



PENGURUSAN PEMANTAUAN KERATAN AKHBAR MBSJ
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WhatsApp Biz MBSJ untuk salur aduan

SHAH ALAM - Majlis Bandaraya Subang Jaya (MBSJ) menjadi pihak berkuasa tempatan pertama di Selangor yang menyediakan wadah komunikasi secara langsung bersama masyarakat.

WhatsApp Biz MBSJ membantu pelanggan menyemak enam perkhidmatan utama antaranya cukai taksiran, kompaun trafik, lesen dan permit niaga, permit bangunan, pembayaran serta pembersihan.

"WhatsApp Biz MBSJ mendapat pengesahan pihak META di mana keselamatan serta privasi data pengguna adalah terjamin.

"Para pengguna boleh menggunakan perkhidmatan ini melalui nombor 03-8026 3100 pada bila-bila masa dalam tempoh 24 jam," kata kenyataan Bahagian Komunikasi Korporat pada 25 April.

Seru penduduk tingkat kebersihan

MBSJ kenal pasti 21 lokasi panas denggi

Oleh FITRI HAZIM HAZAM

SHAH ALAM - Majlis Bandaraya Subang Jaya (MBSJ) mengenal pasti 21 lokasi panas demam denggi yang memerlukan pemantauan bagi mengelak peningkatan kes berkenaan.

Datuk Bandar Mohd Fauzi Mohd Yatim memberitahu semua pihak terutama ahli majlis dan penduduk perlu mempergiat usaha memusnahkan tempat pembiakan nyamuk menerusi gotong-royong.

"Kerjasama semua pihak penting untuk membendung isu denggi yang tiada kesudahan. MBSJ sedia bekerjasama dengan majlis perwakilan penduduk dalam aktiviti pencegahan dan pengawalan.

"Kita boleh sediakan bantuan dari segi pameran, taklimat dan pemu- dah cara aktiviti cari dan musnah," katanya selepas mempengerusikan mesyuarat bulanan di ibu pejabat MBSJ baru-baru ini.

Mohd Fauzi juga memaklumkan 3,996 kes demam denggi dilaporkan

tahun ini sehingga minggu epid 16 di Subang Jaya, meningkat 71.4 peratus berbanding tempoh sama tahun lalu iaitu 2,331 kes.

"Terdapat trend penurunan kes bagi tiga minggu epid terkini yang mana kes pada minggu ke-16 adalah 148 berbanding dengan minggu epid ke-13 sebanyak 206 kes.

"Diharapkan penurunan kes ini berterusan dan meningkatkan tahap kesihatan penduduk di kawasan MBSJ secara keseluruhannya," katanya.

Belasah Sternen FC 11-0

MBSJ kekal rekod tanpa kalah

Oleh AFIX REDZUAN

SHAH ALAM - MBSJ FC terus melebarkan rekod tanpa kalah dalam enam perlawanan Liga Super Wanita (WSL) selepas membelasah Sternen FC 11-0 di Arena MBSJ, Subang Jaya pada 4 Mei.

Penyerang Intan Sarah turut cemerlang meledak empat gol pada babak pertama diikuti hatrik NurLyana Soberi sementara empat lagi jaringan dihasilkan oleh Lee Xin-Yi, Steffi Sidhu, Waitie Taming dan Aisha Lynn Faris.

Keputusan itu juga memberi kelebihan tujuh mata buat MBSJ FC di puncak kumpulan A selepas pasukan kedua MBPJ FC hanya mampu mengutip satu mata terikat tanpa jaringan bertemu Selangor FC.

UiTM United Lioness kekal di kedudukan keempat selepas melakar kemenangan ketiga musim ini menewaskan SA FC Swat 3-0 hasil jaringan Kaseh Carmila, Nurfazira dan Siti Nurkhaleeda.

Sementara itu, KL Spicegals FC tidak berdepan masalah menewaskan SA

United 3-0 menerusi jaringan Puteri Noralisa, Azza Harmiza dan gol sendiri Rogayah Ali untuk kekal mendahului kumpulan B dengan 15 mata.

Mengekori rapat di tempat kedua SSS Leopard FC yang menewaskan Perkemas FC 1-0 hasil jaringan sendiri Khantana pada penghujung babak pertama.

Dalam satu lagi perlawanan, dua jaringan Aina Suraya pada babak kedua membantu PNSB FC mencatat kemenangan tipis 2-1 ke atas Penang Real CJ pada 5 Mei.

SELANGORKINI ONLINE

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Skuad Pantas MBDK pantau kawasan bah

KLANG - Pasukan Tindakan Segera (Pantas) Majlis Bandaraya Diraja Klang (MBDK) bersiap siaga 24 jam bagi memantau kawasan berisiko banjir.

Datuk Bandarnya Datin Paduka Noraini Roslan berkata sebelum ini pihaknya turut membersihkan sistem saliran bagi mengurangkan risiko bah.

"Kita ada pasukan Pantas yang bertindak dalam jangka masa singkat sekiranya berlaku apa jua bencana dan mereka juga menjadi pasukan terawal menyampaikan laporan.

"MBDK juga telah membersihkan saliran di sekitar kawasan berisiko banjir kilat sebelum ini. Kita harap penduduk dapat beri kerjasama menjaga persekitaran masing-masing," katanya pada 6 Mei.

Jabatan Pengairan dan Saliran Selangor meminta orang ramai berwaspada dengan fenomena air pasang besar yang diramal berlaku di Pelabuhan Klang sehingga 10 Mei.

Kerjasama tanam 140 pokok melur

SHAH ALAM - Majlis Bandaraya Diraja Klang (MBDK) melaksanakan tanggungjawab sosial korporat dengan menanam 140 pokok melur di Taman Kucing, Klang pada 5 Mei.

Datuk Bandar Datin Paduka Noraini Roslan berkata program bersama Sime Darby Property dan HP Singapore itu antara usaha pihaknya melestarikan alam sekitar di samping melaksanakan pembangunan infrastruktur.

"Apa yang perlu diamalkan adalah pembangunan terancang, menitikberatkan alam sekitar dan mengambil kira kesan pembangunan kepada alam sekitar.

"MBDK juga sentiasa menumpukan kepada (program) penghijauan dan kelestarian alam semula jadi untuk kesejahteraan kita semua. Salah satu aktiviti atau penekanan dalam hal berkaitan alam sekitar ialah program tanam pokok," katanya.

Menang anugerah bandar pelancong

SHAH ALAM - Majlis Bandaraya Shah Alam (MBSA) muncul pihak berkuasa tempatan tunggal di Selangor merangkul Anugerah Standard Bandar Pelancong Bersih Asean peringkat kebangsaan.

Menurut pengarah korporat dan perhubungan awamnya, penilaian berdasarkan tujuh petunjuk iaitu penguurusan alam sekitar, kebersihan, penguurusan sisa, kesedaran isu perlindungan alam sekitar dan kebersihan.

Mohd Azhar Mohd Sharif dalam

kenyataan baru-baru ini menjelaskan inisiatif dalam melaksanakan landskap hijau, keselamatan kesihatan dan bandar serta prasarana pelancongan turut dinilai.

"MBSA terus meningkatkan mutu dan kemudahan pelancongan bagi menarik lebih ramai pelancong sama ada domestik dan antarabangsa sekali gus menyumbang kepada penciptaan bandar mampan," katanya.

Penilaian anugerah berkenaan berlangsung pada 17 dan 18 Ogos tahun

lalu. Semua data dan petunjuk yang disediakan dibentangkan kepada panel juri.

Pada 29 April, Datuk Bandar Shah Alam Cheremi Tarman menerima anugerah itu yang disampaikan Ketua Setiausaha Kementerian Pelancongan, Kesenian dan Kebudayaan Datuk Roslan Abdul Rahman.

Penganjuran anugerah berkenaan di Cyberjaya itu bertujuan mengiktiraf pemain industri yang memenuhi piawaian pelancongan Asean.

Bertambah RM500

Bantuan naik haji kini RM1,000

Oleh **SUHAILA SHAHRUL ANNUAR**

SHAH ALAM - Kadar Insentif Haji Muassasah kepada 6,000 bakal jemaah haji di Selangor pada tahun ini ditambah sekali ganda, kata Dato' Menteri Besar Dato' Seri Amirudin Shari.

Beliau memberitahu pemberi-an manfaat bernilai RM500 kepada

RM1,000 melibatkan dana RM6 juta, meningkat tiga kali ganda berbanding peruntukan program sama tahun lalu iaitu RM1.5 juta.

"Ia melibatkan kesan kewangan RM3 juta. Sebelum ini, RM3 juta dana dari MBI ditambah dengan dana Kerajaan Negeri," katanya dalam sidang media pada 3 Mei.

Pendaftaran dibuka mulai 6 Mei

hingga 23 Ogos yang diselaraskan pusat khidmat Dewan Undangan Negeri (DUN), pejabat penyelaras DUN dan Menteri Besar Selangor (Pemerbadanan) atau MBI.

Bakal jemaah perlu membawa salinan bercetak jadual penerbangan haji muassasah 2024 dengan paparan KOD MUAS untuk pendaftaran insentif berkenaan.

Kenaikan gred rendah 30 peratus

SHAH ALAM - Kenaikan gaji penjawat awam boleh mencecah antara 25 hingga 30 peratus bagi kalangan bergaji rendah, kata Perdana Menteri Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Beliau menjelaskan pengumuman sempena Hari Pekerja bertujuan menaikkan pendapatan kelompok bergaji rendah dan mengurangkan kenaikan yang bergaji tinggi, lapor Bernama.

Katanya, pendekatan itu yang disifatkannya berbeza dengan pentadbiran kerajaan sebelum ini bertujuan mengimbangi pendapatan antara penjawat awam gred rendah dan tinggi.

"Bagi kalangan yang (bergaji) rendah mungkin cecah 25 hingga 30 peratus. Saya utamakan kelompok (bergaji) rendah dan kurangkan di kelompok yang tinggi," katanya.

Anwar yang juga menteri kewangan berkata demikian dalam program Soal Jawab Perdana Menteri bersama empat stesen televisyen tempatan pada malam 1 Mei.

Perdana menteri menambah kenaikan lebih 13 peratus itu melibatkan gaji pokok, bukannya elaun. Perincian itu akan dibincang dalam mesyuarat Kabinet sebelum diputuskan.

"Walaupun pernah diperkenal dulu 35 peratus tetapi itu daripada gred 1 hingga gred 16. Secara keseluruhannya, ini antara paling tinggi dengan kos mencecah lebih RM10 bilion," katanya.

Beliau mahu memastikan pendapatan minimum melebihi RM2,000 sebulan berbanding gaji dan elaun tetap bawah Sistem Saraan Perkhidmatan Awam pada masa ini RM1,795 sebulan.

Menyifatkan kenaikan berkenaan bertujuan menghargai jasa penjawat awam, Anwar mengingatkan mereka supaya meningkatkan produktiviti selari pertambahan gaji.

Minimum 13 peratus ikut persekutuan

Gaji penjawat awam negeri naik

Oleh SUHAILA SHARUL ANNUAR

SHAH ALAM - Penjawat awam peringkat negeri bakal menerima penyesuaian kenaikan gaji minimum lebih 13 peratus seperti yang diterima kakitangan kerajaan persekutuan.

Dato' Menteri Besar Dato' Seri Amirudin Shari memberitahu pentadbirannya mengambil langkah bersesuaian bagi menyelaraskan tatacara kewangan sedia ada susulan kenaikan tersebut.

"Pasti akan berlaku kenaikan (kenaikan gaji penjawat awam negeri). Bermula minimum lebih 13 peratus sebagaimana perdana menteri sebut. Ini berkuat kuasa se bermula pada Disember.

"Kita akan selaras semula setelah

pekeliling dikeluarkan sesuai peningkatan gaji penjawat awam (peringkat persekutuan). Setakat ini, pekeliling belum dikeluarkan," katanya pada 3 Mei.

Berharap pengumuman itu turut disambut sektor swasta, Amirudin berkata peningkatan gaji peringkat negeri menjadi dorongan penjawat awam untuk meningkatkan produktiviti sedia ada.

"Ini bagi menjadikan Malaysia antara negara berpendapatan paling tinggi di rantau ini, sekali gus mengatasi cabaran kos sara hidup yang meningkat terutama di negara maju," katanya.

Pada 1 Mei, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim mengumumkan kenaikan gaji penjawat awam lebih 13 peratus mulai

Disember, tertinggi dan dalam sejarah negara membabitkan peruntukan lebih RM10 bilion.

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Beliau yang juga menteri kewangan mengakui ada kenaikan sehingga 35 peratus sebelum ini tetapi pertambahan tersebut hanya melibatkan kakitangan gred 1 hingga gred 16.

City council recognised for keeping Shah Alam clean

SHAH Alam City Council (MBSA), through its Community Development Department, has been awarded the Asean Clean Tourist City Standards (ACTCS), National Level for 2024-2026.

The award was presented by Tourism, Art and Culture Ministry in a ceremony in Cyberjaya.

MBSA Corporate and Public Relations director Mohd Azhar Mohd Sharif said the initiative was aimed at recognising tourism industry players who met the standards set.

"MBSA is the only local authority in Selangor to receive this reward.

"We won this award based on compliance with all the assessment criteria of the ACTCS," he said.

ACTCS serves as the main standard and guide for all Asean countries in delivering top-notch tourism services.

"Among the seven indicators evaluated were environmental regulation, cleanliness, waste management, awareness building about environmental protection and cleanliness,

green spaces, healthy and urban safety, and tourism infrastructure.

"The assessment session was conducted last August 2023," said Mohd Azhar.

He said MBSA would continue its commitment to enhance tourism in Shah Alam.

"The goal is to attract more visitors and create a sustainable city," he said.

The ceremony was officiated by the ministry secretary-general Roslan Abdul Raman.

Also present was Shah Alam mayor Cheremi Tarman.



Cheremi (centre) flanked by Community Development Department director Shahrin Ahmad (left) and Mohd Azhar at the award ceremony.

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PETALING Jaya City Council (MBPJ) is inviting public feedback for the Special Area Plan (RKK) involving Sections 19, 51 and 51A in Petaling Jaya.

The initial publicity process is being carried out in accordance with the Town and Country Planning Act 1976 (Act 172).

MBPJ Development Planning Department director Lee Lih Shyan said the RKK was a comprehensive development plan that looked at future development aspirations for these areas.

"The RKK draft focuses on the interest and needs of the local community."

"Residential developments support and stimulate trade and industrial activities. This presents a more attractive and conducive environment for locals," he said at a press conference at Petaling Jaya Civic Centre.

The RKK will contain a development action plan covering development concepts and strategies, action area plans, proposed action plans, zoning plans, guidelines and all outputs of the areas under study.

MBPJ appointed consultant Citiplan Network acting chief consultant Yusri Effendi Yunus said the study of Sections 19, 51 and 51A would include detailed planning based on the proposals submitted as well as the lots involved.

The study, he said would factor in land usage, traffic, public transportation, public facilities and green lungs towards achieving the "PJ Smart, Sustainable & Resilient 2030" goal.

"The 406ha study area comprising Sections 19, 51 and 51A involve 82ha, 154ha and 170ha, respectively," said Yusri.

Under the Petaling Jaya Local Plan 1 (RTPJ 1), Sections 19, 51 and 51A are zoned as industrial, commercial and residential land use, he said.

However, industrial zoning is no longer relevant because the

'Give views on plan for PJ'

City council getting feedback on RKK for Sections 19, 51, 51A until May 30



Stakeholders from Sections 19, 51 and 51A looking at the draft of the RKK at the Petaling Jaya Civic Centre.

(Bottom from left) Bukit Gasing assemblyman Rajiv Rishyakaran, Petaling Jaya mayor Mohamad Zahri Samingon, Petaling Jaya MP Lee Chean Chung and Bukit Lanjan assemblyman Pua Pei Ling showing the RKK publicity posters.

three target areas are old, obsolete, unattractive, unsafe and experiencing critical traffic congestion, he explained.

As such, he added, MBPJ decided to remove these three areas from the gazetted RTPJ 1 and to focus on them as an RKK.

Through focus group discussion and workshops, the city council has also engaged with stakeholders such as land owners, developers, community leaders, MPs and assemblymen

for feedback and suggestions for a more holistic plan.

Yusri said that according to Section 12A of Act 172, the next stage would be to announce the plan and carry out the publicity process.

"The initial publicity provides an opportunity for the community and the public to share their suggestions or objections to the draft plans in the RKK," he added.

The one-month publicity process is ongoing until May 30.



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MPAJ sets fee for moving obstacles at strata properties

RM300 per visit by council personnel to cover operations cost

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JOINT management bodies (JMB) and management corporations (MC) of strata properties in Ampang Jaya, Selangor, will now be charged a fee if they require the local council to move obstructions within their premises.

From May 1, JMBs and MCs are required to pay RM300 for each visit by Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ) personnel to move vehicles and other obstructions from common areas of strata properties.

MPAJ president Dr Ani Ahmad said the purpose of imposing the fee was to educate strata property managements to be more proactive, in accordance with the provisions outlined in the Strata Management Act 2013.

"JMBs and MCs should be



Ani says the fee is to cover MPAJ's costs each time an operation is carried out.

empowered to carry out its duties, such as moving vehicles that are double-parked or blocking other vehicles, without council's intervention.

"This is provided for under the Act and it is important for JMBs

and MCs to understand and exercise their authority in managing these issues independently.

"This will foster a more efficient and responsible approach to strata property management," she said when announcing the new fee implementation.

Ani said property management could still request for MPAJ's intervention if needed, but would be charged for the service.

The fee was also to cover MPAJ's costs each time an operation was carried out, she added.

Since 2018, MPAJ had carried out 30 operations to move obstructions without charging a fee.

She emphasised that the vehicle or item would not be removed from the premises as it was within private property.

The most common service requested was moving vehicles and other items left in common

areas, such as corridors, stairs and the lobby.

"Sometimes, management bodies prefer to have MPAJ present at the site to prevent fights from breaking out and we can provide that service for a fee," she said.

Those needing the council's service can submit an official letter of request to MPAJ Commissioner of Buildings (COB).

On a related matter, Ani said there would be an increase in fees to search for official documents requested by JMB or MC.

Those wanting to search for documents such as list of committee members and meeting minutes will be charged RM50 for the first 10 pages and RM1 for each subsequent page.

"This is to ensure that strata committees and management keep good records of its own important documents," she said.

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DBKL told to keep tabs on the city's ageing trees

KUALALUMPUR: Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) has now been ordered to come up with new guidelines to manage the city's ageing trees, even as an expert said that the tragedy in the city could have been averted if its roots had not been curtailed.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Federal Territories) Dr Zaliha Mustafa said it was important to catalogue older trees, many of which are between

50 and 80 years old, due to the unpredictable weather conditions.

Dr Zaliha, who visited the site near Jalan Sultan Ismail where a man was killed after a large tree toppled during a thunderstorm, said the local authority conducts biennial inspections with a certified arborist.

"This tree was under private supervision, but we need to increase the frequency of these

inspections, especially given the unpredictable weather conditions," she told a press conference at the site.

"Sometimes trees appear healthy on the outside, but they are internally rot, which is why it's critical to establish proper guidelines," she said during her visit, accompanied by Kuala Lumpur Mayor Datuk Seri Kamarulzaman Mat Salleh.

Meanwhile, certified arborist

Dr Ahmad Ainuddin Nuruddin said the tree could have fallen due to "root crown failure".

"It looks like it failed at the root crown. Root decay causes root crown failure," he told *The Star*.

Dr Ahmad, a retired professor, said the root decay could have been caused by restricted root growth due to the limited space caused by development.

"Development without looking at the tree growth requirements,

with not enough space for roots to grow," he said.

Photos of the incident yesterday showed that the area around the tree root had been cemented over.

Dr Ahmad said raintrees are suitable to be planted in the city if they are properly maintained.

"Some old trees are good," he said, adding that DBKL needed to do a detailed risk assessment of old trees.

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RM277bil lost to corruption

Rakyat could have benefited from leakage over five years

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PUTRAJAYA: The country lost at least RM277bil due to corruption in the last five years, says Tan Sri Azam Baki.

The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) chief commissioner said this was based on a cumulative estimate of the country's gross domestic product (GDP).

"Facing the challenge of fighting corruption in an increasingly complex borderless world is certainly far different from the approach taken to fight corruption decades ago.

"The amount of leakage and losses experienced by the country is also much different when compared to the past few years.

"Based on cumulative estimation of the GDP for five years between 2018 and 2023, the country lost RM277bil due to corruption," he said.

Azam said this in his speech during the launch of National Anti-Corruption Strategy (NACS) by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim at the Putrajaya



Cornering corruption: Anwar attending the launch of NACS at the PICC in Putrajaya. — AZLINA ABDULLAH/The Star

International Convention Centre (PICC) yesterday.

The MACC chief commissioner expressed disappointment over the massive leakage within the federal administration, adding that the money could have been used for various initiatives that could have benefit the public.

"This big number could've been used to help the public in

various aspects, especially on implementing social projects such as repairing schools and hospitals, but unfortunately this amount is now drained due to the crime of corruption.

"Therefore, to ensure the fight against corruption will work, the implementation of NACS will use approaches and methods that can identify which sectors are exposed

RM277,000,000,000
is equal to



2,885 schools
(One school costs about RM96mil)



9,200 government clinics (One clinic costs about RM30mil)



9,200,000 PPR housing units (One unit costs about RM30,000)



295 public hospitals (One hospital costs about RM938mil)



2,915,000 units of Rumah Mesra Rakyat (One house costs about RM95,000 to build)

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to corruption," he added.

When met by reporters later, Azam said it is important to ensure the country will not keep losing money to corruption.

"The RM277bil is based on the GDP. It's an estimation. So, if we divide that by five, on average, we are losing about RM55bil a year.

"This is the amount of money we need to save. We are not saying this from the perspective of generating income but rather on cost-saving because if we can save the money, we can distribute it to the public," he said.

According to the NACS booklet which was distributed during the launching event, the MACC said the RM277bil leakage could pose a profound detrimental impact on Malaysia.

"To put this figure into perspective, it equates to 28 years of Sumbangan Tunai Rahmah (STR) or nearly matches the combined GDP of Johor and Penang.

"The persistent leakages within ministries, government departments, government-linked companies and statutory bodies require urgent rectification," the booklet read.

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Enough checks and balances

PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim recently said that lazy and underperforming civil servants should not benefit from the revamped Public Service Remuneration System, under which some 1.6 million civil servants will get a pay rise of above 13% from Dec 1 onwards.

As a former civil servant, I wish to clarify that the government had in the past implemented many new salary schemes for government servants based on various reports and commissions. Non-performing civil servants and those facing disciplinary action were not automatically emplaced in new salary schemes.

There are adequate provisions in the Public Officers (Conduct and Discipline) Regulations 1993 to deal with nonperforming civil servants. The PM need not be unduly concerned about this matter as there are adequate checks and balances within the civil service administration to take care of such issues. There is no way an officer facing disciplinary action will benefit from the new salary scheme until his case has been cleared by the disciplinary board or he is acquitted of charges.

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New account a valuable tool

BEGINNING from May 11 until Aug 31, 2024, members of the Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) under the age of 55 will have the chance to transfer money from their old accounts into the new Akaun Fleksibel – better known as Account 3 – from which they can access the funds.

Analysts suggest that if every EPF member decides to make a one-time transfer into Account 3, approximately RM57bil could be shifted to the new flexible account. However, it's anticipated that only around RM25bil may be withdrawn from Account 3 during the initial year, drawing parallels with withdrawal trends observed during the Covid-19 pandemic-related schemes early withdrawal schemes.

The positive reception of the new account underscores a growing recognition of the need for financial flexibility and preparedness in today's uncertain economic landscape. The newfound emphasis on financial resilience has sparked conversations about the importance of diversifying savings strategies beyond traditional avenues.

The introduction of this account represents a step towards empowering individuals to proactively address financial challenges rather than being solely reliant on reactive measures in times of crisis. It will offset the economic effects of sluggish global growth and serve as a buffer against the rising cost of living, particularly if the government's expected subsi-



dy rationalisation leads to price hikes.

Furthermore, the recognition of the account's value extends beyond its immediate utility during emergencies. It serves as a testament to the evolving nature of financial planning, highlighting the need for adaptable and customisable solutions that cater to diverse needs and circumstances. By providing a dedicated space for emergency savings within a structured retirement framework, the account not only enhances financial security but also promotes a proactive approach to long-term financial health.

We view the introduction of the new account as a valuable tool for Malaysians grappling with the escalating cost of living. While allocating 10% (of EPF salary deductions) to Account 3 may appear modest at first glance, the

long-term perspective reveals its substantial accumulative potential. This forward-looking approach acknowledges the inevitability of financial challenges and positions the account as a proactive solution for mitigating their impact.

Furthermore, there is a potential for some individuals to consider alternative investment options instead of keeping all their funds within the EPF. This perspective implies that withdrawing funds and investing them elsewhere may offer the potential for higher returns than the EPF's dividend rate can provide.

However, it's important to note that opting for alternative investments may expose individuals to elevated levels of risk, potentially endangering their retirement savings if these investments fail to

meet expectations or suffer losses.

Apart from this, withdrawing from retirement funds should be approached cautiously, as such actions should ideally be temporary rather than permanent.

From a macroeconomic perspective, there is the potential for an additional RM20bil to RM30bil in consumer spending in 2024, which could stimulate economic growth. While such withdrawals may provide a short-term boost to consumption, it's essential to consider the long-term implications. It has the potential to trigger or diminish EPF investments in local enterprises and erode long-term savings in pension accounts.

Permanently reducing retirement savings limits the amount available for investment, which in turn can diminish the potential for economic growth.

In conclusion, finding a balance between addressing immediate financial needs and safeguarding resources for future prosperity is crucial. To adapt to evolving financial landscapes, the EPF should contemplate transitioning into a flexible deposit account, attracting funds from diverse sources beyond traditional salary contributions.

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Young women on their way to becoming digital-savvy entrepreneurs, taking a selfie with Anfaal (right) at the event.

Thumbs up for S'gor women digital entrepreneurship agenda

SELANGOR government is encouraging young women to explore digital entrepreneurship as a way of improving themselves.

State women and family empowerment, welfare and care economy committee chairman Anfaal Saari said the "Usahawanita: Young Women Digital Media Incentive" programme received 302 applications within two days of it opening for registrations.

The programme was organised by Wanita Berdaya Selangor.

Anfaal, who was also the WBS chairman, said that in 2023, the state government allocated RM231,000 to carry out the programme.

"In driving the development agenda, the state government consistently strives to ensure that no Selangor citizens, par-

ticularly young women, are left behind in embracing the digitalisation trend," said Anfaal at the event in Subang Jaya, Selangor.

The programme involves four phases – basic training, advanced training, practical sessions and a competition for the final 30 participants to showcase their respective products.

Through the initiative, WBS would sponsor the costs of business website development for the 30 individuals for a year.

The top participant would be crowned Ikon Usahawanita Muda Selangor (Selangor Young Woman Entrepreneur Icon) in June and would qualify to receive various entrepreneurial incentives.

Anfaal said the business world was not an unfamiliar

territory for women.

"It should be realised that we are in the era of globalisation and the notion that a woman's place is only in the kitchen is no longer relevant.

"The icon will be recognised not only for her success, but will also serve as an inspiration and role model for other upcoming young entrepreneurs.

"With skills, dedication and the right approach, every dream and aspiration can become a reality," she said.

The programme continued with various talks and workshops designed to prepare them for the competition.

Also present during the programme were WBS chief executive officer Rozeeta @ Hidayah Ramli and Batu Tiga assemblyman Danial Al-Rashid Haron.

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LOW-INCOME women from People's Housing Programme (PPR) Lembah Subang came together to celebrate significant livelihood improvements after being part of the Women of Will (WOW) empowerment programmes for eight years.

The WOW programmes is aimed at instilling business skills among women, to enable them to increase their incomes and have better quality of life.

The organisation also introduced leadership programmes to train women to take up significant roles as well as handle community needs.

In an event themed "Empowering women, Empowering communities; Celebrating the transformation of Lembah Subang", the spotlight was on the efforts of these women in bettering themselves and their communities.

WOW president Datin Goh Suet Lan said there were challenges when the non-governmental organisation (NGO) first began extending its services and programmes to the PPR Lembah Subang community.

"Only half of the invitees attended our activities, no matter how interesting we tried to make them," she said.

"The lack of cooperation among residents, trust towards WOW and community resources made it harder for us to proceed with our plans," she elaborated.

However, after months of meetings and seeking compromises, the NGO managed to reach its goals.

"The transformation of PPR Lembah Subang is a sign of the women's determination in rising above the challenges to rebuild their lives," said Goh.

"This proves our belief that by investing in women, we are investing in the betterment of their families and communities," she emphasised.

Successful business owners who participated in WOW's programmes shared their experience with *StarMetro*.

One of them was Isham Romli, 60, a community leader as well as founder and president of the Association of Empowered Women Leaders – an NGO born from WOW's programme.

"After joining WOW in 2016, I progressed to its advanced classes and was proud of the skills that I had learned.

"The courses on business, financial management and self-grooming are very important in shaping who I am today," she said.

Isham, who had dreamt of becoming a tailor, helped set up

B40 women improve businesses with NGO aid

Over 10,000 women at low-cost housing benefit from eight years of guidance



The WOW empowerment programme at PPR Lembah Subang has helped B40 women improve their livelihood. — Photos: AZMAN GHANI/The Star

the WOW sewing centre.

Located within the vicinity of the PPR, the sewing centre allowed women to learn tailoring and venture into the clothing business.

"It is a valuable community resource that helps generate income for women in the long term.

"I believe it is important for women to have sustainable security and growth in business," she said.

Besides tailoring, the community had also developed a food and beverage business.

WOW participant Norol Hidayah Ahmad Khalipah, 33, who has been staying at PPR Lembah Subang for 12 years, now owns an online business selling traditional *kuih*.

"After my husband lost his job due to the Covid-19 pandemic, I was keen to do something to help save our family," the mother-of-four said.

"I had started a catering business but I lacked knowledge and experience.

"After joining WOW's courses, I changed my business direction towards desserts and saw great improvement," she related.

Norol Hidayah said gaining



Goh says WOW is committed to replicate the success of its Lembah Subang programme in other communities nationwide.

knowledge about financial management made her conscious of her spending habits as she had to factor in her daily income.

"I did not keep track of my daily income previously.

"Now, I have a savings account for myself and my children and I bank in a little bit of money every day," she said.

Her income has also gone up, from barely RM1,000 a month to a consistent average of RM6,000.

Another hard-working busi-

ness owner is single mother Lalitha Muniandey, 48, who has lived in PPR Lembah Subang for 18 years.

"I used to run a simple sundry store from my house where I sold necessities like instant noodles and mobile top-ups.

"Though my income back then was enough to cover the education needs of my four children and my own expenses, I did not have any extra money to spend on anything



Norol is a proud online business owner selling traditional *kuih*.



Lalitha finds joy in her flower-arrangement skills.

else," she said.

In almost eight years as a WOW participant, Lalitha had learned the importance of financial management.

She has now saved enough money to send her children for tuition classes.

She also owns a floral arrangement business at a kiosk in Sunway Pyramid, Petaling Jaya.

"Everyone loves fresh flowers.

"So I believe it is a career choice that is worth trying, and I have no regrets," she added.

The WOW programme, in partnership with Hasanah Foundation and Finance Ministry, had impacted over 10,000 PPR Lembah Subang residents.

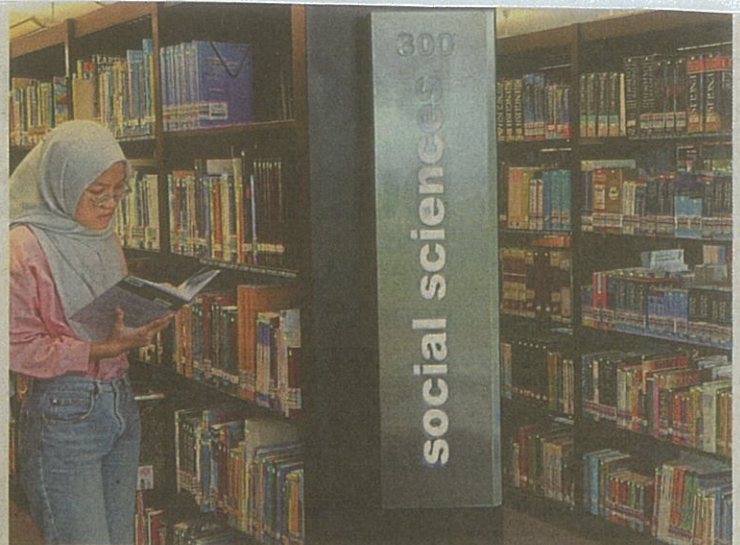
WOW plans to replicate the success of its programmes in other low-income communities across Malaysia.

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This modern Selangor library and its lush landscape are an oasis for weary city folks. — Raja Tun Uda Library Facebook page.



Visitors to this huge public library are spoilt for choice with a whopping amount of books across many genres, on top of various library services.

A haven to enjoy books

Six-storey Shah Alam library housing 280,000 titles, offers various services and lush views

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SURROUNDED by greenery, a public library in Shah Alam, Selangor, is a comforting oasis for those seeking a break from bustling city life.

Aligned with its "My Second Home" tagline, the Raja Tun Uda Library strives to empower people through knowledge and services available in a home-like setting.

The management believes this will encourage more visitors to visit public libraries.

The six-storey Raja Tun Uda Library, built on a 1.89ha land and overlooking a serene lake dotted with lotuses, has over 280,898 books.

The genre range here include general reading, religion, art and social science to pure science, and technology.

Magazines and newspapers are also available here.

A vibrant Book Wall, which

stretches from the first to fourth floor, showcases an array of books complemented by infographics.

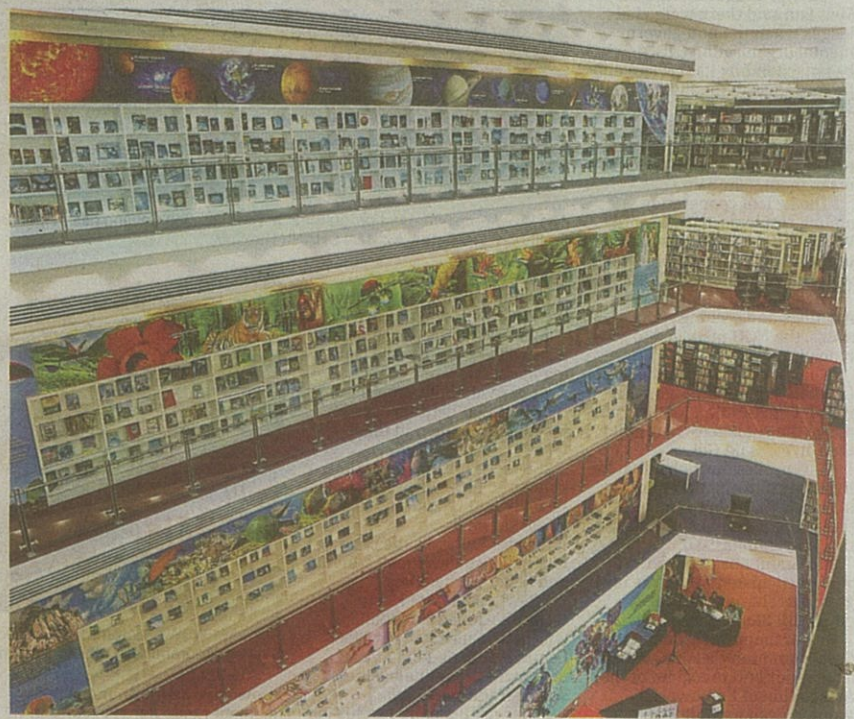
With cosy reading areas, visitors can escape into pages of books or work away on their computers.

The library also offers easy access to various amenities, including extensive digital resources, computers, Wi-Fi, printers, scanners, photocopiers and convenient self-service areas for finding resources, or issuing and returning books.

At the Creative Zone located at the children's section in the right wing of the ground floor, young ones aged four to 10 get to explore building blocks for free with the Let's Play Lego service.

All they have to do is read three books during their visit and parents need to fill out a library form.

More than just a gateway of knowledge, the library is also a



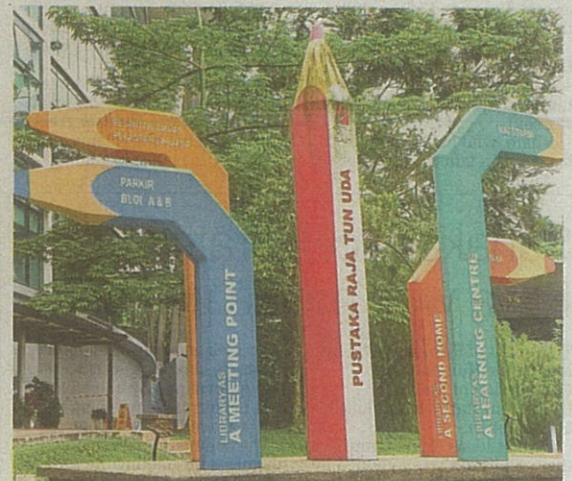
A four-level colourful Book Wall will appeal to families who want to build a reading habit, especially among children, amid a casual vibe. — Photos: KK SHAM/The Star

peaceful nature retreat for family outings and a creative hub for art lovers seeking inspiration.

Raja Tun Uda Library opens daily from 9am to 6pm, and is located on Jalan Kelab Golf 13/6, Section 13, Shah Alam.



Young children can build cognitive and design skills in the Creative Zone which offers free learning resources in a safe and familiar setting.



The pillars outside the library features its vision, slogan and tagline in a playful way aimed at attracting younger visitors.

Tugas ketua jabatan kenal pasti pemalas

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PENGUMUMAN Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim berhubung kaedah baharu mengenal pasti prestasi dan kecekapan penjawat awam sebagai penanda aras kenaikan gaji mendapat perhatian seluruh rakyat Malaysia.

Paling menjadi tumpuan apabila Anwar sendiri menyatakan kenaikan gaji berkemungkinan tidak lagi secara automatik kerana ada dalam kalangan penjawat awam yang bermasalah ataupun 'pemalas' dalam melaksanakan tanggungjawab.

Malah, nilai integriti sebahagian penjawat awam tidak setimpal dengan pengiktirafan dan keyakinan oleh kerajaan yang menggaji mereka menerusi Sistem Saraan Perkhidmatan Awam (SSPA).

Sebelum ini, kenaikan gaji setiap penjawat awam dibuat secara automatik, sekali gus mencetuskan rasa kurang senang mereka benar-benar bekerja berbanding rakan mereka yang culas dalam pekerjaannya.

Perkara ini timbul susulan pengumuman Anwar bahawa kenaikan gaji tahun 2024 yang paling tinggi iaitu melebihi 13 peratus, sekali gus kadar tertinggi dalam sejarah perkhidmatan awam.

Anwar juga mahu kenaikan gaji yang dilaksanakan kepada penjawat itu dinikmati secara adil sekali gus ingin mencari kaedah atau mekanisme sesuai dalam mencapai tujuan tersebut.

Namun tahukah anda, para penjawat awam sendiri dinilai menerusi Sistem Penilaian Prestasi Demerit (DEEP) bermula tahun ini?

Difahamkan, ketua jabatan membuat penilaian ke atas setiap seorang penjawat atau kakitangan seliaannya menerusi mata atau markah 100 peratus yang kemudian dipotong apabila wujud kegagalan capaian objektif tertentu.

Ia bagi mengelak berulangnya kejadian penilaian sebelum ini dibuat secara pukul rata terhadap prestasi penjawat awam pada hujung tahun.

Tanggungjawab yang dipikul oleh setiap ketua itu sungguh berat kerana perlu menilai dengan penuh teliti bagi mengelak wujudnya ketidakadilan kepada penjawat awam yang lain.

Setiap ketua jabatan juga wajib mengenal pasti siapakah yang paling 'pemalas' dan dikelaskan dalam kumpulan tidak dinaikkan gaji secara automatik.

Besar kemungkinan sistem baharu ini bakal mewujudkan persaingan sihat dalam kalangan penjawat awam yang begitu optimis untuk mencapai petunjuk prestasi utama (KPI) mereka.

Namun, berat dan besar juga tanggungjawab para ketua jabatan masing-masing untuk mengenal pasti 'si pemalas' dalam sistem kerajaan ini.

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Ekonomi lebih baik jika penjawat awam cekap

PUTRAJAYA - Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim menzahirkan keyakinan bahawa peta dan landskap ekonomi negara akan berubah ke arah lebih baik sekiranya penjawat awam cekap dan pantas dalam melaksanakan tugas.

Anwar yang juga Menteri Kewangan menegaskan, sekiranya semua penjawat awam mengamalkan amalan berkenaan dalam tugas seharian, Malaysia akan menjadi perhatian dunia dari segi pelaburan.

"Jadi saudara, tumpu ini dan saudara lihat, peta ekonomi, landskap ekonomi kita akan berubah. Penjawat awam mesti tumpu perkara itu, yang lain sepak terajang (dalam politik), itu searah kepada saya dan kawan-kawan.

"Saudara saudari kena tumpu (hal) ini, kerana Malaysia ada keupayaan sekarang bukan sahaja dari segi pertimbangan antarabangsa tetapi juga harapan dari segi pelaburan," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian ketika berucap pada Perhimpunan Bulanan Bersama Warga Kementerian Kewangan di sini pada Selasa.

Anwar berkata, keyakinan negara luar terhadap Malaysia dapat dilihat menerusi penyertaan dalam Pameran Perkhidmatan Pertahanan Asia (DSA) dan Pameran Keselamatan Kebangsaan (NATSEC) Asia 2024 yang berjaya menarik lebih 1,000 penyertaan dari lebih 60 negara.

"Ini jarang berlaku kalau dianjurkan oleh negara-negara berkembang dan membangun seperti Malaysia," katanya.

Pada Selasa, Anwar merasmikan Pameran DSA dan NATSEC Asia 2024 yang berlangsung di Pusat Pameran dan Perdagangan Antarabangsa Malaysia (MITEC), Kuala Lumpur hingga 9 Mei ini.

Secara keseluruhan, DSA dan NATSEC Asia 2024 menerima penyertaan 1,324 syarikat daripada 60 negara manakala 34 negara mempunyai Pavilion mereka sendiri termasuk Turkiye, China, Emiriah Arab Bersatu (UAE), Itali dan Amerika Syarikat. - Bernama

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Tiada majikan mahu staf mereka kerja lebih masa - MEF

SHAH ALAM - Permintaan bekerja lebih masa hanya berlaku dalam situasi terdesak kerana tiada majikan yang mahu pekerja mereka melakukan perkara tersebut jika keadaan tidak memerlukan, menurut Persekutuan Majikan-Majikan Malaysia (MEF).



SYED HUSSAIN

Presidennya, Datuk Dr Syed Hussain Syed Husman berkata, rata-rata majikan sedar sumber manusia adalah aset terbesar yang dimiliki dan mereka bersedia melakukan apa yang termampu untuk mengekalkan dan meningkatkan keupayaan syarikat.

"Ia termasuk menyediakan latihan kemahiran baharu untuk kakitangan selain menyediakan keseimbangan kerja dan tempat kerja yang baik.

"Pengaturan kerja yang fleksibel dan kerja yang seimbang dengan kehidupan adalah perkara yang cuba dicapai oleh semua industri," katanya kepada *Sinar Harian* pada Selasa.

Beliau mengulas laporan kajian dilakukan Randstad Malaysia bahawa dua daripada lima rakyat di negara ini iaitu bersamaan dengan 39 peratus memilih berhenti kerja sekiranya majikan meminta mereka menghabiskan lebih banyak masa di pejabat.

Jika dibandingkan dengan enam bulan lalu, 52 peratus rakyat Malaysia mengatakan majikan mengharapkan mereka bekerja melebihi waktu pejabat, 17 peratus lebih tinggi daripada purata global.

Menurut Pengarah Negara Randstad Malaysia, Fahad Naeem, kaji selidik tersebut juga mendedahkan bahawa trend berkenaan amat terkenal dalam kalangan Gen Z iaitu sebanyak 49 peratus manakala kategori Milenium 47 peratus.

Mengulas lanjut, Syed Hussain berkata, matlamat MEF adalah mahu pekerja di negara ini lebih mahir, terlatih dan mampu berdaya saing dengan negara lain.

Ini kerana Malaysia perlu menunjukkan kepada dunia bahawa negara ini mempunyai tenaga kerja berbakat yang bersedia untuk bekerja pada tahap kompetitif, tambahnya.

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Penjawat awam direman bantu siasatan kes terima suapan

MELAKA - Seorang penjawat awam direman selama lima hari bermula Selasa bagi membantu siasatan kes menerima suapan berjumlah RM7,500 daripada beberapa kontraktor, dua tahun lalu.

Perintah reman sehingga Sabtu ini terhadap lelaki berusia 41 tahun itu dikeluarkan oleh Majistret Khairunnisak Hassni di Mahkamah Majistret selepas mendapat permohonan daripada Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) bagi menjalankan siasatan di bawah Seksyen 17(a) Akta SPRM 2009.

Menurut sumber, individu yang merupakan bekas pembantu operasi di sebuah pusat pengajian negeri ini disyaki menerima suapan dalam membantu mempercepatkan proses

bayaran kerja-kerja yang dilakukan kontraktor penyelenggaraan sekitar tahun 2022.

Terdahulu, suspek ditahan kira-kira jam 2 petang ketika hadir di Pejabat SPRM Melaka bagi tujuan membantu siasatan yang sedang dijalankan pada Isnin lalu.

Sementara itu, Pengarah SPRM Melaka, Adi Supian Shafie ketika dihubungi mengesahkan tangkapan ke atas suspek dan memaklumkan siasatan kes berkenaan dijalankan mengikut Seksyen 17 (a) Akta SPRM 2009.

Beliau berkata, seksyen ini memperuntuk hukuman denda lima kali nilai suapan atau RM10,000 yang mana tinggi dan penjara tidak melebihi 20 tahun jika sabit kesalahan.

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Wanita Sweden dipercayai penumpang e-hailing cedera

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KUALA LUMPUR - Dua mangsa yang dilaporkan cedera dalam kejadian pokok tumbang di Jalan Sultan Ismail, di sini, pada Selasa, dipercayai pemandu e-hailing dan penumpang warga Sweden.

Timbalan Ketua Polis Daerah Dang Wangi, Superintendan Nazron Abd Yusof berkata, insiden kira-kira jam 2 petang itu melibatkan 17 kenderaan pelbagai jenis yang dihempap pokok terbabit.

Katanya, sebuah kenderaan yang dihempap melibatkan seorang mangsa lelaki tempatan berusia 47 tahun dan disahkan meninggal dunia.

"Mayat dibawa ke Hospital Kuala Lumpur (HKL) untuk bedah siasat.

"Dua lagi mangsa telah dibawa ke HKL melibatkan seorang lelaki tempatan dan seorang wanita warga Sweden yang ber-

kemungkinan besar ialah pemandu dan penumpang e-hailing," katanya kepada pemberita di lokasi kejadian pada Selasa.

Beliau berkata, insiden ini berlaku ketika hujan lebat.

Menurutnya, tindakan telah diambil oleh pihak Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL) untuk tindakan pembersihan.

"Laluan akan ditutup sepenuhnya untuk tindakan pembersihan dan akan dibuka semula selepas selesai sepenuhnya," ujarnya.

Tambahnya, pihak polis juga menyarankan pemilik kenderaan dan mangsa yang cedera untuk tampil membuat laporan bagi tindakan lanjut.

Operasi di lokasi kejadian turut melibatkan kekuatan anggota Polis Diraja Malaysia, Jabatan Bomba dan Penyelamat Malaysia serta Angkatan Pertahanan Awam Malaysia.



Pokok tumbang turut menghempap landasan monorel di Jalan Sultan Ismail, Kuala Lumpur.

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Rasuah: Negara rugi RM277 bilion

Jumlah direkodkan bagi tempoh lima tahun berdasarkan anggaran KDNK

Oleh **TUAN BUQHAIKHAH TUAN MUHAMAD ADNAN PUTRAJAYA**

Malaysia merekodkan kerugian RM277 bilion bagi tempoh lima tahun berdasarkan anggaran kumulatif Keluaran Dalam Negara Kasar (KDNK) akibat jenayah rasuah.

Ketua Pesuruhjaya Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM), Tan Sri Azam Baki berkata, angka yang besar itu sepatutnya boleh dimanfaatkan untuk membantu rakyat dalam pelbagai aspek terutamanya pelaksanaan projek sosial seperti baik pulih hospital dan sekolah.

"Kalau dibahagi lima, puratanya lebih kurang RM55 bilion setahun. Jadi jumlah ini yang kita semua perlu selamatkan."

"Jika kita dapat selamatkan wang-wang begini ia akan dapat membahagikan kita semua," katanya ketika ditemui pemberita selepas Majlis Peluncuran Strategi Pembenterasan Rasuah Nasional (NACS) 2024-2028 di sini pada Selasa.

Majlis NACS 2024-2028 yang dilancarkan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim itu bagi menggantikan Pelan Antirasuah Nasional (NACP) 2019-2023 yang berakhir pada Disember 2023.

Ia menggariskan lima strategi melibatkan aspek pendidikan, kebertanggungjawaban awam, suara rakyat,

penguatkuasaan selain ganjaran dan insentif.

Ditanya mengenai sasaran NACS, beliau optimis ia boleh dicapai dengan menggariskan strategi berkaitan terutama dalam skop pengoperasian dan penguatkuasaan.

"Semua agensi, kementerian, jabatan kerajaan akan terlibat dalam sesi libat urus untuk melihat kepada pelbagai perkara tatakelola termasuk isu-isu reformasi undang-undang."

"Reformasi undang-undang ini perlu dilihat oleh semua jabatan kerana ia sebenarnya banyak melambatkan pembangunan negara berikutan banyak birokrasi," katanya.

Sementara itu, Perdana Menteri menyifatkan usaha SPRM memerangi gejala rasuah sebagai pertarungan yang dahsyat.

"Saya percaya keluarga SPRM tahu bagaimana kadangkala mereka terpaksa hadapi serangan, tohmahan dan juga isu keselamatan dalam pertarungan ini, ia pertarungan yang dahsyat," katanya.

Menurutnya, isu rasuah akan terus membengkak jika ia tidak dibendung dengan langkah-langkah sewajarnya.

"Sebab itu, saya hadir untuk berikan dokongan bagi pihak kedua Timbalan Perdana Menteri dan menteri yang lain menzahirkan pendirian, bukan sekadar melancarkan satu lagi strategi."

"Meskipun puluhan strategi dan pelan pembenterasan rasuah dilancarkan sejak negara mencapai kemerdekaan, budaya rasuah masih berleluasa."

"Azam sebut angka yang mengemparkan kerana ia mencecah puluhan bilion ringgit setahun. Bayangkan pembasmian kemiskinan, sekolah-sekolah, prasarana rakyat, nasib nelayan dan petani, pekebun kecil getah, sawah padi, hampir semua boleh dibereskan jika kita boleh selamatkan negara daripada kerakusan serta tamak haloba orang yang

PUSAT KONVENSYEN ANTARABANGSA PUTRAJAYA (PICC)



Dari kiri: Ketua Setiausaha Negara, Tan Sri Mohd Zuki Ali; Timbalan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi; Anwar, Timbalan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof dan Azam menunjukkan buku Strategi Pembenterasan Rasuah Nasional (NACS) 2024-2028 ketika Majlis Peluncuran NACS 2024-2028 di Pusat Konvensyen Antarabangsa Putrajaya (PICC) pada Selasa.

menggunakan kuasa mereka sama ada pemimpin politik atau penjawat awam," katanya.

Menurut Anwar, kesungguhan dan tekad ikhlas diperlukan dalam usaha memerangi rasuah memandangkan ia merupakan satu dasar yang perlu bagi menyelamatkan negara dan rakyat.

"Jadi saya yakin, sebagai tunggak SPRM bersama badan penguatkuasaan, ambil ini sebagai tanggungjawab dan satu kekuatan baharu," katanya.

Beliau berkata, anak-anak harus dididik untuk membenci rasuah dan salah guna kuasa sejak di bangku sekolah.

"Di universiti dan kalangan rakyat, mesti ada program pendidikan meluas."

"Sekarang ini, orang rasuah disebabkan dia kaya, bagi habuan, kita mesti cium

tangan kerana tidak ada kesedaran."

"Kita solat, setiap tahun umrah, tetapi soal nilai hak dan batil, amal makruf dan mungkar tak dapat dibezakan. Sebab itu saya kata, peningkatan ilmu dan kefahaman sangat penting," katanya.

Dalam pada itu, menyentuh mengenai kebertanggungjawaban awam, Anwar berkata, ia bukan tanggungjawab SPRM mahupun jemaah menteri semata-mata sebaliknya kesedaran individu itu sendiri yang menjolak terhadap sebarang unsur rasuah, salah guna kuasa dan penyelewengan.

Beliau turut menampelak sikap segelintir yang mempertahankan individu terbabit dalam rasuah dengan pelbagai alasan termasuk mengaitkan jasa dan sumbangan diberikan.

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Negara rugi RM277 bilion akibat rasuah – Azam Baki

PUTRAJAYA – Negara kehilangan kira-kira RM277 bilion dalam tempoh lima tahun berdasarkan anggaran kumulatif Keluaran Dalam Negara Kasar (KDNK) akibat jenayah rasuah.

Ketua Pesuruhjaya Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM), Tan Sri Azam Baki berkata, angka yang cukup besar itu sewajarnya boleh dimanfaatkan untuk membantu rakyat dalam pelbagai aspek terutamanya pelaksanaan projek sosial seperti baik pulih hospital

dan sekolah.

"Kalau dibahagi lima (angka kerugian itu) puratanya lebih kurang dalam RM55 bilion setahun.

"Jadi, jumlah ini yang kita semua perlu selamatkan. Angka daripada segi kos yang boleh di jimatkan dan bukannya pendapatan.

"Kalau kita dapat selamatkan wang-wang begini ia akan dapat membahagiakan kita semua," katanya ketika ditemui pembeda selepas Majlis Peluncuran

Strategi Pembenterasan Rasuah Nasional (NACS) 2024-2028 di sini semalam.

NACS 2024-2028 dilancarkan bagi menggantikan Pelan Anti-rasuah Nasional (NACP) 2019-2023 yang berakhir pada Disember 2023.

Azam berkata, NACS diyakini dapat mencapai sasaran terutama dalam membanteras rasuah dengan menggariskan strategi berkaitan terutama dalam skop pengoperasian dan penguatkuasaan.

Bellau berkata, semua semua agensi, kementerian, jabatan kerajaan akan dilibaturkan untuk melihat kepada pelbagai perkara tata kelola termasuk isu-isu reformasi undang-undang.

"Reformasi undang-undang ini law yang perlu dilihat oleh semua jabatan.

"Hal ini kerana, ia sebenarnya banyak melambatkan pembangunan negara kita kerana melibatkan banyak birokrasi dalam negara kita," katanya.

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Perumahan awam negara perlu bertaraf dunia

PPR akan dijenamakan semula kepada PRR

KANGAR – Kementerian Perumahan Dan Kerajaan Tempatan (KPKT) dalam proses melakukan penjenamaan semula Projek Perumahan Rakyat (PPR) kepada Program Residensi Rakyat (PRR) termasuk menyampaikan perkhidmatan lebih baik kepada rakyat.

Menterinya, Nga Kor Ming berkata, penjenamaan semula itu termasuk meningkatkan pembinaannya setaraf Lembaga Pembangunan dan Perumahan di Singapura, Jepun dan Korea Selatan.

"Kita mahukan penjenamaan semula ini dilakukan agar perumahan awam negara kita bertaraf dunia dan perkara ini sedia ada dalam perancangan kerajaan," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian pada

sidang akhbar ketika diminta mengulas mengenai rancangan kerajaan untuk membina lebih banyak pangsapuri di Perlis memandangkan negeri itu mempunyai keluasan tanah terhad.

Jelasnya, pembinaan pangsapuri awam di Perlis adalah berdasarkan kepada keperluan dan sekiranya ada keperluan tersebut, pihaknya akan memasukkan perkara tersebut dalam *rolling plan* seterusnya.

Menurut Kor Ming, sehingga kini kerajaan telah membelanjakan jumlah yang agak besar bagi menaik taraf PPR di seluruh negara iaitu kira-kira RM12 bilion.

"Untuk pengetahuan semua, buat masa ini kerajaan telah membina 116,000 unit rumah PPR untuk rakyat.

"Bagi pemilikan PPR itu sendi-

ri, kerajaan telah beri subsidi besar iaitu satu unit rumah di pasaran bernilai RM300,000, namun mereka yang terpilih hanya bayar RM45,000 sahaja dengan subsidi sebuah unit diberikan kerajaan sebanyak RM265,000.

"Jadi saya menyarankan kepada mereka yang memiliki rumah PPR agar tidak menjual atau menyewakan kepada orang lain.

"Orang ramai menyuarakan isu rumah PPR tidak mencukupi, bagaimana akan cukup jika ada kes pemilik menyewakan kepada orang lain lalu individu sama memohon sekali lagi rumah PPR," jelasnya.

Tambahnya, di bawah peraturan baharu, pemilik rumah PPR tidak akan lagi dibenarkan untuk menjual rumah yang dimiliki dalam tempoh 10 tahun.

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ANWAR (tengah) ketika merasmikan Majlis Peluncuran Strategi Pambanteras Rasuah Nasional (NACS) 2024-2028 di Putrajaya semalam. - FAISOL MUSTAFA

PM minta pertingkat kesedaran dalam kalangan rakyat

Banteras rasuah satu pertarungan dahsyat

Oleh RIDZAUDDIN ROSLAN

PUTRAJAYA - Usaha membanteras gejala rasuah yang menyebabkan kerugian ratusan bilion ringgit kepada negara disifatkan sebagai satu pertarungan dahsyat berkitan berdepan pelbagai tohmahan, serangan serta melibatkan isu keselamatan.

Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim berkata, budaya rasuah tidak boleh dipandang ringan dan memerlukan usaha keras selain undang-undang kukuh serta politik yang jelas untuk membanterasnya.

"Saya percaya keluarga Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) tahu bagaimana kadang-kadang mereka terpaksa hadapi serangan, tohmahan dan juga isu keselamatan dalam pertarungan ini, ia pertarungan yang dahsyat.

"Sebab itu, saya hadir untuk berikan dukungan bagi pihak

kedua-dua Timbalan Perdana Menteri dan menteri yang lain bagi menzahirkan pendirian bukan sekadar meluncurkan satu lagi strategi.

"Kalau lihat sejak merdeka, berapa puluh strategi ada, berapa puluh rancangan pambanteras, berapa pelan ada, walhal hasil rasuah masih membengkak dan merebak," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian ketika berucap pada Majlis Peluncuran Strategi Pambanteras Rasuah Nasional (NACS) 2024-2028 di sini semalam.

Mengulas lanjut, Anwar berkata, Malaysia memerlukan kesungguhan dan tekad ikhlas bagi memerangi rasuah memandangkan ia merupakan satu dasar yang perlu bagi menyelamatkan negara dan rakyat.

"Jadi, saya yakin sebagai tunggak SPRM bersama badan penguatkuasaan, ambil ini sebagai tanggungjawab dan satu kekua-

tan baharu," katanya.

Dalam pada itu, menjelaskan mengenai NACS 2024-2028, Anwar berkata, sebanyak lima strategi digariskan kerajaan melibatkan aspek pendidikan, keber-tanggungjawaban awam, suara rakyat, penguatkuasaan selain ganjaran dan insentif.

"Bagi aspek pendidikan, anak-anak sekolah mesti dilatih untuk membenci rasuah dan salah guna kuasa. Di universiti dan kalangan rakyat, mesti ada program pendidikan meluas supaya ada sikap (tolak rasuah).

"Sekarang, orang rasuah kerana dia kaya, dia bagi habuan. Kita mesti cium tangan kerana tiada kesedaran. Kita solat, setiap tahun pergi umrah, tetapi soal nilai antara hak dan batil, amal makruf dan mungkar tidak dapat dibezakan.

"Sebab itu, saya kata, peningkatan ilmu dan kefahaman ialah sangat penting," jelasnya.

KOSMO

Tarikh: 08 MAY 2024

Jangan perlekeh cadangan pelarasan gaji penjawat awam

PUTRAJAYA – Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim mengingatkan pihak pembangkang supaya tidak memperlekehkan usaha kerajaan menaikkan gaji penjawat awam terutama sebagai modal kempen pada Pilihan Raya Kecil (PRK) Dewan Undangan Negeri (DUN) Kuala Kubu Bharu ketika ini.

Perdana Menteri berkata, pihak pembangkang perlu diberikan pemahaman betul mengenai pelarasan gaji itu bagi mengelak kekeliruan dalam kalangan penjawat awam.

Beliau yang juga Menteri Kewangan berkata, pembangkang perlu faham bahawa hampir setiap keluarga di Kuala Kubu Bharu ada penjawat awam.

"Jadi kalau dia nak tahu, biar Amir (Menteri Kewangan II, Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan) dan Ketua Setiausaha Perbendaharaan, Datuk Johan Mahmood Merican bagi kulliah kepada beberapa pemimpin pembangkang tentang ekonomi dan bagaimana kita uruskan.

"Kalau tidak nanti dia bingung, bila dia bingung, dia cerca di khalayak dan orang-orang keliru pada hal kena ingat wa-

laupun dia cerca kita di Kuala Kubu Bharu, hampir setiap keluarga ada penjawat awam yang bertugas.

"Kalau tidak anak dia, adik dia, anak saudara dia, menantu dia ada penjawat awam. Jadi jangan perlekehkan usaha kita kerana saya tahu sukar dan saya merenung berbulan-bulan, mesyuarat berpuluh kali," katanya pada Majlis Perhimpunan Bulanan Kementerian Kewangan di sini semalam.

Katanya, ketika kempen PRK itu, ada pihak membandingkan kerajaan dengan kerajaan sebelum ini sedangkan masa mereka memerintah mereka potong elaun dan menyuruh rakyat mengikat perut.

Terdahulu, Anwar memberi jaminan kenaikan gaji penjawat awam seperti diumumkan pada 1 Mei lalu akan diluluskan di Parlimen dengan bergaya pada pembentangan Belanjawan 2025 Oktober depan.

Katanya, semua parti komponen dalam Kerajaan Madani akan memberi sokongan penuh terhadap kenaikan itu agar dapat dilaksanakan pada 1 Disember depan.



ANWAR berucap pada Majlis Perhimpunan Bulanan Kementerian Kewangan di Putrajaya semalam.

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Kuala Lumpur: Standard Chartered Global Research akan memantau sebarang perubahan terhadap prospek inflasi oleh Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) untuk menilai kemungkinan kenaikan Kadar Dasar Semalaman (OPR) pada akhir 2024.

Ia menjangka bank pusat akan mengekalkan OPR tidak berubah pada tiga peratus dalam mesyuarat dasar monetari yang akan datang pada 9 Mei ini.

BNM dijangka kekalkan OPR pada paras 3 peratus



Inflasi kekal rendah sehingga Mac, walaupun peningkatan dua mata peratusan untuk cukai perkhidmatan

Sumber

Menurut firma penyelidikan berkenaan, pihaknya akan memantau sebarang perubahan terhadap prospek inflasi oleh bank pusat untuk menilai kemungkinan kenaikan pada akhir 2024.

"Pertumbuhan Keluaran Dalam Negara Kasar (KDNK) pada suku pertama berdaya tahan pada 3.9 peratus tahun ke tahun tetapi

lebih rendah daripada yang kami jangkakan pada akhir 2023.

"Inflasi kekal rendah sehingga Mac, walaupun peningkatan dua mata peratusan untuk cukai perkhidmatan, menunjukkan kenaikan yang terhad, ini mencerminkan inflasi teras yang rendah," katanya dalam satu nota penyelidikan semalam.

Bagaimanapun, firma penyelidikan itu berkata perkembangan terkini mungkin telah meningkatkan kemungkinan kenaikan (OPR) pada akhir 2024.

"Pertama, penstrukturan semula akaun Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja (KWSP) yang boleh membawa kepada anggaran pengeluaran RM25 bilion (ki-

ra-kira 1.3 peratus daripada KDNK), dijangka akan meningkatkan inflasi yang didorong oleh permintaan.

"Kedua, gaji perkhidmatan awam mungkin dinaikkan lebih 13 peratus mulai Disember dan ketiga, rasionalisasi subsidi bahan api yang mungkin dilaksanakan pada 2025 atau lebih awal, menambah risiko kenaikan," katanya.

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PERTUMBUHAN ekonomi dijangka lebih positif dengan suntikan perbelanjaan kerajaan RM10 bilion untuk kenaikan gaji.

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Suntikan perbelanjaan kerajaan sebanyak RM10 bilion bagi kenaikan gaji penjawat awam bakal membantu menjana pertumbuhan dan memberi impak positif kepada pemulihan ekonomi.

Ketua Ekonomi Buruh di Kementerian Sumber Manusia dan Emiratisasi, Emiriah Arab Bersatu (UAE), Dr Mohd Yusof Saari berkata, beliau menyambut baik keputusan kerajaan untuk meningkatkan gaji penjawat awam sebanyak 13 peratus pada Disember 2024.

Katanya, suntikan RM10 bilion ini dilihat akan membantu menjana pertumbuhan ekonomi melalui perbelanjaan tambahan isi rumah apabila berlaku peningkatan gaji.

KENAIKAN GAJI PENJAWAT AWAM

BERI IMPAK PEMULIHAN EKONOMI

"Mengikut pengiraan kasar pengganda ekonomi, setiap RM1 perbelanjaan akan menjana sekitar RM1.76 kepada output."

"Jadi, suntikan RM10 bilion ini akan menjana output tambahan sebanyak RM17.6 bilion, manakala keluaran dalam negara kasar (KDNK) meningkat sebanyak RM7.4 bilion dan kutipan cukai tambahan sebanyak RM110 juta."

"Impak sebenar kepada ekonomi bergantung juga

kepada struktur peningkatan gaji dan kecenderungan perbelanjaan isi rumah," katanya kepada Bisnes Metro.

Menurutnya, manfaat lain yang bakal diperoleh penjawat awam adalah ia dapat membantu meringankan beban kos sara hidup mereka yang berpendapatan rendah dan ini seterusnya dapat meningkatkan kuasa beli mereka.

Namun, katanya transformasi kepada model

pembiayaan yang lebih mampan amat diperlukan. "Bagi penjawat awam, transformasi ini menjamin gaji dan upah yang progresif dan kebajikan lebih baik."

"Bagi kerajaan pula, transformasi ini akan mengurangkan beban kewangan kerajaan dengan produktiviti yang lebih tinggi."

"Justeru, banyak lagi penambahbaikan dan pembaruan yang diperlukan," katanya.

HARIAN METRO

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Penjawat awam direman kes terima suapan

Melaka: Seorang penjawat awam di sebuah institusi pendidikan di Melaka direman lima hari, mulai semalam bagi membantu siasatan kes menerima suapan berjumlah RM7,500 daripada beberapa kontraktor penyelenggaraan.

Perintah reman sehingga Sabtu ini terhadap lelaki berusia 41 itu dikeluarkan oleh Majistret Khairunnisak Hassni selepas dipohon Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) bagi menjalankan siasatan mengikut Seksyen 17(a) Akta SPRM 2009.

Sumber berkata, suspek berusia 41 tahun itu adalah bekas pembantu operasi dan kini dipindahkan tempat kerja, disyaki menerima suapan bagi membantu mempercepat proses bayaran kerja-kerja yang dilakukan kontraktor penyelenggaraan berkenaan sekitar 2022.

Menurut sumber, suspek ditahan di Pejabat SPRM di sini, jam 2 petang kelmarin, bagi membantu siasatan yang sedang dijalankan sebelum dibawa ke Mahkamah Majistret Ayer Keroh di sini, pagi semalam.

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Anwar pada Majlis Perhimpunan Bulanan Bersama Warga Kementerian Kewangan di Putrajaya, semalam.
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PM mahu penjawat awam pantas dan cekap laksana tugas

Anwar yakin sikap kakitangan mampu ubah landskap ekonomi ke arah lebih baik

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Putrajaya: Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim yakin peta dan landskap ekonomi Malaysia akan berubah ke arah lebih baik dan akan terus menjadi perhatian dunia dari segi pelaburan jika penjawat awam mengamalkan kecekapan dan melaksanakan tugas dengan pantas.

"Jadi, saudara tumpu ini dan saudara lihat, peta ekonomi, landskap ekonomi kita akan berubah dan saya yakin. Penjawat awam mesti tumpu perkara itu, yang lain, simpang-siur sepak te-rajang (politik), itu serah kepada saya dan kawan-kawan.

"Saudara tumpu (hal) ini kerana Malaysia ada keupayaan sekarang, bukan sahaja dari segi pertimbangan antarabangsa, tetapi harapan dari segi pelaburan," tegas Perdana Menteri ketika menyampaikan amanat pada Perhimpunan Warga Kementerian Kewangan, di sini semalam.

Yang turut hadir, Menteri Kewangan II, Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan dan Ketua Setiausaha Perbendaharaan (KSP), Datuk Johan Mahmood Merican.

Anwar yang juga Menteri Kewangan berkata, Pameran Perkhidmatan Pertahanan Asia (DSA) dan Pameran Keselamatan

Kebangsaan (NATSEC) Asia 2024 di ibu negara adalah contoh terbaik Malaysia menjadi tarikan dunia kerana berjaya menarik minat lebih 1,000 pempamer dari lebih 60 negara.

"Sebab itu saya keras kadang-kadang dengan segelintir kecil penjawat awam yang menyimpang daripada semangat ini. Saya juga gesa masyarakat dan media berlaku adil, jangan umpamanya, sikap dan salah laku yang kecil itu menggambarkan disiplin seluruh penjawat awam," katanya.

Jamin pelarasan gaji

Mengenai pelarasan gaji, Anwar mengulangi jaminannya supaya penjawat awam tidak bimbang dengan keputusan seperti diumumkan baru-baru ini kerana kerajaan sudah melakukan kerja dasar dan tahu dari mana sumber kewangannya.

"Apabila kita umum, itu selepas kerja dasar dilakukan. Kita tahu dari mana kewangannya, kita tahu hasilnya berapa dan kita dapat lihat, umpamanya seperti (pelaburan) Microsoft, itu dimulakan tahun ini. Bila ACWA (syarikat Arab Saudi, ACWA Power) datang? Dalam dua minggu mereka datang.

"Bukan bermakna ini rencana tiga atau empat tahun. Jadi kalau ada usaha sebegini, kita yakin pendapatan negara akan bertambah, mutu khidmat penjawat awam akan lebih baik dan hasil kita akan bertambah," katanya sambil ulang membidas pembangkang yang memperlekehkan usaha kerajaan menaikkan gaji penjawat awam.

Tegas Perdana Menteri, pembangkang perlu diberi pemahaman yang betul mengenai pela-

rasan gaji supaya ia tidak mengelirukan penjawat awam.

"Kalau dia nak tahu, ada sesi. Biar Amir (Menteri Kewangan II) dan Johan (KSP) bagi kuliah kepada beberapa pemimpin pembangkang mengenai ekonomi dan bagaimana kita uruskan. Kalau tidak nanti dia bingung, bila bingung, dia cerca di khalayak dan orang keliru.

"Ketika mereka perintah, potong elaun dan suruh rakyat ikat perut. Jadi jangan perlekehkan usaha kita kerana saya tahu sukar. Saya merenung berbulan-bulan, mesyuarat berpuluh kali," katanya.

Dalam perkembangan lain, Perdana Menteri berkata, beliau akan membentangkan mengenai penggunaan digital dan kecerdasan buatan (AI) dalam perkhidmatan kerajaan pada mesyuarat Kabinet hari ini, selari komitmen yang sudah dipersetujui secara dasar dan secara tidak langsung memudahkan pelabur datang ke Malaysia.

Komitmen sama juga diminta oleh pelabur di negara dilawannya sebelum ini dan Anwar berkata, syarikat terbabit mahukan kepastian itu selepas berbincang dengan Lembaga Pembangunan Pelaburan Malaysia (MIDA), Perbadanan Pembangunan Perdagangan Luar Malaysia (MATRADE) serta Kementerian berkaitan perihalan tenaga.

"Mereka mahu beberapa kepastian daripada saya mengenai *third party access*, soal macam Microsoft, *cloud computing*. Semua hal itu, bila dapat, saya beri penjelasan, kemudian kemungkinan perubahan dari segi digital dalam AI dalam kerajaan. Saya kata, itu komitmen kita, kita sudah setuju pada dasar," katanya.

Keputusan naik gaji penjawat awam ambil kira kesan ekonomi

- Kenaikan gaji penjawat awam beri kesan positif dalam ekonomi, merangsang pertumbuhan sektor swasta dan membantu pemulihan ekonomi secara keseluruhan

- Keyakinan pelabur turut meningkat dengan melihatnya sebagai tanda positif pertumbuhan ekonomi, mendorong mereka melabur dalam projek baharu atau memperluas perniagaan mereka



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Kenaikan gaji penjawat awam menjadi topik hangat apabila Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim mengumumkan kenaikan gaji lebih 13 peratus membolehkan peruntukan melebihi RM10 bilion bermula Disember tahun ini, pada 1 Mei lalu.

Selain itu, kenaikan itu boleh mencecah sehingga 40 peratus bagi memastikan jumlah pendapatan minimum penjawat awam melebihi RM2,000 sebulan.

Keputusan ini adalah respons terhadap keperluan bagi meningkatkan taraf kehidupan rakyat serta daya saing bagi menjamin pertumbuhan ekonomi negara lebih inklusif, kukuh serta mampan.

Pengumuman kenaikan gaji melebihi 13 peratus ini adalah kenaikan terbaik dalam sejarah oleh kerajaan, bukan sekadar memberikan khabar gembira kepada penjawat awam, tetapi mencerminkan komitmen kerajaan menangani isu ketidakseimbangan ekonomi dan mengekalkan kuasa beli masyarakat serta akan merangsang permintaan barang dan perkhidmatan.

Ini memberikan kesan positif dalam ekonomi, secara tidak langsung merangsang pertumbuhan sektor swasta dan membantu pemulihan ekonomi secara keseluruhan.

Namun, langkah kerajaan meningkatkan ganjaran penjawat awam menimbulkan pelbagai reaksi, dengan beberapa pihak menyokongnya sebagai peningkatan keadilan dan kesejahteraan, manakala ada pihak berpandangan ia boleh memberi kesan terhadap ekonomi negara secara keseluruhan.

Antara spekulasi sering timbul adalah bagaimana kenaikan gaji penjawat awam mungkin merangsang pertumbuhan dalam sektor swasta. Salah satu hujah utama sering dikemukakan adalah dengan kenaikan gaji penjawat awam, akan terdapat peningkatan dalam kuasa beli mereka.

Penjawat awam yang menerima gaji lebih tinggi, cenderung membelanjakan lebih banyak wang terutama dalam pembelian barangan dan perkhidmatan daripada swasta. Ini membantu merangsang permintaan dalam ekonomi dan memberi dorongan kepada perniagaan dalam sektor swasta.

Di samping itu, kenaikan gaji penjawat awam menyebabkan persaingan lebih baik bagi bakat dalam pasaran kerja. Kenaikan gaji minimum akan menarik bakat baharu ke dalam perkhidmatan awam serta mengekalkan pekerja berkualiti tinggi.

Dengan meningkatnya gaji, penjawat awam berasa dihargai dan terangsang meningkatkan produktiviti kerja. Kesejahteraan pekerja secara langsung mempengaruhi prestasi, meningkatkan kepercayaan dan kualiti kerja.

Peningkatan ganjaran dan faedah dalam perkhidmatan memberi dorongan kepada swasta menawarkan ganjaran lebih baik dan kelebihan untuk menarik pekerja berkualiti. Ini menyumbang peningkatan keseluruhan dalam produktiviti dan inovasi dalam ekonomi.

Selain itu, kenaikan gaji penjawat awam mungkin menyebabkan persaingan lebih sukar bagi swasta untuk menarik bakat berkualiti. Jika

penjawat awam mendapat ganjaran lebih baik, mereka mungkin cenderung untuk tetap dalam perkhidmatan awam dan meninggalkan syarikat swasta.

Namun, sebagai negara mencapai keseimbangan dalam pentadbiran kerajaan dengan kadar pertumbuhan penduduk sekitar 2 peratus, peluang untuk bekerja di sektor awam adalah terhad. Kebanyakan pengambilan pekerja berlaku jika terdapat kekosongan jawatan terutama bagi menggantikan pekerja bersara dan berhenti menyertai sektor swasta.

Tidak boleh dinafikan, kenaikan gaji penjawat awam meningkatkan keyakinan pelabur. Pelabur cenderung melihat kenaikan gaji sebagai tanda positif pertumbuhan ekonomi, mendorong mereka melabur dalam projek baharu atau memperluas perniagaan mereka.

Bagaimanapun, terdapat pandangan berbeza menyatakan kenaikan gaji penjawat awam boleh memberi tekanan kepada ekonomi negara. Peningkatan dalam kos operasi bagi kerajaan untuk menampung kenaikan gaji boleh mengakibatkan keperluan memperoleh lebih banyak pendapatan melalui cukai atau pemotongan belanja daripada pelbagai sektor, boleh menyebabkan kesan negatif kepada pertumbuhan ekonomi.

Langkah progresif bangun kelestarian ekonomi

Apa yang penting, keputusan menaikkan gaji penjawat awam adalah langkah progresif diambil kerajaan untuk membangun kelestarian ekonomi negara.

Langkah ini bukan sekadar meningkatkan pertumbuhan ekonomi, tetapi taraf hidup penjawat awam dan membantu mengurangkan tekanan kewangan dialami penjawat awam, terutama dalam konteks kenaikan kos sara hidup.

Walaupun kenaikan gaji penjawat awam dapat menggalakkan pertumbuhan ekonomi, ia juga mempunyai kesan terhadap inflasi. Jika peningkatan gaji ini tidak disokong peningkatan produktiviti sepadan.

Dalam hal ini, penjawat awam, dengan segala peranan dan tanggungjawab mereka, diiktiraf sebagai tulang belakang kerajaan dalam memberikan dan menyampaikan perkhidmatan kepada rakyat.

Namun, pandangan terhadap peranan mereka berubah seiring dengan perubahan landskap sosio-ekonomi dan teknologi. Kini, penjawat awam bukan

sahaja dianggap sebagai pengurusan pentadbiran, tetapi juga aset berharga negara dalam usaha memacu pertumbuhan dan pembangunan.

Salah satu aspek utama memperlihatkan penjawat awam sebagai aset negara adalah kepelbagaian kemahiran mereka miliki. Pada era globalisasi dan digitalisasi, kemahiran seperti kecekapan teknologi maklumat, kemahiran komunikasi antarabangsa dan kepimpinan berinovasi menjadi semakin penting.

Penjawat awam dilengkapi dengan kemahiran ini mampu menjadikan negara lebih bersaing pada peringkat global. Selain itu, peranan penjawat awam kini semakin meluas, tidak terbatas kepada sekadar menjalankan tugas hakiki mereka.

Mereka sering berperanan sebagai ejen perubahan dalam masyarakat, menjalankan program pembangunan dan menyediakan perkhidmatan bermakna kepada rakyat. Kreativiti dan kecekapan mereka menangani cabaran semasa seperti perubahan iklim, kesenian digital dan krisis kesihatan, menunjukkan nilai tambah mereka pada negara.

Aspek kejujuran dan integriti adalah ciri penting pada penjawat awam. Dalam memastikan akauntabiliti dan kepercayaan awam terpelihara, mereka perlu sentiasa menunjukkan standard tinggi dalam amalan tugas mereka.

Bagaimanapun, bagi memastikan penjawat awam terus menjadi aset berharga, penting bagi kerajaan memberikan sokongan mencukupi dalam pembangunan dan penyempurnaan kemahiran mereka seperti peluang untuk latihan dan pendidikan berterusan, sistem ganjaran adil serta persekitaran kerja membolehkan kreativiti dan inovasi berkembang.

Bagi meningkatkan golongan pekerja berkemahiran dalam sektor awam, Pendidikan dan Latihan Teknikal dan Vokasional (TVET) di rangkaian institusi teknikal kepada penjawat awam perlu dilihat sebagai platform terbaik bagi meningkatkan kemahiran mereka.

Apatah lagi pada era teknologi kecerdasan buatan (AI), permintaan dan peluang pekerjaan untuk pekerja tidak mahir dijangka berkurangan, sementara permintaan bagi pekerja mahir akan meningkat dengan ketara.

Berbekalan kemahiran pelbagai, peranan meluas dan integriti tinggi, mereka berpotensi membawa negara ke arah keunggulan dalam arena global.



PM LAUNCHES NATIONAL ANTI-GRAFT STRATEGY

Anwar says bold leaders needed as scourge must not be taken lightly

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THE country needs powerful, dedicated and courageous leaders to combat graft as the scourge of corruption must not be taken lightly, said Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

"You need strong legislation and laws to protect. And, more profoundly, you need clear political will and direction," he said.

The prime minister said this at the launch of the National Anti-Corruption Strategy (NACS) 2024-2028.

NACS 2024-2028 emphasises the effectiveness of anti-graft efforts to improve governance and integrity in public service administration.

It outlines five core strategies in efforts to prevent corrupt practices in the country and is a continuation from the National Anti-Corruption Plan (NACP) 2019-2023.

Present were Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof, Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Mohd Zuki Ali, and Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) chief commissioner Tan Sri Azam Baki.

Anwar said the issue of corruption could not be viewed lightly, adding that apart from the MACC, other enforcement agencies must also play their part in combating graft.

In fact, he said, the nation as a whole must take part in the fight against corruption.

"When we launch this agenda, the pillar is still MACC. But it also involves other agencies, such as the Inland Revenue Board, the police, Immigration Department and Customs Department, and other agencies as well, to ensure that this country moves forward and is more determined to fight corruption.

"I have confidence in Azam (MACC chief) and the MACC fam-

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Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim at the launch of the National Anti-Corruption Strategy 2024-2028 in Putrajaya yesterday. Anwar says clear political will is crucial to tackling corruption. BERNAMA PIC

ily, who have been given the trust and support. Regardless of rank and position, they fight corruption so that the people get a clear message.

"This (corruption) cannot happen. We cannot allow civil servants and the authorities to feel that they have the right to amass wealth and carry out their administration based on the laws of the jungle," he added.

Anwar, who is also finance minister, said Malaysia's second prime minister, the late Tun Abdul Razak Hussein, had warned about the dangers of corruption in the 1960s.

Corruption, he said, was among the "three Cs" faced by the nation at the time.

"They (the three Cs) were communism, communalism and corruption.

"Imagine, in 1961, 1962, Razak had already warned us. There were already leaders mired in corruption who had forgotten about the pain, blood, sweat and tears of those before them who had struggled."

The prime minister also said he was shocked to hear that the country lost billions a year due to leakages and corruption.

"(We can) eradicate poverty, build schools, hospitals, champion for the plight of the fishermen, farmers... everything can be solved if we can save this country from greed," he said.

The five key strategies outlined in the NACS are education, public accountability, voice, enforcement and incentives, with 60 sub-strategies to be implemented over five years.

It encompasses politicians, public administration, government procurement, law enforcement, legal and judicial institutions, the private sector and the public.

On Sunday, Azam said NACS was a government effort to develop a national strategy to combat corruption in line with Article 5 of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption.

Article 5 mandates that UN member nations must produce a document that would be the primary reference for anti-corruption initiatives at the national level.

Azam said NACP, which ended last year, was identified as one of the factors which had indirectly aided in the country's success in repairing its reputation in terms of the Corruption Perception Index ranking in 2019, where Malaysia climbed to the 51st spot from 61st in 2018.

Due to this factor, he added, NACS was developed with an emphasis on the five main strategies.

Azam said to ensure the success of NACS, a comprehensive monitoring mechanism would be established by MACC's National Governance Planning Division.

Monitoring and evaluation reports on NACS, he said, would be presented at the National Governance Special Cabinet Committee meeting chaired by the prime minister for endorsement before submission to the cabinet and Parliament.

Page 1 pic: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim arriving at the launch of the National Anti-Corruption Strategy 2024-2028 yesterday. With him are Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission chief commissioner Tan Sri Azam Baki (right), Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof (left) and Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi (second from left).

National Anti-Corruption Strategies launched

PUTRAJAYA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim launched the National Anti-Corruption Strategies (NACS) 2024-2028, which aims to prevent corruption and improve governance and integrity in public service administration and government-linked companies.

NACS 2024-2028, which replaces the National Anti-Corruption Plan 2019-2023, is an important component of Malaysia's reform agenda that outlines core strategies to combat corruption in Malaysia.

Anwar said in his speech that the issue of corruption should not be taken lightly and all parties, including the public, should play a role in addressing it.

"When we launch this (NACS) agenda, of course, the pillar is still the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), but it also involves the Inland Revenue Board, police force, Immigration Department, Customs and other agencies that need to ensure that this country will not repeat past

Issue of graft should not be taken lightly and all parties, including public, should help address problem: Anwar

mistakes, but rather be more determined to fight corruption.

"I have confidence in the MACC and Azam (MACC chief commissioner Tan Sri Azam Baki) who have been given the trust, mandate and support to fight corruption, regardless of rank and status so that the people get a clear message."

He said although there are parties attempting to thwart MACC's efforts to take action against those suspected of corruption and similar offences, it is the responsibility of all, including the younger generation, to save the country and safeguard the people.

"The issues of poverty eradication, dilapidated schools, hospitals and public facilities, as

well as the fate of fishermen, rubber smallholders and padi farmers - we can solve almost everything if we can save the country from uncontrolled greed and abuse of power and position."

He said a very powerful, committed, dedicated, courageous force and strong legislation are needed to fight graft.

Anwar said he believes that the majority of the people hate corruption but there is no denying that there are still a few who defend the abuse of power and corruption because the individuals involved are from influential and high-ranking groups, Bernama reported.

"This fight (against corruption) can be ugly. That's why it requires commitment, determination and

sincerity to save the country."

NACS encompasses five strategies involving education, public accountability, people's voice, enforcement and incentives.

Anwar said under the education strategy, children in schools and the people must be given education and training to be aware of the dangers of corruption.

"Under the public accountability strategy, this shall not be shouldered by MACC or the Cabinet alone, this is our business."

He said as for the people's voice strategy, it could shape government policies and provide the support needed by implementing officers.

Anwar said under the enforcement strategy, enforcement officers need to be bold, brave and efficient in performing their duties.

He said under the incentive strategy, there should be rewards for either officers, civil servants or the public who cooperate in ensuring the success of the efforts (to combat corruption).

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Efficiency of civil servants vital for economic growth, says PM

PUTRAJAYA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has expressed confidence that the nation's economic landscape will significantly improve if civil servants are efficient and swift in carrying out their duties.

Anwar, who is also the finance minister, said if civil servants adhere to these aspects in their daily tasks, Malaysia would attract global attention in terms of investments.

"So, focus on this aspect, and you'll see that our economic landscape will change, and I wholeheartedly believe in it. Leave the rest (politics) to me and my colleagues," he said in his speech at the Finance Ministry's monthly assembly yesterday.

Regarding civil servants who are not serious and committed in carrying out their daily tasks, Anwar said strict action would be taken against them.

"That's why I am sometimes stern with a small group of civil servants who deviate from this spirit. I always urge for fairness from society and the media. Do not let the behaviour and misconduct of this minority reflect the discipline and spirit of civil servants as a whole."

Anwar said foreign nations'

confidence in Malaysia is evident through their participation in the Defence Services Asia (DSA) and National Security (Natsec) Asia 2024 exhibitions.

In total, the DSA and Natsec Asia 2024 exhibitions saw participation from 1,324 companies representing 60 countries, with 34 countries having their own pavilions, including Türkiye, China, the United Arab Emirates, Italy and the United States.

"This is rarely seen in exhibitions organised by developing countries like Malaysia."

On Monday, Anwar officially opened the DSA and Natsec Asia 2024 exhibitions held at the Malaysia International Trade and Exhibition Centre in Kuala Lumpur.

Anwar said Malaysia has also received investments from Microsoft, Amazon Web Services (AWS) and ACWA Power (ACWA).

Microsoft recently announced an RM10.5 billion investment over the next four years, while AWS is set to invest RM25.5 billion in Malaysia, and ACWA Power will invest RM47.4 billion over the next decade.

He said foreign investments, which



Visitors to the Defence Services Asia and National Security Asia exhibitions in Kuala Lumpur yesterday getting a feel of some of the guns displayed.
- AMIRUL SYAFIQ / THE SUN

would boost the country's revenue, were taken into account when deciding on civil servants' salary increases.

"Some argue it's not a rational

economic policy - how can you spend more for your civil servants and then you want to reduce debt? I think it's about how we manage our economy and the expertise here."

On May 1, Anwar announced a salary hike of more than 13% for civil servants effective this December, involving an allocation of over RM10 billion. - Bernama

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RM277b lost over five years due to corruption

PUTRAJAYA: The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission has revealed the nation incurred losses totalling RM277 billion as a result of corruption over the past five years.

Its chief commissioner Tan Sri Azam Baki said the losses were calculated based on the cumulative estimate of the gross domestic product over the five-year period from 2018 until last year.

"The substantial amount could have been utilised to help the people in various ways, particularly in executing social projects such as hospital and school repairs. Regrettably, these funds have been depleted due to corrupt practices," he said during his speech

at the launch of the National Anti-Corruption Strategies (NACS) 2024-2028 at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre yesterday.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim officiated at the ceremony and deputy prime ministers Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi and Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof as well as Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Mohd Zuki Ali were also in attendance.

Azam said to ensure the strategies have a significant impact, NACS will be using various approaches to identify areas in the country that are vulnerable to corruption risks.

He said NACS outlines a strategy that

focuses on enhancing integrity, transparency and accountability across various sectors, including politics, public administration, government procurement, law enforcement, legal and judicial institutions, private sectors and the public.

"It comprises five main strategies and 60 sub-strategies that will be implemented over a five-year period, starting from this year until 2028.

"Hopefully, NACS will serve as a catalyst to strengthen good governance in the country, aiming to prevent and combat corruption. This is to ensure an integrated and corruption-free nation." - Bernama

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