dan perkhidmatan (SST) dari enam ke lapan peratus bermula 1 Mac lalu. Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim berkata, peningkatan itu lebih ketara sekiranya peniaga berurusan melalui ejen berbanding pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT).

"Jadi kita telah beri arahan, kalau kos sewa itu dikendalikan oleh majlis perbandaran, jangan tekan peniaga dalam keadaan sekarang.

"Sebahagian tapak majlis perbandaran itu diberikan kepada ejen-ejen, jadi akhirnya penyewa tidak menyewa secara langsung dari majlis perbandaran. Kos meningkat.

"Saya akui ada impak kecil kenaikan harga, tetapi saya tidak fikir kerana SST yang menyebabkan ia naik. Bazar Ramadan tidak ada kena-mengena lang-

sung dengan SST," katanya di Dewan Rakyat pada Selasa.

Beliau berkata demikian sebagai menjawab soalan tambahan **Datuk Seri Takiyuddin Hassan (PN-Kota Bharu)** mengenai kesan rantaian ekonomi secara umum terutama kepada peniaga bazar Ramadan.

Anwar turut menegaskan, kerajaan sedaya upaya mengurangkan kesan kenaikan cukai berkenaan terhadap rakyat.

Namun Ahli Parlimen Tambun itu mengakui, terdapat kesan sampingan kecil yang mesti dikawal.

"Saya setuju kita harus terus pantau tetapi secara khusus perniagaan di bazar Ramadan ini, kebanyakan yang mengeluh ialah kerana kadar sewa tinggi.

"Pada pendapat saya, majlis-majlis bandaran tidak ada sebab mengapa mengenakan sewa yang tinggi kepada bazar Ramadan," ujarnya.

Sementara itu, menjawab pertanyaan **Datuk Mohd Shahar Abdullah (BN-Paya Besar)** mengenai kesan terhadap kos sara hidup rakyat serta kos pengeluaran industri akibat kenaikan kadar SST, Perdana Menteri menjelaskan ia tidak memberi impak ketara kepada inflasi dengan anggaran sekitar 0.2 mata peratus.

"Ini kerana perubahan dasar hanya melibatkan cukai perkhidmatan, manakala cukai jualan kekal dengan skop dan kadar cukai sedia ada.

"Skop berkenaan cukai perkhidmatan



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adalah kecil iaitu 41 peratus daripada bilangan perkhidmatan yang ada dalam ekonomi kerana banyak pengecualian diberikan umpamanya kepada (sektor) pendidikan, kesihatan, pengangkutan, dan sebagainya. Ia tidak melibatkan perkhidmatan yang menjadi keperluan asas.

"Melalui peluasan skop dan perubahan kadar cukai perkhidmatan ini, kerajaan menjangkakan akan mengutip hasil berjumlah RM3 bilion," katanya.

Dalam pada itu, Anwar mengakui terdapat sedikit kenaikan harga barangan di pasaran, namun masih rendah dan terkawal.

"Ada pandangan bahawa ia memberi kesan kepada rakyat, oleh itu kita cuba bantu dengan menambah umpamanya STR (Sumbangan Tunai Rahmah) dan beberapa tambahan untuk mengurangkan beban rakyat. Jumlah bantuan kerajaan sudah cecah RM10 bilion tahun ini.

"Dari segi harga, kita akui ada sedikit kenaikan tetapi masih jauh rendah dari negeri lain termasuk soal beras. Di Indonesia dengan kadar yang sama RM4.15 satu kilogram (kg), Thailand RM3.50 per kg, Malaysia pula antara RM2.60 dengan RM3.50 per kg.

"Dengan kos begitu, harga gula lebih rendah, minyak masak rendah tetapi kos penjualan lebih tinggi terutama kalau lihat di tempat makan. Barangan di pasar yang naik kecil berbanding harga (jual) di restoran," jelasnya.



# Lebih 2 juta cubaan menggodam PADU

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Namun tidak  
berjaya menembusi ciri  
keselamatan PADU

Oleh DIANA AZIS  
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Rafizi ketika sesi soal jawab Pertanyaan-Pertanyaan jawab Lisan pada Sidang Dewan Rakyat di Bangunan Parlimen pada Selasa.

Kementerian Ekonomi mendedahkan lebih dua juta cubaan menembusi ciri keselamatan sistem Pangkalan Data Utama (PADU) pada bulan pertama ia diperkenalkan.

Bagaimanapun, Menteri Ekonomi, Rafizi Ramli menjelaskan, setakat ini tiada pihak yang berjaya ekoran ciri-ciri keselamatan PADU mematuhi piawaian global termasuk komponen keselamatan rangkaian.

Beliau berkata, tiga komponen utama keselamatan data ditampilkan PADU antaranya membabitkan pelaksanaan kawalan akses capaian serta penyulitan (*encrypted*).

"Setiap data didaftarkan di PADU adalah *encrypted* bermaksud walaupun ada yang berjaya memecah masuk dan memuat turun fail, ia perlu dinyahsulitkan.

"Kecuali penggodam itu guna super komputer yang boleh menyahsulitkan data, tetapi ia sesuatu yang merapu," katanya ketika sidang Dewan Rakyat pada Selasa.

Beliau menjawab soalan Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail (PH-Bandar Tun Razak) mengenai langkah kawalan data PADU daripada disalahgunakan.

Rafizi yang juga Ahli Parlimen

Pandan menegaskan, sistem itu tidak dibenarkan diakses dari luar negara dan lokasi akan dikategorikan berisiko berdasarkan rekod cubaan akses kebanyakannya dari luar Malaysia.

"Insya-ALLAH kaedah dinyatakan akan memastikan keselamatan PADU daripada penyalahgunaan selain memastikan tiada kecaciran berlaku dalam pendaftaran," ujarnya.

Sementara itu mengenai pendaftaran, Rafizi berkata, seramai lapan juta warga tempatan berumur 18 tahun ke atas sudah mendaftar setakat jam 11.59 malam Isnin.

"Jumlah itu mewakili 36.8 peratus daripada keseluruhan dengan mengunjurkan pendaftaran akan mencapai 50 peratus berdasarkan kadar pendaftaran antara 350,000 hingga 400,000 sehari menjelang 31 Mac depan," katanya.

Dalam pada itu, Rafizi menafikan spekulasi berlaku kurang kepercayaan terhadap kerajaan menjadi punca jumlah pendaftaran masyarakat bukan Melayu dalam sistem berkenaan rendah.

"Sebahagian besar golongan berkenaan tidak biasa menerima bantuan daripada kerajaan secara bulanan.

"Sebab itu mereka tidak banyak (mendaftar) berada dalam sistem kerajaan. Mereka merasakan berada dalam golongan M40 dan ke atas, maka tidak layak menerima apa-apa bantuan.

"Itulah sebabnya, bukan sebab *trust deficit* (kurang kepercayaan)," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian bagi menjawab soalan tambahan Ahmad Fadhli Shaari (PN-Pasir Mas) mengenai faktor orang bukan Melayu kurang mendaftar PADU dan adakah berpunca daripada kurang kepercayaan dalam kalangan mereka.

Sebelum ini Rafizi membangkitkan kebimbangan mengenai jumlah pendaftaran rakyat Malaysia dalam sistem PADU masih rendah terutama penduduk di Lembah Klang dan bukan Melayu.

Rafizi turut memaklumkan, berlaku peningkatan mendadak dalam pendaftaran hingga melepasi lapan juta setakat Isnin.

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Bank Negara mengunjurkan inflasi akan berlegar di antara 2.0 peratus dan 3.5 peratus pada tahun 2024.

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# OPR dijangka kekal 3.0 peratus sepanjang 2024

Ramalan PIVB Research dalam nota penyelidikannya

KUALA LUMPUR

**P**ublic Investment Bank (PIVB) Research menjangkakan kadar dasar semalaman (OPR) Malaysia kekal stabil pada 3.0 peratus sepanjang tahun 2024.

Dalam nota penyelidikannya, firma itu berkata, ini selaras dengan pandangan Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) bahawa tahap OPR semasa mencerminkan pendirian dasar monetari yang menyokong serta kondusif kepada ekonomi, sejajar dengan penilaian berterusan terhadap inflasi dan prospek pertumbuhan.

Bank pusat mengunjurkan inflasi akan berlegar di antara 2.0 peratus dan 3.5 peratus pada tahun 2024, mencerminkan gabungan potensi tekanan inflasi yang timbul daripada pelaksanaan rasionalisasi subsidi bahan api.

"Faktor-faktor dasar dalam negeri dan pengaruh luaran menimbulkan risiko peningkatan yang ketara kepada unjuran inflasi.

"Di peringkat dalam negeri, pelarasan harga barangan keperluan khususnya dalam sektor tenaga dan makanan, boleh menaikkan harga terutamanya jika subsidi bahan api mengalami perubahan," katanya.

Pada asasnya, sebarang pelarasan

akan memberi kesan langsung kepada inflasi keseluruhan walaupun dengan kemungkinan kesan jangka pendek apabila kesan asas berkurangan memandangkan bahan api adalah komponen besar dalam bakul indeks harga pengguna (CPI).

Bagaimanapun, tahap risiko ini bergantung pada potensi kesan riak kerana syarikat mungkin menaikkan harga untuk mengimbangi peningkatan kos, sekali gus menguatkan tekanan harga yang lebih luas, kata PIVB Research.

Secara luaran, BNM turut menekankan turun naik kadar pertukaran dan pergerakan harga komoditi global sebagai pemacu tambahan terhadap tekanan inflasi.

Sementara itu, faktor berterusan seperti ketegangan geopolitik dan gangguan cuaca boleh menyumbang kepada tekanan menaik untuk inflasi makanan.

IHP mengalami peningkatan kecil pada Februari 2024, mencatatkan peningkatan tahun ke tahun (y-o-y) sebanyak 1.8 peratus.

Pada masa sama, inflasi teras terus stabil dengan mencatatkan pertumbuhan tahun ke tahun sebanyak 1.8 peratus, konsisten dengan kadar Januari. - Bernama

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# Kadar baharu SST tak beri kesan ketara kepada inflasi

**Datuk** Seri Anwar Ibrahim mengakui kenaikan cukai jualan dan perkhidmatan (SST) yang berkuat kuasa 1 Mac lalu, tidak memberi kesan ketara kepada kadar inflasi dengan anggaran kenaikan sekitar 0.2 mata peratusan.

Perdana Menteri berkata, perubahan kadar cukai itu lebih tertumpu aktiviti berkaitan perkhidmatan kemahuan dan aktiviti antara perniagaan yang kurang membabitkan rakyat secara langsung.

Beliau yang juga Menteri Kewangan berkata, perbelanjaan bagi makanan, minuman serta telekomunikasi tidak dinaikkan dan kekal pada kadar enam peratus, manakala utiliti seperti air

dan petrol, kekal tidak dikenakan cukai SST.

"Perubahan kadar cukai perkhidmatan daripada enam kepada lapan peratus tidak membabitkan perkhidmatan yang menjadi keperluan asas serta sebahagian daripada gaya hidup rakyat.

"Perkhidmatan logistik juga dikenakan kadar cukai enam peratus. Ini perlu jelas sebab banyak kekeliruan.

"Skop kenaikan cukai perkhidmatan adalah kecil iaitu hanya 41 peratus dan banyak pengecualian diberikan.

"Saya tak berhasrat membacanya kerana sudah disebut, antaranya pendidikan, kesihatan, pengangkutan, perkhidmatan ma-

kanan dan minuman," katanya.

Beliau menjawab soalan Datuk Mohd Shahrir Abdullah (BN-Paya Besar) mengenai kesan terhadap kos sara hidup dan kos pengeluaran industri akibat kenaikan cukai SST pada sesi pertanyaan Perdana Menteri di Dewan Rakyat, semalam.

Bermula 1 Mac lalu, kadar baharu cukai perkhidmatan naik kepada lapan peratus berbanding enam peratus sebelum ini seperti diumumkan dalam Pembentangan Belanjawan 2024, pada Oktober 2023.

Langkah itu sebahagian daripada usaha kerajaan meningkatkan daya tahan kewangan negara, selain mengurangkan

defisit belanjawan.

Anwar berkata, anggaran tambahan kutipan hasil negara susulan kadar baharu itu bernilai RM3 bilion, manakala pengenalan Cukai Keuntungan Modal (CGT) diunjur menjana RM800 juta.

"CGT adalah cukai progresif dan dikenakan hanya ke atas syarikat bagi pelupusan saham tidak tersenarai.

"Ia tidak dikenakan atas rakyat dan tiada impak langsung ke atas kos sara hidup.

"Kerajaan mengambil pendekatan progresif iaitu menumpukan penambahan hasil cukai daripada golongan lebih mampu dan memastikan agar majoriti rakyat tidak terbeban," katanya.

Menjawab soalan tambahan, Perdana Menteri berkata, hasil bukan cukai menjadi keutamaan kerana jumlahnya lebih tinggi iaitu 50 peratus daripada pendapatan pelaburan, termasuk dividen PETRONAS, Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) dan Khazanah Nasional Bhd.

"Pendapatan pelaburan mewakili 65 peratus daripada hasil bukan cukai, tahun lalu. Saya setuju usaha tambahan termasuk transformasi syarikat berkaitan kerajaan (GLIC) bagi memastikan ada peningkatan pelaburan domestik.

"Hasil bukan cukai harap dapat ditingkatkan apabila pelaburan lebih rancak," kata Ahli Parlimen Tambun itu.

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# Cuaca panas dijangka pulih tengah bulan depan

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**Kuala Lumpur:** Fasa peralihan monsun yang bermula Jumaat ini hingga Mei depan akan menyebabkan ribut petir, hujan lebat dan angin kencang yang berpotensi berlaku pada waktu petang dan malam di kebanyakan kawasan barat dan pedalaman Semenanjung.

Jabatan Meteorologi Malaysia (METMalaysia) berkata, keadaan sama turut berlaku di barat Sabah dan selatan serta tengah Sarawak.

“Dengan bermulanya

fasa peralihan monsun, keadaan cuaca kering dan panas yang sedang berlaku di kebanyakan tempat di seluruh negara dijangka pulih menjelang pertengahan bulan depan.

“Ketika fasa peralihan monsun, rantau negara akan menerima tiupan angin lemah dari pelbagai arah yang kondusif untuk kejadian ribut petir yang lazimnya membawa hujan lebat berserta angin kencang dalam masa singkat,” katanya melalui hantaran di platform sosial

X, semalam.

Katanya, keadaan cuaca ketika fasa peralihan monsun itu berpotensi mengakibatkan banjir kilat, pokok tumbang dan kerosakan terhadap struktur tidak kukuh.

Sehubungan itu, orang ramai dinasihatkan sentiasa merujuk laman sesawang [www.met.gov.my](http://www.met.gov.my) dan media sosial METMalaysia serta memuat turun aplikasi myCuaca bagi maklumat terkini dan sah.

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# Memastikan subsidi bersasar tak jejakkan kesejahteraan isi rumah

• Kaedah pembayaran subsidi bersasar akan diputuskan selepas rakyat mendaftar dan mengemas kini maklumat dalam PADU tetapi hanya 21.2 peratus berbuat demikian

• Kesan inflasi dan kenaikan kos sara hidup tidak boleh diambil ringan dalam melaksanakan satu polisi besar seperti penghapusan subsidi petrol dan diesel ini



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Setelah merancang pelaksanaan program subsidi bersasar khususnya petrol dan diesel sejak lebih setahun, nampaknya kerajaan bakal merealisasikan, apatah lagi melihatkan pembaziran dalam mekanisme subsidi pukal hingga menjadi diesel industri atau diseludup ke negara jiran. Begitu juga subsidi petrol dimanfaatkan kumpulan tidak layak seperti rakyat negara jiran.

Semua ini menyebabkan kerajaan dijangka berbelanja RM45.18 bilion terhadap subsidi petrol dan diesel pada 2024 seperti diperuntukkan dalam Belanjawan 2024 yang mengakaunkan 81.5 peratus daripada jumlah subsidi.

Kerajaan berharap dapat menjimatkan RM29 bilion melalui program subsidi bersasar atau RM2.4 bilion sebulan. Ia jauh lebih besar daripada anggaran kenaikan cukai jualan dan Perkhidmatan (SST) yang dijangka menyumbang RM3 bilion setahun.

Dikatakan mekanisme subsidi petrol secara penurunan harga diamalkan pada masa kini tidak mencapai sasaran kerana hanya 24 peratus kumpulan B40 atau 7.9 juta orang daripada 40 peratus warga Malaysia (13.2 juta orang) yang sepatutnya memperoleh faedah subsidi ini.

Oleh itu, subsidi ini lebih besar dinikmati kumpulan T20, iaitu 6.6 juta warga berpendapatan tinggi.

Jumlah dan kaedah pembayaran subsidi bersasar akan diputuskan selepas rakyat mendaftar dan mengemas kini maklumat pendapatan dan kekayaan mereka dalam Pangkalan Data Utama (PADU) tetapi hanya 7 juta atau 21.2 peratus yang berbuat demikian.

Bagaimanapun, secara asasnya Kementerian Perdagangan Dalam Negeri dan Kos Sara Hidup (KPDN) mengeluarkan satu panduan pemberian subsidi petrol dan diesel.

• Subsidi hanya berkuat kuasa kepada isi rumah di Semenanjung, manakala penduduk Sabah, Sarawak dan Labuan dikecualikan serta akan terus menikmati subsidi dengan harga petrol pada RM

2.08. Kadar harga akan diapungkan beransur-ansur selepas itu.

• Seramai 2.9 juta pengguna kenderaan akan menerima faedah subsidi petrol bersasar meliputi 1.1 penunggang motosikal; pemandu kereta (1.1 juta) dan pemandu kereta serta motosikal (700,000 juta).

• Kadar subsidi diberikan ialah RM12 sebulan seorang untuk pemandu motosikal dan pemandu kereta (RM30)

• Bayaran akan dibuat secara terus ke akaun setiap isi rumah terbahagi berdasarkan maklumat akaun untuk subsidi terus yang sudah biasa dibayar. Ia akan dibayar setiap empat bulan.

## Kesan inflasi tak boleh diambil ringan

Sistem dicadangkan ini nampak mudah dan pragmatik, sekali gus dapat terus dinikmati kumpulan tersasar. Jumlah kos subsidi ini dianggarkan bagi penunggang motosikal ialah RM158 juta; pemandu kereta (RM396 juta) dan pemandu kereta dan penunggang motosikal (RM25 juta) dengan jumlah keseluruhan subsidi akan dibayar adalah RM806.4 juta. Ini akan menghasilkan penjimatan besar melebihi RM44 bilion kepada kerajaan.

Soalnya, apakah ini penyelesaian terbaik? Berasaskan kekangan seperti maklumat data PADU dan faktor masa, ia boleh dilihat sebagai penyelesaian terbaik, tetapi pasti tidak akan dapat menyelesaikan masalah kesejahteraan isi rumah keseluruhannya.

Ini kerana harga petrol akan naik 64 peratus dan diesel (61 peratus) masing-masing kepada RM3.362 seliter dan RM3.46 seliter. Bergantung kepada anggaran perbelanjaan untuk petrol seseorang misalnya bagi setiap bulan, katalah RM250 sebulan, kini tiba-tiba ia akan meningkat kepada RM410 sebulan. Ini tentulah akan menjejaskan belanjawan bulanan keluarga.

Bagi suami isteri dan anak yang masing-masing ada kenderaan untuk bekerja atau ke sekolah dan kampus, kenaikan 64 peratus boleh jadi agak besar melebihi RM300 sebulan.

Tentulah ini akan menjejaskan sentimen dan keyakinan mereka untuk terus berbelanja yang mungkin akan menjejaskan kadar pertumbuhan ekonomi yang amat bergantung kepada perbelanjaan persendirian untuk menjana pertumbuhan.

Kesan inflasi dan kenaikan kos sara hidup tidak boleh diambil ringan dalam melaksanakan satu polisi besar seperti penghapusan subsidi petrol dan diesel ini. Isi rumah perlu segera didedahkan dengan realiti ini supaya mereka boleh bersedia secara mental.

Sebenarnya, M40 adalah kumpulan 'rentan' sentiasa cemas dengan perubahan dasar seperti ini. Mereka sentiasa berasa terhimpit disebabkan polisi penghapusan subsidi pukal dan mengangap B40 amat bernasib baik kerana akan memperoleh faedah walaupun pendapatan kedua-dua golongan ini tidak banyak beza.

Mereka berasa T20 tidak akan terjejas kerana pendapatan cukup tinggi dengan kenaikan RM200 hingga RM300 dalam perbelanjaan petrol hanya mengakaunkan 0.2 peratus daripada pendapatan kumpulan teratas itu.

Justeru, bagaimana boleh kita menangani M40 terutama kumpulan menengah bawah dalam masyarakat yang mengakaunkan lebih 70 peratus kumpulan isi rumah di negara ini?

Apabila kita hendak memperkenalkan dasar baharu seperti penghapusan subsidi, ia perlu dilakukan secara beransur-ansur seperti memberikan subsidi kepada semua isi rumah tidak mengira kelas atau pendapatan.

## Tiada rakyat didiskriminasi

Ini kerana jika dilakukan berasaskan kadar dicadangkan KPDN itu, ia hanya membabitkan jumlah subsidi maksimum untuk 16 juta pemandu aktif. Jika semua diberi subsidi RM30 seorang sebulan, kosnya hanya RM5.76 bilion setahun.

Ini masih boleh memberikan penjimatan RM40 bilion diharapkan, manakala kesannya semua warga Malaysia akan berasa diambil kira dan dihargai, sekali gus tidak didiskriminasi.

Kita boleh gunakan sistem 'carrot' dengan hanya memberikan subsidi ini kepada mereka melengkapkan pendaftaran dengan PADU dan akan melaksanakannya berasaskan maklumat dibekalkan setiap isi rumah secara terkini. Sebaik sahaja mereka menyelesaikan pendaftaran, mereka akan mula mendapat subsidi petrol dan diesel ini.

Cuma ini boleh diperincikan lagi bagi mengambil kira realiti sebenar. Pada kadar RM12 sebulan, subsidi diberi adalah untuk perjalanan 11 kilometer setiap hari. Maksudnya, jika isi rumah memandu, ia tidak boleh memandu lebih jauh daripada 5.5 kilometer dari rumah.

Jumlah kilometer ini boleh dinaikkan kepada 50 kilometer sehari atau RM55 sebulan untuk menjadi lebih pragmatik. Ia akan meningkatkan jumlah subsidi terpaksa diberi tetapi benar-benar mencapai sasaran untuk mengekalkan kesejahteraan keluarga.

Hakikatnya, rakyat menunggu dengan debar bilakah dan bagaimanakah subsidi petrol serta diesel bersasar dilaksanakan selepas sudah lebih 15 tahun sejak cadangan awal menghapuskan subsidi ini dikemukakan.

Kita tidak perlu bersikap idealistik dan menanti sistem serta masa yang terbaik. Kita perlu melaksanakannya dahulu dan secara beransur-ansur akan menjadi satu sistem komprehensif serta lengkap.





# Kos sara hidup tinggi punca warga KL, Lembah Klang tidak bahagia



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**Titah** Yang di-Pertuan Agong agar perhatian dan peruntukan kemajuan dibahagikan secara saksama kepada semua negeri demi pembangunan seimbang wajar diberikan perhatian oleh perancang bandar, penggubal dasar serta institusi berkaitan.

Hakikatnya, maksud kemajuan bandar dan ketamadunan unggul dicita-citakan sejak sekian lama masih tidak tercapai, walaupun pembangunan fizikal pesat berlaku di Kuala Lumpur serta Lembah Klang.

Secara teori, isi rumah dan individu merasai peningkatan produktiviti kehidupan apabila lebih banyak peluang pekerjaan serta jenis perkhidmatan terzahir. Perniagaan dan perindustrian juga mendapat manfaat dari segi penjimatan kos apabila berkongsi infrastruktur sama dalam sebuah kawasan.

Walaupun terdapat kesan negatif perbandaran seperti kesesakan jalan raya, pengurusan kebersihan dan pencemaran alam, aspek positif terutama peluang ekonomi boleh dianggap sebagai elemen produktiviti menjadi pertimbangan besar.

Pertimbangan pro dan kontra akan memandu individu membuat pilihan terbaik, iaitu memberikan nilai fungsi utiliti paling tinggi hingga mengambil keputusan menetap atau berhijrah ke bandar.

Namun, pertambahan populasi di bandar tidak semestinya sentiasa meningkatkan manfaat urbanisasi. Ini kerana sesebuah bandar mempunyai satu saiz optimum hingga pertambahan penduduk boleh menyebabkan sesebuah kawasan menjadi terlalu sesak, sekali gus mencetuskan lebih banyak mudarat.

Penumpuan populasi di sesebuah kawasan mem-

beri gambaran wujudnya urbanisasi gergasi dominan di sesebuah negara. Urbanisasi gergasi sering dikritik sarjana sebagai urbanisasi tidak mampan yang sering melanda negara membangun seperti Bangkok, Jakarta, Dhaka dan Kaherah.

Untuk rekod, lebih 30 peratus daripada 33.4 juta rakyat Malaysia menetap di Lembah Klang. Pada masa sama, Lembah Klang juga menampung warga asing pelbagai status sosioekonomi hingga menimbulkan persoalan sama ada populasi besar mendatangkan lebih banyak manfaat atau sebaliknya.

Kita kerap mendengar rungutan sering menghantui penduduk bandar terutama di Lembah Klang, iaitu walaupun mendapat pendapatan tinggi berbanding di luar bandar, mereka perlu menanggung kos perumahan jauh lagi mahal dan kualiti kehidupan boleh dipersoalkan.

Ada kajian universiti tempatan mendapati penduduk Lembah Klang terpaksa membazirkan hingga dua jam setiap hari untuk mengharungi ke-

sesakan jalan raya, walaupun berpuluh-puluh bilion ringgit dibelanjakan bagi pengangkutan awam.

Pembaziran masa ini bukan sahaja mengurangkan produktiviti pekerja, bahkan mempengaruhi kesihatan fizikal dan mental mereka.

## Kesihatan mental

Kementerian Kesihatan pernah melaporkan penduduk Lembah Klang mengalami kes kesihatan mental paling tinggi antara puncanya kos sara hidup dan miskin bandar.

Malah, Kajian Indeks Kebahagiaan terbaharu dikeluarkan PlanMalaysia melaporkan hanya satu bandar sahaja sekitar Lembah Klang berada dalam senarai 10 bandar paling bahagia di negara ini, padahal penduduknya membayar kos perumahan lebih tinggi.

Jika wilayah lain gagal menarik orang muda dan siswazah dengan tawaran pekerjaan menarik, maka Kuala Lumpur dan Lembah Klang akan terus bertambah sesak.

Lebih ramai lagi menaruh nasib dengan mengejar peluang di Kuala Lumpur dan Lembah Klang berbanding menetap di kampung halaman yang mempunyai peluang ekonomi terutama pekerjaan sangat terhad.

Mereka akan tersepit antara hidup dalam kesesakan bandar dengan kemajuan perlahan di luar wilayah Kuala Lumpur.

Oleh itu, perancangan wilayah lain memerlukan peruntukan lebih besar bukan sahaja untuk kemudahan infrastruktur, bahkan demi menjana peluang pekerjaan sepadan dengan tahap pendidikan dan kemahiran tenaga buruh, terutama siswazah.

Agensi kerajaan sama ada peringkat Kerajaan Persekutuan negeri, mahupun tempatan perlu berganding bahu untuk menzahirkan nilai MADANI sebenar melalui pembangunan wilayah seimbang.

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Sidang Dewan Rakyat

# PADU berjaya tepis lebih dua juta 'serangan' sehari

Ciri keselamatan sistem ikut piawai global tetap terjamin

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**Kuala Lumpur:** Kementerian Ekonomi mendedahkan lebih dua juta cubaan bagi menembusi ciri keselamatan Pangkalan Data Utama (PADU) dibuat setiap hari, ketika peringkat permulaan sistem itu diperkenalkan.

Menteri, Rafizi Ramli, berkata bagaimanapun setakat ini tiada pihak yang berjaya kerana ciri keselamatan sistem berkenaan mematuhi piawai global, termasuk bagi komponen keselamatan rangkaian.

Katanya, PADU juga menampilkan tiga komponen utama bagi aspek keselamatan data, antaranya komponen keselamatan data membabitkan pelaksanaan kawalan akses capaian serta penyulitan.

"Setiap data didaftarkan di PADU adalah encrypted. Maksudnya, walaupun ada yang berjaya memecah masuk dan memuat turun fail, ia perlu dinyahsulitkan.

"Kecualilah penggoda itu adalah super komputer yang boleh menyahsulitkan data berkenaan, namun ia adalah suatu yang merapu," katanya pada sesi soal jawab di Dewan Rakyat, semalam.

Beliau menjawab soalan Datin Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail (PH-Bandar Tun Razak) mengenai langkah kawalan data PADU daripada disalahgunakan.



Rafizi pada sesi soal jawab di Dewan Rakyat, semalam. (Foto BERNAMA)

Media sebelum ini melaporkan kebimbangan mengenai pelanggaran dan kebocoran data menjadi punca utama kerajaan Sarawak mengarahkan pendaftaran PADU ditangguhkan.

Selepas Sarawak, Sabah pula mahu Kementerian Ekonomi menghentikan sementara pendaftaran PADU dan membuat penilaian semula terhadap pelaksanaan program berkenaan.

berkata, sistem PADU juga tidak dibenarkan untuk diakses dari luar negara dan lokasi dikategorikan berisiko dengan ketetapan itu berdasarkan rekod cubaan akses kebanyakannya bukan dari Malaysia.

"Insya-Allah kaedah dinyatakan akan memastikan keselamatan PADU daripada penyalahgunaan, selain memastikan tiada keciciran berlaku dalam pendaftaran," katanya.

Beliau berkata, pasukan pembangunan sistem PADU diketuai Jabatan Digital Negara bekerjasama dengan pelbagai agensi

menguruskan keselamatan siber dan privasi data negara.

"Antaranya, Pejabat Ketua Pegawai Keselamatan Kerajaan (CGSO), Agensi Keselamatan Siber Negara (NACSA), Cyber Security Malaysia (CSM) dan Jabatan Perlindungan Data Peribadi (JPTP) serta Kementerian Komunikasi dan Kementerian Digital.

"PADU juga dibangunkan menggunakan kepakaran Kementerian Ekonomi, Jabatan Perangkaan dan Jabatan Digital Negara dengan sokongan dan kerjasama pelbagai kementerian, agensi dan kerajaan negeri," katanya.

Mengenai aspek pendaftaran, Rafizi berkata, 8,093,336 warga tempatan berusia 18 tahun ke atas sudah mendaftar, mewakili 36.8 peratus daripada jumlah keseluruhan, setakat jam 11.59 malam kelmarin.

"Kami mengunjurkan pendaftaran bakal mencapai 50 peratus, berpandukan kadar pen-

daftar antara 350,000 hingga 400,000 sehari, menjelang 31 Mac ini," katanya.

## Pola pendaftaran berbeza

Sementara itu, beliau memaklumkan, pola pendaftaran PADU agak berbeza berbanding jangkakan dengan negeri yang memiliki jumlah kawasan pedalaman lebih banyak mencatatkan pendaftaran lebih tinggi.

"Contohnya, Kelantan, Sabah, Sarawak dan sebahagiannya adalah kerana usaha *Flying Skuad*. Kita mengenal pasti kawasan pedalaman selepas sebulan pendaftaran dibuka.

"Lebih ramai kakitangan digerakkan ke kawasan pedalaman dan (penduduk) di bandar yang biasanya celik digital, mereka berpeluang mengemaskini (PADU) secara peribadi.

"Bagi meminimumkan risiko keciciran, kita sudah memadamkan semua pangkalan data bantuan kerajaan sedia ada dengan geopin lokasi bagi mengenal pasti kawasan berisiko keciciran," katanya.

Menjawab soalan tambahan Ahmad Fadhli Shaari (PN-Pasir Mas), Rafizi menafikan dakwaan sebahagian besar bukan Bumiputera tidak mendaftar di PADU kerana kurang percaya kepada kerajaan.

Sebaliknya, beliau berkata, keadaan itu didorong faktor bukan Bumiputera tidak biasa menerima bantuan dan mengisi dokumen seumpama itu.

"Sebahagian besar golongan berkenaan memang tidak biasa menerima bantuan kerajaan secara bulanan, sebelum ini. Sebab itu mereka tidak banyak yang berada dalam sistem kerajaan.

"Mereka juga banyak yang merasakan berada dalam golongan M40 ke atas dan tidak layak mendapat apa-apa bantuan. Itu sebab dia, bukan sebab defisit kepercayaan," katanya.



# PBT diarah tak 'tekan' penjaja bazar Ramadan

Anwar minta elak dikenakan sewa terlalu tinggi, urus sendiri tapak berniaga

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**Kuala Lumpur:** Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim mengarahkan pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) tidak 'menekan' peniaga bazar Ramadan dengan mengenakan kos sewa tapak yang tinggi.

Perdana Menteri berkata, tiada sebab untuk PBT mengenakan sewa yang tinggi.

Katanya, keadaan itu diburukkan lagi apabila sebahagian tapak bazar Ramadan tidak dikendalikan secara terus oleh PBT, sebaliknya diurus pihak ketiga.

"Penyumberluaran itu sekaligus menyebabkan peniaga terpaksa berdepan kenaikan kos kerana perlu membayar ejen dan bukan menyewa tapak bazar Ramadan secara langsung kepada PBT.

"Kalau secara spesifik soal bazar Ramadan yang saya dapat lawati di empat lima tempat, pertama kos sewa itu terlalu tinggi.

"Jadi kita telah memberikan arahan, kalau kos itu yang dikendalikan Majlis Perbandaran, jangan 'tekan' (sewa) dalam keadaan sekarang," katanya pada sesi Waktu Pertanyaan-Pertanyaan Menteri di Dewan Rakyat semalam.

Beliau menjawab soalan tambahan Datuk Seri Takiyuddin Hassan (PN-Kota Bharu) mengenai usaha mengekang kesan rantaian ekonomi, terutama bagi peniaga bazar Ramadan susulan kadar baharu SST berkuat kuasa sejak 1 Mac lalu.

"Termasuk semalam, di Tambun, Perak saya dapati sekiranya kos sewa (bazar Ramadan) itu lumayan (murah), ia tidak sangat mengesankan (peniaga).

"Ada beberapa kedai daripada sekitar 180 (peniaga di bazar Ramadan dekat Tambun) mengambil kesempatan untuk meningkatkan (harga).

"Namun, bazar Ramadan tiada kena-mengena langsung dengan cukai jualan dan perkhidmatan (SST). Tak dinafikan juga, kadang-kadang ada syarikat besar mengambil kesempatan," kata Perdana Menteri.

Memperincikan kerelevanan perubahan kadar SST, Anwar berkata, ia terpaksa dibuat bagi mengelak ekonomi negara men-



Anwar pada sesi soal jawab di Sidang Dewan Rakyat, semalam.

(Foto BERNAMA)

junam, selain tiada pertambahan hasil negara dan mengelak longgokan hutang.

"Apakah cukai harus dikenakan kepada rakyat biasa? Kita cuba elak seperti yang dilakukan bagi elektrik.

"SST diberi pengecualian dengan maksud tidak mengenakan kesan negatif kepada kebanyakannya rakyat tetapi seperti kita tahu, ada kesan sampingan kecil yang mesti dikawal.

"Saya setuju kita harus terus pantau, tetapi kalau secara khusus bazar Ramadan ini, kebanyakannya (peniaga) mengeluh kerana kadar sewa tinggi dan pendapatan saya, PBT tiada sebab untuk mengenakan sewa yang tinggi," katanya.

## Tarik peluang pelaburan

Sementara itu, ketika menjawab soalan tambahan Jimmy Pua Wee Tse (PH-Tebrau) mengenai kemampuan Malaysia mampu mencatatkan jumlah pelaburan yang tinggi dan memastikan momentum itu berterusan, Perdana Menteri berkata, kestabilan politik, dasar ekonomi MADANI yang jelas dan langkah memudahkan perniagaan antara faktor yang menarik pelabur datang ke negara ini, sehingga mampu mencatatkan jumlah pelaburan tertinggi diluluskan dalam sejarah negara tahun lalu.

Katanya, kejayaan itu memabatkan sumbangan semua jentera kerajaan, diterajui Kementerian Pelaburan, Perdagangan dan Industri (MITI) dan Kementerian Luar yang bukan hanya mampu dicapai dengan beberapa kunjungan ke negara luar.

"Pelabur, sama ada domestik atau asing, apabila mereka nak datang, mereka nak tengok jelas atau tidak (dasar).

"Kita ada pelan perindustrian,

transisi tenaga, transformasi digital dan program keselamatan makanan yang jelas.

"Mereka tahu sebelum bertemu kita, beberapa kerangka kebijakan ekonomi yang kita jelaskan.

"Selain itu, ia disumbang kepantasan kelulusan yang mendapat teguran sebelum ini, sama ada di peringkat Persekutuan, negeri dan perbandaran. Di peringkat Persekutuan, kita tumpukan satu agensi di MITI untuk menyelaraskannya," katanya.

## Perang dagang AS, China

Menjawab soalan sama ada Malaysia terjejas atau mendapat manfaat daripada perang perdagangan antara Amerika Syarikat (AS) dan China, Anwar yang juga Menteri Kewangan mengakui ia memberi kesan kepada negara pengeksport ke China, termasuk Malaysia.

Bagaimanapun katanya, ada negara seperti Jerman mengambil langkah mengurangkan ketergantungan hanya kepada China dan turut memilih Malaysia sebagai hab dagangan.

"Dalam beberapa bulan ini, dapat kita lihat MITI menerima kehadiran Menteri Perdagangan (dari luar) dan kita juga masih mendapat pelawaan daripada kesungguhan Arab Saudi dan Qatar, yang dulunya juga melabur tapi agak rendah.

"Jika kita terus beri tumpuan dan latihan (kepada bakat tempatan) kerana kelemahan kita adalah latihan matematik dan sains, TVET (Pendidikan Teknikal dan Vokasional), kejuruteraan dan kecerdasan buatan (AI) peringkat tertinggi, kita mampu lakukan kalau berikan tumpuan serta peruntukan tambahan sepenuhnya," katanya.



# Projek tebatan banjir buka peluang kepada kontraktor berpengalaman

Belanjawan 2024  
sedia RM11.8 bilion  
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Peruntukan kira-kira RM11.8 bilion dalam Belanjawan 2024 untuk projek tebatan banjir melalui 33 projek berkeutamaan tinggi memberikan peluang kepada kontraktor yang berpengalaman dalam menjalankan kerja sedemikian, demikian menurut penganalisis.

Penganalisis RHB Investment Bank, Adam Mohamed Rahim, berkata pelaksanaan projek tebatan banjir setakat ini menyaksikan tawaran subkontrak bernilai

RM95 juta kepada Varia Bhd daripada Kator Construction pada Januari lalu untuk melaksanakan projek tebatan banjir Sungai Klang di Seksyen 25, Shah Alam.

Sementara itu, beliau berkata TRC Synergy Bhd meraih kerja bernilai RM24 juta pada Disember 2023 daripada Jabatan Pengairan dan Saliran (JPS) untuk mereka bentuk dan membina empangan tebatan banjir di Gombak, Selangor.

Katanya, Malaysian Resources Corporation Bhd (MRCB) juga telah disenarai pendek untuk menjalankan kerja tebatan banjir di Selangor.

"Hal ini tidak mengejutkan kerana MRCB sedang menjalankan projek tebatan banjir Muara Sungai Pahang Fasa 3 bernilai

RM380 juta.

"Selain itu, Kimlun Corporation Bhd menyatakan niatnya untuk membida bagi projek tebatan banjir yang besar, kemungkinan bertempat di Johor memandangkan kumpulan ini mempunyai jejak kehadiran yang menonjol di negeri itu.

"Kami juga tidak menolak kebarangkalian untuk Rohas Tecnic Bhd meraih projek tebatan banjir pada masa terdekat.

"Hal ini kerana ia terbabit dalam kerja pembinaan stesen pengepaman bernilai RM85 juta di dua kolam penahanan air sedia ada dan pemasangan saluran paip air untuk menyalurkan air ke Loji Rawatan Air Semenyih (WTP)," katanya dalam satu nota

penyelidikan, semalam.

Bagi Sabah dan Sarawak, Adam berkata, Naim Holdings Bhd menonjol sebagai penerima manfaat daripada kerja tebatan banjir di Sarawak kerana ia terbabit dalam fasa 1 projek tebatan banjir Kuching (siap pada 2010) dengan jumlah RM149 juta.

"Jika diimbaz kembali, fasa 2 projek tebatan banjir Kuching merupakan satu daripada 33 projek berkeutamaan tinggi dalam Belanjawan 2024," katanya.

## Kerajaan percepat projek

Adam berkata, dalam satu laporan terbitan bersama Bank Dunia dan Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM), berdasarkan data sejarah, andaian satu kejadian banjir yang berlaku dalam tempoh 20 tahun boleh menyebabkan Malaysia akan kehilangan sehingga 4.1 peratus daripada Keluaran

Dalam Negara Kasar (KDNK), malah kadar pengangguran negara akan turut meningkat 2.2 mata peratusan seandainya tiada ikhtiar untuk penyelesaian.

"Oleh itu, kami menjangka Kerajaan Persekutuan akan mempercepat projek sebegini pada bulan mendatang," katanya.

Di Malaysia, 983 kejadian banjir dilaporkan pada 2022 berbanding 1,057 kejadian pada 2021.

Bagaimanapun, projek tebatan banjir tetap menjadi aspek yang mustahak buat prasarana negara.

Selain fasa 2 projek tebatan banjir di Kuching, antara projek berkeutamaan tinggi lain disenaraikan dalam Belanjawan 2022 ialah Lembangan Sungai Pahang (Pahang), Fasa 2 Sungai Langat (Selangor), Sungai Jelai (Negeri Sembilan), Sungai Likas (Sabah), fasa 2 di Baling (Kedah) dan fasa 2 Sungai Kelantan.



Adam Mohamed Rahim

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# Sewa tapak bazar Ramadan mahal punca harga naik - PM

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Sewa tapak bazar Ramadan tinggi yang dikenakan oleh pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) menjadi punca peniaga menaikkan harga jualan,

bukannya akibat kenaikan Cukai Jualan dan Perkhidmatan (SST).

Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim berkata, dalam lawatan beliau ke beberapa tapak bazar Ramadan sebelum ini, mendapati kos sewa tapak terlalu tinggi.

Justeru, beliau mengingatkan PBT agar tidak menekan peniaga dengan meletakkan kos sewa tapak yang mahal atau menaikkan kadar sewa tapak bazar dengan sewenang-wenangnya.

"Kita telah memberikan arahan, kalau itu yang dikendalikan oleh maj-

lis perbandaran, jangan 'tekan' (sewa) dalam keadaan sekarang," kata beliau pada sesi Pertanyaan-pertanyaan Perdana Menteri (PMQT) di Dewan Rakyat semalam.

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## Sewa tapak bazar Ramadan mahal punca harga naik - PM

### Dari muka 1

Terdahulu, Datuk Seri Taqiyuddin Hassan (PN-Kota Bharu) meminta kerajaan menjelaskan mengenai impak kenaikan SST sejak 1 Mac yang menimbulkan rungutan dalam kalangan peniaga bazar Ramadan yang mendakwa kerugian dan tidak dapat membayar kos sewa tapak.

Mengulas lanjut, Perdana Menteri berkata, selain kos sewa tapak yang tinggi, sebahagian PBT turut menyerahkan pengendalian tapak bazar kepada ejen-ejen, sekali gus menjadikan harga tapak lebih mahal.

"Akhirnya, penyewa tidak menyewa secara langsung dari-

pada majlis perbandaran. Jadi, kos (sewa itu) meningkat," katanya.

Dalam pada itu, Perdana Menteri mengakui kadar baharu SST memberi kesan kepada kadar inflasi negara, namun kajian Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia (DOSM) menunjukkan kesannya tidak ketara iaitu peningkatan sekitar 0.2 peratus sahaja.

Katanya, ini kerana kadar cukai itu tidak melibatkan semua aspek melainkan aktiviti berkaitan perkhidmatan dan perniagaan yang kurang membabitkan rakyat secara langsung.

"Saya setuju, memang ada (inflasi meningkat), cuma kalau sekitar dua peratus, ia

masih terkawal dan masih rendah.

"Ada juga kesan kepada rakyat, maka sebab itu kita cuba bantu dengan menambah Hak Pengeluaran Sendiri (SDR) dan beberapa tambahan yang lain," katanya menjawab pertanyaan Datuk Mohd. Shahrar Abdullah (BN-Paya Besar).

Mohd. Shahrar meminta Perdana Menteri menjelaskan kesan terhadap kos sara hidup rakyat dan kos pengeluaran industri akibat kenaikan SST dari enam peratus kepada lapan peratus.

Sementara itu, ketika berucap dalam Seminar Kebangsaan Penerbitan Buku Berbahasa Melayu di Balai Budaya Tun Syed Nasir, Wisma Dewan Ba-

hasa dan Pustaka (DBP). Anwar bimbang terhadap kemunculan budaya sosial baharu termasuk ketidakupayaan berfikir lebih tiga minit.

Beliau juga melahirkan kebimbangan terhadap sikap membaca dalam kalangan rakyat sejak menjadi Menteri Pendidikan dahulu.

"Pengkritik telah melahirkan kebimbangan kemunculan budaya sosial baharu, dengan singkatan-singkatan, ketidakupayaan berfikir lebih tiga minit, ia berbahaya.

"Jadi harus usaha yang lebih, seperti saya pernah gesa seperti ketika dahulu, agar ada majlis menggalakkan anak-anak membaca," katanya.

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## Bukan Melayu tidak daftar PADU sebab mereka 'tidak biasa' terima bantuan

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Jumlah pendaftaran Pangkalan Data Utama (PADU) yang rendah dalam kalangan bukan Melayu bukan berpunca daripada kumpulan tersebut mula kurang kepercayaan kepada kerajaan.

Menteri-Ekonomi Rafizi Ramli berkata, ramai bukan bumiputera dan bukan Melayu tidak biasa menerima bantuan kerajaan secara bulanan, maka mereka merasakan tiada keperluan untuk mereka mendaftar PADU.

"Sebab itu mereka tidak banyak (mendaftar) dalam sistem kerajaan. Kebanyakan mereka berada dalam golongan M40 dan ke atas.



**RAFIZI RAMLI**

"Atas sebab itu mereka tidak layak untuk apa-apa bantuan

(kerajaan). Itulah sebabnya (tak ramai mendaftar), bukannya sebab kurang kepercayaan," katanya di Dewan Rakyat semalam.

Terdahulu, Ahmad Fadhli Shaari (PN-Pasir Mas) dalam soalan tambahan di Dewan Rakyat meminta kementerian menjelaskan mengapa orang bukan Melayu kurang mendaftar PADU dan adakah ia berpunca daripada 'trust deficit' dalam kalangan mereka.

Minggu lalu, Rafizi membangkitkan kebimbangan mengenai jumlah pendaftaran PADU yang rendah dalam kalangan penduduk di Lembah Klang

dan bukan Melayu.

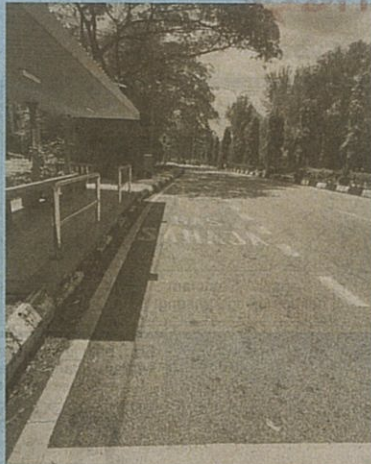
Rafizi berkata, penduduk di 4,752 lokaliti dikesan belum mendaftar PADU, dengan 1,282 di Selangor dan 992 di Kuala Lumpur. Petaling Jaya jumlah penduduk tertinggi tidak mendaftar dengan Padu.

Beliau turut mengumumkan terdapat peningkatan pendaftaran mendadak setiap hari dan kini melepasi 8 juta setakat semalam.

"Sebab itu di negeri-negeri yang ramai penduduk B40, yang ramai merasakan mereka layak menerima bantuan, negeri itulah yang menunjukkan pendaftaran lebih tinggi," katanya.

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**LEBIH** baik jika pihak MBSA menggunakan satu istilah atau perkataan sahaja, untuk seluruh hentian bas di bawah pentadbiran MBSA.  
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## Elok guna istilah bas sahaja

**SAUDARA PENGARANG,**

**KEMUDAHAN** pengangkutan awam seperti bas terdapat di seluruh bandar di Malaysia, termasuklah di Bandar Raya Shah Alam. Di bandar raya ini, perkhidmatan bas disediakan oleh sebuah agensi Kerajaan Negeri Selangor iaitu Smart Selangor. Bagi hentian bas pula, ia dibina dan diselenggarakan oleh Majlis Bandaraya Shah Alam (MBSA).

Sejak lebih dari 10 tahun lalu, MBSA menggunakan sekurang-kurangnya tujuh istilah atau perkataan yang berbeza dalam petak khas untuk bas berhenti. Kebanyakannya dicat dengan warna kuning. Namun, di sesetengah lokasi, ia dicat dengan warna putih.

Penulis sendiri telah membuat pemantauan yang rapi. Istilah-istilah yang sedang dan masih digunakan adalah seperti bas, bas shj, bas sahaja stop bus, bas stop dan sahaja bas.

Jika diperhatikan, istilah yang digunakan tidak seragam, sehinggakan ada istilah yang bercampur aduk dengan bahasa Melayu dan bahasa Inggeris.

Lebih baik jika pihak MBSA menggunakan satu istilah atau perkataan sahaja, untuk seluruh hentian bas di bawah pentadbiran MBSA. Jika ini dilakukan, sudah tentu ia tampak kemas dan profesional.

Justeru, penulis mencadangkan agar pihak MBSA menggunakan satu istilah atau perkataan iaitu bas sahaja. Perkataan bas diletakkan di baris atas, dan perkataan sahaja terletak di baris bawah.

Dari amalan biasa pun, kita membaca sesuatu dari atas ke bawah. Sejujurnya, penulis telah pun memberikan cadangan ini kepada pihak MBSA, setahun yang lalu, dengan menghantar e-mel kepada Datuk Bandar Shah Alam, pada 19 Januari 2023.

Mungkin mereka terlepas pandang, kerana penulis tidak menerima apa-apa respons daripada mereka. Diharapkan pihak MBSA dapat mempertimbangkan cadangan ini.

**KAMARUDDIN HASSAN**  
Seksyen 8, Shah Alam

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# Inflasi dijangka meningkat pada suku kedua tahun ini

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**PETALING JAYA:** Momentum inflasi dijangka meningkat pada suku kedua 2024 berikutan pelarasan dalam cukai perkhidmatan dan jangkakan pelancaran rasionalisasi subsidi diesel, kata RHB Investment Bank Bhd.

Menurut prospek ekonomi bulanannya, RHB Investment Bank mengekalkan unjuran inflasi 2024 pada 3.3 peratus tahun ke tahun.

Ujarnya, cadangan langkah-langkah penyatuan fiskal diunjur akan meningkatkan inflasi utama sebanyak 0.7 peratus hingga 1.1 peratus berbanding 2.5 peratus tahun ke tahun pada 2023.

"Setakat ini, risiko inflasi dikawal oleh harga makanan yang stabil, sebahagiannya disebabkan oleh subsidi makanan yang berterusan dan kawalan harga bagi barangan makanan ruji.

"Magnitud sebenar risiko peningkatan akan bergantung kepada beberapa faktor utama seperti tarikh kuat kuasa pelaksanaan untuk rasionalisasi subsidi bahan api, kuantum



**PELARASAN** cukai perkhidmatan dan jangkakan pelarasan subsidi diesel dijangka memberi kesan kepada kadar inflasi semasa. - GAMBAR HIASAN

pelarasan harga dan tarif serta kekuatan kesan pusingan kedua terhadap perbelanjaan isi rumah dan kos perniagaan," katanya.

Bank pelaburan itu berkata,

tarikh berkuat kuasa untuk rasionalisasi subsidi bahan api atau harga runcit bahan api baharu belum lagi ditentukan buat masa ini.

"Garis masa kasar untuk rasionalisasi subsidi bahan api ialah harga diesel dirasionalakan menjelang suku kedua 2024, diikuti dengan rasionalisasi sub-

sidi bahan api RON95 pada separuh kedua 2024," ujarnya.

Sementara itu, pihaknya percaya Kadar Dasar Semalaman (OPR) berkemungkinan dikekalkan pada 3.00 peratus bagi 2024.

"Ini memandangkan kekurangan dorongan untuk Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) mengubah tahap kadar dasarnya tahun ini, serta prospek ekonomi domestik yang lebih cerah di tengah-tengah ketidaktentuan dalam trajektori inflasi.

"Julat inflasi rasmi yang luas di antara 2.0 peratus hingga 3.5 peratus sepatutnya menyediakan ruang yang mencukupi untuk pergerakan harga di masa depan," jelasnya.

Tambahnya, bank pusat mungkin mengekalkan kadar penanda arasnya sehingga terdapat kejelasan yang lebih besar mengenai garis masa yang tepat dan magnitud pembaharuan subsidi bahan api.

RHB Investment Bank berkata, BNM juga akan mengakses kesan yang tertinggal pada keseluruhan trajektori inflasi dan momentum ekonomi.

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Rafizi nyatakan sistem dilengkapi komponen diiktiraf global

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# Sistem Padu dijamin selamat

## DEWAN RAKYAT

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**KUALA LUMPUR** – Rakyat Malaysia yang mendaftar sistem Pangkalan Data Utama (Padu) tidak perlu risau mengenai privasi data mereka kerana ia dilengkapi dengan komponen keselamatan yang diiktiraf di peringkat antarabangsa.

Menurut Menteri Ekonomi, Rafizi Ramli, setiap data yang didaftarkan dalam sistem Padu adalah sulit (*encrypted*) bagi mengelakkan sebarang ketirisan data daripada berlaku.

"Walaupun (jika) ada yang berjaya memecah masuk dan memuat turun fail seperti yang selalu disebut, fail tersebut perlu dinyah sulit (*decrypt*). Boleh berlaku jika penggodam mempunyai komputer *super* yang mampu ekstrak data tersebut, namun itu adalah mengarang," katanya.

"Saya tidak pernah maklum mengenai perkara ini kerana ingin melindungi keselamatan sistem. Bagaimanapun, sekiranya ditanya sama ada data sudah *encrypted* atau tidak, itu sudah kita lakukan," katanya pada sesi Waktu Pertanyaan-Pertanyaan



RAFIZI ketika menjawab pertanyaan di Dewan Rakyat, Kuala Lumpur semalam.

Menteri di Dewan Rakyat di sini semalam.

Rafizi berkata demikian sewaktu menjawab pertanyaan Datuk Seri Dr. Wan Azizah Wan Ismail (**PH-Bandar Tun Razak**) yang ingin tahu apakah mekanisme untuk meningkat dan mempercepatkan pendaftaran rakyat Malaysia terhadap Padu

yang mana setakat Januari 2024 hanya 1.3 juta sahaja rakyat Malaysia yang mendaftar.

Dalam pada itu, Rafizi berkata, terdapat lebih dua juta percubaan untuk mengakses data Padu dan semuanya berjaya dipatahkan oleh kerajaan.

Katanya, sekiranya berlaku kebocoran data atau serangan

siber ke atas sistem Padu, kerajaan juga sentiasa bersedia mengendalikan insiden keselamatan melalui Pasukan Tindak Balas Insiden Keselamatan Komputer yang akan melaksanakan penyiasatan punca insiden selaras dengan Pekeliling Am Bilangan 4 Tahun 2022.

"Bagi memastikan integriti data dan kebocoran data tidak dilakukan oleh pegawai yang mempunyai akses kepada data, penilaian tahap integriti pegawai juga akan diambil kira melalui proses tapisan keselamatan oleh Pejabat Ketua Pegawai Keselamatan Kerajaan Malaysia," ujarinya.

Tambah Rafizi, pasukan pembangunan sistem Padu yang diketuai Jabatan Digital Negara sentiasa bekerjasama rapat dengan pelbagai agensi yang menguruskan keselamatan siber dan privasi data negara.

"Ia seperti Pejabat Ketua Pegawai Keselamatan Kerajaan, Agensi Keselamatan Siber Negara, CyberSecurity Malaysia dan Jabatan Perlindungan Data Peribadi serta Kementerian Komunikasi.

"Kerjasama strategik ini bagi memastikan pencegahan kebocoran data dan perlindungan privasi data Padu diberikan keutamaan yang tinggi," katanya.

Sehingga 24 Mac lalu, status jumlah pengemaskinian individu dalam sistem Padu seramai 7,715,559 orang yang merangkumi seramai 4,110,060 (53.2%) lelaki dan 3,615,480 (46.8%) wanita.

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## Harga di bazar Ramadan tidak ada kena mengena SST – PM

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**KUALA LUMPUR** – Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim menegaskan, kenaikan harga makanan di bazar Ramadan tiada kaitan dengan pelaksanaan cukai jualan dan perkhidmatan (SST).

Menurut Anwar, kenaikan tersebut mungkin berlaku disebabkan sesetengah ejen atau pihak ketiga yang menjual tapak bazar Ramadan tersebut dengan harga lebih tinggi berbanding ditetapkan oleh pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT).

"Kalau secara spesifik tentang bazar Ramadan, saya sudah lawati empat hingga lima tempat.

Pertamanya, kos sewa itu sudah terlalu tinggi. Kalau kos itu dikendalikan oleh Majlis Perbandaran, jangan tekankan (sewa) dalam keadaan sekarang.

"Kemudian, di sebahagian Majlis Perbandaran, tapak itu diberikan kepada ejen-ejen, jadi akhirnya penyewa tidak sewa secara langsung dari Majlis Perbandaran. Jadi kos meningkat," katanya pada sesi Waktu Pertanyaan-Pertanyaan Menteri di Dewan Rakyat di sini semalam.

Beliau menjawab soalan tambahan Datuk Seri Takiyuddin Hassan (**PN-Kota Bharu**) mengenai usaha mengekang kesan

rantaian ekonomi terutama bagi peniaga bazar Ramadan susulan kadar baharu SST, berkuat kuasa sejak 1 Mac lalu.

Anwar berkata, SST perlu dilaksanakan untuk mengelakkan ekonomi negara daripada menjunam serta mengelak longgokan hutang.

"Saya setuju kita harus terus pantau, tetapi kalau secara khusus bazar Ramadan ini, kebanyakannya (peniaga) mengeluh kerana kadar sewa tinggi.

"Pada pendapat saya, PBT tiada sebab untuk mengenakan sewa yang tinggi kepada peniaga," katanya.

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## PBT usah 'tekan' <sup>2/3</sup> <sub>Am</sub> peniaga bazar Ramadan

**Kuala Lumpur:** Perdana Menteri Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim mengarahkan pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) supaya tidak 'menekan' peniaga bazar Ramadan dengan kos sewa tapak tinggi.

Menurutnya, tidak ada sebab PBT mengenakan kos sewa yang tinggi terhadap peniaga bazar Ramadan.

"Kalau secara spesifik soal bazar Ramadan yang saya dapat lawati di empat lima tempat, pertamanya kos sewa itu terlalu tinggi.

"Jadi, kita memberikan arahan, kalau kos itu yang dikendalikan Majlis Perbandaran, jangan 'tekan' (sewa) dalam keadaan sekarang," katanya ketika pertanyaan menteri di De-

wan Rakyat, semalam.

Beliau berkata demikian menjawab pertanyaan **Datuk Seri Takiyuddin Hassan (PN-Kota Bharu)** yang bertanyakan impak kenaikan Cukai Jualan dan Perkhidmatan (SST) bermula 1 Mac lalu menyebabkan rungutan daripada peniaga bazar Ramadan yang menyebabkan mereka kerugian dan tidak dapat membayar kos sewa tapak.

Mengulas lanjut, Anwar berkata, selain daripada kos sewa tapak yang terlalu tinggi, sebahagian PBT juga menyerahkan pengendalian kepada ejen.

"Akhirnya penyewa tidak menyewa secara langsung daripada Majlis Perbandaran. Jadi, kos (sewa itu) meningkat," katanya.

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