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To address the issue, Tey suggested the city council consider installing closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras in the affected areas.

"However, there are concerns that the CCTV's blindspots could become new dumping sites," he said, adding that those caught dumping rubbish would be issued a RM1,000 compound.

Tey was speaking during a press conference after a clean-up operation with KDEB Waste Management Sdn Bhd at Jalan Aman in Kampung Baru Seri Kembangan.

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MBSJ anjur pertandingan fotografi, tawar hadiah wang tunai keseluruhan RM2,400

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SHAH ALAM, 2 JUN: Hadiah wang tunai terkumpul berjumlah RM2,400 menanti pemenang pertandingan fotografi khazanah tersembunyi anjuran Majlis Bandaraya Subang Jaya (MBSJ) 2025.

Menurut MBSJ, pertandingan bermula 5 Jun hingga 31 Julai dengan tema "khazanah tersembunyi" menawarkan hadiah wang tunai RM750 untuk johan, naib johan (RM500), ketiga (RM150) dan 10 hadiah sagu hati (RM100).

Jelasnya, khazanah tersembunyi merujuk kepada tempat dalam kawasan MBSJ yang jarang diketahui orang ramai tetapi mempunyai nilai estetika, sejarah atau budaya yang bernilai tinggi.

"Lokasi itu boleh berupa taman tersembunyi, alam termasuk pokok air dan hiduannya, bangunan bersejarah, kedai tempatan yang unik atau sudut menarik yang tidak biasa dilihat oleh orang ramai."

"Adakah anda pencinta fotografi yang gemar merakam keunikan tempat yang jarang dilihat orang ramai? Inilah peluang anda untuk menyerlahkan bakat dan memenangi hadiah menarik.

"Tunjukkan kepada dunia keindahan dan keunikan bandar raya Subang Jaya dari sudut pandang anda," katanya.

Mereka yang berminat boleh menghantar karya masing-masing dengan mengimbas kod QR dalam poster atau klik pautan <https://forms.gle/DcsTsUWvMCnaagGE6> dan hubungi talian 03-56210060 untuk pertanyaan lanjut.

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PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Subang Jaya City Council (MBSJ) is holding a Khazanah Tersembunyi photography contest from June 5 to July 31. Participants must capture hidden gems in Subang Jaya with historical, cultural or natural value. For details, call 03-5621 0060 or visit www.mbsj.gov.my

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**PICKLEBALL COURT
BOOKINGS**

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

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SENIORS PARK FOR FREE -

Shah Alam City Council (MBSA) is offering free parking for residents aged 60 and above. Each eligible applicant may register one vehicle per household. Applications can be made at the Finance Department counter, Wisma MBSA. For details, call 03-5513 3919 (ext 1540/1521).

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PJ MATTERS

> Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) will host the Petaling Jaya Learning City Festival from June 19 to June 22 from 9am to 6pm at Dewan Banquet and Dewan Sivik's parking lot in conjunction with its 19th anniversary. Activities include a career carnival, book expo, digital exhibition and the Rasa Fusion Food Festival. For further details, call 03-7960 1220.

> The council is also offering free use of its swimming pool, sports courts and facilities along with free parking under MBPJ's jurisdiction (June 20), free library membership at community libraries (June 20-22), and free tree saplings with Abate larvicide at Laman MBPJ, Jalan Yong Shook Lin (June 21).

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SPORTING facilities in Kelana Jaya's SS6, SS7 and part of SS8 will be integrated into a sports hub.

This move by Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) is to revitalise the area.

Petaling Jaya mayor Mohamad Zahri Samingon's focus is on infrastructure improvements to connect the sports facilities.

"Our council planners and I have a vision to transform SS6, SS7 and part of SS8 into an integrated ecosystem for sports, entertainment and lifestyle activities.

"We have to increase the facilities for athletes to work out and for families to engage in sports activities or watch live sports," he said.

Spanning a mammoth 353.28ha, the cluster of sporting facilities comprise Stadium MBPJ — built for the 1998 Commonwealth Games, Kelana Jaya swimming complex, tennis and badminton courts as well as running tracks.

Pickleball and paddle ball courts will also be built soon.

Within the area is Taman Tasik Bandaran, the venue for MBPJ's fishing competitions that receive participation of thousands of avid anglers.

"Taman Tasik Bandaran Kelana Jaya is also where MBPJ holds the annual International Remote Control Powerboat Championship; we will improve the area," said Mohamad Zahri.

He said the city council's plan was to transform SS6, SS7 and part of SS8 into a community hub, the facilities of which could be used by residents in the vicinity as well as schools.

He stressed that it was crucial to manage existing MBPJ sports assets sustainably, to encourage greater participation and use them to nurture talent and sports innovation.

"Our council's plan is to turn the Kelana Jaya sports hub into a Petaling Jaya icon," he added.

Mohamad Zahri said it was important to collaborate with private sports entities to encourage wider participation and use of the sports infrastructure.

"More sporting programmes for all age groups are needed, and working with the private sector will produce better experiences and foster unity among people in Petaling Jaya," he said.

Feedback and ideas are being sourced from public focus group discussions involving stakeholders, private sports facility operators, and area councillors.

Mohamad Zahri said for a start, Stadium MBPJ was undergoing an upgrade with new seats and state-of-the-art synthetic turf.

"About 70% of work at the stadium has been completed.

"Walk paths outside the stadium will be built.

"We will improve all sports facilities in stages, based on discussions with local stakeholders," he assured.

The mayor also said MBPJ was considering the suggestion to have sky bridges or elevated pedestrian walkways linking SS6, SS7 and SS8.

He said the city council wanted to make sports and sporting facilities affordable for the community, noting that not everyone could afford to pay for such equipment.

Sports integration a game changer in Kelana Jaya

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New facilities, improved infrastructure including connected walkways and buses set to transform PJ areas into vibrant sports and active lifestyle destination



Stadium MBPJ in Kelana Jaya was built for the 1998 Commonwealth Games. — Photos: IZZRAFQ ALIAS, MUHAMAD SHAHRIL ROSLI/The Star



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Lee says the proposed sports hub will be a community focal point for social and sporting activities.



Selangor's largest indoor karting centre, X Park Sunway Serene, in Jalan SS8/6 is a component of the Kelana Jaya Sports Hub.

"Many just want a chance to play sports.

"Creating an integrated sports hub makes community sports in public spaces more special. It benefits everyone and gives opportunities to all, including the low-income group," he added.

MBPJ councillor for SS7 Mohamed Hamka Mohamed Junah agreed with the mayor's point on the need to partner with private sports entities and leverage on their expertise in programme design as well as sports event planning.

"Kelana Jaya and its bordering areas have a high population

of youths.

"Working with private sports centres and groups will augur well for MBPJ as the latter offer advanced sports programmes, training methods, and coaching, which can be adopted into the council's programmes to benefit the younger generation."

Mohamad Hamka said the sports hub must have something for everyone, be it an elite athlete striving to achieve the highest levels in sports, a student competing in athletics or residents who want to improve their fitness.

MBPJ councillor for SS8

Nurashikin Ali said: "Our main aim is to turn Kelana Jaya into a civic space that doubles as a sporting destination.

"It must evolve into a place where people can relax or spend time with their friends.

"People want the surroundings connected by extensive roofed walkways, cycle routes and dedicated buses that link SS6, SS7 and SS8, which make it easy to get around."

Nurashikin said the hub was part of a plan to promote physi-

cal and mental well-being.

MBPJ Development and Planning Department director Lee Lih Shyan said MBPJ aimed to inspire grassroots participation and sporting excellence via the city's urban development plan.

The town planner said the sports hub would be made accessible to all and would become a community focal point for social and sporting activities.

"For this sports hub to thrive, we need activities for youths, the

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MBPJ's badminton facility in SS7, Kelana Jaya. STAK MBPJ 3/6 ©



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Muhammad Sharmin is calling for the provision of 'sepak takraw' courts at the sports hub.



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middle aged and seniors."

Taman Tasik Bandaran Kelana Jaya SS7 has seven lakes used for angling and power boat competitions, he said, while SS8 has Selangor's biggest indoor karting centre.

Lee said sports would also provide opportunities for people with disabilities and enable residents to socialise.

"Urban sports-friendly areas are equitable public spaces. "Whether indoors or outdoors, it is a place where everyone gets a chance to take part. It creates liveable communities," he added.

Sports science student Wan Syazfizar Adam Wan Mohd Sapari, 20, said MBPJ's plan to create the Kelana Jaya sports hub would benefit youths.

He suggested that MBPJ build *sepak takraw* courts too. "*Sepak takraw* is a popular sport and has the potential for community engagement.

"It can be a unifying sport, bringing people together in a fun way and nurture future players."

Muhammad Sharmin Firdaus, 20, also said the provision of *sepak takraw* courts at the sports hub would be a valuable addition, especially given the sport's popularity among youths.

"It would create an opportunity for youths to pick up and train in the sport, potentially tapping new talents."

Business administration student Wan Nadzmi Zafri Wan Mohamad Ruzman, 21, said MBPJ should have good public transport connectivity from one sports facility to another.

"It should also provide shaded walkways for users' convenience.

"If the sports hub is to thrive, MBPJ must provide buses to connect it to neighbourhoods.

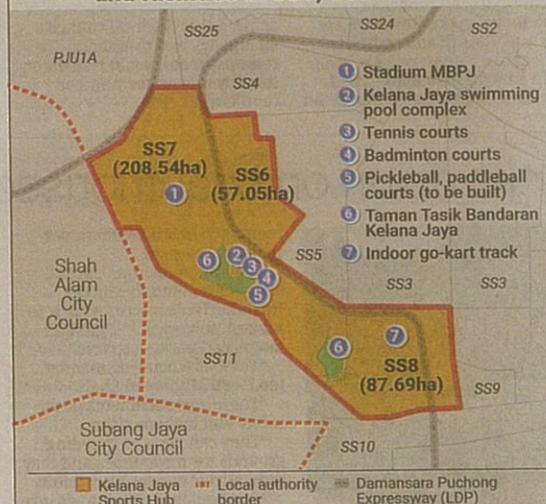
"There must be convenient connections, for example, from the SS8 go-kart centre to the Kelana Jaya swimming complex in SS7.

"Using electric buses for last-mile connectivity is important as it will see a big drop in carbon footprint and cost," said Wan Nadzmi.

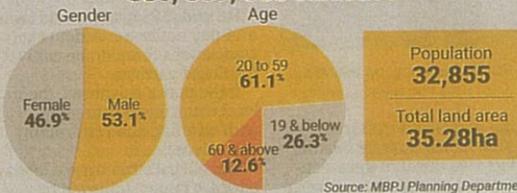


The Kelana Jaya Swimming Pool Complex is located in SS7.

Kelana Jaya Sports Hub location and facilities in SS6, SS7 and SS8



SS6, SS7, SS8 statistics





Mohamed Hamka showing the site where new pickleball courts will be built. — MUHAMAD SHAHRIL ROSLI/The Star

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Underutilised futsal court to be used for racquet sports

FACILITIES for racquet sports, pickleball and paddle ball will be built at the underused futsal grounds in SS7, Kelana Jaya.

Petaling Jaya mayor Mohamad Zahri Samingon said Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) had approved the specifications for the new pickleball and paddle ball courts.

"The development of both these racquet sport courts are under a public-private partnership that involves a collaboration between MBPJ and a private company.

"We have inked an agreement where the firm builds and manages the facilities," he said.

Both sports can be played with either two or four players.

Pickleball is a smaller version of tennis, whereas paddle ball is a mix of tennis and squash, where the ball is allowed to bounce off a wall.

Like tennis, both versions have a centre net, but they have different rules of play and scoring.

Mohamad Zahri said the partnership would see MBPJ renting out the space while the company would operate and manage the facilities for 21 years.

"Agreements of this nature are common in infrastructure projects, including sports facilities.

"It allows for leveraging private investment and expertise while ensuring public benefit.

"We can realise the project development at faster speed as private firms can expedite the process of creating new facilities after the council gives the needed approvals," he said.

Mohamad Zahri said approval had been given for six indoor pickleball courts, six outdoor pickleball courts, two indoor paddle ball courts and one outdoor paddle ball court.

"Construction involves demolishing the old futsal concrete floor before building the new courts."

Work is expected to start in July and be completed in November, he said.

MBPJ councillor for SS7 Mohamed Hamka Mohamed Jumah said having smart partnerships like this could create high-quality facilities and provide good financial returns for MBPJ.

"Pickleball and paddle ball are popular. They have the potential to foster community engagement and increase property values in surrounding areas," he said.

The decision to have pickleball courts came after Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari announced, when tabling the state's Budget 2025, that the state would introduce it as a medal sport when it hosts the 2026 Malaysia Games (Sukma). — By EDWARD RAJENDRA



The hard court used to be a futsal court.

COMMUNITY GARDEN -

Selayang Municipal Council (MPS) is opening applications for its community garden programme until June 6. Participants will be involved in the edible garden competition featuring four main categories. For details, call 03-6126 6014.

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Storm topples tree near house of Tanjung Sepat assemblyman

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STRONG winds and heavy rains in the Selangor coastal areas of Batu Laut and Morib on Thursday morning caused trees to fall, one of which was in front of the Tanjung Sepat assemblyman's house in Batu Laut.

Datuk Borhan Aman Shah, who is also state housing and culture committee chairman, confirmed the incident.

Borhan said winds brought down a *mempari* tree, estimated to be over 12m tall, located on

the road opposite his house. The tree hit a food stall and snagged a power cable on its way down, subsequently blocking a large portion of the road.

Following a report from Borhan, Kuala Langat Municipal Council (MPKL) dispatched its Skuad Pantas to the location.

Tree-cutting and removal work was carried out with assistance from the police who controlled traffic flow.

As of 5pm the same day, the downed power cable had been re-erected and power supply restored.

An MPKL Skuad Pantas spokesperson estimated that the tree was more than 30 years old.

He also confirmed that there had been no casualties as the stall was not operating when the incident took place.

Two fallen trees were also reported at Morib beach, where clean-up work were undertaken to clear roads and recreational areas of broken branches.

Removal operations began as early as 7.30am and completed by 1pm.

In a media statement, MPKL president Mohd Hasry Nor Mohd



Skuad Pantas personnel clearing the tree in Batu Laut. One of several instances of strong winds causing havoc on the coast.

assured that the local council's emergency and disaster response team would remain on standby to monitor weather conditions.

"We call on the public to remain vigilant, especially during bad weather, and to immediately report any incidents to the authorities," he said.

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MPSekang cracks down on unauthorised use of land

SEKANG Municipal Council (MPSekang) has ramped up efforts to tackle the growing issue of "illegal gardens".

An on-site inventory conducted by its Landscape Department this year revealed that 15 plots were being cultivated without authorisation, often by residents engaging in gardening as a hobby or for small-scale farming.

MPSekang president Muhamad Shah Osmin said the local council had identified 28 sites through public complaints and field surveys since 2023, and had restored 13 land plots to their intended use.

This year, he said, the plan was to tackle another 12 locations in areas such as Dengkil, Puchong and Sungai Pelek.

"These unauthorised use instances are commonly found on public reserves including open spaces, roadside reserves



MPSekang clearing a plot in Taman Putra Prima, Puchong, on which a community garden was cultivated.

and back lanes within residential neighbourhoods.

"These plots are typically planted with vegetables, orna-

mental plants and fruit trees.

"While many do it for leisure, the fact remains that these activities are taking place on govern-

ment-owned land without permission," he said.

In addition to crops, several sites were found to contain makeshift workshops, garages and illegal parking spaces.

"These are being dismantled too," said Muhamad Shah.

"These encroachments pose safety and hygiene risks.

"They can become breeding grounds for mosquitoes and may even attract dangerous wildlife.

"Our responsibility is to ensure public spaces are safe, clean and accessible to everyone."

He said MPSekang would issue a 14-day notice to residents or associations found to be cultivating illegal gardens.

If the notice is ignored, the local council will proceed with cleaning and restoration operations.

"For illegal structures, a 30-day notice is issued, followed by

demolition if necessary.

"Operations are conducted jointly by MPSekang Health and Environment Department, and the Enforcement Department to ensure legal compliance and public safety," he said, adding that the local council has been actively sharing updates and educational messages online to raise awareness.

He further encouraged residents to participate in authorised community garden initiatives, which allowed for controlled, legal cultivation on designated plots.

MPSekang also often upgraded the spaces with amenities like exercise equipment, pedestrian walkways, and landscaping to enhance their appeal and usability for the community, said Muhamad Shah.

"We are committed to turning these restored areas into vibrant public spaces," he added.

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HALAL CERTIFICATION

DBKL and Jakim will hold a Halal Malaysia certification seminar on June 14, from 9am to 5pm, at Level 6, Institut Latihan DBKL, Jalan Yaacob Latif, Bandar Tun Razak. It is open exclusively to tenants of DBKL hawker centres and Kuala Lumpur licence holders. Admission is free. For details, visit dbkl.gov.my

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'Illegal dump beside substation worrying'

Dangerous if waste pile catches fire and spreads next door, warns Bukit Jalil fire station chief

AN ILLEGAL dumpsite along Bukit Jalil Highway is raising concerns as it is located next to a Tenaga Nasional Bhd (TNB) main substation.

Bukit Jalil Fire and Rescue Station chief Mohd Azhar Harun said the site's close proximity to TNB cables and pylons was worrying.

"If a fire breaks out at the dumpsite, it might spread next door and turn into an electrical fire which is more dangerous and difficult to extinguish.

"Unlike conventional fire-fighting methods, we will need to use foam to put out the fire if nearby electrical components are affected.

"Furthermore, there is also no water source around the area," he told *StarMetro*.

Mohd Azhar said he had also received complaints from firefighters about mosquitoes in the vicinity.

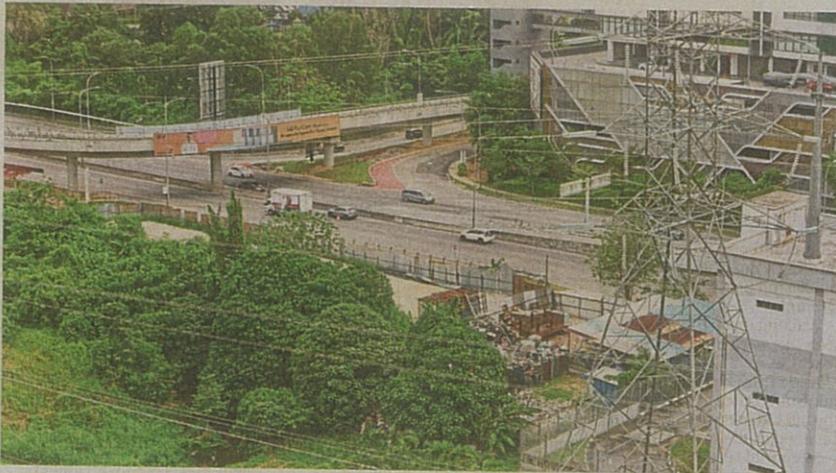
"Our quarters are located in between the fire and rescue station and the dumping site.

"From there, we can see that rubbish is being dumped behind, which is very near to a river tributary," he said.

From the top floor of the 10-storey quarters, *StarMetro* saw piles of rubbish stacked up.

Another pile was scattered behind, next to the river.

According to firefighters at the station, lorries could be seen dumping rubbish while some vehicles were spotted collecting the rubbish.



The dumpsite located next to the TNB main substation (right) and Bukit Jalil Highway. — Photos: LOW LAY PHON/The Star

Mohd Azhar said he had highlighted the matter to Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL), the

Environment Department (DOE), and Federal Territories of Kuala Lumpur Lands and Mines Office

(PTGWP) since last year but not much had been done... A letter from PTGWP dated



Mohd Azhar says complaints to the authorities about the illegal dumpsite have not been acted on.

March 11, to the Fire and Rescue Department Station chief, stated an investigation on March 6 determined the dumpsite was operating illegally.

It also stated an eviction notice was issued to the owner on Sept 11, 2024, for occupying state land unlawfully under Section 425(1) of the National Land Code 1965.

When contacted, PTGWP reiterated the site had been issued an eviction notice.

However, no enforcement action had been taken since.

DBKL in a letter on March 25 said no investigations were conducted as they could not find the precise location of the dumpsite.

StarMetro had reached out to DBKL several times for comments but had received no response at press time.

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KL residents say local plan ignores their concerns

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THE soon-to-be gazetted Kuala Lumpur Local Plan 2040 (KLLP2040) continues to draw criticism from stakeholders who say it does not address their concerns.

KLLP2040 will come into force on June 11, according to the Federal Government Gazette dated May 28 published by the Attorney General's Chambers.

It contains written statements detailing objectives and proposals for developments, land use, socioeconomic planning and traffic management in the capital.

Kuala Lumpur Residents Action for Sustainable Development Association chairman Tan Booi Charn said the group was concerned about land previously meant for community use turning into development zones.

She pointed to Lot 481440 in Taman Danau Desa, previously

They claim most public objections not considered for KLLP2040 that will be gazetted in days

reserved for a playground.

"The community submitted 1,000 objections to Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) but their pleas fell on deaf ears.

"Following enquiries, they were informed that the land title had changed and the plan must be adjusted accordingly," she said.

She added that some city lots had their plot ratios increased to accommodate potential future redevelopments.

Another point of contention was flood retention ponds in Taman Desa, Taman Wahyu and Kampung Bohol turned into development land, said Tan.

She said this contravened principles outlined in Kuala Lumpur Structure Plan 2040 that retention ponds should remain untouched.

Tan estimated that only 13% of

public objections were taken into account in the final draft of KLLP2040.

"We are disappointed because the public spent lots of time and effort preparing presentations and submitting objections."

Save Kuala Lumpur chairman Datuk M. Ali called for another round of engagements for DBKL to explain why feedback was not heeded.

"There have been severe shortfalls in the overall process of KLLP2040, which warrants rectifications," he said.

Ali said KLLP2040 failed to provide adequate safeguards for the capital's 52 water retention ponds.

"This is despite a directive from Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim for the ponds to be restored to their original

status," he said.

Brickfields Rukun Tetangga chairman SKK Naidu said many suggestions raised during engagements with DBKL were not implemented, especially with regard to green areas and development density.

"The final KLLP2040 seems to side with developers and landowners rather than communities," he noted.

KLLP2040 was adopted in accordance with Sections 16 and 17 of Federal Territory (Planning) Act 1982 (Act 267).

Copies can be downloaded from DBKL's website, or inspected or purchased during office hours at DBKL Urban Planning Department at Menara DBKL 1 from June 11.

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Naidu: KLLP2040 seems to side with developers and landowners rather than communities.



Tan: Land designated for community use has been turned into development zones.

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IT WAS no ordinary site visit for Kuala Lumpur mayor Datuk Seri Maimunah Mohd Sharif during her first Brickfields walkabout.

The visit was part of an initiative to assess the condition of accessibility infrastructure and public facilities in the area, long touted as a disabled-friendly neighbourhood.

The walkabout, intended as a standard site visit, highlighted real challenges faced by Brickfields' disabled community.

The most concerning moment came when wheelchair user C. Sasitharan, who was part of the group accompanying the mayor, lost his balance on a steep, uneven ramp and fell backwards, bruising his elbow.

Maimunah, just a few steps behind, rushed to his side as DBKL officers helped steady his wheelchair and attended to him.

And that was not his first near-miss of the day.

Earlier, he had almost fallen again while trying to navigate a narrow five-foot way that ended abruptly at a shop entrance with no ramp.

"I almost toppled over. If people hadn't grabbed my wheelchair, I would have fallen," Sasitharan said.

Over the two-hour walkabout, several wheelchair users and visually impaired residents took the opportunity to show the mayor how poorly designed, uneven and unsafe many of the so-called "accessible" facilities really were.

"The bollards are meant to stop motorcyclists from using the walkway, but they're too narrow for some wheelchairs," said Gurdip Kaur, another wheelchair user.

"Even though the design includes a gap for wheelchairs and strollers, it's too tight and the kerb drop makes it risky."

Gurdip added that despite the wheelchair-friendly icons plastered on pavements, there was little point if the ground was bumpy and ramps were missing.

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KL mayor witnesses struggles of disabled

Brickfields walkabout shows poor design makes pavements hazardous for wheelchair users, the blind



Sasitharan (in wheelchair) attempting to navigate through a narrow bollard gate with help from DBKL officers as Maimunah (second from left) looks on during the walkabout in Brickfields. — LOW BOON TAT/The Star

dent G. Francis Siva said, "They look good in theory, but most of these features are more cosmetic than functional."

Visually impaired Annbarasi Nyanasekaran related how she tripped over a trolley left on a walkway in Brickfields, and broke her leg.

Brickfields Rukun Tetangga chairman SKK Naidu said DBKL must relook at all safety aspects if it was serious about turning the township into a safe and inclusive place for everyone.

"All relevant departments and agencies must be involved as this can't be done in silos," he added.

Maimunah was joined by dozens of DBKL department heads and officers during the

inspection, aimed at identifying problem areas and gathering feedback directly from the community.

"I wanted to see the situation for myself. We've received a lot of complaints from Brickfields, and clearly, there's a lot that needs fixing," she told *StarMetro*.

She added that DBKL would assess what could be done immediately, what it would cost and how to align the upgrades with DBKL's vision of a "City for All."

Maimunah also stressed that it was not only up to DBKL.

"A liveable city depends on considerate residents. Don't break the rules. Be mindful, especially of the disabled

community," she said.

When asked about the biggest issue from the walkabout, Maimunah said, "Design. That's the biggest challenge. There's a lot of room for improvement."

On blocked walkways and obstructions by roadside traders and restaurants, she said stronger enforcement was needed.

"We have guidelines and enforcement teams. Now, it's about going out and making sure rules are followed.

"But I want to tell people, please be considerate, stop blocking pavements.

"Everyone has a role to play. We all need to do better to make the city more inclusive and liveable," Maimunah added.

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DBKL: Project next to school in Desa ParkCity meets criteria

KUALA Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) says that a high-rise development next to an international school in Desa ParkCity has received all necessary approvals.

In a statement, DBKL said the development order for the 46-storey mixed development, located next to The International School @ ParkCity (ISP), was approved on Sept 10, 2019.

"An amendment to this development was subsequently approved on Dec 30, 2024.

"The project on private land, allocated for commercial purposes, includes offices, retail units and carparks.

"This approval was granted after taking into account the entire proposed development's components and intensity, which is in line with Kuala Lumpur City Plan 2020 (KLCP2020)."

In February, parents of students studying in ISP learned of the adjacent development during a meeting and protested, citing safety and



The construction site is just next to the school in Desa ParkCity.
— MUHAMAD SHAHRIL ROSLI/The Star

disturbance concerns.

They sought mitigation measures from the developer, who presented options in a subsequent March meeting.

However, parents remain unconvinced, finding the high-rise too close for comfort.

They claim that the developer,

who also owns the school, has failed to engage in further dialogue since the initial two meetings.

DBKL acknowledged complaints and objections for the project, including the building's setback, health concerns during construction and the potential

for traffic congestion, especially during peak hours.

"The developer is responsible for conducting engagement sessions with affected residents and complying with all established construction conditions, including permitted working hours and duration.

"It must also prevent damage to adjacent plots and public properties like roads, drains and trees, while controlling disturbances such as noise, air pollution and dirt in the surrounding area," added DBKL.

It is learnt that the parents' group plan to file an application for a judicial review of the project.

"The high-rise project is only 8m from the school compound," said a parent who wanted to be known as Sharon.

Mariam Bajunid said her children had complained about the construction being too noisy during school hours, disrupting lessons.

"My six-year-old son told me

that his football session was cut short once due to the construction," she said.

The parents have since formed a group called Parents For Safer Schools and launched a petition against the project, garnering over 1,400 signatures.

It is learnt that Segambut MP Hannah Yeoh has met with parents over the matter.

Her political secretary Yap Yee Vonne said DBKL had been alerted to take immediate action and that the Education Ministry was also consulted to determine if there was any special guidelines pertaining to this matter.

"However, the ministry has confirmed that there are none, and that such issues fell under the jurisdiction of the local authority," said Yap.

An English daily reported the developer saying that the project had received the necessary regulatory approvals and permits and that it complied with existing laws.

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Cheras intersection affected by sinkhole reopens to traffic

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AN INTERSECTION in Taman Pertama, Cheras, is now reopened to traffic after a sinkhole there has been repaired.

The sinkhole, which appeared at the intersection of Jalan Selar and Jalan Selangat in late April, had led to the closure of sections of both roads as well as Jalan Semerah Padi for public safety.

Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) said initial checks at the site found the subsidence was not caused by any leaks, such as water or sewerage pipes.

Further investigations are now focused on the underground drainage system, specifically the box culvert structure located 7m beneath the road.

Inspections using drone technology and aerial Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) systems identified damage to the culvert structure.

This damage was the cause of soil erosion and cavity formation in the surrounding area," it said in a media statement.

In a May 8 *StarMetro* report, "Cheras sinkhole leads to closure of several roads" it was speculated the caving-in could have developed during preliminary sewerage pipe-laying works at a nearby development project.

DBKL said that as an immediate measure, refilling of the sinkhole with suitable

The sinkhole at the intersection of Jalan Selar and Jalan Selangat has been filled and the route reopened to traffic. — LOW LAY PHON/The Star



materials was carried out and completed on May 20.

"At the same time, the developer was instructed to stabilise the surrounding area using the polyurethane (PU) foam injection method.

"The affected area remains closed for ongoing safety monitoring, while other routes at the junction have been reopened to traffic," said the statement.

DBKL added that permanent repair of the box culvert structure would be carried out without the need to excavate the road surface, to minimise disruption.

The repair works are expected

to take between three and six months, depending on the method chosen.

Resident Sukhdev Singh Cheema expressed concerns about safety and urged DBKL to share its findings.

"The authorities sealed up the main sinkhole in the middle of the intersection, but another one appeared near the corner of Jalan Selangat, just a few metres away," he said.

Sukhdev, who is a member of the Cheras Federal Territories Residents Representative Council (MPPWP) for sub-zone 3, called for a thorough study to prevent similar incidents in the future.

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Roadside eyesore: An abandoned old car at an alley in Bayan Lepas, George Town. — CHAN BOON KAI/The Star

1,000 reasons to not abandon cars

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GEORGE TOWN: There are more than 1,000 abandoned vehicles on the island, and the city council's four depots of seized vehicles are almost full.

But there are 1,000 reasons not to abandon these vehicles — each one of them could fetch up to RM1,000 from recyclers.

The owners only need to use the Road Transport Department's (JPJ) online Motor Vehicle De-registration System (e-Dereg).

Once these cars are de-registered, owners can call in licensed recyclers who will pick up the vehicles and pay the owner for the scraps, said Penang Island City Council enforcement director Noorazrein Noorazlan Ong.

"The online process takes less than an hour with JPJ's e-Dereg system," he said.

Abandoned vehicles, he said, not only hog public parking spaces and are eyesores, they also become breeding sites for mosquitoes, rats and cockroaches.

When owners do nothing, local

authorities are empowered to act but it is a lengthy process, leading to the pile-up in the depots.

"We must trace the owners and send a notice. If the owners still do nothing, we need to check with the police and then carry out the legal process of scrapping the cars," said Noorazrein.

Malaysian Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Penang) president Datuk S. Parthiban, however, said most such cars would not really fetch RM1,000.

Most scrap dealers pay RM700 to RM800 for these cars.

For really old cars, he said a Proton Saga might realistically fetch around RM400; a Nissan Sunny, between RM350 and RM400; a Ford Cortina, RM400; and Datsun, RM400.

A trashed Mercedes-Benz could bring in RM1,000 while most vans can yield a scrap value of RM1,200 to RM1,300.

"The parts that can be re-used are sold, usually to walk-in customers who head to the scrapyards for cheaper prices. The oil, windscreen and tyres must be disposed of," said Parthiban.

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Door to US education not closed

Malaysian students can submit applications as usual, says embassy

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PETALING JAYA: Malaysian students planning to further their studies in the United States can continue submitting their applications as usual, the US Embassy in Kuala Lumpur has confirmed.

However, the embassy stressed that there is a distinction between submitting an application and securing a visa.

"Student and exchange programme visa applicants may continue to apply, and it is important that they are fully truthful in their applications," the embassy said when contacted yesterday.

This clarification comes amid reports that some Malaysian students are reconsidering their plans to pursue higher education in the United States, following policy changes introduced by the Trump administration.

Students worldwide, including Malaysians, have expressed anxiety as the United States reportedly prepares to temporarily suspend US student visa appointments.

Their concerns were heightened following reports that US Secretary of State Marco Rubio had instructed US embassies to halt the scheduling of student visa interviews, as the administration moves to expand social media

screening for applicants.

The US Embassy in Kuala Lumpur gave an assurance that no previously scheduled appointments have been cancelled.

"For those without an appointment, we recommend continuing to monitor for the availability of new slots," it said.

Foreign students intending to study in the United States are typically required to attend an interview at a US embassy in their home country before a visa can be approved.

On May 22, the Trump administration banned Harvard University from enrolling international students. A US judge has subsequently blocked the move

but the uncertainty among students remains.

The Harvard Club of Malaysia (HCM) has backed the university in opposing the move by President Donald Trump, saying:

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

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

Yesterday, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said that Mara-

sponsored students initially bound for further studies in US universities this year will probably be sent to the United Kingdom instead.

The United Kingdom seemed to be the best choice given its facilities and Mara's close cooperation with the universities there, he told reporters in London where he is on a four-day working visit.

Asked about Public Service Department-sponsored students who are slated to pursue their studies in the United States, Ahmad Zahid said he would discuss with the Chief Secretary to the Government and PSD director-general on the matter.

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M'sia leads medical tourism charge

Quality of care, cost, accessibility continue to attract foreign patients

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Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad said in a Facebook post that Malaysia's medical tourism sector generated about RM2bil in revenue in 2023, with 1.3 million foreigners seeking treatment in the country.

PETALING JAYA: From the Maldives to mainland China, foreigners are drawn to the world-class healthcare offered by private hospitals in the country, says Association of Private Hospitals Malaysia president Datuk Dr Kuljit Singh (pic).

Apart from being cost-effective, these foreign patients were keen on the transparent healthcare plans offered by Malaysian private hospitals, he said.

Another plus factor for them was the ease of communication as English is widely spoken, he said in an interview.

Last Wednesday, the Health Ministry announced that Malaysia has been ranked as the top destination for medical tourism based on quality, infrastructure, cost-effectiveness and ease of access by Nomad Capitalist, a Dubai-based wealth consultancy firm.

Dr Kuljit told *The Star* that foreign nationalities who sought treatment are mainly from Indonesia, China, Bangladesh and the Maldives. The rest are from Europe and the United States.

"We are way more affordable compared to our neighbouring countries and far cheaper than western countries," he said, estimating that foreign patients seeking treatment in Malaysia would be paying 20% to 50% lower than elsewhere.

"For those from the US, the savings could be up to 70% compared



to what they would need to fork out in their own country."

He said foreign patients seek a variety of treatments ranging from simple health screening to sophisticated interventions.

Dr Kuljit said that being a predominantly Muslim country was also advantageous as it was a plus point for Muslim patients.

"Another factor that has earned the trust and confidence of international patients are Malaysia's strict healthcare standards and accreditation with global medical bodies.

"They are treated with care and only discharged when they are fit to leave the facility," he added.

However, while medical care is seamlessly rendered, Dr Kuljit acknowledged that the biggest

challenge private hospitals face is inadequate capacity for inpatients.

"A shortage of manpower such as nurses is an issue," he said.

Furthermore, he said restrictions and conditions imposed on private hospitals that curtail healthcare costs can prove to be a hindrance to the growth of medical tourism.

But in the long term, he said Malaysia's future as a medical tourism hub remains bright as the projected number of patients exceeds targets annually.

"I am confident that Malaysia's reputation as one of the leading medical tourism destinations in the world will only continue to grow in leaps and bounds as private hospitals in Malaysia remain committed to delivering reliable, world-class care to Malaysians first and foremost and to the rest of the world," he added.

Dr Kuljit said Malaysians no longer need to travel abroad in

search of premium healthcare.

"However, these advantages are sometimes overlooked by Malaysians and lead to a misunderstanding of the role of private hospitals. There is a mistaken notion that the services offered are medical tourism-oriented and solely driven by profit," he said.

He explained that private hospitals strive to improve continuously to meet world-class standards that benefit both the local population and medical tourists.

Asked if private hospitals would extend their services to low-income Malaysians as part of their corporate social responsibility since they have earned revenue from medical tourism, he said such initiatives will be further enhanced if private hospitals managed to increase capacity.

"We are happy to work with the public healthcare system and conduct such programmes but we need to have greater capacity and manpower," he said.

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From circuit to cinders

Electrical faults spark alarming rise in home fires

PETALING JAYA: It's a burning issue in Malaysia – at least 2,000 fires caused by short circuits happened last year, destroying hundreds of homes and causing millions in losses.

It was the highest number of cases in the past three years.

There were 2,030 cases of structural fires due to short circuits last year, compared to 1,264 cases in 2023 and 1,243 in 2022, according to the Fire and Rescue Department.

What is more unsettling is that most of these fires took place in homes where people lived.

"Landed homes recorded the highest number of structural fires due to short circuits for three years in a row," it said.

In 2022, there were 532 cases involving such properties, but this increased to 595 in 2023 and 745 last year, the department said.

The Electrical and Electronics Association of Malaysia said among the most common yet overlooked issues when it comes to electrical safety at home are overloading power points or using poor-quality extension cords.

Its president Albert Tan said many homeowners plug multiple high-wattage appliances into a single socket or power strip, unaware that this can overheat wiring and trigger a fire.

"Another major concern is



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For three consecutive years, landed homes have had the most structural fires caused by short circuits, says the Fire and Rescue Department.

neglecting regular inspections of older wiring systems, especially in homes built more than 20 years ago.

"Ageing wires can deteriorate, leading to short circuits or arcing, if not addressed," he said.

Equally critical, he said, is the mistake of engaging unlicensed or unqualified people to do electrical work.

"Do-it-yourself (DIY) installations or hiring non-certified personnel can result in dangerous wiring that does not meet safety standards," Tan said.

He said only licensed electrical

contractors and competent wiremen should be engaged for all wiring, installation or maintenance work to ensure compliance with safety regulations and technical standards.

"Always look for Sirim or equivalent safety certification marks. Substandard or counterfeit items may not meet minimum safety standards.

"Also, avoid overloading circuits. Spread out high-power devices like air-conditioners, water heaters, and microwaves across different sockets and avoid daisy-chaining extension

cords," he said.

Installing residual current devices can also help, Tan said, noting how they automatically cut off electricity when a fault is detected.

The growing number of electric vehicles with more users installing chargers at home could add to the problem.

Tan said any charger installation must be done by an Energy Commission-registered electrical contractor with the grade of "Competent Wireman".

"Improper installation can lead to serious fire hazards and electrical safety risks.

"Household members should also be encouraged to practise simple habits like unplugging appliances not in use and keeping cords away from wet or hot areas," he said.

He said electrical safety should not be reactive but a routine part of home upkeep.

"We encourage homeowners to treat electrical systems with the same level of seriousness as plumbing or gas.

"Safety begins with awareness.

"It must be followed by responsible action," he said, adding that the association will continue working with regulators and industry players to promote safe electrical practices, ensure the competency of contractors, and enhance public awareness.

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Putra Heights a grim reminder of need for fire insurance

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PETALING JAYA: Johan, a senior executive, bought a new home earlier this year and had purchased insurance.

Then, on April 1, the unfortunate incident in Putra Heights happened – and he rushed to check and ensure he had fire coverage.

The coverage, he now says, should be a priority when purchasing a new home.

“As the coverage was included as part of the loan, it makes the repayments more affordable,” the 33-year-old said.

“Protection is a vital part of any real estate investment ...”

Astrid Lye

T. Terry agrees.

He had long wanted to buy a house, and now that he has done so, his first priority is to ensure it is protected in any emergency.

“I bought my new place last year and made it a point to have fire coverage. Since it is part of my housing loan, payments are more affordable as well.

“Any protection is better than none, especially since it's my first home,” said the 36-year-old analyst.

The fire insurance as part of the housing loan is quite affordable and definitely less than RM200 annually, says communication consultant Astrid Lye, 42.

She is, in fact, considering having additional coverage for the high-rise unit she bought this year.

“I understand there is a master fire insurance policy that will be bought by the management. Since this property is still relatively new, I am waiting for more information on the coverage.

“Protection is a vital part of any real estate investment so the owner won't be saddled with unplanned or additional expenses later if any accidents occur. It's for our peace of mind,” she said.

Malaysian Institute of Estate Agents president Tan Kian Aun said there should be more education and awareness about insurance coverage.

“Coverage should not only go towards reconstructing the property but also the cost of damages, the financial cost of temporarily renting a place or relocation, among others,” he said.

He also proposed other types of coverage, like landlord insurance to cover loss of rental income, damages by the tenant and other possible liability issues that may arise from the tenancy.

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Call for review of laws to prevent child abuse

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PUTRAJAYA: Several existing legal provisions are being reviewed to introduce clearer and stronger obligations for parents and guardians to prevent abuse and sexual assault on children, says Datuk Seri Azalina Othman Said (*pic*).

The Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Law and Institutional Reform) said the move would include proposing amendments to make it mandatory for parents and guardians to monitor their children's online activities, as well as to participate in digital safety awareness and education programmes actively.

"This approach reflects the principle of shared responsibility in safeguarding future generations from the growing threat of sexual crimes in the digital age,"

she said in a statement yesterday.

Azalina said this in her keynote address, titled "Creating a Safer Digital Future: Malaysia's Legislative Approach to Online Child Protection" on the first day of the Tashkent Law Spring International Legal Forum 2025 in Uzbekistan, where she is currently on an official visit.

In her address, Azalina also mentioned Malaysia's move to strengthen online child protection laws and called on the international legal community to embrace a shared moral duty in addressing crimes



against children.

She stressed the importance of ensuring that perpetrators of such offences are brought to justice without exception, underlining that protecting children in the digital space requires global cooperation and collective will.

During the visit, Azalina also had the opportunity to hold a bilateral meeting with her counterpart, Uzbek Justice Minister Akbar Tashkulov, on May 30, where both parties agreed to sign a new memorandum of understanding (MOU).

"This MOU will be in effect for

three years and covers important aspects such as the exchange of legal expertise, cooperation in the reform of justice institutions and strengthening the capacity of the judicial systems of both countries.

"This move is very significant in supporting efforts towards a more responsive and dynamic legal system," she said.

Azalina also had a bilateral meeting with the Qatari Minister of Justice and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs, Ibrahim Ali Issa Al Hassan Al Mohannadi.

She said the meeting opened a new chapter in strategic cooperation between Malaysia and Qatar in various aspects of legal reforms, including global best practices in the protection of human rights and the administration of justice.

"I believe that bilateral relations such as this not only strengthen diplomatic relations, but also broaden the horizon of the country's institutional reform to the international level," she said, Bernama reported.

In addition, Azalina also received a courtesy visit from the Head of Division and Senior Counsellor, Directorate of Public Governance, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Dr Tatyana Teplova.

She said the meeting marked the beginning of strategic cooperation between Malaysia and the OECD, particularly in the aspects of strengthening the justice system, upholding the rule of law and improving the country's digital governance.

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Royal guidance strengthens govt leadership, says PM S.M.C. 3/6

KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim describes the wise and just reign of His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim, King of Malaysia, as a lasting symbol of the greatness and unity of the country.

"The decrees by His Majesty have consistently served as a noble guide for the Madani government in formulating policies and carrying out its responsibilities, upholding the aspirations of the people and ensuring that the wellbeing of all segments of society is preserved and uplifted," he said.

The Prime Minister said this in a speech at the investiture ceremony where Sultan Ibrahim pre-

sented federal awards, stars and medals in conjunction with His Majesty's official birthday celebration at Istana Negara yesterday, reported Bernama.

In congratulating Sultan Ibrahim on the occasion of His Majesty's official birthday, Anwar said he and all the Malaysian people prayed for His Majesty, Her Majesty Raja Zarith Sofiah, Queen of Malaysia, as well as the entire Royal Family, to be blessed with long-lasting health and to always be under the protection and blessings of Allah.

The Prime Minister stressed that national unity is no longer an option, but rather a key requirement to ensure the continuity of

the country's development.

He said unity is the foundation of a country's development and is a catalyst for Malaysia's progress.

"Malaysia will only remain strong if we stand together united."

"Stability and national unity are the basic conditions for all progress. In a world that is rapidly changing and full of challenges, unity is not an option, it is a necessity," he said.

Anwar said the Federal Government, under the auspices and guidance of His Majesty, will continue to be committed to implementing a comprehensive reform agenda based on the Madani principles.

Anwar also said Malaysia will remain steadfast in facing various global challenges and continue to play a role as the catalyst and leader of regional diplomacy through its Asean 2025 chairmanship.

He said although the world is facing various challenges, including geopolitical tensions and trade tariffs, Malaysia remains firmly anchored.

"Malaysia is among the earliest countries to act in protecting the interests of industry and businesses and the welfare of the people."

"Comprehensive and inclusive strategic measures have been taken, with the involvement of various parties to ensure the

country remains economically stable and competitive," he said.

The Prime Minister also described this year's Asean Summit as the best in the history of Asean, when Malaysia as chairman brought together three giants – namely the Gulf States or Gulf Cooperation Council, China and Asean – to ensure the survival of civilisation while spurring the economy of the people and country.

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Pesara rugi lebih RM100,000 ditipu pegawai SKMM palsu

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TANGKAK - Seorang pesara wanita kerugian lebih RM100,000 selepas diperdaya individu yang menyamar sebagai pegawai Suruhanjaya Komunikasi dan Multimedia Malaysia (SKMM) dan anggota polis.

Ketua Polis Daerah Tangkak, Superintenden Roslan Mohd Talib berkata, mangsa berusia 58 tahun itu menerima panggilan daripada seorang individu yang mendakwa dirinya sebagai pegawai SKMM pada 9 Mei lalu sebelum dihubungkan pula kepada anggota polis.

Menurutnya, suspek mendakwa kononnya wanita itu terlibat dalam satu kes penipuan membabitkan pelaburan serta pinjaman yang tidak wujud.

"Mangsa yang panik telah terjat dengan helah sindiket, lalu akur apabila diminta me-

mindahkan wang simpanan ke akaun lain bagi tujuan kononnya untuk diaudit.

"Pada 23 Mei, mangsa telah melakukan 16 transaksi ke dalam dua akaun berbeza yang dipercayai akaun keldai seperti diarahkan oleh suspek," katanya dalam kenyataan pada Isnin.

Tambahnya, akibat tindakan itu, mangsa mengalami kerugian keseluruhan sebanyak RM108,520 sebelum menyedari dirinya ditipu dan membuat laporan polis pada Ahad.

Ujarnya, kes disiasat di bawah Seksyen 420 Kanun Keseksaan.

"Orang awam yang menjadi mangsa penipuan perlu segera menghubungi National Scam Response Center (NSRC) di talian 997 bagi membolehkan tindakan awal diambil," katanya.

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03 JUN 2025

Tarikh:

SPRM syak transaksi RM20j untuk aktiviti judi

Kes penyelewengan dana sukuk lebuh raya, 45 saksi dirakam percakapan

Oleh MUHAMMAD AFHAM RAMLI
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Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) mengesyaki terdapat transaksi kira-kira RM20 juta berkaitan aktiviti judi hasil penyelewengan dana sukuk pembinaan lebuh raya di Lembah Klang.

Ketua Pesuruhjaya SPRM, Tan Sri Azam Baki berkata, transaksi itu dikesan hasil siasatan dijalankan dan mungkin lebih daripada RM20 juta dibelanjakan dalam aktiviti perjudian.

Menurutnya, sebanyak 300 botol minuman beralkohol mewah turut ditemui di sebuah stor simpanan.

"SPRM masih mengesan aset di dalam negara dan luar negara untuk proses penyitaan.

"Setakat ini 45 saksi sudah dirakam percakapan namun hasil setakat semalam (Ahad), Tan Sri terbabit masih berada di dalam wad hospital swasta," katanya pada Isnin.

Sinar Harian pada 31 Mei lalu melaporkan SPRM sudah menyita aset dan membekukan akaun bank dengan nilai keseluruhan

RM85.6 juta susulan siasatan membabitkan seorang pemegang konseksi lebuh raya bergelar Tan Sri.

Antara yang disita termasuk 14 akaun individu berjumlah RM4.5 juta, lapan akaun syarikat berjumlah RM33 juta, kenderaan mewah bernilai RM7.65 juta, beg tangan bernilai RM3 juta, jam tangan mewah RM7 juta dan hartanah bernilai RM24.5 juta.

Kesemua barang dan aset disita bagi tujuan siasatan lanjut di bawah Akta SPRM 2009 serta Akta Pencegahan Pengubahan Wang Haram dan Pencegahan Pembiayaan Keganasan (AMLA) 2001.

Mahkamah & Jenayah



Laporan *Sinar Harian* pada 31 Mei lalu.

SINAR HARIAN
Tarikh: 03 JUN 2025

Pempengaruh perlu tolak jadi duta vape

Lam Thye gesa guna media sosial didik bahaya vape

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Oleh NURUL HIDAYAH HAMID SHAH ALAM

Pempengaruh media sosial seharusnya menggunakan platform dimiliki untuk menyedarkan masyarakat terutama pelajar sekolah tentang bahaya penggunaan vape, bukan menjadi duta mempromosikannya.

Pengerusi Ikatan Komuniti Selamat, Tan Sri Lee Lam Thye berkata, pada masa ini ramai pempengaruh menjadi duta mempromosikan vape sehingga menjadi ikutan remaja.

"Untuk mengelak hal itu, kita perlu mengajak pempengaruh media sosial untuk menggunakan platform mereka miliki bukan untuk mempromosikan vape tetapi untuk memberitahu betapa bahayanya kesan vape dalam kalangan pelajar sekolah.

"Selain itu, langkah paling praktikal dalam memerangi vape bermula dengan teguran terus daripada orang dewasa kepada golongan muda," katanya dalam kenyataan pada Isnin.

Beliau berkata, selain itu bapa bersikap tegas terhadap anak-anak berjinak dengan vape, golongan

masyarakat juga boleh memainkan peranan dengan memberi teguran terus sekiranya ternampak anak-anak menghisap vape di mana-mana kawasan.

"Dengan wujudnya teguran terus, anak-anak akan ada persepsi vape adalah perkara dibenci oleh masyarakat sekali gus menjadikan trend itu dibenci dan dijauhi," ujarnya lagi.

Tambah beliau, usaha memerangi vape buat pelajar sekolah juga seharusnya bermula dengan pengurangan penjualan vape kepada individu berusia 18 tahun ke bawah.

Menurutnya lagi, semua pihak harus berganding bahu memainkan peranan bagi memastikan generasi muda tidak dibelenggu dengan vape yang bukan sahaja sia-sia, malah boleh merosakkan masa hadapan.

"Meskipun pelbagai langkah boleh diambil untuk membendung isu tersebut, ia tidak akan berjaya sekiranya masyarakat bersikap sambil lewa.

"Beberapa kesan buruk vape telah dirasakan pelajar kita termasuklah tidak sedarkan diri, ketagihan nikotin dan kerosakan organ dalaman," ujarnya lagi.

Justeru, Lam Thye menyarankan kempen kesedaran, tindakan tegas di sekolah, penglibatan ibu bapa serta pempengaruh media sosial untuk memerangi penggunaan vape terus diperhebatkan.

Beliau turut menasihatkan masyarakat supaya menunjukkan teladan betul memandangkan anak-anak masih terlalu muda untuk membuat penilaian terhadap perkara baik dan buruk dalam hidup mereka.

LAM THYE



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Tarikh:

Elak anak jadi mangsa dera, seksual siber



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Azalina (kanan) ketika menandatangani MoU bersama Akbar Tashkulov sempena siri lawatan ke Uzbekistan pada hujung Mei lalu.

Kerajaan teliti semula beberapa peruntukan undang-undang fokus peranan ibu bapa

PUTRAJAYA

Kerajaan sedang meneliti semula beberapa peruntukan undang-undang sedia ada untuk memperkenalkan kewajipan yang lebih jelas kepada ibu bapa dan penjaga dalam usaha mencegah penderaan dan pengantunan kanak-kanak.

Menteri Di Jabatan Perdana Menteri (Undang-Undang dan Reformasi Institusi), Datuk Seri Azalina Othman Said berkata, ia termasuk cadangan pindaan yang mewajibkan pemantauan

tingkah laku dalam talian anak-anak serta penyertaan aktif dalam program kesedaran dan pendidikan keselamatan digital.

"Pendekatan ini selaras dengan prinsip tanggungjawab bersama dalam melindungi generasi masa depan daripada ancaman jenayah seksual dalam era digital," katanya dalam kenyataan pada Isnin.

Terdahulu, Azalina yang kini dalam siri lawatan ke Uzbekistan untuk menghadiri Tashkent Law Spring International Legal Forum 2025 turut diberi penghormatan untuk menyampaikan ucapan bertajuk *Creating a Safer Digital Future: Malaysia's Legislative Approach to Online Child Protection* pada hari pertama forum.

Menerusi ucapan itu, Azalina menyeru komuniti perundangan antarabangsa untuk memikul tanggungjawab moral bersama dalam memastikan pihak yang terlibat dalam jenayah terhadap kanak-kanak dibawa ke muka pengadilan tanpa pengecualian.

Azalina juga berkesempatan mengadakan pertemuan dua hala dengan rakan sejawatannya, Menteri Keadilan Uzbekistan, Akbar Tashkulov, dengan pertemuan itu membuahkan hasil bermakna apabila kedua-dua pihak bersetuju menandatangani satu memorandum persefahaman (MoU) baharu pada 30 Mei.

"MoU ini akan berkuat kuasa selama tiga tahun dan meliputi aspek penting seperti pertukaran kepakaran perundangan, kerjasama dalam pembaharuan institusi keadilan dan pengukuhan kapasiti sistem kehakiman kedua-dua negara.

"Langkah ini amat bererti dalam menyokong usaha ke arah sistem perundangan yang lebih

responsif dan dinamik," kata Azalina.

Turut berlangsung pertemuan dua hala antara Azalina dengan Menteri Keadilan dan Menteri Negara bagi Hal Ehwal Kabinet Qatar, Ibrahim Al Issa Al Hassan Al Mohannadi, yang membuka lembaran baharu kerjasama strategik antara Malaysia dan Qatar dalam pelbagai aspek reformasi undang-undang termasuk amalan terbaik global dalam perlindungan hak asasi manusia dan tadbir urus keadilan.

"Saya percaya hubungan dua hala seperti ini bukan sahaja mengukuhkan hubungan diplomatik, malah memperluas horizon reformasi institusi negara ke peringkat antarabangsa," katanya.

Selain itu, Azalina turut menerima kunjungan hormat daripada Ketua Bahagian dan Kaunselor Kanan, Direktorat Tadbir Urus Awam, Pertubuhan Kerjasama Ekonomi dan Pembangunan (OECD), Dr Tatyana Teplova.

Pertemuan berkenaan menandakan permulaan kepada kerjasama strategik antara Malaysia dan OECD, khususnya dalam aspek pengukuhan sistem keadilan, menegakkan kedaulatan undang-undang dan mempertingkatkan tadbir urus digital negara.

"Saya juga menyatakan hasrat agar Malaysia memperoleh sokongan kepakaran OECD dalam melaksanakan harmonisasi undang-undang dengan standard antarabangsa, tanpa menyetepikan realiti tempatan dan aspirasi kerajaan Madani terhadap reformasi institusi yang mampan," katanya.

- Bernama



Lagi kolam terbiar di Putrajaya, undang bahaya

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- Jadi tempat kanak-kanak mandi-manda
- Radzi mahu pihak berkuasa bertindak

Oleh ALANI NIZAM

PETALING JAYA – Satu lagi kolam terbiar dikesan berhampiran kawasan perumahan Flora Rosa, Presint 11 di Putrajaya, yang kini menjadi tempat mandi-manda kanak-kanak.

Perkara itu didedahkan Ahli Parlimen Putrajaya, Datuk Dr. Mohd. Radzi Md. Jidin yang meluahkan kebimbangan berhubung kewujudan kolam terbiar tersebut yang mengundang risiko kepada keselamatan kanak-kanak.

Beliau membuat pendedahan itu selepas seorang pengadu berkongsi rakaman video yang memaparkan sekumpulan kanak-kanak sedang mandi di kolam tersebut.

"Isu ini bukanlah sesuatu yang baharu kerana ia pernah dibangkitkan sebelum ini.

"Sebagaimana yang dimaklumkan melalui hantaran mengenai kolam terbiar di kawasan yang sama sebelum ini, Putrajaya Care telah berhubung dengan agensi berkaitan dan memohon agar tindakan segera diambil bagi menambah baik aspek keselamatan.

"Keselamatan anak-anak kita adalah sesuatu yang tidak boleh dikompromi.

"Sehubungan ini, saya sekali lagi menggesa agensi berkenaan untuk bertindak segera sebelum berlaku sebarang kejadian tidak diingini," katanya dalam akaun Instagramnya.

Mohd. Radzi turut menasihatkan ibu bapa dan penjaga



Pagi ini saya sekali lagi menerima aduan berkaitan kolam terbiar berhampiran kawasan perumahan Flora Rosa Presint 11. Pengadu berkongsi rakaman video yang menunjukkan beberapa orang kanak-kanak sedang mandi di kolam berkenaan.

Sebagaimana yang dimaklumkan melalui hantaran mengenai kolam terbiar di kawasan yang sama sebelum ini, Putrajaya Care telah berhubung dengan agensi yang berkaitan dan memohon agar tindakan segera diambil bagi menambah baik aspek keselamatan di kawasan kolam berkenaan.

Keselamatan anak-anak kita adalah sesuatu yang tidak boleh dikompromi.



TANGKAP layar menunjukkan pendedahan mengenai kolam terbiar yang dibuat Radzi di akaun Instagramnya.



supaya sentiasa memantau anak-anak serta tidak membiarkan mereka berada di kawasan berbahaya termasuk di kolam terbiar.

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Sebagaimana yang dimaklumkan melalui hantaran mengenai kolam terbiar di kawasan yang sama sebelum ini, Putrajaya Care telah berhubung dengan agensi berkaitan dan memohon agar tindakan segera diambil bagi menambah baik aspek keselamatan.”

MOHD. RADZI

Kosmo! semalam melaporkan, kolam, tasik dan lombong terbiar di sekitar Lembah Klang yang berhampiran kawasan perumahan hanya menunggu masa untuk menelan mangsa kerana dibiarkan tanpa berpagar.

Tinjauan *Kosmo!* di Putrajaya mendapati sekurang-kurangnya terdapat tiga kolam terbiar di

pusat pentadbiran itu dan salah satu telah meragut nyawa seorang kanak-kanak berusia 12 tahun pada 5 Mei lalu.

Kolam-kolam terbiar antarnya dikenal pasti berada di lokasi berdekatan Perumahan Penjawat Awam Malaysia (PPAM) Kasturi selain PPAM Ketumbar dan PPAM Selasih.

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Tarikh: 03 JUN 2025

Malaysia-Thailand perkukuh kerjasama sektor pertanian

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PUTRAJAYA - Malaysia dan Thailand akan terus memperkukuh kerjasama dalam sub-sektor tanaman, ternakan dan perikanan, serta meningkatkan perdagangan dua hala dalam sektor pertanian melibatkan kedua-dua negara.

Menteri Pertanian dan Keterjaminan Makanan, Datuk Seri Mohamad Sabu berkata, perbincangan mengenai kerjasama itu dibuat sempena lawatan kerja rasmi beliau selama empat hari ke Thailand sejak 29 Mei lalu.

Katanya, lawatan beliau dimulakan dengan pertemuan dua hala bersama rakan sejawatnya, Menteri Pertanian dan Koperasi Thailand, Prof. Dr. Narumon Pinyosinwat.

"Dalam sesi perbincangan ini, kedua-dua pemimpin menyenutuh pelbagai perkara penting termasuk hasrat untuk memuktamadkan memorandum persefahaman (MoU) yang kini berada pada peringkat akhir rundingan," katanya.

Sempena program itu, beliau

turut hadir ke THAIFEX Anuga Asia, sebuah ekspo perdagangan makanan dan minuman tahunan bertaraf antarabangsa.

Selain itu, Mohamad merasmikan Pavilion Malaysia yang menampilkan 137 syarikat dari Malaysia dengan menyaksikan pemeteraian MoU bernilai RM17 juta.

Lawatan kerja diakhiri dengan kunjungan ke Kubota Farm, sebuah pusat inovasi pertanian canggih yang dibangunkan oleh syarikat terkemuka Siam Kubota.



MOHAMAD mengadakan pertemuan rasmi dengan Dr. Narumon Pinyosinwat di Bangkok baru-baru ini.

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Tarikh: 03 JUN 2025

Peguam Negara dahului senarai 104 penerima darjah

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KUALA LUMPUR – Peguam Negara, Tan Sri Mohd. Dusuki Mokhtar mendahului senarai 104 penerima Darjah Kebesaran, Bintang dan Pingat Persekutuan 2025 sempena Ulang Tahun Hari Keputeraan Rasmi Yang di-Perutusan Agung, Sultan Ibrahim di Istana Negara semalam.

Mohd. Dusuki, 58, dikurniakan Darjah Panglima Mangku Negara (PMN) yang membawa gelaran Tan Sri.

Turut dikurniakan PMN ialah Panglima Angkatan Tentera, General Tan Sri Mohd. Nizam Jaffar; Hakim Besar Malaya, Tan Sri Hasnah Mohammed Hashim; Panglima Tentera Laut, Tan Sri Zulhelmy Ithnain dan Timbalan Ketua Polis Negara, Tan Sri Ayob Khan Mydin Pitchay.

Timbalan Ketua Setiausaha Kanan Jabatan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Abd. Shukur Mahmood; Ketua Bahagian Guaman Jabatan Peguam Negara, Datuk Donald Joseph Franklin dan Akauntan Negara, Nor Yati Ahmad antara enam individu dikurniakan Dar-



SULTAN IBRAHIM berkenan bergambar bersama penerima-penerima Darjah PMN termasuk Mohd. Dusuki (depan, dua dari kiri) di Istana Negara semalam. Turut serta Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim. – JABATAN PENERANGAN

jah Panglima Jasa Negara, (PJN) yang membawa gelaran Datuk.

Lapan individu menerima Darjah Johan Mangku Negara (JMN) termasuk Setiausaha Suruhanjaya Perkhidmatan Pendidikan, Md. Radzi Hashim dan Ketua Pengarah Lembaga Penduduk dan Pembangunan Keluarga Negara, Abdul Shukur Abdullah.

Atlet Paralimpik Badminton Negara yang juga pemenang pingat

emas pertama Malaysia di Sukan Paralimpik Paris 2024 Cheah Liek Hou, antara 16 penerima Bintang Kesatria Mangku Negara (KMN).

Dua individu dikurniakan Bintang Kesatria Setia Diraja (KSD) iaitu Ketua Penolong Setiausaha Unit Pengurusan Bahagian Istiadat dan Urusetia Persidangan Antarabangsa, Syed Zaqwanariff Zainudin dan Ketua Pegawai Keselamatan Bahagian Keselamatan

Istana Negara, Asistan Superintendan Mohd. Fairouz Hamdi Mohd. Yamin.

Sejumlah 17 individu menerima Bintang Ahli Mangku Negara termasuk Jurubahasa Isyarat Mahkamah Persekutuan Malaysia, Tan Lee Bee, manakala 50 individu dikurniakan Pingat Pangkuan Negara dan tiga individu menerima Pingat Bentara Setia Diraja.

Anggota Tentera Laut Diraja

Malaysia (TLDM) yang menyelamatkan empat mangsa termasuk dua kanak-kanak dalam insiden bot pelancong terbalik di Teluk Batik, Perak pada Ogos 2023 iaitu Leftenan Komander Mohd. Firdaus Arbaain pula penerima tunggal Bintang Jasa Perkasa Persekutuan (JPP).

Sebanyak 116 individu pula menerima Darjah Kebesaran, Bintang dan Pingat Persekutuan 2025.

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03 JUN 2025

Tarikh:

Integriti, tadbir urus PDRM sentiasa dipertingkatkan

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RAZARUDIN

PETALING JAYA – Integriti dan tadbir urus Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM) akan sentiasa ditingkatkan bagi memastikan pasukan itu akan terus dihormati serta diyakini rakyat.

Ketua Polis Negara, Tan Sri Razarudin Husain berkata, langkah itu sejajar dengan titah Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Sultan Ibrahim pada Istiadat Menghadap dan Pengurniaan Darjah Kebesaran, Bintang dan Pingat Persekutuan

2025 di Istana Negara semalam.

Pada istiadat itu, Sultan Ibrahim menggesa semua agensi penguat kuasa menjalankan tanggungjawab dengan penuh integriti supaya rakyat tidak hilang kepercayaan serta terus menghormati uniform yang dipakai.

Kata Razarudin, perkara itu juga bertepatan dengan prinsip PDRM iaitu 'Tegas, Adil dan Berhemah' dalam melaksanakan tanggungjawab menjaga kea-

manan serta menegakkan undang-undang.

"Kita akan terus memperkukuh usaha mempertingkatkan integriti, mengukuhkan tadbir urus yang baik serta memerangi segala bentuk salah laku demi memastikan imej pasukan sentiasa dihormati," katanya dalam satu kenyataan semalam.

Menurutnya, PDRM sentiasa menitikberatkan nilai integriti sebagai tunjang utama dalam

setiap tindakan warga pasukan.

"Integriti adalah amanah dan tanggungjawab wajib dipikul setiap anggota PDRM, sejajar ajaran Islam yang menuntut kejujuran, keikhlasan dan keadilan dalam setiap perbuatan.

"PDRM berdiri teguh di belakang titah baginda dan beriltizam menghayati nilai murni dalam melaksanakan tugas demi agama, bangsa dan negara," katanya.

KOSMO

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Tarikh:

Premis tanpa lesen diarah tutup

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Kuala Lumpur: Sebuah pusat hiburan tidak berlesen diarah tutup dalam operasi penguatkuasaan di sekitar ibu negara di sini pada Sabtu lalu.

Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL) dalam satu hantaran di Facebook berkata, pasukan KL Strike Force menyerbu dua premis hiburan itu untuk pemeriksaan selepas menerima aduan.

"Salah sebuah premis berkenaan didapati tidak mempunyai lesen untuk mengadakan hiburan di dalam premis manakala satu lagi premis masih dalam proses permohonan.

"Pasukan turut melaksanakan tindakan sitaan terhadap barangan yang terlibat dalam aktiviti hiburan," kata hantaran itu.

Menurutnya, seramai 27 warga asing ditahan oleh

Jabatan Imigresen Malaysia (JIM) manakala 19 individu didapati positif dadah selepas saringan ujian air kencing dijalankan.

Katanya, Jabatan Agama Islam Wilayah Persekutuan (Jawi) turut mengeluarkan 10 surat perintah hadir untuk memberi keterangan mengikut Akta Kesalahan Jenayah Syariah (Wilayah-Wilayah Persekutuan) 1997.

HARIAN METRO
03 JUN 2025
Tarikh:

Guru rugi RM5,499 selepas tekan pautan bertuah palsu

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Kuala Terengganu: Polis Terengganu membuka 12 kertas siasatan berkaitan kes penipuan perakuan capaian bertuah melalui capaian pautan sebuah bank (*phishing*).

Ketua Polis Daerah Kuala Terengganu Asisten Komisioner Azli Mohd Noor berkata pihaknya menerima 12 laporan bermula pada 1 Januari hingga kelmarin

membabitkan kerugian berjumlah RM259,103.57.

Beliau berkata laporan terbaharu diterima kelmarin membabitkan seorang guru wanita berusia 52 tahun yang kerugian wang sebanyak RM5,499 dipercayai selepas menekan capaian pautan bertuah palsu melalui Facebook.

"Mangsa menyedari wang simpanan dalam dua

"Satu lagi laporan semalam membabitkan seorang peniaga wanita berusia 52 tahun yang kehilangan RM14,110 daripada tiga akaun bank selepas menekan pautan palsu di laman sosial"

Ketua Polis Daerah Kuala Terengganu Asisten Komisioner Azli Mohd Noor

akaunnya hilang selepas membuat pemeriksaan di bank.

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Sehubungan dengan itu,

Azli mengingatkan orang ramai agar berwaspada dan menyemak kesahihan sebarang maklumat secara terus dengan institusi kewangan.

Sebarang maklumat berkaitan sindiket penipuan katanya, boleh disalurkan ke balai polis berhampiran atau CCID *Scam Response Center* menerusi talian 03-26101559.

HARIAN METRO
Tarikh: 03 JUN 2025

Jurubahasa isyarat antara penerima darjah kebesaran

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Kuala Lumpur: Peguam Negara Tan Sri Mohd Dusuki Mokhtar mendahului senarai 104 penerima Darjah Kebesaran, Bintang dan Pingat Persekutuan 2025 bersempena Ulang Tahun Hari Keputeraan Rasmi Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Ibrahim di Istana Negara, semalam.

Mohd Dusuki, 58, dikurniakan Darjah Panglima Mangku Negara (PMN) yang membawa gelaran Tan Sri.

Turut dikurniakan PMN ialah Panglima Angkatan Tentera Jeneral Tan Sri Mohd Nizam Jaffar.

Darjah Panglima Setia Mahkota (PSM) yang turut membawa gelaran Tan Sri pula dikurniakan kepada Hakim Besar Malaya Tan Sri Hasnah Mohammed Hashim, Panglima Tentera Laut Tan Sri Zulhelmy Ithnain dan Timbalan Ketua Polis Negara Tan Sri

Ayob Khan Mydin Pitchay.

Sementara itu, Timbalan Ketua Setiausaha Kanan Jabatan Perdana Menteri Datuk Abd Shukor Mahmood, Ketua Bahagian Guaman Jabatan Peguam Negara Datuk Donald Joseph Franklin dan Akauntan Negara Nor Yati Ahmad, antara enam individu dikurniakan Darjah Panglima Jasa Negara (PJN) yang membawa gelaran Datuk.

Penerima lain ialah Timbalan Ketua Pengarah Perkhidmatan Awam (Pembangunan) Datuk Dr Mohd Bakhari Ismail, Timbalan Ketua Setiausaha Perbendaharaan (Pengurusan) Datuk Ramzi Mansor dan Pakar Bedah Kardiorasik Hospital Sultanah Aminah Datuk Dr Simon Jerome Vendarogon.

Lapan individu menerima Darjah Johan Mangku

Negara (JMN) antaranya Setiausaha Suruhanjaya Perkhidmatan Pendidikan Md Radzi Hashim, Ketua Pengarah Lembaga Pendidikan dan Pembangunan Keluarga Negara (LPPKN) Abdul Shukur Abdullah serta Timbalan Ketua Setiausaha (Pembangunan Digital) Kementerian Digital Ma Sivanesan Marimuthu @ Muthiah.

Turut menerima JMN, Timbalan Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif (Akselerasi Ekspor) Perbadanan Pembangunan Perdagangan Luar Malaysia (Matrade) Abu Bakar Yusof, Timbalan Naib Canselor Jabatan Hal Ehwal Pelajar Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) Prof Dr Mohd Sazili Shahibi dan Ketua Jabatan Ekuiti, Bahagian Pelaburan Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja (KWSP) Lim Tze Seong.

Empat individu pula

menerima Darjah Johan Setia Mahkota (JSM) iaitu Timbalan Ketua Pengarah (Pembangunan) Unit Kerjasama Awam Swasta (UKAS) Chek Zainuddin Chek Jusoh, Setiausaha Bahagian Pemindahan Teknologi dan Pengkomersialan (R&D) Kementerian Sains, Teknologi dan Inovasi Boniface Edwin Manung, Timbalan Ketua Pengarah (Bisnes) Lembaga Lebuhraya Malaysia (LLM) Mohd Hadzmir Yusoff dan Setiausaha Bahagian Perancangan Strategik Kementerian Pendidikan Tinggi Fazidah Mustafa.

Dalam pada itu, Duta Besar Malaysia ke China Datuk Norman Muhammad, Pesuruhjaya Tinggi Malaysia ke London, United Kingdom Datuk Zakri Jaffar, Duta Besar Malaysia ke Indonesia Datuk Syed Md Hasrin Tengku Hussin

dan Setiausaha Dewan Rakyat Dr Nizam Mydin Bacha Mydin dikurniakan Darjah Johan Setia Diraja (JSD).

Atlet Paralimpik Badminton Negara yang juga pemenang pingat emas pertama Malaysia di Sukan Paralimpik Paris 2024 Cheah Liek Hou, antara 16 penerima Bintang Kesatria Mangku Negara (KMN).

Dua individu dikurniakan Bintang Kesatria Setia Diraja (KSD) iaitu Ketua Penolong Setiausaha Unit Pengurusan Bahagian Istiadat dan Urusetia Perisidangan Antarabangsa Syed Zaqwanariff Zainudin dan Ketua Pegawai Keselamatan Bahagian Keselamatan Istana Negara Asisten Superintendan Mohd Fairouz Hamdi Mohd Yamin.

Sejumlah 17 individu menerima Bintang Ahli

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MCCA harap KDN, SKMM banteras judi dalam talian

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Kuala Lumpur: Persatuan Pengguna Siber Malaysia (MCCA) mengesa Kementerian Dalam Negeri (KDN) bersama Suruhanjaya Komunikasi dan Multimedia Malaysia (SKMM) serta penyedia platform media sosial menjalankan operasi membanteras promosi perjudian dalam talian.

Presidennya Siraj Jalil berkata, teknologi kecerdasan buatan (AI) bukan perkara baru malah ia bergerak terlalu cepat di mana dalam tempoh dua tahun ini, tahap kepenggunaan AI naik secara mendadak dan mendapat tempat secara drastik dalam kalangan pengguna siber di negara ini.

Menurutnya, ia menyebabkan kelompok penjenayah mengambil kesempatan teknologi AI untuk menjalankan kegiatan promosi jenayah siber, 'scam', curi data dan perjudian.

"Sindiket perjudian sanggup mengubah suara



MCCA mengesa supaya SKMM dan KDN mengadakan operasi membanteras segala bentuk iklan promosi judi"

Siraj

audio kandungan selebriti dan tokoh figura termasuk orang politik di mana gambar dan video mereka di-

eksloitasi menggunakan AI menjadi bahan promosi judi dalam talian.

"Malah saya juga pernah melihat iklan perjudian menggunakan pendakwah yang disunting sindiket perjudian," katanya ketika dihubungi, baru-baru ini.

Siraj berkata, perkara itu tidak boleh dibiarkan kerana kaedah promosi berkenaan akan menghasilkan kesan negatif kepada generasi muda.

"Kita tidak pelik jika ada kelompok lebih muda bawah 18 tahun yang terjebak dalam perjudian akibat promosi secara berlebihan ini.

"Justeru, MCCA mengesa supaya SKMM dan KDN mengadakan satu operasi membanteras segala bentuk iklan promosi judi dalam talian bersama-sama dengan penyedia platform media sosial khususnya kepada mereka yang dilesenkan seperti Tiktok, Meta dan Wechat," katanya.

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Tarikh:

Polis sedia siasat video judi disunting guna teknologi AI

Kuala Lumpur 3/6 Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM) akan segera menjalankan siasatan sekiranya terdapat penggunaan video promosi perjudian yang disunting menggunakan teknologi kecerdasan buatan (AI).

Ketua Polis Negara Tan Sri Razarudin Husain berkata, setakat ni kes perjudian banyak menggunakan pempegaruh dan promosi bergambar.

Menurutnya, walaupun belum menerima laporan polis berkaitan video artis disunting menggunakan AI, namun siasatan akan dijalankan dan mereka yang menjadi mangsa sindiket diminta membuat laporan polis.

"Sebagai rekod, sebanyak 28 kertas siasatan Op Dadu dibuka membabitkan tangkapan pempegaruh di Kon-

tingen Kuala Lumpur dan Selangor pada 2024.

"Daripada jumlah kertas siasatan itu, sebanyak 18 kertas siasatan dituduh manakala 10 kertas siasatan masih dalam siasatan," katanya ketika dihubungi, baru-baru ini.

Razarudin berkata, dari tahun 2021 hingga 2024, polis sudah membuat 3,785 sekatan lama web berkaitan perjudian.

"Bagi tempoh 2024 hingga tahun ini pula, sebanyak 7,800 serbuan membabitkan perjudian dijalankan dengan 9,460 individu ditahan.

"Penggunaan teknologi canggih yang mempunyai tahap keselamatan tinggi antara kesukaran dihadapi PDRM dalam melakukan pembuktian jika suspek dituduh di mahkamah yang mana melibatkan kes-

perjudian khususnya Judi Dalam Talian (JOL)," katanya.

Beliau berkata, tiada istilah 'perjudian dalam talian' dalam undang-undang sedia ada menyukarkan tindakan penguatkuasaan dan kes sering dicabar di mahkamah.

"Peruntukan Undang-Undang yang lupuk dan tidak pernah dibuat penambahbaikan

sejak 1953 di mana hukuman masih rendah serta mampu dibayar oleh pihak sindiket menjadi cabaran kepada PDRM.

"PDRM mengeluarkan amaran keras kepada individu yang terlibat dalam aktiviti judi 'online' bahawa tindakan undang-undang akan diambil tanpa kompromi.

"Sindiket dan orang ramai yang terlibat dalam aktiviti ini boleh dikenakan hukuman berat termasuk denda dan penjara," katanya.

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28 kertas siasatan Op Dadu dibuka membabitkan tangkapan pempegaruh
Razarudin



Kes kebakaran paip gas di Putra Heights

Hasil siasatan punca letupan dijangka siap bulan ini

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Gambar fail, kerja pemantauan dan pemulihan di lokasi kejadian letupan paip gas di Putra Heights.

Kuala Lumpur: Sama ada letupan paip gas di Putra Heights pada 1 April lalu berpunca daripada kerja pengorekan jentolak hanya akan dijawab menerusi hasil siasatan polis dan Jabatan Keselamatan dan Kesihatan Pekerjaan (JKKP) yang dijangka siap bulan ini.

Bagaimanapun, Ketua Polis Selangor, Datuk Hussein Omar Khan, mengesahkan keberadaan jentolak di lokasi berhampiran sebelum kejadian letupan berlaku.

"Kita sahkan ada satu jentolak digunakan untuk kerja pengorekan pemasangan paip pembetulan yang diletakkan di hadapan lot kedai yang belum siap.

"Kita percaya ketika letupan, jentolak ini tertanam dalam kawasan kawah. Jadi, pada akhir proses pemulihan nanti, kita akan korek kawasan itu untuk mengeluarkannya," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian da-

lam Podcast Utama bertajuk *Bahang Sengsara Putra Heights*, yang disiarkan di seluruh platform media sosial Buletin TV3, malam kelmarin.

Hussein berkata, selepas spesismen untuk siasatan JKKP diperoleh dan kerja pemulihan paip PETRONAS selesai, pihaknya akan menjalankan penggalian di kawasan terbabit untuk mengesahkan kedudukan jentolak.

Beliau berkata, sejak hari pertama siasatan, pasukan forensik Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM) menjalankan kerja penggalian semula di kawasan pemasangan paip oleh kontraktor terbabit.

"Sebelum ini siasatan tertumpu di kawasan tengah paip. Kita korek sehingga 16 meter kerana letupan mengubah struktur dan kedalaman tanah.

"Satu daripada skop siasatan adalah kerja korekan. Polis sudah kenal pasti siapa melakukan kerja itu, kontraktor mana terbabit jentera apa digunakan dan

tujuan kerja terbabit," katanya.

Beliau berkata, jika berlaku sebarang kacau ganggu di kawasan tanah berkenaan, ia boleh dikesan pasukan forensik.

"Pasukan forensik ditugaskan untuk melihat sejauh mana tanah dikacau atau dikorek. Kita boleh tahu kedalaman korekan berdasarkan pengukuran yang dibuat.

"Persoalan utama adakah kerja jentolak menyebabkan paip pecah dan meletup. Itu akan dijawab hasil siasatan teknikal polis dan JKKP," katanya.

Hussein turut menjelaskan, sudut siasatan turut meliputi elemen bahan letupan sekiranya ada.

"Kita ambil sampel dari tanah untuk tentukan sama ada terdapat bahan letupan yang boleh menyebabkan insiden ini. Sebagai contoh, kalau ada bom lama tertanam atau unsur sabotaj, semua itu dalam skop siasatan," katanya.

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Peguam Negara dahului senarai 104 penerima pingat

BN 3/6

Kuala Lumpur: Peguam Negara, Tan Sri Mohd Dusuki Mokhtar, mendahului senarai 104 penerima Darjah Kebesaran, Bintang dan Pingat Persekutuan 2025 bersempena Ulang Tahun Hari Keputeraan Rasmi Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Ibrahim di Istana Negara, semalam.

Mohd Dusuki, 58, dikurniakan Darjah Panglima Mangku Negara (PMN) yang membawa gelaran Tan Sri.

Turut dikurniakan PMN ialah Panglima Angkatan Tentera, Jeneral Tan Sri Mohd Nizam Jaffar.

Darjah Panglima Setia Mahkota (PSM) yang turut membawa gelaran Tan Sri pula dikurniakan kepada Hakim Besar Malaya, Tan Sri Hasnah Mohammed Hashim; Panglima Tentera Laut, Laksamana Tan Sri Zulhelmy Ithnain dan Timbalan Ketua Polis Negara, Tan Sri Ayob Khan Mydin Pitchay.

Sementara itu, Timbalan Ketua Setiausaha Kanan Jabatan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Abd

Shukur Mahmood; Ketua Bahagian Guaman Jabatan Peguam Negara, Datuk Donald Joseph Franklin dan Akauntan Negara, Nor Yati Ahmad, di antara enam individu dikurniakan Darjah Panglima Jasa Negara (PJN) yang membawa gelaran Datuk.

Penerima lain ialah Timbalan Ketua Pengarah Perkhidmatan Awam (Pembangunan) Datuk Dr Mohd Bakhari Ismail; Timbalan Ketua Setiausaha Perbendaharaan (Pengurusan), Datuk Ramzi Mansor dan Pakar Bedah Kardiorasik Hospital Sultanah Aminah, Datuk Dr Simon Jerome Vendargon.

Lapan individu menerima Darjah Johan Mangku Negara (JMN), antaranya Setiausaha Suruhanjaya Perkhidmatan Pendidikan, Md Radzi Hashim; Ketua Pengarah Lembaga Penduduk dan Pembangunan Keluarga Negara (LPPKN), Abdul Shukur Abdullah serta Timbalan Ketua Setiausaha (Pembangunan Digital) Kementerian Digital Ma.Sivane-



Sultan Ibrahim mengurniakan Bintang Jasa Perkasa Persekutuan (JPP) kepada penerima tunggal, Leftenan Komander Mohd Firdaus Arbaain di Istana Negara, semalam. (Foto BERNAMA)

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Turut menerima JMN, Timbalan Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif (Akselerasi Eksport) Perbadanan Pembangunan Perdagangan Luar Malaysia (MATRADE), Abu Bakar Yusof; Timbalan Naib Can-

selor Jabatan Hal Ehwal Pelajar Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM), Prof Dr Mohd Sazili Shahihi dan Ketua Jabatan Ekuiti, Bahagian Pelaburan Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja (KWSP) Lim Tze Seong.

Empat individu pula menerima Darjah Johan Setia Mahkota (JSM).

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Import, kilang, edar cecair e-rokok masih dikawal Akta 852

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Kuala Lumpur: Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) menegaskan sebarang aktiviti pengimportan, pengilangan dan pengedaran cecair rokok elektronik (e-rokok) di pasaran tempatan masih dikawal mengikut Akta Kawalan Produk Merokok Demi Kesihatan Awam 2024 [Akta 852] serta beberapa peraturan agensi lain.

Kementerian itu berkata, pengeluaran Lesen Pengilang adalah di bawah Kementerian Pelaburan, Perdagangan dan Industri (MITI) melalui Lembaga Pembangunan Pelaburan Mala-

ysia (MIDA), bukannya di bawah seliaannya.

Kenyataan itu dikeluarkan berikutan laporan mengenai sebuah syarikat yang mendapat lesen pengilang bagi mengeluarkan peranti e-rokok dengan cecair atau gel yang mengandungi campuran nikotin secara interrim.

Mengikut Seksyen 2, Akta 852, cecair e-rokok ditafsirkan sebagai bahan merokok, oleh itu bahan merokok ini adalah produk merokok yang dibenarkan untuk didagangkan di pasaran tempatan, namun dikawal ketat

di bawah Akta 852 bersama peraturan dan perintah di bawahnya.

Kawalan produk merokok

"Kawalan produk merokok ini juga dikawal oleh pelbagai agensi kerajaan lain seperti Jabatan Kastam Diraja Malaysia (JKDM) melalui kawalan pengimportan, termasuk bahan mentah, barangan siap dan pengujian piawaian keselamatan peranti pula oleh SIRIM.

"Ia dikuatkuasakan di bawah Perintah Perihal Dagangan (Perakuan dan Penandaan) Peranti

Rokok Elektronik (*Vape Device*) 2022 di bawah Akta Perihal Dagangan 2011 oleh Kementerian Perdagangan Dalam Negeri dan Kos Sara Hidup (KPDN)," katanya.

Justeru, katanya, sebarang keputusan berkaitan aktiviti pengimportan, pengilangan dan pengedaran cecair e-rokok adalah keputusan kolektif oleh semua agensi kerajaan terbabit.

"Akta 852 juga memperuntukkan kuasa kepada KKM untuk membuat pemantauan dan penguatkuasaan terhadap kandungan dan emisi semua jenis pro-

duk merokok.

"KKM komited untuk memastikan penguatkuasaan dan kawalan di tahap maksimum bagi memastikan perlindungan kesihatan dan keselamatan masyarakat, sejajar dengan nilai MADANI yang merangkumi kemampanan dan kesejahteraan.

"KKM akan sentiasa memastikan tiada sebarang kompromi dalam apa juga aspek yang menyetujui perkhidmatan kesihatan kepada rakyat negara ini khususnya dalam penggunaan bahan-bahan rawatan dan perubatan," katanya.

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JKM perluas konsep 'kesejahteraan produktif' bantu golongan sasaran

2YEP wujudkan sistem sokongan sosial bolehkan golongan miskin, kurang upaya jana pendapatan

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Putrajaya: Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat (JKM) akan memperluas konsep 'kesejahteraan produktif' yang terbukti berkesan sejak sembilan tahun lalu dalam usaha mengeluarkan golongan sasaran daripada kepompong kemiskinan, seterusnya hidup berdikari.

Menerusi Program Pemerksaan Dua Tahun (2YEP), setakat ini JKJ sudah membantu 6,871 penerima bantuan, membabitkan 4,398 wanita dan 2,473 lelaki.

Daripada jumlah itu, 1,787 golongan sasaran berjaya ditamatkan bantuan dengan 1,475 atau 82.5 peratus ialah wanita dan 17.5 peratus atau 2,473 ialah lelaki.

Ketua Pengarah JKJ, Datuk Che Murad Sayang Ramjan, berkata 2YEP ialah inisiatif pembangunan dan pendayapayaan untuk golongan miskin dan kurang upaya dengan mewujudkan

sistem sokongan sosial melalui program penjana pendapatan, sekali gus mengurangkan kebergantungan kepada bantuan kerajaan.

"Ini pendekatan sosial bagi membantu penerima bantuan kebajikan supaya hidup berdikari agar tidak lagi bergantung kepada bantuan kebajikan awam selama-lamanya.

"Menerusi program ini, JKJ memberi sokongan dalam bentuk bantuan kewangan, latihan kemahiran dan pemerksaan pembangunan diri secara produktif sepanjang tempoh dua tahun untuk meningkatkan taraf hidup mereka.

"Ini bermatlamat mengurangkan perbelanjaan bantuan bulanan atau langkah penjimatan kewangan kerajaan serta meningkatkan jumlah golongan sasaran yang berjaya ditamatkan bantuan kerana sudah mampu meneruskan kelangsungan hidup," katanya kepada BH.

Pendekatan kesejahteraan atau kebajikan produktif ini digunakan secara meluas di negara Barat untuk membantu golongan miskin menjadi berdikari tanpa bergantung kepada bantuan kerajaan dan JKJ memulakannya inisiatif ini pada 2016. Che Murad berkata, JKJ

mendapati secara keseluruhannya bantuan agensi di bawah Kementerian Pembangunan Wanita, Keluarga dan Masyarakat itu kepada golongan miskin meningkat setiap tahun disebabkan kos sara hidup yang semakin meningkat.

Memberikan contoh, penerima bantuan JKJ pada 2020 merekodkan 506,070 penerima membabitkan peruntukan kerajaan RM1.58 bilion, meningkat kepada 519,409 penerima dengan RM1.83 bilion peruntukan pada 2021.

Pada 2022, seramai 533,167 penerima membabitkan RM1.77 bilion; 543,811 penerima dengan 2.39 bilion (2023) dan tahun lalu, 545,669 penerima membabitkan peruntukan RM2.41 bilion.

"Pada tahun ini pula, JKJ menerima peruntukan RM2.9 bilion daripada Kementerian Kewangan bagi pengurusan bantuan kebajikan Persekutuan berdasarkan Belanjawan 2025," katanya.

Bantuan JKJ meliputi golongan yang kurang bernasib baik, antaranya individu atau keluarga miskin, orang kurang upaya (OKU), ibu tunggal dan golongan berisiko lain.

Hidup berdikari

Dalam perkembangan sama, Che Murad berkata, JKJ bertanggungjawab untuk mengkaji semula kelayakan penerima bantuan pada setiap tahun bagi memastikan mereka dapat meneruskan kelangsungan hidup dan berjaya keluar daripada kemiskinan.

Beliau berkata, kajian semula terbahit dilaksanakan memba-

bitkan skim bantuan produktif yang diberikan kepada penerima kerana mereka berupaya menambah baik kehidupan dan hidup berdikari.

Sementara itu, Che Murad berkata, JKJ sudah menerima lebih 3,000 permohonan daripada ibu bapa bagi mendapatkan bantuan yuran pembelajaran, termasuk yuran pembelajaran kepada anak autisme yang pertama kali diperkenalkan tahun ini.

Pada pembentangan Belanjawan 2025, kerajaan mengumumkan bantuan yuran pembelajaran anak autisme dengan dana RM15 juta kepada 30,000 kanak-kanak.

"Bagi bantuan ini, seorang anak autisme menerima RM500 dan ia adalah permulaan yang sangat baik dan sehingga kini kita menerima 3,214 permohonan.

"Bayaran bagi sesi terapi untuk anak autisme ini kira-kira RM1,400 sebulan dan kerajaan memberikan subsidi sebanyak RM500," katanya.

Beliau berkata, melalui kaedah pemberian subsidi ini, ia sekali gus dapat menggalakkan ibu bapa menghantar anak autisme mereka ke pusat yang berdaftar.

Katanya, ibu bapa juga diminta untuk meninggalkan stigma yang tidak mahu mendaftar anak autisme mereka sebagai pemegang kad OKU kerana banyak keistimewaan dapat diperolehi melalui langkah itu.



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Ketua Pengarah JKJ

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Teliti undang-undang fokus peranan ibu bapa, cegah dera kanak-kanak

Syor pindaan untuk melindungi generasi masa depan daripada ancaman jenayah era digital

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Putrajaya: Kerajaan sedang meneliti semula beberapa peruntukan undang-undang untuk memperkenalkan kewajipan yang lebih jelas kepada ibu bapa dan penjaga dalam usaha mencegah penderaan dan pengantunan kanak-kanak.

Menteri Di Jabatan Perdana Menteri (Undang-Undang dan Reformasi Institusi), Datuk Seri Azalina Othman Said, berkata ini termasuk cadangan pindaan

yang mewajibkan pemantauan tingkah laku dalam talian anak serta penyertaan aktif dalam program kesedaran dan pendidikan keselamatan digital.

"Pendekatan ini selaras prinsip tanggungjawab bersama dalam melindungi generasi masa depan daripada ancaman jenayah seksual pada era digital," katanya dalam kenyataan semalam.

Azalina kini dalam lawatan ke Uzbekistan untuk menghadiri *Tashkent Law Spring International Legal Forum 2025* turut diberi penghormatan menyampaikan ucap-tama bertajuk "Mewujudkan Masa Depan Digital yang Lebih Selamat: Pendekatan Legislatif Malaysia terhadap Perlindungan Kanak-Kanak Dalam Talian" pada hari pertama forum.

Menerusi ucap-tama itu, Azalina menyeru petugas perundangan antarabangsa untuk memikul tanggungjawab moral bersama dalam memastikan pihak

yang terbabit dalam jenayah terhadap kanak-kanak dibawa ke muka pengadilan tanpa pengecualian.

Pertemuan dua hala

Azalina juga mengadakan pertemuan dua hala dengan rakan sejawatnya, Menteri Keadilan Uzbekistan, Akbar Tashkulov, dengan membuahkan hasil bermakna apabila kedua-dua pihak bersetuju menandatangani memorandum persefahaman (MoU) baharu pada 30 Mei.

"MoU ini akan berkuat kuasa selama tiga tahun dan meliputi aspek penting seperti pertukaran kepakaran perundangan, kerjasama dalam pembaharuan institusi keadilan dan pengukuhan kapasiti sistem kehakiman kedua-dua negara.

"Langkah ini amat bererti dalam menyokong usaha ke arah sistem perundangan yang lebih responsif dan dinamik," kata Azalina.

Turut berlangsung pertemuan Azalina dengan Menteri Keadilan dan Menteri Negara bagi Hal Ehwal Kabinet Qatar, Ibrahim Ali Issa Al Hassan Al Mohannadi, yang membuka lembaran bahu-kerjasama strategik di antara Malaysia dan Qatar dalam pelbagai aspek reformasi undang-undang, termasuk amalan terbaik global dalam perlindungan hak asasi manusia dan tadbir urus keadilan.

"Saya percaya hubungan dua hala seperti ini bukan saja mengukuhkan hubungan diplomatik, malah memperluas horizon

reformasi institusi negara ke peringkat antarabangsa," katanya.

Selain itu, Azalina menerima kunjungan hormat daripada Ketua Bahagian dan Kaunselor Kanan, Direktorat Tadbir Urus Awam, Pertubuhan Kerjasama Ekonomi dan Pembangunan (OECD), Dr Tatyana Teplova.

Pertemuan berkenaan menandakan permulaan kepada kerjasama strategik di antara Malaysia dan OECD, khususnya dalam aspek pengukuhan sistem keadilan, menegakkan kedaulatan undang-undang dan mempertingkat tadbir urus digital negara.

"Saya juga menyatakan hasrat agar Malaysia memperoleh sokongan kepakaran OECD dalam mengharmonikan undang-undang dengan standard antarabangsa, tanpa menyetepikan realiti tempatan dan aspirasi kerajaan MADANI terhadap reformasi institusi yang mampan," katanya.

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Azalina Othman Said

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RM20j dana sukuk lebuhraya mungkin untuk perjudian

SPRM kesan pelaburan ke arah aktiviti haram dalam siasatan terbaharu

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Kuala Lumpur: Siasatan Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) mendapati sekitar RM20 juta daripada dana sukuk bagi pembinaan lebuhraya yang diseleweng dipercayai digunakan untuk perjudian.

Ketua Pesuruhjaya Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM), Tan Sri Azam Baki, berkata perkara itu dikesan dalam siasatan terbaharu SPRM membabitkan seorang individu bergelar Tan Sri, termasuk beberapa pelaburan turut dipercayai berkemungkinan menjurus kepada aktiviti haram.

Katanya SPRM juga sedang mengesan aset yang dipercayai diperolehi melalui penyelewengan dana sukuk itu termasuk yang berada di luar negara.

"Setakat ini, 45 saksi sudah dirakam percakapan dan kita masih menunggu untuk merakam percakapan Tan Sri berkenaan, yang kini difahamkan sedang dirawat di sebuah hospital swasta," katanya kepada BH semalam.

Terdahulu, BH melaporkan se-

pasukan pegawai penyiasat SPRM menemui sebuah bilik simpanan arak pelbagai jenama mewah dalam serbuan ke atas kediaman mewah milik individu bergelar Tan Sri itu.

Serbuan itu adalah sebahagian daripada siasatan terhadap kes tuntutan palsu dan salah guna dana bon pinjaman untuk pembinaan sebuah lebuhraya di Lembah Klang.

Difahamkan, bilik simpanan arak atau *chiller* itu dibina khas di tingkat bawah kondominium mewah tersebut dan turut dilengkapi bar alkohol eksklusif.

Sita aset, beku akaun

Sumber berkata, serbuan turut membabitkan enam kediaman mewah dan sebidang tanah lot yang keseluruhannya dianggarkan bernilai kira-kira RM12 juta.

SPRM juga menemui beberapa kuda spesies mewah bernilai ratusan ribu ringgit yang dipercayai dibeli menggunakan dana hasil penyelewengan sukuk.

Pada 31 Mei lalu, Azam dilaporkan berkata, SPRM menyita aset dan membekukan akaun

bank dengan nilai keseluruhan RM85.6 juta dalam siasatan terhadap Tan Sri berkenaan membabitkan penyelewengan dana sukuk pembinaan lebuhraya di Lembah Klang.

Katanya, antara yang disita, termasuk 14 akaun individu berjumlah RM4.5 juta, lapan akaun syarikat berjumlah RM33 juta dan kenderaan mewah bernilai RM7.65 juta.

Beliau berkata, barangan lain disita adalah beg tangan bernilai RM3 juta, jam tangan mewah RM7 juta dan hartanah yang disita pula bernilai RM24.5 juta.

SPRM juga mengesyaki dana sukuk berjumlah ratusan juta ringgit disalurkan kepada syarikat kontraktor milik Tan Sri itu disalahgunakan untuk kepentingan peribadi dan tidak digunakan bagi tujuan pembiayaan projek lebuhraya berkaitan.

Bahagian Komunikasi Strategik SPRM dilaporkan berkata, barang dan aset disita bagi tujuan siasatan lanjut mengikut Akta SPRM 2009 serta Akta Pencegahan Pengubahan Wang Haram dan Pencegahan Pembiayaan Keganasan (AMLA) 2001.

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Azam Baki,
Ketua Pesuruhjaya SPRM



SPRM menyita pelbagai barangan mewah termasuk kenderaan dan jam tangan milik Tan Sri, minggu lalu. (Foto lisan SPRM)

2.16 juta pengunjung PBAKL lepassi sasaran awal penganjur

Kehadiran paling tinggi dalam sejarah penganjuran didorong pelbagai promosi menarik

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Kuala Lumpur: Pesta Buku Antarabangsa Kuala Lumpur (PBAKL) 2025 yang berakhir kelmarin, mencatat rekod kehadiran 2.16 juta pengunjung sepanjang 10 hari ia berlangsung, sekali gus melepasi sasaran penganjur.

Sebelum ini, penganjur menyasarkan jumlah kehadiran 1.9 juta pengunjung, berbanding 1.8 juta yang hadir pada PBAKL 2024.

Pengerusi Pengelola PBAKL 2025, Mohd Khair Ngadiron, berkata kehadiran jumlah pengunjung yang paling tinggi dalam sejarah sejak dilaksanakan pada 1981 itu, didorong oleh pelbagai promosi menarik ditawarkan pemain industri, acara dan program dilaksanakan serta judul buku baharu yang meraih perhatian pe-



ngunjung untuk mendapatkannya.

"Walaupun kita akui berdepan dengan cabaran ketika Sidang Kemuncak ASEAN Ke-46, kehadiran pengunjung pada hujung minggu pertama dan beberapa hari terakhir penganjurannya yang berakhir kelmarin menyebabkan kita berjaya melepasi sasaran asal.

"Saya mengucapkan terima kasih kepada semua pempamer yang melipatgandakan usaha menarik kehadiran pengunjung, termasuk mengadakan siaran video secara langsung di media sosial, sesi bertemu penulis, podcast, pemberian diskaun dan hadiah termasuk buku percuma serta pelbagai lagi acara poket yang kreatif.

"Ini dibantu dengan usaha promosi dilaksanakan penganjur se-

cara intensif merentasi pelbagai platform media seperti akhbar, televisyen, media digital dan media sosial," katanya kepada BH di sini, semalam.

Bukti komitmen PM

Mohd Khair berkata, pihaknya juga berterima kasih kepada Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim yang bukan hanya mengumumkan pemberian baucar buku kepada lebih 400,000 guru di bawah Kementerian Pendidikan (KPM) dan meneruskan baucar buku untuk pelajar di bawah kelolaan Kementerian Pendidikan Tinggi (KPT), malah beliau turut meluangkan masa di PBAKL.

Beliau berkata, Perdana Menteri mengunjungi banyak reruai dan meluncurkan pelbagai buku, sekali gus membuktikan komitmen dan kesungguhan beliau dalam budaya membaca yang berkualiti.

Katanya, sikap sama ditunjukkan Ahli Jemaah Menteri seperti Menteri Pendidikan, Fadhlina Sidek; Menteri Pendidikan Tinggi, Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abdul Kadir dan Menteri di Jabatan Perdana Menteri (Hal Ehwal Agama), Da-



Mohd Khair Ngadiron



Pengunjung mengambil kesempatan membeli buku yang dijual pada hari terakhir PBAKL 2025 di Kuala Lumpur, kelmarin. (Foto Aizuddin Saad/BH)

tuk Dr Mohd Na'im Mokhtar.

"Ini tentunya mengukuhkan budaya membaca dalam kalangan rakyat di negara ini yang sebenarnya terbukti wujud berdasarkan kehadiran pengunjung yang berpusu-pusu, termasuk pada cuti sekolah.

"Saya yakin dengan komitmen kerajaan memberikan baucar buku dan peruntukan untuk penerbitan seperti diumumkan dalam Belanjawan 2025 ditambah

sikap masyarakat kita yang suka membaca, ia dapat meningkatkan budaya cintakan ilmu dan buku rakyat di negara ini seperti kisah yang diceritakan Perdana Menteri dalam ucapan perasmian penutupnya, semalam," katanya.

Beliau berkata, berdasarkan maklum balas daripada pempamer dan pengunjung, mereka berharap PBAKL pada tahun hadapan dibuat sepenuhnya pada waktu cuti persekolahan.

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Ringgit dijangka sekitar RM4.20 hingga RM4.35 minggu ini

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PETALING JAYA: Mata wang tempatan dijangka didagangkan sekitar RM4.20 hingga RM4.35 berbanding dolar Amerika Syarikat (AS) minggu ini, susulan dolar AS mengalami konsolidasi minggu lalu selepas keputusan Mahkamah Rayuan negara itu mengekalkan semula tarif import besar-besarnya.

Jumaat lalu, ringgit ditutup lemah berbanding dolar AS pada 4.2470/2530 berbanding penutup dagangan Khamis pada 4.2370/2430.

Penganalisis ekonomi, Prof. Emeritus Dr. Barjoi Bardai

berkata, pergerakan ringgit minggu ini dijangka mengikuti trend yang sama kerana dolar AS dijangka akan terus memulih, namun mata wang negara tidak akan jatuh terlalu rendah.

Katanya, ini kerana tiada sebarang perubahan yang mendadak dalam pasaran domestik termasuk Kadar Dasar Semalaman (OPR) yang kekal pada 3.0 peratus serta pasaran saham stabil walaupun turun sedikit pada minggu lalu.

"Kita masih menunggu tempoh 90 hari penangguhan tarif timbal balas oleh Presiden AS, Donald Trump tamat. Selepas itu,

kita akan lebih yakin kepada apa yang akan berlaku kepada ringgit.

"Bagi pendapat saya, tarif timbal balas itu akan dibatalkan dan akan diletakkan pada kadar mendatar 10 peratus kepada semua negara yang terlibat. Ruang rundingan telah dibuat dengan beberapa negara dan saya tidak rasa negara lain akan mendapat kadar yang lebih baik dari itu," katanya kepada *Utusan Malaysia*.

Beliau berkata, Rizab Persekutuan (Fed) AS juga diunjurkan untuk tidak tergesa-gesa untuk menurunkan kadar faedah dan akan kekal pada kadar yang pada

bulan ini.

"Kemungkinan mereka akan menurunkan kadar faedah dalam tempoh tiga bulan akan datang iaitu sekitar 25 mata asas," ujarnya.

Sementara itu, Ketua Ahli Ekonomi Bank Muamalat Malaysia Bhd., Dr. Mohd. Afzanizam Abdul Rashid berkata, ringgit dijangka berlegar dalam julat yang sama iaitu RM4.22 hingga RM4.24 minggu ini.

Katanya, para pedagang akan terus berhati-hati pada minggu ini dan peserta hadapan akan terus meneliti tentang keabsa-

han dasar tariff AS.

"Bulan ini, mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Pasaran Terbuka Persekutuan (FOMC) bakal diadakan pada 16 hingga 17 Jun nanti.

"Oleh itu, data-data ekonomi AS seperti pasaran pekerjaan dan inflasi akan dipantau. Buat masa ini, data-data AS menunjukkan prospek pertumbuhan yang lebih perlahan.

"Namun, pihak Fed dilihat cenderung untuk mengekalkan kadar faedah disebabkan dasar tariff yang berpotensi memberi kesan inflasi yang lebih tinggi pada masa akan datang," jelasnya.

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Dana sukuk lebu raya: SPRM syak RM20 juta diguna untuk berjudi, beli 300 botol arak mewah

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PETALING JAYA: Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) mengesyaki kira-kira RM20 juta dibelanjakan untuk aktiviti judi adalah hasil penyelewengan dana sukuk pembinaan lebu raya di Lembah Klang.

Ketua Pesuruhjaya SPRM, Tan Sri Azam Baki berkata, transaksi itu dikesan melalui siasatan pihaknya setakat ini.

Malah kemungkinan wang yang dibelanjakan lebih daripada RM20 juta bagi aktiviti perjudian.

Katanya, turut ditemukan, sebanyak 300 botol minuman beralkohol mewah di sebuah stor simpanan.

"SPRM masih mengesan aset di dalam negara dan luar negara untuk proses penyitaan.

"Setakat ini seramai 45 saksi sudah dirakam percakapan. Hasil semakan mendapati Tan Sri itu masih berada di dalam wad hospital swasta," katanya kepada *Utusan Malaysia* semalam.

Media sebelum ini melaporkan SPRM sudah menyita aset dan membekukan akaun bank dengan nilai keseluruhan RM85.6 juta susulan siasatan membabitkan seorang Tan Sri berkaitan penyelewengan dana sukuk pembinaan lebu raya di Lembah Klang.

Azam dilaporkan berkata, antara yang disita termasuk 14 akaun individu berjumlah RM4.5 juta, lapan akaun syarikat berjumlah RM33 juta dan kenderaan mewah bernilai RM7.65 juta.



Setakat ini seramai 45 saksi sudah dirakam percakapan. Hasil semakan mendapati Tan Sri itu masih berada di dalam wad hospital swasta."

Menurutnya, barangan lain disita adalah beg tangan bernilai RM3 juta, jam tangan mewah RM7 juta dan hartanah yang disita pula bernilai RM24.5 juta.

Bulan lalu, media melaporkan empat individu termasuk seorang Datuk Seri ditahan kerana disyaki membuat tuntutan palsu berjumlah kira-kira RM360 juta.

Kesemua suspek terdiri daripada tiga lelaki dan seorang wanita berusia lingkungan 50-an hingga 70-an ditahan ketika hadir memberi keterangan di pejabat SPRM.

Keempat-empat suspek disyaki mengemukakan tuntutan palsu bernilai kira-kira RM360 juta menggunakan dana sukuk dalam sebuah projek pembinaan lebu raya di Lembah Klang yang bernilai kira-kira RM1.30 bilion antara 2016 hingga 2017.

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Malaysia sedia jadi hab pensijilan TVET ASEAN

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BADRUL HAFIZAN MATISA

Melaporkan dari London



LONDON: Malaysia merancang untuk mewujudkan satu ekosistem bidang Pendidikan dan Latihan Teknikal dan Vokasional (TVET) di mana graduannya boleh bergerak bebas merentasi sempadan iaitu dengan sijil diiktiraf dan kurikulum diselenggarakan.

Timbalan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Dr. Ahmad Zahid Hamidi berkata, pelajar dan tenaga pengajar juga boleh belajar, mengajar serta memimpin di mana-mana negara dalam rantau ASEAN.

Katanya, Malaysia memberikan komitmen penuh bagi mencapai hasrat itu termasuk sebagai hab pensijilan dan kecemerlangan TVET di rantau ini.

"Sebagai Pengerusi ASEAN, Malaysia bukan sekadar memperjuangkan pembangunan kemahiran tetapi sedang membina masa depan bersama, menerusi bakat yang disifatkan sebagai 'mata wang' kepercayaan, pertumbuhan dan kemakmuran.

"Kita sedang meletakkan asas untuk menjadi hab pensijilan dan kecemerlangan TVET ASEAN, khususnya dalam sektor berimpak tinggi seperti aeroangkasa dan tenaga hijau.

"Namun ia mesti digerakkan oleh kerjasama. Sebab itu kita sedang membina jambatan kukuh



AHMAD Zahid Hamidi tiba di London, kelmarin bersempena lawatan kerja rasmi beliau sehingga 4 Jun ini.

bersama ASEAN, United Kingdom (UK) dan bersama setiap rakyat Malaysia yang hadir hari ini," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian ketika menyampaikan syarahan awam bertajuk Kepimpinan TVET Malaysia dalam ASEAN: Membina Kemahiran Untuk Masa Depan Bersama di University College London (UCL) UK di sini, semalam.

Syarahan awam itu dihadiri wakil-wakil negara ASEAN, pelajar-pelajar, ahli akademik dan pengurusan tertinggi universiti berkenaan.

Tambah Ahmad Zahid, komitmen Malaysia itu berpaksikan

keyakinan bahawa negara bersedia menjadi platform global dalam melahirkan bakat TVET bertaraf dunia mengikut keperluan industri.

"Kita bersedia untuk memimpin, tetapi kita sedar kita tidak boleh melakukannya sendiri. Kita akan mencapainya melalui perkongsian bermakna bersama ASEAN, rakan global dan rakyat Malaysia di luar negara," katanya.

Timbalan Perdana Menteri turut meminta para pelajar Malaysia yang berada di UK menjadi duta kecemerlangan dan penghubung visi nasional.

"Saya menyeru anda agar menyumbang bukan sekadar seba-

gai graduan tetapi sebagai rakan kerjasama untuk membangunkan standard latihan antarabangsa.

"Kongsi ilmu dengan membimbing pelajar dan pelatih TVET. Juarai penyelidikan bersama institusi Malaysia dan yang paling penting, bantu kami membina jaringan strategik antara industri UK dan ekosistem TVET Malaysia," katanya.

Ahmad Zahid turut memaklumkan, bersempena Hari TVET Kebangsaan 2025 Jun ini, Malaysia menjadi tuan rumah kepada Dialog Dasar Serantau Majlis TVET ASEAN Keempat yang akan dihadiri perwakilan dari negara-negara ASEAN, Australia dan Jerman.

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'COMPANIES MUST BE AUDIT-READY'

SMEs can smoothen tax filing process with right approach, says expert

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SMALL and medium enterprises (SMEs) should take a more structured approach to manage their corporate tax obligations to avoid penalties and ensure smooth compliance.

Chartered Tax Institute of Malaysia (CTIM) council member Harvinder Singh said that while many business owners remained focused on day-to-day operations, tax matters often took a back seat until submission deadlines loom, resulting in rushed filings and avoidable mistakes.

"Tax filing should not be a once-a-year scramble.

"With the right approach and record-keeping, SMEs can make it a smoother, more predictable process," Harvinder told *Business Times*.

Companies have eight months

from the end of their financial year to submit their income tax return (Form C), factoring in the Inland Revenue Board's (IRB) one-month grace period.

For instance, a company with a Dec 31, 2024 year-end must file by Aug 31, 2025.

More crucially, companies must also submit tax estimates (Form CP204) a month before the new financial year and make monthly installments starting from the second month.

These estimates can be revised in the sixth, ninth and 11th months of the basis year.

"The IRB discourages taxpayers from using the government as a funding mechanism.

"It's a pay-as-you-earn system," Harvinder said, adding that penalties apply for underestimation or late payments.

Common mistakes and missed opportunities

Among the most common er-



Harvinder Singh

rors SMEs make are misclassifying deductible and non-deductible expenses, overstating capital expenditures as tax-deductible and failing to maximise claims on capital allowances.

"A lot of taxpayers do not analyse their expenses properly.

"Renovation costs, for example, may be lumped under repairs and maintenance and mistakenly claimed as deductions," he said.

Harvinder emphasised the importance of being aware of eligibility criteria and maintaining proper documentation when it

comes to tax incentives.

He said some incentives, such as pioneer status or reinvestment allowances, must be approved in advance and might be rejected if a business had already started operations.

"Documentation is key. The IRB can request for original or digital records, and if these are missing or incomplete, legitimate claims may be rejected," he said.

He advised businesses to structure employee compensation wisely and consider incentives, such as the Private Retirement Scheme, which offers corporate tax deductions of up to seven per cent on contributions.

Be audit-ready, always

Harvinder said companies must always be audit-ready as part of Malaysia's self-assessment tax regime.

Tax audits are typically announced in advance, but investigations can occur unannounced, especially if the IRB suspects malpractice.

"Keep your records for at least seven years, as required by law.

Sales invoices, purchase receipts, payroll records, loan agreements — these are all vital," he said.

Businesses with related party transactions must ensure proper transfer pricing documentation is in place to avoid scrutiny during audits.

Staying ahead of tax law changes

With rapid tax law developments, including the rollout of e-invoicing and capital gains tax, Harvinder encouraged SMEs to stay updated through tax professionals.

"Even as a consultant, it's overwhelming to keep up. It's critical for SMEs to work with their tax agents or accountants to stay compliant and avoid costly oversights," he said.

Ultimately, good tax planning, according to him, was not about avoiding tax, but aligning business decisions with the law for optimum outcomes.

"Sometimes, delaying a transaction by just a few days can help a company retain previously claimed allowances and save significantly," he said.

'RM20M SUKUK FUNDS GAMBLED AWAY'

Following the RM85.6m seizure, MACC commissioner says probe ongoing to track down other assets

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MORE than RM20 million allegedly siphoned off from sukuk funds raised for a highway project may have been gambled away, said the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Com-

mission (MACC).

"I was briefed by my investigation officers that more than RM20 million may have been spent on gambling," MACC Chief Commissioner Tan Sri Azam Baki told the *New Straits Times* yesterday.

He was commenting on the status of a probe, involving a Tan Sri, over the misappropriation of

sukuk funds meant for a highway project in the Klang Valley.

Sukuk funds are proceeds from syariah-compliant bonds used to finance specific projects without involving interest.

MACC is investigating claims that hundreds of millions in sukuk funds may have been misused for personal gain.

On Sunday, it was reported that MACC seized assets and froze bank accounts totalling RM85.6 million as part of its probe.

The seized items included luxury vehicles worth RM7.65 million, designer handbags worth RM3 million, luxury watches

worth RM7 million and properties totalling RM24.5 million.

"We also found 300 bottles of alcoholic beverages in a storage facility during the raid."

The MACC froze 14 personal bank accounts containing RM4.5 million and eight company accounts containing RM33 million.

Azam said MACC was tracing other accounts and assets in the country and abroad, which would be frozen or seized to aid investigations.

He said MACC officers had so far recorded statements from 45 witnesses.

The Tan Sri in question is receiving treatment at a private hospital.

Last month, it was reported that four people, including a Datuk Seri, were detained on suspicion of submitting false claims amounting to about RM360 million.

The three men and one woman, aged between 50 and 80, were detained while giving their statements at the MACC headquarters.

The suspects were believed to have submitted false claims totalling RM360 million from 2016 to 2017.

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Zahid: Govt committed to producing skilled workforce

KUALA LUMPUR: National TVET Day, which is celebrated annually on June 2, reflects the government's commitment to positioning Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) as a main path to produce a skilled and future-ready workforce.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said this year's celebration highlighted the progress of the TVET ecosystem.

He said TVET was a key driver of human capital development and also served as a platform that

offered educational and career opportunities through the involvement of stakeholders.

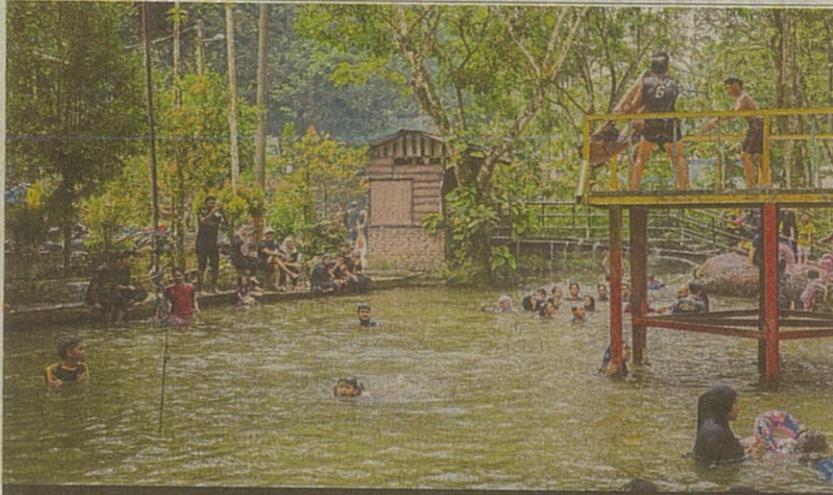
In a post on X yesterday, Zahid, who is also National TVET Council Committee chairman, said the efforts made were in line with the Malaysia Madani framework, which prioritised the TVET agenda.

The efforts, he said, included expanding access to TVET education to rural students, improving training facilities, and encouraging youth who want to build future careers through

skills. "With the strong support of the government, private sector, educational institutions and the community, TVET will remain the main thrust in building a more inclusive and globally competitive Malaysia."

He also invited the public to join in the National TVET Day celebration, which will be held at the Melaka International Trade Centre on June 11-13.

The theme of this year's celebration is "TVET, the Top Career Choice". **Bernama**



COOLING OFF AMID THE HEAT

Visitors taking advantage of the school holiday and public holiday to have fun at Sungai Kemensah, Kuala Lumpur, yesterday. NSTP PIC BY RAIHANA MANSOR

'MONITOR YOUR KIDS' ONLINE ACTIVITIES'

Proposed legal amendments aimed at protecting children from sexual crimes in the digital age, says Azalina

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THE government is reviewing legal provisions to clarify the responsibility for parents and guardians in preventing child abuse and neglect.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Law and Institutional Reform) Datuk Seri Aza-

lina Othman Said said yesterday the proposed amendments included making it compulsory for parents to monitor their children's online activities.

They would also be required to participate in digital safety education programmes.

She said this was in line with the shared responsibility of protecting children from sexual

crimes in the digital age.

"In efforts to strengthen the legal system, I represented Malaysia at the Tashkent Law Spring International Legal Forum in Uzbekistan.

"This forum was an important platform for Malaysia to demonstrate its commitment to addressing global legal challenges, particularly those related to the protection of children in the digital age."

While delivering the keynote address, Azalina outlined initiatives and legal reforms that had been and were being implemented by the government to ensure

children were protected in cyberspace.

She said advancements like artificial intelligence offered many benefits but also gave rise to new forms of online exploitation of children.

"So, I called on the international legal community to shoulder a shared moral responsibility to ensure that those involved in crimes against children are brought to justice."

Azalina added: "The digital future must not only be smarter but also safer, more humane and fair to all levels of society, especially children."

During the visit, she held bilateral talks with Qatar's Minister of Justice and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs, Ibrahim bin Ali bin Issa Al Hassan Al Mohannadi.

The talks focused on strengthening legal cooperation between the two nations.

In addition, she met Uzbek Justice Minister Akbar Tashkulov and both signed a three-year memorandum of understanding.

The MoU includes collaboration on the exchange of legal expertise, justice reform initiatives, and strengthening the judicial capacity of both countries.

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Pensioner loses over RM100,000 in scam

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TANGKAK: A 58-year-old female pensioner lost RM108,520 to a scam syndicate.

Tangkak police chief Supt Roslan Mohd Talib said the woman claimed it started on May 9 when she was contacted by two men; one of them claimed to be an officer from the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission and the other claimed to be a police officer.

Roslan said the men told the woman she was wanted in a fraud case involving investments and non-existent loans, and she had to transfer her money to a given bank account to facilitate investigations of the case.

The woman transferred her money in 16 transactions to two given bank accounts, believed to be "mule accounts", he said in a statement.

Roslan added that the woman lodged a police report yesterday, and the case is being investigated under Section 420 of the Penal Code.

He also advised victims of fraud to immediately contact the National Scam Response Centre at 997 as an initial action to block the outflow of money from the suspect's account. - Bernama

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Tarikh:

King expresses appreciation to govt, civil servants

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KUALA LUMPUR: His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim, King of Malaysia expressed his appreciation to the Madani government and its civil servants who have worked hard to manage the country's economy and development.

Sultan Ibrahim said the success of the recent Asean Summit was proof of the ability of the nation's leadership to strengthen regional and international cooperation.

"Although there are those who underestimate Malaysia's capabilities, with hard work and a spirit of cooperation, especially by civil servants, all challenges and obstacles have been successfully overcome."

Sultan Ibrahim said this at the investiture ceremony at Istana Negara yesterday.

His Majesty reminded civil servants to provide excellent service, and practise the second principle of the *Rukun Negara*, which is "loyalty to the King and the country".

"Loyalty does not mean worship but honesty and trust in carrying out the duties and responsibilities given, and not betraying the country and the people's trust."

The King stressed that civil servants must be free from the influence of political parties, be neutral and always prioritise the interests of the country and the people.

"Government officials must ensure that every decision made is in accordance with the conditions and regulations set, not according to the dictates of politicians."

"Every expenditure must also be closely controlled and not used as desired by ministers or MPs to fish for votes, to the point of causing the government's debt to increase."

Sultan Ibrahim also called on all enforcement agencies to carry out their duties with full integrity so that the people do not lose trust, and continue to respect the uniform they wear. - Bernama

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Stricter policies, rules to safeguard minors

► Government reviewing laws to make it mandatory for parents, guardians to monitor digital activities of children and curb abuse: Minister

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PUTRAJAYA: The government is reviewing several existing legal provisions to introduce clearer and stronger obligations for parents and guardians in efforts to prevent abuse and sexual assault on children.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Law and Institutional Reform) Datuk Seri Azalina Othman Said said the move would include proposing amendments to make it mandatory for parents and guardians to monitor their children's online activities, as well as participate actively in digital safety awareness and education programmes.

"It reflects the principle of shared responsibility in safeguarding future generations from the growing threat of sexual crimes in the digital age," she said in a statement yesterday, Bernama reported.

Azalina said this during her keynote address, Creating a Safer Digital Future: Malaysia's Legislative Approach to Online Child Protection, at the Tashkent Law Spring International Legal Forum 2025 in Uzbekistan, where she is on an official visit.

Azalina highlighted Malaysia's legislative initiatives, aimed at strengthening online child protection laws and called on the international legal community to embrace a shared moral duty in addressing crimes against children.

She emphasised the importance of ensuring that perpetrators of such offences are brought to justice without exception, underlining that protecting children in the digital space requires global cooperation and collective will.

During the visit, Azalina also held a bilateral meeting with her counterpart, Uzbek Justice Minister Akbar Tashkulov, which resulted in an agreement to sign a new memorandum of understanding (MoU).

"The MoU will be in effect for three years and covers important aspects such as the exchange of legal expertise, cooperation in the reform of justice institutions and strengthening the capacity of the judicial systems of both countries.

"This move is significant in supporting efforts towards a more responsive and

dynamic legal system."

Azalina also had a bilateral meeting with the Qatari Minister of Justice and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Ibrahim Ali Issa Al Hassan Al Mohannadi.

She said the meeting opened a new chapter in strategic cooperation between Malaysia and Qatar in various aspects of legal reforms, including global best practices in the protection of human rights and the administration of justice.

"I believe bilateral relations such as this not only strengthens diplomatic relations, but also broaden the horizon of the country's institutional reform to the international level."

Azalina also received a courtesy visit from the head of division and senior counsellor of the Directorate of Public Governance, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Dr Tatyana Teplova.

She said the meeting marked the beginning of strategic cooperation between Malaysia and OECD, particularly in the aspects of strengthening the justice system, upholding the rule of law and improving the country's digital governance.

"I also expressed my desire for Malaysia to obtain the support of OECD expertise in implementing legal harmonisation with international standards, without disregarding local realities and the Madani government's aspirations for sustainable institutional reform."

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