



**PENGURUSAN PEMANTAUAN KERATAN AKHBAR MBSJ  
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Penguat kuasa MPS menyita salah satu premis GISBH di Bandar Country Homes, Rawang pada 21 September. Beberapa struktur yang didirikan secara tidak sah turut diroboh dalam operasi bersama polis. Foto Facebook Majlis Perbandaran Selayang

## MPS sita premis operasi tanpa lesen

**GOMBAK** - Sebanyak sembilan premis perniagaan GISB Holdings (GISBH) yang beroperasi tanpa lesen disita dalam serbuan di Bandar Country Homes, Rawang pada 21 September.

Yang Dipertua Majlis Perbandaran Selayang (MPS) Shahman Jalaludin memberitahu pihaknya giat menjalankan tindakan penguatkuasaan berterusan bagi mengesan premis yang didapati tidak memiliki lesen perniagaan.

"Tindakan MPS menyita sembilan premis yang dimiliki GISBH tidak mempunyai lesen selain meroboh beberapa struktur binaan haram.

"Premis yang disita menjalan perniagaan kedai makan dan dobi. Sebanyak 17 premis yang ada lesen niaga dikesan beroperasi di Rawang dan Bandar Baru Selayang namun semuanya didapati kosong," katanya.

## Kutip RM7 juta tunggakan cukai

**GOMBAK** - Sebanyak RM7.7 juta tunggakan cukai taksiran dikutip Majlis Perbandaran Selayang (MPS) daripada keseluruhan RM10.68 juta setakat 31 Ogos, kata Yang Dipertuanya Shahman Jalaludin.

Beliau memberitahu MPS turut memproses notis cukai taksiran (Borang E) 69,966 akaun tertunggak selepas tempoh bayaran penggal kedua tamat pada 31 Ogos.

"Semua akaun yang diproses notis cukai taksiran ini turut dikenakan caj

lewat RM20. Notis ini akan tamat pada 30 September.

"Tindakan waran tahanan dengan caj RM100 akan dikenakan kepada akaun tertunggak setelah tamat notis," katanya dalam mesyuarat bulanan di ibu pejabatnya pada 23 September.

Shahman menjelaskan pihaknya mengutip RM55.31 juta cukai taksiran penggal pertama bagi tempoh 1 Januari hingga 31 Julai.

Menyasar kutipan keseluruhan RM117 juta tahun ini, sebanyak

RM35.91 juta diraih bagi tempoh awal penggal kedua sehingga 31 Ogos.

Tambahnya, usaha naik taraf portal MYMPS sebelum ini turut menunjukkan perkembangan positif apabila berjaya merekod hasil RM547,409.78.

"Kutipan terbanyak hasil dari sewa kedai RM290,536 diikuti cagaran (RM93,512.62), lesen perniagaan (RM82,390.16), kompaun (RM42,275), permit bangunan dan perancang (RM24,589), cagaran (RM5,880) dan pelan (RM905)," katanya.



## Peralihan monsun berisiko banjir kilat

**SHAH ALAM** - Fasa peralihan monsun dijangka bermula pada 24 September sehingga awal November depan, menandakan berakhirnya Monsun Barat Daya sejak 17 Mei.

Negara diramal menerima tiupan angin lemah daripada pelbagai arah sepanjang fasa berkenaan, lapor Bernama.

Situasi tersebut boleh menyebabkan ribut petir dan lazimnya hujan lebat berserta angin kencang dalam jangka singkat terutama pada petang dan awal malam.

Keadaan cuaca itu berpotensi menyebabkan banjir kilat, pokok tumbang serta kerosakan pada struktur yang tidak kukuh.

## Pantau prestasi 12 PBT

# Khidmat terbaik kepada rakyat

Oleh **SOFIA NASIR**

**SHAH ALAM** - Selangor memantau prestasi semua 12 pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) bagi memastikan perkhidmatan kepada rakyat memenuhi sistem penarafan baharu yang ditetapkan pada peringkat persekutuan.

EXCO Kerajaan Tempatan Dato' Ng Suee Lim berkata sistem penarafan berdasarkan 'lampu isyarat' yang diperkenal Kementerian Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan (KPKT) dijangka memberi dampak terhadap semua negeri.

"Kita menyambut baik hasrat KPKT untuk perkenal sistem penarafan 'lampu isyarat' ini. Di Selangor, kita meng-

gunakan sistem petunjuk prestasi utama (KPI) untuk menilai prestasi 12 PBT.

"Selepas ini, kita akan pantau secara dekat operasi perkhidmatan setiap PBT kerana prestasi mereka turut melibatkan imej Kerajaan Negeri," katanya pada 19 September.

Beliau menambah sistem penarafan tersebut diyakini berupaya mewujudkan persaingan sihat antara PBT sekaligus meningkatkan mutu perkhidmatan kepada masyarakat.

Malah katanya, rakyat di seluruh negara juga berupaya memantau prestasi PBT di kawasan masing-masing dengan lebih mudah susulan pelarasan yang ditetapkan kerajaan.

"Sistem lampu isyarat ini membantu penduduk untuk memantau PBT khu-

susnya di Selangor dan mereka juga akan menjalankan tugas dengan lebih cekap dalam melaksanakan tanggungjawab," katanya.

Pada 16 September, menteri KPKT memaklumkan penarafan berdasarkan 'lampu isyarat' dilaksana bagi menilai khidmat semua 156 PBT di seluruh negara mulai tahun depan.

Menurut Nga Kor Ming, PBT berprestasi kerja tinggi akan dilabel sebagai lampu hijau dan layak menerima pembiayaan tambahan, lampu kuning diberi amaran dengan peruntukan tertakluk kepada semakan.

Bagi kategori lampu merah, agensi mungkin menghadapi potongan pembiayaan dan permohonan kewangan pada masa depan mungkin ditolak.



## Top Glove terima lesen pelepasan sifar

**KLANG** - Top Glove Sdn Bhd (Top Glove) menjadi syarikat industri pertama di Selangor menerima lesen Dasar Pelepasan Sifar (ZDP), yang diwartakan Kerajaan Negeri pada 20 Jun.

EXCO alam sekitar berkata langkah proaktif Top Glove mengurus dan mengawal selia kuantiti serta kualiti sumber air wajar dicontohi semua pemain industri demi menjaga alam sekitar.

"Selangor negeri pertama memperkenalkan polisi ini bagi mencegah pencemaran sungai dan sumber air untuk mengurangkan beban berikutan ada kawalan kuantiti dan kualiti," kata Jamaliah Jamaluddin.

Beliau menyerahkan lesen kepada Pengerah Urusan Top Glove Lim Cheong Guan di Rumah Pam Loji Rawatan Air Top Glove di Meru di sini pada 20 September.

Menurutnya, polisi itu turut menarik minat negeri lain seperti Pulau Pinang, yang akan mengadakan lawatan rasmi bagi mendapatkan maklumat lanjut inisiatif tersebut.



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## Temporary halt to small businesses in Klang

FOOD trucks, hawkers with canopies and car-boot vendors operating outside the Pandamaran Public Swimming Pool, around the Pandamaran Sports Complex and at the carpark will be reorganised.

Klang Royal City Council (MBDK) Licensing Department director Zate Aziana Abdul Rahman said there were 90 traders currently scattered around the area.

"The local council is now focused on limiting the number of sellers and permitted areas.

"Most of the vendors began trading at the site in 2020. MBDK plans to provide a trading zone at the perimeter of the sports complex, parallel to Persiaran Raja Muda Musa, to establish a functioning hawker area."

She said that not all 90 traders would get to do business at the permitted site after the restructuring.

"Only 55 traders will be accommodated in a fair manner through drawing of lots.

"After site visits and discussions at length, our department

has decided that only 15 lots will be allocated for food trucks, 15 for car-boot sales and 25 for hawkers with canopies.

"All 55 vendors will be allowed to trade from 5pm to midnight, Fridays to Sundays," she said.

Areas outside the swimming pool and carpark were off limits, she said, and those trying to trade at the old site would be issued compounds and have their trucks or goods seized.

Zate said a three-month temporary licence would be issued and the lots would not be permanent.

"MBDK is giving an opportunity for people to earn a living.

"We will promote the area for 'gastronomic tourism' to attract more visitors.

"We feel that tourists on the way to Pulau Ketam will make a pit stop to enjoy the food here (the Pandamaran area)," she said.

The traders are expected to resume business on Oct 4, she added.



Hawkers and food trucks along Jalan Tun Dr Ismail in Taman Seri Andalas, Klang, will be relocated as part of the city council's reorganisation plan. — KK SHAM/ The Star

Meanwhile, in Jalan Tun Dr Ismail, Taman Sri Andalas, Zate said 11 hawkers within 50m of SMK Sri Andalas would be moved further up the road.

She said this was to prioritise

safety and ease of movement for residents walking to Taman Rakyat, a recreational area.

"Our Licensing Department has audited the mobile hawkers along the road.

"At the site, there are 30 food trucks and vendor stands.

"We will accommodate all with an adjustment at the site.

"All vendors will be given a three-month temporary licence," she said.

On Kapar's Jalan Teruntum night market where stalls were found being operated by foreigners, Zate said the lots were under the names of locals but had been sublet to migrants.

"Out of the 129 lots, we found some 90 are operated by foreign migrants."

She said MBDK had carried out raids twice in August and had shut down the night market to address the issue.

Zate said the city council was now offering night market lots in Jalan Paip, Jalan Kluang and Jalan Pengasah, which were within 4.3km to 9km from Jalan Teruntum, for those who genuinely wanted to trade.

"Furthermore, to avoid abuse of the night market trading site, the licence is only valid for three months," she added.

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# Taman Cheras Idaman piping works to start February

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WORKS to instal underground pipes in Taman Cheras Idaman are expected to start in February next year and will take 10 months to complete.

The project is part of an initiative by Selangor government to enhance the distribution of treated water supply in Klang Valley.

Kajang Municipal Council (MPKJ) Zone 9 councillor Siti Razimi Abd Razak said the project was currently awaiting an excavation permit.

As part of the requirement by MPKJ, a town hall session was held involving nearby residents and the appointed contractor.

"I suggested the working hours be limited to 9am to 5pm on weekdays and half a day on Saturdays.

"This will be finalised by MPKJ upon the issuance of the permit," Siti Razimi told *StarMetro* when met at the session.

She said the project encompassing 2.5km in length would not traverse residential areas, to prevent congestion and inconvenience to residents.

It was explained during the town hall session that the pipes would be installed along roads on the periphery of housing estates.

The contractor was also asked by MPKJ to prepare a traffic management plan.

Taman Rakan residents association secretary Juwita Bohari asked the contractor to halt work during school pickup times.

"The area has several schools and kindergartens, so we are concerned about traffic and safety," she said.

Taman Cheras Idaman resi-

dent Tan Woon Ling requested MPKJ to remove abandoned vehicles to reduce congestion in the area.

Taman Suria resident Owee Chung Ween, meanwhile, urged the local council to identify alternative locations for the pipes.

"They are too close to residential areas. We are worried about the impact from the machinery during the construction," she said.

Another MPKJ councillor, Lim Kim Eng, said the concerns would be forwarded to the local authority.



Siti Razimi: Project awaiting excavation permit.

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# Steering stray cattle out of trouble

Stakeholders to have six-month introductory period for Selangor's new bylaw on livestock once approved

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BESIDES roads or highways, roaming cattle have also found their way into hospitals and supermarkets, says Selangor infrastructure and agriculture committee chairman Izham Hashim.

This is cause of concern as there have been incidences of vehicles hitting stray cattle or buffaloes that were allowed to graze freely, he said.

"This is a safety and security issue that must be addressed.

"It is the owner's responsibility to properly manage their animals.

"We need a system to ensure that cattle are identifiable so that authorities can trace their owners," he said.

It is learnt that farmers often don't claim their livestock animals killed in road accidents, to avoid being held liable.

Justice is also elusive in cases with fatalities, due to the difficulty in identifying or proving ownership of the animals involved.

Izham said Selangor was planning to amend the Cattle and Buffalo Control Enactment 1971 to align with contemporary needs.

"The agricultural landscape has changed significantly over the past 50 years.

"There is an urgent need to update the law to reflect current conditions.

"Previously suitable grazing lands are now being developed, forcing cattle to stray onto roads.

"Penalties will also be reviewed," he said.

Izham said the Selangor Veterinary Services Department (DVS) was preparing a draft bylaws on licensing of cattle and buffalo breeding to standardise licensing methods, so the law could be enforced effectively.

"The draft is expected to be finalised by the end of the year,



Izham: There is a need to tag cattle in order to take action against the owners who let their animals roam into public areas.



Mohd Nazir welcomes the state initiatives to regulate livestock activities in a systematic manner.

pending approval from the Selangor Legal Advisor.

"Once approved, there will be a six-month introductory period where stakeholders, including community leaders, cattle farmers, government agencies and the police will be briefed on the new regulations before enforcement begins," the executive councillor added.

Selangor Ruminant Breeders and Butchers Association chairman Mohd Nazir Mohd Saiddin welcomed the state initiatives to regulate livestock activities in a systematic manner.

He said cattle owners should be held accountable for mishaps that happen due to their negligence or ignorance in caring for their animals.

"Some irresponsible cattle owners are giving all the farmers a bad name," he added.

Mohd Nazir said cows required a diverse diet, including grass, soybean meal, palm kernel, whole corn and wheat, which could be costly.

"On average, each cow needs 40kg of grass daily."

He said some farmers were unable to provide enough food for their cattle and chose to allow the animals to roam freely

to look for their own food.

Mohd Nazir said it was once very common for cattle to graze in plantations.

However, many of these areas have now been developed and some plantation owners have banned cattle from entering.

"As a result, the available grazing land has shrunk, forcing cattle into potentially hazardous new areas.

"It's crucial for farmers to adapt to changing circumstances," Mohd Nazir added.

R. Sangaran, a 60-year-old cattle farmer from Bangi Lama, urged the government to consider the plight of farmers like him.

He said his family had been in the livestock business for decades, with cows, goats and buffaloes on their own land.

"This is my livelihood. Times are tough, and many long-time farmers have had to take on additional jobs to make ends meet.

"I agree the activity must be regulated better, but not at the expense of the farmers' livelihood."

Another farmer P. Saravanan from Sepang, said he was growing napier grass on part of his



land to feed his cattle.

"But space is limited and it is not enough for my cattle.

"Sepang DVS has 30ha of land in Jenderam Hulu, allocated by the Sepang Land and Mines Office for farmers to cultivate grass.

"I understand the land has been divided into 15 parcels of 2ha each, benefitting only 15 farmers during the five-year lease period.

"It might be more effective if the land was divided into 75 smaller parcels of 0.4ha each, which could support more farmers," he suggested.

Saravanan said if each district's DVS could allocate some land for farmers to grow grass, it could help address the issue of cattle roaming freely.

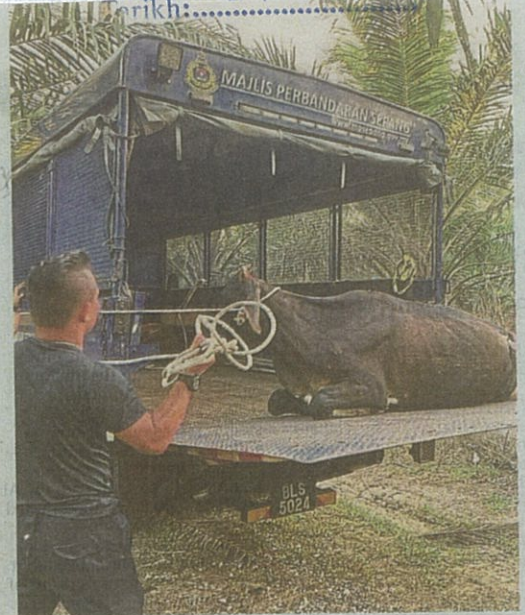
"Protecting our livelihoods is crucial for the state and country's food security too.

"A blanket rule affecting both new and old farmers could jeopardise the survival of small-scale farmers," he stressed.





This free roaming cow was spotted grazing beside the SILK Highway at Kampung Sungai Ramal Luar in Kajang. — Filepic



Sepang Municipal Council enforcement unit removing a cow that was found roaming unattended.

## Deaths, injuries and damage when cattle roam free

IT IS not unusual to see livestock like cattle venturing onto public roads and even highways, causing obstructions or worse, a hazard to motorists.

On Sept 23, it was reported that a motorcyclist died after crashing into a herd of cows crossing the road at KM24 Jalan Ferri, Hutan Melintang, Perak. The 37-year-old contractor died at the scene.

Three other vehicles — a motorcycle, a car and a lorry — were also involved in the accident.

On Aug 31, it was reported that a man died while six others were injured in a collision involving a car, four motorcycles and a cow at KM24 of Jalan Renggam-Simpang Renggam, Johor.

The cow was crossing the road when it was killed after being hit by a car, which then skidded to the opposite lane and collided with a motorcycle, according to reports.

Three other motorcyclists then crashed into the cow's carcass that was lying in the

middle of the road.

Two of the six injured were secondary school students.

In June, two such incidents reportedly happened along two highways, causing damage to vehicles.

At the first highway, in Selangor, a car crashed into one of the two cows that wandered onto the road.

The animals also reportedly caused a minor congestion on the highway.

Meanwhile, on the highway in Kuala Lumpur, a 30-year-old man tragically lost his life after his car collided with a cow.

Besides roads, cows had also strayed onto train tracks.

In November last year, it was reported that an express train carrying 336 passengers and five staff crashed into 14 cows at KM84.75 between Bahau Station and Triang Station in Bera, Pahang.

The crash reportedly killed all the cattle and caused some damage to the eight-wagon train including the engine.

— By LEW GUAN XI



Cattle blocking traffic at Ladang Sungai Jernih in Kerling, Hulu Selangor. — Filepic

animal cruelty, regulating slaughterhouses and ensuring that animal products were safe for human consumption.

There are various assistance programmes available for livestock owners through state and federal allocations, she said.

"Farmers can apply for aid by contacting their respective DVS district office.

"Due to a shortage of certified veterinarians, some DVS offices can only perform basic treatments such as for fever, diarrhoea, bloating, and minor wounds.

"Treatments requiring X-ray facilities, such as for compound fractures, must be referred to

facilities like Universiti Putra Malaysia's Veterinary Medicine Faculty or private clinics.

"DVS does not provide free treatment services," said Dr Hassuzana.

"Farmers are required to pay according to the Veterinary Centres Regulations effective from Oct 25, 2007.

"Under the 12th Malaysia Plan (2021-2025), the government assistance programme includes aid for livestock equipment, breeding stock, construction materials for expanding or repairing shelters, feed supplements and grass planting assistance," she elaborated. — By VIJENTHI NAIR



Sangaran uses the breedlot system at his farm in Bangi Lama, Selangor.



# AI hub to help S'gor SMEs

## State government to build facility with cloud partners

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AN ARTIFICIAL intelligence (AI) centre will be set up in Selangor to help small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) embrace the technology.

The move will be under the state's 2025 budget, said Selangor Islamic and cultural innovation committee chairman Dr Mohammad Fahmi Ngah.

Speaking at the Selangor 2025 Budget dialogue session, he said the AI infrastructure centre would be built in collaboration with cloud partners.

The dialogue session was launched by Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari, where five group discussions took place simultaneously.

The topics were AI, sustainable revenue, state sustainability, public welfare and housing.

"We talk about small and medium-sized entrepreneurs adopting AI but there seems to be scarce use of AI, due to the cost. We will be setting up the AI centre to help you," Mohammad Fahmi said during his speech during the AI dialogue session.

He said the state realised that there were also gaps in terms of AI adoption within the state government management itself.

"SMEs may have funding limitations to embark on AI technologies, so we will do a match-fund model where we will pay some money and you match that to solve your problem using our facilities.

"This will help bring down the

cost," he said.

He welcomed at least 30 "use cases", a term used in system analysis to identify and organise the system requirements.

"We need industry use cases. The SMEs can use local or foreign talents, that is entirely up to them."

Elaborating on this to *StarMetro*, Mohammad Fahmi said, "Ideally, they source talent locally from our universities.

"Our students here will then be able to use the AI centre with the foreign AI technology to solve industry problems."

He said AI technology could also be used to manage floods better, via sharing of informa-

tion from multiple agencies and making information available at one centre.

"For instance, if there is a lack of an item such as mattresses in Kuala Selangor, we should have an AI system whereby we can quickly locate the nearest place that has mattresses and dispatch them to the flooded location immediately," he cited.

He said other simple cases would be digitising meeting minutes to save time.

"At the moment it takes about a month for a meeting's minutes to be prepared.

We do not have AI system that can help with this, that is fast and accurate," he said.

"Another example is facial recognition for attendance at work," he added.

Mohammad Fahmi said AI was not just about picking and choosing the best models from web services.

"We need mathematicians, we need to build digital models and run those models.

"We also need the right data to train on the models. This is the core of AI that we require."

In his speech, Mohammad Fahmi also touched on Selangor expecting to achieve full 5G network coverage in all its populated areas by 2025.

"Civil servants will not have any more excuses to not use AI."



Amirudin looking at the displays at the Selangor 2025 Budget dialogue at Setia City Convention Centre, Shah Alam. — FAIHAN GHANI/The Star

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LIFE in the city can be taxing for both working mothers and stay-at-home mums, especially those handling the bulk of household chores.

This could be among the factors that affect mothers' mental health, said Mental Illness Awareness and Support Association (Miasa) founder and president Anita Abu Bakar.

"Do not be ashamed or afraid to talk to someone when you are feeling overwhelmed.

"Ask for help, receive help, have a support system, communicate your needs, engage with difficult conversations and take time for yourself," said Anita, who personally has struggled with mental health issues.

She said this at a forum titled "Women's Role in Society: Addressing Gender Bias, Double Burden and Mental Well-being in Malaysia" organised by leading self-service laundrette dobiQueen and held in KL Eco City, Kuala Lumpur.

Anita said organisations should also offer comfort rooms, breathing spaces, counselling and peer support to assist their staff, especially mothers, who are known to shoulder a heavy workload in the workplace and at home.

She emphasised the importance of support group sessions which enable those affected to exchange views and get peer support.

Khazanah Research Institute's research associate Puteri Marjan Megat Muzafar, who was among the panellists, revealed that while 52% of women had tertiary level education, they represented only 37.7% of the paid labour force.

"In terms of skilled jobs, women represent half the number of professionals.

"However, women remain under-represented in leadership positions such as those of managers, making up just 25.4%

# Gender bias in Malaysia's carer roles called out

## Forum addresses mothers' double duties, workplace needs to support their mental well-being



(From left) Host Diyana Hashim, Tan, Puteri Marjan and Anita using the forum as a platform to push for better support for mothers. — CHAN TAK KONG/The Star

of this group."

She said women represented only 29% of technicians and associate professionals.

"Social norms influence gender outcomes, including economic participation. Traditional gender roles persist where men are seen as primary breadwinners

and women are expected to be caregivers, leading to gender inequality.

"Compared to men, women are performing five times more in unpaid carer duties.

"From cleaning to meal preparation and more, these 'unseen' tasks are crucial to everyone's daily lives.

"Yet, these contributions remain excluded from traditional economic measures," said Puteri Marjan.

Meanwhile dobiQueen co-founder and executive director Nini Tan said 75% of her clients were women.

"Half of them are in full-time employment while the other half are homemakers," she said.

"Despite women's increasing contributions to the formal economy, we are still expected to manage household and caregiving responsibilities.

"Lack of support and flexibility in the workplace prevent many from fully participating in the labour force too.

"With only 25% of our client demographic being men, this indicates that a majority of women are the ones who take on most of the household chores such as laundry and cooking," said Tan.

She said dobiQueen advocated sharing household responsibilities more equitably.

"This redistribution of chores eases stress, prevents burnout and fosters a more balanced lifestyle.

"We salute the majority of women who keep the household going.

"Our goal is to reduce household chores for working adults and give them back precious time for them to spend with family and friends," she added.

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# Sustainable bytes

Green technologies for big changes in everyday life

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In an era where sustainability is a necessity, green technology has emerged as a crucial solution to addressing inefficiencies and waste across all sectors.

It encompasses a variety of tools and practices designed to enhance energy efficiency,

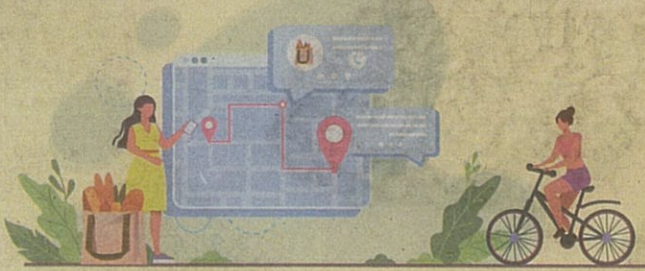
reduce waste and mitigate the impacts of climate change.

Integrating green technology into our daily lives and business operations holds immense importance.

For individuals, it means making smarter choices that collectively contribute to a healthier planet. For businesses and SMEs, this translates

to operational efficiencies, reduced costs, and improved brand reputation.

The government aims to reduce carbon intensity by 45% by 2030, the widespread adoption of green technologies can accelerate national progress towards these targets. Carbon intensity refers to the amount of carbon dioxide emissions produced per unit of GDP.



## Managing food waste

Food waste management apps like OLIO combat food waste by connecting those with surplus food to the ones in need, preventing it from ending up in landfills.

Users list surplus food items on the app, and others in the community can claim these items for free or at a discounted rate.

According to the Federal Territory Solid Waste and Public Cleansing Management Corporation (SWCorp), food waste accounts for nearly 45% of annual municipal solid waste in Malaysia.

By using these apps, households can reduce their waste, businesses can enhance their CSR initiatives, and both can help reduce methane emissions from decomposition food.

What A Waste, a Malaysian social enterprise, rescues surplus food from various sources and redistributes it to those in need.

Food donors post available surplus food on the platform, which is then collected and distributed to verified recipients. This ensures transparency and reduces food contamination risks.

The enterprise involves students and volunteers in their missions, providing community service opportunities, and currently serves over 10,000 families in Subang Jaya and rural areas. Their upcoming e-platform will simplify the donation process.

Tip: Start a WhatsApp group with your neighbours to ensure extra food you can't finish doesn't go to waste. This reduces food waste and fosters a sense of community.

## Eco-tracking apps

Eco-tracking apps, like JouleBug, help users monitor and reduce their carbon footprint, making sustainability a seamless part of everyday life.

These apps educate users on the environmental impact of their daily choices, encouraging behavioural changes.

JouleBug offers customisation features to gamify sustainability in workplaces. Users can track their eco-friendly actions, earn points, and compete with friends. Companies can offer rewards through the app to incentivise employees to maintain positive behavioural changes.

Users log their daily activities—such as energy consumption, waste production, and transportation habits—into the app.

The app calculates associated carbon emissions and provides tips for improvement. By highlighting individual actions and their impact, eco-tracking apps demonstrate how small, consistent efforts can make a significant difference.



## E-waste management

This involves disposing, recycling and repurposing of electronic waste responsibly, such as old computers and smartphones.

E-waste recycling programmes break down devices into their component materials for reuse or proper disposal.

E-waste contains hazardous materials that can harm the environment if not disposed of correctly.

Toxic chemicals from improperly discarded electronics can leak into the soil and water, posing

significant environmental risks and health hazards.

Recycling e-waste is crucial for mitigating these dangers and recovering valuable materials like gold, silver, and copper that can be reused in new products, reducing the environmental impact and conserving natural resources.

**Donate or sell:**  
Extends their life cycle instead of discarding old electronics.



## E-waste recycling programmes:

Safely dispose of gadgets by using certified e-waste recycling programmes that ensure responsible handling and recycling. Check the Jabatan Alam Sekitar site for e-waste collection and recovery facilities.

**Proper Device Care:**  
Maintain and repair devices to prolong usefulness.



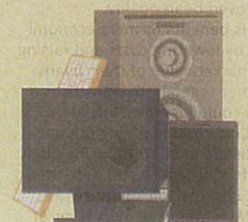
## Avoid unnecessary upgrades:

Only replace devices when absolutely necessary to minimise waste.

Integrating green technology into our daily lives and business operations is crucial for achieving Malaysia's ESG goals.

For individuals and companies alike, these technologies provide environmental benefits and economic advantages.

By leveraging these emerging technologies, Malaysians and SMEs can make significant strides towards sustainability, collectively contributing to a greener future, one act at a time.





# Majority of under 30s fall short of minimum EPF savings

**PETALING JAYA:** Over 90% of Employees Provident Fund (EPF) members under 30 lack adequate basic savings for retirement, according to the Khazanah Research Institute.

The institute's Households and the Pandemic 2019-2022: The State of Households 2024 report, released yesterday, reveals that only those in the top income decile (D10) in the below 30 age group have the required amount needed for basic retirement.

According to EPF's estimates, an individual needs to have a minimum of RM35,000 by age 30 to achieve basic retirement savings of RM240,000 by age 55.

"Using this metric, the data shows that over 90% of members under 30 do not have enough basic savings of RM240,000 by retirement age," the report said.

It highlights that a similar trend

**"This trend highlights the increasing vulnerability of lower-income individuals, risking inadequate savings for future emergencies or retirement."**

Households and the Pandemic 2019-2022: The State of Households 2024

persists among the 30-54 age group, where only D10 contributors meet the RM240,000 target.

It said many in this group may have made withdrawals from their EPF Account 2 for purposes like education or first home purchase.

Additionally, the pandemic from 2019 to 2022 significantly impacted EPF savings for those in the 30-54 age group, particularly

due to relief programmes such as i-Lestari, i-Sinar, i-Citra and the 2022 Pengeluaran Khas that allowed partial withdrawals.

Individuals under 30 in the lowest income decile (D1) withdrew 98.2% of their savings, compared to 79.3% in D5 and 29.7% in D10.

Among those aged 30 to 54, D1 withdrew 98.0%, while D5 and D10 figures were lower at 50.3%

and 6.8%, respectively.

"This trend highlights the increasing vulnerability of lower-income individuals, risking inadequate savings for future emergencies or retirement," it said.

The report also discussed the uneven income growth across Malaysia's districts, which complicates effective policy targeting, particularly in addressing income contraction at the district level.

It said that while tax reform and subsidy rationalisation are seen as important measures to increase government revenue, they must account for the uneven recovery of household incomes, ensuring that vulnerable households are shielded from rising living costs.

"Additionally, targeted interventions, such as strengthening wage policies with higher minimum wages, improved wage transparency, and better wage-set-

ting mechanisms, are essential for addressing the structural issue of wage stagnation in Malaysia.

"Consistent upward revisions to the minimum wage or better-targeted wage policy, especially for fresh graduates and lower-income groups, will help close the income gap, secure financial stability, and provide sufficient savings for retirement," it said.

The institute calls for a reassessment of the RM240,000 savings target, suggesting it may be insufficient given Malaysia's increasing life expectancy and the assumption that Malaysians would only use RM1,000 per month for 20 years.

"Individuals approaching their respective retirement ages and beyond may face increased adversities such as health and disability risks alongside the depletion of their retirement savings," it said.

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# Pandemic deepens urban poverty divide

## M'sians strain under rising costs and static incomes

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**PETALING JAYA:** Malaysian households are experiencing slower income growth, with urban poverty rates worsening due to the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, according to the Khazanah Research Institute (KRI).

Their report, *Households and the Pandemic 2019-2022: The State of Households 2024*, released yesterday, revealed that the percentage of households in absolute poverty rose to 6.2% in 2022, up 0.6% from 2019.

"While not all districts faced a rise in absolute poverty, urban households were the most affected with poverty rising from 3.8% in 2019 to 4.5% in 2022.

"The highest increase in household absolute poverty occurred in Kuala Lumpur (6,774 households), Kuala Muda (5,229), and Kota Kinabalu (5,117)," it said.

The report attributes the increases to the high population density in these areas.

As the tabling of the Budget 2025 approaches, all eyes are on how the government plans to tackle these challenges.

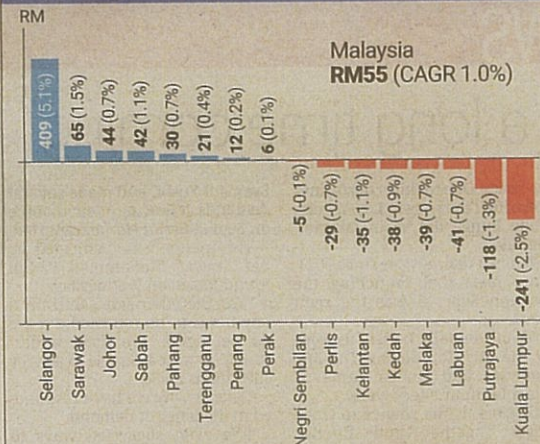
Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said on Wednesday that the upcoming Budget aims to improve living standards and advance national development.

Interestingly, KRI reports that rural households experienced a slight decline in absolute poverty during the same period.

In 2022, nearly 78% of households in Malaysia were urban, a rise from 67% in 2002.

The report identifies 107 districts with the incidence of poor households higher than the national average rates, including 62 districts where the prevalence was double the national average while 17 districts were signifi-

**Real median household income growth by state, 2019-2022**



Note: The percentage (%) in the bracket indicates the compound annual growth rate (CAGR)

Source: Khazanah Research Institute and Statistics Department

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cantly above the national average.

In contrast, districts in Selangor, Kuala Lumpur, and Putrajaya as well as several districts neighbouring Selangor exhibited significantly lower poverty rates.

The report highlights a wide disparity in absolute poverty rates across Peninsular Malaysia, ranging from 0% in Sepang in Selangor to 43.8% in Kecil Lojing in Kelantan.

Meanwhile, household income across the country saw moderate growth as it was slowed by the pandemic.

"Household income grew at a much slower rate compared to the decade preceding the pandemic (2009-2019), dropping from 5.3% to 1%," it said.

Selangor led income growth,

while urban areas like Putrajaya and Kuala Lumpur declined.

"From 2016 to 2019, all states except Sabah recorded positive real median household income growth," it said.

"During 2019-2022, Putrajaya (-1.3%) and Kuala Lumpur (-2.5%) saw significant declines in real median household income."

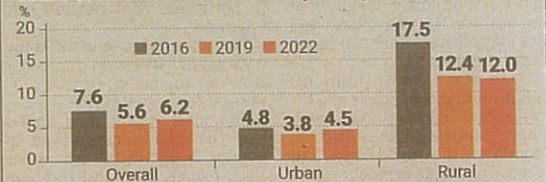
Despite the slowdown, Selangor's household income outperformed other states by an average increase of RM410, achieving a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 5.1%.

Without Selangor's performance, the national mean household income in 2022 would have been 12.9% lower.

Most districts in Selangor, aside from Klang and Petaling, were in

**Absolute poverty rates and household income growth in Malaysia**

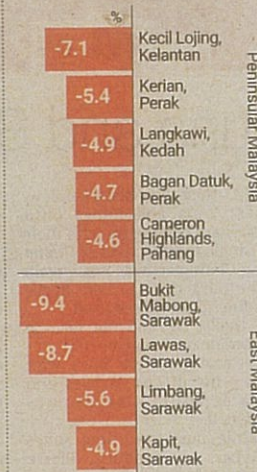
**Share of household in absolute poverty by strata**



**Districts with highest income growth**



**Districts with biggest decline in income growth**



Source: Khazanah Research Institute - Households and the Pandemic 2019-2022: The State of Households 2024 (SoH 2024) report

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the top percentile of CAGR growth.

"The highest growth districts during 2019-2022 were Kuala Langat (11%), Sepang (10%), and Ulu Langat (8%)," the report said.

However, it notes that income growth in 2022 did not reach its full potential, leaving a 13% gap below pre-pandemic trends, highlighting a substantial lag in recovery.

"A third of districts in Malaysia saw their income growth fall into the bottom quintile (fifth) of the distribution, with many experiencing negative growth."

"Household income, when adjusted for inequality, grew more slowly, with 18 districts, primarily from Peninsular Malaysia, falling into the lowest growth group, resulting in decreased

income and increased inequality," it said.

On the household size front, while the total number of Malaysian households has increased, larger households have declined, reflecting a noticeable shift towards smaller, individual living arrangements.

Malaysia's average household size fell from 4.6 in 1995 to 3.8 in 2022.

Additionally, household expenditures have risen, with the mean climbing to 77.6% of income and median expenditures reaching 67.6%.

"Housing and utilities dominated the household consumption basket, followed by food and transport expenditures," said the report.

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# MACC probing claims made over 1BestariNet

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**BANGI:** Investigations into the RM4.07bil 1BestariNet service tender involving the Education Ministry may include the possibility of false claims being made, says Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) chief commissioner Tan Sri Azam Baki (pic).

"There were instances where the supply was said to have been made when in fact, it was not done.

"We have to look into this as under the law, if claims are made and supply is not furnished, in principle this is a crime," Azam told reporters after the launching of the 3rd National Research Conference on Governance, Integrity and Anti-Corruption here yesterday.

He said the investigation will have to determine if the schools were supplied with the deliverables as specified under the contract.

He added that the claims were made following the signing of the contract to implement the 1BestariNet project.

The 1BestariNet project was launched by the government in 2011 with YTL Communications Sdn Bhd engaged to provide high-speed internet access to schools involving a virtual learning system for students.

The project included implementing the Frog Virtual Learning Environment (VLE), a cloud-based



learning platform.

However, the project ran into problems.

On Sept 4, YTL Communications, a YTL Power International Bhd subsidiary, said it was giving its full cooperation to the MACC over the 1BestariNet project.

In a filing with Bursa Malaysia, the group clarified that 1BestariNet was awarded to YTL Communications in 2011 by the Education Ministry through an open tender process involving 19 companies.

Meanwhile, Azam said MACC's probe into 1BestariNet will take time to complete as it involves investigators visiting some 8,000 schools nationwide to determine if the required data for the system had been supplied to them.

Besides this angle, Azam said MACC is also looking at the quality of services provided to schools under the project and whether or not there good governance was observed.

Asked if elements of corruption

had been detected, Azam said it was too early to comment.

"I cannot make any conclusions when investigations are ongoing as it would not be fair to the parties involved," he said.

Azam also said MACC will not get involved in the probe against Global Ikhwan Services and Business Holdings (GISB).

Owing to the nature of the alleged offences, he said that investigations came under the jurisdiction of the police and the Department of Islamic Development Malaysia (Jakim).

"The issues involve children, money laundering and deviant teachings, among others," he added.

On Sept 18, Azam said MACC had not found any element of corruption in the GISB case so far.

On Sept 11, police rescued 402 children, comprising 201 boys and 201 girls, aged between one and 17, from 20 GISB-linked care homes in Selangor and Negri Sembilan in an operation code-named Ops Global.

There were allegations that the children were abused, exploited, and sexually assaulted.

Apart from police investigations, the group is also currently under probe for deviant teachings.

Meanwhile, Azam announced that only construction companies with ISO 37001 Anti-Bribery Management System (ABMS) certification will be allowed to bid for government contracts worth

more than RM100mil.

He said this requirement will come into force in 2026 for Class G7 construction companies registered with the Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) when bidding for government contracts.

"This will reflect the companies determination in eliminating corruption when bidding for tenders under the Finance Ministry," he added.

The ABMS is geared towards helping companies detect and prevent including responding to incidences of bribery.

It also encompass compliance with relevant laws and regulations including voluntary commitments aimed at weeding out corruption.

Azam said that a two-year grace period is to allow affected companies to make the necessary arrangements to get the required certification.

"At the moment, these construction companies can still bid for the government contracts.

"But they will not be allowed to participate in bidding for projects with the Finance Ministry if they do not have the ABMS after the two-year period. That is the condition," he said.

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# Elevating women in oil and gas sector a high priority for govt

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Raising the role of women in the oil and gas industry especially at the decision-making levels is a primary concern of the government, says the Economy Ministry's deputy secretary-general Datuk Dr Yatimah Sarjiman.

"As of 2023, five out of 26 public-listed oil and gas services and equipment (OGSE) companies in Malaysia, ranked among the top 150 by revenue, have reached at least 30% female representation

on their boards.

"At the senior management level, nine out of the 26 OGSE public-listed companies have achieved at least 30% female representation," she said at Oil and Gas Asia 2024 here yesterday.

"While we still face a significant journey in closing the gender diversity gap, these improvements indicate a meaningful evolution from the industry's traditional norms.

"With ongoing effort and commitment, the oil, gas, and energy sector is steadily advancing towards a more diverse and

resilient future," said Yatimah.

She said that these figures "remind us that diversity is not just a box to check but a critical factor in fostering stronger governance and more inclusive leadership".

"While much work remains, the strides made by these companies affirm that real change is both possible and achievable."

"The energy industry has been proactive in increasing the participation of women in a field that has historically been male-dominated. Today's event is a testament to our progress," she added.

Ramanrao Abdullah of the Malaysian Women in Energy (MyWiE), an advocacy group championing for women rights and equality in the energy sector, said that although women make up 50% of the population, Malaysia still faces one of the lowest female labour force participation rates among upper-middle-income countries.

"Only 51.6% of Malaysian women participate in the workforce compared to 78% of men.

"This disparity highlights the need for continued advocacy and dedication by industry experts

within the MyWiE community," he said at a workshop titled "Fuelling Women in Energy: driving diversity and inclusion across the entire energy sector value chain" at the event.

Ramanrao also called for better study and incentives to enable better maternity benefits for mothers and fathers to allow both parents to support each other.

"For example, paternity leave should be allowed for fathers after the maternity leave ends to ease the return of new mothers to work," said Ramanrao.

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# More retail chains say no to plastics

Move expected to lead to an annual reduction of 200 million single-use bags

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**PETALING JAYA:** The nation's fight to eliminate single-use plastics by 2030 just got more intense. A total of 16 retail chains have decided to back the initiative by doing away with plastic bags.

The chains, which have 7,601 premises nationwide, pledged to do so through the "Say No to Single-Use Plastic Bags" campaign, according to Housing and Local Government Minister Nga Kor Ming (pic).

The outlets will not provide customers with single-use plastic bags from Oct 1. The move is expected to lead to an annual reduction of 200 million single-use plastic bags in Malaysia.

The retail chains are 7-Eleven; 99 Speedmart; AEON Big; AEON; Eonsave; Giant, Cold Storage and Mercato; Guardian; KK Mart; Lotus; Lulu; Mydin; TF-Value Mart; The Store; emart24; Watsons; and NSK Trade City.

The Malaysia Retailers Association, Malaysia Retail Chain Association, Malaysia Complex Management Association and 1 Utama Shopping Centre are also part of the pledge.

"All Malaysians are encouraged to adopt this effort. Bring your own bag. If you really don't have a reusable bag, you can buy one from the retailer," he said at the launch of the campaign at 1 Utama Shopping Centre here yesterday.

Nga said the campaign was also



to support the Roadmap Towards Zero Single-Use Plastics 2018-2030 developed by the Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability Ministry.

"It is everyone's responsibility to ensure this campaign succeeds. It will also have a significant impact on the government's plan

to develop the circular economy," he said.

He said some retailers had already begun the campaign earlier, adding that he hopes more businesses would join this initiative.

Earlier in his speech, Nga stressed that the move does not intend to go against the plastics industry.

"We are only stopping single-use plastics, with the exception of wet markets. Sustainable development goals must not just be a slogan but a reality," he said.

Nga also pointed out the Malaysian plastics industry's contribution to the national gross domestic product, saying it generated RM9.97bil in 2018 and RM11.77bil in 2023.

"The industry has immense potential to be further explored through the circular economy."

Separately, Nga said the ministry is drafting a law where those repeatedly convicted of littering will have to do community service with cleaning work.

He said the new law, dubbed the Social Work Order, will see repeat offenders having to clean roads and drains as well.

"Cleanliness is everyone's responsibility. We need to uphold civic awareness collectively. If we don't like rubbish being put in our houses, let's not do the same outside," he said.

Nga said offenders will also be given a "special uniform" to be worn when carrying out cleaning works.

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# Tindakan terhadap rasuah kekal jadi keutamaan kerajaan

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**ISKANDAR PUTERI** - Tindakan tegas terhadap rasuah kekal menjadi keutamaan kerajaan untuk memastikan negara mencapai kecekapan dan ketelusan yang lebih baik serta memudahkan urusan perniagaan.

Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim berkata, kestabilan yang terhasil daripada majoriti dua pertiga di Parlimen membolehkan kerajaan memastikan Malaysia memiliki tadbir urus yang lebih baik sekali gus membersihkan imej negara yang kadangkala dikaitkan dengan tahap rasuah tinggi dan tadbir urus lemah.

"Sebab itulah dengan tepat mengapa tindakan tegas terhadap rasuah jelas menjadi keutamaan kerajaan dan kita mesti kekal konsisten memastikan ia berterusan.

"Melalui langkah tadbir urus berkesan dan membawa negara keluar daripada rasuah, kita akan mencapai kecekapan dan ketelusan yang lebih baik serta mempermudah urusan perniagaan," katanya.

Anwar berkata demikian dalam ucapan pada Invest Malaysia Iskandar 2024 di sini pada Khamis.

Sementara itu, Anwar menyeru penglibatan lebih besar daripada sektor swasta untuk meningkatkan lagi pembangunan bakat di Malaysia.

"Penglibatan sektor swasta dalam pendidikan TVET (Pendidikan dan Latihan Teknikal dan Vokasional) dan latihan teknikal dalam AI (kecerdasan buatan) akan jauh lebih cekap berbanding menjalankannya sebagai program pendidikan biasa," katanya.

Perdana Menteri berkata, isu mengenai

bakat telah dibangkitkan kepadanya oleh syarikat multinasional (MNC) beroperasi di Malaysia yang merasakan kekurangan penglibatan bakat tempatan pada peringkat tertinggi syarikat berkenaan.

"Kebanyakan syarikat (MNC) meluahkan kebimbangan, walaupun berbangga dengan hakikat bahawa kita (Malaysia) mempunyai tenaga kerja yang berdisiplin dan berkelayakan, namun kita kekurangan (bakat) pada peringkat tertinggi.

"Peringkat tertinggi itu mesti diberikan kepada golongan muda yang perlu diberikan peluang untuk dilatih sekarang, dan hal itu perlu dilakukan bersama-sama dengan sektor swasta khususnya melatih pekerja melalui institusi kerajaan untuk keperluan mereka sendiri," katanya.

Dalam perkembangan lain, Anwar berkata, Malaysia dan Singapura adalah rakan yang baik dan hubungan ini tidak seharusnya terganggu oleh sebarang isu yang timbul antara kedua-dua negara.

"Kita (Malaysia dan Singapura) sudah tentu mempunyai masalah. Semua orang mempunyai masalah dengan jiran mereka, tetapi ia adalah perkara kecil.

"Sebab itulah saya teruja bekerjasama dengan Singapura dan sudah tentunya memberi keutamaan kepada kerjasama ASEAN yang kami, Malaysia, akan menjadi pengerusi tahun depan," kata beliau.

Invest Malaysia Iskandar ialah edisi kelima dalam siri Invest Malaysia tahun ini, selepas edisi sebelumnya di Melbourne, Australia pada Mac, China (April), Singapura (Ogos) dan Hong Kong (September).  
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# 53 peratus guna gaji sepenuhnya

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Ramai rakyat Malaysia berbelanja melebihi pendapatan bulanan

Oleh AISYAH BASARUDDIN  
KUALA LUMPUR

**S**ebanyak 53 peratus pekerja di Malaysia menggunakan sepenuhnya gaji mereka malah ada antara mereka berbelanja melebihi pendapatan bulanan.

Dapatan tersebut diperoleh hasil Tinjauan Literasi Kewangan Malaysia RinggitPlus (RMFLS) 2024 melibatkan 3,390 responden di negara ini.

Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif RinggitPlus, Siew Yuen Tuck berkata, 38 peratus daripada responden turut menyatakan mereka mampu bertahan kurang dari tiga bulan sahaja sekiranya kehilangan pekerjaan.

Bagaimanapun menurutnya, 18 peratus lagi mampu mengekalkan gaya hidup masing-masing dengan selesa selama lebih dari enam bulan.

"Sebanyak 55 peratus rakyat Malaysia pula mengakui cemas dan malu dengan situasi kewangan mereka disebabkan komitmen bulanan yang tinggi.

"Namun tidak dinafikan ada antara mereka mengakui tahap kewangan mereka bertambah baik berbanding tahun lalu iaitu sebanyak 47 peratus," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian ketika membentangkan hasil Tinjauan RMFLS 2024

di Menara Etiqa, Bangsar di sini pada Khamis.

Hadir sama, Ketua Pegawai Pemasaran PayNet Malaysia, Gary Yeoh; Ketua Pegawai Pemasaran FWD, Susan Ong; Pengurus Jangkauan Komuniti dan Acara CTOS, Noor Hazwani Mohamad Noor serta Ketua Kumpulan Pegawai Perbankan Pelanggan Alliance Bank, Gan Pai Li.

Dalam pada itu, Yuen Tuck berkata, 95 peratus rakyat negara ini sudah mengambil pendekatan proaktif untuk menambah baik tahap kewangan iaitu meminimumkan perbelanjaan bulanan, mengurangkan makan di luar dan mengawal aliran keluar masuk wang.

"Di RinggitPlus, kami komited untuk membantu rakyat Malaysia menangani cabaran kewangan mereka.

"Dengan kerjasama rakan strategik, kami mahu mencipta kandungan yang relevan dan tepat menerusi tinjauan ini, sekali gus mengembangkan capaian untuk mendidik lebih ramai komuniti," jelas beliau.

**Satu pertiga pernah alami cubaan penipuan dalam talian**

Sementara itu, lebih satu pertiga atau 38 peratus rakyat Malaysia pernah berdepan cubaan penipuan kewangan dalam talian tahun ini walaupun jumlah kes berkenaan menurun kepada 86 peratus berbanding 94 peratus pada 2023.

Yuen Tuck berkata, penurunan kes cuba menipu itu menunjukkan kempen

kesedaran 'Jangan Kena Scam' yang digerakkan oleh agensi kerajaan membuahkan hasil.

"Malah, 56 peratus responden memuji kempen kesedaran ini kerana ia membantu mereka mengelakkan diri daripada menjadi mangsa penipuan kewangan.

"Walaupun situasi ini bergerak ke arah hala tuju yang betul, banyak lagi perkara yang perlu dilakukan untuk melindungi rakyat Malaysia," katanya.

Yuen Tuck berkata, tinjauan RMFLS juga mendapati 32 peratus rakyat Malaysia masih kurang cakna tentang tindakan atau individu yang mesti dihubungi apabila berhadapan situasi penyamaran dan pemberitahuan transaksi penipuan.

Menurut beliau, ia adalah satu kelemahan berterusan yang wajib ditangani sebaik mungkin terutamanya apabila era digitalisasi kian berkembang.

"Masyarakat pula semakin bijak menggunakan aplikasi digital untuk mengurus kewangan peribadi mereka.

"Ini kerana 95 peratus responden menggunakan sekurang-kurangnya satu e-dompot.

"Kebergantungan terhadap media sosial sebagai sumber utama maklumat kewangan juga ketara dengan markah kepercayaan sebanyak 4.0 berbanding 3.7 tahun lalu.

"Justeru, terdapat keperluan mendesak untuk meningkatkan tahap celik kewangan digital agar rakyat Malaysia mempunyai sumber yang diperlukan bagi memerangi penipuan," ujarnya lagi.



YUEN TUCK



## DAPATAN TINJAUAN RMFLS 2024

RMFLS 2024 melibatkan 3,390 responden, 52 peratus lelaki, 48 peratus wanita.

- 38% rakyat Malaysia pernah berdepan cubaan penipuan kewangan dalam talian.
- 33% sahaja yang mampu menyimpan lebih RM500 sebulan, 28 peratus adalah wanita.
- 53% guna sepenuhnya kepada gaji bulanan.
- 38% hanya mampu bertahan kurang tiga bulan jika kehilangan kerja.
- 55% mengaku cemas dan malu dengan situasi kewangan masing-masing disebabkan komitmen bulanan yang tinggi.
- 47% mengatakan keadaan kewangan semakin baik tahun ini berbanding 2023.
- 95% ambil pendekatan proaktif dengan meminimumkan perbelanjaan bulanan dan kurangkan makan.
- 45% mempunyai lebih daripada satu akaun bank digital.
- 57% tidak mempunyai kad kredit.
- 95% menggunakan sekurang-kurangnya satu aplikasi e-dompot.
- 53% membayar penuh kad kredit mereka setiap bulan.
- 19% sahaja percaya simpanan KWSP mereka mencukupi apabila bersara kelak.
- Separuh daripada responden tidak mengeluarkan sebarang wang daripada Akaun 3 KWSP manakala 37 peratus sudah berbuat demikian.
- 42 peratus rakyat Malaysia tidak dilindungi insurans kesihatan, hanya 14 peratus sahaja bergantung kepada insurans kesihatan disediakan syarikat masing-masing.
- 48 peratus sahaja rakyat Malaysia mempunyai polisi insurans.

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## 28 peratus wanita mampu simpan RM500 sebulan

**KUALA LUMPUR** - Sebanyak 28 peratus wanita di negara ini mampu menyimpan lebih dari RM500 sebulan iaitu peningkatan sebanyak tiga peratus berbanding 25 peratus pada tahun lalu, mengikut dapatan Tinjauan RMFLS 2024.

CEO RinggitPlus, Siew Yuen Tuck berkata, golongan ter-

sebut tidak mudah terjejas dari segi kewangan kerana kira-kira 38 peratus daripada mereka juga mampu bertahan tanpa sebarang pekerjaan selama empat bulan atau lebih.

"Sebanyak 38 peratus wanita boleh bertahan lebih dari empat bulan tanpa bekerja berbanding 30 peratus pada 2023.

"Bahkan 57 peratus daripa-

da mereka mula merancang literasi kewangan masing-masing sebelum bersara," katanya.

Yuen Tuck memaklumkan, meskipun terdapat peningkatan signifikan, masih banyak perkara perlu dilaksanakan untuk mengekalkan trend positif itu bagi mencapai keseksamaan antara wanita dan lelaki.

Tambahnya, tidak dinafikan masyarakat juga mula mengamalkan tabiat kewangan secara teratur dari segi mengurangkan perbelanjaan harian dan memulakan perancangan persaraan.

"Justeru, disiplin kewangan berterusan amat diperlukan. Dapatan ini menggambarkan titik perubahan yang berpotensi

membawa kesejahteraan buat rakyat Malaysia.

"Diharapkan ia akan terus meningkat pada masa hadapan.

"Penting untuk kita melengkapkan orang ramai dengan pengetahuan yang tepat bukan sahaja untuk membantu mereka supaya terus bertahan, tetapi bergerak seiring dengan kemajuan digital," ujar beliau.



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# Pendapatan rakyat Selangor paling tinggi

Catat pertumbuhan tahunan sebanyak RM410 atau naik 5.1 peratus

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SHAH ALAM

Negeri Selangor mencatat pertumbuhan pendapatan isi rumah paling tinggi di Malaysia sementara Putrajaya dan Kuala Lumpur mencatatkan penurunan yang ketara.

Institut Penyelidikan Khazanah (KRI) dalam laporannya, Keadaan Isi Rumah 2024: Isi Rumah dan Pandemik 2019-2022 (SOH 2024) berkata, Selangor merekodkan prestasi yang lebih baik dengan peningkatan purata tahunan sebanyak RM410 dengan purata kadar pertumbuhan tahunan (CAGR) sebanyak 5.1 peratus.

Laporan itu menyebut, pendapatan bagi daerah-daerah di Selangor, kecuali Klang dan Petaling berada dalam *decile* (kaedah pengiraan statistik) tertinggi pertumbuhan.

Daerah dengan pertumbuhan pendapatan isi rumah tertinggi pada 2019 hingga 2022 ialah Kuala Langat (11%), Sepang (10%) dan Hulu Langat (8%).

KRI melaporkan, dari 2016 hingga 2019, semua negeri di Malaysia kecuali Sabah telah mencatatkan pertumbuhan posi-



PELABUHAN KLANG di Selangor. Rakyat negeri ini masih mencatat pertumbuhan pendapatan boleh guna semasa pandemik Covid-19 sebanyak 4.6 peratus.

tif dalam pendapatan median isi rumah, sebelum mencatat penurunan ketara bagi tempoh 2019 hingga 2022.

"Penurunan ketara dalam pendapatan median isi rumah, berlaku terutamanya di Putrajaya (-1.3%) dan Kuala Lumpur (-2.5%)," katanya menerusi Facebook KRI pada Khamis.

Jelas laporan itu, beberapa daerah di Sabah dan Sarawak juga menunjukkan daya tahan sepanjang tempoh 2019 hingga 2022, menempatkan daerah-daerah terbabit dalam kalangan daerah dengan pertumbuhan tertinggi.

"Menariknya, banyak daerah di Sabah dan Sarawak yang mencatat pertumbuhan pada *quintile* (kaedah pengiraan statistik) terendah pada 2016 hingga 2019, menunjukkan peningkatan ketara

pada tempoh 2019 hingga 2022," katanya.

Sementara itu, laporan SOH 2024 mendapati pendapatan boleh guna median sebenar isi rumah di peringkat nasional jatuh dengan ketara daripada RM110 pada tempoh 2016-2019 (2.1%) kepada hanya RM16 (1%) pada tempoh 2019-2022.

"Semua negeri dan Wilayah Persekutuan mencatatkan pertumbuhan positif bagi tempoh 2016-2019, namun, antara 2019 dan 2022, hanya lima negeri menunjukkan peningkatan dalam pertumbuhan pendapatan boleh guna isi rumah, iaitu Selangor (4.6%), Sarawak (0.7%), Johor (0.7%), Pahang (0.4%) dan Sabah (0.2%)," jelas KRI.

Selangor paling menonjol, dengan peningkatan purata mutlak sebanyak RM303.

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## Miskin bandar naik 4.5 peratus sebab Covid-19

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**KUALA LUMPUR** - Kemiskinan mutlak meningkat dari 2019 hingga 2022, terutamanya dalam kalangan isi rumah bandar, menokok kepada 4.5 peratus menjelang 2022 berbanding hanya 3.8 peratus pada 2019, menurut laporan Institut Penyelidikan Khazanah (KRI).

Dalam laporannya, Keadaan Isi Rumah 2024: Isi Rumah dan Pandemik 2019-2022, ia memberitahu Kuala Lumpur merupakan kawasan dengan peningkatan isi rumah tertinggi iaitu 6,774 isi rumah, diikuti Kuala Muda (5,229) dan Kota Kinabalu (5,117).

Laporan tersebut menjelaskan pandemik Covid-19 telah merencatkan semua pencapaian terdahulu yang dibuat bagi mengurangkan kemiskinan.

"Pandemik secara tidak seimbang menjejaskan pendapatan isi rumah berpendapatan rendah," katanya.

KRI melaporkan bahawa isi rumah berpendapatan RM3,000, RM5,000, RM11,000 dan ke atas menyaksikan pertumbuhan 2 peratus, 5.1 peratus serta 6.6 peratus, masing-masing pada 2022, manakala mereka dalam kategori berpendapatan rendah menurun serendah 40.9 peratus.

"Kawasan dengan isi rumah yang agak tinggi dalam kemiskinan mutlak mempunyai akses yang lebih rendah kepada kemudahan asas, menunjukkan kaitan yang rapat antara miskin kewangan dan bukan wang," katanya.

Oleh itu, laporan tersebut mencadangkan sasaran dan dasar pembangunan ekonomi yang inklusif bagi mengurangkan jurang setempat, me-

ningkatkan akses kepada kemudahan asas serta menyokong pertumbuhan pendapatan.

Selain itu, pengeluaran dana daripada Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja (KWSP) berkaitan Covid-19 telah meluaskan jurang pendapatan secara mendadak, menjejaskan pencarum berpendapatan rendah secara tidak seimbang.

"Individu yang berpendapatan rendah telah mengeluarkan hampir semua simpanan mereka (sehingga 98 peratus dalam kumpulan umur 30 dan ke bawah serta kumpulan umur 30-54), berbanding kadar yang jauh lebih rendah dalam kumpulan berpendapatan yang lebih tinggi," katanya.

KRI juga berkata secara nasional, perbelanjaan isi rumah sebagai peratusan pendapatan berterusan meningkat, dengan isi rumah bandar menyaksikan pertumbuhan yang lebih tinggi (5.6 peratus) berbanding luar bandar (3.6 peratus) dari 2014 hingga 2022.

Laporan itu menyebut secara amnya, isi rumah memperuntukkan bahagian terbesar perbelanjaan bulanan mereka kepada tiga keperluan asas iaitu perumahan dan utiliti (23.2 peratus), makanan di rumah (16.3 peratus), makan di luar 15.3 peratus dan pengangkutan 11.3 peratus.

"Makanan di luar rumah dengan pantas menggantikan makanan di rumah, dengan isi rumah Malaysia membelanjakan hampir separuh atau 48 peratus daripada perbelanjaan makanan mereka untuk makanan di luar rumah selepas wabak," katanya. - *Bernama*

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## Tiada lagi beg plastik bermula 1 Oktober

**PETALING JAYA** - Sebanyak 20 pasar raya besar termasuk pasar raya, kedai serbaneka, farmasi, kesihatan serta kecantikan akan menghentikan penggunaan beg plastik sepenuhnya bermula 1 Oktober ini.

Menteri Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan, Nga Kor Ming berkata, antara 8,000 premis perniagaan yang menyertai inisiatif itu ialah 99Speedmart, Aeon, 7-Eleven, TF Value Mart dan Guardian.

"Ada yang sudah melaksanakan inisiatif ini, tetapi pada hari ini mereka menandatangani akujanji dengan berkrar melaksanakannya secara besar-besaran mulai minggu depan.

"Sekiranya pelanggan tidak membawa beg sendiri, mereka boleh membeli beg kitar semula di kedai," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian ketika sidang media selepas melancarkan kempen "Tiada Beg Plastik Sekali Guna" di sini pada Khamis.

Kor Ming berkata, menerusi pelaksanaan inisiatif itu, penggunaan 200 juta beg plastik setahun dijangka dapat dikurangkan, sekali gus mengurangkan jumlah sisa yang perlu dilupuskan serta membantu memanjangkan jangka hayat tapak pelupusan sampah sedia ada.

Beliau berkata, kerajaan terpaksa menanggung kos peng-



**Kor Ming (dua dari kanan) mengadakan lawatan ke Fasiliti Inovasi Kitar Semula (FIKS) semasa hadir ke Prapelanaran Hari Cuci Malaysia: Program Pembersihan Mega Sempena World Cleanup Day 2024 pada Khamis.**

urusan sisa pepejal dan pembersihan awam yang tinggi iaitu sebanyak RM2 bilion setahun dan sedang berusaha mengurangkan pergantungan ke atas tapak pelupusan.

"Pada masa ini, Malaysia mempunyai 114 tapak pelupusan tidak sanitari dan 22 tapak pelupusan sanitari.

"Pembukaan dan naik taraf tapak pelupusan memertukan kos yang sangat tinggi," katanya.

Sementara itu, Kor Ming berkata, Hari Cuci Malaysia yang akan dilaksanakan di seluruh negara pada Sabtu ini bakal tersenarai dalam *Malaysia Book of*

*Records* (MBOR) sebagai program gotong-royong paling besar dalam sejarah.

"Lebih 50,000 orang dari seluruh negara dijangka hadir, termasuk penyertaan 156 pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) dan saya harap seluruh rakyat Malaysia dapat bersama-sama dalam program itu," katanya.

Kor Ming berkata, majlis pelancaran akan dirasmikan beliau bersama-sama Menteri di Jabatan Perdana Menteri (Wilayah Persekutuan), Dr Zaliha Mustafa di Pasar Seni, Kuala Lumpur bersempena *World Cleanup Day 2024*. - Bernama

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## Kaji semula SOP ramalan cuaca - Nik Nazmi

**SHAH ALAM** - Kementerian Sumber Asli dan Kelestarian Alam (NRES) mengarahkan Jabatan Meteorologi Malaysia (METMalaysia) mengkaji semula prosedur operasi standard (SOP) penyediaan dan penyebaran maklumat, nasihat atau amaran cuaca.

Menterinya, Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad berkata, ini membolehkan maklumat dapat dikeluarkan lebih kerap apabila cuaca dijangka bertukar ekstrem.

Beliau berkata, METMalaysia juga perlu menambah baik aspek komunikasi dalam penyebaran maklumat dan amaran cuaca lebih berkesan supaya orang ramai lebih cakna terhadap keadaan cuaca semasa, sekali gus mengelak kejadian tidak diingini berlaku.

"Kementerian mengambil maklum laporan media menyatakan METMalaysia tidak mengeluarkan amaran cuaca disebabkan ramalan dikeluarkan lima hari terdahulu masih efektif," katanya dalam satu kenyataan pada Khamis.

Dalam pada itu, Nik Nazmi berkata, Fasa Peralihan Monsun yang bermula minggu ini dan berterusan sehingga awal November depan menandakan berakhirnya Monsun Barat Daya sejak 17 Mei lalu.

Beliau berkata, sepanjang fasa ini, negara akan menerima tiupan angin lemah dari pelbagai arah.

"Situasi ini boleh menggalakkan kejadian ribut petir yang lazimnya membawa hujan lebat berserta angin kencang dalam jangka masa singkat terutama pada waktu petang dan awal malam di seluruh negara.

"Keadaan cuaca sebegini berpotensi menyebabkan banjir kilat, pokok tumbang dan kerosakan struktur," katanya.



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# Wajib ada sijil khusus sertai tender kerajaan



Azam menyampaikan ucapan ketika Majlis Perasmian Persidangan Penyelidikan Governans, Integriti dan Antirasuah Kali Ketiga anjuran BPGN SPRM di Bangi pada Khamis.

Syarikat memiliki pensijilan MS ISO 37001 ABMS akan diberi keutamaan bagi projek bernilai lebih RM100 juta

Oleh HISYAMUDDIN AYUB BANGI

Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Khas Kabinet Tatakelola Nasional (JK-KTN) bersetuju cadangan menggalakkan semua syarikat pembinaan mendapatkan pensijilan MS ISO 37001 Anti Bribery Management System (ABMS).

Ketua Pesuruhjaya Suruhan-

jaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM), Tan Sri Azam Baki berkata, perolehan sijil berkenaan membuktikan kesungguhan pihak syarikat sektor pembinaan gred G7 memiliki pemahaman mengenai pembanteraan rasuah.

"Sekiranya MS ISO 37001 ABMS tidak diperolehi, syarikat berkemungkinan besar tidak boleh menyertai tender dikeluarkan Kementerian Kewangan.

"Inisiatif ini menyokong prinsip liabiliti korporat di bawah Seksyen 17A Akta SPRM 2009," katanya ketika menghadiri Majlis Perasmian Persidangan Penyelidikan Governans, Integriti dan Antirasuah Kali Ketiga anjuran Bahagian Perancangan Governans Nasional (BPGN) SPRM di sini pada Khamis.

Hadir sama, Ketua Setiausaha Negara, Tan Sri Shamsul Azri Abu Bakar.

Mengulas lanjut, Azam berka-

ta, syarikat yang layak akan diberi keutamaan dalam perolehan kerajaan bagi projek kerja bernilai lebih RM100 juta bagi tempoh dua tahun pertama.

Dalam pada itu, Azam berkata, kelemahan sistem tatakelola dan salah guna kuasa dalam sektor pembinaan menjadi tumpuan SPRM dalam memerangi rasuah.

"Sektor pembinaan dilihat terdedah kepada berlakunya kes rasuah berikutan melibatkan banyak peluang projek dilaksanakan.

"Sehubungan itu, tumpuan utama SPRM ketika ini adalah membabitkan kontrak kerajaan dengan syarikat pembinaan di peringkat negeri dan Persekutuan," katanya.

Menurut Azam, sektor pembinaan adalah salah satu sektor di bawah pemerhatian SPRM dengan tumpuan terhadap kontrak melibatkan kerajaan.

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# AI atasi air pasang besar



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Fenomena air pasang besar di pantai barat Semenanjung berlaku setiap tahun antara September dan November. Namun sehingga kini belum ada *total solution* yang dilaksanakan kerajaan untuk menyelesaikan masalah tersebut.

Penulis pernah menulis artikel bertajuk 'Jangan Kompromi Masalah Banjir' diterbitkan *Sinar Harian* pada 3 Jun 2022. Ia kisah taufan Katrina kategori 5 yang membada New Orleans, Amerika Syarikat (AS) pada Ogos 2005 menyebabkan kerugian lebih RM443 bilion. Banjir yang menenggelamkan 80 peratus bandar itu ditangani dengan sebaik-baiknya oleh AS.

Fenomena kenaikan paras laut ialah kebimbangan global yang membawa implikasi meluas kepada masyarakat pesisir. Secara jujur, penulis berpendapat fenomena air pasang besar di negara ini dibiarkan tanpa *total solution*.

Peningkatan berterusan purata ketinggian paras laut di seluruh dunia didorong interaksi faktor yang kompleks. Ia mungkin disebabkan alam semula jadi

dan perbuatan manusia. Memahami faktor tersebut penting untuk membangunkan strategi berkesan bagi mengurangkan kesan kenaikan paras air laut.

Aktiviti manusia memainkan peranan besar dalam memburukkan lagi kadar kenaikan paras laut. Pembuangan bahan asing ke laut; pembakaran bahan api fosil, penebangan hutan dan proses perindustrian membebaskan sejumlah besar gas rumah hijau seperti karbon dioksida dan metana ke atmosfera. Gas berkenaan memerangkap haba, menyebabkan iklim bumi menjadi panas pada kadar yang tidak pernah berlaku sebelum ini. Pemanasan itu mempercepatkan pencairan glasier dan kepingan ais menyumbang kepada kenaikan paras laut.

Pengekstrakan air bawah tanah untuk pelbagai tujuan termasuk pertanian dan kegunaan industri menyebabkan penurunan tanah. Apabila air bawah tanah diekstrak, akuifer boleh menyebabkan tanah tenggelam sekali gus meningkatkan ketinggian relatif laut berbanding daratan.

Menangani isu kenaikan paras laut memerlukan pendekatan jangka panjang. Kerajaan mesti melabur dalam infrastruktur pantai seperti membina tembok laut dan halangan gelombang bagi mengelak kesan kenaikan paras laut.

Penulis juga ingin mencadangkan kerajaan melakukan penambahbaikan struktur dengan membina sistem tembok laut dan bendungan yang teguh di sepanjang garis pantai bagi menghalang

air laut daripada menenggelami kawasan pedalaman pantai. Struktur tersebut boleh dibuat daripada pelbagai bahan seperti konkrit, keluli atau batu. Impak kecerdasan buatan (AI) boleh digunakan menyelesaikan masalah berkenaan.

Selain itu, memasang pintu air pasang dan pintu air boleh mengawal aliran air laut masuk serta keluar daripada kawasan pantai sekali gus mengelakkan banjir berlebihan ketika air pasang. Struktur berkenaan boleh dibuka dan ditutup mengikut keperluan bagi mengawal paras air.

Sistem saliran berasaskan AI pada stesen pam berkuasa boleh membantu mengeluarkan air berlebihan daripada kawasan banjir. Kaedah ini sangat berkesan di Belanda. Stesen berkenaan boleh dikuasakan oleh penjana elektrik atau diesel dan dilengkapi sistem sandaran bagi memastikan operasi berterusan ketika gangguan bekalan elektrik.

Mencipta kawasan lembangan tadahan air juga boleh membantu memerangkap dan menyimpan limpahan air pasang besar sekali gus mengurangkan kadar aliran air ke dalam sistem perparitan dan mencegah banjir kilat.

Pada masa yang sama, menaikkan bangunan dan infrastruktur menerusi penggunaan tiang atau asas bertingkat lain melebihi paras banjir, boleh membantu melindunginya daripada kerosakan ketika banjir kilat. Sistem amaran awal menggunakan tolak air pasang di sepanjang garis pantai juga boleh memberi-

kan data masa nyata tentang paras laut. Maklumat tersebut sangat berguna untuk pemindahan dan mengaktifkan pelan tindak balas kecemasan, selain menggunakan model ramalan cuaca lanjutan bagi meramalkan masa dan intensiti ribut yang boleh menyebabkan air pasang.

Bagaimanapun, penulis sangat berminat kepada 'Penyelesaian Dikuasakan AI untuk Banjir Kilat Air Pasang Besar'. AI menawarkan penyelesaian inovatif menerusi analisis data, ramalan dan pengoptimuman seterusnya mencipta strategi berkesan dan cekap untuk menguruskan banjir air pasang. Salah satu aplikasi AI yang terbaik ialah ialah pembangunan model ramalan lanjutan atau *generative AI* dengan menganalisis data sejarah tentang pasang surut, corak cuaca dan keadaan pantai. Algoritma *generative AI* boleh mengenal pasti corak dan arah aliran yang mungkin menunjukkan peningkatan risiko banjir kilat. ALLAH SWT mengiaskan perkara ini dalam Surah An-Nahl [16:14-17] dan Surah Al-Jaatsiyah [45:12-13].

Mungkin juga penubuhan pusat kecemerlangan kepakaran (CoE2) dengan pelbagai disiplin kejuruteraan dan teknologi dalam pengurusan pantai boleh memberi *total solution* yang baharu kepada Malaysia.

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# Kaji SOP amaran cuaca

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**PUTRAJAYA** – Jabatan Meteorologi (MetMalaysia) diarah mengkaji semula prosedur operasi standard (SOP) penyediaan dan penyebaran maklumat supaya amaran dapat dikeluarkan dengan kerap terutama apabila cuaca menjadi ekstrem dan melampau.

Menteri Sumber Asli dan Kelestarian Alam, Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad berkata, cadangan penambahbaikan itu dibuat supaya penyebaran maklumat disampaikan secara efektif dan mengelakkan kejadian yang tidak diingini berlaku.

Terdahulu, terdapat laporan mengatakan MetMalaysia tidak memberi amaran cuaca disebabkan ramalan yang telah dikeluarkan lima hari terdahulu masih lagi efektif.

Ia ekoran kejadian ribut dan hujan lebat kebelakangan ini mengakibatkan banyak kes pokok tumbang, banjir dan ribut.

“Orang ramai perlu peka dan berwaspada ramalan dan amaran cuaca dikeluarkan MetMalaysia,” katanya.

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# Tindakan tatatertib ketua jabatan cuai

**PUTRAJAYA** – Ketua jabatan yang gagal melaksanakan pusingan kerja bermula Oktober ini akan dikenakan tindakan tata-tertib kerana dianggap cuai dalam melaksanakan tugas dan tidak bertanggungjawab.

Jabatan Perkhidmatan Awam (JPA) berkata, ketua jabatan terlibat boleh dikenakan tindakan mengikut Peraturan 4, Peraturan-Peraturan Pegawai Awam (Kelakuan dan Tatatertib) 1993 [P.U. (A) 395/1993].

Katanya, pusingan kerja dapat membendung dan menangani masalah prestasi kerja, ketirisan, penyalahgunaan kuasa dan rasuah.

“Dalam usaha memastikan setiap kementerian dan jabatan berupaya meningkatkan penyampaian perkhidmatan secara optimum dan berkesan, semua ketua jabatan dikehendaki melaksanakan pusingan kerja di organisasi masing-masing mulai Oktober.

“Mereka yang gagal boleh disifatkan sebagai cuai dalam melaksanakan tugas dan tidak bertanggungjawab,” katanya dalam satu kenyataan di sini semalam.

JPA berkata, saranan pusingan kerja itu merupakan salah satu inisiatif yang disasarkan dalam Agenda Reformasi Perkhidmatan Awam selari dengan Surat Edaran Pelaksanaan Urusan Pusingan Kerja dikeluarkan JPA pada 14 Mei



Dalam usaha memastikan setiap kementerian dan jabatan berupaya meningkatkan penyampaian perkhidmatan secara optimum dan berkesan, semua ketua jabatan dikehendaki melaksanakan pusingan kerja di organisasi masing-masing mulai Oktober.”

lalu.

Katanya, langkah itu merupakan elemen penting dalam pengayaan dan perluasan tugas yang menyumbang kepada kemajuan kerjaya pegawai awam daripada segi peningkatan kompetensi, pengalaman dan motivasi.

“Jadi, semua ketua jabatan hendaklah memandang serius terhadap pelaksanaan pusingan kerja di kementerian dan jabatan masing-masing,” katanya.

Menurut kenyataan itu, ketua jabatan perlu mengenal pasti dan melaksanakan pusingan kerja terhadap pegawai yang wajar ditukarkan.

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# Buang 8 tong bahan kimia ke parit

**SHAH ALAM** – Sebanyak lapan tong dipercayai berisi bahan kimia dibuang secara haram ke dalam alur parit di kawasan perindustrian, Jalan Desa Aman, Sungai Buloh, dekat sini kelmarin.

Kejadian itu dikesan kira-kira pukul 2 petang sebelum Lembaga Urus Air Selangor (LUAS) dan Majlis Perbandaran Selayang (MPS) bergegas ke lokasi.

Exco Kesihatan Awam dan Alam Sekitar Selangor, Jamaliah Jamaluddin berkata, semakan mendapati kesemua tong itu tidak mempunyai label.

“LUAS dan MPS turut menge-

san bau kuat seakan bahan kimia di lokasi pembuangan tersebut.

“Pemerhatian lanjut LUAS mendapati alur parit tersebut memasuki Sungai Gasi seterusnya ke Sungai Buloh. Tiada muka sauk loji rawatan air (LRA) berada di hilir aliran terlibat,” katanya dalam kenyataan kelmarin.

Beliau memaklumkan, MPS memasang pita keselamatan di lokasi untuk tindakan siasatan dan pencegahan lanjut.

LUAS segera berhubung dengan Jabatan Alam Sekitar (JAS), Pengurusan Air Selangor Sdn. Bhd. (Air Selangor), Suruhan-

jaya Perkhidmatan Air Negara (SPAN), Polis Diraja Malaysia dan Jabatan Bomba dan Penyelamat bagi tindakan bersepadu.

“JAS telah mengambil sampel di tong berkenaan dengan menggunakan kelengkapan keselamatan pengendalian bahan terjadual susulan kandungan yang disyaki bahan kimia.

“LUAS juga melakukan persampelan untuk dianalisis dan membuka satu kertas siasatan di bawah Seksyen 79(4) Enakmen LUAS 1999. Selain itu, kerja-kerja pembersihan di lokasi dilaksanakan oleh MPS,” jelasnya.

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## Ringgit mampu capai paras 4.03

**PETALING JAYA** – MIDF Research menyepak semula unjuran kadar tukaran ringgit berbanding dolar Amerika Syarikat (AS) kepada 4.03 pada hujung tahun ini (hujung 2023: 4.59), dengan purata tahunan sebanyak 4.56.

Katanya, pembalikan prestasi ringgit telah memadamkan kelemahannya pada awal tahun ini sehingga muncul sebagai mata wang dengan prestasi terbaik di rantau ini.

"Setakat ini, ringgit telah meningkat lebih daripada sembilan peratus sejak hujung 2023, dengan mata wang tempatan baru-baru didagangkan lebih rendah daripada RM4.20 untuk AS\$1.

"Kami menjangkakan lebih banyak dana akan mengalir ke pasaran baharu muncul termasuk Malaysia, ketika Rizab Persekutuan AS (Fed) meneruskan pelonggaran dasarnya.

"Dengan Kadar Dasar Semalaman (OPR) dikekalkan, perbezaan faedah antara Malaysia dan AS mengecil, dan ringgit memperoleh keuntungan daripada kelemahan dolar AS," katanya dalam nota kajian yang dikeluarkan semalam.

Firma penyelidikan pasaran



**KEDUDUKAN ringgit dijangka terus bertambah kukuh, seiring dengan jangkaan pemotongan lanjut kadar faedah di AS.** – GAMBAR HIASAN

itu menambah, pada masa sama, sebarang peristiwa yang membawa kepada kebimbangan tinggi terhadap prospek pertumbuhan akan menjadi risiko penurunan kepada tinjauan ringgit, kerana dolar AS akan mendapat keuntungan daripada peralihan kepada mod mengetepikan risiko.

Jelasnya, ini termasuk peningkatan baharu dalam ketega-

ngan geopolitik dan perdagangan, serta prospek yang lebih lemah dalam ekonomi utama (terutamanya China dan AS).

"Selain itu, Fed mungkin mengambil lebih masa untuk pemotongan kadar selanjutnya sekiranya prospek harga kekal tinggi, seterusnya memperlahankan penurunan dolar AS," ujarnya.

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## DASAR PENGURUSAN RISIKO BENCANA

# Sedia hadapi peralihan monsun

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**"K**erajaan akan memperkenalkan dasar pengurusan risiko bencana negara sebagai langkah persediaan menghadapi fasa peralihan monsun," kata Timbalan Perdana Menteri Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi.

Beliau berkata, dasar yang sedang digubal Agensi Pengurusan Bencana Negara (Nadma) itu adalah sebahagian usaha kerajaan dalam memastikan negara lebih bersedia dan berdaya tahan menghadapi bencana terutama dalam konteks perubahan iklim serta cuaca ekstrem yang semakin kerap berlaku.

Ahmad Zahid yang juga Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Pengurusan Bencana Negara berkata, dasar itu bertujuan mengurangkan ri-



**"Saya percaya, kejayaan dasar ini memerlukan usaha berterusan daripada semua pihak dan dengan komitmen bersama, kita mampu menjadikan Malaysia sebuah negara yang lebih selamat dan bersedia dalam menghadapi cabaran bencana pada masa hadapan, insya-Allah"**

*Timbalan Perdana Menteri,  
Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi*

siko bencana dengan mengarus perdanakan konsep Pengurangan Risiko Bencana (DRR) dalam setiap sektor pembangunan negara.

"DRR bukan sahaja memabatkan penyediaan infrastruktur, tetapi juga peningkatan kesedaran, pencegahan dan kerjasama antara kerajaan, NGO (badan bukan kerajaan), sektor swasta serta masyarakat.

"Saya percaya, kejayaan dasar ini memerlukan usa-

ha berterusan daripada semua pihak dan dengan komitmen bersama, kita mampu menjadikan Malaysia sebuah negara yang lebih selamat dan bersedia dalam menghadapi cabaran bencana pada masa hadapan, insya-Allah," katanya dalam hantaran Facebook semalam.

Malaysia kini memasuki permulaan fasa peralihan monsun dan dijangka berterusan hingga awal November ini, selepas Mon-

sun Barat Daya yang bermula 17 Mei lalu, berakhir.

Ahmad Zahid berkata, pelancaran Bulan Kesiapsiagaan Nasional juga akan diadakan pada 3 Oktober ini di Kota Tinggi, Johor.

"Inisiatif ini bertujuan meningkatkan kesedaran dan persediaan rakyat dalam menghadapi sebarang kemungkinan, termasuk bencana banjir dan ribut petir yang semakin kerap berlaku," katanya.

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# Pendigitalan undang isu penyelewengan secara lebih kompleks

**Bangi:** Pendigitalan dalam perkhidmatan awam boleh mengundang isu rasuah dengan cara baharu yang lebih kompleks dan rumit seperti bitcoin atau mata wang kripto.

Ketua Setiausaha Negara Tan Sri Shamsul Azri Abu Bakar berkata, inisiatif seperti perkhidmatan dalam talian, *Single Sign-On*, *Open Data* dan lain-lain yang dilaksanakan bagi mengurangkan karenah birokrasi serta campur tangan manusia tidak terlepas risiko penyelewengan.

"Kepesatan era teknologi digital ini mencipta ruang dan peluang bagi mereka tidak bertanggungjawab dalam memanipulasi kelemahan prosedur kerja dan peraturan.

"Ini cabaran sebagai penjawat awam untuk meneliti sebarang penam-

bahbaikan undang-undang, peraturan dan dasar sedia supaya sistem perkhidmatan awam tidak mampu diganggu serta digugat golongan berkenaan," katanya.

Turut hadir Ketua Pesaruhjaya Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) Tan Sri Azam Baki.

Beliau berkata demikian ketika berucap bagi merasmikan Persidangan Penyelidikan Governans, Integriti dan Antirasuah Peringkat Kebangsaan Kali ke-3 2024 di sini, semalam.

Mengulas mengenai Indeks Persepsi Rasuah (CPI), beliau berkata, kerajaan meletakkan sasaran mencapai kedudukan ke-25 teratas dalam tempoh 10 tahun.

Selaras matlamat itu, katanya, kerajaan bersetuju dengan penubuhan Pasukan Petugas Khas CPI yang dipengerusikan oleh beliau sendiri.

"Pasukan ini antara lain berperanan menganalisis dapatan kajian CPI serta mencadangkan syor serta strategi reformasi institusi dan perundangan termasuk pemantapan mekanisme semak dan imbang," katanya.



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## KKM, PBT perlu kerjasama kuat kuasa jualan e-rokok, vape

Akhirnya, tempoh 183 hari yang pernah diumpamakan 'wild wild west' kepada penjualan produk rokok elektronik atau e-rokok dan vape mempunyai cecair dan gel nikotin akan tamat sejak ia dikeluarkan daripada Akta Racun 1952 pada 31 Mac tahun lalu. Ini kerana Akta Kawalan Produk Merokok Demi Kesihatan Awam 2024 (Akta 852) bakal dikuatkuasakan, Selasa depan.

Bermakna syarat lebih ketat bakal dikenakan kepada kepada peniaga dan pembeli rokok serta rokok elektronik, sekali gus menjadi usaha kerajaan membendung kemudaran produk tembakau dan rokok elektronik terhadap kesihatan rakyat. Memang, penguatkuasaan Akta 852 menjadi takah penting dalam perjuangan mengekang tabiat merokok dan rokok elektronik terutama dalam kalangan generasi muda serta remaja tetapi ia sesekali tidak boleh dianggap penamat.

Ini kerana kajian Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS) 2023 mendapati peningkatan ketara dalam penggunaan rokok elektronik di negara ini, terutama individu berusia 15 hingga 24 tahun. Ia menjadikan usaha mengekang penggunaan bahan berkenaan dalam kalangan generasi yang kritikal kepada masa depan negara itu membimbangkan, sekali gus memerlukan penguatkuasaan lebih menyeluruh.

Cabaran sebenar terletak pada memastikan penguatkuasaan Akta 852 tidak sekadar hangat-hangat tahi ayam. Pengalaman pelaksanaan peraturan kawalan hasil tembakau sebelum ini, menunjukkan penguatkuasaan tidak berterusan akan melemahkan keberkesanannya. Ketika Menteri Kesihatan, Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad menerima tanggungjawab sama kali pertama pada 2018, operasi penguatkuasaan agresif dengan menasaskan individu ingkar larangan merokok di tempat awam termasuk restoran dan kedai makan tetapi fokus Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM), negara dan dunia kemudian teralih kepada agenda mengekang pandemik COVID-19.

Apapun, KKM kali ini tidak boleh bersendirian menguatkuasakan Akta 852, sebaliknya memerlukan kerjasama semua, termasuk pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) yang memiliki kuasa pelesenan terutama premis perniagaan. Tanggungjawab PBT sama pentingnya dalam mengawal penjualan rokok dan vape di tempat awam, terutama di pasar malam, uptown dan downtown yang kini menjadi sebahagian 'produk wajib ada' meskipun lokasinya sesak serta pengunjungnya termasuk remaja dan kanak-kanak.

Pada masa sama, kita mengingatkan pengusaha dan peniaga untuk mematuhi Akta 852. Mereka tidak boleh hanya mematuhi undang-undang ketika ada penguatkuasa tetapi 'apabila kucing tiada, tikus menjadi raja'. Kita tidak mahu demi mengejar keuntungan, mereka bersikap sambil lewa dengan tidak memeriksa pembeli mencurigakan terutama dari aspek usia. Kita mengingatkan 'kejahilan tidak boleh dijadikan alasan untuk melanggar undang-undang', malah sesiapa yang gagal mengikut peraturan perlu dikenakan hukuman maksimum di bawah akta berkenaan sebagai pengajaran kepada semua pihak.

Hakikatnya, isu rokok apapun bentuknya bukan hanya soal kepentingan ekonomi, sebaliknya membabitkan kesihatan awam terutama generasi muda dan perlindungan alam sekitar untuk kemaslahatan generasi masa depan. Tidak ada gunanya kita memperoleh keuntungan jangka pendek tetapi terpaksa membayarnya dengan kos tinggi ibarat dilihat gelas berlabu, dihitung pokok termakan, iaitu lahirnya saja untung, tetapi sebenarnya rugi.

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# 8 tong cecair sisa kimia dalam parit

**Kuala Lumpur:** Lapan tong berisi cecair dipercayai sisa kimia dipercayai dibuang ke dalam parit di Kampung Desa Aman, Sungai Buloh, dekat sini.

Semua tong berkenaan ditemui Selasa lalu sebelum dimaklumkan kepada pihak Jabatan Bomba dan Penyelamat Malaysia (JBPM) kira-kira jam 9 malam.

Penolong Pengarah Operasi JBPM Selangor, Ahmad Mukhlis Mokhtar, berkata sepasukan pegawai dan anggota daripada Balai Bomba Penyelamat (BBP) Sungai Buloh dikerahkan ke tempat berkenaan sejerus dimaklumkan penemuan itu.

Hasil pemeriksaan, lapan tong sisa buangan jenis cecair ditemukan di dalam parit dan Jabatan Alam Sekitar (JAS) mengambil sampel bagi tujuan penilaian.

“Tindakan seterusnya akan diambil selepas mendapat keputusan pemeriksaan dijalankan,” katanya melalui kenyataan semalam.

Dalam pada itu, JBPM Selangor masih menjalankan pemantauan di tempat berkenaan untuk mengelak kejadian tidak diingini, selain dibantu unit HAZMAT untuk tugas mengambil sampel.

JBPM memaklumkan pihaknya juga memantau kerja mengalih tong berkenaan ke kawasan selamat.

Selain JBPM dan JAS, turut terbabit dalam operasi itu ialah Majlis Bandaraya Shah Alam (MBSA), Pejabat Tanah, Suruhanjaya Perkhidmatan Air Negara (SPAN) dan Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM).



Anggota HAZMAT menjalankan operasi pemindahan lapan tong disyaki mengandungi bahan kimia yang dibuang ke dalam parit di Kampung Desa Aman, Sungai Buloh. (Foto ihsan JBPM)

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# Cuci tandas, longkang jika buang sampah lagi

## Pesalah berdepan hukuman khidmat sosial susulan pindaan Akta 171

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**Putrajaya:** Pesalah yang mengulangi kesalahan membuang sampah merata-rata bakal berdepan hukuman khidmat sosial seperti mencuci longkang dan tandas ber-

mula tahun depan.

Perkara itu dimaklumkan Menteri Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan (KPKT), Nga Kor Ming, susulan pindaan yang akan dilakukan terhadap Akta Kerajaan Tempatan 1976 (Akta 171).

Pindaan itu mencakupi sekysyen berkaitan hukuman bagi pesalah yang membuang sampah merata-rata yang mana beliau berkata ia perlu dipinda bagi memberi kesedaran kepada orang ramai.

Mengulas lanjut, katanya, pindaan ini akan membabitkan undang-undang khidmat sosial bagi memastikan pesalah yang per-



Kor Ming pada sidang media Majlis Prapelanaran Hari Cuci Malaysia: Program Pembersihan Mega Sempena World Clean Up Day 2024 di Putrajaya, semalam. (Foto Mohd Fadli Hamzah/BH)

nah melakukan kesalahan tidak mengulangi perbuatan sama pada masa depan.

"Mereka yang dikenakan tindakan undang-undang ini pernah disabit kesalahan, namun tidak takut walaupun dikenakan kompaun.

"Kita akan jemput individu yang melakukan kesalahan berulang ini dengan memberi mereka t-shirt istimewa untuk sama-sama turun padang cuci longkang dan jalan," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian pada sidang media Majlis Prapelan-

aran Hari Cuci Malaysia: Program Pembersihan Mega Sempena World Clean Up Day 2024 di Fasiliti Inovasi Kitar Semula, di sini, semalam.

### Terbukti berkesan

Program anjuran KPKT itu akan berlangsung Sabtu ini serentak di seluruh negara menyasarkan 50,000 peserta meliputi 156 pihak berkuasa tempatan.

Mengulas lanjut, Kor Ming berkata beliau beranggapan pindaan Akta Kerajaan Tempatan 1976 (Akta 171) adalah satu kaedah

terbukti berkesan dan sudah diamalkan di beberapa negara maju seperti Norway, Sweden dan Singapura.

Beliau berkata, pindaan akan dibentangkan di Parlimen selepas mendapat kelulusan Jemaah Menteri tahun hadapan.

"Sekarang ini zaman sosial media, jika kita tidak menjaga kebersihan pelancong asing yang datang akan menyebarkan nama negara terjejas. Oleh itu penting kita memulakan usaha ini tahun depan," katanya.

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# Hanya syarikat ada sijil antirasuah boleh bida kontrak lebih RM100j

Peraturan dikenakan kepada syarikat Kelas G7 yang berdaftar dengan CIDB mulai 2026

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**Bangi:** Hanya syarikat pembinaan dengan pensijilan Sistem Pengurusan Anti Rasuah ISO 37001 (ABMS) akan dibenar membida kontrak kerajaan bernilai lebih RM100 juta.

Ketua Pesuruhjaya Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM), Tan Sri Azam Baki, berkata keperluan itu akan dikuatkuasakan pada 2026 ke atas syarikat pembinaan Kelas G7 yang berdaftar dengan Lembaga Pembangunan Industri Pembinaan (CIDB).

"Baru-baru ini, Jawatankuasa Khas Kabinet Tatakelola Nasional (JKKTN) dipengerusikan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim secara prinsipnya setuju kontraktor kelas G7 yang berdaftar dengan CIDB perlu ada persijilan ISO37001 seba-

gai sebahagian usaha membasmi rasuah dalam tempoh dua tahun akan datang.

"Ini bagi projek RM100 juta ke atas. Sekarang masih dibenarkan tapi dalam tempoh dua tahun akan datang, syarikat pembinaan dan kontraktor perlu ada sijil ini.

"Cara ini akan meningkatkan kefahaman syarikat mengenai pambanerasan rasuah ketika mahu memasuki tender dalam Kementerian Kewangan (MOF)," katanya.

Bellau berkata demikian ketika ditemui media selepas majlis perasmian Persidangan Penyelidikan Governans, Integriti dan Anti-Rasuah Peringkat Kebangsaan 2024, di sini semalam.

Majlis disempurnakan Ketua Setiausaha Negara (KSN), Tan Sri Shamsul Azri Abu Bakar.

## Sektor binaan sarang rasuah

Azam berkata, sektor pembinaan negara antara yang akan diberi tumpuan dalam siasatan SPRM selepas dikenal pasti turut menjadi sarang ketirisan dan rasuah.

"Sektor pembinaan memang dalam pemerhatian kami, terutama yang membabitkan kontrak kerajaan, baik di peringkat negeri mahupun Persekutuan.

"Ini menjadi dalam pemerha-



Shamsul Azri diiringi Azam bersalaman dengan peserta pada Persidangan Penyelidikan Governans, Integriti dan Anti-Rasuah Peringkat Kebangsaan 2024, di Bangi, semalam. (Foto Hazreen Mohamad/BH)

tian dan memang banyak ketirisan," katanya.

Terdahulu berucap pada majlis itu, Azam berkata, ketiadaan langkah berkesan menangani rasuah akan menyebabkan ketirisan mencecah AS\$5 trilion (RM20.65 trilion) dalam sektor pembinaan menjelang 2030.

Katanya, unjuran itu dilaporkan Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), badan profesional dunia yang menetap-

kan piawaian dan kualiti bagi hartanah, infrastruktur dan pembinaan.

"Justeru, sekiranya risiko rasuah dalam sektor pembinaan tidak ditangani secara serius, sudah pasti sektor lain yang berkait seperti alam sekitar dan ekonomi akan lebih parah," katanya.

Selain pembinaan, Azam berkata, sektor lain seperti pertanian, pemborongan dan peruncitan, kewangan serta perbankan

akan diteliti sepanjang persidangan dua hari itu.

"Aspek alam sekitar berkaitan sumber air dan perspektif Malaysia berhubung Indeks Persepsi Rasuah (CPI) dan kaji selidik isu rasuah, integriti dan tatakelola yang diketengahkan kali ini bakal meneroka perspektif lebih luas mengenai realiti kelemahan tatakelola dan risiko rasuah yang wujud dalam sektor-sektor ini," katanya.

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# Dasar pengurusan risiko bencana akan diperkenal

**Kuala Lumpur:** Kerajaan akan memperkenalkan dasar pengurusan risiko bencana negara sebagai langkah persediaan menghadapi fasa peralihan monsun.

Timbalan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, berkata dasar yang sedang digubal Agensi Pengurusan Bencana Negara (NADMA) itu sebahagian usaha kerajaan dalam memastikan negara lebih bersedia dan berdaya tahan menghadapi bencana, terutamanya dalam konteks perubahan iklim serta cuaca ekstrem yang semakin kerap berlaku.

Ahmad Zahid yang juga Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Pengurusan Bencana Negara berkata, dasar itu juga bertujuan mengurangkan risiko bencana dengan mengarus-perdanakan konsep Pengurangan Risiko Bencana dalam setiap sektor pembangunan negara.

"Pengurangan risiko bencana bukan saja melibatkan penyediaan infrastruktur tetapi juga peningkatan kesedaran, pencegahan dan kerjasama di antara kerajaan, NGO (badan bukan kerajaan), sektor swasta serta masyarakat.

"Saya percaya, kejayaan dasar ini memerlukan usaha berterusan daripada semua pihak dan dengan komitmen bersama. Kita mampu menjadikan Malaysia sebuah negara yang lebih selamat dan bersedia dalam menghadapi cabaran bencana pada masa hadapan, insya-Allah," katanya di media sosial semalam.

Malaysia kini memasuki permulaan fasa peralihan monsun dan dijangka berterusan hingga awal November ini, selepas Monsun Barat Daya yang bermula 17 Mei lalu, berakhir. BERNAMA

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# Pembangunan baharu, perparitan didakwa punca banjir kilat

**Shah Alam:** Beberapa projek perumahan baharu yang ditamban dan perparitan tersumbat antara faktor banjir kilat di Jalan Kebun kelmarin.

Tinjauan di Taman Perumahan Mutiz Lorong Sarkawi di Jalan Kebun dekat sini mendapati, setiap keluarga melakukan kerja pembersihan dan membuang barang rosak akibat kejadian itu.

Keadaan petang semalam mendung dan hujan reyai-reyai ketika mereka membersihkan rumah kotor serta berbau.

Mangsa banjir, Mohd Suhirewan Mohammed Suhaimi, 44, berkata ketika kejadian kelmarin, beliau berada di tempat kerja di Shah Alam dan dihubungi isteri yang memaklumkan rumah dinaiki air sehingga paras betis

pada 3.30 petang.

Katanya, isteri dan anak sulung hanya sempat mengangkat barang penting, banyak barang terjejas dan rosak.

"Saya hanya tiba di rumah jam 8.30 malam kerana mengharungi beberapa jalan dinaiki air, selain kesesakan kerana banyak laluan ditutup.

"Kira-kira jam 4 pagi tadi, baru air surut. Hanya selepas Subuh kenderaan boleh masuk ke kawasan perumahan kami.

"Saya berharap pihak berwajib dapat mengambil inisiatif untuk membuat sesuatu supaya perkara ini tidak berulang," katanya di sini.

Mohd Suhirewan berkata, kawasan perumahan berkenaan kerap dilanda banjir kilat.

"Hujan tidak sampai satu jam, air dalam longkang terus naik, naik dari longkang hadapan masuk ke dalam rumah dengan begitu cepat. Apa yang kami lihat, ini masalah yang berpunca dengan saluran perparitan, ditambah dengan banyak pembinaan perumahan baharu di berhampiran taman kami," katanya yang tinggal di situ lebih 18 tahun.

Jirannya, Judith Frederick, 47, yang mendakwa projek pembangunan baharu mengakibatkan banjir kilat.

"Kami berharap, kerajaan negeri perlu melihat pembangunan projek perumahan baharu yang memberi kesan kepada taman ini kerana yang baharu siap dibina lebih tinggi, airnya mengalir ke perumahan kami," katanya.



Penduduk melakukan kerja pembersihan selepas kediaman dilanda banjir di Jalan Kebun, Shah Alam. (Foto Faiz Anuar/ BH)

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PDT Klang merobohkan lapan unit rumah yang dibina di atas tanah kerajaan di persiaran Sungai Keramat, Klang. (Foto ihsan PDT Klang)

## 8 rumah dibina atas tanah kerajaan diroboh

**Shah Alam:** Lapan unit rumah di Persiaran Sungai Keramat, Klang yang dibina di atas tanah milik kerajaan dirobohkan dalam satu operasi bersepadu, semalam.

Pegawai Daerah Klang, Amri Ismail, berkata tindakan ke atas premis kediaman yang masih dalam proses pembinaan itu diambil selaras dengan peruntukan undang-undang demi memelihara hartanah milik kerajaan daripada aktiviti pencerobohan.

Beliau berkata, Pejabat Daerah dan Tanah Klang (PDTK) mengeluarkan Notis Amaran Pencerobohan Tanah Kerajaan di bawah Seksyen 425 Kanun Tanah Negara kepada pengusaha tapak terbabit pada 16 Julai lalu.

"PDTK juga menaikkan papan tanda amaran dan menukup tapak, namun pengusaha masih berdegil meneruskan pembinaan rumah itu walaupun sudah berulang kali dibe-

rikan amaran.

"Pengusaha juga dipercayai telah menawarkan penjualan rumah berkenaan kepada orang awam," katanya dalam satu kenyataan, di sini semalam.

Dalam kenyataan sama, Amir turut menasihatkan orang ramai agar tidak terpedaya dengan tawaran jualan rumah tanpa menyelidiki latar belakang projek.

"Pentadbir Tanah Klang juga menegaskan bahawa pencerobohan tanah kerajaan adalah satu kesalahan serius di bawah Kanun Tanah Negara dan boleh didenda sehingga RM500,000 atau penjara tidak melebihi lima tahun atau kedua-duanya sekali," katanya.

Operasi bersepadu itu melibatkan PDTK, Pejabat Tanah dan Galian (PTG) Selangor, polis, Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) dan Pengurusan Air Selangor Sdn Bhd. BERNAMA

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# Kadar miskin bandar meningkat pasca COVID-19

Kadar kemiskinan di bandar meningkat kepada 4.5 peratus pada 2022, berbanding 3.8 peratus pada 2019, demikian menurut laporan terkini Institut Penyelidikan Khazanah (KRI).

Laporan *The State of Households 2024: Households and the Pandemic 2019-2022 (SoH 2024)* itu mendapati pasca pandemik COVID-19 menyaksikan peningkatan bilangan isi rumah yang berada dalam kemiskinan mutlak berbanding sebelum pandemik.

"Walaupun tidak semua daerah menghadapi peningkatan kemiskinan mutlak, isi rumah di kawasan bandar adalah paling terkesan dengan kadar kemiskinan meningkat daripada 3.8 peratus 2019 kepada 4.5 peratus pada 2022.

"Selain itu, daerah yang men-

catkan kadar kemiskinan mutlak lebih tinggi juga didapati mempunyai akses isi rumah lebih rendah kepada kemudahan asas seperti air paip bersih dan perkhidmatan kutipan sampah, menunjukkan wujud saling kait yang kuat antara kemiskinan berbentuk monetori dan bukan monetori," dedah laporan itu.

Kuala Lumpur merupakan kawasan dengan peningkatan isi rumah miskin tertinggi iaitu 6,774 isi rumah, diikuti Kuala Muda (5,229) dan Kota Kinabalu (5,117).

Sementara itu, laporan juga mendapati pertumbuhan pendapatan isi rumah di Malaysia lebih perlahan dalam tempoh pasca pandemik berbanding dekad sebelumnya.

Laporan itu mendedahkan walaupun terdapat peningkatan pen-

dapatan isi rumah pada 2022, kadar pertumbuhannya jauh lebih perlahan berbanding trend sebelum pandemik, selain masih berada di bawah jangkaan potensi.

"Pendapatan median adalah 12 peratus di bawah unjuran sebelum COVID-19, manakala purata pendapatan adalah 13 peratus lebih rendah, mencerminkan jurang ketara dalam fasa pemulihan pasca pandemik.

"Selain itu, jurang antara pendapatan purata dan median kian meluas menunjukkan peningkatan ketidaksamaan pendapatan, di mana isi rumah berpendapatan tinggi mendapat lebih banyak manfaat berbanding berpendapatan rendah," katanya.

Menurut laporan KRI, pendapatan isi rumah pada 2022, apabila disesuaikan dengan ketidak-

samaan, berkembang pada kadar lebih perlahan dengan 18 daerah kebanyakannya dari Semenanjung mengalami penurunan pendapatan serta peningkatan ketidaksamaan.

"Pertumbuhan pendapatan isi rumah yang disesuaikan dengan ketidaksamaan hanya meningkat 7.9 peratus pada 2022 berbanding 12 peratus pada 2019 disebabkan pertumbuhan pendapatan isi rumah lebih rendah.

"Beberapa daerah menyaksikan penurunan dalam pendapatan isi rumah yang diselaraskan dengan ketidaksamaan pada 2022, manakala pemacu pertumbuhan didapati tidak bertabur pada magnitud tidak sekata, apabila diselaraskan dengan pertumbuhan pendapatan isi rumah dan pekali Gini.

"Bagaimanapun, penggunaan pekali Gini secara tunggal dalam menilai ketidaksamaan tidak memberikan gambaran yang lengkap kerana terdapat negeri dan strata menunjukkan penurunan Gini, tetapi peningkatan ketidaksamaan di bahagian akhir pengagihan pendapatan," katanya.

Sementara itu, pendapatan boleh guna isi rumah telah menurun di semua peringkat desil pendapatan dengan kesan lebih ketara dilihat dalam kalangan isi rumah berpendapatan rendah dan pertengahan.

Isi rumah desil ke-10 terbawah mengalami penurunan pendapatan boleh guna sebanyak 108.2 peratus daripada RM200 pada 2019 kepada hanya RM16 pada 2022 (secara nominal).

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# 90 peratus ahli KWSP bawah 30 tahun dijangka tak cukup wang bersara



**Pengeluaran ketika COVID-19, gaji permulaan rendah jejas simpanan selesa selepas pencen**

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Pengeluaran skim Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja (KWSP) sepanjang tempoh COVID-19, secara kolektifnya menyebabkan lebih 90 peratus ahli kumpulan wang persaraan pekerja swasta itu yang berusia di bawah umur 30 tahun tidak mempunyai simpanan asas

mencukupi untuk persaraan, demikian menurut Institut Penyelidikan Khazanah (KRI).

Ahli KWSP membentuk 60 peratus daripada pasaran tenaga kerja, tidak termasuk mereka yang bekerja di sektor awam dan tidak formal.

Mengikut anggaran KWSP, seseorang perlu mempunyai minimum RM35,000 menjelang umur 30 tahun untuk mencapai simpanan asas persaraan RM240,000 menjelang umur 55 tahun.

KRI menerusi laporan *The State of Households 2024: Households and the Pandemic 2019-2022* (SoH 2024) berkata, data caruman ahli KWSP dari 2019 hingga 2022 menunjukkan hanya 10 peratus teratas dalam kategori umur 30 tahun ke bawah mempunyai lebih RM35,000.

Purata simpanan 10 peratus teratas pada 2022 ialah RM49,061.

"Ini menyerlahkan isu struktur gaji permulaan rendah dalam kalangan mereka yang mula memasuki pasaran pekerjaan kerana tidak dapat mencapai caruman asas KWSP untuk persaraan," dekad laporan itu.

Ia mendapati mereka yang berumur di bawah 30 tahun kurang terkesan oleh pengeluaran KWSP semasa pandemik COVID-19 kerana mereka biasanya mempunyai komitmen kewangan lebih rendah dari segi pinjaman perumahan/kenderaan, tanggungan dan lain-lain.

"Walaupun boleh dikatakan gaji mereka mungkin bertambah baik melalui kemajuan kerjaya, terdapat kesan pengkompaunan yang dikaitkan dengan gaji permulaan rendah kerana ia biasanya mengakibatkan pertumbuhan gaji lebih perlahan dan juga peningkatan ketidakpadanan

pekerjaan," kata KRI.

Institut penyelidikan itu dalam laporannya bagaimanapun mengakui, dengan peningkatan bahagian caruman untuk Akaun 1 KWSP daripada 70 peratus kepada 75 peratus, KWSP mengunjurkan 65 peratus ahlinya mungkin mempunyai kemampuan untuk mencapai simpanan asas menjelang 2035.

Laporan itu juga menekankan keperluan untuk meneliti semula sasaran simpanan RM250,000, yang tidak disemak sejak 2019.

KRI berkata, sasaran itu mengandaikan individu itu akan mengandakan RMI,000 sebulan selama 20 tahun.

#### Jangka hayat meningkat

"Memandangkan purata jangka hayat rakyat Malaysia meningkat, sasaran RM250,000 mungkin tidak mencukupi dan memer-

lukan penelitian semula kerana angka ini tidak disemak sejak 2019," kata KRI.

Ia menekankan individu yang menghampiri umur persaraan dan seterusnya mungkin menghadapi masalah lebih besar seperti risiko kesihatan dan hilang upaya di samping kehabisan simpanan persaraan.

"Adalah penting juga untuk ambil perhatian mereka yang bekerja di sektor tidak formal mungkin menghadapi prospek buruk mengenai persaraan kerana pada masa ini tidak diwajibkan untuk mencarum kepada KWSP.

"Individu ini yang telah menghadapi isu mengenai pendapatan purata lebih rendah, mungkin juga mempunyai sedikit atau tiada jaringan keselamatan untuk persaraan berbanding mereka yang bekerja secara formal," menurut KRI.



# Prosiding tatatertib penjawat awam didakwa goda isteri orang ditarik balik

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**PUTRAJAYA:** Sebarang pelaksanaan prosiding tatatertib yang sedang diambil terhadap pegawai awam yang didakwa atau disabitkan kesalahan di bawah Seksyen 498 Kanun Keseksaan (Akta 574) hendaklah dihentikan dan ditarik balik.

Isa susulan keputusan Mahkamah Persekutuan pada 15 Disember tahun lalu yang memutuskan seksyen itu di bawah akta berkenaan tidak lagi boleh diguna pakai dalam prosiding jenayah untuk mendakwa lelaki yang menggoda isteri orang.

Seksyen tersebut diputuskan sebagai tidak berperlembagaan atas alasan peruntukan itu mendiskriminasikan secara tidak

adil terhadap keseksamaan gender yang bertentangan dengan Fasal (2) Perkara 8 Perlembagaan Persekutuan.

Arahan pemberhentian dan penarikan balik prosiding tatatertib itu dinyatakan melalui surat edaran Jabatan Perkhidmatan Awam (JPA) yang ditandatangani ketua Pengarah Perkhidmatan Awam, Tan Sri Wan Ahmad Dahlan Abdul Aziz bertarikh 17 September 2024.

"Apa-apa pelaksanaan prosiding tatatertib yang sedang diambil terhadap pegawai yang telah didakwa atau disabitkan kesalahan di bawah Seksyen 498 Kanun Keseksaan (Akta 574) hendaklah dihentikan dan

ditarik balik.

"Ketetapan ini juga turut dipanjangkan kepada semua perkhidmatan awam negeri, pihak berkuasa berkanun dan pihak berkuasa tempatan tertakluk penerimaan pihak berkuasa masing-masing," katanya menerusi surat berkenaan.

Menerusi soalan lazim yang disertakan bersekali surat edaran berkenaan bagaimanapun menjelaskan, pegawai awam yang sedang dalam tindakan tatatertib atas kesalahan tatakelakuan menjalinkan hubungan sulit dengan isteri orang yang mana kesalahan tersebut dilaporkan terus ke Unit Integriti dan bukan berpunca daripada sabitan

di bawah seksyen tersebut, kes itu boleh diteruskan.

Ini kerana keputusan Mahkamah Persekutuan itu melibatkan suatu kesalahan jenayah yang diperuntukkan di bawah akta itu dan ia perlu dibezakan dengan kesalahan-kesalahan tatatertib yang diperuntukkan di bawah Bahagian II, Peraturan-Peraturan Pegawai Awam (Kelakuan dan Tatatertib) 1993 [P.U.(A) 395/1993].

Di bawah P.U. (A) 395/1993, Pihak Berkuasa Tatatertib (PBTT) mempunyai kuasa untuk mengenakan hukuman tatatertib berdasarkan tatakelakuan pegawai awam dalam perkhidmatan awam.

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# Semua jabatan wajib laksana pusingan kerja mulai Oktober

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**PETALING JAYA:** Jabatan Perkhidmatan Awam (JPA) mengarahkan semua ketua jabatan melaksanakan pusingan kerja di organisasi masing-masing mulai Oktober ini sebagai inisiatif Agenda Reformasi Perkhidmatan Awam.

JPA dalam satu kenyataan berkata, inisiatif itu adalah usaha bagi memastikan setiap kementerian dan jabatan berupaya meningkatkan penyampaian perkhidmatan secara optimum dan berkesan selari dengan Surat Edaran Pelaksanaan Urusan Pusingan Kerja yang dikeluarkan JPA pada 14 Mei lalu.

Jelasnya, langkah itu elemen penting dalam pengayaan dan peluasan tugas yang menyumbang kepada kemajuan kerjaya pegawai awam dari segi peningkatan kompetensi, pengalaman dan motivasi.

"Selain itu, pusingan kerja ini dapat membendung dan menangani masalah prestasi kerja, ketirisan dana awam, penyalahgunaan kuasa dan

amalan rasuah.

"Justeru, semua Ketua Jabatan hendaklah memandang serius terhadap pelaksanaan pusingan kerja di kementerian atau jabatan masing-masing," katanya.

Pada 15 Mei lalu, dalam satu pekeliling ditandatangani oleh Datuk Seri Wan Ahmad Dahlan Abdul Aziz, mewartakan bahawa ketua jabatan boleh menggunakan dua dasar sebagai panduan dalam urusan pertukaran supaya pusingan kerja teratur dan seragam.

Ia adalah menukarkan pegawai yang berkhidmat sekurang-kurangnya tiga tahun tetapi tidak melebihi lima tahun di sesuatu jawatan diklasifikasikan sebagai sensitif.

Ketua jabatan juga boleh menukar pegawai yang telah berkhidmat sekurang-kurangnya tiga tahun tetapi tidak melebihi lapan tahun di sesuatu jabatan yang diklasifikasikan sebagai bukan sensitif.

Jelas kenyataan itu, ketua

jabatan perlu mengenal pasti dan melaksanakan pusingan kerja terhadap pegawai yang wajar ditukarkan bagi memastikan kualiti penyampaian perkhidmatan sentiasa dinamik dan menepati kehendak semasa.

"Kegagalan dalam melaksanakan pusingan kerja boleh disifatkan sebagai cuai dalam melaksanakan tugas dan tidak bertanggungjawab.

"Ketua jabatan boleh dikenakan tindakan tatatertib di bawah Peraturan 4, Peraturan-Peraturan Pegawai Awam (Kelakuan dan Tatatertib) 1993 [P.U. (A) 395/1993]," katanya.

JPA berkata, pihaknya percaya tindakan ini akan menjadi peringatan kepada semua pegawai awam tentang kepentingan melaksanakan tugas dan mematuhi arahan ditetapkan.

"JPA akan terus memantau dan menilai pelaksanaan pusingan kerja ini untuk memastikan matlamat yang diharapkan tercapai," katanya.

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ISTANA Lama Seri Menanti diwartakan sebagai bangunan warisan kebangsaan di bawah Akta Warisan Kebangsaan 2005 (Akta 645).

# 1,019 diwartakan warisan negara

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**SEREMBAN:** Sebanyak 1,019 butiran warisan diwartakan di seluruh negara sehingga tahun ini di bawah Akta Warisan Kebangsaan 2005 (Akta 645).

Ketua Pengarah Jabatan Warisan Negara, Mohamad Muda Bahadin berkata, 715 daripanya

diwartakan sebagai butiran warisan kebangsaan melibatkan lima kategori iaitu bangunan atau tapak, objek ketara, tidak ketara dan orang hidup.

"Banyak manfaatnya apabila sesuatu itu diangkat dan diiktiraf sebagai warisan. Contohnya, pemilik bangunan warisan boleh memohon sumber kewangan malah sekiranya ia signifikan

ke peringkat antarabangsa, kita boleh calonkan sebagai warisan Pertubuhan Pendidikan, Saintifik dan Kebudayaan Pertubuhan Bangsa-Bangsa Bersatu (UNESCO)," katanya ketika ditemui di sini, semalam.

Dalam pada itu, beliau memberitahu, setakat ini sebanyak 27 butiran warisan di seluruh Negeri Sembilan terdiri daripa-

da 14 bangunan dan tapak serta 13 butiran kebudayaan kategori objek ketara dan objek warisan tidak ketara telah diwartakan mengikut akta berkenaan.

Jelas beliau, antaranya Istana Lama Seri Menanti (bangunan), Kota Lukut (tapak), teromba (bahasa dan persuratan), tarian piring (seni persembahan) dan tikar rompok (objek ketara).

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# Cukai rokok, arak, gula dijangka naik



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**PETALING JAYA:** Cukai rokok dan minuman keras mungkin dinaikkan dalam Belanjawan 2025 yang bakal dibentangkan bulan depan, kata RHB Investment Bank Bhd.

Bank pelaburan berkata, ini memandangkan kali terakhir kenaikan duti eksais dilaksanakan adalah pada tahun 2014 dan 2016.

"Kami tidak menolak kemungkinan tinggi duti eksais ditingkatkan bagi produk rokok dan minuman keras," katanya dalam nota penyelidikan semalam.

Menurut laman web Jabatan Kastam Diraja Malaysia (JKDM), duti eksais merupakan duti yang ditetapkan oleh menteri di bawah Seksyen 6, Akta Eksais 1976 yang dikenakan ke atas barangan berduit yang dikilang oleh syarikat yang dilesenkan di bawah Seksyen 20, Akta Eksais 1976.

Duti ini juga dikenakan ke atas barangan yang sama sewaktu diimport. Barangan tertakluk kepada duti eksais diwartakan dalam Perintah Duti Eksais 2022 antaranya minuman bergula, kenderaan bermotor, minuman keras dan rokok termasuk tembakau dan cerut.

Menurut RHB Investment Bank, Menteri Kesihatan, Datuk Seri Dr. Dzulkefly Ahmad baru-baru ini mendedahkan banyak perancangan diusahakan demi



KALI terakhir duti eksais ke atas rokok dan arak dilaksanakan adalah pada tahun 2014 dan 2016.

mengatasi masalah pengambilan gula.

"Dengan ini, cukai gula mungkin akan dinaikkan untuk barangan sedia ada dan skop penguatkuasaannya juga akan diperluaskan kepada lebih banyak produk lain.

"Mempertimbangkan perlu-

asan skop cukai ini, perkara ini seharusnya akan menjejaskan Power Root, manakala Farm Fresh Berhad (FFB) dan Nestle mungkin terkesan sekiranya skop ini dikembangkan kepada minuman berasaskan susu atau ais krim," katanya.

Firma berkata, Belanjawan

2025 sepatutnya lebih mesra pengguna dengan mengetengahkan langkah-langkah baik seperti bantuan kewangan tunai, ganjaran bonus kepada penjawat awam dan bantuan cukai pendapatan bagi menggalakkan penggunaan.

"Sementara itu, kami me-

**“Cukai gula mungkin akan dinaikkan untuk barangan sedia ada dan skop penguatkuasaannya juga akan diperluaskan kepada lebih banyak produk lain.”**

nanti-nantikan butiran lanjut mengenai pelaksanaan program subsidi bersasar petrol dan memerhati sama ada pihak kerajaan merancang untuk memperkenalkan cukai jualan dan barangan (GST) semula," katanya.

Dalam pada itu, bank pelaburan berkata, sentimen sektor pengguna seharusnya terus berada dalam keadaan suram sehingga impak daripada pelaksanaan pewajaran subsidi dapat dikenal pasti dengan lebih jelas.

"Terdapat juga ura-ura yang menyatakan GST mungkin diperkenalkan semula yang akan mendatangkan kesan ketara terhadap sentimen dalam kalangan pengguna dan seterusnya menyebabkan keadaan menjadi lebih tidak menentu.

"Sungguhpun begitu, kami yakin walaupun perbelanjaan pengguna tidak begitu menggalakkan, ia akan mendapat dorongan daripada pasaran pekerjaan yang stabil dan program bantuan kerajaan yang terus dilaksanakan seperti bantuan kewangan tunai dan subsidi," katanya.

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# Do more to save nation's rivers

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## Confining polluters to their homes may help restore waterways

**M**ALAYSIA is located outside the Ring of Fire, an area known for earthquakes and volcanic activities. Despite the country's rapid industrialisation, it is still covered with rainforests and overflowed with lifelines of ground and river water. Unfortunately, some citizens have shown a disregard for the environment by littering as if the nation is a landfill and by dumping trash and toxins into our rivers. Not only are our rivers and shores choked in consumer and industrial refuse, they are silted and contaminated, terrible outcomes of unmitigated construction booms, sand mining and riverside factories' waste dump. Our rivers' prognosis is appalling: five per cent of river basins are severely polluted and 42 per cent are polluted, leaving 53 per cent of fresh water sources clean.

As reported by the Maritime Institute of Malaysia in its 2023 Global Environment Centre study of Malaysian rivers, polluted rivers taint the seas and oceans. As a result, we may be eating contaminated fish and drinking groundwater and bathing in rivers seeped in hazardous chemicals. Granted, conserving city rivers is complex and complicated. Case in

**Granted, conserving city rivers is complex and complicated. Case in point: Paris.**

point: Paris. France struggled to purify the polluted Seine River, the venue for certain aquatic events during the Paris Olympics, even after allocating US\$1.5 billion for an aggressive clean-up. Because the river had become a combined sewer system where waste and storm water flow through the same pipes, swimmers felt the adverse effects of E. coli or other bacteria.

Regrettably, Malaysia's river conservation strategy has been to resort to regular post-pollution clean-ups instead of instituting preventive measures. While we attempted to transform city rivers into sightseeing and boat canals, the waters would emit a rancid odour because some parts were sewage dumps. River-cleaning and enforcement efforts belie the unsustainable conservation strategy that capitulates to extreme pollution. Root causes were still ignored in spite of endless clean-up projects and extravagant "Love Our River" campaigns producing unrealistic results. The trash-throwing and toxin-dumping mentality persisted, numbed to the fact that if people continued to ravage their rivers, the trash, toxins and bacteria would rebound to spook the polluters. Perplexingly, the authorities avoided tackling the root causes, despite data pointing to conservation as a budget-friendly anti-pollution initiative. Yet, more hopeless campaigns, enforcement and stringent laws followed up. Here's a pragmatic, if not implausible, ploy to save our rivers: mandate a Covid-19-like Movement Control Order (MCO) that confines polluters to their homes. Stunningly, the pandemic did produce a dream scenario: exotic fish, reptiles, birds and otters hung out in and around "cleansed" city rivers. Wistfully, it proved to be a one-time offer valid only during the MCO. In case you didn't notice, the exotic animals haven't reappeared after the MCO was lifted.

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8,000 SCHOOLS

# MACC probes into 1BestariNet data supply to schools

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**BANGI:** The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) is investigating the data quality and services provided to schools by YTL Communications Sdn Bhd under the 1BestariNet project.

MACC Chief Commissioner Tan Sri Azam Baki said investigations showed that there are issues involving data provision to schools under the project.

"There is an issue of data not

supplied (to schools). As such, we need to examine this as it constitutes an offence if there is a request but no supply. My officers are looking into this issue.

"Many parties have also raised concerns, all of which are under investigation.

"However, the (investigation) process will take some time as we need to visit many locations. This case involves 8,000 schools (na-

tionwide)," he said after the National Governance, Integrity and Anti-Corruption Commission Research Conference here yesterday.

Present was Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Shamsul Azri Abu Bakar.

Azam said the commission was probing into the issue after repeated claims of data not being provided to schools since the pro-

ject was signed.

"We need to investigate whether data was provided or whether the claims are valid. This is all the responsibility of the investigating officers.

"The investigation is ongoing and no conclusions can be made (yet).

It wouldn't be fair to the parties involved if I were to say there were any elements of wrongdo-

ing at this early stage.

"But I'm outlining the scope of what we need to investigate, aside from governance and other aspects."

Earlier this month, MACC launched an investigation into a payment claim related to the Education Ministry's 1BestariNet service tender, valued at RM4 billion, which was awarded to YTL Communications in 2011.

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ANTI-CORRUPTION MEASURE

# ISO CERTS NEEDED FOR PROJECTS OVER RM100M

This is to plug leakages in construction sector, says MACC chief

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**C**ONSTRUCTION companies will soon be required to obtain anti-corruption ISO certification when tendering for government projects worth RM100 million and above.

Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) Chief Commissioner Tan Sri Azam Baki said the matter was agreed upon in principle by MACC and the Special Cabinet Committee on National Governance chaired by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim recently.

He said the government had given a two-year grace period for this to be implemented.

He said the construction sector had been identified by global researchers as having significant leakage issues.

"(And) this is an area where much of my discussions with the Finance Ministry have centred on.

"Within the next two years, G7 companies must obtain the ISO 37001 certification, where they must be prepared to advertise anti-corruption measures under Sirim (Standard and Industrial Research Institute of Malaysia).



Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission Chief Commissioner Tan Sri Azam Baki speaking at the National Governance, Integrity and Anti-Corruption Commission Research Conference in Bangi yesterday. PIC BY HAZREEN MOHAMAD

"For now, participation is still allowed but once the two-year grace period ends, they won't be able to participate in Finance Ministry tenders (unless they have the certification)," he said after the National Governance, Integrity and Anti-Corruption Commission Research Conference here yesterday.

The International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) 37001 or Malaysian Standard (MS) ISO 37001 is a voluntary internal control system for organisations to manage, handle, enforce, evaluate, as well as to improve anti-corruption measures effectively.

Azam said the construction sector was also under MACC's focus as it sometimes involved government contracts where

leakages could occur.

"They (companies) participate in tenders at both the state and federal levels, which is why we are focusing on this area.

"These construction projects vary, and include building roads, structures and so on, but will involve government projects where we have identified issues such as bribery to administrators, the increase in costs (of projects) and many other irregularities, both minor and major."

Earlier, Azam said based on a report by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors US\$5 trillion per year in leakage value was expected to be contributed by the construction sector by 2030 if no effective measures were taken to deal with corruption.

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## Crackdown on graft remains govt's priority, says premier

**ISKANDAR PUTERI:** Crackdown on corruption remains the government's priority to ensure that the country facilitates ease of doing business and achieves better efficiency and transparency, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

He said the stability provided from holding two-thirds majority in Parliament has enabled the government to ensure that Malaysia has better governance, clearing the country's image which is sometimes associated with high-level corruption and poor governance.

"It is precisely the reason why the crackdown

on corruption is clearly a priority set by this government and we must remain steadfast to make sure this continues," he said in his keynote address at Invest Malaysia Iskandar 2024 yesterday.

Anwar also called for greater involvement from the private sector to further enhance talent development in Malaysia.

He also called for the involvement of the private sector in education, in TVET (Technical and Vocational Education and Training) and technical training in AI (artificial intelligence).

He said the issue about the lack of local

talent was brought to his attention by multinational companies operating in Malaysia that felt the need for more locals to be involved at the highest level of these companies.

"Most of them expressed their concern that while they are proud of the fact that we have a disciplined and qualified workforce, we lack that at the highest level.

"The highest level must be given to the young, and they must be given the opportunity to be trained now. That has to be done together with the private sector, particularly training people through our government institutions for

its requirement.

"This is an indication how the collaborative efforts of government institutions and the private sector can fulfil the requirements of the future."

Invest Malaysia Iskandar is the fifth edition in the Invest Malaysia series for this year, following previous editions in Melbourne (March), China (virtual, April), Singapore (August) and Hong Kong (September).

The conference, by invitation, draws over 500 delegates, including foreign fixed income, equity and private equity investors. — Bernama

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## Nod for task force on Corruption Perception Index

**BANGI:** The government has agreed to the establishment of a special task force on the Corruption Perception Index (CPI), which will be chaired by Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Shamsul Azri Abu Bakar.

Shamsul Azri said the team has the role of analysing the findings of the CPI survey and proposing recommendations and strategies for institutional and legal reforms, including the strengthening of check-and-balance mechanisms.

"On the CPI, we are all aware that through the Mid-Term Review of the 12th Malaysia Plan, the government has set a target to reach the top 25 position in the CPI in 2033 as spelt out in the Madani Economy document," he said when opening the 3rd National Level Governance, Integrity and Anti-Corruption Research Conference 2024 yesterday. - Bernama

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## Department told to review SOP on weather warnings

**PUTRAJAYA:** The Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability Ministry has instructed the Meteorological Department to review the SOP for the preparation and dissemination of weather information.

It said the department has been told to issue advisories or warnings more frequently, especially when the weather is expected to be extreme.

Its minister Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad said the department has been advised to improve the communication aspect in disseminating weather information and warnings more effectively.

"This is to ensure the public is aware of weather conditions and can avoid untoward incidents."

He said the ministry is aware of media reports stating that the department did not issue weather warnings because the forecast that had been issued five days earlier was still effective.

He also said the monsoon transition phase, which began this week, would continue until the beginning of November, marking the end of the southwest monsoon, which has been ongoing since May 17.

Nik Nazmi said during the



Nik Nazmi said during the monsoon transition phase, the country would experience the occurrence of thunderstorms, which usually bring heavy rain and strong winds in a short period of time. — ADIB RAWI YAHYA/THESUN

monsoon transition phase, the country would experience weak winds from several directions.

"The situation could result in the occurrence of thunderstorms, which usually bring heavy rain and strong winds in a short period of time, especially in the evening and early

night in most areas in the west and interior of the Peninsula, west Sabah, and west and central Sarawak.

"Such weather conditions have the potential to cause flash floods, fallen trees and damage to structures that are not strong."

He advised the public to be

vigilant and look out for weather forecasts and warnings issued by the department through its official website, official social media account and the myCuaca app.

The public may call the department hotline at 1-300-22-1638 for more information. — Bernama



# Research shows rise in urban household **absolute poverty**

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Absolute poverty increased from 3.8% in 2019 to 4.5% in 2022, especially among urban households, according to a Khazanah Research Institute (KRI) report.

"The State of Households 2024: Households and the Pandemic 2019-2022" report stated that Kuala Lumpur had the highest household increase at 6,774, followed by Kuala Muda at 5,229 and Kota Kinabalu at 5,117.

The report also said the Covid-19 pandemic reversed earlier gains made in poverty reduction.

"The pandemic reduced the residual incomes of lower income households."

KRI reported that households with incomes of RM3,000, RM5,000, and RM11,000 and above saw a growth of 2%, 5.1% and 6.6% respectively in 2022 while those in the lower income category declined as low as 40.9%.

"Districts with higher incidences of households in absolute poverty had lower access to basic amenities, indicating a strong

► Inclusive economic development policies needed to reduce regional disparities and support income growth: Khazanah

overlap between monetary and non-monetary poverty."

The report suggested targeted and inclusive economic development policies to reduce regional disparities, improve access to basic amenities and support income growth.

KRI said Covid-19 related Employees Provident Fund withdrawals have widened income disparity, disproportionately affecting lower income contributors.

"Individuals in the lower income decile withdrew nearly all their savings (up to 98% in the age group of 30 and below as well as between 30 and 54), compared with much lower rates in higher deciles."

KRI said from 2014 to 2022, household expenditure as a

percentage of income continued to rise, with urban households seeing higher growth at 5.6% compared with rural households at 3.6%.

The report said households generally allocate the largest share of their monthly expenditures to fundamental necessities, with housing and utilities at 23.2%, groceries at 16.3%, dining out at 15.3% and transport at 11.3%.

"Food away from home is rapidly substituting food at home, with Malaysian households spending 48% of their food expenditure on food away from home post-pandemic."

KRI also found that both digital access and usage rose during the pandemic but were not sustained evenly post-pandemic, especially in

internet banking and digital health.

"The use of the internet to seek health information and make health appointments online dropped after 2021, more starkly among those aged above 60.

"The pandemic-driven surge in digital health use highlights the potential benefits of healthcare digitalisation and the challenges to its implementation."

KRI said the decade-long process of healthcare digitalisation has faced challenges in upgrading legacy infrastructure and implementing data integration across the public and private sectors, Bernama reported.

"To address these barriers, the country has transitioned to a lightweight, mobile and cloud-based approach.

"A nationwide, future-proof digital health system needs to be inclusive, patient-centric and well governed. Health data regulations and increased investment in foundational healthcare digitalisation are instrumental in achieving this goal."

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