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COUNCIL COMPETITIONS -

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

> Selayang Municipal Council (MPS) has applications open until June 6 for its edible garden competition. Community gardens can vie for prizes in four categories. For more, call 03-6126 6014 (MPS Landscape Department).

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MBPJ issues more fines for dumping

PJ Watch programme sees 172 compounds issued, 74 arrests from January to May

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PETALING Jaya City Council (MBPJ) is intensifying efforts to tackle illegal rubbish dumping through its PJ Watch programme.

Throughout May, enforcement operations were carried out in several localities including SS2, Section 17, SS3, PJU 5, PJS 1 and SS7.

Petaling Jaya mayor Mohamad Zahri Samingon said compounds were issued during this month's ground operations – six to individuals, three to companies and one involving a vehicle.

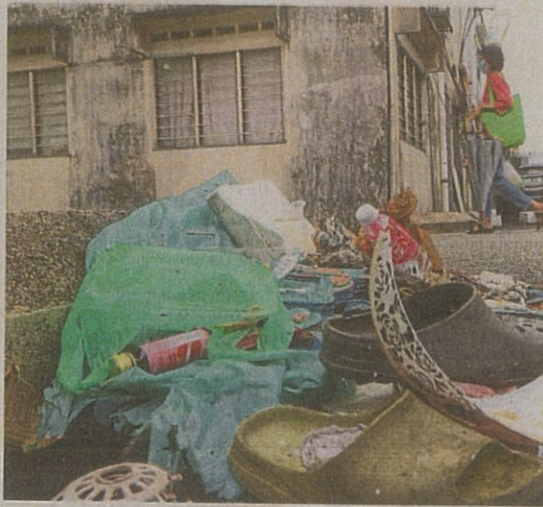
"From January to May 22, MBPJ's closed-circuit TV surveillance recorded 45 illegal dumping cases.

"During the same period, enforcement officers issued a total of 172 compounds and made 74 arrests in relation to illegal rubbish dumping."

He said to raise awareness of the issue, MBPJ made 12 public announcements through local media and on social media platforms.

He said this during MBPJ's monthly full board meeting at its headquarters in Section 7, Petaling Jaya in Selangor.

At the meeting, Mohamad



An illegal dumpsite in Sea Park, Petaling Jaya. MBPJ enforcement officers are cracking down on people throwing rubbish indiscriminately. — Filepic

Zahri also spoke about the city's 19th anniversary celebrations.

A series of events and programmes have been lined up for Petaling Jaya residents throughout June, he said.

The event themed "Petaling Jaya Bandar Paling Bahagia" will feature 31 activities, including community programmes and competitions.

The local authority became



Mohamad Zahri invites the public to join MBPJ in celebrating its city status anniversary next month.

known as MBPJ after Petaling Jaya was granted city status on June 20, 2006.

The anniversary celebrations are set to be launched on June 1.

The event, said Mohamad Zahri, would coincide with the launch of the Car Boot Sale in Kota Damansara, and there would be a presentation from *Malaysia Book of Records* recognising MBPJ for establishing an eco-recycling plaza.

The highlight of the month-long celebration is the anniversary ceremony at 8pm on June 21 at Laman MBPJ on Jalan Yong Shook Lin.

Ten events have been planned for that day, including "Picnic in the Park" and "The Mega Leisure Programme" at PJ State in Section 52.

Mohamad Zahri invites the public to join in the festivities and get programme details via MBPJ's website or official social media platforms.

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UPDATED SERVICES

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

KL BAZAAR FEEDBACK

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

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Selayang council monitoring strays in Bandar Tasik Puteri after residents injured

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SELAYANG Municipal Council (MPS) has stepped up operations on stray dogs in Bandar Tasik Puteri, Rawang, following two recent incidents.

On May 2, a teenager was injured after falling while fleeing a pack of stray dogs.

Then on May 10, a woman was bitten while exercising near her home.

"We have approached this issue with prudence after the first case," MPS deputy president Az'har Samsuri said during the monthly full board meeting at Menara MPS in Bandar Baru Selayang, Selangor.

"MPS has increased patrolling to monitor for stray dogs in the area."

He said the local council could not confirm if the dogs which chased and/or attacked the residents had been caught.

"We don't know for sure if the dogs in the incidents are wild or have owners."

Between May 5 and 20, MPS carried out 14 operations which resulted in the capture of 40 dogs.

The animals were transferred to a shelter in Rawang.



MPS Stadium is one of the venues in Sukma 2026, hosting women's football. — Filepic

Az'har said MPS encountered challenges during enforcement, including public interference.

"Some stray dogs that were in cages were released by the public," he said.

"Some council officers were also provoked in the course of carrying out their duties."

He added that some MPS officers encountered feeders who claimed to represent non-governmental organisations but did not show proof of affiliation.

"There are those who support this person feeding strays, and

those who don't because feeding attracts more strays.

"We are trying to manage both sides," said Az'har.

Some individuals, he said, had been feeding strays irresponsibly by leaving food on the road.

"This in turn attracts more dogs into the residential areas."

On another matter, Az'har said MPS collected RM62.16mil in assessment tax this year, achieving 92.78% of its RM67mil target and recovering RM3.97mil in arrears.

He said digital payments made

up 79.32% of April's collections, with over RM2.3mil in transactions recorded through the MyMPS portal.

These included assessment tax, business licences, stall rentals, permits and compounds.

Az'har said preparations were also underway for Malaysia Games (Sukma) 2026 as the MPS Stadium has been selected for the women's football event.

"MPS will be ready for Sukma by the end of the year," he said in reference to new parking bays under construction, for over 300 vehicles, behind the stadium.

The stadium has undergone major upgrades in the past two years, including a RM7mil field refurbishment, RM800,000 scoreboard, new public announcement system and improved floodlights.

The municipal council also welcomed former MPS deputy president Datuk Cheremi Tarman as the new Orang Besar Daerah Gombak following his recent appointment to the post.

He has been appointed councillor for Zone 2 and will serve on MPS' finance, infrastructure, community and One-Stop Centre (OSC) committees.

Cheremi had previously served as Shah Alam mayor.

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Many buildings have designated women-only parking bays to provide extra security for women drivers.



The provision of cash machines is necessary as a backup in case users are unable to pay using cashless methods. — Filepic

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HOT, stuffy and dimly lit — these are the conditions of many multi-storey and basement carpark in Klang Valley brought about by poor design and upkeep.

Motorists are often annoyed by the shortcomings found at these facilities meant to be a convenience for customers and visitors.

Besides payment and customer service issues, safety concerns also top the visitors' complaints list.

Mitra Themis, 53, recalled a frustrating episode with a parking ticket machine at a hotel in Petaling Jaya.

"My parking fee was RM9 and I paid with a RM20 note. But the machine didn't give any change or a receipt.

"I went to the parking management office to complain but it was closed as it was Sunday. I was told to come back on a weekday.

"But without a receipt, I had no way of proving my claim. In the end, I gave up as it was not worth the trouble," she said.

Mohd Shafiq Azman, 33, said he could not forget being "trapped" in a basement carpark two years ago.

The IT executive from Cyberjaya, Selangor, was going home after parking at a Kuala Lumpur mall to attend an event.

"Several exits were closed for maintenance and there were no notices or security guards to direct motorists inside the carpark.

"After driving in circles for nearly half an hour after paying the parking fee, the grace period to exit expired.

"I had to get another ticket from the management office," he said, adding that the carpark was uncomfortably warm due to poor ventilation.

Some carpark have transitioned to using cashless payment

Flawed carpark driving users up the wall

Klang Valley motorists highlight elements, including services, to improve on at indoor parking facilities



Placing CCTV cameras inside indoor carpark may help to deter criminal activity. — Photos: LOW BOON TAT, FARID WAHAB/The Star

options such as Touch'nGo or QR codes but not everyone welcomes this change.

Shah Alam resident Mohd Lugman Idham, 29, said he had been to several basement carpark that used QR codes for payments.

However, he experienced poor Internet connectivity underground that resulted in difficulties

using those payment methods.

He suggested that carpark offer more payment options.

Inadequate safety is another concern for multistorey and basement carpark users, especially women motorists.

Kajang resident V. Naidu, 46, avoided buildings that did not have women-only parking zones.

"I prefer carpark that have women security guards as this makes me feel safer."

She said she did not feel safe in poorly lit parking lots and suggested that closed-circuit television cameras (CCTV cameras) be made compulsory at carpark in busy areas.

Public awareness about women's safety in carpark spiked after the 2003 abduction and murder of Canny Ong, who was kidnapped from a shopping mall carpark in Bangsar.

Following the incident, some malls and public buildings introduced women-only parking zones, typically located near entrances.

Narrow ramps, entrance and exits, as well as sharp bends have also been identified as problems

in indoor carpark.

"Once, my car hit the wall while going up a narrow ramp," said Charlotte Law, 44, a property agent from Sentul, Kuala Lumpur.

"I also avoid parking at dimly lit facilities and prefer to park as near as possible to the entrance."

Damansara resident Mohd Firdaus Sufiyan Kamal Hadany, 28, said he was dissatisfied with the lack of proper signage at some malls.

"There have been times when I had to ask the security guard for directions inside these parking facilities.

"It is also difficult to locate the carpark entrance at some malls due to lack of signage or confusing directions," he added.

Recommendations

Building experts and activists have offered suggestions on how the user experience in indoor carpark can be improved.

Architect Mustapha Kamal, who runs an architecture and urban design firm in Petaling Jaya, said ensuring proper ventilation was a must.

He said the ceiling must be high enough to enable proper air circulation.

According to him, this is important to prevent any stench or mould from forming inside these facilities.

"Developers and building managers may also explore using chilled water systems to cool the facilities and reduce stuffiness."

Mustapha also emphasised the need for proper drainage to remove excess water and prevent ponding.

"Unlike outdoor carpark which have rougher flooring, the surface of indoor ones is generally more slippery," he said.

"When wet, they may pose hazards for motorists and pedestrians," said Mustapha.

Zac Cheong, vice-secretary for Transit Malaysia, a non-governmental organisation that advocates for better public transport, suggested the retention of cash-payment machines.

"Not everyone is tech-savvy. Some senior citizens might struggle with using apps and QR codes."

Cheong also highlighted that



This bay reserved for parents with children is equipped with parking chocks to prevent collision.

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Mustapha says high ceilings and proper drainage are necessary for indoor car parks.

some basement carpark exit gates were positioned on inclined ramps.

He said this setup increased the risk of accidents if cars were lined up too closely.

"To improve safety, gates should be placed at the bottom of the ramp, before the incline begins," he pointed out.

Cheong also suggested that building management hire a third-party operator to manage their car parks.

Facility guidelines

Many guidelines by the authorities exist for design and construction of indoor car parks.

Among them is the 2017 Carpark Planning Guideline issued by Town and Country Planning Department (PLAN-Malaysia), which outlines several requirements such as the provision of CCTV cameras, emergency buttons, and security personnel.

It also recommends that uniform lighting, with a minimum brightness of 100 lumens per square metre, be provided throughout the facility.

"To discourage speeding, speed breakers should be installed and bays must be equipped with parking chocks



Cheong says building management could hire a third-party operator to manage car parks.

to prevent collision.

(Chock is a wedge or block that keeps a vehicle in place or stops it from rolling.)

"This is in addition to having signage and convex mirrors at blind spots to help motorists navigate," the PLANMalaysia Carpark Planning Guideline stated.

It also outlines the minimum number of bays needed for a carpark.

The figure varies depending on the type of premises, such as commercial or residential.

In Kuala Lumpur, developers building commercial premises that fail to meet this minimum requirement are liable to a RM60,000 charge for each missing bay, payable to Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL).

This is stipulated in the Federal Territory Kuala Lumpur Carpark Planning Guideline effective June 25 last year.

It also requires that at least 7% of bays in indoor car parks at commercial premises, like shopping centres, hypermarkets and departmental stores, are reserved for lone women drivers.

However, the guideline grants exceptions for commercial developments within transportation hubs such as KL



Wet floors in indoor parking lots pose risks for motorists.



Motorists risk getting their cars damaged by narrow ramps.

Sentral, MidValley Megamall and Plaza Pantai.

Developments within these areas enjoy 50%, 35% and 30% bays respectively, with allowable reductions in parking bays without being subject to the RM60,000 charge.

The Drainage and Irrigation Department's guidelines require basement car parks to be equipped with flood mitigation measures, including floodgates, CCTV cameras to moni-

tor the water level, and an early warning system.

A DBKL spokesperson said compliance with the DBKL guideline was mandatory and those failing to do so would be required to provide justification.

"The matter will then be reviewed at the One-Stop Centre where a decision will be made on whether a development order will be granted," the spokesperson said.

Recent incidents at indoor car parks



May 19

Security guard allegedly extorted RM50 from a woman for parking at an unauthorised bay at hospital carpark. Police said the incident took place last Dec 23.

May 16

Two robbers shot dead by police at a Nilai condominium parking lot.

May 6

Woman died after falling from a multistorey carpark lot at a Penang mall.

March 14

Video circulated showing a dead man inside a vehicle in a downtown mall carpark. Police said the incident took place on Jan 25.

Feb 10

A gunman fired shots in a Shah Alam mall parking lot after rampaging inside the shopping centre.

Feb 4

Driver escaped unharmed after his car crashed into the wall of a multistorey carpark at Serdang Hospital.

Jan 7

A multistorey parking lot in Luyang, Sabah, became a spot for illegal racing.

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Asean rises stronger together

Summit success signals growing strength of region, say analysts

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PETALING JAYA: The Asean Summit saw diplomatic and economic breakthroughs, besides stronger ties with China and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), underscoring the region's growing ability to navigate complex global challenges under Malaysia's leadership, say analysts.

Asian Strategy and Leadership Institute chief executive officer Danial Rahman said the inaugural Asean-GCC-China Summit, which ran concurrently with the 46th Asean Summit, was significant in light of the Middle East trip by US President Donald Trump earlier this month.

"The GCC countries are well aware of the ongoing global nuances, so by participating in the Asean-GCC-China Summit, it shows that they see Asean as a vital and neutral bridge with China and the wider Indo-Pacific," he said when contacted yesterday.

The Asean Summit concluded on Tuesday after a series of high-level engagements aimed at reinforcing regional cooperation and strategic partnerships.

Held under Malaysia's 2025 Asean Chairmanship themed "Inclusivity and Sustainability", the two-day summit included the 2nd Asean-Gulf Cooperation Council Summit, the inaugural Asean-GCC-China Summit and the 16th Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand Growth Triangle (IMT-GT) Summit.

The summit also saw Asean, GCC and China reaffirming their commitment to deepen cooperation across broad areas, charting a united and collective path towards a peaceful, prosperous and equitable future.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim also announced on Tuesday during the summit that he had written to Trump, seeking his support for an Asean-US meeting.

Other key highlights include the signing of the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on Asean 2045 and the formal admission of Timor-Leste as Asean's 11th member by October.

It also made known bold initiatives on digital economy and green financing and a firm, united stance on regional issues such as those related to the South China Sea, the Myanmar crisis and broader global conflicts.

The upgraded Asean-China Free Trade Area (ACFTA) 3.0 and the revised Asean Trade in Goods Agreement (Atiga) are slated to be signed at the 47th Asean Summit to be held in October in

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Kuala Lumpur.

Danial said ties with the GCC were pragmatic, while relations with China remained crucial for trade, investment and regional peace and stability.

"The GCC nations, which in recent times have been playing a key role as peace negotiators in the volatile Middle East, in turn are able to strengthen their bond with Asean."

"China, on the other hand, with its premier as leader of the delegation, has stayed on its consistent path of engagement and charm offensive," he said, noting that Chinese President Xi Jinping had a recent tour of some South-East Asian countries.

"If at all, it sends a signal to the US of the robustness of the Asean region. Hence, the invitation to Trump for a US-Asean summit should be viewed in a new light," said Danial.

He also said Asean's principle of centrality had remained firm.

"On this point, some have criticised the idea of an 'Asean response' to the tariff issue because the US has traditionally only engaged with individual nations."

"But some of these critics missed a critical point. If Asean does not behave as a cohesive bloc, then they'll forever be divided."

"Leveraging on collective economic strength and potential will be one of Asean's key strategic advantages, not just economically but also security-wise," added Danial.

He noted that the estimated total gross domestic product (GDP) of all Asean states amounted to about US\$3.6 trillion (RM15.2 trillion).



Ties that bind: Volunteers taking pictures on the last day of the 46th Asean Summit, at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre in Kuala Lumpur. — AZHAR MAHFOF/The Star



Global outlook: Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan having a discussion with Anwar during the Asean-GCC-China Summit at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre. — Bernama

This is projected to grow to about US\$4 trillion (RM16.9 trillion) with well over 450 million middle class consumers.

"So, even if the US refuses to engage with an Asean bloc, Asean must set the precedent to go in as one with a united voice on key regional economic issues," he said.

He said in the medium to long term, Asean is expected to mirror European Union's market-style approach, which has proven influential in setting high standards for trade, sustainability and growth.

This had reshaped how investors, businesses and governments across the United States, Africa and Asia approach policies, products and regulations, Danial said.

"So, critics who say this will never happen have gotten it wrong. This is not just optimism, rather, it is pragmatism for continued Asean relevance and strength," he said.

Universiti Malaya socio-political analyst Datuk Prof Dr Awang Azman Awang Pawi said the 46th Asean Summit marked a significant step forward in Asean's long-term strategic vision and geopolitical positioning.

"The Kuala Lumpur Declaration on Asean 2045 articulates a bold and forward-looking agenda that aims to shape a resilient, innovative, dynamic and people-centred regional bloc by mid-century," he said.

He said the KL Declaration provides a necessary strategic blueprint, and recalibrating external ties offers Asean room to maneuver in a complex global environment.

Aside from that, he said Timor-Leste's impending admission signals Asean's openness and inclusivity, though it brings challenges in terms of capacity-building and integration.

Awang Azman also pointed out that the commitment to digital economy and green financing underscores Asean's awareness of structural transformation and its need to remain competitive amid the global tech and climate transitions.

The summit, he said, demonstrated improved coherence in addressing contentious regional issues, especially those linked to the South China Sea and the Myanmar crisis, although implementation remains the key test.

"The summit reiterated Asean's

Five-Point Consensus and showed stronger language regarding Myanmar's junta," he said.

He said that declarations must evolve into decisive and impactful policies on issues such as those on Myanmar or otherwise, Asean would risk being seen as a passive actor in its own region.

However, he highlighted several positive steps in addressing the Myanmar issue, including support for Asean's Special Envoy mechanism and increased coordination with the United Nations and external partners.

"Moving forward, Asean must reconsider its consensus-based decision-making when dealing with humanitarian crises and breaches of regional norms, especially when such crises threaten Asean's legitimacy and credibility," he said.

"So, in summary, the 46th Asean Summit was progressive in vision but cautious in action."

The summit, he said, showed ambition but its real success hinges on whether declarations are matched by enforceable policies, regional cooperation mechanisms and political will from all member states.

"Let us hope that under Malaysia's leadership, these aspirations translate into bold execution and not mere diplomacy," he added.

Amir Fareed Rahim, strategic director at risk consultancy KRA Group, said the summit projected Asean as a maturing economic bloc, grappling with an increasingly complex geopolitical and economic landscape.

"While there is progress on the economic side, especially on Atiga and ACFTA 3.0, Asean showed its limits on more complex issues like Myanmar," he said.

Nonetheless, he said the summit focused on what matters at present, which is geo-economic challenges in light of the tariff war and its impact on Asean's economic future.

"It is also being proactive by focusing on economic ties by being the bridge for economies like GCC and China," said Amir Fareed.

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IGP: 144 saved from human traffickers so far this year

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PETALING JAYA: Large-scale operations against human trafficking in the early part of this year have seen over 100 victims rescued, says Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Razarudin Husain (*pic*).

A total of 45 operations led to the arrest of 249 suspects, he said at the monthly assembly of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) at Bukit Aman yesterday.

"One hundred and forty-four victims were saved from the net of human exploitation under Section 44 of the Anti-Trafficking in Persons and Anti-Smuggling of Migrants Act 2007.

"The CID also recorded successes in the implementation of Operation Cyber Guardian organised by the Singapore Police Force, involving Japan, Hong Kong, South Korea, Singapore, Thailand and Malaysia.

"The operation that ran from Feb 28 to March 28 also focused on dismantling online sex crime (networks) against children. This operation then led to the arrest of four suspects, including a civil servant, as well as the seizure of over 50,000 pieces of child sex abuse material," he said.

The other suspects detained in the inves-



tigation were an accountant, a web designer and a telecommunications industry worker, Razarudin added.

"The arrest highlights the severe threat of cyber sexual crimes targeting vulnerable groups and reaffirm CID's unwavering commitment to combat these despicable offences," he said.

The IGP also commended ongoing efforts against illegal gambling via Ops Dadu Khas.

"A total of 6,719 raids were conducted with 8,603 people arrested. We also seized 3,464 electrical devices, including computers and handphones, as well as RM1.6mil in cash," he said.

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Raising retirement age increases industrial and traffic accidents

IN Malaysia, the retirement age for civil servants and private sector employees has been adjusted several times.

In 1951 the mandatory retirement age was set at 55 years. Then in 2001, it was raised to 56 years. In 2008 it was raised to 58 years and the latest in 2012, it was raised to 60 years. Now there is a suggestion to raise the retirement age to 65 years – a quantum leap.

“Senior citizens” in Malaysia are defined as people aged 60 years and above in accordance with the definition of “World Assembly on Ageing” held in Vienna, Austria, in 1982.

Raising the retirement age in Malaysia would potentially contribute to an increase in workplace and traffic accidents.

While some argue that raising the retirement age allows experienced and capable individuals to remain in the workforce, there are also concerns about the physical and cognitive abilities of older people and the potential accident risks they bring along.

Senior citizens are more prone to industrial injuries due to age-related factors such as reduced physical capabilities and declining balancing that increases their susceptibility to injuries. Their cognitive decline can also affect decision-making and reaction times, increasing the risk of accidents.

Age-related changes like weakened muscles, joint stiffness, reduced agility, and decreased stamina can make it harder for

seniors to perform tasks safely in industrial settings. They are also at higher risk of severe or fatal accidents.

Many seniors experience chronic health conditions that can impact their ability to perform work safely and increase their vulnerability to injury.

Age related postural changes could also lead to balancing problems resulting in falls that are a significant cause of injury to older adults.

For employers who have workers between the age of 50 to 60 they need to implement the Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) management programmes specifically tailored for the older workers. They need to make the necessary workplace modifications to accommodate

the needs of older workers, such as adjusting lighting, reducing noise levels, and providing ergonomic workstations.

The workers must have regular health checkups to identify and address any health conditions that may affect work safety.

The employer has to advise older workers to engage in regular strength and balance exercises to improve their physical stability and reduce the risk of falls.

In addition, many senior citizens have chronic diseases, such as cardiovascular, diabetes, kidney and other impairments that will reduce their physical and mental capabilities. They take daily medications, some of which can impair their daily

activities and increase the risk of workplace accidents.

The current life expectancy of Malaysians is 73 years. Most Asian countries have a retirement age set at 60 years. If we raise the retirement age to 65 years, Malaysians would only enjoy eight years of retirement while citizens of other countries enjoy 20 years of retirement.

Thus, while raising the retirement age may have economic and social benefits, it is important to address the potential impact on workplace and road safety and to ensure that older workers have the necessary support and resources to continue working or driving.

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Be prudent in using AI, urges PM

Human values in the era of technology is just as important, delegates told

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KUALA LUMPUR: While nations must adopt artificial intelligence (AI), it has to be done without forgoing human values and dignity, says Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

"Can we avoid AI? No, we can't, but it is our challenge, particularly for national leadership, to ensure that the education (and the) inculcation of values (to tell) what is right (from) what is wrong, what is just (from) what is oppressive," he said.

Speaking at a panel session at the Fortune Asean-Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Economic Forum 2025, Anwar said the Malaysian government would resolve issues of digital sovereignty by putting the necessary legislation in place.

"I am determined to push as hard as possible, but I'm also aware that our understanding of values cannot be dictated by one particular society or particular values. This needs to be resolved through education and critical thinking," he said.

While bullish about the technology, Anwar said concerns about values are real, and realising that

while AI cannot be replaced, it must be coupled with the right values to protect the country, its society, identity, faith and character.

"What is generally considered to be the failure of a global political system now? It's a deficit in value. People don't honour human dignity. There is no concern about justice or fairness."

Anwar said the perception that globalisation is dictated by technology and supremacy of the West must be debunked, pointing out that Mecca, Madinah, Oman and the Melaka Sultanate were cosmopolitan centres even before the era of modern globalisation.

On how AI can uplift collabora-

tions between Asean and the GCC, Vietnamese Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh, who was also part of the panel session, said it can begin by considering the unique characteristics of both regions.

"Asean is dynamic and has a diverse culture, excellent workforce and large market whereas the GCC has abundant energy supplies, a diverse source of financing as well as a wide range of advanced technologies and expertise."

"These characteristics are complementary. They can connect businesses across both sides and their economies."

"At the same time, businesses play a decisive role, whereas the

government facilitates such efforts," he said.

Chinh stressed the need to harness AI benefits while minimising the risk.

"We need to encourage robust and effective AI growth to the best of its capabilities. We should not fear AI," he said.

He also said challenges raised in the use of AI cannot be managed by any single country or individual, but collectively.

"Multilateralism is needed to effectively manage AI. Apart from ensuring continuous growth in the field, we must be able to safeguard national sovereignty in such developments," he said.

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Drop in road accident, vehicle theft cases in 2024

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KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysians' growing awareness of road safety and vehicle security has led to a decline in cases of both vehicle theft and traffic accidents in 2024, says the Vehicle Theft and Accident Reduction Council of Malaysia (Vtarec).

Its chairman, Datuk Lokman Jamaan, said the number of road accidents reported by the insurance industry fell to 266,716 cases in 2024, from 299,657 in 2023, a decrease of just under 11%.

He said the total cases involved 229,739 cars, 15,149 motorcycles and 21,828 commercial vehicles.

He noted that the figures from the insurance industry were slightly less compared to statistics from the police in both years.

"This is because insurance industry statistics reflect claims made by vehicle owners whose vehicles are insured.

"Meanwhile, police statistics cover all accident cases, including those without insurance coverage," he said during his speech at the launch of the council's public vehicle theft and road accident awareness campaign yesterday.

On a similar note, Lokman said vehicle theft cases fell to 3,925 in 2024 from 4,370 in 2023.

The vehicle theft cases included 1,771 private cars, 1,833 motorcycles and 321 commercial vehicles.

Lokman warned that commercial vehicle thefts remained alarmingly high, driven by strong demand in illegal markets.

"As the next step, Vtarec will intensify collaboration with ministries, agencies and other stakeholders.

"This will include ramping up eradication efforts, preventive measures and interventions against vehicle theft syndicates, cloned vehicle syndicates and syndicates involved in the 'rebirthing of total lost vehicles' and 'cut cars'," he added.

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Audit firms need to act independently, says Anwar

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PUTRAJAYA: There have been previous occasions where major audit firms were complicit in financial scandals, says Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

He said this was because the audit firms, including the larger firms, were not entirely free from becoming the target of excesses.

"Here in this country but also in the more developed, industrialised countries, there has been complicity at times.

"If you look, for example, at the 1MDB scandal, there was complicity with the big audit firms.

"This is why audit firms should be empowered to operate independently so that they can follow the trail of accountability wherever it leads," he said when closing the Asean Auditor Conference here yesterday.

In this respect, the Prime



End of a successful meet: The crowd listening as Anwar delivers the closing speech at the Asean Auditor Conference 2025 at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre. — Bernama

Minister lauded the efforts by Auditor-General Datuk Seri Wan Suraya Wan Mohd Radzi despite shouldering the unpopular job of conducting audits.

"That is why we have this 'woman of steel' as the Auditor-General. It is a tough and extreme-

ly unpopular task, but it doesn't matter to her as she is not contesting in the elections," he said.

Anwar noted that while good governance is important, the role played by independent auditor firms and the Auditor-General Department is pivotal in ensuring accountability.

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"I have mentioned this to my Cabinet colleagues that even I don't determine what should be the results or the priority of the Auditor-General's Report.

"They had, of course, briefed me over the past two weeks or so

on the report. But they briefed me not for me to interfere and change what their report had said.

"The briefing is for me to present it to the Cabinet before it is tabled in Parliament for debate. This is what is meant to have good governance and transparency."

Anwar said the independence of such audit reports would also strengthen good governance and integrity within the administration.

"This will ultimately be reflected in sustaining continued improvements in the Corruption Perception Index (CPI)," he added.

Anwar said this was the message he had stressed during the Asean Summit for audit firms to act independently to ensure good governance and accountability.

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Tarikh:.....

Special men's clinics could help address core health issues

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PETALING JAYA: A dedicated clinic for men would make it easier for them to seek help on health issues such as erectile dysfunction (ED) without feeling awkward, say several men.

Analyst Ahmad Dzulkifli, 30, from Puchong, said such clinics can send a message that men's health matter, while creating a safe space to talk about issues like ED or fertility.

"A lot of men feel shy or think it's a sign of weakness. Men are generally raised to just 'tahan' (bear with it) and not talk about private stuff, especially when it involves sex or fertility.

"Some are afraid of what the

doctor might say or diagnose while some just don't know where to go to seek help," he said.

Ahmad believes lifestyle and food consumption patterns can contribute to ED and men's health issues, adding that many Malaysians are used to eating a lot of high-fat, sugary food and don't exercise enough.

Many also smoke, vape or have stressful jobs.

"Obesity, high blood pressure, as well as diabetes are significant contributors to ED and come from poor lifestyle choices.

"We need more awareness, better health campaigns and open conversation so guys don't feel

awkward talking about ED. And we need proper channels or a place for men to get real information and support," he added.

When addressing issues like ED, researcher Charles R., 50, from Kuala Lumpur, said it often boils down to societal expectations.

"Apart from physical strength and emotional tolerance, men are expected to be flawless when it involves the male reproductive organ which is often thought to symbolise male superiority.

"Hence, the fear of being considered a lesser man, especially for those below 50 years of age, often leads to men not seeking

medical help.

"Men also adopt a mentality of 'not fixing something which is not broken' and unfortunately, apply this to their health as well. Hence, early symptoms are ignored," he said.

Charles agreed that having a male health oriented clinic with male doctors will be beneficial, considering a majority of men are too shy to seek advice from female doctors or urologists.

This, he added, would help certain segments of men who believe in early intervention or prevention as there are still those taking the 'wait and see' approach until their health deteriorates.

Executive Adam G., 29, from Petaling Jaya, said it boils down to ego and the fear of not wanting to know something negative.

"Health checkups are generally okay for me, but ED and fertility are 'taboo'," he added.

Men should get checked and not overlook the pre-marital medical tests to ensure compatibility and expectations are in place.

"Malaysian men also should just stop being 'macho' and sweep health checkups under the rug.

"Just think of it as just another general health checkup because there are no right or wrong answers, but it can help steer you in the right direction," he said.

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New rules for online healthcare

Such services to attend to non-emergency cases only, says Health Ministry

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PETALING JAYA: Private online healthcare service providers, such as virtual clinics, are now required by the Health Ministry to comply with a set of guidelines that detail the standards and practices for their operations in the digital space.

Under the guidelines, these providers are prohibited from attending to emergency cases involving injury or acute illnesses.

The Health Ministry said in a circular dated May 5 that these guidelines would be an interim measure and could be a precursor to a future law to regulate the Online Healthcare Services (OHS) space.

"It is becoming apparent that healthcare policies and regulations created in an analogue age may be inadequate to cater for the often-disruptive healthcare service models in the digital age," the guidelines said.

"Ambiguities and lacunas in the law create uncertainty for healthcare professionals, platform providers and patients alike.

"It is crucial for there to be clear standards and requirements to guide those involved in the online healthcare services industry," the guidelines added.

According to the guidelines that came into effect on May 5, OHS can only attend to non-emergency cases; follow-up management for stable cases; group session counselling services for areas such as psychology, nutrition or rehabilitation; referral or secondary care programme by specialist or consultant; or support services such as the supply of medication, laboratory and imaging services.

They are barred from attending



Better regulations: Online healthcare service providers will now have to adhere to several new guidelines set by the Health Ministry. — FAIHAN GHANI/The Star

to emergency cases which involve injury or illness that are acute and pose an immediate risk to a person's life or long-term health or psychiatric cases requiring in-person sessions.

Aside from that, cases which require the supply through post of any psychotropic drugs or drugs falling within the ambit of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952 and its related regulations; as well as cases which require intermediate or complex medical treatment are also prohibited.

The company that runs the platform must be incorporated and registered with the Companies

Commission of Malaysia and those with e-pharmacy services must employ a licensed pharmacist.

At least one senior member of the board must be a medical practitioner registered in Malaysia with a valid practising certificate.

The platform must be based in Malaysia and have a physical office.

The platform must also have in place processes and procedures to enable the registration of Healthcare Professionals and Patients; conduct proper and necessary screenings and checks; obtain all required supporting

documents from healthcare professionals and patients; and extend their best efforts to verify their veracity before approving any registration.

Patients' written information for the collection, use, processing and retention of confidential data and written information as well as the provision of OHS are obtained and recorded during the registration process in line with the Personal Data Protection Act 2010, the relevant Code of Professional Conduct and the Malaysian Medical Council Guideline.

"Such consent must be repro-

ducible as and when required," it said.

A proper patient grievance mechanism and process to enable them to provide feedback on OHS, Healthcare Professionals and the platform must be in place.

"The Platform Provider shall ensure that any issue raised using such Grievance Mechanism is promptly addressed and managed," it stated.

"The Platform is merely a technology platform to provide patients with access to Healthcare Professionals and facilitate the delivery of Online Healthcare Services, and there is no doctor-patient relationship between the Platform Provider and the Patient," the guidelines said.

It should also ensure the e-prescription issued must be controlled, given to the patient for single use only and can only be dispensed up to three times per prescription.

Medications that are categorised under Group B under the Poisons Act 1952, whereby it cannot be purchased over the counter and can only be prescribed by a registered doctor or pharmacist, cannot be given on these platforms.

"Platform provider shall ensure any collection, use, processing, disclosure, transfer, retention and disposal of confidential data complies with all applicable laws including data protection laws," it said.

The healthcare professional employed by these platforms must be registered with a professional regulatory body in Malaysia; and possess valid practising certificate.

"A healthcare professional should have appropriate liability protection and coverage to provide protection from any malpractice incidences," it said.

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JKMR tingkatkan kredibiliti laporan SPRM

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PUTRAJAYA - Kepelbagaian latar belakang dan kepakaran yang dimiliki ahli Jawatankuasa Khas Mengenai Rasuah (JKMR) memberi nilai tambah kepada keberkesanan jawatankuasa terbabit sebagai pemantau Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM).

Pengerusi JKMR, Datuk Mohd Shahar Abdullah berkata, selain itu ia juga akan meningkatkan kredibiliti Laporan Tahunan SPRM yang akan dikemukakan kelak.

"Kita perlu menghormati bidang kuasa masing-masing, sama ada JKMR mahupun SPRM, komited kepada objektif bersama, mengutamakan ketelusan, justeru kepercayaan umum terhadap tadbir urus negara dapat dipertahankan," katanya ketika mempengerusikan Mesyuarat JKMR Bilangan 1 Tahun 2025 di sini pada Selasa.

Mesyuarat itu turut disertai Ketua Pesuruhjaya SPRM, Tan

Sri Azam Baki dan Timbalan Ketua Pesuruhjaya (Operasi) SPRM, Datuk Seri Ahmad Khusairi Yahaya.

Menurut Azam, taklimat rasmi berkenaan hala tuju suruhanjaya kepada semua ahli JKMR merupakan permulaan kepada kerjasama yang lebih strategik dalam memperkukuh sistem pencegahan rasuah negara.

Sementara itu, ahli-ahli JKMR turut memberikan beberapa cadangan bagi meningkatkan kredibiliti SPRM dalam mempergiatkan usaha-usaha pencegahan rasuah, seperti cadangan penubuhan Suruhanjaya Perkhidmatan Pencegahan Rasuah, perincian strategi untuk meningkatkan Indeks Persepsi Rasuah (CPI), meningkatkan persepsi masyarakat terhadap SPRM melalui pelbagai platform komunikasi, serta langkah-langkah untuk menangani cabaran dalam pendakwaan kes rasuah.

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Kes pengubahan wang haram SEB, SPRM akan guna khidmat MLA

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KAJANG - Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) akan melakukan kerjasama dengan beberapa pihak berkuasa negara luar bagi mendapatkan maklumat terperinci membabitkan kes Sapura Energy Bhd (SEB).

Ketua Pesuruhjaya SPRM, Tan Sri Azam Baki berkata, pihaknya akan mengguna pakai Bantuan Undang-Undang Bersama (MLA) di beberapa negara untuk memperoleh maklumat serta bukti berkaitan siasatan kes pengubahan wang haram yang dikaitkan dengan syarikat tersebut.

Beliau berkata, usaha mendapatkan bantuan itu akan dilaksanakan menerusi Jabatan Peguam Negara (AGC).

"Pada masa ini, SPRM sudah menyiapkan permohonan MLA itu. Ia akan diserahkan kepada AGC dalam tempoh terdekat," katanya di sini pada Rabu.

Azam sebelum ini mendedahkan, sekurang-kurangnya tiga negara iaitu Brazil, Singapura

dan Belanda dikesan terbabit dalam transaksi pelaburan mencurigakan oleh syarikat terbabit.

Beliau berkata, keterangan berhubung transaksi kewangan di luar negara itu penting untuk membantu siasatan SPRM.

Menurutnya, dua rakyat Malaysia turut dikesan menjadi proksi dalam pelaburan mencurigakan syarikat itu.

"Kami sedang melengkapkan siasatan salah laku di SEB termasuk memanggil lebih ramai

saksi bagi dirakam keterangan.

"SPRM juga sedang giat membuat analisa kewangan daripada dokumen-dokumen yang diperolehi," ujarnya.

Sebelum ini *Sinar Harian* melaporkan SPRM sedang menyiasat seorang tokoh perniagaan bergelar Tan Sri berhubung kes pengubahan wang haram yang dikaitkan dengan SEB.

Media difahamkan individu berkenaan sudah hadir ke Ibu Pejabat SPRM untuk dirakam percakapan selama dua hari berturut-turut.

Fokus siasatan SPRM menjurus kepada kesalahan di bawah Seksyen 23 Akta SPRM 2009 iaitu salah guna kuasa dalam isu membabitkan ganjaran yang meliputi gaji, bonus dan syer, selain yuran penjenamaan dan amalan penyenaraian persendirian antara 2012 hingga 2021.

Siasatan juga sedang mengenal pasti kesalahan pecah amanah, salah guna dana serta pemalsuan di bawah Kanun Keseksaan.

SPRM siasat tokoh korporat bergelar Tan Sri

SEKUTUP - Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) sedang menyiasat seorang tokoh korporat bergelar Tan Sri berhubung kes pengubahan wang haram yang dikaitkan dengan Sapura Energy Bhd (SEB).
Menurut Ketua Pesuruhjaya SPRM, Tan Sri Azam Baki, siasatan ini melibatkan dua rakyat Malaysia yang bertindak sebagai proksi dalam transaksi pelaburan mencurigakan syarikat terbabit.
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Tarikh:

Gesa tangguh rasionalisasi ST 24/5 subsidi RON95

KOTA BHARU – Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (Bersatu) Kelantan menggesa kerajaan menangguhkan pelaksanaan rasionalisasi subsidi petrol RON95 kerana di-khuatiri menjejaskan kebajikan rakyat, khususnya golongan berpendapatan rendah dan sederhana.

Pengerusi Bersatu Kelantan, Datuk Kamarudin Md Nor berkata, cadangan rasionalisasi itu tidak wajar dilaksanakan dalam suasana ekonomi rakyat yang masih belum pulih, ditambah dengan tekanan kos sara hidup serta kesan bencana seperti banjir dan pandemik.

“Setakat ini, tidak ada jaminan bahawa sistem subsidi bersasar yang ingin dipertingkatkan benar-benar mampu melindungi semua golongan rentan tanpa keciciran,” katanya dalam kenyataan pada Rabu.

Sehubungan itu, Bersatu Kelantan mengemukakan tiga gesaan utama kepada kerajaan Persekutuan iaitu menangguhkan pelaksanaan dasar itu sehingga kajian impact menyeluruh dibuat, menjelaskan mekanisme subsidi bersasar secara telus kepada rakyat, melibatkan kerajaan negeri dan pertubuhan masyarakat sivil dalam proses perundingan.

Sebelum ini, Menteri Kewangan II, Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan memaklumkan rasionalisasi subsidi RON95 akan dilaksanakan pada separuh kedua 2025.

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Tarikh:2.9 MAY 2025.....

JPJ tingkat penguatkuasaan kenderaan berat guna lorong kanan jalan utama, lebuh raya

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SEREMBAN - Jabatan Pengangkutan Jalan (JPJ) akan meningkatkan penguatkuasaan terhadap kesalahan kenderaan berat yang memandu di lorong kanan jalan utama dan lebuh raya.

Ketua Pengarahnya, Datuk Aedy Fadly Ramli berkata, tindakan ini selaras Kaedah 4A, Kaedah-Kaedah Lalu Lintas Jalan 1959 yang melarang kenderaan perdagangan berada di lorong kanan kecuali untuk tujuan memotong.

Menurutnya, JPJ memandang serius dengan trend melabatkan kenderaan perdagangan menggunakan lorong berkenaan hingga menyebabkan kematian pengguna jalan raya yang lain.

"Mulai hari ini, penguatkuasaan akan dipertingkatkan di seluruh negara melalui operasi khas yang memberi tumpuan kepada kenderaan berat menggunakan lorong kanan terutama di jalan utama dan lebuh raya.



Aedy Fadly (duduk) memeriksa tayar pada sebuah kenderaan berat menerusi Operasi Penguatkuasaan Teknikal Kenderaan Perdagangan di R&R Seremban pada Rabu.

"Tindakan penguatkuasaan lebih tegas akan terus dipertingkatkan dan dilaksanakan secara berterusan bagi memastikan pematuhan keselamatan jalan raya ini dipatuhi," katanya menerusi sidang akhbar Operasi

Penguatkuasaan Teknikal Kenderaan Perdagangan di kawasan Rehat dan Rawat (R&R) Seremban (arah Selatan) pada Rabu.

Beliau berkata, statistik penguatkuasaan lorong kanan pada 2024 mencatatkan 800

kes bagi kategori kenderaan perdagangan yang dikenakan tindakan.

Sementara setakat April lalu katanya, JPJ telah mengambil tindakan terhadap 220 kenderaan yang melakukan kesalahan sama.

"Individu yang melakukan kesalahan ini boleh dikenakan kompaun maksimum RM300.

"Jika disabitkan di mahkamah, pesalah boleh didenda sehingga RM2,000 atau dipenjarakan sehingga enam bulan bagi kesalahan pertama. Bagi kesalahan berulang, denda maksimum meningkat kepada RM4,000 atau penjara sehingga 12 bulan atau keduanya sekali," katanya.

Sementara itu, beliau memaklumkan, JPJ akan menjalankan Operasi Khas Hari Raya Aidiladha bermula 4 Jun hingga 10 Jun 2025 dalam usaha untuk mengurangkan kemalangan jalan raya khususnya pada musim perayaan.



TIAN SOON (dua kiri) menunjukkan kamera teknologi AI yang dipasang di kawasan komersial Taman Johor Jaya, untuk mengesan pesalah yang membuang sampah merata-rata di Johor Bahru semalam.

Teknologi AI tangkap orang buang sampah

- **Kenal pasti individu buang sampah merata-rata**
- **Taman Johor Jaya jadi tempat projek perintis**

Oleh KHAIRUL MOHD ALI

JOHOR BAHRU – Johor akan menggunakan bantuan teknologi Kecerdasan Buatan (AI) untuk mengenal pasti individu yang membuang sampah merata-rata khususnya di kawasan perniagaan dan pusat komersial.

Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Kesihatan dan Alam Sekitar Johor, Ling Tian Soon berkata, projek rintis akan dimulakan di Taman

Johor Jaya, di sini yang menerima aduan tinggi berhubung aktiviti pembuangan sampah haram.

Katanya, penggunaan televisyen litar tertutup dengan bantuan teknologi AI adalah pendekatan baharu diambil pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) kawasan terlibat.

"Kawasan komersial di Taman Johor Jaya di sini merupakan lokasi kerap terima aduan berkenaan isu sampah dibuang merata-rata, kadang kala bertimbun tak diselenggara.

"Walaupun Majlis Bandaraya Johor Bahru (MBJB) sudah buat kerja pembersihan, namun masalah ini tetap berulang. Jadi pendekatan baharu diambil dengan memasang kamera AI sebagai langkah pemantauan dan juga mengumpul bukti," katanya

kepada pemberita selepas melawat lokasi tersebut.

Tambah Tian Soon, kamera pintar itu boleh mengenal pasti dan zoom in individu yang buang sampah secara haram sekali gus membolehkan pengesanan wajah dibuat.

"Apabila pesalah telah dikenal pasti, tindakan sewajarnya boleh diambil.

"Usaha ini susulan titah Pemangku Sultan Johor, Tunku Mahkota Ismail yang serius mahu melihat aspek kebersihan ditingkatkan di negeri ini.

"Pasukan petugas khas telah ditubuh untuk mencari penyelesaian jangka panjang melibatkan penguatkuasaan lebih tegas, semakan undang-undang serta meningkatkan kesedaran masyarakat," jelasnya.

KOSMO

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Tarikh:

Turunkan segera atau berdepan tindakan tegas

Sepang: Turunkan iklan berkaitan produk vape atau berdepan tindakan sekiranya ingkar.

Itu amaran Timbalan Yang Dipertua Majlis Perbandaran Sepang (MPSepang) Muhamad Shah Osmin kepada pemilik premis menjual produk vape di daerah berkenaan.

Menurutnya, tempoh 14 hari akan diberikan kepada semua pemilik premis untuk menurunkan sebarang bentuk iklan terbabit di lokasi masing-masing.

"Ia susulan arahan kepada pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) untuk merampas dan menyita iklan berkaitan produk itu di semua medium fizikal termasuk papan iklan digital.

"Semakan inventori MPSepang mendapati terdapat 31 premis menjual vape di Sepang dengan 13 daripadanya beroperasi secara sah manakala selebihnya tanpa lesen," katanya pada perutusan sempena Mesyuarat Penuh Ahli-Ahli Majlis MPSepang, kelmarin.

"Kerajaan negeri tidak pernah mengeluarkan lesen bagi penjualan dan perniagaan vape dan ia dijual tanpa izin dan lesen"

**Timbalan Yang Dipertua
Majlis Perbandaran
Sepang (MPSepang)
Muhamad Shah Osmin**

Media pada Khamis lalu melaporkan Kerajaan Negeri Selangor mengarahkan semua peniaga vape menurunkan iklan jualan dan promosi berkaitananya.

Exco Kerajaan Tempatan dan Pelancongan negeri, Datuk Ng Suee Lim dipetik berkata, arahan itu sudah dibincang dan dipersetujui dalam Majlis Mesyuarat Kerajaan Negeri (MMKN), baru-baru ini.

Katanya, kerajaan negeri tidak pernah mengeluarkan lesen bagi penjualan dan perniagaan vape dan ia dijual tanpa izin dan lesen.

Malaysia destinasi pelancongan perubatan nombor satu di dunia

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Sistem penjagaan kesihatan negara diiktiraf Nomad Capitalist hingga atasi pesaing terkemuka

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Kuala Lumpur: Malaysia diiktiraf sebagai destinasi pelancongan perubatan pilihan nombor satu di dunia, menurut penarafan terkini oleh Nomad Capitalist, sebuah firma global yang berpusat di Dubai.

Menteri Kesihatan, Datuk Seri

Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad, berkata Malaysia mengatasi pesaing terkemuka seperti Singapura, India dan Turkiye untuk meraih tempat teratas.

"Alhamdulillah, Malaysia kini menduduki tangga nombor satu secara global sebagai destinasi pelancongan perubatan pilihan," katanya di media sosial semalam.

Kepakaran doktor, jururawat

Dr Dzulkefly menyatakan pada 2023 sahaja, sektor pelancongan perubatan negara ini menjana lebih daripada RM2 bilion dalam hasil yang menarik kira-kira 1.3 juta pelancong kesihatan dari seluruh Asia dan seluruh dunia.

"Ini didorong oleh keyakinan terhadap kepakaran doktor dan jururawat Malaysia, standard penjagaan kesihatan kami yang tinggi dan gabungan unik rawa-

tan perubatan moden, keramahan hangat Malaysia, serta nilai mulia masyarakat Malaysia.

"Pencapaian ini hasil usaha bersama oleh pekerja penjagaan kesihatan awam dan swasta, pelabur dan rakan strategik yang terus meningkatkan imej Malaysia sebagai hab kesihatan global," katanya.

Beliau mengucapkan tahniah kepada Majlis Pelancongan Kesihatan Malaysia (MHTC) atas dedikasi dan kerja keras mereka dalam memacu sektor itu ke tahap yang baharu.

Dr Dzulkefly berkata, Kementerian Kesihatan kekal komited untuk memperkasa penjagaan kesihatan primer, mempercepat transformasi digital dalam sistem kesihatan dan memastikan sistem yang adil dan mampan yang bersedia menghadapi cabaran masa depan.

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Pelan pastikan kesalinghubungan lancar, selamat dan mampan antara bandar serta luar bandar

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Kuala Lumpur: Malaysia komited membangunkan Sistem Pengangkutan Pintar (ITS) secara menyeluruh melalui pelaksanaan Pelan Hala Tuju ITS 2030 (ITS Roadmap) yang menyeluruh dan inklusif.

Menteri Kerja Raya, Datuk

Seri Alexander Nanta Linggi, berkata pelan itu akan memastikan kesalinghubungan yang lancar, selamat dan mampan antara kawasan bandar dan luar bandar.

"Malaysia kini dalam fasa peralihan daripada Pelan Tindakan ITS 2007 kepada Pelan Hala Tuju ITS Malaysia 2030 yang bersifat holistik dan bertekankan rakyat."

"Tiada rakyat Malaysia MADANI yang akan terpinggir walau di mana mereka tinggal termasuk pedalaman seperti di Sabah dan Sarawak," katanya dalam kenyataan selepas membentangkan hala tuju perancangan dan pelaksanaan ITS pada Sidang Meja Bulat Peringkat Tertinggi di Suwon Special City, Korea Selatan, semalam.

Nanta yang juga Pengerusi Majlis ITS berkata, anjakan

strategik itu akan menerapkan pelbagai teknologi terkini dalam sistem pengangkutan negara.

"Antaranya termasuk kecerdasan buatan (AI), analitik data raya serta teknologi yang berkaitan dalam menjadikan lebuh raya pintar (smart highways)."

"Ciri utama merangkumi pengurusan lorong dinamik, cadangan perjalanan masa nyata (real-time travel advisories), pusat pengurusan trafik moden serta sistem pengurusan penyenggaraan jalan raya yang efisien," katanya.

Tumpu lima teras utama

Selain itu, Nanta berkata, kerajaan kini memberi tumpuan kepada lima teras utama, termasuk membina ekosistem pengangkutan yang lebih selamat dan terjamin dan Memastikan



Nanta pada Sidang Meja Bulat Peringkat Tertinggi di Suwon Special City, Korea Selatan, semalam. (Foto Unit Media KKR)

mobiliti yang pintar, efisien dan lancar.

"Kita juga akan mewujudkan gerak kerja ke arah sistem mobiliti hijau, mesra alam dan mampan, memanfaatkan data untuk perancangan mobiliti dan pengangkutan serta memperkukuh sistem penyampaian perkhidmatan awam melalui pembudayaan digital dalam ekosistem pengangkutan," katanya.

Katanya, Kementerian Kerja Raya (KKR) bersedia menghadapi Lanskap ITS masa hadapan yang akan bergerak ke arah kenderaan pandu sendiri, pengangkutan awam elektrik (EV), sistem 'Weigh-in-Motion', lampu isyarat pintar dan penubuhan

Pusat Kawalan Trafik Pintar Kebangsaan.

"Malaysia tidak dapat lari dari mengadaptasi rangkaian sistem pengangkutan pintar dan bersepadu yang pastinya akan memberi impak positif dari segi kecekapan, keselamatan, kesejahteraan dan kelestarian alam sekitar."

"Kita kekal komited untuk menjadi peneraju dalam pelaksanaan ITS yang berjaya dan mampan dengan menampilkan pendekatan yang menyeluruh yang akan menjadi penanda aras kepada negara lain dalam membina bandar pintar masa hadapan yang saling terhubung," katanya.

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'Juruaudit, akauntan tak cukup sekadar cemerlang teknikal'

Anwar mahu institusi amal tadbir urus baik berteraskan nilai dan maruah

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Putrajaya: Juruaudit, akauntan dan pengawal selia di seluruh ASEAN harus mengamalkan tadbir urus yang baik berteraskan nilai dan maruah manusia dalam melaksanakan tanggungjawab mereka.

Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, berkata kece-merlangan teknikal semata-mata tidak mencukupi tanpa disertai ketelusan, kebertanggungjawaban dan kejelasan moral terutama dalam konteks membina institusi yang bebas serta berintegriti.

Katanya, sistem audit yang baik bukan hanya untuk memastikan kewangan awam yang kukuh, tetapi harus berperanan menegaskan prinsip etika dan nilai kemanusiaan universal.

"Jika kita benar-benar mahu memperkukuh integriti dan ketelusan, semua institusi perlu diberikan kuasa untuk beroperasi

secara bebas dan mengikut jejak akauntabiliti ke mana pun ia dibawa.

"Mengapa kita mahu sistem audit yang baik, bukan semata-mata kerana kecerdasan buatan (AI) atau teknologi, tetapi kerana kita mahu elak penyelewengan, penyalahgunaan dan rasuah. Kita mahu lindungi maruah setiap lelaki dan wanita," katanya pada Majlis Penutup Persidangan Juruaudit ASEAN 2025 di Pusat Konvensyen Antara-bangsa Putrajaya (PICC) di sini, semalam.

Yang hadir sama, Ketua Setiausaha Negara, Tan Sri Shamsul Azri Abu Bakar dan Ketua Audit Negara, Datuk Seri Wan Suraya Wan Mohd Radzi.

Tak campur urusan audit

Mengulas usaha dilaksanakan kerajaan, Anwar menegaskan beliau tidak akan sesekali mencampuri urusan audit atau hasil laporan Ketua Audit Negara meskipun diberikan taklimat berkala.

"Ya, mereka memberikan taklimat kepada saya dalam dua minggu lalu, tetapi itu hanya taklimat, bukan untuk saya campur tangan atau ubah dasar.

"Taklimat itu hanya untuk perediaan untuk dibentangkan kepada Jemaah Menteri sebelum laporan dibawa ke Parlimen. Itu yang dimaksudkan dengan tadbir urus yang baik dan ketelusan," katanya.



Anwar diiringi Shamsul Azri dan Wan Suraya ketika hadir Majlis Penutup Persidangan Juruaudit ASEAN 2025 di Putrajaya, semalam. (Foto BERNAMA)

Anwar berkata, pendekatan itu menunjukkan komitmen kerajaan terhadap kebebasan institusi dan prinsip tadbir urus yang telus serta bertanggungjawab.

Dalam ucapannya, Anwar turut memuji Ketua Audit Negara dan pasukannya kerana memberi data dan bukti penting dalam menyokong usaha memperbaiki tadbir urus negara.

Beliau turut menyentuh pentingnya juruaudit memahami peranan mereka bukan saja dari sudut teknikal, tetapi sebagai penjaga kepada prinsip moral dan etika yang menjadi asas kepada keamanan serta keadilan sejagat.

Mengulas situasi global, Anwar menyifatkan dunia kini sedang mengabaikan prinsip ni-

lai dan kemanusiaan apabila kejahatan seperti pembunuhan wanita dan kanak-kanak di Gaza dibiarkan berterusan tanpa tindakan tegas masyarakat antara-bangsa.

"Kita boleh ada sistem audit terbaik, tetapi jika kita tidak mengaudit nilai dan watak insan, maka kita sedang mengabaikan kemanusiaan itu sendiri," katanya.



ASEAN 2025 sedia peluang besar untuk manfaat bersama

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Sidang Kemuncak ASEAN

Ke-46 melabuhkan tirainya kalendar menemai kejayaan tersendiri serta memenuhi objektif untuk meletakkan kedudukan sebagai rantau perdagangan kompetitif dan berpengaruh di peringkat global.

Pembabit julung kali Majlis Kerjasama Teluk (GCC) dan China pada sidang kemuncak ASEAN, menandakan persefahaman semakin erat rantau ini khususnya bagi memperluas pelaburan dan perdagangan, di samping mengembangkan kerjasama ekonomi yang mencakupi segenap bidang termasuk keselamatan makanan, digital dan kecerdasan buatan (AI), tenaga boleh diperbaharui, keselamatan siber serta perjanjian perdagangan bebas (FTA).

Kepengerusan ASEAN kali ini, turut menyerahkan peranan penting Malaysia sebagai negara perantara yang bebas dan diyakini, dengan matlamat akhir tentunya untuk memastikan setiap kerangka inisiatif yang diumumkan dan dipersetujui bersama tiga rantau ini, dapat dimuktamad sekali gus dilaksanakan dengan penuh jayanya.

Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim pada sidang media selepas berakhir Sidang Kemuncak ASEAN Ke-46,

menzahirkan harapan besarnya agar segala inisiatif dirancang di antara ASEAN-GCC-China dapat dimuktamad menjelang Sidang Kemuncak ke-47 yang dijadual berlangsung Oktober ini.

GCC sebagai kuasa ekonomi berpengaruh di Asia Barat dengan kekuatan dalam sektor tenaga, pelaburan teknologi baharu, digitalisasi dan kecerdasan buatan dan dianggotai enam negara berpengaruh di Asia Barat iaitu Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia Emiriah Arab Bersatu (UAE), kini menjadi rakan dagang penting kepada ASEAN.

Sementara China yang sudah membuat hubungan akrab dengan rantau ini sejak Kepengerusan ASEAN pada 1997 lagi, sudah membuktikan kemampuannya dalam mengangkat kedudukan ekonomi rakan negara dagangnya, berkongsi kepantasan teknologi serta menjamin prinsip keadilan sejagat.

Justeru, menerusi kerjasama baharu ini, gabungan ASEAN, GCC dan China kini mewakili jumlah Keluaran Dalam Negara Kasar (KDNK) AS\$24.87 trilion (RM105.3 trilion) dengan populasi kira-kira 2.15 bilion penduduk.

Bina hubungan baik

Bagi Pengarah, Institut Kajian Malaysia dan Antarabangsa (IKMAS) Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), Prof Dr Sufian Jusoh, peranan ASEAN dalam menjaga hubungan sesama anggota serta membina hubungan baik dengan blok global sudah terbukti memberi manfaat besar kepada penduduknya.

"Saya mahu bagi contoh paling mudah. Kalau kita mahu pergi Hatyai (di Thailand), sebab ramai orang kita suka melancong, rakyat kita boleh bergerak keluar dan masuk ke Thailand tanpa visa.

"Menerusi Dasar Langit Terbuka ASEAN, kita boleh buat penerbangan langsung ke bandar kecil di ASEAN... ke Jogja, Bandung dan Medan (di Indonesia), Chiang Rai (Thailand), Da Nang di Vietnam dan banyak lagi destinasi.

"Ini semua sebahagian usaha ASEAN yang dijayakan sejak sekian lama dengan tujuannya untuk memudah cara hubungan antara rakyatnya," katanya sambil menjelaskan kerjasama baru untuk menjayakan Grid Tenaga ASEAN satu lagi pencapaian penting kepada rantau ini.

"Dengan pelancaran Grid Tenaga ASEAN, selepas ini kalau negara kita tak cukup tenaga, kita ada sumber tenaga disediakan di Laos yang boleh disalurkan ke Thailand, langsung terus ke Singapura melalui Malaysia," katanya.

Malaysia, Vietnam dan Singapura pada Isnin lalu sudah memeterai perjanjian membabitkan projek Grid Tenaga ASEAN yang disifatkan sebagai satu kerjasama penting di rantau ini, iaitu fasa pertama projek darat dan dasar laut dengan kabel dasar laut akan turut membabitkan PETRONAS dan Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB).

Timbalan Naib Canselor Akademik dan Antarabangsa Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM), Prof Dr Mohd Azizuddin Mohd Sani pula berkata,

penyertaan GCC dan China menunjukkan perbezaan ketara Sidang Kemuncak ASEAN ke-46 dengan penganjuran sidang sebelumnya.

"China kita tahu memiliki keupayaan besar dalam teknologi dan ada kemampuan untuk memperluas pelaburannya di ASEAN, sementara GCC yang mengamalkan pentadbiran monarki menguasai sumber tenaga yang boleh dimanfaatkan ASEAN.

"Dengan kerjasama baru ini, ASEAN boleh meneroka lebih banyak kegiatan ekonomi dengan GCC dan China serta membina kesejahteraan kepada rantau ini. Sekarang masanya untuk menjayakan kegiatan untuk manfaat penduduk ASEAN," katanya.

Mengorak langkah ke depan

Bagi Pensyarah Kanan di Jabatan Syariah dan Ekonomi, Akademi Pengajian Islam, Universiti Malaysia (UM), Dr Mohd Shahid Mohd Noh pula, Malaysia kini boleh mengorak langkah ke depan untuk meneroka, sekali gus menerajui piawaian standard halal di peringkat ASEAN.

"Sekarang kita sudah berada dalam kedudukan baik dalam industri ini. Walaupun disana (ASEAN dan GCC) terdapat per-

saiangan yang lebih besar, tapi kita sudah berada di landasan yang betul untuk memperbaiki-kinya.

"Kita lihat, dari segi segmen penggubal undang-undang, jika Malaysia mampu menyediakan dan memiliki kerangka perundangan halal yang jelas dan dilaksanakan dengan mandat penuh, itu perkara besar boleh dicapai.

"Apa yang penting kalau kita ada produk (persijilan halal) tapi tidak ada sambutan dan penerimaan, itu masalah besar.

"Untuk memperbaiki hal itu, kita mesti menyedarkan masyarakat dengan ilmu kepenggunaan halal. Itu penting untuk diajar dan dicanangkan, bagi meningkatkan kesedaran pengguna bukan saja yang Islam, tapi juga bukan Islam," katanya.

Sehubungan itu, manfaat besar penganjuran Sidang Kemuncak ke-46 serta Kepengerusan ASEAN kali ini perlu dilihat dari pelbagai perspektif kerana ia menyediakan begitu besar peluang untuk semua negara anggotanya.

Kejayaan ini tidak akan datang dalam tempoh singkat, ia satu perjalanan panjang yang mampu membentuk masa depan lebih baik buat seluruh penduduk di rantau ini.



“Menerusi Dasar Langit Terbuka ASEAN, kita boleh buat penerbangan langsung ke bandar kecil di ASEAN”

Sufian Jusoh,
Pengarah,
IKMAS UKM



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Mohd Azizuddin Mohd Sani,
Timbalan Naib Canselor Akademik
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Mohd Shahid Mohd Noh,
Pensyarah Kanan Jabatan Syariah dan
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SPRM akan mohon MLA peroleh bukti di tiga negara

Kajang: Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) akan menggunakan khidmat Bantuan Undang-Undang Bersama (MLA) di beberapa negara asing untuk memperoleh maklumat dan bukti berkaitan siasatan kes pengubahan wang haram yang dikaitkan dengan Sapura Energy Bhd (SEB).

Ketua Pesuruhjaya, Tan Sri Azam Baki, berkata proses itu akan dilaksanakan melalui Jabatan Peguam Negara (AGC).

Beliau berkata, pihaknya sudah menyiapkan permohonan MLA itu dan akan diserahkan kepada AGC dalam tempoh terdekat.

"MLA berkenaan akan diuruskan bersama pihak AGC di mana kita semua kena tahu, dalam usaha mendapatkan bukti dari luar negara memerlukan kuasa dan kelulusan Peguam Negara.

"Jadi kita perlu membawa perkara ini (siasatan) kepada AGC dan (MLA negara asing dilaksanakan) jika Peguam Negara bersetuju.

"Saya berharap ia dilaksanakan dalam tempoh terdekat ini," katanya kepada pemberita selepas merasmikan Peluncuran Polisi Integriti Universiti Islam Selangor (UIS) Selangor, di sini semalam.

Azam sebelum ini mendedahkan, sekurang-kurangnya tiga negara iaitu Brazil, Singapura dan Belanda dikesan terbahit dalam transaksi pelaburan mencurigakan oleh syarikat berkaitan kerajaan (GLC) itu.

Katanya, keterangan berhubung transaksi kewangan di luar negara itu penting untuk membantu siasatan pihaknya.

Beliau turut mendedahkan, dua rakyat Malaysia dikesan menjadi proksi dalam pelaburan mencurigakan itu.

Mengulas lanjut, Azam berkata, pihaknya sedang berusaha melengkapkan siasatan terhadap SEB, termasuklah memanggil lebih ramai saksi.

"Sememangnya lebih ramai saksi akan dipanggil untuk dirakam percakapan dan kami giat membuat analisis kewangan daripada dokumen yang kita peroleh," katanya.

Sebelum ini, *BH* melaporkan, SPRM sedang menyiasat seorang tokoh perniagaan bergelar 'Tan Sri' berhubung kes pengubahan wang haram yang dikaitkan dengan SEB.

Individu berkenaan sudah hadir ke Ibu Pejabat SPRM untuk dirakam percakapan selama dua hari berturut-turut.

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ASEAN dipengerusikan Malaysia capai hasil konkrit dalam masa singkat

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• Malaysia mencipta sejarah sebagai tuan rumah Sidang Kemuncak ASEAN-GCC-China pertama. Gabungan blok ini mencapai kesepakatan ke arah rundingan FTA ASEAN-GCC dan pengukuhan kerjasama

• Dalam masa tiga hari sahaja Perdana Menteri berjaya membawa ASEAN ke arah kerjasama strategik lebih mendalam dan meletakkan Malaysia sebagai pusat graviti kepada kemajuan rantau ini dalam dunia kian mencabar



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Dalam tempoh tiga hari lalu, Perdana Menteri Malaysia, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, melaksanakan rangkaian aktiviti diplomatik, kepimpinan serantau, kerjasama ekonomi dan pembangunan strategik padat, menjadikan tempoh singkat ini sebagai antara paling bermakna dalam sejarah hubungan luar Malaysia dan ASEAN.

Dalam detik terbatas ini, beliau bukan sahaja menerima lawatan rasmi daripada beberapa ketua negara ASEAN, bahkan mengengerusikan Sidang Kemuncak ASEAN Ke-46, menganjurkan Sidang Kemuncak ASEAN-GCC-China pertama, memeterai pelbagai perjanjian strategik dan memperkukuh kedudukan Malaysia sebagai peneraju diplomasi serantau.

Antara paling utama ialah lawatan rasmi Perdana Menteri Laos, Sonexay

Siphandone. Ini lawatan pertama beliau ke Malaysia sejak dilantik sebagai Perdana Menteri pada Disember 2022. Dalam pertemuan dua hala ini, kedua-dua pihak membincangkan isu membabitkan perdagangan, pelaburan, tenaga boleh diperbaharui, pertahanan, pendidikan dan sektor kecerdasan buatan (AI) serta semikonduktor.

Perdana Menteri juga menerima lawatan rasmi daripada rakan sejawat dari Vietnam, Pham Minh Chinh. Hubungan dua hala Malaysia-Vietnam ditingkatkan kepada tahap Perkongsian Strategik Komprehensif (PSC) pada November 2024.



Dalam lawatan ini, kedua-dua pemimpin menggariskan kerjasama dalam bidang sains dan teknologi, keselamatan siber, pertanian moden, peralihan tenaga mampan dan pembangunan modal insan.

Mengikut Perdana Menteri, PSC ini membuka lebih banyak ruang kerjasama strategik serta mencipta masa depan lebih lestari dan inovatif.

Dalam sela-sela sidang kemuncak, Perdana Menteri turut mengadakan pertemuan dua hala dengan Perdana Menteri Kemboja, Hun Manet; Perdana Menteri Singapura, Lawrence Wong dan Premier China, Li Qiang.

Perbincangan dengan Wong menumpukan projek RTS Link, Zon Ekonomi Khas Johor-Singapura (JS-SEZ) serta ASEAN Power Grid, manakala bersama Li Qiang, mereka menyentuh isu Laut China Selatan, perkembangan Perjanjian Kawasan Perdagangan Bebas ASEAN-China (ACFTA) dan kerjasama dalam industri halal serta teknologi AI.

Perdana Menteri juga mengadakan perbincangan penting dengan pemimpin dari Asia Barat termasuk Putera Mahkota Kuwait, Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah; Emir Qatar, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani dan Putera Mahkota Bahrain, Pute- ra Salman Bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

Perbincangan ini membahaskan pelbagai memorandum persefahaman (MoU) membabitkan sektor tenaga, pendidikan, perdagangan digital dan pembangunan taman perindustrian.

Dalam pertemuan dengan Putera Mahkota Bahrain, tujuh MoU ditandatangani merangkumi kerjasama logistik, sumber manusia, pendidikan tinggi, perdagangan dan pelaburan.

Selain hubungan dua hala, Sidang Kemuncak ASEAN Ke-46 menjadi medan penting untuk pelancaran rasmi Deklarasi Kuala Lumpur ASEAN 2045: Masa Depan Bersama.

Deklarasi ini menetapkan enam pelan strategik jangka panjang untuk dua dekad akan datang, merangkumi aspek politik, keselamatan, ekonomi, sosio-budaya dan keterhubungan.

Pembabit suara rakyat, betia

Dalam ucapannya, Perdana Menteri menegaskan kita bukan sekadar membentuk masa depan, tetapi mewariskan satu legasi perpaduan, kesepakatan dan masa depan bersama buat ASEAN.

Malaysia juga mencipta sejarah sebagai tuan rumah kepada Sidang Kemuncak ASEAN-GCC-China yang pertama. Gabungan ketiga-tiga blok ini, yang mewakili kekuatan ekonomi global, menyaksikan kejayaan dalam mencapai kesepakatan ke arah rundingan Perjanjian Perdagangan Bebas (FTA) ASEAN-GCC dan pengukuhan

kerjasama dalam bidang tenaga boleh baharu, kecerdasan buatan dan kestabilan geopolitik serantau.

Satu lagi pencapaian penting ialah pemeteraian perjanjian antara Malaysia, Singapura dan Vietnam untuk mengeksport tenaga angin luar pesisir dari Vietnam ke Malaysia dan Singapura melalui kabel dasar laut. Projek ini adalah sebahagian inisiatif ASEAN Power Grid dan disokong Bank Pembangunan Asia (ADB).

Perdana Menteri turut melibatkan suara rakyat dan golongan belia melalui sesi libat urus bersama wakil Perhimpunan Antara Parlimen ASEAN (AIPA) dan delegasi belia ASEAN.

Beliau menegaskan suara dan idealisme anak muda perlu diberi tempat dalam pembentukan dasar ASEAN kerana keberanian serta idealisme anak muda adalah kekuatan tidak ternilai.

Dalam tempoh sama, beliau turut mengadakan Forum Ekonomi Fortune ASEAN-GCC-China dan menyampaikan mesej penting kepada sektor perniagaan: "Kepemimpinan politik menyediakan dasar stabil dan jelas. Tiba masanya untuk sektor swasta mengambil langkah berani, memanfaatkan peluang dan merealisasikan aspirasi ini secara bersama".

Perdana Menteri juga bertemu dengan Presiden ADB, Masato Kanda, yang menyatakan komitmen institusi itu untuk menyokong kepemimpinan Malaysia dalam integrasi ekonomi serantau dan membiayai projek seperti ASEAN Power Grid serta sektor tenaga hijau dan penyelidikan.

Sidang Kemuncak ASEAN Ke-46 turut memperlihatkan perkembangan positif dalam isu keanggotaan penuh Timor-Leste, yang dijangka dimuktamadkan menjelang Oktober. Isu Myanmar juga mendapat perhatian dengan penekanan kepada bantuan kemanusiaan dan gencatan senjata.

Sidang Kemuncak ASEAN-GCC-China dan Sidang Kemuncak ASEAN Ke-46 turut diserikan dengan Majlis Makan Malam Gala yang menampilkan kekayaan budaya Malaysia dan Santapan Diraja bersama Yang di-Pertuan Agong. Acara ini memperkukuh hubungan diplomatik melalui pendekatan budaya dan tradisi negara.

Tepat sekali kenyataan Perdana Menteri dalam sidang media penutup bahawa sidang kali ini antara paling substantif dalam sejarah ASEAN bukan sahaja dari segi perbincangan, malah kenyataan bersama yang kukuh dan penuh makna.

Dengan kepemimpinan Malaysia sebagai Pengerusi ASEAN, agenda utama bukan sahaja dibincang, malah diterjemahkan kepada tindakan dan dokumen konkrit seperti permulaan rundingan FTA ASEAN-GCC dan deklarasi bersama berkaitan masa depan ASEAN.

Melalui gabungan diplomasi aktif, kecekapan pengurusan sidang, visi dan pandangan jauh strategik serta ketahanan fizikal luar biasa - seperti terbukti apabila beliau menghadiri sehingga 12 acara dalam sehari - Perdana Menteri memanfaatkan sepenuhnya peluang Kepengerusian ASEAN dengan keberkesanan dan ketokohan mengagumkan.

Itulah hakikatnya, hanya dalam masa tiga hari sahaja beliau berjaya membawa ASEAN ke arah kerjasama strategik lebih mendalam dan meletakkan Malaysia sebagai pusat graviti kepada kemajuan rantau ini dalam dunia kian mencabar.

Didakwa^{bH} bantu^{29/5} sembunyi wang RM150,000

Kuala Lumpur: Jurujual mengaku tidak bersalah di Mahkamah Sesyen, di sini semalam atas pertuduhan membantu menyembunyikan wang berjumlah RM150,000 milik ahli perniagaan ke dalam akaun bank miliknya pada 20 Mac lalu.

Low Chin Kiong, 25, didakwa membantu Ng Yam Kee, 65, yang memasukkan wang itu ke dalam akaun bank milik tertuduh di rumah di Taman Sri Hartamas, di sini.

Pertuduhan dikemukakan mengikut Seksyen 424 Kanun Keseksaan yang memperuntukkan hukuman penjara maksimum lima tahun atau denda atau kedua-duanya, jika sabit kesalahan.

Timbalan Pendakwa Raya Noor Syafina Mohd Radzuan memohon jaminan RM30,000 dengan seorang penjamin dan pasport tertuduh diserahkan kepada mahkamah sehingga kes selesai.

Peguam Dayalan Moorthy yang mewakili tertuduh memohon jaminan RM8,000 atas alasan anak guamnya yang bekerja sebagai jurujual barangan percetakan mempunyai pendapatan RM2,700 sebulan dan dia perlu menyara bapanya.

Hakim Azrul Darus membenarkan tertuduh diikat jamin RM12,000 dengan seorang penjamin dan menetapkan 30 Jun untuk sebutan kes bagi serahan dokumen.

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Undang-undang akan disemak seiring perkembangan teknologi

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Semakan bolehkan negara rangka dasar secara lebih efisien, menyeluruh

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Kerajaan bercadang menyemak semula undang-undang sedia ada bagi memastikan ia kekal relevan dengan perkembangan teknologi semasa.

Menteri Digital, Gobind Singh Deo, berkata semakan itu penting bagi membolehkan Malaysia merangka dasar dan pelaksanaan berkaitan teknologi baharu secara lebih menyeluruh dan efisien.

"Apabila kita melihat kepada teknologi baharu, ada keperluan untuk menilai semula undang-undang sedia ada supaya selaras dengan perkembangan terkini," katanya.



Gobind (dua dari kiri) bersama Editor *AI Fortune*, Jeremy Kahn (dari kiri); Pramotedham, Jackson dan Adnan pada Forum Ekonomi ASEAN-GCC 2025 di Kuala Lumpur, semalam. (Foto Mohammad Shahril Badri Saali/BH)

Sebagai contoh, beliau merujuk kepada teknologi kenderaan autonomi, iaitu kenderaan yang bergerak tanpa pemandu. Di Malaysia, undang-undang ketika ini menetapkan bahawa setiap kenderaan yang bergerak di kawasan awam mesti dikendalikan oleh pemandu yang memiliki lesen sah.

"Sekiranya kenderaan dipandu oleh individu tanpa lesen, ia menimbulkan isu dari sudut perlindungan insurans kerana insurans tidak akan melindungi situasi itu. Ini bermakna kenderaan tanpa pemandu berlesen melanggar undang-undang," katanya.

Namun, katanya, dalam tempoh lima tahun akan datang, dunia dijangka menyaksikan penggunaan meluas kenderaan tanpa pemandu hasil kemajuan teknologi.

"Oleh itu, kita perlu bersedia dari segi perundangan. Undang-undang perlu dikaji semula supaya mampu mengurus perubahan yang dibawa oleh teknologi masa depan," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian kepada media selepas menyertai Forum Ekonomi ASEAN-GCC 2025 di Kuala Lumpur, semalam.

Terdahulu, Gobind menjadi panelis dalam sesi bertajuk Me-

langkah Sempadan: Impak AI Merentas Sektor yang turut disertai Ketua Pegawai Teknologi Perkhidmatan Angkasa Space42, Adnan Al Muhairi; Ketua Pegawai AI Bertanggungjawab Kumpulan G42 merangkap Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif Inception, Andrew Jackson dan Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif Presight, Thomas Pramotedham.

Impak bandar pintar

Dalam sesi itu, Gobind menekankan pentingnya membina kesedaran rakyat mengenai potensi teknologi dalam mengubah kehidupan seharian, sebagai asas

kepada usaha menjadikan Malaysia sebagai negara berteknologi tinggi.

Beliau mencadangkan konsep bandar pintar sebagai pendekatan awal untuk memaparkan manfaat penggunaan teknologi kepada masyarakat.

"Persoalan utama ialah bagaimana hendak memastikan rakyat menerima dan mengadaptasi teknologi baharu? Jawapannya terletak pada usaha meningkatkan kesedaran. Konsep bandar pintar boleh dijadikan permulaan untuk menunjukkan impaknya terhadap kehidupan harian," katanya.

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Pesakit kardiovaskular di Asia Tenggara meningkat 148 peratus

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Hasil analisis data kesihatan dari 1990 hingga 2021 babit 10 negara

Singapura: Pesakit kardiovaskular di Asia Tenggara meningkat sebanyak 148 peratus dalam tempoh tiga dekad lalu, menjadikannya penyebab utama kematian dan ketidakupayaan di rantau ini, menurut kajian baharu.

Daripada jumlah itu 37 juta orang di rantau ini dilaporkan menghidap penyakit kardiovaskular pada 2021, dengan 1.7 juta kematian direkodkan akibatnya.

Penemuan itu diperoleh me-

nerusi analisis data kesihatan dari 1990 hingga 2021 oleh sekumpulan penyelidik dari Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) bersama Universiti Nasional Singapura (NUS), membabitkan 10 negara Asia Tenggara yang membentuk blok ASEAN.

Keputusan kajian yang diterbitkan minggu ini dalam edisi khas *The Lancet Public Health* mengenai rantau itu turut mengetengahkan beban kesihatan awam yang semakin meningkat, termasuk penyakit kardiovaskular, gangguan mental, tabiat merokok dan kecederaan jalan raya.

Antara punca utama penyakit kardiovaskular ialah tekanan darah sistolik tinggi, risiko pemakanan, pencemaran udara, paras gula dan paras kolesterol (LDL)

tinggi serta penggunaan tembakau.

Penulis utama kajian berkenaan, Dr Marie Ng, berkata penuaan penduduk di rantau ini juga menyumbang kepada peningkatan kes yang ketara.

Beliau yang juga Profesor Madya bersekutu di IHME dan NUS berkata, tanpa tindakan segera, masalah kesihatan yang boleh dicegah itu akan menjadi serius sehingga mengakibatkan banyak kematian serta kecacatan di seluruh ASEAN.

Kajian turut menyebut bahawa ketika pandemik COVID-19, kadar kematian akibat penyakit kardiovaskular meningkat melebihi jangkaan.

Kajian berasingan pada 2023 turut mengenal pasti risiko peningkatan penyakit jantung dalam kalangan kanak-kanak yang di-

lahirkan ibu dijangkiti COVID-19 ketika hamil.

Kes gangguan mental

Kajian terkini diterbitkan dalam *The Lancet Public Health* juga mendedahkan lebih 80 juta penduduk ASEAN mengalami gangguan mental, meningkat sebanyak 70 peratus berbanding 1990.

Golongan remaja berusia 15 hingga 19 tahun mencatatkan peningkatan tertinggi, dengan kadar prevalens hampir 11 peratus.

Dapatan lain termasuklah mengenai tabiat merokok yang kekal sebagai kebimbangan besar dalam kesihatan awam.

Sejak 1990, jumlah perokok di semua negara ASEAN meningkat 63 peratus kepada 137 juta orang, walaupun kadar prevalens menurun.

Merokok menyumbang kira-

kira 11 peratus kematian keseluruhan di rantau ini, dengan kadar kematian paling rendah dicatatkan di Singapura (kurang 70 bagi setiap 100,000 lelaki) dan paling tinggi di Kemboja dengan lebih lima kali ganda jumlah berkenaan.

Selain itu, kajian mendedahkan kematian akibat kecederaan meragut ratusan ribu nyawa di Asia Tenggara pada 2021.

Kemalangan jalan raya menjadi penyebab utama di kebanyakan negara, diikuti jatuh, cubaan membunuh diri, lemas dan keganasan antara individu.

Thailand mencatatkan kadar kematian akibat kecederaan jalan raya tertinggi, iaitu 30 kematian bagi setiap 100,000 orang pada 2021, berbanding purata global 15 kematian bagi setiap 100,000 orang.

AGENSI

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Fokus kesihatan mental dalam Sidang Kemuncak Khas ASEAN-AS

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SIDANG Kemuncak ASEAN ke-46 yang berlangsung bersama Sidang Kemuncak ASEAN-Majlis Kerjasama Teluk (GCC) kedua dan Sidang Kemuncak ASEAN-GCC China sudah melabuhkan tirainya.

Kini, Malaysia sebagai Pengerusi ASEAN 2025, masih menanti pengesahan daripada Amerika Syarikat (AS) bagi tarikh Sidang Kemuncak Khas ASEAN-AS. Permintaan Malaysia untuk diadakan pada tahun ini.

Pemilihan Malaysia sebagai Pengerusi ASEAN 2025 memberi ruang yang luas untuk mengetengahkan agenda pembangunan yang lebih inklusif dan berorientasikan kesejahteraan rakyat.

Sebagai salah satu negara pengasas ASEAN sejak penubuhannya pada 1967, Malaysia mempunyai pengalaman luas dalam menguruskan hubungan serantau dan menangani cabaran bersama.

Pastinya fokus ASEAN-AS tertumpu isu ekonomi seperti tarif, perdagangan dan menggalakkan kerjasama pelbagai hala, namun dengan reputasi sebagai negara yang konsisten dalam membawa pendekatan damai dan pembangunan mampan, Malaysia berada dalam kedudukan strategik untuk memimpin pelaksanaan dasar-dasar yang menjadikan kesihatan mental sebagai salah satu tonggak penting dalam pembangunan serantau.

Isu ini wajar diangkat sebagai isu utama yang selari dengan peningkatan kesedaran global dan keperluan domestik negara-negara ASEAN.

Kesihatan mental tidak lagi boleh dipandang sebagai isu individu semata-mata, sebaliknya ia merupakan elemen penting dalam pembangunan sosioekonomi dan ketahanan masyarakat.

Tekanan mental yang tidak ditangani boleh menjejaskan produktiviti tenaga kerja, melemahkan institusi keluarga dan menyumbang



PEMILIHAN Malaysia sebagai Pengerusi ASEAN 2025 memberi ruang yang luas untuk mengetengahkan isu kesihatan mental selari dengan peningkatan kesedaran global dan keperluan domestik negara-negara ASEAN pada Sidang Kemuncak Khas ASEAN-Amerika Syarikat (AS) nanti.

kepada beban ekonomi yang besar.

Menurut Pertubuhan Buruh Antarabangsa (ILO), gangguan kesihatan mental menyebabkan kerugian ekonomi global sebanyak AS\$ 1 trilion (RM4.2 trilion) setiap tahun. Dalam konteks ASEAN yang sedang giat membangun, pelaburan dalam kesihatan mental adalah prasyarat kepada kemajuan yang mampan.

Data dari Pertubuhan Kesihatan Sedunia (WHO) menunjukkan lebih 86 juta penduduk ASEAN mengalami pelbagai gangguan mental, antaranya kemurungan, kebimbangan dan skizofrenia.

Indonesia mencatatkan jumlah tertinggi dengan sekitar 19 juta kes, diikuti Filipina (15 juta) dan Vietnam (10 juta). Myanmar mempunyai kadar kemurungan tertinggi sekitar 7 peratus, manakala Thailand melaporkan kadar yang lebih rendah iaitu 3 peratus, tetapi mencatat peningkatan dalam kalangan remaja.

Malaysia, Singapura dan Brunei menunjukkan kadar kebimbangan yang tinggi, melebihi 10 peratus populasi, akibat tekanan hidup moden.

Di Laos dan Kemboja, kecelaruan kebimbangan lebih dikaitkan dengan faktor kemiskinan dan kekurangan sokongan sosial. Isu kesihatan mental juga semakin ketara dalam kalangan kanak-kanak, remaja dan warga emas,

khususnya di Thailand dan Vietnam.

Kemiskinan dan ketidakamarataan sosial kekal sebagai punca utama gangguan kesihatan mental. Ramai penduduk di rantau ini masih menghadapi halangan untuk mendapatkan akses kepada pendidikan berkualiti, peluang pekerjaan serta kemudahan asas.

Tekanan hidup akibat kekurangan sumber ini mendorong kepada peningkatan kes kemurungan, kebimbangan dan tekanan emosi yang kronik. Dalam hal ini, Malaysia boleh mempromosikan pendekatan holistik yang menghubungkan kesihatan mental dengan pembangunan ekonomi dan kesejahteraan sosial.

Urbanisasi yang pesat di ASEAN turut mencetuskan cabaran baharu. Kehidupan di bandar sering dikaitkan dengan kos sara hidup tinggi, pencemaran, serta gaya hidup yang menekan, sekali gus memberi impak negatif terhadap keseimbangan mental.

Dalam kalangan warga emas pula, peningkatan populasi dan kekurangan sokongan keluarga mengakibatkan lonjakan kes kemurungan dan demensia. Kesihatan mental kanak-kanak dan remaja juga semakin membingungkan, terutama akibat tekanan

akademik, ketidakstabilan rumah tangga dan penggunaan media sosial yang berlebihan.

Rantau ASEAN kini berada dalam fasa urbanisasi yang pesat, dengan migrasi besar-besaran penduduk ke kawasan bandar dalam usaha mencari rezeki dan peluang pekerjaan yang lebih baik.

Dalam Islam, konsep keseimbangan hidup amat dititikberatkan dan kegagalan dalam menjaga kesihatan mental boleh menjejaskan keutuhan akal dan jiwa, yang merupakan antara komponen utama dalam magid syariah.

Di samping itu, peningkatan populasi warga emas di rantau ini juga menuntut perhatian khusus. Islam menggalakkan penghormatan dan penjagaan terhadap golongan berusia dan ihsan kepada orang tua, termasuk aspek kesihatan mental mereka yang sering terabai dalam perancangan kesihatan awam.

TANGANI SECARA MENYELURUH

Sebagai Pengerusi ASEAN, Malaysia berupaya mengetahui pelbagai inisiatif penting untuk menangani cabaran kesihatan mental secara menyeluruh. Antara keutamaannya ialah menghapuskan stigma sosial yang masih kuat mengelilingi isu ini.

Ramai individu enggan mendapatkan rawatan

kerana takut dicap sebagai lemah atau tidak stabil. Malaysia boleh memimpin kempen kesedaran serantau untuk mengubah persepsi ini dan mewujudkan budaya yang lebih terbuka terhadap perbincangan mengenai kesihatan mental.

Di samping itu, kekurangan tenaga profesional dalam bidang psikologi, psikiatri dan kaunseling masih menjadi masalah utama di banyak negara ASEAN. Malaysia boleh memainkan peranan sebagai hab latihan serantau, menawarkan program pembangunan kapasiti dan pertukaran kepakaran sesama negara anggota ASEAN untuk meningkatkan keupayaan sumber manusia di seluruh rantau.

Penggunaan teknologi juga harus dimanfaatkan. Malaysia boleh menerajui pembangunan platform digital yang membolehkan perkhidmatan kesihatan mental diakses oleh komuniti luar bandar dan golongan marginal. Pendekatan digital ini bukan sahaja menjimatkan kos, malah boleh mengurangkan jurang akses perkhidmatan kesihatan antara bandar dan desa.

Malaysia juga boleh mencadangkan penubuhan Jaringan Kesihatan Mental ASEAN yang berfungsi sebagai platform pertukaran ilmu, perkongsian amalan terbaik dan penyelarasan dasar kesihatan mental di peringkat serantau. Ini termasuk mewujudkan mekanisme pembiayaan bersama untuk menyokong pelaksanaan projek kesihatan mental yang berskala besar.

Selain kerjasama serantau, Malaysia boleh bekerjasama rapat dengan pertubuhan antarabangsa seperti WHO dan Tabung Kanak-Kanak Pertubuhan Bangsa-Bangsa Bersatu (UNICEF) untuk mendapatkan sokongan teknikal serta kewangan.

Melalui pendekatan bersepadu menggabungkan aspek kesihatan, pendidikan dan pembangunan komuniti, Malaysia boleh meletakkan kesihatan mental sebagai keutamaan dasar serantau ASEAN.

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PBAKL: Orang ramai sanggup bersesak rebut diskaun 50 peratus um 21/5

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KUALA LUMPUR: Potongan harga yang ditawarkan sepanjang Pesta Buku Antarabangsa Kuala Lumpur (PBAKL) 2025 menjadi tarikan utama yang mendorong kehadiran ribuan pengunjung setiap hari di Pusat Dagangan Dunia (WTC) di sini.

Rata-rata pengunjung tidak kisah bersesak dan beratur panjang demi mendapatkan bahan bacaan pada harga lebih rendah, sama ada buku rujukan, novel mahupun buku kanak-kanak.

Seorang pengunjung tetap PBAKL, Akmal Nur Hakim, 25, berkata, dia hadir hampir setiap tahun kerana berpuas hati dengan tawaran harga istimewa daripada pelbagai penerbit.

Katanya, peluang seperti ini amat dinantikan kerana selain dapat menjimatkan perbelanjaan, pembelian buku secara



ORANG ramai hadir pada PBAKL 2025 di WTC, Kuala Lumpur bagi mendapatkan potongan harga sehingga 50 peratus. - UTUSAN/ISKANDAR ISHAK

fizikal juga memberi pengalaman berbeza berbanding membeli dalam talian.

"Semalam saya beli buku kanak-kanak untuk anak saudara dan hari ini saya kembali semula untuk mendapatkan novel yang

saya minati. Harga yang ditawarkan sangat murah dan berbaloi.

"Saya sanggup bersesak dengan orang ramai kerana pesta buku ini ibarat 'syurga' pencinta buku. Selain murah, kita juga boleh menilai isi kandungan

buku secara terus," katanya kepada *Utusan Malaysia*.

Sementara itu, pelajar jurusan perubatan sebuah universiti awam, Aqilah Izzati Yusoff, 22, berkata, dia mengambil peluang untuk membeli buku rujukan

dengan harga diskaun sebaik selesai kelas harian.

Katanya, PBAKL bukan sahaja memudahkan pelajar mendapatkan buku rujukan yang sukar dicari di kedai biasa, malah turut mendedahkan mereka kepada pelbagai jenis penerbit dan bahan ilmiah baharu.

"Buku perubatan sememangnya mahal, namun di sini saya dapat membelinya pada harga yang jauh lebih rendah. Ini sangat membantu pelajar seperti saya," katanya.

Seorang lagi pengunjung, Aida Nasuha Aziz, 21, berkata, kehadirannya tahun ini bagi mendapatkan beberapa naskhah terbitan syarikat kegemarannya yang telah lama diidamkan.

Katanya, potongan harga sehingga 50 peratus yang ditawarkan cukup mengujakan, apatah lagi dengan peluang bertemu penerbit dan penulis dalam suasana ilmiah yang menggalakkan minat membaca.

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Mahasiswa tidak bijak guna ilmu

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UNIVERSITI atau juga dikenali sebagai 'puncak menara gading' merupakan institusi yang dikaitkan dengan kecemerlangan dan perkembangan ilmu pengetahuan sejak berabad lamanya.

Pendidikan secara formal ini diolah serta digarap pihak berwajib telah melahirkan ribuan graduan setiap tahun bagi memenuhi keperluan semasa negara dalam aspek pembangunan fizikal dan insani.

Allah berfirman dalam Surah al-Mujadalah, ayat 11 bermaksud: "Allah meninggikan darjat orang-orang yang beriman di antara kamu dan orang-orang yang diberi ilmu pengetahuan agama (dari kalangan kamu) beberapa darjat dan (ingatlah), Allah Maha Mendalam Pengetahuannya tentang apa yang kamu lakukan."

Oleh yang demikian, mahasiswa universiti perlu memastikan diri mereka betul-betul dilengkapi dengan ilmu pengetahuan mengikut pengkhususan yang mereka pilih dan bukan sekadar bermaklumat.

Terdapat perbezaan ketara antara mahasiswa berilmu dengan mereka yang hanya bermaklumat. Mahasiswa yang bermaklumat hanya mengetahui fakta berkaitan dengan subjek atau perkara dalam kadar dangkal dan tidak mendalam. Maklumat tersebut hanya bersifat sementara, boleh lupalupa daripada ingatan selepas beberapa waktu walaupun dihafal berulang kali kerana tiada kefahaman tuntas yang dihasilkan.

Mereka juga tidak mampu untuk mengaplikasi maklumat tersebut sebagai penyelesaian kepada isu-isu dan permasalahan semasa. Maklumat yang dimiliki mereka hanyalah sekadar input kepada minda yang bersumberkan kepada maklumat sekunder daripada internet ataupun aplikasi kecerdasan buatan (AI).

Situasi ini amat bersesuaian dengan nasihat dari Surah al-Isra' ayat 36, "Dan janganlah engkau mengikut apa yang engkau tidak mempunyai



MAHASISWA perlu menyediakan serta melengkapkan diri dengan pelbagai ilmu pengetahuan, bukan hanya sekadar bermaklumat.

pengetahuan mengenainya; sesungguhnya pendengaran dan penglihatan serta hati, semua anggota-anggota itu tetap akan ditanya tentang apa yang dilakukannya."

Manakala mahasiswa berilmu pula, mempunyai kefahaman mendalam dan menyeluruh tentang sesuatu perkara atau subjek dengan kemampuan untuk menghubungkan maklumat baharu dengan pengetahuan sedia ada apabila wujudnya keperluan tersebut.

Mereka juga mempunyai kemampuan untuk mengaplikasi ilmu dalam konteks dan situasi berbeza sebagai penyelesaian yang diperlukan.

Pola ilmu mereka melangkaui sekadar hafalan fakta, pemahaman konsep dan corak serta penyelesaian masalah akademik bahkan ia lebih bersifat kritis, kreatif juga inovatif. Pengetahuan mereka dibina melalui sifat ingin tahu, penyelidikan dan pembelajaran berterusan, menjadikannya lebih kekal, fleksibel serta boleh digunakan dalam situasi dunia sebenar.

Benarlah firman Allah dalam Surah al-Zumar, "Adakah sama orang-orang yang mengetahui dengan orang-orang yang tidak mengetahui? Sesungguhnya orang-orang yang dapat

mengambil pelajaran dan peringatan hanyalah orang-orang yang berakal sempurna."

Teknologi terkini menyediakan akses kepada maklumat 24 jam sehari untuk 365 hari setahun perlu dimanfaatkan setiap mahasiswa sebagai wadah untuk menjadikan diri insan berilmu yang dapat membangunkan masyarakat dan negara.

Mereka juga perlu dilatih untuk menggunakan ilmu yang diperoleh sepanjang tempoh pengajian untuk menyelesaikan masalah-masalah terkini yang berlaku di dalam masyarakat dan negara.

Setiap mata pelajaran yang diwajibkan di peringkat universiti, fakulti, jabatan serta pengkhususan perlu disusun semula bagi memastikan graduan yang bakal memimpin negara ini mampu untuk mengenal pasti penyelesaian tuntas kepada permasalahan yang berkaitan ekonomi, sosial, akhlak, adab, perpaduan, sains dan teknologi.

Sebagai contoh, mahasiswa aliran agama sepatutnya bukan sahaja menghafal dalil-dalil atau pandangan ulama terhadap sesuatu permasalahan bahkan perlu juga untuk mengenal pasti apakah intipati yang boleh diguna pakai untuk kemaslahatan umat. Sebagai

contoh dalam masalah perpaduan umat dan perbezaan pendapat dalam kalangan ulama.

Mahasiswa bidang teknologi komunikasi maklumat (ICT) perlu mampu untuk menggunakan segala ilmu diperoleh untuk memastikan mekanisme terbaik dalam menghadapi serangan serta ancaman siber seperti buli dan penipuan dalam talian.

Mereka juga perlu mampu untuk mengenal pasti penggunaan internet kebendaan bagi mengurangkan risiko bencana alam atau menggunakan teknologi pengkalan data terkini bagi menyelesaikan isu miskin tegar dalam kalangan masyarakat.

Dengan kata lain, penilaian yang holistik perlu diwujudkan untuk menguji tahap ilmu pengetahuan yang dimiliki mahasiswa daripada pelbagai bidang yang melangkaui perpindahan fakta ke kertas jawapan pada waktu peperiksaan.

EPISTEMOLOGI TAWHID

Universiti Islam Antarabangsa Malaysia (UIAM) secara konsisten menengahkan pelbagai pendekatan jangka pendek dan panjang bagi mencapai tujuan di atas. Sebagai contoh, Kerangka Akademik Sejahtera

yang diperkenalkan pada 2021 bertujuan antara lain untuk melahirkan graduan yang bukan sahaja berilmu tetapi seimbang sebagai warga masyarakat dan pemangkin kepada perubahan.

Pendekatan terbaharu sebagai kesinambungan kepada kerangka akademi sejahtera adalah Epistemologi Tawhid bagi menjurus kecemerlangan umat. Pendekatan bertujuan untuk memberi penumpuan kepada kecemerlangan keilmuan untuk warga UIAM sama ada pelajar ataupun kakitangan. Ia bagi menumpukan hubungan rapat sumber ilmu wahyu dengan segala pengetahuan yang memberi manfaat kepada alam dan manusia.

Sebagai rumusannya, mahasiswa universiti perlu menyediakan diri melengkapkan diri dengan pelbagai ilmu pengetahuan dan tidak hanya bermaklumat. Ini bagi memastikan keberadaan mereka dapat memberi manfaat kepada keluarga, masyarakat dan diri sendiri dengan mencapai tahap keilmuan yang tertentu dalam bidang masing-masing.

PENULIS ialah Pensyarah Jabatan Sistem Maklumat, Kuliyah Teknologi Maklumat dan Komunikasi (KICT), Universiti Islam Antarabangsa Malaysia (UIAM).

Tangani rasuah melalui reformasi institusi, bukan naratif perkauman



JAIS ABDUL KARIM

PEMERHATI Rasuah Malaysia (MCW) sentiasa komited dalam usaha memperkasakan integriti dan membanteras rasuah secara holistik.

Isu rasuah bukan sekadar soal individu tetapi membabitkan kelemahan struktur, sistem dan budaya dalam sesebuah organisasi dan negara.

Dalam usaha mencari jalan penyelesaian, ada yang cuba menonjolkan unsur perkauman sebagai punca utama rasuah, kononnya rasuah berlaku kerana dominasi sesuatu kaum dalam sektor awam.

Namun, MCW ingin menegaskan rasuah bukan soal kaum tetapi soal kegagalan sistem dan penguatkuasaan.

Untuk itu, Singapura sering menjadi contoh negara yang berjaya mengawal rasuah. Namun, kejayaan Singapura tidak dibina di atas dasar pemisahan kaum, sebaliknya melalui reformasi institusi yang menyeluruh, meritokrasi, ketelusan dan penguatkuasaan yang adil serta konsisten.

NARATIF PERKAUMAN BUKAN JALAN PENYELESAIAN

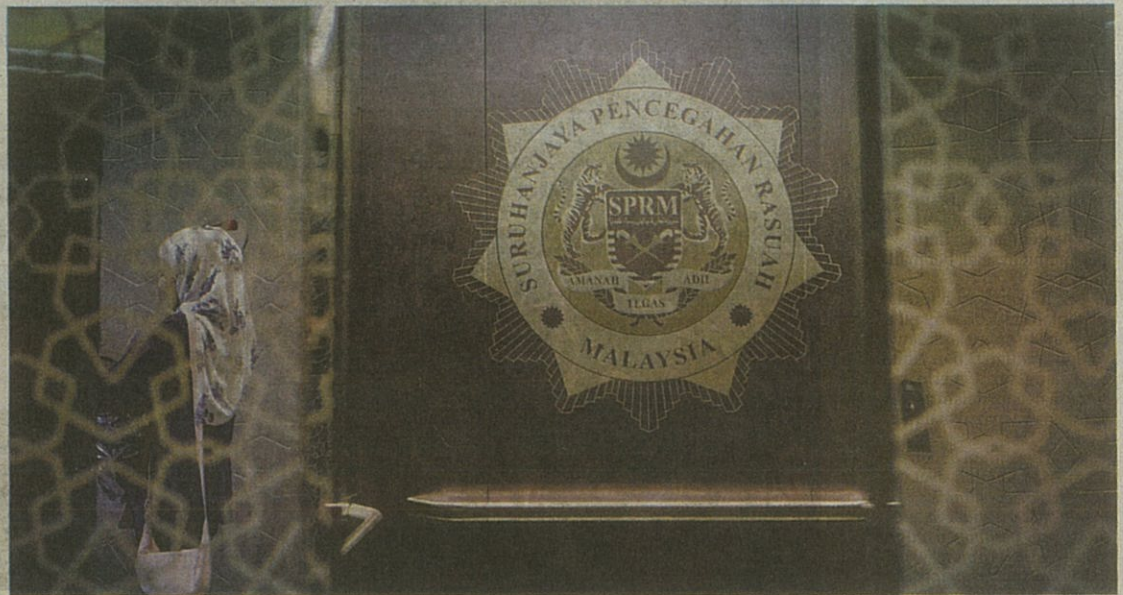
MCW memandang serius kenyataan atau saranan yang cuba mengaitkan gejala rasuah dengan dominasi kaum tertentu dalam sektor awam, terutamanya agensi penguatkuasaan seperti Jabatan Imigresen.

Pandangan melantik lebih ramai bukan Melayu dapat mengurangkan rasuah kerana orang Melayu akan takut diperhati adalah bahaya dan salah arah.

Naratif sebegini bukan sahaja gagal menyelesaikan masalah, malah boleh mencetuskan ketegangan kaum dan melemahkan perpaduan nasional.

Masalah utama yang menyebabkan berlakunya rasuah ialah:

- Ketelusan yang rendah dalam prosedur dan sistem
- Penguatkuasaan yang longgar atau terpilih
- Tiada perlindungan mencukupi terhadap



MALAYSIA memerlukan lebih ramai rakyat yang berani, berintegriti dan berprinsip, tanpa mengira kaum untuk membanteras rasuah.

Rasuah bukan soal kaum tetapi soal kegagalan sistem dan penguatkuasaan.

- pemberi maklumat
- Budaya 'tutup mata' atau 'ambil mudah' terhadap salah laku
- Ketidakeimbangan kuasa dan peluang, tanpa semak dan imbang yang berkesan

Maka, menyalahkan sesuatu kaum secara menyeluruh adalah tidak adil, tidak berasaskan fakta dan mengalihkan perhatian daripada punca sebenar.

MODEL SINGAPURA: REFORMASI BUKAN RETORIK

Singapura berjaya mengawal rasuah kerana membina sistem yang kukuh dan tidak memberi ruang kepada diskriminasi kaum dalam proses pembinaan institusi. Beberapa elemen utama kejayaan Singapura yang patut dicontohi termasuk:

- **Sistem meritokrasi ketat**
Pelantikan dalam sektor awam berasaskan kelayakan,

kelulusan, integriti dan prestasi, tanpa campur tangan politik atau perkauman.

Gaji penjawat awam diselaraskan dengan sektor swasta bagi mengurangkan risiko 'jual kuasa'.

- **Agensi antirasuah bebas dan berwibawa**
Biro Pencegahan Rasuah (CPIB) bertindak secara langsung di bawah Pejabat Perdana Menteri tetapi bebas daripada campur tangan politik.
CPIB bebas meniasat mana-mana individu, termasuk menteri dan pegawai tinggi kerajaan.

- **Penguatkuasaan yang tegas dan konsisten**
Tiada kompromi dalam tindakan undang-undang ke atas pesalah rasuah, tidak kira pangkat, kaum atau kedudukan.

- **Sistem pentadbiran digital**
Prosedur secara digital akan mengurangkan interaksi manusia dan peluang untuk amalan sogokan berlaku.

- **Pendidikan etika dan budaya tolak rasuah**
Rakyat diajar sejak kecil untuk membenci rasuah dan menghargai integriti sebagai asas kemajuan negara.

CADANGAN MCW UNTUK MALAYSIA

MCW percaya Malaysia juga boleh mencontohi kejayaan ini jika kita bersedia melaksanakan reformasi sistemik. Antara cadangan utama kami:

- **Tubuhkan suruhanjaya perkhidmatan awam berintegriti**
Bebas daripada pengaruh politik dan menguruskan pelantikan, kenaikan pangkat, serta penilaian integriti penjawat awam secara telus.

- **Wujudkan sistem pemantauan dalaman berasaskan teknologi**
Kamera badan, sistem e-pelelong dan digitalisasi perkhidmatan dapat meminimumkan peluang rundingan belakang tabir.

- **Kukuhkan perlindungan pemberi maklumat**
Pinda Akta Perlindungan Pemberi Maklumat untuk menjamin keselamatan kerjaya, identiti dan nyawa pemberi maklumat.

- **Latih dan nilai pegawai berdasarkan indeks integriti**
Penilaian berkala ke atas integriti pegawai, bukan hanya prestasi kerja menjadi penentu kenaikan pangkat.

- **Rekrut berdasarkan merit, bukan kuota politik atau kaum**

Penjawat awam perlu dilantik melalui sistem terbuka yang menjamin persaingan sihat dan pemilihan calon terbaik.

- **Libatkan NGO dan media dalam pengawasan awam**
Pertubuhan bukan kerajaan (NGO) seperti MCW, media bebas dan rakyat perlu diberikan akses untuk memantau dan menilai prestasi agensi kerajaan.

Kesimpulannya, rasuah bukan musuh kepada satu kaum tetapi musuh kepada seluruh rakyat dan negara.

Untuk membanterasnya, kita tidak memerlukan lebih ramai dari satu kaum, tetapi lebih ramai yang berani, berintegriti dan berprinsip. MCW akan terus memperjuangkan pembaharuan sistem dan pendidikan integriti yang inklusif, bukan bersifat perkauman.

Kami yakin, hanya dengan menyatukan rakyat melalui sistem yang adil dan telus, barulah Malaysia dapat benar-benar bebas daripada rasuah.

PENULIS ialah Presiden Pemmerhati Rasuah Malaysia (MCW).

PM: Auditors must uphold universal values

PUTRAJAYA: Auditors, accountants and regulators in Asean must carry out their responsibilities while rooted in human dignity and universal values.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said technical excellence without transparency, accountability and moral clarity was insufficient, particularly in the effort to build independent and trustworthy institutions.

He said a robust auditing system should go beyond managing public finances, to uphold ethical standards and universal human values.

"If we are truly committed to strengthening integrity and transparency, all institutions must be empowered to operate independently and to follow the trail of accountability wherever it leads.

"We want a robust audit system not simply because of artificial intelligence or technology, but because we want to prevent misappropriation, abuse and corruption. We want to protect the dignity of every man and woman," he said at the closing ceremony of the Asean Auditors' Conference 2025 at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre.

Anwar said he never interfered in the audit process or the findings of the auditor general, even

though he was regularly briefed.

"Yes, they briefed me two weeks ago, but that was merely for preparation ahead of the cabinet presentation, not for me to interfere or alter the policies.

"The briefing was solely to prepare for the report's tabling in Parliament. That is what we mean by good governance and transparency," he said.

Anwar said this approach demonstrated the government's commitment to institutional independence and the principles of transparent and accountable governance.

He also commended Auditor General Datuk Seri Wan Suraya Wan Mohd Radzi and her team for providing crucial data and evidence to support efforts to improve national governance.

He said it was important for auditors to understand their role not only from a technical perspective but as guardians of moral and ethical principles.

Anwar also lamented the disregard for human values in ongoing atrocities, such as the killing of women and children in Gaza.

"We may have the best audit systems in place, but if we fail to audit values and the human character, then we are abandoning humanity itself," he said.

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JANUARY TO APRIL

Malaysia-China trade hits RM161.98b

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KUALA LUMPUR: China remained Malaysia's largest trading partner for 16 consecutive years, with trade reaching RM161.98 billion from January to last month, driven by electrical and electronics (E&E) exports.

In a statement, the Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (Matrade) said the country's trade ties with China gained renewed momentum following President Xi Jinping's recent visit, which reaffirmed strategic alignment in green development, the digital economy and regional infrastructure through initiatives such as the Belt and Road Initiative.

It said that last year, bilateral trade between Malaysia and China grew by 7.5 per cent, accounting for 16.8 per cent of Malaysia's total trade.

Meanwhile, Matrade said it would once again lead Malaysia's participation at the 22nd China-Asean Expo (Caexpo) in Nanning, China from Sept 17-21.

It said Caexpo targeted over 100 high-potential Malaysian companies in sectors such as food and beverage, healthcare, lifestyle, digital solutions, clean energy, and innovation, aligning with global trends and Chinese market demands.

"As Malaysia assumes the Asean chairmanship this year,



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participation at the expo takes on even greater significance in reinforcing regional economic leadership, promoting inclusive growth and strengthening its comprehensive strategic partnership with China," it said.

Matrade said it would organise strategic activities, including business matching sessions, product selection meetings, influencer-led livestream promotions and hybrid engagement initiatives.

Matrade board member Datuk Mohammad Medan Abdullah said Caexpo remains a strategic gateway for Malaysian businesses, especially small and medium enterprises and entrepreneurs from Sarawak, to connect with markets across China and Asean.

"Sarawak-based businesses need to leverage Matrade's facilitation services to expand their

footprint in China's vast market, leveraging on Sarawak's strong capabilities in renewable and green energy, high-value manufacturing and downstream resource-based industries."

Since Malaysia's first appearance at Caexpo in 2004, over 2,000 Malaysian companies have participated in it through Matrade, generating a cumulative export value of RM6.69 billion.

Matrade said Malaysia, as an Asean chair, will use its participation at Caexpo to advance key regional priorities, including trade resilience, digitalisation and equitable growth across the region.

For participation and enquiries, interested companies can contact Matrade's team or visit <https://www.matrade.gov.my/en/events-promotion/international-trade-event-list>. **Bernama**

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Asean to diversify trade ties and deepen US engagement

KUALA LUMPUR: Asean has emphasised the urgency of diversifying trade beyond traditional markets, including strengthening engagement with United States in high-value sectors.

In a joint statement following the 46th Asean Summit on Monday, the bloc said this included leveraging the Asean-US Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) and the Expanded Economic Engagement (E3).

"We expressed deep concern over the growing socioeconomic uncertainties, including the imposition of unilateral tariff measures, which pose complex and multidimensional challenges to Asean's economic growth, stability and integration.

"We emphasised the urgency of diversifying trade beyond traditional markets and deepening economic engagement between the two sides in high-value sectors through the Asean-US TIFA and E3," the statement read.

Asean also reaffirmed its commitment to predictable, transparent, non-discriminatory, fair, inclusive, sustainable and open re-

gional economic development, with the World Trade Organisation at its core.

"We're committed to refraining from imposing retaliatory measures in response to unilateral tariff actions, as expressed in the joint statement of the Asean Economic Ministers on the Introduction of Unilateral Tariffs by the US.

"We underscored the importance of enhancing Asean's economic resilience and long-term competitiveness through the upgrade of the Asean Trade in Goods Agreement, the strengthening of our free trade agreements, cooperation in mutual areas of interest, and the effective implementation, utilisation and expansion of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership," it said.

Asean leaders also restated their commitment to the Five-Point Consensus (5PC) for resolving the crisis in Myanmar.

In the chairman's statement after the Summit, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said the leaders remained united in



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upholding earlier decisions on Myanmar.

"We expressed our deep concern over the escalation of conflicts and the humanitarian situation in Myanmar, and the minimal progress on the implementation of the 5PC.

"The leaders upheld the decision to limit Myanmar's participation at Asean Summits and Foreign Ministers' Meetings to the non-political level and reiterated that Asean community building and decision-making should not be affected," he said.

Anwar said they also welcomed the exchange of ideas and proposals on the 5PC.

He said Asean leaders condemned the violence on the ground, calling for a halt to attacks on civilians and infrastructure.

SUCCESSFUL OPERATIONS

Police CID lauded for major crime busts

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KUALA LUMPUR: The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) has been praised for a string of successful nationwide and international operations that tackled human trafficking, cybercrime and illegal gambling.

Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Razarudin Husain, speaking at the police monthly assembly, expressed appreciation for the department's achievements, saying they reflected their capability and unwavering dedication to law enforcement.

Among the highlights was Op Pintas Mega, a coordinated anti-trafficking effort led by CID's Anti-Trafficking in Persons and Anti-Smuggling of Migrants Division, carried out in February.

The operation involved police contingents from across the country, along with strategic partners, including the Immigration and Labour departments, and local authorities.

Authorities conducted 45 raids under the operation, arresting 249 suspects and rescuing 144 victims believed to be trapped in human exploitation networks.

The arrests were made under Section 44 of the Anti-Trafficking in Persons and Anti-Smuggling of Migrants Act 2007.

"This demonstrates our commitment and capability in addressing such crimes," said Razarudin.

The CID also played a key role in Operation Cyber Guardian, an international initiative led by the Singapore police force and involving Japan, Hong Kong, South Korea, Singapore, Thailand, and Malaysia.

Running from Feb 28 to March 28, the operation targeted online



Police detaining individuals involved in illegal gambling during Op Dadu in Kuala Lumpur recently.
PICTURE FROM ROYAL POLICE MALAYSIA

child sexual exploitation.

With support from the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission and CID's K9 Unit, 46 officers were deployed to trace electronic devices used for distributing prohibited materials via peer-to-peer platforms and Telegram.

The operation led to the arrest of four individuals — including an accountant, a web designer, a telecommunications worker and a civil servant — and the seizure of over 50,000 child sexual abuse materials.

"These arrests underscore the growing threat of cyber sexual crimes, particularly against vulnerable groups," Razarudin said.

"I'm proud of CID's firmness and integrity in combating these horrific offences."

The CID also tackled illegal gambling through Op Dadu Khas.

The department carried out 6,719 raids, resulting in 8,603 arrests.

Police also confiscated 3,464 electronic devices and more than RM1.6 million in cash.

Razarudin also praised the dedication of more than 6,200 policemen who ensured the smooth and secure running of the 46th Asean Summit.

He said the successful security operation demonstrated the professionalism of the police force on the international stage.

"This agenda not only showcased the country's capabilities in diplomacy and security on the international stage, but also demonstrated the efficiency and

professionalism of policemen in carrying out their duties.

"May the strong synergy among Asean nations help ensure regional peace and harmony."

Razarudin also extended his appreciation to the 1,682 policemen who were involved in the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition 2025, which concluded on May 24.

"As one of the initiatives to boost national defence, Lima also served as a platform for technology exchange and for reinforcing security cooperation at the global level."

The monthly assembly earlier opened with a solemn tribute to nine members of the Federal Reserve Unit who died in a road crash in Perak earlier this month while on duty.

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GLOBAL CENTRE

Police mull setting up own varsity

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KUALA LUMPUR: The police are taking major steps to boost their human capital and raise academic standards in the force by transforming UNIKOP College into a competitive institution of higher learning.

Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Razarudin Husain said the initiative aimed to position the force as not only a law enforcement agency, but also a global centre for police education.

"We are forming strategic partnerships with public universities, including Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, to explore the possibility of establishing a dedicated police university."

He said the goal was to produce personnel who are not only skilled in tactical and operational areas, but who also possess intellectual strength and world-class leadership capabilities.

Police are also expanding their international training presence.

Razarudin said collaborations were being pursued with the Australian police force and the Chinese government to position the force's training facilities as a regional hub for international policing education.

"This collaboration will not only boost our global standing, but also allow for the exchange of expertise, technology and best practices in law enforcement."

As part of its education efforts, the force plans to launch a Police Diploma Programme in 2026, starting with 1,000 trainees from the Basic Police Training Programme at the constable level.

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MALAYSIA TOPS MEDICAL TOURISM RANKING

Dzulkefly credits public-private efforts for RM2 billion medical tourism boost

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Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad said Malaysia had outperformed Singapore, India and Turkiye.

"Malaysia is now ranked No. 1 globally as a preferred medical tourism destination," he said in a Facebook post.

Dzulkefly said in 2023, the country's medical tourism sector

generated more than RM2 billion in revenue from 1.3 million foreigners seeking medical treatment here.

"This was driven by confidence in the expertise of Malaysian doctors and nurses, our high standards of healthcare, and the unique combination of modern medical treatment, warm Malaysian hospitality and the noble values of Malaysian society."

"This achievement is the result of a collective effort by public and private healthcare

workers, investors and strategic partners who continue to boost Malaysia's image as a global health hub."

He congratulated the Malaysia Healthcare Travel Council for its dedication and hard work.

Dzulkefly said the Health Ministry remained committed to improving primary healthcare, accelerating digital transformation in the health system, and ensuring a fair, sustainable system that was prepared to face future challenges.

An article on the Nomad Capitalists website credits Malaysia's excellent health facilities and expertise, competitive costs and the wide use of English for its top ranking.

"Malaysia has built medical facilities that rival Singapore and offer much lower prices."

"At the same time, the country has set up agencies to attract hundreds of thousands of medical tourists for procedures for anything from burns to heart conditions," read the article.

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BRIDGING ACADEMIA AND INDUSTRY

UITM HOLDS NEWSCAMP 4.0 PROGRAMME

Seasoned journo, lecturers and students
take part in journalism initiative

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Bootcamp.

The programme, held on the sidelines of the Kuala Lumpur International Book Fair, was organised by final-year students of the faculty's journalism programme, conducted under the banner MediaCamp@PBAKL 2025.

It saw the participation of experienced journalists, lecturers and journalism students from various news outlets and universities.



'New Straits Times' associate editor Najmuddin Najib (seated, third from right) and independent media consultant Muzliza Mustafa (seated, centre) with participants of Newscamp 4.0: News Champion Bootcamp in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. NSTP PIC BY FUAD NIZAM

One of its highlights was the 51st edition of the Journalism Colloquium, which featured a panel discussion titled "Global Media: Problem Solver or Panic Amplifier?"

The session explored the role of media in covering global issues and its responsibility in managing public perception.

The panel featured *New Straits Times* associate editor Najmuddin Najib and independent media consultant Muzliza Mustafa, who shared their insights and experiences on the challenges faced by the media in today's fast-paced and complex information landscape.

Another key session was the "Business News Bootcamp: The

Smart Citizen's Guide to Business and Economics", led by *Business Times* news editor Muhammed Ahmad Hamdan, which focused on the fundamentals of economic and business reporting.

The programme also saw an augmented reality (AR) demonstration from the faculty's publishing programme, *McLive 9.0*, which explored the use of AR in the context of publishing and journalism.

Complementing these activities was the distribution of *New Straits Times Press (M) Bhd's* newspapers, the *New Straits Times* and *Berita Harian*, aimed at promoting news literacy and fostering greater engagement with professional journalism.

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PM: No interference in Auditor-General's report

► 'Public trust in govt depends on effectiveness of institutions, core values of integrity, transparency and accountability'

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PUTRAJAYA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has stressed that he does not interfere in the preparation of the Auditor-General's report, reaffirming his administration's commitment to transparency and good governance.

"When I receive audit briefings, it's not to interfere or alter the findings, but to understand them before they are presented to the Cabinet and Parliament for open, public debate. That is good governance. That is transparency."

Speaking at the closing ceremony of the inaugural Asean Auditors Conference 2025 yesterday, Anwar said public trust in the government depends not only on the effectiveness of institutions but also on the core values they uphold, particularly integrity, transparency and accountability.

"A crucial part of our cohesiveness lies in remaining true to our ideals - a community rooted in responsible and good governance. And at the heart of good governance is accountability."

He reiterated his administration's ongoing institutional reforms, notably efforts to

strengthen independent oversight bodies and audit institutions in both Malaysia and across Asean.

Anwar also acknowledged the political risks involved in acting on audit findings, particularly when entrenched interests are challenged.

"In government, I've learnt that taking corrective action, even when backed by audit reports, can be very unpopular."

"You face backlash from vested interests. For example, enforcing a transparent tender process may upset those used to the old ways. But if we don't act, we risk letting corruption flourish."

Citing the 1Malaysia Development Berhad scandal as an example, Anwar warned of the consequences when oversight mechanisms are weak and audit processes compromised.

"We've seen in the past, even in our own country, how oversight failures and complicity among auditors can contribute to scandals that rob the nation."

"Let's be honest. In the past, even large audit firms have not been immune to complicity."

Anwar said to address this, there is a need to empower auditors and regulators to operate independently and without external pressure.

"Our goal is to uphold the highest standards

of transparency and accountability and to strengthen anti-corruption frameworks, especially by ensuring the independence of auditors and regulators."

He also urged Asean countries to go beyond economic progress and embrace principled governance as a defining feature of the region's global standing.

"We want Asean to stand as a region of cohesion, trust and peace, not just because we're home to around 650 million people or one of the fastest-growing economies, but because we live by our values."

Anwar warned against prioritising technological and financial development at the expense of social equity, calling for a more inclusive approach to growth.

"Why focus on audit, governance and AI if we don't also resolve abject poverty or address inequality? Our ultimate goal must be to protect human dignity."

"Governance rooted in values and dignity is the only foundation for sustainable development. History is full of nations that rose to greatness and then declined due to greed and corruption."

Present were Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Shamsul Azri Abu Bakar and Auditor-General Datuk Seri Wan Suraya Wan Mohd Radzi.

Held under the theme "Inclusive and Sustainable Auditing for a Progressive Asean," the two-day conference drew more than 2,000 participants.

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Residents **grappling** to move on after gas pipeline blast

► In addition to being displaced, affected individuals have not received conclusive information about cause of explosion

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PETALING JAYA: Nearly three months after a devastating explosion in Putra Heights that shattered lives on the second day of Hari Raya Aidilfitri, residents are still grappling with unanswered questions and an uncertain future.

Kamisah Khamis, 48, told *theSun* although she and her family have resumed their daily routines, they have yet to recover from the trauma of watching their home go up in flames.

When asked whether any authorities had reached out to the affected residents, she said no one had come forward to explain what caused the explosion or who was responsible.

"There have been some discussions in our WhatsApp group - we've talked about compensation and other matters. But one thing is still unclear - my family and I have no idea who the contractor was.

"We might find some closure if someone would just take responsibility for the devastation that has impacted so many of us," she said.

Since the incident, Kamisah and her family have been displaced. They are currently living in a flat near Shah Alam, after a brief stay in a rented Airbnb unit arranged by her father-in-law.

"My father-in-law introduced us to the owner. The unit was actually up for sale, but the owner agreed to rent it to us temporarily because of our circumstances.

"Thankfully, our children's schools are nearby. My husband drops them off on his way to work, and I pick them up later. They're in their final year of school, so we're really reluctant to move them," she added. Her eldest child is 17, the second is 12, and the youngest is four.

Their previous home in Kampung Kuala Sungai Baru was severely damaged and rendered uninhabitable. Despite the trauma,

Kamisah said her family hopes to return to the area - even with its proximity to the pipeline.

"Rent is cheaper there, and it's a much more peaceful environment. After the incident, we and our neighbours became even closer," she said.

Another affected resident, civil servant Aziah Puteh Azib, 55, shared a similar experience. Her late father's house in Kampung Kuala Sungai Baru was completely destroyed in the blast, forcing her and her husband to relocate to Bandar Sri Damansara.

"The residents have met Syarikat Perumahan Negara Berhad (SPNB), which has been appointed to rebuild homes in our village," she said.

Although grateful, Aziah admitted that the new house won't match the sentimental value of the original, which was built using rare timber that is no longer available in Malaysia.

"We asked around and were told that the kind of wood used back then can only be sourced from Singapore," she added.

Aziah also chose not to speculate on the contractor's identity.

According to previous reports, the contractor had been conducting earthworks just 30m from the explosion site. An excavator which

was used in the project sank into the ground during the blast. It has since been located but has yet to be retrieved.

In response to the tragedy, the Selangor state government allocated RM6,000 in rental assistance for three months to 445 eligible families.

Further aid for rental extensions is expected in July or August, according to Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari.

Housing and Local Government Minister Nga Kor Ming also announced that RM40 million has been allocated to support repairs and reconstruction for affected homes.

The amount of aid provided will depend on the extent of damage sustained. Homes that suffered over 40% damage and require complete rebuilding are eligible for up to RM300,000.

For houses with more than 40% damage but not in need of full reconstruction, the maximum assistance is RM150,000. Properties with less than 40% damage can receive up to RM30,000.

Sime Darby, the master developer of Putra Heights, has been tasked with supporting restoration work, while SPNB is overseeing the reconstruction of homes in Kampung Kuala Sungai Baru.

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Malaysia primed to be top medical tourism destination

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KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia has bright prospects in medical tourism, driven by its highly trained doctors, excellent facilities and competitive currency, said IHH Healthcare Bhd.

Its CEO Dr Prem Kumar Nair said Malaysian hospitals have received patients from various countries such as the United Kingdom, Türkiye and Australia to perform surgeries due to cheaper prices and unavailability of medical experts in their home countries.

Taking advantage of that, he said the newly acquired Island Hospital in Penang will become IHH's learning ground to improve the

growth in medical tourism.

"For now, our medical tourism percentage has risen from five to seven per cent.

"Once we fully integrate Island Hospital, the overall percentage of our revenue in Malaysia will be at 14%, coming from medical tourism," he told a press conference after IHH's 15th annual general meeting yesterday, reported Bernama.

On the other hand, Prem said the company will study the implementation of the diagnosis-related group (DRG) system as it is difficult to enforce at private hospitals for now.

Originally developed to support public healthcare funding, the DRG model is a standard mechanism within national health systems such as the national healthcare services in the UK and Europe, as well as the national health insurance schemes in Japan, South Korea and Taiwan.

"According to the system, a public or private hospital is paid by a single payer, with each medical procedure assigned a specific code – such as for an appendectomy, cholecystectomy, or open-heart surgery – and reimbursed at a fixed rate."

Prem said there had been much

discussion on the DRG model, and the Health Ministry has engaged with IHH, insurance companies and consumer groups. He added the meetings concluded that it was difficult to implement the system in private hospitals.

"There is a pilot system going on in some public hospitals now, and I think it does make sense to do it (implement DRG) in the public sector.

"There is a certain standardisation of rooms, facilities, amenities and all that ... the Health Ministry has explicitly said we will not have it ... it (DRG implementation) has clearly been deferred for the time being."

IHH has presented a strong financial performance in the 2024 financial year (FY2024) with double-digit growth in key metrics, backed by strong operational performance across key markets.

It said in a statement that the group continued to deliver resilient growth and healthy returns for shareholders as it executes its five strategic growth priorities.

Correspondingly, IHH had declared a final cash dividend of 5.5 sen per share, bringing the total ordinary dividend for FY2024 to 10 sen a share, up from nine sen per share for FY2023.

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500 students to receive RM100 monthly cash aid

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NIBONG TEBAL: A total of 500 Form Six students from 840 families will receive RM100 cash in monthly aid starting this month until December 2025 under the Farm Fresh Berhad STPM Student Bursary programme.

Education Minister Fadhlina Sidek said the students from 10 states in Peninsular Malaysia had been identified as the initial recipients for the programme.

"It is hoped that the initiative will help elevate the quality of education for the students, apart from inspiring and motivating them to succeed in life and pursue their studies to the highest level," she told reporters after launching the programme at Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan (SMK) Tun Syed Sheh Barakbah on Tuesday.

Fadhlina also expressed appreciation to Farm Fresh for the initiative, describing it as a form of corporate social responsibility (CSR) that addresses the current needs of Form Six students.

She said the Education Ministry hopes to see more corporate companies step forward to support the education ecosystem and elevate national education through similar programmes.

She said the ministry remains committed to making Form Six one of the top choices for students pursuing studies after SPM and the rebranding is part of a strategic move in line with the Malaysia Education Blueprint 2013-2025 to empower inclusive and competitive post-secondary pathways.

To ensure continuity and equitable access to education, she said the government has also extended the early schooling aid to Form Six students starting this year, benefitting more than 100,000 students with a total allocation of RM15 million.

Farm Fresh has been appointed as the school milk supplier for 10 states (Kelantan, Terengganu, Pahang, Perlis, Kedah, Penang, Perak, Selangor, Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya) in five zones.

In addition to the STPM bursary programme which will continue until 2029 with new recipients selected annually, Farm Fresh has also planned several CSR programmes as part of the spillover benefits from the school milk supply contract.

They include the *Bijak Mengira* tuition programme, national subsidised milk competition *Multidimensi Plus*, World School Milk Day celebration and the School-to-Farm programme.

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Mass arrests in anti-trafficking, gambling raids

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KUALA LUMPUR: The Criminal Investigation Department at Bukit Aman continues to intensify efforts to tackle various forms of crime through several large-scale operations carried out in the early part of the year.

Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Razarudin Husain said one of the major successes was the execution of Operasi Pintas Mega, led by the Anti-Trafficking in Persons and Anti-Smuggling of Migrants Division in collaboration with police contingents nationwide in February.

The operation also involved strategic cooperation with other agencies, including the Immigration Department, Labour Department and local authorities.

"During the operation, a total of 45 raids were conducted, resulting in the arrest of 249 individuals and the rescue of 144 victims from human trafficking networks under Section 44 of the Anti-Trafficking in Persons and Anti-Smuggling of Migrants Act 2007 (Act 670).

"This achievement demonstrates the Royal Malaysia Police's dedication and capability in combating human trafficking and migrant smuggling professionally and comprehensively," he said during the Bukit Aman monthly assembly yesterday.

Razarudin also highlighted international cooperation through "Operation Cyber Guardian", organised by the Singapore Police Force, which included participation from Japan, Hong Kong, South Korea, Thailand and Malaysia.

The operation, conducted from Feb 28 to March 28 this year, focused on eradicating online sexual abuse of children.

A total of 46 police officers were deployed with support from the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission and the K9 Detection Unit to detect electronic devices used to store and distribute prohibited materials via peer-to-peer platforms and the Telegram app.

Four individuals – an accountant, a web designer, a telecommunications industry worker and a civil servant – were arrested, with more than 50,000 pieces of child sexual abuse material seized.

All suspects are being investigated under the Child Act 2001, the Sexual Offences Against Children Act 2017 and the Penal Code.

The arrests highlight the serious threat posed by cyber sexual crimes targeting vulnerable groups and reaffirm the department's commitment to combatting such offences.

In other developments, Razarudin said the department has intensified its crackdown on illegal gambling through Operasi Dadu Khas, which saw 6,719 raids conducted.

A total of 8,603 individuals were arrested and 3,464 electronic devices, including computers, tablets and mobile phones, were seized along with over RM1.6 million in cash.

He said the effort reflects the police's firm stance and zero tolerance towards illegal gambling activities that threaten public safety. – Bernama

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