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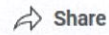


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MBSJ peta kawasan risiko bah, memudahkan misi bantuan



PJ Half Marathon 2024 draws 8,000 from 39 countries

PETALING Jaya city centre was abuzz with excitement when PJ Half Marathon 2024 kicked off from Laman Majlis Bandaraya Petaling Jaya (MBPJ).

The 34th edition of the marathon drew 8,000 participants from 39 countries.

MBPJ said in a statement that India led the 250-strong foreign contingent with 35 runners, followed closely by Japan with 28, Singapore with 21 and United Kingdom with 18.

"This increased international participation reflects the growing prestige of PJ Half Marathon, which continues to draw a diverse array of runners from across the globe," said MBPJ.

The event featured five categories, namely the 30km, 21km and

10km Opens, 5km Fun Run and a new 1km Anime-Themed Fun Run.

The marathon kicked off at 3.40am with an aerobics session followed by the flag-off of the 30km race by Petaling Jaya mayor Mohamad Zahri Samingon.

The Petaling Jaya District Police implemented phased traffic control to minimise disruptions on race day.

Some 100 traffic police officers and 80 MBPJ enforcement officers were deployed to ensure safety.

The PJ Half Marathon 2024 was organised by MBPJ together with Puncak Ventures SRA Sdn Bhd and Selangor Para Athletics Association.



Mohamad Zahri (front row, fifth from left) with the 30km participants before the start of the race in Petaling Jaya. — Courtesy photo

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(Above) A DBKL enforcement officer sealing a foreign-run business in Taman Maluri during an operation in September.

(Left) DBKL personnel seizing equipment from a roadside stall which was operated by foreigners in Segambut.

Fined for hiring illegal workers

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A TOTAL of 1,225 compound notices have been issued to Malaysian business operators in Kuala Lumpur for employing foreign workers without valid work permit during several joint operations since January.

In a statement, Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) said action was taken under the Licensing of Hawkers By-Laws (Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur) 2016 and Wholesale Market By-Laws (Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur) 2002.

Under one of the operations

DBKL issues 1,225 compounds, shuts downs premises of traders for violating several laws

called *Ops Tebah* (*Operasi Tegas Banteras Aktiviti Haram*), four premises were ordered shut for being fully run by foreigners.

Ops Tebah is an integrated exercise with the police, Customs Department, Immigration Department and Domestic Trade and Cost of Living Ministry.

"DBKL has carried out four *Ops Tebah* operations this year.

"Of the 11 business premises

that were being monitored under *Ops Tebah*, four were immediately shut down under Section 101(1)(v) of the Local Government Act 1976 for being run by foreign workers," said DBKL in the statement.

Under another special operations, DBKL said 59 more premises were monitored with 15 being ordered to cease operations.

A total of 53 notices were also issued, 22 seizures carried out

and 22 investigation papers opened, City Hall added.

The statement also said that during the series of operations in the first nine months of the year, a total of 2,261 items were seized.

"In several cases, DBKL recommended the cancellation of business licences for local employers involved."

During a raid on Sept 12, DBKL shut down two premises in Taman Maluri after it was

found to be managed by foreign traders.

Canopies, stalls and other equipment were also seized and sent to the DBKL storage facility in Taman Miharja for processing and documentation.

In another raid on Sept 25, four premises without valid business licences run by foreign workers were also shut down.

"Continuous enforcement will be carried out in Kuala Lumpur through periodic operations," DBKL added.

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NGO appeals for more time to vacate government land in Setiawangsa

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A NON-GOVERNMENTAL organisation (NGO) based in Setiawangsa, Kuala Lumpur, which received a 14-day notice to vacate government-owned land, is appealing for an extension.

Insaf Malaysia has until Oct 14 to move out from Lot 30528 in Jalan Setiawangsa 8A, Taman Setiawangsa, which is located behind its headquarters.

The NGO, which provides aid to orphanages and low-income households in Klang Valley,

stores dry food at the premises.

There is also a cooking area for workers to prepare food, which is donated to the needy.

Insaf president Ishak Abd Kadir said the lot belonged to Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL).

He added that a meeting was held on Sept 30 involving representatives from DBKL, Federal Territories Land and Mines Office (PTGWPKL), Setiawangsa parliamentary office and the police.

"I was informed that DBKL has approved a plan to build a park and sports facility at the site and

we have to vacate.

"However, 14 days is too short. Insaf will write to DBKL for a six-month extension," he told *StarMetro*.

He said Insaf had used the site for six years.

"Initially, it was an empty lot strewn with rubbish and infested with pests, so we cleaned it up.

"The land belonged to PTGWPKL. Insaf asked to rent it but the request was turned down.

"A few years later, the land office issued a notice saying that



The NGO has been asked to vacate the land in Taman Setiawangsa as DBKL is planning to develop a park and sports facility in the area.

ownership had been transferred to DBKL."

Ishak said he has forwarded the matter to Setiawangsa MP Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad and

Bandar Tun Razak MP Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail.

Nik Nazmi and DBKL have yet to respond to requests for comments at press time.

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OVER 1,600 participants took part throughout the five series of Selangor 1,000 Digital programme, exceeding its target of 1,000 entrepreneurs.

The programme was developed to facilitate the switch to digitalisation for entrepreneurs in both urban and rural areas.

The initiative provides essential resources, training and support to ecommerce entrepreneurs and live streaming hosts across Selangor.

Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari said 2,800 participants registered online but 1,600 attended the programme.

"If we look at the success and effectiveness of digital transformation among participants, it has reached 50% to 60%.

"This means that in a year, we can convert 700 to 800 small, medium and micro entrepreneurs across the state," he said during the closing ceremony of Selangor 1000 Digital programme at a hotel in Selayang.

"The programme is not a one-off for participants; we have avenues like Platform Selangor (Plats) that will bring them together over time to empower them with digital skills.

"This initiative is not only to help their business but will also influence Selangor's direction as a smart state."

He added that the state government was aiming to reach 50,000 Plats users by

Selangor's digital drive draws 1,600 entrepreneurs

Initiative supports ecommerce, live streaming hosts via resources, training



Amirudin (seated, centre) with guests and participants of the Selangor 1,000 Digital programme at a hotel in Selayang. — FAIHAN GHANI/The Star

next year.

The Selangor 1,000 Digital programme was held across five districts, namely Petaling, Sabak Bernam, Sepang, Hulu Langat and Gombak.

The programme was organised by Selangor Information Technology and Digital Economy Corporation (Sidec) in collaboration with the Selangor executive council for youth,

sports and entrepreneurship as well as key state agencies including Menteri Besar Inc (MBI), Selangor Economic Planning Unit (Upem) and Plats. Also present at the closing

ceremony were state youth, sports and entrepreneurship development committee chairman Mohd Najwan Halimi and MBI chief operating officer Saipolyazan Mat Yusop.

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Selangor's second global business meet to take place in KL

THIS Oct 16 to 19, Selangor International Business Summit 2024 (SIBS) will continue with its second series.

Featuring the Selangor International Expo 2024, Selangor Life Sciences Convention 2024 and Selangor Smart City and Digital Economy Convention 2024, the summit will be held at Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre.

Series two comes on the heels of SIBS' series one that saw events such as the Selangor Investment and Industrial Park Expo (Spark) 2024 and Selangor Asean Business Conference (SABC) 2024.

Held across an area of 9,710sq m, series one welcomed 8,550 visitors from 22 countries including Malaysia, Asean countries, Australia, Bangladesh, Canada, China, France, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Laos, Mauritius, South Korea, Timor-Leste, United Kingdom and Zimbabwe.



The Spark 2024 expo featured 285 booths from six countries, including Malaysia.

Spark 2024 featured a series of forums, including 18 pitching sessions, four pocket talks and two panel sessions.

These events provided insights into current market trends, business strategies and innovative products and services.

A total of 23 letters of agreement, letters of intent, memoranda of agreement and memoranda of understanding were exchanged during the summit.

This year's expo featured 285 booths from six countries, including Malaysia, compared to

258 booths from four countries in 2023.

The total potential transaction value from negotiations done at the booths and document exchanges reached RM13.18bil this year, surpassing the RM7bil target set for SIBS 2024.

Last year, Spark 2023 recorded a total negotiated transaction value of RM4.6bil from booth activities and document exchanges.

This amount contributed to SIBS 2023's overall recorded value of RM6.12bil.

The Malaysian Investment Development Authority (Mida) Invest Series Selangor: Unfolding Its Business Potential also played a significant role in Spark 2024.

SABC 2024 featured 27 speakers and panellists from Asean member countries and Timor-Leste, attracting over 500 attendees, including over 200 international delegates.

In comparison, SABC 2023 had 23 speakers and panellists, and drew 783 attendees.

Last year, 100 international delegates were present.

The Industri Kreatif Asean mini showcase, with participants from five countries, also drew many visitors and highlighted the region's vibrant cultures.

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Ready to ride out storms

Authorities say pre-emptive plans in place to face disasters

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PETALING JAYA: The Fire and Rescue Department will monitor 5,648 flood-prone areas, 254 critical slopes and 201 water surge hotspots nationwide during the northeast monsoon season starting next month.

Its director-general Datuk Nor Hisham Mohammad said the need for early preparations is even more critical, given the Malaysian Meteorological Department's (MetMalaysia) forecast of above-average rainfall due to the developing La Nina weather phenomenon.

"Based on our data as of Sept 4, the territories of Sarawak and Sabah have the highest number of flood-risk areas and critical slopes, followed by Pahang, Johor and Kelantan," he told *The Star*.

A total of 1,006 flood-prone areas, 21 critical slopes and 19 potential water surge locations were identified in Sarawak, while 798 flood-prone areas, 36 critical slopes and 52 potential water surge locations were found in Sabah.

There are 750 flood-prone areas, 25 critical slopes and three potential water surge locations in Pahang; 745 flood-prone areas, 25 critical slopes and five potential water surge locations in Johor; while Kelantan has 617 flood-prone areas, 25 critical slopes and 18 potential water surge locations.

Earlier this month, MetMalaysia deputy director-general (strategic) Ambun Dindang said the 2024/2025 northeast monsoon will begin in November and continue until March 2025, with an expected four to six episodes of prolonged heavy rainfall during this period.

Heavy rainfall is likely to affect Kelantan, Terengganu and Pahang between November and December – with Johor, Sabah, and Sarawak expected to experience increased rainfall from December through January.

MetMalaysia also forecast above-average rainfall of between 20% and 40% for the next six months in several parts of the country.

It said there is a 71% chance for the La Nina weather phenomenon to form between October and November this year, which usually brings about wetter weather conditions, and it is expected to continue until early 2025.

Meanwhile, Nor Hisham said the department has activated preparedness plans, including placing its personnel on standby, due to the uncertain weather conditions brought about by the forthcoming monsoon and La Nina.



No way past: A view of a flash flood that took place earlier this week at Kampung Sungai Rul in Cameron Highlands, Pahang. — Photo courtesy of the Malaysia Civil Defence Force

Flood, water surge and critical slope hotspots

States	Flood	Headwater	Critical slope
Sarawak	1,066	19	21
Sabah	798	52	36
Pahang	750	3	25
Johor	745	5	25
Kelantan	617	18	25
Perak	286	17	25
Selangor	271	6	21
Kedah	260	39	8
Terengganu	258	18	25
Penang	241	0	13
Melaka	124	1	6
N. Sembilan	120	17	19
FT Kuala Lumpur	73	1	1
Perlis	22	5	4
FT Labuan	17	0	0
FT Putrajaya	0	0	0

Total	5,648 Flood-prone areas	201 Water surge areas	254 Critical slope areas
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Source: Fire and Rescue Department of Malaysia

The Star graphics

He said a total of 24,671 firemen based in 340 Fire and Rescue stations nationwide will be ready to respond in the event of floods or other disasters.

"If the situation demands, the department will freeze or limit leave to between 80% and 100%.

"The work shifts will also be extended from 12 hours to 24 hours to ensure that there will be sufficient personnel to respond to flood emergencies.

"This includes sharing personnel and equipment between states if a particular state is hampered by personnel issues,"

he added.

Nor Hisham also said 22 "Red Team" units, comprising a commander and four rescue personnel, will be on rapid emergency deployment within an hour upon receiving orders to respond. He said these teams will be on call around the clock and act swiftly to shorten response time.

Meanwhile, National Disaster Management Agency (Nadma) director-general Datuk Khairul Shahril Idrus said the agency has also begun to deal with incidents of natural disasters brought about by the weather.



Up to the task: Nor Hisham (top) and Khairul Shahril.

"We are conducting continuous exercises to gauge the level of preparedness of our responders, non-governmental organisations and local communities.

"This includes issuing the necessary guidelines to the relevant government agencies and state governments, including at the community level, on how to handle such disasters," he said when contacted yesterday.

Khairul Shahril said the focus should not only be on how to tackle floods but also on other natural disasters that often occur due to excessive rainfall and turbulent weather conditions.

"We usually focus on floods, and rightly so because floods can affect a large area with thousands of people.

"But there are also other dangers that we will monitor, such as landslides and water surges, as they can result in loss of lives and property damage," he added.

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MetMalaysia warns of severe weather across the country

PETALING JAYA: Thunderstorms, heavy rain and strong winds are forecast to impact Johor, which recently suffered from flash floods.

In an advisory issued by the Malaysian Meteorological

Department (MetMalaysia) at 2pm yesterday, other locations affected by the weather are Petaling in Selangor, the entire state of Melaka and Kuala Lumpur.

Thunderstorms are also expect-

ed in Pahang (Romplin), Negri Sembilan (Seremban, Port Dickson, Kuala Pilah, Rembau and Tampin) and Sabah (Sandakan and Kinabatangan).

Malaysia is currently experiencing inter-monsoons, which is

expected to last until early November.

During this period, the country is set to experience winds blowing from different directions, which may lead to thunderstorms, often accompanied by heavy rain

and strong winds over a short period.

On Monday, the flood situation in Johor worsened, with three districts affected as of noon. The three flood-hit districts are Kluang, Pontian and Batu Pahat.

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Query on oversight of local authority over landlords

WHAT oversight do local authorities have over owners of residential properties that are rented out to tenants who run businesses like travel and tour companies?

Are there any restrictions on bringing and parking commercial vehicles like tour buses (*bas pesi-aran*) in the neighbourhood late at night or the early hours of the morning?

This issue, which goes to the heart of responsible property

ownership, is affecting the residents of Ara Idaman, Subang.

It has been brought to the attention of the landlord, but the fellow has failed to take any action to end it.

The residents have stopped filing complaints with the Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) because it appears that pictures sent to MBPJ with the last complaint were shared with the tenants.

This resulted in a member of

the delinquent tenant family visiting some neighbours nearby to find the identity of the complainant.

Such queries that amount to threats are enough to warn people off highlighting neighbourhood grievances to any council.

The combination of an irresponsible landlord, delinquent tenants with "connections", and a threatened neighbourhood makes for an extremely unhealthy residential

environment. In such a potent context, what can the council do to compel responsibility from the landlord?

Given MBPJ's recent move to raise the assessment rate for PJ residents, it would be appreciated if services to the community could reflect such premium aspirations.

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Stay vigilant as northeast monsoon arrives early

PUTRAJAYA: The public is urged to stay vigilant and prepare for potential flooding, as the northeast monsoon is expected to arrive earlier this year, possibly beginning in the fourth week of October.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said that while this seasonal change typically occurs in early November, it is anticipated to start earlier this year due to changing weather patterns.

"Given the forecast indicating that the monsoon will hit earlier, we are making the necessary preparations," he told the media after the closing ceremony of the Rakan Nadma (National Disaster Management Agency) Convention: Malaysia Madani, Siaga Bencana event, held yesterday.

Ahmad Zahid, who also chairs Nadma, said the Department of Irrigation and Drainage has identified specific areas at risk of flash floods and emphasised the need for mobilisation through cooperation with state and district disaster committees, Bernama reported.

Ahmad Zahid said the Malaysian Meteorological Department (MetMalaysia) will issue a warning five days before anticipated flooding in areas prone to heavy rainfall and high tides, aiming to mitigate risks.

Regarding the readiness of machinery and enforcement personnel, he indicated that the current numbers are adequate, as mobilisation will occur collaboratively among enforcement agencies and non-governmental organisations (NGOs).

He emphasised that this mobilisation will be conducted in a structured manner, ensuring that no state or region is marginalised.

Ahmad Zahid also urged flood victims to assist themselves and their families in relocating to safe areas rather than relying solely on enforcement agencies for rescue efforts.

Earlier, he launched the Rakan Nadma Rejuvenation Plan 2030, designed as a reference document for various stakeholders to plan, implement and monitor programmes that positively impact vulnerable groups while enhancing volunteerism and strengthening the humanitarian sector.

The plan outlines three working groups within Rakan Nadma to serve as a guide to enable members to fulfil their respective roles more effectively and relevantly.

These working groups focus on expertise development, community development and operational coordination.

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Monsun Timur Laut diramal bermula 9/10 lebih awal

PUTRAJAYA - Orang ramai digesa bersiap sedia bagi menghadapi Monsun Timur Laut (MTL) yang diramal bermula lebih awal iaitu penghujung bulan ini berbanding pada awal November, susulan perubahan cuaca.

Timbalan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi berkata, kesiapsiagaan harus dilakukan oleh agensi berkaitan dan rakyat yang berada di berisiko banjir.

"Kesiapsiagaan dilakukan oleh semua agensi penguatkuasaan dan badan bukan kerajaan (NGO) serta mobilisasi dijalankan secara berstruktur.

"Hari ini (Selasa) juga kita menyaksikan kertas dasar dilakukan dengan kerjasama Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) yang mengkoordinasi kerjasama di antara NGO untuk melakukan rejuvenasi bagi mengurangkan risiko bencana," katanya selepas merasmikan Konvensyen Rakan Nadma di sini pada Selasa.

Menurutnya, Jabatan Pengairan dan Saliran (JPS) telah mengenal pasti kawasan berisiko terutama banjir termenung di Pantai Barat Semenanjung bermula Perlis sehingga Johor.

Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Pengurusan Bencana Pusat (JPBP) itu berkata, Jabatan Meteorologi Malaysia akan mengeluarkan amaran lima hari lebih awal sebelum berlaku hujan melampau atau air pasang besar.

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Majikan perlu beri masa cukup untuk solat Jumaat

FOTO: FACEBOOK LEE TING HAN



Ting Han (dua dari kanan) ditemui ketika program Green Legacy Johor Summit 2024 di Pusat Konvensyen Antarabangsa Persada Johor pada Selasa.

JOHOR BAHRU - Semua majikan di Johor diminta mematuhi titah Pemangku Sultan Johor, Tunku Mahkota Ismail agar memberi ruang dan masa mencukupi kepada pekerja beragama Islam untuk menunaikan solat Jumaat apabila penyalarsan semula cuti hujung minggu dilaksanakan bermula 1 Januari tahun depan.

Exco Pelaburan, Perdagangan, Hal Ehwal Pengguna dan Sumber Manusia Johor, Lee Ting Han berkata, jika majikan gagal berbuat demikian, tindakan boleh dikenakan terhadap mereka yang terlibat.

"Seperti yang telah dititah, kami akan adakan sesi libat urus lebih mendalam dengan Jabatan Tenaga Kerja (JTK) serta pemain industri dan pihak

majikan dalam waktu terdekat agar titah ini dapat dilaksanakan dengan efektif. Semua pekerja Muslim perlu diberi ruang dan masa secukupnya untuk melaksanakan tanggungjawab sebagai orang Islam khususnya waktu solat Jumaat.

"Oleh itu, pihak industri dan majikan yang tidak beri ruang secukupnya, dijangka berdepan tindakan," katanya selepas program Green Legacy Johor Summit 2024 di Pusat Konvensyen Antarabangsa Persada Johor di sini pada Selasa.

Beliau berkata penyalarsan semula cuti hujung minggu kepada Sabtu dan Ahad itu disambut baik bukan sahaja oleh golongan pekerja, ibu dan bapa, tetapi juga sektor swasta dan perbankan

di negeri ini.

"Pertukaran ini akan meningkatkan produktiviti Johor secara keseluruhan apabila waktu bekerja selari bagi pentadbiran kerajaan dan sektor ekonomi dan perbankan dengan Kuala Lumpur dan Putrajaya.

"Selain itu, sektor runcit juga akan terima impak positif apabila ibu bapa dapat meluangkan lebih banyak masa dengan anak-anak pada hari cuti Sabtu dan Ahad," katanya.

Sebelum ini, Menteri Besar Johor, Datuk Onn Hafiz Ghazi dilaporkan berkata, penyalarsan semula cuti hujung minggu itu akan melibatkan kesemua penduduk Johor terutama 587,343 pekerja dan 1.948 juta tenaga kerja sektor kerajaan dan swasta. - Bernama

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Perdana Menteri tersenarai di tempat ke-15 daripada 500 Muslim, berada di tempat kesembilan bagi kategori pemimpin dan ahli politik

Oleh SITI NOOR
FAEZAH MUDA
SHAH ALAM

Perdana Menteri Malaysia, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim tersenarai di tempat ke-15 daripada 500 Muslim paling berpengaruh di dunia.

Perkara itu dikeluarkan *The Muslim 500* edisi 2025 diterbitkan sebuah pusat kajian bebas, Pusat Kajian Strategik Diraja Islam (RISSC) yang bernaung bersama Institut Pemikiran Islam Diraja Aal al-Bayt berpangkalan di Amman, Jordan.

Anwar juga tersenarai di tempat kesembilan bagi kategori pemimpin dan ahli politik. Penerbitan itu menggambar Anwar sebagai seorang yang pernah mengharungi pemertanaan, buangan dan cabaran politik sebelum menjadi Perdana Menteri Malaysia ke-10 pada November 2022.

"Di luar kerjaya politiknya,

Anwar telah membuat sumbangan kepada akademik, memegang jawatan di institusi seperti Kolej St Anthony, Oxford, Universiti Johns Hopkins dan Universiti Georgetown.

"Beliau juga merupakan pengasas bersama Institut Pemikiran Islam Antarabangsa (IIIT) yang ditubuhkan di Amerika Syarikat pada 1981," katanya.

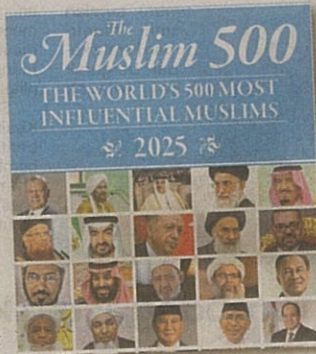
Menurut penerbitan itu, kelantangan Anwar dalam isu Gaza memperjuangkan hak rakyat Palestin dengan menentang kependudukan haram Israel.

Malah penerbitan berkenaan turut menekankan mengenai kejadian syarikat gergasi teknologi Meta yang menurunkan hantaran Anwar terhadap pemimpin Palestin yang dibunuh, Ismail Haniyeh.

"Pertemuan beliau dengan pegawai Hamas termasuk pemimpin Hamas yang dibunuh, Ismail Haniyeh mendapat kritikan dari Amerika Syarikat (AS).

"Catatan media sosialnya

Anwar antara Muslim paling berpengaruh di dunia



Antara yang tersenarai paling berpengaruh di dunia dalam *The Muslim 500* edisi 2025.

yang menyampaikan ucapan takziah selepas pembunuhan Ismail Haniyeh diturunkan mendorongnya untuk menyelar syarikat gergasi teknologi, Meta dengan berkata, 'Biar ini menjadi mesej yang jelas dan tidak berbelah bahagi kepada Meta: Hentikan sikap pengecut ini dan berhenti bertindak sebagai instrumen Zionis Israel yang menindas,' kata penerbitan itu.

The Muslim 500 edisi 2025 itu menyenaraikan Raja Jordan, Raja Abdullah II Al-Hussein di tempat pertama diikuti Ulama dan Pengarah Dar Al Mustafay, Tarim Yaman Sheikh Al-Habib Umar Hafiz; Emir Qatar, Sheikh Tamim Hamad Al Thani; Pem-

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1. Pemerintah Jordan dan Penjaga Tapek Suci di Baitulmaqdis, Raja Abdullah II	11. Ulama dan Pendakwah Al-Ouda, Sheikh Salman
2. Ulama dan Pengarah Dar Al Mustafa, Ta-rim, Yemen, Sheikh Al-Habib Umar Hafiz	12. Putera Mahkota Arab Saudi, Putera Mohammed Salman
3. Emir Qatar, Emir Sheikh Tamim Hamad Al-Thani	13. Syekh Besar Universiti Al-Azhar dan Imam Besar Masjid Al-Azhar, Sheikh Dr Ahmad Muhammad Al-Tayyeb
4. Pemimpin Agung Iran, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei	14. Pemimpin dan Presiden Jamiat Ulama-e-Hind, India, Maulana Mahmood Madani
5. Raja Arab Saudi dan Penjaga Dua Masjid Suci, Raja Salman	15. PERDANA MENTERI MALAYSIA, ANWAR IBRAHIM
6. Ulama Usmani dan Pemimpin Deobandi, Sheikh Muhammad Taqi	16. Sultan Sokoto, Nigeria, Amirul Mu'minin Sheikh As-Sultan Muhammadu Sa'adu Abubakar III
7. Presiden UAE, Sheikh Mohamed Zayed Al-Nahyan	17. Ulama dan Presiden Forum untuk Pro-menggerakkan Keamanan dalam Masyarakat Islam, Sheikh Abdullah Bayyah
8. Presiden Turkiye, Recep Tayyip Erdogan	18. Bakal Presiden Indonesia, Prabowo Subianto
9. Marja dari Hawza, Najaf, Iraq, Ayatollah Sayyid Ali Hussein Al-Sistani	19. Ketua Nahdlatul Ulama Indonesia, Yahya Cholil Staquf
10. Raja Maghribi, Raja Mohammed VI	20. Presiden Mesir, Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi

impin Tinggi Iran, Ayatollah Sayyid Ali Khamenei dan Raja Arab Saudi, Raja Salman Abdulaziz Al Saud.

Selain itu, bakal Presiden

baharu Indonesia, Prabowo Subianto dan Pengerusi Nahdlatul Ulama, Yahya Cholil Staquf turut tersenarai di tempat ke-18 dan 19.

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Negara capai penjimatan elektrik bernilai RM2.21 bilion

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Teks ucapan beliau dibacakan oleh Timbalan Menteri Peralihan Tenaga dan Transformasi Air, Akmal Nasrullah Mohd Nasir.

Menurut Fadillah, pencapaian ini disokong oleh program dan inisiatif seperti Standard Prestasi Tenaga Minimum (MEPS), audit tenaga dalam sektor komersial dan perindustrian dan program pelabelan Indeks Tenaga Bangunan (BEI), yang menghasilkan penjimatan tenaga



Akmal Nasrullah (dua dari kiri) melawat tapak pameran pada majlis pelancaran pembukaan Enlit Asia 2024 di Kuala Lumpur pada Selasa.

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sebanyak 70 peratus.

Katanya, pembangunan TBB Malaysia dijangka terus meningkat, merangsang pelaburan di seluruh rantaian TBB dan mempelbagaikan program TBB negara melalui prinsip *willing buyer-willing seller* (jual beli suka rela). - Bernama

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Purata sewa meningkat 3.9 peratus

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Indeks Sewa Rumah diunjurkan meningkat pada kadar tahunan 5.5 peratus bagi suku pertama 2025.

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Purata sewa di Malaysia meningkat 3.9 peratus kepada RM1,995 pada suku kedua tahun ini daripada purata suku pertama dan 2.9 peratus daripada suku kedua 2023, menurut laporan Indeks Sewa Rumah IQI Malaysia bagi Suku Kedua 2024 dikeluarkan oleh Juwai IQI.

Pengasas Bersama dan Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif Kumpulan Juwai IQI, Kashif Ansari berkata, buat pertama kali dalam tahun ini, kadar pertumbuhan tahunan dipercepat berbanding lembap.

Menurutnya, Indeks Sewa Rumah Malaysia bergerak dengan aliran penawaran dan permintaan hartanah sewa, peralihan bermusim, memasuki pelajar antarabangsa serta aktiviti pelabur.

"Jangkaan awal kami adalah ka-

dar sewa akan meningkat secara sederhana daripada sifar peratus kepada tiga peratus, namun indeks telah sedia meningkat sebanyak 3.9 peratus, lebih cepat daripada jangkaan.

"Kami kini mengemaskinikan jangkaan dan mengunjurkan Indeks Sewa Rumah meningkat pada kadar tahunan 5.5 peratus bagi suku pertama 2025," katanya dalam kenyataan pada Selasa.

Jelas beliau, di Kuala Lumpur, kadar sewa adalah 44 peratus lebih tinggi daripada purata nasional, dengan premium 51 peratus daripada purata sewa Selangor.

Menurutnya, keluarga yang mencari rumah lebih mampu milik atau untuk meningkatkan pendapatan boleh guna, mereka boleh mengurangkan perbelanjaan sebanyak separuh dengan memilih kawasan menawarkan kadar sewa lebih rendah.

"Di Kuala Lumpur bukan sahaja menawarkan purata sewa tertinggi, malah mencatatkan pertumbuhan sewa paling kukuh pada suku lepas, meningkat lima peratus kepada

RM2,863.

"Sementara itu, sewa Selangor sebahagian besarnya kekal stabil, meningkat hanya satu peratus," katanya.

Menurut Kashif, purata sewa RM1,899 di Selangor adalah lima peratus lebih tinggi daripada trend dua tahun.

"Pada masa akan datang, kami menjangkakan sewa di Selangor menjadi sederhana daripada kadar semasa kepada pertumbuhan kira-kira 3.0 peratus," katanya.

Memetik data daripada rakan kongsi Juwai IQI, Global Property Guide, beliau berkata, purata hasil sewa kasar bagi pelabur kekal 5.2 peratus pada suku kedua 2024.

"Hasil sewa kasar juga secara umumnya kekal stabil di seluruh negara sejak suku terakhir. Kami meneliti hasil di lapan lokasi iaitu Johor Bahru, Iskandar Puteri, Petaling Jaya, Subang Jaya, Shah Alam, Ipoh, Kuala Lumpur dan Georgetown," katanya.

Indeks Sewa Rumah IQI Malaysia menganalisis lebih 70,000 transaksi penyewaan kediaman antara 2018 dan S2 2024. - Bernama

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OPR dijangka kekal, ringgit diunjur 4.25 berbanding dolar AS

KUALA LUMPUR - Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) dijangka mengekalkan kadar dasar semalaman (OPR) bagi tempoh 12 hingga 15 bulan akan datang, susulan tekanan inflasi mereda dan prospek ekonomi lebih cerah.

Bagaimanapun, Kenanga Investment Bank Bhd (Kenanga) berkata, peralihan dasar fiskal dan risiko luar seperti ketegangan geopolitik masih boleh mempengaruhi pendirian bank pusat itu.

Dalam nota penyelidikannya pada Selasa, bank pelaburan itu turut menyemak naik unjuran nilai ringgit berbanding dolar Amerika Syarikat (AS) kepada 4.25 daripada 4.42 sebelum ini, disokong oleh perbezaan hasil, pengurangan kadar faedah oleh Rizab Persekutuan AS (Fed) dan pemulihan ekonomi China.

"Seperti dijangkakan, pasaran telah melakukan pelarasan dan menerima hanya dua pengurangan 25 mata peratusan tahun ini oleh Fed, susulan data tenaga kerja September yang lebih kukuh daripada unjuran awal.

"Walaupun asas-asas domestik akan terus mendorong peningkatan ringgit, kami kekal berhati-hati terhadap risiko luar, khususnya prospek penurunan ekonomi AS yang mendadak, ketidaktentuan susulan Pilihan Raya Presiden dan ketegangan geopolitik," katanya. - *Bernama*

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Claim **RM8,239** tapi kerja tak jalan

Pengarah syarikat mengaku tidak bersalah kemuka butiran palsu dalam tuntutan kerja pembaikan Bot Perantas KB79 milik JKDM

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Seorang pengarah syarikat mengaku tidak bersalah di Mahkamah Sesiyen di sini, semalam atas pertuduhan mengemukakan butiran palsu dalam tuntutan berjumlah RM302,850.48 bagi kerja-kerja pembaikan bot, tiga tahun lalu.

Yap Sin Kong, 58, membuat pengakuan berkenaan selepas pertuduhan dibacakan terhadapnya di hadapan Hakim Datuk Mohd Nasir Nordin.

Tertuduh didakwa dengan niat memperdaya seorang pegawai kanan Jabatan Kastam Diraja Malaysia (JKDM) satu set inoivis mengandungi butiran palsu bagi kerja-kerja pem-

baikan Bot Perantas KB79-Stesen Wilayah Persekutuan Labuan dengan memasukkan butiran kerja berjumlah RM8,239 yang tidak dilaksanakan.

Kesalahan itu didakwa dilakukan di Cawangan Pengurusan Kewangan, Ibu Pejabat JKDM, Persiaran Perdana, Presint 2, Putrajaya pada 5 Oktober 2021, mengikut Seksyen 18 Akta Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia 2009 (Akta 694) dan boleh dihukum di bawah Seksyen 24(2) akta sama.

Seksyen itu memperuntukkan hukuman penjara maksimum 20 tahun atau denda tidak kurang daripada lima kali ganda jumlah atau nilai suapan, atau RM10,000 mengikut

RM15k

Jumlah ikat jamin dikenakan mahkamah ke atas tertuduh.

mana-mana yang lebih tinggi, jika sabit kesalahan.

Yap turut mengaku tidak bersalah atas pertuduhan pilihan bagi perbuatan sama di bawah Seksyen 471 Kanun Keseksaan yang boleh dihukum di bawah Seksyen 465 kanun sama yang memperuntukkan hukuman penjara sehingga dua tahun, denda atau kedua-keduanya sekali.

Timbalan Pendakwa Raya Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia

(SPRM) Muaz Ahmad Khairuddin mencadangkan jaminan RM15,000 dengan seorang penjamin serta syarat tambahan tertuduh melaporkan diri setiap bulan di pejabat SPRM berdekatan serta menyerahkan pasport kepada mahkamah.

Yap yang tidak diwakili peguam merayu mahkamah mempertimbangkan jaminan yang rendah berikutan masalah kewangan dihadapinya.

Mahkamah kemudian menetapkan jumlah ikat jamin RM15,000 dan membenarkan semua permohonan pihak pendakwaan berserta syarat tambahan.

Sebutan semula kes ditetapkan 13 November ini.

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Negara berpendapatan tinggi menjelang 2027

Kuala Lumpur: Malaysia berupaya mencapai negara berpendapatan tinggi menjelang 2027 jika ringgit kekal pada paras semasa sekitar RM4.20 berbanding dolar Amerika Syarikat (AS), demikian menurut Bank Dunia.

Ketua Ekonomi Bank Dunia bagi Malaysia, Dr Apurva Sanghi berkata dengan andaian ringgit berbanding dolar AS berada pada paras RM4.54 sedolar dan purata pertumbuhan ekonomi tahunan sekitar 4.3 peratus, Malaysia boleh mencapai negara berpendapatan tinggi menjelang 2028.

Katanya, pihaknya melihat Malaysia sebenarnya mencatatkan prestasi output perkapita yang mengatasi kebanyakan negara di Asean lain.

Malah, katanya, pertumbuhan perkapita Malaysia, pengukuran yang lazim digunakan oleh ahli ekonomi bagi mengukur kebajikan, juga dilihat lebih tinggi berbanding paras ketika sebelum pandemik iaitu meningkat 12 peratus.

"Berdasarkan andaian kami dengan ringgit pada paras RM4.54 sedolar dan kadar pertumbuhan purata 4.3 peratus,

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Kalau kadar pertukaran ringgit Malaysia kekal pada paras RM4.20, maka negara berpendapatan tinggi boleh dicapai setahun lebih awal"

Dr Apurva

Malaysia dijangka mencapai negara berpendapatan tinggi menjelang 2028.

"Jika kadar pertukaran ringgit Malaysia kekal pada paras semasa kira-kira RM4.20, maka negara berpendapatan tinggi boleh dicapai setahun lebih awal, pada 2027. Jadi, ini adalah berita baik," katanya pada sidang media mengumumkan laporan Kemas Kini Ekonomi Asia Timur dan Pasifik (EAP) Oktober 2024 dan Bahagian 1 Pemantau Ekonomi Malaysia (MEM) Oktober 2024, semalam.

Apurva mengingatkan bahawa berpendapatan tinggi tidak sama dengan pembangunan yang tinggi memandangkan kemungkinan wujudnya pembalikan daripada segi fiskal.

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Penurunan harga minyak beri ruang turun belanja subsidi petrol RON95

Kuala Lumpur: Penurunan harga minyak dunia dan pengukuhan ringgit dijangka memberi ruang kepada kerajaan dalam Belanjawan 2025 mengurangkan perbelanjaan subsidi petrol RON95, sekali gus mencapai matlamat pengukuhan fiskal serta pengurusan kos sara hidup rakyat.

Menurut CIMB Securities, subsidi untuk petrol RON95 telah berkurang daripada RM1.10 seliter pada Jun 2024 kepada sekitar 65 hingga 70 sen seliter pada masa ini.

Berdasarkan anggaran harga minyak pada AS\$70 setong dan kadar tukaran dolar Amerika Syarikat (AS) berbanding ringgit pada RM4.22, subsidi unit dijangka

mencecah 55 sen seliter, dengan jumlah keseluruhan subsidi RON95 dianggar sebanyak RM8.9 bilion pada 2025.

Ini lebih rendah berbanding RM14.5 bilion pada 2024 yang diunjurkan berdasarkan harga minyak AS\$77 setong.

Penjimatan subsidi ini memberi kerajaan kelonggaran untuk meneruskan usaha pengukuhan fiskal tanpa menjejaskan bantuan kepada golongan rentan.

Ini penting memandangkan petrol menyumbang 5.5 peratus Indeks Harga Pengguna (IHP), menjadikan faktor utama dalam ramalan inflasi berbanding diesel menyumbang 0.2 peratus kepada bakul IHP.

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Awal tahun ini, kerajaan bersetuju menubuhkan Energy Exchange Malaysia (ENEGEM) untuk jualan elektrik hijau rentas sempadan ke negara jiran.

"Kami percaya platform ENEGEM akan membolehkan Malaysia mengukuhkan lagi rangka kerja penyepaduan elektrik rentas sempadannya sambil membuka jalan bagi pembangunan TBB yang lebih besar dan kerjasama serantau dalam perdagangan tenaga rentas sempadan antara negara-negara Asean," kata Fadillah. - Bernama

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Guna AI dalam penyelenggaraan elak insiden pokok tumbang

- Pokok tumbuh di kawasan mempunyai masalah saliran seperti sistem perparitan tidak baik, cenderung mengalami tanah tepu air ketika hujan lebat meningkatkan kemungkinan pokok tumbang

- PBT perlu mempunyai garis panduan, spesifikasi cara penanaman, penyelenggaraan baik dan berkala bagi pokok bersaiz besar bertujuan meminimumkan risiko pokok tumbang apabila sudah berusia



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Monsun Timur Laut antara November hingga Mac dicirikan cuaca ekstrem seperti hujan lebat berterusan dan angin kencang bertiup dari timur laut, membawa kelembapan dari Laut China Selatan ke Pantai Timur dan selatan tanah air, seterusnya menyebabkan hujan lebat berterusan.

Perubahan tekanan udara dan suhu di hemisfera utara ketika musim sejuk turut menyumbang kepada kekuatan angin dan ribut Monsun Timur Laut.

Purata hujan ketika musim ini biasanya antara 250 milimeter (mm) hingga 500mm sebulan di Pantai Timur, tetapi boleh mencapai lebih 700mm, terutama semasa fasa pun-

cak monsun, iaitu Disember hingga Januari, selain membawa angin kencang antara 60 hingga 80 kilometer per jam.

Justeru, Monsun Timur Laut sering menyebabkan insiden pokok tumbang seperti ditunjukkan data antara November hingga Mac, kejadian itu meningkat, selari dengan fasa Monsun Timur Laut.

Sepanjang tahun lalu misalnya, beberapa negeri terjejas, antaranya Selangor mencatat lebih 200 kes pokok tumbang, diikuti Pulau Pinang dengan 100 kes dilaporkan kebanyakannya di kawasan bandar dan taman, manakala Kedah pula merekodkan sekitar 80 kes, terutama di kampung serta bandar kecil.

Dari Januari hingga Julai tahun ini, sejumlah 2,275 panggilan kecemasan membabitkan insiden pokok tumbang diterima bomba berbanding 4,825 kes (2023). Selangor mencatatkan panggilan tertinggi dengan 442 kes; Perak (321 kes) dan Sarawak (264 kes), manakala lapan orang maut serta 27 cedera.

Pada Disember lalu, kejadian pokok tumbang di kawasan perumahan di Selangor menyebabkan kerosakan besar apabila sebatang pokok besar tumbang di atas beberapa kereta. Faktor dikenal pasti ialah akar pokok lemah akibat pembangunan berhampiran dan tanah tepu air.

Januari lalu pula menyaksikan pokok berusia di Taman Kota, Pulau Pinang tumbang akibat angin kencang. Pokok itu diklasifikasikan sebagai pokok pelindung jalan, namun sistem akar rapuh dan usia lanjut menyebabkannya tumbang hingga mengakibatkan kecederaan ringan pada pejalan kaki.

Hujan lebat sering disertai angin kencang meningkatkan tekanan pada batang dan dahan pokok kerana gabungan angin kuat serta tanah lembut

menyebabkan pokok lebih mudah tumbang.

Hujan lebat berpanjangan menyebabkan tanah menjadi tepu dengan air mengakibatkan tanah kehilangan kekuatannya untuk memegang akar pokok dengan kukuh. Apabila tanah menjadi lembut atau licin, ia tidak dapat menampung berat pokok, terutama pokok besar dengan sistem akar luas seperti pokok angsa dan pokok hujan-hujan.

Pokok tumbuh di kawasan mempunyai masalah saliran seperti sistem perparitan tidak baik, cenderung mengalami tanah tepu air ketika hujan lebat meningkatkan kemungkinan pokok tumbang.

Selain itu, pokok mempunyai sistem akar cetek atau rosak akibat serangan penyakit seperti pokok jati juga lebih mudah tumbang kerana keadaan tanah lembap ketika hujan mengurangkan daya tahan akar menampung pokok, menjadikannya lebih rentan kepada angin dan berat air pada daun serta dahan.

Malah, pokok tumbuh di kawasan cerun atau kawasan dengan pembangunan pesat sering menghadapi risiko tumbang kerana gangguan terhadap tanah serta sistem akar.

Pokok berusia mudah tumbang

Umumnya, pokok berusia atau sudah rosak akibat persekitaran atau serangan serangga lebih mudah tumbang kerana biasanya mempunyai batang dan akar rapuh menyebabkannya kurang daya tahan terhadap angin dan cuaca ekstrem.

Sesetengah pokok seperti berakir cetek atau mempunyai daun besar lebih berisiko tumbang ketika hujan lebat. Ini kerana struktur akar tidak menembusi jauh ke dalam tanah sukar menampung pokok apabila hujan lebat menjejaskan kestabilan tanah.

Kawasan sering terdedah kepada hakisan tanah juga meningkatkan risiko tumbangnya pokok. Selanjutnya, pokok dicantas secara tidak profesional



boleh mengalami ketidakseimbangan dalam pengedaran berat, menyebabkan mudah tumbang.

Pokok dipangkas berlebihan atau tidak seimbang mempunyai struktur lemah, menjadikannya rentan terhadap angin kuat dan hujan lebat.

Diakui kejadian pokok tumbang sukar dijangka atau diramal, namun ia mungkin boleh dielak atau risiko bahaya dikurangkan menerusi pendidikan berterusan kepada masyarakat bagi meningkatkan kesedaran terhadap risiko, terutama di kawasan perumahan mempunyai banyak pokok berusia.

Pokok dipilih untuk ditanam di kawasan awam juga perlu mempunyai sistem akar kukuh yang spesies dipilih perlulah sesuai dengan jenis tanah dan iklim tempatan supaya dapat mengurangkan risiko tumbang.

Paling utama, setiap keputusan memilih pokok bersesuaian atau di mana hendak ditanam perlu mengambil kira aspek keselamatan jangka pendek serta panjang, kesesuaian ruang, ekologi setempat, kekuatan fizikal, spesies pokok dan daya tahannya terhadap ancaman cuaca.

Penggunaan teknologi kecerdasan buatan (AI) dan pemetaan dalam sistem maklumat geografi (GIS) sangat berkesan dalam kerja pemantauan serta penyelenggaraan pokok.

Selain itu, kaedah melabel pokok sama ada sangat kritikal, sederhana kritikal atau sangat baik jika dipraktikkan dapat membantu dalam usaha pencegahan kepada kejadian pokok tumbang.

Ini membantu pihak berkaitan dalam membuat keputusan sama ada pokok berkenaan perlu diganti dengan pokok baharu atau masih boleh dikekalkan di tapak sedia ada. Satu pangkalan data perlu diwujudkan bagi mengenal pasti status terkini semua pokok terutama sudah berusia.

Selanjutnya pemantauan kesihatan pokok melalui pengawasan berterusan oleh pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) terhadap kesihatan pokok, termasuk pemeriksaan penyakit akar dan kestabilan pokok.

Pokok sudah tua, berpenyakit, berisiko tumbang atau berada di kawasan sering terdedah kepada cuaca buruk perlu dipantau untuk mencegah insiden tumbang. Pokok juga harus diselenggara misalnya dicantas dengan betul dan diberi penjagaan baik supaya dapat mengekalkan keseimbangan serta kestabilan, seterusnya mengurangkan risiko tumbang semasa cuaca buruk.

Agensi berkaitan terutama PBT perlu mempunyai garis panduan, spesifikasi cara penanaman, penyelenggaraan baik dan berkala bagi pokok bersaiz besar bertujuan meminimumkan risiko pokok tumbang apabila sudah berusia.

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Kerajaan dijangka umum usaha tingkat pendapatan

PETALING JAYA: Kerajaan dijangka mengumumkan pelbagai insentif dan usaha untuk meningkatkan pendapatan isi rumah dalam Belanjawan 2025 minggu depan.

Pakar Ekonomi Universiti Tun Abdul Razak (UNIRAZAK), Prof. Emeritus Barjoi Bardai berkata, ini bagi memastikan isi rumah untuk berbelanja dan merangsang ekonomi negara.

"Kerajaan dijangka akan cuba memperbaiki dan tidak menyentuh banyak perkara disebabkan ekonomi sedang tumbuh dengan baik.

"Kerajaan juga dijangka tidak akan memperkenalkan cukai baharu kerana dilihat akan membekalkan pengguna dan pelabur tapi mereka (kerajaan) akan cuba menambah pelbagai insen-

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tif," katanya ketika dihubungi Utusan Malaysia.

Menurut beliau, terdapat peningkatan ekonomi dan seharusnya volum perniagaan bertambah, namun dilihat semakin mencabar ketika ini.

"Hal ini kerana, perbelanjaan pengguna persendirian isi rumah tidak meningkat walaupun Keluaran Dalam Negara Kasar (KDNK) meningkat.

"Perkara itu disebabkan isi rumah di Malaysia masih memikirkan apa yang mereka akan peroleh melalui pertumbuhan yang pesat di Malaysia. Mereka

tidak nampak apa-apa perubahan, mereka agak ragu-ragu dan takut hendak berbelanja," katanya.

Sementara itu, Pensyarah Kanan Sekolah Perniagaan dan Ekonomi, Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), Dr. Taha Mohd. Omar berkata, Belanjawan 2025 boleh memperkenalkan skim pembiayaan tanpa faedah untuk usahawan muda dan insentif ini seharusnya lebih besar berbanding tahun lalu.

"Pada 2024, kira-kira 10,000 usahawan belia menerima bantuan kewangan. Bagi tahun ini, jumlah penerima boleh dinaikkan sehingga 20 peratus bagi memastikan lebih ramai belia mendapat peluang ini.

"Insentif khas kepada golongan belia dan usahawan muda

bukan sahaja membantu mereka memulakan perniagaan, tetapi juga menyumbang kepada pertumbuhan ekonomi negara yang lebih kukuh dan mampan," katanya.

Beliau menjelaskan, kebanyakan rakyat menjangkakan terdapat pengumuman insentif baharu yang menumpukan kepada penambahbaikan infrastruktur digital dalam Belanjawan 2025.

"Dengan lebih 25 peratus penduduk Malaysia tinggal di kawasan luar bandar, subsidi internet serta peningkatan infrastruktur komunikasi adalah langkah kritikal untuk mengurangkan jurang digital.

"Pada 2024, hanya dua peratus daripada peruntukan keseluruhan bajet disalurkan ke arah pembangunan digital ini.

"Oleh itu, untuk 2025, angka ini boleh ditingkatkan kepada empat peratus bagi menjamin akses yang lebih menyeluruh dan merata di seluruh negara," katanya.

Taha berkata, Belanjawan 2025 berpotensi menjadi lonjakan besar ke arah ekonomi yang lebih lestari dan inklusif dengan cadangan peruntukan yang lebih besar kepada teknologi hijau, pembangunan kemahiran dan sokongan kepada usahawan muda.

"Jika kerajaan komited untuk melaksanakan insentif yang lebih besar dan menyeluruh kita boleh menjangkakan transformasi ekonomi yang mampu memenuhi cabaran global dan memenuhi keperluan rakyat," jelasnya.

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Monsun Timur Laut diramal lebih awal, minggu keempat bulan ini

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PUTRAJAYA: Orang ramai dinasihatkan supaya berwaspada dan bersedia menghadapi fasa peralihan Monsun Timur Laut (MTL) yang diramal berlaku lebih awal iaitu pada minggu keempat bulan ini, berbanding November.

Timbalan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi berkata, perubahan ramalan itu berlaku antaranya disebabkan oleh faktor perubahan iklim.

"Monsun Timur Laut akan sampai lazimnya pada awal minggu pertama bulan November, tapi disebabkan oleh perubahan cuaca atau iklim ada kemungkinan mengikut ramalan bahawa MTL akan datang lebih awal iaitu di akhir atau minggu keempat bulan Oktober ini," katanya kepada pemberita selepas merasmikan Konvensyen Rakan Agensi Pengurusan Bencana Negara (NADMA) di sini hari ini.

Pada majlis sama, Ahmad Zahid turut melancarkan Pelan Rejuvenasi Rakan NADMA 2030 yang dibangunkan untuk menjadi dokumen rujukan pelba-



AHMAD Zahid Hamidi beramah mesra dengan petugas beberapa agensi pengurusan bencana negara selepas majlis perasmian Konvensyen Rakan NADMA di Putrajaya, semalam. - UTUSAN/FAIZ ALIF ZUBIR

gai pihak berkepentingan bagi merancang, melaksana dan memantau program-program yang memberi impak positif kepada golongan rentan.

Ia sekali gus dapat memajukan dunia kesukarelaan dan melonjakkan peranan sektor kemanusiaan.

Mengulas lanjut, beliau yang

juga Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Pengurusan Bencana Pusat (JPBP) berkata, mobilisasi bantuan ketika ini sudah pun berada pada tahap siap siaga terutama

melibatkan agensi penguatkuasaan dengan kerjasama pertubuhan bukan kerajaan (NGO).

"Kita (juga) tidak mengi negeri mana, tempat man tetapi mobilisasi ini kita laksanakan dengan cara berstruktur ujarnya.

Selain itu, beliau memint supaya orang ramai lebih pe serta mengikut nasihat daripada agensi penguatkuasaan yang menjalankan tugas keti musim banjir.

"Kita harap nasihat-nasihat untuk berpindah ini harus diikuti dengan sebaiknya, unti faedah mereka bagi mengurangkan bencana.

"Kita harap mangsa janganlah membiarkan hanya ager bantuan ini datang tanpa mere membantu diri mereka send dan ahli keluarga," katanya.

Pada 3 Oktober, media melaporkan negara dijangka menerima kehadiran MTL bermula November ini sehingga Mac 20 dengan ramalan empat hing enam episod hujan lebat berterusan sepanjang tempoh tersebut.

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AI use exposes organisations to more threats

ARTIFICIAL intelligence (AI) is opening up large organisations to more cyber threats, an industry report finds.

United States-based network security and cloud computing solutions provider Palo Alto Networks analysed from several petabytes of data collected throughout 2023, and found that organisations faced mounting challenges safeguarding their IT infrastructure amid the relentless change and heightened risk posed by AI-generated threats.

Its 2024 Unit 42 Attack Surface Threat Report highlights that critical sectors, including insurance, pharmaceuticals and manufacturing, are experiencing a continuous evolution in their attack surfaces, rendering them prime targets for cybercriminals exploiting AI-generated vulnerabilities.

"As businesses broaden their digital footprints, tracking and securing all assets become increasingly complex.

"Many organisations find it challenging to maintain an accurate inventory of their Internet-facing applications, leaving them vulnerable to cyber threats that often stem from software vulnerabilities," the company said.

Palo Alto Networks country manager for Malaysia Sarene Lee said



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the advent of AI has increased threat actors' speed and persistence, enabling them to exploit even the slightest gaps in an organisation's defence.

"Malaysia's digital ambitions, particularly in cloud computing, present significant opportunities for growth, and the recently proposed cybersecurity bill is a crucial step in ensuring these advancements are secure.

"By integrating generative AI into machine learning and automation workflows — what we refer to as Precision AI — organisations can more effectively secure their expanding digital landscape, stay ahead of potential threats, and contribute to a more resilient cyber ecosystem," she said.

Lee said organisations must maintain persistent and comprehensive visibility across all assets to secure their threat surfaces.

This is essential for identifying and responding to risks associated with high-profile vulnerabilities.

"Monitoring for unsanctioned services,



Palo Alto Networks country manager for Malaysia Sarene Lee.



Organisations are experiencing a continuous evolution in their attack surfaces, rendering them prime targets for cybercriminals who exploit artificial intelligence-generated vulnerabilities. PICTURE CREDIT: DC STUDIO — FREEPIK

es, or shadow IT, is critical to differentiate between known and unknown assets. Prioritising remediation efforts on high-severity vulnerabilities, particularly those that are Internet-exposed, is also crucial," she said.

Organisations should also implement processes to address critical exposure risks in real time, optimise cloud configurations, and enforce secure data handling practices.

"Staying informed about emerging threats and regularly reassessing the organisation's attack surfaces are vital strategies to mitigate risks in this rapidly evolving cyber landscape," she added.

KEY FINDINGS

1. Evolving attack surfaces: On average, organisations introduce over 300 new ser-

vices each month, which accounts for nearly 32 per cent of new high or critical cloud exposures. This rapid proliferation of new services, often without adequate oversight, leads to misconfigurations and increases the likelihood of breaches.

2. Increased risks from lateral movement and data exfiltration: Seventy-three per cent of high-risk exposures are located within IT and networking infrastructure, business operations applications, and remote access services, which can be exploited for lateral movement and data exfiltration.

3. Critical IT and security infrastructure exposures: Over 25 per cent of exposures relate to essential IT and networking infrastructure, creating openings for opportunistic attacks. This includes vulnerabilities in application-layer protocols and Internet-accessible administrative login pages for routers, firewalls, virtual private networks, and other key networking and security devices.

Remote access services and business operation applications also comprise significant portions of exposure, each exceeding 23 per cent.

4. Media and entertainment: This sector saw the highest rate of new services added, exceeding 7,000 per month.

5. Telecommunications, insurance, pharmaceuticals and life sciences: These industries experienced substantial growth, with more than 1,000 new services added to their attack surfaces.

6. Critical industries: Financial services, healthcare and manufacturing observed an increase of over 200 new services each month.

The report also emphasises the necessity for organisations to adopt AI-driven tools, such as Cortex Xpanse, which offer continuous asset discovery and inventory management.

This capability is vital for maintaining comprehensive visibility into the attack surface and minimising security risks.

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EARLIER THAN EXPECTED

Zahid: Brace for monsoon in 4th week of October 4/10

PUTRAJAYA: The northeast monsoon is expected to commence as early as the fourth week of this month, a shift from the initial forecast of the first week of November.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi attributed the change to alterations in weather patterns and climate conditions.

"The northeast monsoon typically begins in the first week of November. However, due to these changes, forecasts suggest that it may arrive earlier, potentially in late October," he said following the launch of the Rakan Nadma Rejuvenation Plan 2030.

Present was Majlis Amanah Rakyat chairman Datuk Dr Asyraf Wajdi Dusuki.

Zahid, who is the National Disaster Management (Nadma) Committee chairman, said the Department of Irrigation and Drainage had identified areas at risk, particularly those prone to flooding.

"Many incidents occur along the west coast of Peninsular Malaysia, from Perlis to Johor. In preparation for this, we are mobilising resources through state and district disaster committees.

"Coordination meetings are held when the northeast and southwest monsoon seasons are anticipated."

He said all enforcement agencies and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) would be deployed with adequate personnel.

"We do not focus on specific states or locations.

"This mobilisation will be structured, incorporating support from NGOs."

Zahid emphasised the importance of public preparedness to mitigate disaster risks.

"The Malaysian Meteorological Department (MetMalaysia) will issue warnings five days before extreme rainfall or high tides are expected.

"We will communicate this through state and district committees.

"We urge the public to heed evacuation advisories to minimise the impact of disasters."

Up to yesterday morning, nine rivers in Kedah have breached dangerous levels following heavy rain overnight.

Flash floods in Johor, Perak and Selangor have prompted evacuations of many residents.

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29 areas in KL to face water disruption

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KUALA LUMPUR: A total of 29 areas around the federal capital will experience unscheduled water supply disruptions due to emergency repairs on a burst pipe at *Hub Pasar Seni* here. Pengurusan Air Selangor Sdn Bhd (Air Selangor) said in a statement that the affected areas include Apartment

Putra Ria, Brickfields, Bukit Bandaraya, Bukit Bangsar, Bukit Damansara, Bukit Persekutuan, Bukit Tunku, Damansara Heights, Damansara Town Centre, Idamansara and Jalan Sultan Hishammuddin, Bernama reported. It said repairs are expected to be completed by 1am today and water

would be distributed in stages once the main water supply distribution system has stabilised.

"The recovery period will differ depending on the location of the consumer's premises and water pressure in the distribution system."

Water tankers will be mobilised to

the affected areas, with priority given to critical premises such as hospitals, clinics and dialysis centres.

Updates on the water disruption can be obtained from official channels such as the Air Selangor app, Air Selangor's call centre at 15300 or <https://www.airselangor.com>.

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Salary adjustments should enhance public service delivery

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AS the world changes, the civil service of Malaysia too must change in tandem if it is to remain competitive and progressive.

In the context of the Malaysian public sector, efficiency in public service delivery and productivity have constantly drawn attention as a national issue. In this regard, adaptation strategies and policy responses are urgently needed.

In 2023 the government, through the Public Service Department (PSD), conducted a study on the Public Service Remuneration System (PSRS) that focuses on sustainability of remuneration, and development and management of organisation to replace the Malaysian Remuneration System, which was implemented in 2002.

To ensure that the PSRS is inclusive, comprehensive and based on the premise of "leave no one behind", the PSD adopted a "whole of civil service" approach to gather feedback and suggestions from all civil servants throughout Malaysia. It also held engagement sessions with various stakeholders in the public sector to improve the existing remuneration system. This process of developing and formulating the PSRS reflects the

government's values and principles of transparency.

PSRS is one of the government's initiatives to reform the public service towards achieving the goals and agenda of Malaysia Madani.

One of the key highlights of the PSRS is to review the salaries of civil servants across all schemes and grades.

At a time when all countries in the world, including Malaysia, are struggling to cope with various challenges and socioeconomic situations, especially with the rising cost of living and increasing price of goods, the introduction of the PSRS is timely.

The announcement by the prime minister recently on the PSRS, which among other things, involves the adjustment of civil servants' salaries of between seven to 15%, was highly anticipated by all civil servants.

The PSRS will be implemented in phases starting with the first phase on Dec 1, followed by the second phase in 2026.

However, the PSRS is more than just a salary adjustment for civil servants. The prime minister also placed great emphasis on the importance of increasing the 'quality

of public service delivery.

Therefore, PSRS has been formulated as a performance-based system to optimise resources, increase work productivity, ensure effective human capital management and development, enhance leadership and good governance, and improve service delivery.

One of the milestones of PSRS is the revision of the minimum entry qualifications into the civil service. Cuepacs (Congress of Unions of Employees in the Public and Civil Services) welcomes this aspect, and it indirectly reflects the advancement and educational achievements of the people in the country.

Higher educational attainment of civil servants at the entry-level will elevate the overall image and dignity of the civil service.

PSRS at the federal level is expected to have a spillover effect at the state level. Following the announcement on PSRS, the *menteri besar* of Selangor announced that Selangor would also follow in the footsteps of the federal government in reviewing the salaries of the civil servants in the state by adopting the PSRS model and framework. This move demonstrates alignment and

harmonisation of the policy that will streamline as well as maintain consistency and uniformity in public services across different levels of government.

Though the outcome is yet to be seen, PSRS will have a positive impact on the 1.6 million civil servants and attract as well as retain the best talent in the civil service because the new remuneration system will almost be on par with the private sector.

Therefore, civil servants should reciprocate by committing and dedicating to increase efficiency and productivity in the service delivery as a sign of appreciation to the government.

One way for civil servants to boost productivity in public service delivery is to equip themselves and leverage on artificial intelligence technology.

The increase in quality of service will require the government to take the necessary steps to improve existing work processes, rules and regulations and client charter so that the people's needs can be met and fulfilled.

At the organisational level, a directive was recently issued to all ministries and government departments to set up a Service

Delivery Improvement Monitoring Committee (SDIMC).

The establishment of SDIMC aims to strengthen efforts in enhancing good governance in the system of managing public service delivery.

Ministries and government departments are required to submit a service delivery performance report to PSD on a quarterly basis.

As a monitoring mechanism, SDIMC is expected to ensure that improvements in the quality of service delivery can be achieved.

The SDIMC initiative will support the government in its quest to promote good governance and administrative efficiency.

The government has to operate as one, be fully committed to improving the lives of the people.

With the SDIMC initiative and the positive effects on the service delivery system, it is anticipated that the people's trust toward the government will further increase over time.

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'We will take stern action against rogue officers'

KUALA LUMPUR: The Immigration Department has zero tolerance for rogue officers, including those allegedly linked to a medical visa syndicate facilitating the entry of migrants into the country, says its director-general.

Datuk Zakaria Shaaban said the department will not hesitate to act decisively against any officers found guilty of misconduct.

"Stern action will be taken regardless of rank or post. We are committed to ensuring no violation of integrity is committed, in line with the department's main focus to improve governance, discipline and integrity so that our image and reputation can be elevated in the eyes of society," he said in a statement yesterday.

He was commenting on an online portal alleging that the Enforcement Agency Integrity Commission (EAIC) was investigating several Immigration officers for their involvement in a medical visa syndicate.

The report claimed the department's visa syndicate was raided last week and documents seized.

Zakaria said the department will leave it to the EAIC to investigate the alleged involvement of some of its officers with the syndicate.

He confirmed that the EAIC had come to the department headquarters to investigate the alleged integrity infringement.

"We will cooperate transparently and justly," he added.

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