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New zebra crossings near USJ1 mall

By JADE CHAN



Pedestrians using the zebra crossing to get across Persiaran Subang Permai, near Da Men Mall (background) in USJ1, Subang Jaya. — MUHAMAD SHAHRIL ROSLI/The Star

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He also announced that MBSJ would be collaborating with PETRONAS for a used cooking oil recycling campaign, with the latter to pay RM3 for every 1kg of oil collected.

This campaign will be held at four Ramadan bazaars with a high number of traders and customers – USJ4, Puchong Prima, Bandar Kinrara 5 and Puncak Jalil.

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NEUTERING PROGRAMME ✓
Society for the Prevention of Cruelty
to Animals and Subang Jaya City
Council are holding a fully subsidised
neutering programme for cats and
dogs in Subang Jaya and Kota
Kemuning, at Dewan MBSJ in SS15.
Neutering for cats, limited to 200
felines, is from 10am to 3pm on
March 5 and 6. Registration is at
<http://t2u.asia/e/34638> while neuter-
ing for dogs, limited to 200, is from
10am-3pm from March 7 to 10.
Registration is at <http://t2u.asia/e/34631>

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PJ mayor promises to look into food court, park maintenance



Mohamad Zahri plans to conduct site visits to rundown food courts and public parks in Petaling Jaya. — Filepic

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PETALING Jaya mayor Mohamad Zahri Samingon has pledged to look into maintenance plans for public parks in Taman Jaya and Taman Aman as well as food courts that are rundown, especially in the older parts of the city.

"I will find out their current status from the relevant departments as well as conduct site visits to the affected areas," he said at the Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) full board meeting.

In earlier reports, *StarMetro* had highlighted that many of the stalls at the city's food courts were shuttered during operation hours.

Feedback from nearby traders and sources from MBPJ revealed that the units were either being used as storage units or had fallen into disrepair.

During the full board, Mohamad Zahri also announced that starting March 1, the city council would only be accepting public complaints through the Public Complaint Management System (Sispaa) which would replace the eAduan MBPJ system.

"As such, area councillors and department heads must spread the word to residents," he said.

He highlighted that Sispaa was developed by Public Complaints Bureau, which came under the Prime Minister's Department. Though MBPJ had developed

and launched its own public complaints channel in 2019, Sispaa (which was developed in 2004) has since been upgraded and Selangor government was committed in its goal to streamline all public complaints into a single gateway for better efficiency and management.

Additionally, Mohamad Zahri said MBPJ had set up a task force to come up with a service-level agreement and standard operating procedures for handling complaints.

"The city council will need time to deal with public complaints, like say a month.

"But while waiting, we will not keep silent but ensure that the public receives updates on its latest status," he said.

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ASSESSMENT TAX MATTERS ✓

> Application for the exemption of assessment tax for kampung houses under Selayang Municipal Council will open between March 1 and May 31. Results will be available on Sept 1. For details, call 03-6126

5906/5907/5908 (MPS Valuation and Property Management Department).

> Petaling Jaya City Council reminds ratepayers to settle their assessment tax for the January-June term before Feb 29.

> Johor Baru City Council is offering a 30% rebate on assessment tax for properties with the new valuation in 2024. It is also offering an exemption on late fee charges for 2024's first term assessment. For details, call 07-219 8225/8231.

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Buck up, Sultan tells civil servants

Selangor Ruler also reminds them to cut red tape and make things easier for people

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SHAH ALAM: Selangor Ruler Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah has reminded the state's civil servants to buck up and ensure that services are efficiently and promptly delivered to the public.

In his Royal address at the opening of the second session of the 15th Selangor Legislative Assembly here yesterday, Sultan Sharafuddin reminded them to also cut red tape and make things easy for the people.

"I want bureaucratic red tape and troublesome regulations in government matters to be reduced immediately. There has to be a sense of urgency and quick action in ensuring that services related to the people are delivered quickly and well," said Sultan Sharafuddin.

The Sultan advised Selangor's civil servants to embark on a paradigm shift in carrying out their duties.

"I don't want civil servants to be careless and lazy until it results in delays and problems for development projects," said Sultan Sharafuddin.

The Ruler cited flood mitigation and upgrades to public amenities as examples of projects that have



Royal presence: Sultan Sharafuddin inspecting a guard of honour before the opening of the second session of the 15th Selangor Legislative Assembly at Bangunan Dewan Negeri Selangor. — Bernama

not been implemented yet.

Sultan Sharafuddin said he was worried that if civil servants remained in the same mindset, the people would continue to be burdened.

His Highness also asked the local councils to look into having non-politicians as councillors.

"I would like to remind the

local authorities to once again implement my suggestion for at least 50% of councillors to be professionals and that (the positions) not be monopolised by politicians.

"It is hoped that the people's problems and complaints can be better handled through the initiative of going down to the ground to see the problems faced by

the people.

"I want the local authorities and departments that render service directly to the people, such as the Public Works Department, Drainage and Irrigation Department, and others, to ensure that public assets are well-maintained," Sultan Sharafuddin said.

The Ruler added this included roads, drains, and lifts in public buildings, as well as sports and recreational facilities.

"I will continue to monitor and observe the civil servants and the quality of public services in Selangor in line with the mottoes 'Pertahanan dan Setia Kepada Agama Islam' (Defend and be Loyal to Islam) and 'Berkhidmat Kepada Rakyat dan Negara' (Service to the People and Country).

On another matter, the Ruler said he hoped all the initiatives outlined in the First Selangor Plan would be implemented within the stipulated time frame.

Sultan Sharafuddin also said although Selangor had sufficient treated water to meet the people's needs, there had to be preparation to meet the challenges brought about by climate change, such as dry spells.

"Awareness to use water wisely is still very low until it has caused domestic (water) usage to be high,

at an estimated 215 litres per person per day.

"Hence, I urge the people to collectively use water carefully and wisely and to increase water supplies," said Sultan Sharafuddin.

Sultan Sharafuddin also reminded the state's 56 lawmakers to debate responsibly and with integrity and not to be mired in slander, sensitive issues and false news.

His Highness said the debate sessions must always be harmonious and fair to all.

"I would like to remind the Speaker and the members of the Selangor Assembly to act with tolerance towards each other and concentrate on matters that benefit the people and the development of the state," said Sultan Sharafuddin.

The Ruler also emphasised that mosques and suraus in the state must continue to foster peace and abstain from disputes and disagreements.

"God's house is a place for Muslims to pray, seek solace, cleanse their souls, and strengthen camaraderie amongst the community," said Sultan Sharafuddin, adding that elements which cause enmity and division must be avoided.

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Road leading to landfill will be fixed

JKR Selangor says repairs to pothole-riddled access to Kuala Langat facility will take a month

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SOLUTIONS to improve conditions at Jalan Langat Lestari, the main access road leading to the Tanjung Duabelas Sanitary Landfill in Kuala Langat will be taken, says Selangor Public Works Department (JKR) director Lokman Nasir.

In a statement, Selangor JKR confirmed that 800m of the 11km road, from Chainage (CH)13600 to CH15200 was damaged.

"For the short-term, crusher runs and earth compaction are being carried out to fill large puddles and craters along the road.

"For a permanent solution, a 600mm crusher run will be laid and compacted to level the road," said Lokman, adding that repairs were expected to take one month.

To minimise flooding, a culvert pipe is also being built across this part of the road.

Ownership of the only access road leading to the landfill is shared between Worldwide Holdings Bhd and Selangor JKR.

The former owns and has kept in good condition the final 3km leading to the landfill.



Jalan Langat Lestari craters will soon be patched up. — Photos: KK SHAM/The Star

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Rough ride for rubbish trucks

Drivers urge JKR to fix potholed road to Tanjung Duabelas landfill in Kuala Langat

By KK SHAM
A 11km stretch of road leading to the Tanjung Duabelas Sanitary Landfill in Kuala Langat has become a nightmare for lorry drivers. The road, which is used by up to 1,000 lorries daily, is riddled with potholes and craters, causing significant damage to vehicles and delays in waste disposal.

The Selangor Public Works Department (JKR) has confirmed that 800m of the road, from Chainage (CH)13600 to CH15200, is damaged. JKR director Lokman Nasir stated that short-term repairs, including crusher runs and earth compaction, are being carried out to fill large puddles and craters. A permanent solution, involving a 600mm crusher run, will be laid and compacted to level the road. Repairs are expected to take one month.

To minimise flooding, a culvert pipe is also being built across this part of the road. The road is shared between Worldwide Holdings Bhd and Selangor JKR. Worldwide Bhd owns and maintains the final 3km leading to the landfill, while JKR owns the rest of the stretch, a length of 8km.

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StarMetro's Feb 22 report on bad conditions along the road.



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Solar power at S'gor secretariat building saves RM8,000 monthly



(From left) State Secretary's Office secretary of management services Mohd Hanafi Ahmad, Mohd Sha'walludin, Elmie, Johary and Jamaliah at the handover. — KK SHAM/The Star

SOLAR power use at Selangor State Secretariat building in Shah Alam has saved around RM8,000 of the average monthly electricity cost of RM500,000.

"Installation of 0.5MW solar panels at Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Building is able to lead to reduction in monthly electricity consumption of 2% to 3%," said Selangor public health and environment committee chairman Jamaliah.

The panels, in use since Aug 16, 2023, were set up at a cost of

RM1.5mil borne by GSPARX Sdn Bhd, a subsidiary of Tenaga Nasional Bhd.

"I hope a similar initiative will also be implemented at other local authority buildings and public areas such as schools and mosques," said Jamaliah during the solar panel installation project handover ceremony.

Solar panels have also been installed at Hulu Selangor District and Land Office as well as Kuala Langat and Sabak Bernam land offices.

Installation of solar panels for land offices of Petaling, Klang, Gombak, Sepang, Kuala Selangor and Hulu Langat is expected to start at month end.

These will contribute 1.5MW of renewable energy.

Also present during the ceremony were Deputy State Secretary (Development) Datuk Johary Anuar, state Economic Planning Unit deputy director Mohd Sha'walludin Aziz and GSPARX managing director Elmie Fairul Mashuri. — By

MEGAT SYAHAR

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DBKL peruntuk RM1.7 juta ubah belukar jadi taman riadah

SH 28/2 (DBKL)

KUALA LUMPUR - Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL) memperuntukkan RM1.7 juta bagi mengubah kawasan belukar di atas tanah seluas satu hektar menjadi sebuah taman riadah untuk kemudahan penduduk Bandar Tun Razak. Datuk Bandar Kuala Lumpur, Datuk Kamarulzaman Mat Salleh berkata, kawasan dinamakan Taman Kejiranan Ikhlas itu melalui beberapa fasa pembangunan sejak 2016 sehingga selesai dilaksanakan pada Mei 2023.

Menurutnya, pelbagai fasiliti disediakan untuk kegunaan setiap peringkat umur seperti taman permainan kanak-kanak, alat senam riang, mini balapan dan laluan pejalan kaki.

"Taman ini juga dilengkapi dengan pencahayaan bagi kemudahan aktiviti riadah pada waktu malam.

"Saya harap taman ini dapat memberi nilai tambah kepada kualiti kehidupan masyarakat setempat," katanya pada majlis perasmian Taman Kejiranan Ikhlas Bandar Tun Razak di sini pada Selasa.

Majlis disempurnakan oleh Ahli Parlimen Bandar Tun Razak, Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Ismail.

Kamarulzaman berkata, taman itu boleh digunakan sebagai lokasi untuk aktiviti kemasyarakatan seperti gotong royong, program pendidikan luar kelas, aktiviti sukan dan riadah.

Beliau berharap, persatuan penduduk dapat bersama-sama menjaga dan memelihara taman itu daripada aktiviti tidak bermoral seperti vandalisme dan kecurian aset.



Antara kemudahan yang terdapat di Taman Kejiranan Ikhlas Bandar Tun Razak.

Katanya, menerusi Pelan Induk Inisiatif Masyarakat Rendah Karbon menjelang 2030, DBKL komited memfokuskan pembangunan kawasan hijau terbiar untuk dijadikan taman kejiranan.

Ujarnya, sebanyak lima lokasi kawasan hijau di Kuala Lumpur telah berjaya dibangunkan sepanjang 2023.

"Selain itu, DBKL juga berusaha mewujudkan lebih banyak kawasan hijau di Kuala Lumpur menerusi program penanaman pokok bagi menyokong Kempen Penanaman 1 Juta Pokok yang melibatkan penglibatan agensi dan badan bukan kerajaan (NGO) menerusi program tanggungjawab sosial korporat (CSR).

"DBKL juga akan bersama dengan KPKT untuk membangunkan 30 *pocket park* di Kuala Lumpur yang kita sedang kenal pasti tapak tersebut terutama dalam kawasan bandar," katanya.

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Tarikh:

BNM tingkat perbincangan pelbagai pihak galak aliran masuk berterusan ke pasaran forex

KUALA LUMPUR



ABDUL RASHEED

Ringgit terkurang nilai

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Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) telah meningkatkan perbincangan dengan syarikat pelaburan berkaitan kerajaan, syarikat berkaitan kerajaan, syarikat korporat dan pelabur untuk menggalakkan aliran masuk yang berterusan ke dalam pasaran pertukaran asing (forex).

Gabenor BNM, Datuk Abdul Rasheed Ghaffour berkata, ringgit pada masa ini terkurang nilai.

"Memandangkan asas dan prospek ekonomi Malaysia adalah positif, ringgit sewajarnya didagangkan pada tahap yang lebih tinggi," katanya dalam kenyataan pada Selasa.

Sebelum ini, Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim berkata, kerajaan Madani tidak memandang ringan isu penurunan ringgit, malah mengambil langkah berterusan bagi menanganinya dan seiring usaha memastikan angka pelaburan Malaysia kekal utuh.

Anwar berkata, bank pusat telah dipertanggungjawabkan untuk memantau ringgit secara rapi manakala di pihak kerajaan, semua kementerian dan pihak berwajib, termasuk majlis pelaburan turut mengadakan mesyuarat harian bagi memberi tumpuan menangani isu berkenaan.



Bank Negara Malaysia telah dipertanggungjawabkan untuk memantau ringgit secara rapi.

"(Ya), penurunan ringgit itu membimbangkan. Kita melihat ke hadapan, namun berdasarkan angka pelaburan yang mana Malaysia mencatat rekod pelaburan terbesar dalam sejarah; inflasi terus menurun dan pertumbuhan adalah berdaya tahan berbanding negara-negara jiran," kata Perdana

Menteri.

Sementara itu, ringgit diniagakan pada 4.7770/7805 pada 12.32 tengah hari Selasa selepas dibuka pada 4.7775/7805 berbanding dolar Amerika Syarikat daripada 4.7750/7795 semasa ditutup pada Isnin. - Bernama

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Isu kos rawatan pesara kerajaan ikut dasar sedia ada – IJN

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SHAH ALAM - Dakwaan mengenai Institut Jantung Negara (IJN) enggan menanggung kos rawatan kepada pesara penjawat awam perlu diselesaikan segera menerusi kaedah terbaik daripada pihak terlibat dalam merangka dasar dan pekeliling sedia ada.

Pengerusinya, Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, pihak IJN hanya mematuhi segala ketetapan dalam memberi rawatan kepada pesakit dan tidak campur tangan dalam isu dasar.

"IJN merupakan 'penerima', bukan pembuat dasar. Kami hanya mengikut dan melaksanakan dasar dan pekeliling sedia ada.

"Untuk situasi seperti ini, kena tanya kepada pembuat dasar, bukan tanya kepada IJN.

"Kami berharap perkara ini mendapat penyelesaian terbaik daripada mereka yang membuat dasar," katanya ketika dihubungi *Sinar Harian* pada Selasa.

Sebelum ini pada Ogos lalu, isu sama telah dibangkitkan sehingga menimbulkan spekulasi bahawa IJN telah diswastakan dan enggan memberi rawatan kepada penjawat awam yang sudah bersara.

Justeru, institusi pakar jantung itu tampil memberi penjelasan bahawa organisasi tersebut masih



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- Dr Noor Hisham

kekal sebagai entiti korporat yang dimiliki sepenuhnya oleh kerajaan di bawah Menteri Kewangan Diperbadankan dan tidak pernah diswastakan.

Bagaimanapun IJN memaklumkan, komitmen dalam menyediakan penjagaan kesihatan yang cemerlang kepada penjawat awam tidak pernah goyah dan telah berusaha untuk menawarkan rawatan perubatan pada tahap tertinggi kepada semua pesakit tanpa mengira latar belakang.

Tambah institusi berkenaan, walaupun beroperasi di bawah Akta Kemudahan dan Perkhidmatan Jagaan Kesihatan Swasta 1998 di bawah bidang kuasa Kementerian Kesihatan, misi utama iaitu menyediakan perkhidmatan perubatan yang bermutu kepada semua rakyat Malaysia termasuk penjawat awam, pesara dan rakyat daripada

pelbagai sektor serta pesakit dari negara jiran masih dikekalkan.

Mengulas lanjut, IJN berkata, semua kakitangan kerajaan, pesara dan tanggungan di bawah Jabatan Perkhidmatan Awam (JPA) perlu mendapatkan rujukan daripada pakar perubatan umum, pakar kardiologi serta pakar perubatan kecemasan di klinik atau hospital sama ada kerajaan atau swasta.

"Pesakit dengan surat jaminan (GL) kerajaan boleh merujuk kepada pekeliling JPA Lampiran SR. 2.1.1 (G) yang terdapat dalam portal rasmi MyPPSM atau merujuk kepada bahagian sumber manusia mereka mengenai proses ini kerana setiap agensi kerajaan mempunyai terma dan syarat tersendiri mengenai kelayakan serta perlindungan pekerja mereka apabila mendapatkan rawatan di pusat kami," jelas institusi berkenaan.

SINAR HARIAN

Tarikh:2..8..FEB 2024.....

Skim Perubatan Madani kini tertumpu di 10 daerah sahaja

SH 28/2

SHAH ALAM - Skim Perubatan Madani hanya tertumpu kepada 10 daerah terpilih dan penerima tertentu sahaja berkuat kuasa mulai 26 Februari 2024 sebagai langkah meningkatkan keberkesanan, kemampunan serta memaksimumkan impak skim tersebut.

10 daerah itu ialah Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur, Gombak, Hulu Langat, Petaling Jaya, Klang, Johor Bahru, Kinta (Perak), Timur Laut (Pulau Pinang), Kota Kinabalu (Sabah) dan Kuching (Sarawak).

ProtectHealth Corporation (ProtectHealth) berkata, klinik swasta di luar kawasan berkenaan diberi masa sehingga sehingga Khamis ini untuk mengemukakan tuntutan tertunggak bagi pesakit yang telah dirawat.

"Skim ini dilancarkan sebagai program perintis sejak 15 Jun 2023 dengan objektifnya untuk mengurangkan kesesakan pesakit di Jabatan Pesakit Luar dan Klinik Kesihatan Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) di kawasan bandar.

"Pada masa ini, ia masih lagi dalam fasa penambahbaikan penyampaian dan pelaksanaan. Berdasarkan pemerhatian, kesesakan di fasiliti KKM di bawah fasa perintis skim ini adalah bertambah baik.

"Berkuat kuasa 26 Februari 2024, skim ini diperhalusi dan perubahan utama ialah kawasan-kawasan pelaksanaan yang hanya akan tertumpu kepada 10 daerah ditetapkan," katanya dalam kenyataan pada Selasa.

Sebelum ini beberapa klinik swasta yang pernah menyertai Skim Perubatan Madani memuat naik notis penghentian skim berkenaan menerusi media sosial masing-masing.

Penamatan kemudahan untuk golongan berpendapatan rendah itu telah mendapat pelbagai reaksi orang ramai.

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Tarikh: 28 FEB 2024

KOSMO 28/2

Ganti segera paip usang di Selangor

SHAH ALAM – Sultan Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah mengesa semua pihak berkaitan untuk memberikan kerjasama bagi memastikan proses penggantian paip-paip usang di negeri ini dapat disegerakan.

Baginda menegaskan, terdapat 30,500 kilometer (km) paip yang membekalkan air kepada pengguna di Selangor, Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur dan Putrajaya.

“Ketika ini, banyak berlaku kejadian paip pecah disebabkan usang, tekanan berlebihan ke atas paip dan vandalisme.

“Kerajaan negeri telah menyatakan komitmen mengadakan kadar penggantian paip daripada 150km setahun kepada 300km setahun,” titah baginda di Dewan Negeri Selangor, di sini semalam.

Sultan Sharafuddin bertitah, projek Skim Jaminan Air Mentah (SJAM) meliputi semua perancangan kerajaan negeri dalam menguruskan air.

Titah baginda, ia termasuk air banjir yang akhirnya boleh dijadikan sebagai sumber air untuk dibekalkan bagi tujuan rawatan oleh Pengurusan Air Selangor Sdn. Bhd. atau kegunaan aktiviti seperti perikanan



KERATAN Kosmo!
2 Februari 2024.

dan pertanian.

“Ini turut melibatkan kerja-kerja pembinaan infrastruktur pengepaman di Sungai Selangor dan Sungai Semenyih yang dijangka siap pada akhir tahun ini dan boleh dioperasikan pada pertengahan tahun 2025.

“Selain itu, projek Skim Air Sungai Rasau akan menjadi sumber air baharu yang menghasilkan 1,400 juta liter sehari (JLH),” titah baginda.

Kosmo! pada 4 Februari lalu melaporkan, kira-kira 40,000 km paip jenis Asbestos Cement (AC) yang digunakan operator perkhidmatan air di Semenanjung dan Labuan dilaporkan usang, sekali gus menjadi antara punca berlakunya masalah gangguan air di Malaysia termasuk di Lembah Klang.

KOSMO

Tarikh: 28 FEB 2024

Ringgit bakal mengukuh pada RM4.20

PETALING JAYA – Nilai ringgit dijangka kembali mengukuh pada paras antara RM4.20 hingga RM4.40 berbanding dolar Amerika Syarikat pada tahun ini atau tahun depan, berdasarkan asas ekonomi negara yang dilihat masih kukuh.

Pengarah Urusan Capital Dynamics Sdn. Bhd., Tan Teng Boo berkata, ketika perbezaan kadar faedah antara Malaysia dan Amerika Syarikat adalah antara faktor yang mempengaruhi kedudukan ringgit, ia hanya faktor yang bersifat sementara

dan bukan perkara utama yang bakal menentukan nilai ringgit dalam jangka masa panjang.

"Perkara paling penting yang menentukan nilai ringgit adalah daya kompetitif Malaysia.

"Secara umumnya, saya ber-setuju bahawa kedudukan ringgit sekarang terkurang nilai," katanya pada sesi bersama media di sini semalam.

Menurut beliau, bagi meningkatkan nilai ringgit, Malaysia perlu mengembalikan daya kompetitifnya di mata global dan antara perkara utama untuk

memacu perkara tersebut adalah penambahbaikan dalam pendidikan dan pembangunan modal insan.

Jelasnya, terlalu banyak institusi pengajian tinggi ketika ini yang menawarkan Ijazah Sarjana Muda dan kerajaan perlu memfokuskan kepada pembangunan tenaga pakar pada peringkat lebih tinggi seperti Ijazah Sarjana dan Ijazah Doktor Falsafah (PhD), selain sektor kemahiran.

Pada masa sama, beliau berpandangan golongan yang

menuding jari kepada Kerajaan Madani sebagai punca kejatuhan ringgit adalah mereka yang hanya mahu bermain politik memandangkan kejatuhan ringgit berbanding dolar Amerika Syarikat dan dolar Singapura telah berlaku dalam tempoh hampir 40 tahun lamanya.

"Dalam lebih setahun memrintah, tidak banyak yang boleh dilakukan. Penurunan ringgit berlaku sepanjang kerajaan sekarang berkuasa pun tidaklah begitu banyak sebenarnya," ujarnya.



TENG BOO

KOSMO

28 FEB 2024

Tarikh:

Sultan Selangor akan pantau prestasi perkhidmatan awam negeri

'Penjawat awam jangan lalai, malas'

SIDANG DUN SELANGOR

Oleh MOHAMAD NAUFAL
MOHAMAD IDRIS

SHAH ALAM - Sultan Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah mengingatkan penjawat awam di negeri itu agar tidak terus lalai dan malas sehingga menyebabkan banyak projek pembangunan tergendala atau berdepan masalah.

Baginda juga menasihati penjawat awam supaya melakukan anjakan paradigma dalam setiap tugas dan tanggungjawab yang telah diamanahkan.

"Beta tidak mahu sikap lalai dan malas terus diamalkan oleh penjawat awam sehingga menyebabkan banyak projek pembangunan tergendala atau berdepan masalah.

"Sebagai contoh, projek bantuan banjir dan juga projek baik



SULTAN SHARAFUDDIN berkenan berangkat merasmikan istiadat pembukaan Mesyuarat Pertama Penggal Kedua Dewan Negeri Selangor di Shah Alam semalam.

pulih kemudahan rakyat yang masih gagal dilaksanakan dengan segera," titah baginda ketika merasmikan istiadat pembukaan

Mesyuarat Pertama Penggal Kedua Dewan Negeri Selangor, di sini semalam.

Sultan Sharafuddin turut

menzahirkan kebimbangan jika sikap dan kebiasaan sebegini masih ada dalam pemikiran penjawat awam akan membuatkan

rakyat Selangor yang akan terus menanggung akibatnya.

Sehubungan itu, baginda menegaskan akan terus memantau dan memerhati tindak-tanduk para penjawat awam dan kualiti perkhidmatan awam di Selangor.

Titah baginda, kerenah birokrasi dan peraturan yang menyusahkan dalam urusan-urusan kerajaan juga perlu dikurangkan segera.

"Perlu ada sense of urgency dan bertindak segera dalam memastikan perkhidmatan berkaitan rakyat diselesaikan dengan pantas dan sempurna," titah baginda.

Sultan Sharafuddin turut mengingatkan sekali lagi kepada pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) agar dapat melaksanakan syor baginda supaya keanggotaan Ahli-Ahli Majlis terdiri daripada sekurang-kurangnya 50 peratus golongan profesional dan tidak dimonopoli ahli politik.

"Dengan adanya langkah ini, diharapkan segala masalah dan aduan rakyat dapat ditangani dengan lebih baik menerusi inisiatif turun padang untuk melihat sendiri masalah yang dihadapi oleh rakyat," titah baginda.

KOSMO

Tarikh: 28 FEB 2024

Shah Alam: Sultan Selangor Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah mengingatkan penjawat awam di negeri itu supaya tidak lalai dan malas sehingga menyebabkan projek pembangunan di Selangor tergendala



SULTAN Sharafuddin.

Jangan lalai, malas hingga projek pembangunan di Selangor tergendala!

atau berdepan masalah.

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awam, rakyat Beta yang akan terus menanggung akibatnya. Beta akan terus memantau dan memerhati tindak-tanduk para penjawat awam dan kualiti perkhidmatan awam di Selangor ini," titah baginda sempena Istiadat Pembukaan Persidangan Penggal Kedua Dewan Undangan Negeri (DUN) Selangor ke-15 di Bangunan Dewan Negeri Selangor, semalam.

Sultan Selangor turut menyeru supaya semua pihak membuat persediaan dalam menghadapi cabaran perubahan iklim seperti musim kemarau.

"Tahap kesedaran terhadap penggunaan air secara berhemah masih berada

pada tahap yang rendah hingga menyebabkan kadar penggunaan domestik yang tinggi, dianggarkan 215 liter seorang sehari.

"Oleh itu, Beta menyeru seluruh rakyat untuk bersama-sama menggunakan air harian secara cermat dan berhemah bagi menyumbang kepada peningkatan simpanan air semasa," titah baginda.

Sultan Sharafuddin turut berkenan menzahirkan ucapan tahniah kepada pentadbiran Menteri Besar Selangor Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari di atas pencapaian Prestasi Kewangan Kerajaan Negeri bagi 2023.

"Rizab Kerajaan Beta melalui Kumpulan Wang

Disatukan merekodkan angka berjumlah RM3.5 bilion, kutipan hasil Negeri pada tahun lalu, melebihi sasaran iaitu sebanyak RM2.7 bilion. Beta berharap prestasi kewangan ini dapat ditingkatkan dan Selangor akan terus kekal menjadi penyumbang Keluaran Dalam Negara Kasar (KDNK) terbesar untuk Malaysia," titah baginda.

Sultan Selangor juga berharap segala perancangan yang sudah digariskan dalam Rancangan Selangor Pertama (RS-1) dapat dilaksanakan mengikut masa yang sudah ditetapkan terutama berkaitan program kebajikan dan kesejahteraan rakyat, projek berimpak tinggi

khususnya pembangunan wilayah ekonomi baharu, inisiatif hasil ekonomi baharu serta mewujudkan suasana mesra pelabur di Selangor.

"Beta mengalu-alukan inisiatif Kerajaan Beta melalui Pejabat Tanah dan Galian Negeri Selangor (PTGS) dan Pejabat Pejabat Daerah dan Tanah (PDT) seluruh Negeri Selangor membangunkan Sistem e-Tanah Negeri Selangor yang dilancarkan pada Oktober tahun lalu.

"Penambahbaikan sistem tadbir urus tanah yang telus akan dapat memberikan impak positif yang signifikan kepada semua pihak berkepentingan yang terlibat. Aspek digitalisasi akan membantu dalam proses semakan, perancangan dan pemantauan di mana ia boleh dibuat secara lebih pantas, berkala dan teratur," titahnya.

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HARIAN METRO
Tarikh: ...2.8 FEB 2024...

Cadangan pengecualian kenaikan SST bil elektrik, air dibincang 20 Mac ^{Hm 28/2}

Kuala Lumpur: Cadangan pengecualian kenaikan cukai jualan dan perkhidmatan (SST) ke atas bil air dan elektrik akan diteliti dalam Mesyuarat Majlis Tindakan Sara Hidup Negara (NACCOL) pada 20 Mac ini.

Menteri Perdagangan Dalam Negeri dan Kos Sara Hidup (KPDN), Datuk Armizan Mohd Ali berkata, perkara yang berkaitan kenaikan SST dibincangkan dalam Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Pemantauan Pelaksanaan.

"Perkara berkaitan kenaikan SST memang dalam Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Pemantauan Pelaksanaan dipengerusikan Timbalan Perdana Menteri dua minggu lalu. Ada kertas khusus untuk kita melihat kesan dan impaknya.

"Insya-Allah perkara dibangkitkan Yang Berhormat Ayer Hitam kami akan bawa untuk dikaji dan bawa ke Mesyuarat Majlis Tindakan Sara Hidup Negara (NACCOL) untuk pertimbangan selanjutnya," katanya menjawab soalan tambahan berhubung cadangan Datuk Seri Dr Wee Ka Siong (BN-Ayer Hitam) supaya bil air dan elektrik dikecualikan daripada kenaikan SST di Dewan Rakyat, semalam.

HARIAN METRO

Tarikh: **28 FEB 2024**

Sultan Selangor mahu kerenah birokrasi dikurang

BH 28/2

Penjawat awam negeri diminta tidak lalai sehingga projek pembangunan tergendala

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Selangor ini," titah baginda sempena Istiadat Pembukaan Persidangan Penggal Kedua Dewan Undangan Negeri (DUN) Selangor ke-15 di Bangunan Dewan Negeri Selangor, semalam.

Baginda diiringi Tengku Permaisuri Selangor, Tengku Permaisuri Norashikin dan Raja Muda Selangor, Tengku Amir Shah dan Menteri Besar, Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari.

Pada masa sama, Sultan Sharafuddin mahu agar kerenah birokrasi dan peraturan yang menyusahkan dalam urusan kerajaan dapat dikurangkan segera.

Baginda mengambil contoh projek tebatan banjir dan juga projek baik pulih kemudahan rakyat yang masih gagal dilaksanakan dengan segera.

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Sultan Sharafuddin bertitah sempena Istiadat Pembukaan Persidangan Penggal Kedua DUN Selangor ke-15 di Bangunan Dewan Negeri Selangor, semalam. (Foto BERNAMA)

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BERITA HARIAN
28 FEB 2024
Tarikh.....

Kerajaan sedia kaji kekal kadar SST bil air, elektrik

BH 28/2
Kerajaan akan mempertimbangkan cadangan pengecualian kenaikan Cukai Jualan dan Perkhidmatan (SST) yang dikenakan ke atas bil air dan elektrik.

Menteri Perdagangan Dalam Negeri dan Kos Sara Hidup, Datuk Armizan Mohd Ali, berkata pertimbangan itu dibuat berdasarkan kenaikan SST sebanyak dua peratus mulai Jumaat ini.

Beliau berkata, syor berkenaan akan dibawa kepada Mesyuarat Khas Majlis Tindakan Sara Hidup Negara (NACCOL) yang dijadual pada 20 Mac ini.

"Perkara berkaitan kenaikan SST ini memang dalam (pertimbangan) Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Pemantauan Pelaksanaan yang dipengerusikan Timbalan Perdana Menteri.

"Satu kertas khusus untuk melihat kesan (kenaikan SST

dibentangkan pada mesyuarat berkenaan) kira-kira dua minggu lalu.

"Insya-Allah, perkara dibangkitkan Ayer Hitam (Datuk Seri Dr Wee Ka Siong) akan dibawa untuk dikaji dan dibawa pada Mesyuarat NACCOL untuk pertimbangan selanjutnya pada 20 Mac ini," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian menjawab soalan tambahan Ka Siong berhubung cadangan mengekalkan kadar SST dikenakan ke atas bil air dan elektrik pada sesi Pertanyaan bagi Jawapan Lisan di Dewan Rakyat, semalam.

Terdahulu, Ka Siong berkata, syor itu dibuat memandangkan air dan elektrik adalah keperluan asas yang akan menyebabkan pelbagai kenaikan jika kadar SST bagi kedua-dua utiliti itu tidak dikekalkan.

"Kalau sudah beri pengecualian kepada telekomunikasi dan

parkir, kenapa tidak (dikecualikan kenaikan SST untuk bil air dan elektrik)? (Kadar SST) makanan pun kekal enam peratus.

"Saya merayu kepada menteri, tolonglah. Jika dalam Islam Jumaat adalah penghulu hari (maka) bil air dan elektrik pula adalah penghulu segala kenaikan," katanya yang juga Presiden MCA.

Menerusi Belanjawan 2024, Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim mengumumkan beberapa langkah reformasi percukaian akan dilaksanakan mulai tahun ini bagi meluaskan asas hasil negara dan pada masa sama, tidak membebankan majoriti rakyat.

Ia termasuk menaikkan kadar SST daripada enam kepada lapan peratus, namun tidak meliputi perkhidmatan seperti makanan dan minuman serta telekomunikasi.

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Tarikh... 2.8... FEB... 2024.....

VM 28/2

Selangor tubuh pasukan khas tangani El Nino

KUALA SELANGOR: Kerajaan negeri Selangor menubuhkan pasukan khas bagi menangani fenomena El Nino yang diramal lebih teruk melanda negara pada Julai tahun depan dan 2026.

Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Tetap Infrastruktur dan Pertanian negeri, Izham Hashim berkata, penubuhan pasukan menerusi Jawatankuasa Bertindak Kemarau itu dipersetujui pihaknya pada Jumaat lalu.

Menurutnya, jawatankuasa itu diketuai Lembaga Urus Air Selangor dibantu Jabatan Pengairan dan Saliran, Pengurusan Air Selangor Sdn. Bhd. dan Unit Perancang Ekonomi Negeri Selangor.

"Perkara itu amat penting kerana bekalan bukan sahaja untuk diminum, juga keperluan pertanian dan faktor lain," katanya, semalam.

Dalam pada itu, Izham memaklumkan, pemerhatian pihaknya mendapati paras air di tujuh empangan dan 600 kolam takungan masih terkawal dan berada pada tahap 85 peratus.

UTUSAN MALAYSIA

Tarikh: 2.8.FEB.2024.....

Pembangunan tergendala jika penjawat awam malas, lalai

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Baginda bertitah, sekiranya sikap itu berterusan dan menjadi kebiasaan, rakyat Selangor dibimbangi akan terus menanggung masalah disebabkan sikap tersebut.

"Seperti contoh, projek tebatan banjir dan juga projek baik pulih kemudahan rakyat yang masih gagal dilaksanakan dengan segera," titah baginda pada Istiadat Pembukaan Penggal Kedua Sidang Dewan Undangan Negeri Selangor Ke-15, semalam.

Malah, baginda juga mahu kerehah birokrasi dan peraturan yang menyusahkan dalam urusan kerajaan dikurangkan sementara penjawat awam pula perlu mempunyai *sense of urgency* (bertindak dengan segera) dalam memastikan perkhidmatan disampaikan dengan pantas dan sempurna.

"Beta akan terus memantau dan memerhati tindak-tanduk



SULTAN Sharafuddin Idris Shah memeriksa perbarisan keselamatan sempena pembukaan Penggal Ke Dua Sidang Dewan Negeri Selangor Ke-15 di Shah Alam, Selangor, semalam. - UTUSAN/AFIQ RAZALI

para penjawat awam dan kualiti perkhidmatan awam di negeri Selangor ini selaras dengan moto 'Pertahanan dan Setia Kepada Agama Islam' dan 'Berkhidmat Kepada Rakyat dan Negara'.

"Beta mahu pihak berkuasa

tempatan (PBT) dan jabatan-jabatan yang memberikan perkhidmatan terus kepada rakyat seperti Jabatan Kerja Raya (JKR), Jabatan Pengairan dan Saliran (JPS) dan lain-lain memastikan baik pulih harta awam diselenggara dengan

baik," tegas baginda.

Sementara itu Sultan Sharafuddin turut menitahkan kerajaan negeri membuat persediaan bagi menghadapi cabaran perubahan meskipun negeri ini mempunyai bekalan air bersih yang mencukupi.

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Govt to consider maintaining SST rate for electricity and water bills

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THE government is not ruling out the possibility of maintaining the sales and service tax (SST) rate for electricity and water, the Dewan Rakyat heard yesterday (Feb 27).

Domestic Trade and Cost of Living Minister Datuk Armizan Ali said the matter would be raised by the ministry in the next National Action Council on Cost of Living (Naccol) meeting scheduled for March 20.

The increase of SST, however, is expected to commence on March 1.

"The increase in SST rate was discussed in the cost of living implementation and monitoring committee chaired by the Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi two weeks ago.

"There was also a specific paper

(presented in the meeting) for us to examine the impact (on the increase of SST for electricity and water bills).



Datuk Armizan Ali

"Hence, we will raise the issue to further discuss and consider at the Naccol meeting scheduled for March 20," he said during the minister's question time in Dewan Rakyat on Monday.

Armizan said this in response to a supplementary question from Ayer Hitam member of parliament Datuk Seri Dr Wee Ka Siong (MCA-

BN) who asked the minister on plans to maintain the SST rate for electricity and water bills, adding that both utilities were necessities.

Wee also urged the government to consider the matter as the tax would not be applied to certain

sectors, such as food and beverages, as well as telecommunications.

In the tabling of the 2024 Budget last year, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim announced that the SST would be increased to eight per cent from the current six per cent next month.

To prevent burdening the people, Anwar who is finance minister, said the increase would not be applicable to food and beverages as well as telecommunication products and services.

He said the government would also implement a Capital Gains Tax for the disposal of unlisted shares by local companies based on net gains at a rate of 10 per cent starting March 1.

The government is expected to enact new legislation to implement a High-Value Goods Tax at rates of five to 10 per cent on high-value items, such as jewellery and watches, based on the threshold value of the goods.

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Cut red tape, Sultan tells Selangor civil servants

SHAH ALAM: The Sultan of Selangor Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah reminded civil servants in the state not to adopt a negligent and lazy attitude to the extent of causing delays and problems in the implementation of development projects in Selangor.

The Sultan also advised civil servants to make a paradigm shift in every task and responsibility entrusted to them.

"I want bureaucratic red tape and troublesome government regulations to be cut immediately. There must be a sense of urgency and prompt action to ensure that services related to the people are resolved quickly and efficiently.

"I am deeply worried that if such attitudes and habits persist among civil servants, my people will

continue to suffer the consequences. "I will continue to monitor and observe the actions of civil servants and the quality of public service in Selangor," he said, when opening the Second Session of the 15th state Legislative Assembly yesterday.

The Sultan also called on all parties to prepare to face the challenges of climate change, such as the current hot and dry season.

"The level of public awareness regarding prudent water usage remains low, leading to an estimated high domestic water consumption rate of 215 litres per person per day. Therefore, I urge all people of Selangor to use water wisely and efficiently to contribute to the improvement of water reserves."

Sultan Sharafuddin also congratulated the state government

led by Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari for the financial performance last year.

"Our government reserves through the state Consolidated Fund recorded a figure amounting to RM3,561 million (RM3.5 billion), while the state revenue collection in 2023 exceeded the target of RM 2,708 million (RM2.7 billion).

"I hope that this financial performance can be improved and that Selangor will continue to be the largest contributor to the Gross Domestic Product of Malaysia."

The Ruler also expressed hope that all plans outlined in the First Selangor Plan could be implemented according to the set timelines, especially public welfare and well-being programmes, high-impact projects particularly new economic region development, new economic initiatives and the creation of an investor-friendly environment in Selangor.

"I also laud our government's initiative through the Selangor Land and Mines Office and District and Land Offices in developing the e-Tanah system launched in October last year.

"The improvement of a transparent land administration system will significantly bring about a positive impact on all stakeholders involved. The digitisation aspect will assist in the review, planning, and monitoring processes, making them faster, periodic, and systematic."

The Sultan added that the State Assembly sitting should serve as the best example to the public, where all debates must be conducted with integrity and responsibility, avoiding the spread of false accusations and the exaggeration of sensitive issues or fake news.

The sitting is scheduled to run for two weeks starting today. - Bernama



Sultan Sharafuddin and Tengku Permaisuri Selangor Tengku Permaisuri Norashikin arriving for the opening of the state Legislative Assembly in Shah Alam yesterday. - BERNAMAPIC

Proposal to exempt SST hike for water, power bills

KUALA LUMPUR: The meeting of the National Action Council on Cost of Living on March 20 will discuss a proposal to exempt water and electricity bills from the sales and service tax (SST) hike, the Dewan

Rakyat was told yesterday. Domestic Trade and Cost of Living Minister Datuk Armizan Mohd Ali said matters related to the SST hike were discussed in the Implementation Monitoring

Committee meeting two weeks ago. "The meeting was chaired by the deputy prime minister. There was a specific paper for us to examine its impact. And God willing, the matter raised by Ayer Hitam MP will be

brought to the meeting for further consideration," he said when replying to a question from Datuk Seri Dr Wee Ka Siong (BN-Ayer Hitam).

Armizan added that the

government had allocated a total of RM58.1 billion in the 2024 Budget for subsidies, incentives and assistance to address various issues concerning the cost of living burden. - Bernama

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