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63 RATS BAGGED AT USJ9 OPS TIKUS

By **Teoh** - June 10, 2024



IN a continuous effort to reduce the population of rats in Subang Jaya, MBSJ's MPP Zon 3 successfully bagged 63 rodents in their recent Ops Tikus with the council's health department.



The dead rats which came in different sizes were collected by the council's personnel with the help of volunteers from the community.

MBSJ MPP Zon 3 councillor Ken Chia said the effort was a continuous drive to reduce the population of rodents especially in the commercial areas like USJ9.

MBSJ had placed poisoned baits the night before, coming back to collect the casualties from the exercise the morning after.

"Business owners especially food operators can play their role by ensuring that their food waste is packed properly for disposal. Don't leave your food waste out where the rats can feed. Don't throw your food waste into the drains as well," Ken said.

The commercial areas in Taipan USJ9 and USJ10 are the target to reduce and eventually eradicate the rodent problem.



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MBSJ FC juara Liga Super Wanita FAS, benam UiTM United Lioness 3-0

by Fitri Hazim Hazam @ June 10, 2024 9:30 am



Pasukan bola sepak wanita MBSJ FC bersorak selepas menjuarai perlawanan akhir Liga Super Wanita 2024 di Arena MBSJ, Subang Jaya pada 9 Jun 2024. Foto FIKRI YUSOF/SELANGORKINI

SUBANG JAYA, 10 JUN: Pasukan Bolasepak MBSJ (MBSJ FC) mempertahankan kejuaraan Liga Super Wanita FAS 2024 selepas menewaskan UiTM United Lioness 3-0 dalam aksi akhir di Stadium Arena MBSJ di sini, malam tadi.

Lee Xin Yi membuka jaringan di minit ke-25, diiklil Waitie Taming (32) dan Intan Sarah (34) pada separuh masa pertama.



Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Raja Muda Selangor Tengku Amir Shah berkenan bergambar bersama pasukan bola sepak wanita MBSJ FC ketika merayakan kemenangan perlawanan akhir Liga Super Wanita 2024 di Arena MBSJ, Subang Jaya pada 9 Jun 2024. Foto FIKRI YUSOF/SELANGORKINI

Duli Yang Teramat Mulia (DYTM) Raja Muda Selangor Tengku Amir Shah berkenan mencemar duli menyaksikan perlawanan dan menyempurnakan majlis penyampaian trofi dan hadiah.

MBSJ FC membawa pulang hadiah wang tunai RM10,000 beserta piala manakala UiTM United Lioness menerima wang tunai RM7,000 serta medal.

Sementara itu, jurulatih MBSJ FC Mohd Fairuz Mohd Noor berkata kejayaan pasukannya mempertahankan kejuaraan hasil komitmen tinggi yang ditunjukkan pemain sepanjang kejohanan.

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Jurulatih MBSJ FC Mohd Fairuz Mohd Noor bercakap kepada Media Selangor selepas perlawanan akhir Liga Super Wanita 2024 di Arena MBSJ, Subang Jaya pada 9 Jun 2024. Foto FIKRI YUSOF/SELANGORKINI

Mohd Fairuz turut menyasarkan pasukannya untuk mewakili Selangor menyertai kejohanan Piala Tun Sharifah Rodziah (TSR) pada musim ini.

"Perasaan yang tidak dapat digambarkan dapat kekalkan kejuaraan, saya bangga dengan pemain yang beri komitmen hingga 150 peratus.

"Seterusnya saya berharap impian untuk beraksi di TSR jadi kenyataan memandangkan perbincangan dengan pengurusan untuk sertai kejohanan positif," katanya ketika ditemui selepas perlawanan.

Bagi kapten pasukan MBSJ FC Steffi Sarge Kaur, berasa bangga dapat mengemudi pasukan sehingga bergelar juara buat dua musim berturut-turut.



Kapten MBSJ FC Steffi Sarge Kaur

"Kami berhak juara dengan menguasai sepanjang permainan. Tiga kunci kejayaan adalah kerjasama pasukan, disiplin dan komitmen pemain hingga 200 peratus," katanya.

Terdahulu, pada aksi akhir Piala Konfederasi 2024 pasukan SA United menundukkan Real CJ dengan jaringan 1-0 di venue sama.

Berikut adalah senarai penerima anugerah kejohanan yang disampaikan oleh Tengku Amir Shah:

- Anugerah Kasut Emas – Intan Sarah: 19 gol (MBSJ FC)
- Anugerah Pemain Paling Bernilai – Intan Sarah (MBSJ FC)
- Anugerah Golden Glove – Amyra Fariesha: 5 clean sheets (SSS Leopard)



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Penstabilan tanah siap hujung tahun

SUBANG JAYA - Kerja penstabilan cerun kawasan tanah runtuh di Taman Wawasan di sini dijadual siap pada akhir tahun ini, kata Datuk Bandar Dato' Mohd Fauzi Mohd Yatim.

Meminta penduduk terlibat bersabar, beliau memberitahu kerja pengukuhan tapak, struktur dan pembinaan longkang kekal di Jalan Wawasan baru mencapai kemajuan 20 peratus pada masa ini.

"Penduduk yang terjejas tidak dibenarkan pulang. Bimbang risiko kecelakaan kerana kawasan kerja pembinaan

dan rumah terjejas terletak berdekatan," katanya selepas mesyuarat penuh MBSJ pada 30 Mei.

Kejadian 16 Disember 2023 mengakibatkan 29 penghuni sembilan rumah teres diarah berpindah atas faktor keselamatan ekoran tanah runtuh berhampiran kediaman mereka.

Dalam perkembangan sama, Mohd Fauzi menjelaskan notis senarai penilaian baharu akan diumumkan dan dikeluarkan



kepada pemilik kediaman di Subang Jaya pada pertengahan bulan ini.

"Kita masih mengikut keputusan Kerajaan Negeri maksimum kenaikan tidak melebihi 25 peratus dan sekarang kita sedang menunggu proses penilaian warta baharu.

"Kita jangka penilaian warta itu lulus 13 Jun ini kemudian notis akan dikeluarkan kepada penduduk dan mereka ada tempoh 36 hari untuk membuat bantahan," katanya.

Pangkas 8,000 pokok berisiko

SUBANG JAYA - Ribuan pokok teduhan disenggara Majlis Bandaraya Subang Jaya (MBSJ) bagi mengelak kejadian tidak diingini sekali gus memastikan keselamatan awam terjaga.

Datuk Bandarnya Dato' Mohd Fauzi Mohd Yatim memberitahu peruntukan tambahan turut disediakan bagi melaksanakan kerja memangkas dan menyelenggara pokok yang berisiko tumbang.

"MBSJ tekad senggara pokok teduhan dan elak kejadian pokok tumbang. Setakat Mei, kita memangkas kira-kira 8,000 pokok berisiko tumbang dan 7,000 pokok lagi hingga hujung tahun.

"Aduan penduduk berkenaan pokok berisiko tumbang, MBSJ akan menyemak keadaan di tapak dan menilai tahap risikonya sebelum tindakan seterusnya diambil," katanya pada 30 Mei.

Peluang belajar seni cempuling

SHAH ALAM - Perbadanan Adat Melayu Warisan Negeri Selangor (PADAT) mempelawa orang ramai menyertai Bengkel Edu Kreatif bagi mempelajari pendidikan seni cempuling.

Agensi itu memaklumkan kelas mulai 8 Jun hingga 24 Ogos ditawarkan dengan yuran sebanyak RM30.

Program anjuran Seksyen Kebudayaan dan Pelancongan, Jabatan Pembangunan Komuniti Majlis Bandaraya Shah Alam (MBSA) turut mendapat kerjasama Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) sebagai rakan strategik.

Untuk pendaftaran sila imbas kod QR di poster atau hubungi 016-333 7141 (Amin Fikry). Maklumat lanjut beacons.ai/padatselangor

KDEBWM sedia 384 tong sampah pukal

SHAH ALAM - KDEB Waste Management (KDEBWM) menyediakan tong sampah pukal (Roro) di 384 kawasan dalam Majlis Bandaraya Shah Alam (MBSA).

Agensi itu memaklumkan inisiatif dengan kerjasama MBSA itu bagi memudahkan orang ramai membuang barangan terpakai sempena sambutan Aidiladha.

"Penyediaan tong RORO ini akan diletakkan secara berperingkat (tiga fasa) sekitar Seksyen 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 dan 13 selama tiga hingga lima hari yang bermula sejak pada 27 Mei hingga 15 Jun," maklumnya di Facebook pada 4 Jun.

KDEBWM turut memaklumkan, urusan permohonan bantuan kutipan sampah pukal, pertanyaan dan sebarang aduan boleh dibuat melalui aplikasi iClean Selangor.

Lantik ahli majlis kanak-kanak

PETALING JAYA - Majlis Bandaraya Petaling Jaya (MBPJ) melantik 30 ahli majlis kanak-kanak Petaling Jaya (PJCC) dalam kalangan pelajar berkuat kuasa 4 Jun hingga 2025.

Datuk bandar Petaling Jaya berkata PJCC merupakan platform untuk setiap ahli membawa suara kanak-kanak di Petaling Jaya selain terlibat dalam perancangan dan penguurusan bandar.

"Sebagai contoh, sekiranya terdapat keperluan membina sebuah taman permainan kanak-kanak di kawasan Petaling Jaya, mereka akan mengemukakan cadangan kepada MBPJ untuk pertimbangan.

"Mereka yang dilantik berumur 11 hingga 17 tahun terdiri daripada sekolah rendah dan menengah. Ahli majlis ini turut diberi elaun pengangkutan (RM30) dan mesyuarat (RM50) setiap bulan," kata Mohamad Zahri Samingon.

Pelan tindakan mesra kana-kanak

PETALING JAYA - Majlis Bandaraya Petaling Jaya (MBPJ) melancarkan Pelan Tindakan Bandar Raya Mesra Kanak-Kanak Petaling Jaya (PJ CFI) 2030 bagi menyediakan persekitaran selamat, sejahtera, inklusif dan mesra.

Datuk Bandarnya Mohamad Zahri Samingon berkata pelan itu dilaksana bagi memenuhi matlamat Rancangan Selangor Pertama (RS-1) bawah teras keterangkuman dan kesejahteraan sosial.

"Pelan ini dirangka dengan menumpukan empat bidang fokus utama iaitu perancangan bandar, penglibatan kanak-kanak, perubahan iklim dan kebajikan.

"Ia juga untuk mendedahkan kanak-kanak terlibat dalam proses perancangan dan pengurusan bandar," katanya pada 4 Jun.

Shahman YDP baharu MPS

GOMBAK - Shahman Jalaludin mengangkat sumpah jawatan sebagai yang dipertua (YDP) Majlis Perbandaran Selayang (MPS) yang baharu.

Majlis tersebut disaksikan Timbalannya Adi Faizal Ahmad Tarmizi, Orang Besar Daerah Gombak Tan Sri Dato' Paduka Raja Dato' Wan Mahmoof Pa'wan Teh, ahli majlis serta pengurusan tertinggi MPS di Bilik Siantan, Menara MPS di sini.

Shahman berkata beliau akan menumpukan visi MPS untuk mencapai status bandar raya menjelang 2030 selain menjadikan Selayang sebagai bandar rendah karbon dan bandar pintar..

"Begitupun saya pasti ia bukan sekadar cita-cita. Banyak cabaran dan rintangan kita bakal tempuhi selain perlunya rancangan rapi," katanya selepas angkat sumpah pada 5 Jun.

Tumpu isu sampah, lampu jalan

GOMBAK - Yang dipertua Majlis Perbandaran Selayang (MPS) menyasar untuk menyelesaikan isu sampah, jalan tidak rata dan keadaan lampu jalan dalam tempoh 100 hari pertama pentadbirannya.

Shahman Jalaluddin berkata pihak berkuasa tempatan itu menfokuskan isu berbangkit berkaitan infrastruktur tersebut selain meningkatkan penyampaian perkhidmatan kepada rakyat melalui pendigitalan.

"Perkara ini antara keutamaan saya. Selain itu, kita melaksanakan beberapa perancangan jangka pendek dan panjang yang akan membabitkan pengurusan tertinggi MPS dan ahli majlis.

"Ini merupakan keutamaan dalam 100 hari pentadbiran, saya akan fokus kepada kawasan kritikal. Insya-Allah, MPS akan mengatasi isu yang berbangkit sekaligus mengurangkan jumlah aduan yang diterima," katanya pada 5 Jun.

Banci setingan asal dua kali sejak 2006

SHAH ALAM - Bancian pada 2006 dan 2016 asas penawaran Rumah Selangorku kepada 21 keluarga setingan asal Kampung Sri Makmur, Gombak, kata setiausaha politik kepada Dato' Menteri Besar.

A Rahim Ahmad Kasdi menjelaskan mereka perlu menunjukkan bukti dokumen yang mereka menetap di kawasan berkenaan sebelum 2006 selain terlibat dalam kedua-dua proses bancian itu.

Beliau menambah bancian pada 2006 dijalankan Majlis Perbandaran Selayang (MPS) bersama Pejabat Daerah dan Tanah Gombak bagi menawarkan rumah kos rendah di Selayang Mulia.

"Sebahagian besar penduduk menerima tawaran Kerajaan Negeri berpindah ke rumah ditawarkan manakala selebihnya menolak tawaran dan memohon pampasan," katanya dalam kenyataan pada 2 Jun.

A Rahim memberitahu MPS meroboh unit rumah kosong pada Julai 2016 dan membuat bancian pada 2016 bagi mengenal pasti penduduk asal yang menduduki kawasan berkenaan sejak 2006.

DUN Kinrara agih ternakan korban

SHAH ALAM - Sebanyak 16 surau dan masjid sekitar Dewan Undangan Negeri (DUN) Kinrara menerima sumbangan korban sempena Hari Raya Aidiladha.

Wakil rakyatnya Ng Sze Han menjelaskan setiap institusi menerima seekor lembu atau dua ekor kambing daripada Kerajaan Negeri bagi menjalankan ibadah korban.

Beliau berkata tujuh surau lain bawah kawasannya yang tidak menerima bantuan negeri pula diberikan RM2,000 setiap satu untuk membeli sendiri kambing atau lembu.

"Menerusi bantuan ini, semua surau dan masjid sekitar DUN Kinrara boleh menjalankan ibadah korban. Kita terima permohonan mereka ketika Syawal lalu," katanya pada 4 Jun.

Perancangan bandar untuk masa depan

PETALING JAYA - Proses penilaian baharu yang dijalankan pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) penting demi memastikan keberkesanan perancangan bandar selain merangka strategi masa depan.

Menegaskan rumah kos rendah tidak dikenakan cukai meski menerima notis itu, Dato' Menteri Besar menjelaskan ia bertujuan mengetahui nilai dan kualiti perbandaran sesebuah kawasan.

"Apabila buat penilaian semula, maka nilai rumah atau hartanah meningkat. Jadi (proses) ini adalah penilaian (nilai) yang sebenar (terkini).

"(Kemudian barulah) Kerajaan Negeri menetapkan selepas ini bila hendak dinaikkan atau sebagainya," kata Dato' Seri Amirudin Shari di sini pada 30 Mei.

Amirudin memberitahu pentadbiran negeri akan meneliti pelbagai faktor sebelum membenarkan PBT membuat kenaikan cukai taksiran ataupun sebaliknya.

Sedia jelaskan isu lantik syarikat

PETALING JAYA - Selangor terbuka untuk memberi penerangan berkaitan isu pelantikan syarikat pengendali perkhidmatan projek rintis van transit atas permintaan (DRT) di negeri ini.

Dato' Menteri Besar Dato' Seri Amirudin Shari menjelaskan pihaknya sedia mendedahkan segala butiran berkaitan kepada mana-mana pihak berikutan urusan itu dibuat mengikut tatacara betul.

"Kita tiada masalah kerana kita ada jawatankuasa dewan dan mereka boleh minta minit mesyuarat yang turut dihadiri oleh Apad (Agensi Pengangkutan Awam Darat).

"Kita sangat terbuka dan ada kebebasan maklumat. Tiada benda pelik," katanya pada 30 Mei.

Amirudin juga menambah dua syarikat yang dilantik iaitu Asia Mobility Sdn Bhd dan Badan Bas Coach Sdn Bhd dilibatkan dalam proses pembuktian konsep (proof of concept) DRT.

MBDK launches campaign to clean up Sungai Klang

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A COMMUNITY-BASED programme to encourage people living along the banks of Sungai Klang to get involved in its clean up has been initiated by Klang Royal City Council (MBDK).

Mayor Datin Paduka Noraini Roslan, while launching the "Love Klang River" campaign, said a concerted effort was underway to clean up the river.

The river stretches 120km from Hulu Gombak to the mouth of the Straits of Malacca, close to Port Klang.

Sungai Klang's river basin is

in MBDK's administrative area and it meanders 21km through five housing areas and 11 villages, said Noraini, adding that the efforts to clean the river was in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

"In the first stage, the programme will begin in Kampung Sungai Sireh Tambahan 2.

"It will also be carried out in two other locations in Kampung Sungai Udang and Kampung Delek this year.

"The programme will involve other communities in future," she said after launching the programme at the fishermen's jetty at Kampung Sungai Sireh Tambahan 2 in

Port Klang.

"The area along the river saw rapid development which also brought negative effects to the environment like pollution.

"Improving river cleanliness is not only important to ensure clean water quality but also helps to protect the habitat of wildlife," Noraini said.

Besides *gotong-royong*, the programme would look into separating rubbish for recycling which would be coordinated by MBDK, she said.

Noraini added MBDK would also hold a river beautification competition and carry out soft landscaping works along the river, she added.



Noraini (third from left) watering a palm tree that she had planted as part of the 'Love Klang River' initiative. — RAJA FAISAL HISHAN/The Star

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PHOTO CONTEST

Shah Alam City Council (MBSA) is holding a photography competition until Aug 31, with cash prizes on offer. The competition features four themes: buildings/landmarks, natural environment, lifestyle and night scenery. There are two categories for the public and professionals. For details, visit www.mbsa.gov.my.

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ANNIVERSARY INCENTIVES

Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) is offering a series of incentives on June 20 in conjunction with its 18th anniversary celebration. They include free on-street parking, 50% discount for wheelie bins and free seedlings. For details, call 03-7956 3544.

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Visually impaired colleagues Hafiyyan Laili (front) and Abian Jambot encountering obstructions along Kuala Lumpur streets. Here their path featuring tactile paving, meant to help the visually impaired get around independently, is curtailed by stalls and the hawkers' tables and chairs. — Photos: AZLINA ABDULLAH and YAP CHEE HONG/The Star

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FORMER senator Datuk Ras Adiba Radzi is urging the authorities to make public areas more inclusive and accessible for persons with disabilities.

The non-governmental organisation OKU Sentral president said local governments needed to accelerate efforts to equip facilities and buildings for disabled folk to have easy access.

"We are moving too slow, not just in Kuala Lumpur, but in other cities too," said Ras Adiba.

"We need to improve on the Malaysian Standard or MS1184.

"Many people, not just those with disabilities, but people with knee pain and the elderly do not leave their homes because public places are simply not accessible."

MS1184 refers to the universal design and accessibility code of practice for built environment.

Building owners and public facilities must adhere to this standard, which is a basic requirement ensuring seamless access for persons with disabilities (OKU).

"I tell my friends (with disabilities) to go out and let people see their struggles because we want to create awareness," she said.

"For me, stepping out of the house to go downtown to Kuala Lumpur is difficult; it is so hard and frustrating."

Ras Adiba, who is wheelchair-bound, recounted how various buildings such as offices, banks, malls, post offices, hotels, train stations, bus stops, parks, public walkways, ramps and public toilets are still lacking in many ways despite the implementation of the code.

"Take persons with disabilities parking bays as an example.

"They paint it blue and mark the area but my wheelchair still can't fit when I try to get out of the car," she said.

Public toilets, she said presented a different set of challenges.

"The toilets for persons with disabilities are nice but most of the time, the door opens inward,

'Make KL accessible and inclusive to all'

MS1184 should be fully implemented so public places can be easily navigated, say advocates



Ras Adiba says disabled-friendly facilities are sometimes poorly planned.



George says accessible infrastructure will allow persons with disabilities to be independent.

making it impossible to manoeuvre my wheelchair because there's not enough space inside the stall.

"And if I am lucky enough to find a perfect toilet for disabled folk, most of the time, it is locked or used for storage or napping."

Ras Adiba also talked about how her visually impaired friends struggled to move around the city safely.

"Manholes and drains are missing their covers and I know people who have fallen into them," she said.

"They bump into motorcycles parked on walkways with tactile paving and if it's not motorcycles, mobile traders are operat-

ing on these walkways. This is just not right."

Malaysian Association for the Blind (MAB) chief executive officer Datuk George Thomas concurs with Ras Adiba.

He added that even the most basic elements of the code are often not followed.

"Take tactile paving, for example. These are surface features found on footpaths, stairs and train platforms to guide visually impaired pedestrians so they can navigate using a cane and avoid potential hazards.

"For visually impaired individuals, they can only move around in areas where there are tactile tiles, which are crucial for creat-

ing accessible environments as these allow them to navigate public spaces safely without assistance.

"As such, it does not make sense for local councils to allow mobile traders to operate in these zones nor allow motorcycles to use and park their vehicles in these spots, as this will put the people who rely on these tactile block paths at risk."

Both George and Ras Adiba agree that city councils, developers, architects and building owners must follow MS1184 guidelines for properties to ensure accessibility for everyone, not just persons with disabilities.

"There must be proper tiles, breakers, ramps for people with crutches, canes, wheelchairs and even mothers with prams to ensure seamless accessibility and inclusiveness," said Ras Adiba.

"The idea is for persons with disabilities to be independent, to be able to move around by themselves and not rely on another person to guide them," George added.

He acknowledged that Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) had attempted to turn Brickfields into a disabled-friendly township in 2002.

However, with massive developments in the area, implementation of MS1184 had been poor, he said.

"Every other year since then, we have seen two to three buildings spring up.

"The infrastructure, facilities

'KL authorities are blind to our needs'

ARMED with a GoPro camera, Hafiyyan Lali documents the numerous obstacles he faces as he steps out of his workplace in Brickfields, Kuala Lumpur.

Despite a short 1km walk from his Malaysian Association for the Blind (MAB) office on Jalan Tebing to Kuala Lumpur Sentral, the journey is fraught with difficulties as many things prevent the visually impaired 34-year-old from comfortably navigating paths inlaid with tactile tiles.

For the visually impaired, tactile paving is crucial for navigating the city.

"It has guiding patterns, bumps and stripes that tell me when stairs are coming up or when I may be approaching a cycle lane.

"I never venture into areas without tactile paving; it is simply too dangerous," says Hafiyyan, who was accompanied on his journey by his colleague, 48-year-old Abian Jambot.

Together, they encountered obstructions such as tables and chairs placed by roadside traders operating on public walkways.

At one point, their progress was impeded by customers queuing on the tactile paving to buy *pisang goreng* from a trader who had set up stall on a walkway, with a gas tank dangerously close by.

In some areas, the tactile paving was obstructed by motorcycles and cars, and in other places, the tiles ended abruptly in

front of a pillar.

Along the way, at least 30% of the tactile tiles were damaged or broken, further complicating their journey.

Hafiyyan's experience highlights the daily challenges faced by the visually impaired in navigating city streets, underscoring an urgent need for improved infrastructure and enforcement to ensure their safety.

"All we want is inclusive and accessible infrastructure - better pavements and walkways, working lifts, escalators and traffic lights, as well as high-quality tactile paving," Hafiyyan said.

Abian said the city's maintenance culture was sorely lacking. "We need enforcement officers to monitor and maintain these facilities at least every three months."

Both Hafiyyan and Abian stressed that authorities needed to implement the MS1184 code of practice.

"We want people to see us and respect us, and the only way that's going to happen is by giving more teeth to Persons with Disabilities Act 2008 (Act 685)," Hafiyyan stated.

"We need a legal document that can empower us.

"Right now, our rights are being violated," Abian said, referring to vehicles and stalls blocking tactile paths.



Abian says a maintenance culture is lacking in Kuala Lumpur.

"It's not just physical infrastructure we are concerned about. Digital infrastructure is also an issue.

"Digital platforms such as websites, banking systems and online shopping should be accessible so we can manage our own finances just like everyone else.

"We can't see the authorities, but I think it's time the authorities see us," said Hafiyyan. — By BAVANI M



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Over 30% of the tactile paving meant to aid the visually impaired community in Brickfields is falling apart or broken.



An enforcement officer issuing a compound to the driver of a vehicle for parking on the walkway with tactile blocks.

and amenities are strained and I blame this on the lack of communication and coordination between DBKL, developers and their contractors.

"It doesn't help that there is no dedicated unit in DBKL to deal with MS1184 compliance and look into accessibility issues.

"What is discussed in meetings is not implemented," said George, adding that City Hall departments are working in silos.

He illustrated his point by saying that over 30% of tactile paving in Brickfields were broken or had fallen apart.

These crucial tactile paving no longer serve their purpose and put the visually impaired community at risk, he said.

Areas with tactile paving have also been overtaken by stalls

operating near or on these paths, or used by irresponsible individuals to park their vehicles.

This misuse contributes to the deterioration of these facilities, making it difficult for the blind community to navigate safely.

A check by *StarMetro* showed that most of the damaged tactile tiles were the black-hued ones installed just last year as part of the River of Life (RoL) project.

"Had I been consulted as a stakeholder during the construction of the RoL project, I would have advised that the black tactile paving is not suitable for outdoor use," George said.

"They are ceramic, meant for indoor and temporary use.

"They are not suitable for outdoors and we have highlighted this to DBKL.

"The yellow tactile paving is



The visually impaired say Kuala Lumpur's infrastructure can do with lots of improvements.

more durable and suitable."

In response, a DBKL officer from Bukit Bintang branch said the yellow tiles were installed by City Hall's Public Engineering and Drainage Department, while its Project Implementation and Building Maintenance Department installed the black tiles under the RoL project.

This situation highlights the urgency for a dedicated department within DBKL to address the needs of the disabled community.

"We are heading towards being an aged country by 2030.

"So it's not just going to be persons with disabilities that need help - it will be everyone who requires a cane, crutches or wheelchair to move around," said Ras Adiba.



Allowing roadside stalls to operate on walking paths with tactile blocks puts users at risk.

Subsidised diesel available for 33 types of vehicles Star 10/6

PETALING JAYA: A total of 33 types of public transportation and goods vehicles will continue to enjoy subsidised diesel through the use of fleet cards under the Subsidised Diesel Regulation System Pilot Project (SKDS), says Domestic Trade and Cost of Living Minister Datuk Armizan Mohd Ali.

He said public transport and goods companies that have

obtained approval under the SKDS but have yet to receive their fleet cards from the fuel stations should keep their receipts starting today.

"This is to enable cash rebate claims to be made to the Finance Ministry in accordance with the application procedures that will be announced later," he said in a statement yesterday.

The government had previous-

ly outlined an improvement to the SKDS initiative to properly manage and monitor the subsidised diesel scheme with the cooperation of fuel stations using the fleet card.

Under the fleet card system, the government would have a proper record of logistics companies' usage trends.

Armizan also urged eligible transport companies that have

not applied for diesel subsidy approval to do so immediately via the link <https://mysubsidi.kpdn.gov.my> and subsequently apply for fleet cards from their preferred oil companies.

"We would like to emphasise that all existing directives and regulations related to the sale of diesel remain in force and applicable amid the announcement of this new diesel price."

Yesterday, the government announced that diesel prices will be floated and will retail at RM3.35 per litre in the peninsula from today.

This is based on the Automatic Pricing Mechanism formula for the month of May. The previous price of diesel announced on June 5 was RM2.15 per litre, which will be maintained for Sabah, Sarawak and Labuan.

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'RM200 aid should be enough to offset hike'

PUTRAJAYA: The RM200 Budi Madani monthly cash assistance for eligible owners of diesel vehicles should be enough to offset the increase in diesel price, says Finance Minister II Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan.

"The RM200 is sufficient to cover 80% of diesel vehicle owners based on consumption pattern, according to data provided by the Statistics Department," he said.

Those who find the amount inadequate could appeal to the ministry, he said.

He said the Budi Madani cash assistance will be implemented today involving some 30,000 diesel vehicle owners under the first batch of recipients.

As of June 8, about 30,000 applicants, farmers and small-scale commodity growers have been approved to receive the cash subsidy assistance.

Under the initiative, recipients will receive the cash assistance of

RM200 which will be disbursed today to their bank accounts.

Those without a bank account can claim the subsidy in cash with their MyKad at any Bank Simpanan Nasional branch in Peninsular Malaysia.

Amir Hamzah reiterated that the Budi Madani cash assistance will be provided monthly to eligible recipients whose annual income is RM100,000 or less.

There is no closing date for applications for the cash assistance, he said.

He said successful applicants who registered this month will receive the cash aid via their bank accounts today.

For those who have not yet registered, he said they can still receive their monthly cash assistance for June if they apply before the end of the month.

As for those who missed out on the cash assistance this month, he said they can do so next month.



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Still available:
Subsidised diesel will still be provided via fleet cards at RM2.15 per litre to eligible logistics vehicles to mitigate the impact of the diesel price on consumer goods prices.
— RAJA FAISAL HISHAN/The Star

Asked if the cash assistance is available for several diesel vehicles registered under a single owner, Amir Hamzah said "no".

He said the cash assistance is meant only for one vehicle per owner.

Besides the Budi Madani cash

assistance, he said subsidised diesel will still be provided via fleet cards for diesel at RM2.15 per litre to eligible logistics vehicles to mitigate the impact of the diesel price on consumer goods prices.

Furthermore, subsidised diesel

will remain for land public transport, including school buses, express buses, ambulances, hearses and fire engines via fleet cards at RM1.88 per litre.

He said subsidised diesel for fishermen is maintained at RM1.65 per litre.

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Government floats diesel price

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Subsidies will be given out to targeted recipients instead of at the pump

PUTRAJAYA: Diesel in Peninsular Malaysia is set at RM3.35 per litre today.

This is based on the unsubsidised market price, according to the Automatic Pricing Mechanism formula for last month.

The weekly retail price of unsubsidised diesel will subsequently be announced every Wednesday based on the formula, said Finance Minister II Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan (pic).

For those in Sabah, Sarawak and Labuan, the price will remain at the subsidised rate of RM2.15.

The announcement is part of the government's policy to reform fuel subsidies where they will no longer be given at the pump.

Instead, diesel subsidies will be given out to targeted recipients under the Bumi Madani cash scheme and the fleet card system called the SKDS (Subsidised Diesel Regulation System Pilot Project).

"The government expects to

save about RM4bil annually through the targeted subsidy for diesel," Amir Hamzah told a press conference yesterday.

He said the implementation of the targeted subsidy for diesel is necessary because billions were lost annually due to smuggling activities.

"For example, subsidies for diesel had increased 10-fold in the past five years."

The government, he said, spent about RM1.4bil for diesel subsidies in 2019, with the amount increasing to RM14.3bil last year.

He also noted that the demand for diesel had gone up from 6.1 billion litres in 2019 to 10.8 billion litres last year, although there had been no significant increase in the number of diesel vehicles in the country.

"Malaysia can ill-afford to continue losing billions of ringgit to smuggling, which could otherwise be better spent to benefit



Malaysians and develop our nation," he said.

Unsubsidised diesel would make diesel smuggling less profitable, he said.

Amir Hamzah acknowledged that the decision to do away with diesel subsidies "was not an easy step to take" but a necessary one.

"We did not rush into it but gave attention to the best mechanism available to protect relevant sectors while not causing disruptions to the lives of the people," he said.

Asked if the government would be willing to fine-tune the diesel subsidy rationalisation initiative following feedback after its implementation, Amir Hamzah said that it will go ahead as planned for the time being.

"Let it run through and see how it develops."

"If there are material gaps, we will look into them. But there is sufficient existing data for us to go ahead with the targeted subsidies," he said.

With the exception of Brunei, where diesel is priced at RM1.09 per litre, the cost of the fuel elsewhere is well above the float price of diesel in Peninsular Malaysia.

Diesel is being sold at RM8.74 per litre in Singapore, Thailand

(RM4.24), the Philippines (RM4.75), Indonesia (RM4.43), Cambodia (RM4.64), Myanmar (RM5.40), Laos (RM4.56) and Vietnam (RM3.69).

The fuel subsidy rationalisation plan was announced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim during the tabling of Budget 2024.

Last month, Anwar said subsidies for diesel would be withdrawn for "the rich and foreigners".

The targeted subsidy for diesel is among the key reform measures in Malaysia to ensure sustainable fiscal management and to address the issue of leakage within the system.

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Adventurers' gear sees sales spike

Businesses boom by 40% to 100%, thanks to EPF Account 3 withdrawals

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GEORGE TOWN: Sellers of leisure and recreational goods here were busy as bees shortly after money was disbursed from the Employees Provident Fund's Account 3.

Several interviewed confirmed that their sales rose by between 40% and 100% in the second half of last month, which coincided with the time when the flexible Account 3 was executed.

A seller of outdoor camping and survival equipment, who wanted to be known only as Ang, said he experienced a 40% increase in the sale of premium camping knives for about two weeks. He said most of the customers who bought during the

sales boom were in their 40s.

"A few weeks earlier, a friend told us to expect a boom in sales because people with large amounts saved in their EPF through long years of employment will want to enjoy the 'higher levels of Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs' when Account 3 in their EPF accounts was created," said Ang.

Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs is a psychology theory stipulating that after one's basic physiological and safety needs are met, one can then rise to seek out needs that lead to perceptions of self-actualisation, which include embarking on outdoor adventures.

Ang said it was fortunate that his shop happened to have a selection of top-quality outdoor tools.

"They bought premium outdoor

knives made with high-grade steel that resists rusting while having strong edge retention that are hard to become dull even after heavy use.

"These knives cost RM700 and some are more than RM1,000. Now, I am busily restocking after almost selling out these premium knives," he added.

Starting May 11, under EPF's restructured Akaun Persaraan (Account 1 - retirement), Akaun Sejahtera (Account 2 - well-being) and Akaun Fleksibel (Account 3 - flexible), contributors aged 55 and below have a one-time option to transfer part of their savings in Account 2 to Account 3. This option ends on Aug 31.

In Kedah, a shop selling hi-tech inflatable rafts for fishing and marine exploring saw a 100%

spike in boating accessories and consumables.

The manager, who wanted to be known only as Jay, said it was existing customers who contributed to the sales spike.

She said the rise in orders all came from existing customers who already owned inflatable rafts sold in her shop.

"For example, they bought as much as 10 litres of 2T oil for their rafts' outboard engines. This allowed them to enjoy bulk discounts and free shipping," she revealed.

Other accessories that suddenly became high in demand included better life jackets.

"With better material, high-quality life jackets are slimmer and cooler although more expensive," she explained.

Other accessories in high demand shortly after EPF's Account 3 became available included better paddles, roofing for inflatable rafts and more efficient anchors.

A watch seller in the city, who preferred not to be named, said he was surprised by the number of customers flocking to his shop shortly after Account 3 opened last month. He said he sold high-performance divers' watches plus other timepieces tailored to outdoorsmen that had features like an electronic compass, altimeter and barometer.

"There was a big surge in enquiries leading to sales. We gave larger discounts to encourage sales because ordinarily, such watches were slow to sell," he added.

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Consumer spending gets a boost with Account 3 Star 10/6

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PETALING JAYA: The recent withdrawal flexibility of the Employees Provident Fund's (EPF) Akaun Fleksibel (Account 3—flexible), which has put more cash into consumers' wallets, is driving increased consumption, according to industry players.

With more disposable income, some consumers are indulging in discretionary spending while others choose to focus on what is essential.

Associated Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia (ACCCIM) deputy president Datuk Ng Yih Pyn said the creation of Account 3 has been of great help to many.

"The withdrawal will enable them to make up for whatever is lacking, especially in household expenses," he said in an interview yesterday.

On April 25, EPF members were allowed to make withdrawals of a minimum amount of RM50 from Account 3, or "Akaun Fleksibel", at any time for any purpose.

For retail businesses and the fast-moving consumer goods industry, Ng said the withdrawals would stimulate consumption and boost sales.

"This presents a positive opportunity for market players, as business operators can capitalise on consumer mood," he added.

Ng, who is also a Federation of Goldsmiths and Jewellers Association of Malaysia advisor, said the buying trend following the withdrawals varied across different industries.

"In the jewellery sector, the trend is closely linked to seasonal patterns. Indian jewellers, however, may witness a surge in sales during the wedding season now, showcasing a temporary uptick in purchasing behaviour," he said.

However, Ng said the current momentum after the Account 3 withdrawals still had some way to go before reaching peak season activity, with the festive period and school holidays having drawn to a close.



Making travel plans: Shoppers looking at luggage at Berjaya Times Square shopping mall in Kuala Lumpur after EPF allowed consumers to withdraw from their Akaun Fleksibel. — AZMAN GHANI/The Star

"Typically, from the mid-year period until after the coming Hungry Ghost month, there is a noticeable decline in gold and jewellery purchases, suggesting a seasonal slowdown in consumer demand within this specific market segment," he said.

Ng added that the full market impact of the Account 3 withdrawals will likely become clearer in the fourth quarter of the year, especially as the festive season approaches.

Datuk Ameer Ali Mydin, who is Mydin hypermarket's managing director, said there had been an increase in consumer spending of between 15% and 20% at his outlets after the government gave the green light to withdraw funds from the Akaun Fleksibel.

While this was a good trend, he said the government needed to

look at other ways to help boost public savings.

"Perhaps the government can consider increasing the minimum statutory contribution rate for employees to 15%. This will allow people to save more money for their retirement," he said.

SME Association of Malaysia secretary-general Chin Chee Seong said the association welcomed the EPF's Akaun Fleksibel withdrawals.

"However, most SMEs believe that the current withdrawals are mainly from the middle income (M40) group, not the Bottom 40 (B40) income group.

"The B40 group often lacks sufficient savings in EPF to make such withdrawals," said Chin.

"This withdrawal will likely benefit mainly Top 20 (T20) income earners and some (M40)

consumers, who may use the funds to invest in higher-return investments or repay existing debts, thereby reducing financial costs.

"It's unlikely that they will spend these funds on luxury or non-essential items. The majority will use it to cope with the increased cost of living and cover any shortfalls," he said.

Chin felt that although there was a slight increase in consumer spending, it could only be temporary.

"The withdrawals will likely not have a long-term economic impact because they're not substantial enough to drive significant economic growth.

"Moreover, there may be some concerns about lowered retirement savings for individuals, which could result in increased

financial instability in the future

"The government must continue its efforts to reduce the cost of living and, crucially, the cost of doing business for SMEs," he added.

A Malaysia Retail Chain Association (MRCA) spokesperson concurred, saying that the EPF withdrawals from the Akaun Fleksibel appeared to be a short-term measure to spur consumer spending.

He added that this may not be sustainable in the long term due to the limited resources and the effect of the government's subsidy rationalisation efforts.

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Account 3 withdrawals based on personal reasons, needs

PETALING JAYA: While accessing the Employees Provident Fund's (EPF) Akaun Fleksibel is to provide relief for immediate cash flow requirements, many individuals who utilised this option said it is not for lavish spending.

Art director Fitri Faizi, 40, from Shah Alam, said he withdrew RM2,500 from his Akaun Fleksibel to replenish funds he utilised earlier.

"But I did not spend it all. I reserved a significant portion as emergency fund," he said.

Fitri said most of his friends who made the withdrawal used it for personal expenses, and others for investment purposes.

"It's up to them what they want to do. If they don't manage their

finances wisely, they might end up wasting it," he said.

An entrepreneur who wanted to be known as Elena, 45, from Perak, said she withdrew RM20,000 to enhance her business investments.

"I've been in the beauty products business for years and my business has shown consistent growth. I've been eager to elevate my business operations and the Akaun Fleksibel withdrawal came at the right time," she said.

Elena, who diligently made voluntary contributions to her EPF from her business earnings over the years, emphasised the importance of making well-informed decisions before withdrawing funds.

"I chose to withdraw with the commitment to replenish the amount later. Our EPF savings serve as our safety net. Let's handle them responsibly and avoid reckless spending," she said.

Mohd Fairuz Fauzi, 39, a father of four, said he recently withdrew from Akaun 3 to buy essential items for his family.

"The prices of basic items have gone up and it is good that the government allowed us to make withdrawals.

"Previously, my monthly spending was just enough for our family but the withdrawals have made us more comfortable," he said.

Fairuz, who is a hotel manager, said he does not plan to make big purchases or spend on holidays.

"It is just for our daily use. My wife is no longer working so I am happy because it helps my family," he added.

Product specialist Liza Kang, 46, said her family held differing views on utilising the Akaun Fleksibel option.

"I have chosen not to make any withdrawals from my Akaun Fleksibel. I intend to allocate any future contributions to my Akaun 1 or 2, as I prefer to reserve my EPF savings exclusively for my retirement.

"However, my younger brother thinks otherwise. Since his salary puts him in the T20 group, he has decided to withdraw a portion for a downpayment on a car he has been eyeing," she said.

Kang said the withdrawal convenience catered differently to individuals, depending on their financial standing and retirement lifestyle aspirations.

Consumers Association of Penang (CAP) senior education officer NV Subbarow said it is important to not simply withdraw from the EPF's Akaun Fleksibel as it should be used for retirement or emergencies.

He said it is common for consumers to withdraw money to make purchases without thinking about the consequences.

"Sometimes, we buy things we don't need. Saving does not come to mind at all. This is unfortunate and may destroy the family's saving pattern," he said.

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Over 90,000 consumers benefit from Madani sales

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PETALING JAYA: More than 90,500 consumers have benefited from cheaper goods sold at Jualan Madani Koperasi (JMK) sales events throughout the country since the start of this year, says Datuk Ramanan Ramakrishnan.

The Entrepreneur Development and Cooperatives deputy minister said that 36 JMK programmes had been conducted in 19 parliamentary constituencies nationwide

from January to June 7.

"JMK has benefited 90,535 consumers, including cooperative members and the local community," he said, Bernama reported.

"This programme has also recorded total sales of RM3.6mil through 95 cooperatives appointed as sales operators," he told a press conference after a walkabout at the JMK programme organised by SKM in conjunction

with the Hari Raya Aidiladha celebration in Kota Damansara here yesterday.

Also present was Cooperative Societies Commission of Malaysia (SKM) executive chairman Rusli Jaafar.

Ramanan said over RM1.044mil in incentives had been earmarked for cooperatives appointed as operators of JMK through SKM.

He also handed over contribu-

tions from the Cooperative Emergency Assistance Fund (TBKK) to cooperatives affected by natural disasters.

"To date, 11 applications have been approved under TBKK involving an allocation of RM197,000," he said.

The assistance covers part of the cost of repairing damages to premises, assets or replacing products lost during disasters.

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PETALING JAYA: The Communications and Multimedia Content Forum of Malaysia (Content Forum) fully backs the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission's (MCMC) suggestions for the regulatory measures needed to govern the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in content creation and distribution.

This came after MCMC member Derek John Fernandez's recent recommendations regarding the urgent need for regulatory measures to govern the use of AI in content creation and distribution.

Fernandez highlighted the critical importance of curbing the misuse of AI technologies, such as deepfakes, which can significantly threaten public peace and national security.

He emphasised the necessity for a regulatory framework that mandates clear disclosure when images or videos are generated by AI, thereby preventing the spread of misinformation and protecting individuals from becoming victims of online fraud.

Content Forum CEO Mediha Mahmood said the regulatory body aligns with these recommendations, recognising that they are in perfect harmony with its mission to advocate the self-regulation of content within Malaysia's digital space, as outlined in the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Content Code 2022 (Code).

This Code highlights the importance of transparency, already requiring disclosures when influencers are used for marketing purposes.

Extending these principles to include AI-generated content will further strengthen consumer trust and protect the community from misleading information.

Content Forum is an independent self-regulatory body registered under the MCMC as an industry forum designated by the Communications and Multimedia Act 1998 to oversee and promote self-regulation of content over the electronic networked medium.

Meanwhile, Content Forum chairman Rafiq Razali emphasised the collective responsibility in ensuring the safe use of AI

Content Forum backs AI governance suggestion

Curbing misuse in content creation, distribution crucial

"The Content Forum is confident that by taking proactive measures, we can fully harness the transformative benefits of AI, while maintaining a safe and secure digital landscape."

Mediha Mahmood

in content creation, stating: "AI has immense potential to revolutionise the content industry, driving unprecedented levels of creativity and efficiency.

"Yet, this potential must be managed with careful consideration. It is imperative that the lawmakers, AI service providers, regulators and content creators work collaboratively to allocate sufficient resources and ensure these technologies are used responsibly.

"Prioritising user safety and maintaining the integrity of digital content are crucial to fostering a trustworthy content environment," he said.

Mediha said recent incidents where deepfake videos featuring well-known public figures went viral had caused widespread confusion within the community.

Furthermore, there are cases where AI-generated content has been used to scam the unsuspecting public with highly believable content. These incidents are a stark reminder of how easily AI can be

misused to manipulate information and deceive the public, she noted.

By implementing regulations like mandating the disclosure of AI-generated content, she said it is possible to mitigate these risks and safeguard the community from digital deception.

Mediha added: "When the Internet was first introduced, we could not anticipate the full range of challenges that would arise, from cyberbullying to misinformation.

"These issues continue to evolve and Malaysia remains committed to addressing them through effective legislation and regulation.

"As we stand on the brink of widespread AI adoption, we must learn from past experiences."

Mediha emphasised that pre-empting potential harms through swift and effective regulation is not just prudent, but is also essential.

"The Content Forum is confident that by

taking proactive measures, we can fully harness the transformative benefits of AI, while maintaining a safe and secure digital landscape.

"It encourages all stakeholders within the digital content ecosystem to work together in developing robust regulatory frameworks that protect user interests and promote innovation," Mediha noted.

As an industry self-regulatory body, the Content Forum comprises key members of the communications and multimedia content industry, including broadcasters, advertisers, content creators, Internet access service providers and civic groups.

This dynamic and robust representation of industry practitioners ensures that content standards continue to be developed with the objective of establishing a level playing field in the industry.

It is also responsible for the implementation and enforcement of the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Content Code (Content Code). The Content Code was prepared by the Content Forum and first registered with MCMC on Sept 1, 2004, with a revamp in 2022.

The Content Code is the principal source for industry self-regulation as it contains governing standards and best practices for content dissemination within the communications and multimedia industry in Malaysia.

The main objective of the Content Code is to outline procedures of self-regulation that provides the platform for creativity, innovation and healthy growth of fast-evolving industry.

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Move to keep invasive fish at bay

Selangor mulls paying to remove catfish which disrupt local ecosystems

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THE Suckermouth catfish, native to South America and known locally as *ikan bandaraya*, may soon have a bounty on their heads.

Selangor infrastructure and agriculture committee chairman Izham Hashim said the invasive catfish was disrupting the ecosystems, affecting local fish and causing erosion of riverbanks.

The state government is considering incentivising the capture of the fish from rivers, he said.

"This is because of their rapid breeding rates which led to their widespread presence across the Klang Valley including in Sungai Klang, Sungai Selangor and possibly Sungai Bernam.

"We need to streamline it (campaign) at the state level.

"We are educating the people and aim to make them aware of

the condition of our rivers," he said during a local fish conservation programme at Denai Sungai Langat in Bangi, Selangor.

He also said that state was reviewing river fishing methods and aquaculture practices to ensure fishery sustainability.

"The revision will help the Selangor Fisheries Department to efficiently monitor the entry of foreign fish into local waters."

The programme involved the removal of non-native fish species where about 2,000 Suckermouth catfish, weighing over 700kg, were caught in Sungai Langat.

"The average weight for each fish is 600g. The size is of great concern," said Izham.

The catfish, he said, could be processed into pellets and sold as fish feed.

Izham said the fish, with its armour-like skin and sharp fins, were usually kept in aquariums



Izham (in black) looking at the Suckermouth catfish fished out from the river. — CHAN TAK KONG/The Star

to feed on algae and keep tanks clean.

"Once they grow larger, fish owners release them.

"If thousands are kept and then released, they can disrupt our ecosystem," said Izham.

Some 116 volunteers from Komuniti Pemburu Ikan Bandaraya attended the event, a collaboration of state Fisheries Department, state Drainage and Irrigation Department, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia,

Universiti Teknologi Mara, Civil Defence Force, Lembaga Urus Air Selangor and Air Selangor.

During the event 10,000 *ikan lampam* (Tinfoil barb) fish fry were released into the river.

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180 pengamal media sertai pertandingan boling MBPJ

SERAMAI 180 pengamal media dan kakitangan Majlis Bandaraya Petaling Jaya (MBPJ) menyertai pertandingan boling bertemakan 'Santai Boling MBPJ Bersama Media 2024' bertempat di Sunway Mega

Lanes, Sunway Pyramid Mall, kelmarin.

Datuk Bandar Petaling Jaya, Mohamad Zahri Samingon berkata, penganjuran acara itu bertujuan untuk menjalin dan mengukuhkan hubungan baik antara pihak MBPJ dan

pengamal media tempatan. "Melalui acara seperti ini, diharapkan hubungan yang terjalin akan terus kukuh dan memberi manfaat kepada kedua-dua pihak dalam usaha membangunkan Petaling Jaya sebagai bandar yang maju dan

sejahtera," katanya dalam satu kenyataan.

Program tersebut diadakan bersempena dengan sambutan ulang tahun Perisytiharan Bandaraya Petaling Jaya ke-18 yang bakal berlangsung 20 Jun hadapan.

■ PENGAMAL media dan kakitangan MBPJ bergambar sebelum pertandingan boling bermula di Sunway Mega Lanes, Sunway Pyramid Mall, kelmarin.



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Berbanding dolar AS pada minggu ini

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Ringgit dijangka diniagakan rendah berbanding dolar AS minggu ini, kembali kepada paras RM4.70 atau lebih rendah, selepas data senarai gaji bukan ladang (NFP) Amerika Syarikat (AS) yang dikeluarkan mencatatkan lebih kukuh daripada jangkaan, kata Ketua Ahli Ekonomi Bank Muamalat Malaysia Bhd, Dr Mohd Afzanizam Abdul Rashid.

Beliau berkata, kenaikan NFP yang melebihi jangkaan itu dijangka akan meningkatkan permintaan terhadap dolar AS.

Prospek jangka pendek untuk ringgit sebelum ini dilihat sebagai positif, dengan penganalisis menjangka mata wang tempatan akan kekal di bawah 4.70 berbanding dolar AS.

Bagaimanapun, laporan NFP pada Mei, yang menunjukkan 272,000 pekerjaan baharu pada bulan tersebut berbanding unjuran konsensus sebanyak 182,000 telah mengubah perspektif tersebut, katanya kepada Bernama.

"Pasaran akan menilai data baharu yang dikeluarkan dan langkah-langkah prospektif yang diambil oleh AS, terutamanya selepas bank-bank pusat mula menurunkan kadar faedah.

"Mereka akan melihat kepada NFP dan data ekonomi lain, yang sebelum ini menunjukkan prestasi sektor pembuatan AS lemah, laporan pekerjaan AS pada April, laporan pengambilan pekerja AS oleh majikan swasta pada Mei dan tuntutan pengangguran awal," katanya.

Mohd Afzanizam berkata, pasaran akan memantau mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Pasaran Terbuka Persekutuan yang akan datang dijadualkan pada 11 hingga 12 Jun depan.

Katanya, walaupun Rizab Persekutuan (Fed) AS dijangka mengekalkan kadar tidak berubah, unjuran makroekonomi terkini Fed akan menjadi tumpuan utama.

"Ini terutamanya, unjuran untuk Kadar Dana Fed sama ada mereka akan mengikut perancangan mereka untuk menurunkan kadar pada tahun ini. Ini akan menjadi panduan dan akan menentukan sentimen pasaran dalam tempoh terdekat," katanya.

Pada asas Jumaat kepada Jumaat, ringgit naik kepada 4.6900/6940 berbanding dolar AS daripada 4.7050/7080 minggu lepas.

Pada minggu dagangan yang singkat yang baru berakhir, ringgit diniagakan rendah berbanding sekumpulan mata wang utama.

Mata wang tempatan merosot berbanding pound kepada 6.0009/0060 daripada 5.9876/9914 pada Jumaat lepas, susut berbanding euro kepada 5.1079/1122 daripada 5.1035/1068 pada minggu sebelumnya dan turun berbanding yen Jepun kepada 3.0163/0190 daripada 2.9901/9922.

Sementara itu, ringgit diniagakan bercampur-campur berbanding mata wang ASEAN.

Tetap harga diesel secara mingguan

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Perubahan harga akan mengikut formula APM yang akan dibuat pada setiap hari Rabu

PUTRAJAYA



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Kerajaan menetapkan harga diesel di stesen minyak di Semenanjung Malaysia ditetapkan pada kadar RM3.35 seliter, kenaikan sebanyak RM1.20 dari RM2.15, bermula Isnin.

Kenaikan tersebut selaras dengan pelaksanaan penyasaran subsidi bahan api berkenaan.

Menteri Kewangan II, Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan berkata, penetapan dibuat mengikut harga pasaran tanpa subsidi berdasarkan purata bulan Mei 2024 mengikut formula Mekanisme Harga Automatik (APM).

Menurutnya, untuk tempoh seterusnya, harga diesel semasa akan diumumkan pada setiap Rabu mengikut amalan semasa Kementerian Kewangan.

"Namun, kerajaan akan terus memantau keadaan semasa bagi mengelakkan ketidakstabilan harga. Kerajaan sudah bertahun-tahun mengawal harga di stesen-stesen minyak. Ada kaedah yang kita boleh stabilkan harga. Jadi, kalau ada lonjakan harga kita akan cuba stabilkan harga.

"Namun kalau kenaikan har-

ga drastik dijangka dalam tempoh lama, kita akan lihat bagaimana kaedah terbaik yang kita boleh buat," katanya pada sidang akhbar Penyasaran Subsidi Diesel di sini pada Ahad.

Beliau menegaskan, penyasaran semula subsidi yang dilakukan kerajaan adalah memastikan ia memanfaatkan golongan yang benar-benar layak sahaja dan mahu ketirisan yang amat merugikan rakyat dan negara dihentikan.

Katanya, dengan langkah itu juga, kerajaan menjangkakan pengurangan serta-merta kerugian daripada aktiviti ketirisan yang boleh membawa kepada penjimatan sebanyak RM4 bilion setahun.

"Penjimatan yang diperoleh kerajaan daripada langkah penting ini akan memastikan terdapat lebih banyak sumber untuk disalurkan ke dalam sektor kritikal lain yang secara langsung akan meningkatkan kualiti hidup rakyat, termasuk infrastruktur awam, penjagaan kesihatan dan pendidikan untuk anak-anak kita," katanya.



Beliau berkata, subsidi diesel meningkat 10 kali ganda dari RM1.4 bilion pada 2019 kepada lebih RM14.3 bilion tahun lepas.

"Jumlah diesel bersubsidi meningkat mendadak dari 6.1 bilion liter tahun 2019 kepada 10.8 bilion liter tahun 2023 walaupun bilangan kenderaan diesel tidak bertambah dengan ketara. Ini menunjukkan subsidi yang diberi tiris, dan tidak dapat dimanfaatkan oleh golongan sasaran," katanya.

Dalam masa sama, beliau berkata, tiada tarikh tutup ditetapkan bagi permohonan bantuan subsidi tunai di bawah inisiatif Budi Madani.

Katanya, seramai 30,000 pemilik kenderaan diesel akan menerima RM200 bantuan tunai bulanan pertama bawah inisiatif tersebut pada Isnin.

"Sekali lagi, saya ingin mengingatkan rakyat Malaysia yang layak untuk memohon bantuan tunai ini. Mereka yang memohon pada bulan Jun akan layak menerima bantuan tunai untuk bulan Jun dan seterusnya.

"Mereka yang terlepas mem-

buat permohonan pada bulan Jun akan layak menerima bantuan tunai untuk bulan permohonan dan seterusnya," katanya.

Mengenai landskap subsidi diesel di Malaysia, Amir Hamzah berkata, dengan jumlah subsidi diesel yang besar diberi oleh kerajaan ketika ini, harga runcit diesel di Malaysia menjadi antara yang terendah di dunia.

Untuk rekod, harga diesel di Malaysia dijual pada empat harga yang berbeza mengikut subsidi iaitu RM1.65 bagi nelayan; RM1.88 bagi pengangkutan awam darat; RM2.15 bagi kenderaan komersial dan persendirian, serta harga pasaran tanpa subsidi bagi sektor komersial yang pernah mencecah RM3.60 awal tahun ini.

Amir Hamzah berkata, pada masa yang sama harga di negara jiran lebih tinggi, kira-kira RM4 di Thailand, RM4.50 di Indonesia malah hampir mencecah RM9 di Singapura, dan keadaan ini mengundang penyeludupan ke negara jiran serta penyelewengan ke sektor komersial yang tidak layak menggunakan diesel bersubsidi.

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Bantuan RM200 sebulan bukan untuk setiap kenderaan

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PUTRAJAYA - Subsidi diesel sebanyak RM200 sebulan hanya akan diberikan buat individu berkelayakan dan bukan bergantung kepada jumlah kenderaan yang dimiliki.

Menteri Kewangan II, Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan berkata, pemberian secara tunai itu terpakai buat individu meskipun masih mempunyai beberapa kenderaan ber diesel yang lain.

Bagaimanapun menurut beliau, pemohon yang mendaftar melalui syarikat layak untuk memohon bantuan menerusi mekanisme Sistem Kawalan Diesel Subsidi 2.0 (SKDS 2.0).

"Selalunya kalau ada banyak jenis kenderaan, mereka perlu memohon kad *fleet* untuk mendapat diesel bersubsidi.

"Di bawah SKDS 2.0 penyasaran subsidi diperluaskan kepada 23 jenis kenderaan diesel termasuk yang mengangkut hasil pertanian, buah-buahan dan sayur-sayuran," katanya.

Sebelum ini, MoF membuka permohonan bantuan subsidi tunai di bawah inisiatif Budi Madani sebagai langkah memastikan peruntukan terbabit disasarkan kepada pemohon yang layak dan mengurangkan beban golongan memerlukan.

Kedua-dua mekanisme penyasaran subsidi diesel iaitu SKDS 1.0 dan SKDS

2.0 terletak di bawah seliaan Kementerian Perdagangan Dalam Negeri (KPDN).

SKDS 1.0 khusus untuk pengangkutan awam, bas sekolah, bas henti-henti, bas ekspres, ambulans, bomba, van jenazah manakala SKDS 2.0 bagi pengangkutan logistik terutamanya barangan keperluan harian.

Amir Hamzah memaklumkan, berdasarkan data daripada Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia, seramai 80 peratus pemilik kenderaan persendirian yang menggunakan diesel layak menerima RM200 bantuan berkenaan.

"RM200 ini dapat menampung jarak perjalanan anggaran 75 hingga 100 kilometer, saya rasa ia cukup.

"Jika ada apa-apa isu (bantuan tunai tak mencukupi) boleh buat rayuan tapi kita kena tengok dari segi kemampuan (kerajaan) dan kesahihan permohonan yang dibuat," ujarnya.

Beliau turut menambah, mana-mana individu daripada kalangan petani atau golongan kurang mahir melakukan permohonan secara dalaman, boleh hubungi pegawai Lembaga Hasil Dalam Negeri untuk pertanyaan lanjut.

"Kalau betul-betul tak mahir mohon di laman sesawang Budi Madani, pegawai akan tolong sehingga permohonan bantuan subsidi diesel berjaya," jelasnya lagi.

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Harga diesel diapung RM3.35 seliter mulai tengah malam tadi

Kerajaan akan umum harga seterusnya mengikut amalan biasa pada setiap Rabu

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Putrajaya: Harga diesel mula diapungkan dengan harga permulaan di semua stesen runcit petrol di Semenanjung ditetapkan pada RM3.35 seliter bermula tengah malam tadi.

Harga berkenaan ialah harga pasaran tanpa subsidi berdasarkan purata bulan Mei 2024, mengikut Mekanisme Penetapan Harga Automatik yang sedia ada.

Menteri Kewangan II, Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan dalam sidang media khas di sini, semalam, berkata kerajaan akan mengumumkan harga seterusnya mengikut amalan biasa, iaitu pengumuman harga RON95, RON97 dan diesel setiap Rabu, namun akan terus memantau keadaan semasa bagi mengelakkan ketidakstabilan harga.

Harga semasa diesel sebelum ini ialah RM2.15 seliter. Harga runcit diesel di Sabah, Sarawak dan Labuan bagaimanapun kekal.

Melalui penetapan harga dan pelaksanaan subsidi berdasar ini, beliau berkata, kerajaan menjangka pengurangan serta-merta kerugian akibat aktiviti ketirisan yang boleh membawa penjimatan RM4 bilion setahun.

"Keputusan penyasaran subsidi (oleh kerajaan) bukan langkah mudah, malah ia diberi perha-



Amir Hamzah pada Sidang Media Penyasaran Subsidi Diesel di Kompleks Kementerian Kewangan, Putrajaya, semalam. (Foto Aswadi Alias/BH)

tian khusus. Kita mahu hentikan ketirisan yang merugikan rakyat dan negara, tahun demi tahun kita tanggung kerugian besar dan boleh merencatkan ekonomi negara," katanya.

Beliau menegaskan, penjaminan diperolehi kerajaan itu akan membolehkan lebih banyak sumber untuk disalurkan dalam sektor kritikal lain, sekali gus meningkatkan kualiti hidup rakyat, termasuk menyedia infrastruktur awam, penjagaan kesihatan dan pendidikan.

"Sekali lagi, saya ingin memohon, mengingatkan rakyat Malaysia yang layak memohon bantuan tunai BUDI MADANI.

"Yang memohon pada bulan Jun akan layak terima bantuan tunai untuk bulan itu, dan seterusnya. Yang terlepas, akan layak terima bantuan untuk bulan permohonan dan seterusnya," katanya lagi.

Amir Hamzah berkata, serentak dengan itu, sebanyak 30,000 pemilik kenderaan diesel persen-

dirian kategori B40 akan menerima RM200 menerusi program BUDI MADANI yang diagihkan hari ini.

Katanya, permohonan untuk mendapatkan subsidi bersasar itu terus dibuka dan menyeru sesiapa yang layak namun belum mendaftar dengan program BUDI MADANI untuk berbuat demikian.

Pada sidang media itu beliau juga menjelaskan, melalui pelaksanaan penyasaran subsidi diesel, kerajaan menetapkan harga diesel kepada sektor yang layak di bawah Sistem Kawalan Diesel Bersubsidi (SKDS) 2.0 yang menggunakan kaedah 'leet card' bagi kenderaan logistik untuk membendung kesan kenaikan terhadap harga barangan pengguna dengan harga ditetapkan pada RM2.15 seliter.

Selain itu, SKDS 1.0 pula bagi kenderaan pengangkutan awam darat termasuk bas sekolah, bas ekspres, ambulans dan bomba kekal pada harga RM1.88 seliter

BUDI MYSUBSIDI DIESEL

10 Jenis Pengangkutan Awam

- Bas Sekolah
- Bas Ekspres
- Bas Henti-henti
- Bas mini
- Bas Pengantara
- Kereta Sewa
- Teksi
- Van dan Lori Mayat
- Ambulans
- Kereta Bomba

9 Jenis Kenderaan Pengangkutan Barangan

- Lori Rigid - Kargo Am
- Penggerak Utama
- Lori Rigid - Lutor/Kotak
- Lori Rigid - Tangki Air
- Lori Rigid - Minuman Botol
- Lori Rigid - Refrigerated
- Lori Rigid - Tangki Tepung
- Window Van
- Panel Van



14 Jenis Pertambahan Kenderaan Pengangkutan Barangan Baharu

- Lori Rigid - Curtainsider
- Lori Rigid - Hasil Pertanian
- Lori Rigid - Kandang Halwan
- Lori Rigid - Kombinasi
- Lori Rigid Open Platform
- Bas Food Catering
- Van Food Catering
- Lori Food Catering
- Lori Tangki Rigid - Minuman
- Semi - Panel Van
- Bas Perkhidmatan Bergerak
- Van Perkhidmatan Bergerak
- Lori Rigid - Perkhidmatan Bergerak
- Lori Rigid - Sampah

dan diesel bersubsidi untuk nelayan kekal pada harga RM1.65 seliter," katanya.

Harga antara terendah dunia

Amir Hamzah memaklumkan, ketika ini, harga diesel di Malaysia, yang menjadi antara terendah di dunia berikutan jumlah subsidi besar yang diberikan kerajaan, dijual pada empat harga berbeza mengikut subsidi.

Pada 24 Mei lalu, Amir Hamzah berkata, subsidi diesel menyebabkan kerajaan menanggung kos RM1 bilion sebulan, manakala kerugian daripada ketirisan berjumlah RM4.5 juta sehari.

Pelaksanaan subsidi bersasar untuk diesel adalah antara langkah pembaharuan utama di ba-

wah rangka kerja Ekonomi Madani untuk memastikan pengurusan fiskal yang mampan dan menangani isu ketirisan serius dalam sistem, tanpa menjejaskan kebajikan rakyat.

Bagaimanapun, pengecualian diberikan kepada peniaga komersial, pengangkutan awam, dan individu seperti peniaga kecil dan petani.

Ketika menyampaikan Perutusan Negara yang disiarkan secara langsung di semua saluran media tempatan pada 20 Mei lalu, Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim memaklumkan, Jemaah Menteri bersetuju menyalurkan pemberian subsidi ke atas diesel yang berupaya menjimatkan wang kerajaan RM4 bilion setahun.

Harga diesel RM3.35 seliter

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PUTRAJAYA: Harga diesel di semua stesen runcit petrol di seluruh Semenanjung Malaysia ditetapkan pada kadar RM3.35 seliter bermula hari ini.

Kenaikan sebanyak RM1.20 seliter itu, bagaimanapun boleh berubah setiap minggu mengikut harga semasa.

Penyasaran subsidi diesel ini dilaksanakan serentak dengan bantuan bersasar untuk sektor logistik di bawah sistem kawalan diesel bersubsidi (SKDS).

Bermula hari ini juga, seramai

● Berubah setiap minggu ikut harga semasa

● 30,000 terima subsidi RM200

30,000 pemilik kenderaan diesel individu menerima RM200 bantuan tunai bulanan pertama menerusi Program Bantuan Subsidi Madani (Budi Madani).

Menteri Kewangan II, Da-

tuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan berkata, tetapan itu dibuat berdasarkan purata bulan Mei 2024 mengikut formula Mekanisme Harga Automatik (APM).

"Bagi tempoh seterusnya, harga diesel semasa akan diumumkan pada setiap minggu mengikut amalan semasa Kementerian Kewangan.

"Namun, kerajaan akan terus memantau keadaan semasa bagi mengelak ketidakstabilan harga," katanya dalam sidang akhbar di sini, semalam.

Amir Hamzah berkata, dengan penetapan harga dan pelaksanaan subsidi bersasar ini, kerajaan menjangkakan

pengurangan serta-merta kerugian daripada aktiviti ketirisan yang boleh membawa kepada penjimatan sebanyak RM4 bilion setahun.

Beliau berkata, penjimatan yang diperoleh kerajaan daripada langkah penting ini akan disalurkan ke dalam sektor kritikal lain secara langsung.

Menurutnya, penjimatan juga akan disalurkan bagi meningkatkan kualiti hidup rakyat termasuk infrastruktur awam, penjagaan kesihatan dan pendidikan untuk anak-anak.

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Harga diesel RM3.35 seliter

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Katanya, Kementerian Kewangan telah membuka permohonan bantuan subsidi tunai dibawah inisiatif Budi Madani sebagai langkah memastikan peruntukan disasarkan kepada yang layak dan mengurangkan beban golongan memerlukan.

"Saya ingin tegaskan, bantuan ini tidak ada tankh tutup, oleh itu saya menyeru kepada mereka yang sememangnya berkelayakan sama ada bagi Budi Individu atau Budi Agri-Komoditi.

"Mereka yang memohon pada Jun akan layak menerima bantuan tunai untuk bulan itu dan seterusnya. Mereka yang terlepas membuat permohonan pada bulan Jun akan layak menerima bantuan tunai bagi bulan permohonan dan seterusnya," katanya.

Sebelum ini, harga diesel dijual pada empat harga yang berbeza mengikut subsidi iaitu RM1.65 seliter bagi nelayan; pengangkutan awam darat (RM1.88 seliter); kenderaan komersial dan persendirian (RM2.15 seliter) dan harga pasaran tanpa subsidi bagi sektor komersial yang pernah mencecah RM3.60 awal tahun ini.

Amir Hamzah menambah, keputusan kerajaan melaksanakan penyasaran subsidi diesel adalah bagi mengekang aktiviti penyeludupan dan penyelewengan.

Menurut beliau, secara logiknya aktiviti penyeludupan dan penyelewengan itu dapat dikurangkan secara drastik.

"Saya ingin tegaskan bahawa apa yang dilakukan kerajaan hari ini adalah menyasarkan semula subsidi untuk golongan yang benar-benar layak sahaja.

"Kita mahu menghentikan ketirisan yang amat merugikan rakyat dan negara," ujarnya.

Jelasnya, kerajaan selama ini menampung kerugian besar dan ini boleh merencat kemakmuran yang sepatutnya menjadi milik kita.



PENYASARAN subsidi diesel membolehkan aktiviti penyeludupan dan penyelewengan dibendung.

Amir Hamzah berkata, penyasaran subsidi ini sekali gus mengukuhkan kedudukan kewangan negara untuk jangka masa panjang.

Menurutnya, keputusan mengenai penyasaran subsidi diesel bukanlah satu langkah mudah untuk diambil dan ia dibuat secara tidak terburu-buru.

"Kerajaan telah memberi perhatian khusus untuk mengkaji dan memastikan mekanisme terbaik bagi melindungi sektor dan individu yang layak dibantu supaya kegiatan ekonomi tidak terganggu," katanya.

Katanya, kerajaan berdepan kerugian berbilion ringgit hasil daripada aktiviti penyeludupan dan penyelewengan diesel setiap tahun dan sehingga mengecilkan keupayaan untuk membela kepentingan rakyat.

Jelasnya lagi, subsidi diesel juga meningkat 10 kali ganda dari RM1.4 bilion pada 2019 kepada lebih RM14.3 bilion tahun 2023.

"Bukan sahaja negara dan kerajaan, malah rakyat juga menanggung kesan daripada aktiviti-aktiviti 'mengkhianati' hasil negara ini," katanya.

Menurut beliau, pada masa ini, harga diesel di negara jiran lebih tinggi iaitu lebih ku-

rang RM4 seliter di Thailand; RM4.50 (Indonesia) dan hampir mencecah RM9 (Singapura).

Sementara itu, Menteri Perdagangan Dalam Negeri dan Kos Sara Hidup, Datuk Armizan Mohd. Ali menjelaskan, sejumlah 33 jenis kenderaan pengangkutan awam dan barangan akan terus menikmati diesel bersubsidi melalui penggunaan *fleet card* di bawah SKDS.

Katanya, syarikat pengangkutan awam dan barangan yang telah memperoleh kelulusan SKDS tetapi belum menerima *fleet card* daripada syarikat minyak dikehendaki menyimpan resit pembelian diesel bermula hari ini.

"Ini bagi membolehkan tuntutan pembayaran balik tunai dibuat kepada Kementerian Kewangan mengikut tatacara permohonan yang akan diumumkan kelak.

"Pada masa sama, Perdagangan Dalam Negeri dan Kos Sara Hidup menyeru syarikat pengangkutan yang layak tetapi masih belum memohon kelulusan subsidi diesel untuk segera berbuat demikian melalui pautan <https://mysubsidi.kpdn.gov.my> dan seterusnya memohon *fleet card* daripada syarikat minyak pilihan," katanya.

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Reformasi gaji elak rakyat bekerja sampai sakit

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PETALING JAYA: Kerajaan dituntut melaksanakan reformasi gaji secara menyeluruh bagi menjaga kebajikan 16.51 pekerja sekali gus mengelakkan mereka terpaksa bekerja 'sampai sakit' kerana simpanan hari tua tidak mencukupi.

Antara reformasi tersebut meningkatkan kadar gaji minimum pekerja yang ketika ini RM1,500, wajibkan kenaikan gaji tahunan dan menambah kadar caruman Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja (KWSP) majikan.

Setiausaha Agung Kongres Kesatuan Sekerja Malaysia (MTUC), Kamarul Baharin Mansor berkata, reformasi gaji menyeluruh itu akan dapat membantu pekerja meningkatkan kadar caruman KWSP dan men-

jamin mereka mempunyai simpanan hari tua mencukupi.

Menurut beliau, dengan reformasi menyeluruh itu sekali gus, sebahagian besar pekerja di negara ini tidak perlu bekerja sehingga sakit mahupun meninggal dunia untuk menampung keperluan harian seperti yang didedahkan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim baru-baru ini.

"Simpanan rendah kerana gaji mereka rendah. Kalau simpanan KWSP berkurang, apatah lagi simpanan tabungan sendiri. Sebab itu mereka perlu bekerja selagi mana hayat ada untuk menampung keperluan," katanya kepada *Utusan Malaysia* semalam.

Perdana Menteri sebelum ini mendedahkan, sebanyak 26.1 peratus rakyat Malaysia berumur 60 tahun ke atas dijangka terus bekerja sehingga menghadapi masalah kesihatan ekoran

terpaksa mencari wang untuk memenuhi keperluan di hari tua.

Dapatan itu hasil tinjauan terbaharu oleh KWSP ke atas para pencarum.

Anwar dilaporkan berkata, hanya 29 peratus rakyat mempunyai pencen atau kewangan yang cukup semasa bersara dan ia menjadikan kumpulan warga emas lebih terdedah kepada kemiskinan berbanding purata rakyat Malaysia.

Pada masa sama, Kamarul Baharin berkata, MTUC meminta kerajaan menjelaskan perkembangan berhubung cadangan menaikkan caruman KWSP majikan kepada 20 peratus berbanding 13 peratus ketika ini.

Katanya, ini kerana Perdana Menteri tahun lepas pernah memaklumkan perkara itu akan dibincangkan dalam mesyuarat Jemaah Menteri namun sehingga kini tiada seba-

rang perkembangan.

Kata beliau, kenaikan gaji tahunan pula perlu diwajibkan kerana usaha itu tidak tertakluk di dalam Akta Kerja 1955 sekali gus menyebabkan majikan mengam-bil jalan mudah dengan tidak menaikkan pendapatan mereka.

Sedangkan, katanya, langkah itu bukan hanya dapat meningkatkan simpanan persaraan, namun pendapatan mereka juga dapat seiring perubahan semasa.

"Orang bekerja adalah untuk menyediakan makanan di atas meja dan dengan anak semakin membesar, jika tiada perubahan tangga gaji, maknanya tidak berlaku apa-apa perubahan pada (pendapatan) diri sendiri dan keluarga," katanya.

Beliau turut berkongsi gaji terkini seorang pekerja kilang yang sudah bekerja 25 tahun, tetapi cuma mendapat RM1,600 sebulan.

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'Diesel price float to have minimal impact on inflation'

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KUALA LUMPUR: Economists believe the government has done enough to ensure that the floating of diesel prices for Peninsular Malaysia from today will have minimal impact on inflation and consumer prices.

Peninsular Malaysia's diesel prices will go up RM1.20 a litre from today to RM3.35 a litre.

"The government has provided some cushion to the inflationary effects by providing the Budi Madani subsidy credit monthly for diesel car users whose annual income is less than RM100,000 per annum. This is to ensure it will not burden those who deserve support," said Tradeview Capital Sdn Bhd chief executive officer Ng Zhu Hann.

He said the price of essential

goods would not be affected by the increase in diesel price due to the Budi Madani programme.

The MySubsidi Diesel Fleet Card programme and the Budi Madani subsidy will help businesses, low- to middle-income individuals who use diesel vehicles and plantation workers manage the higher diesel cost.

Today, the government will pay out RM200 in cash aid to some 30,000 owners of private diesel vehicles who have registered for the Budi Madani and Budi Madani Agri-Commodity programmes.

Economist Dr Geoffrey Williams said consumers were not expected to see price increases for goods and services due to the diesel price hike.

"They have to use more than 167

litres before it costs more. Most will be better off if they can economise on how much they use.

"For almost everyone, nothing will change. For a small number of private diesel users, costs will rise and they should consider better options.

"So if people see prices rising and companies blaming subsidy rationalisation, they should report the company or stop buying from them and find a better deal from someone else."

He said the policy was expected to have a minimal impact on inflation and consumer prices, as diesel only makes up 0.2 per cent of the Consumer Price Index.

He said even with the diesel price increase, the overall inflation rate was expected to stay well

within the government's target of 3.5 per cent.

IDEAS Malaysia economist and assistant research manager Doris Liew said the policy would help the government reduce its subsidy spending by about RM4 billion annually.

Additionally, by curbing the abuse of subsidised diesel, such as private entities buying and reselling it across borders at higher prices, the government could save money without negatively impacting the domestic market, said Liew.

Williams said the government must communicate the progress, successes and benefits of the policy so that the people could see how it was working.

The Economy Rice podcast's

macroeconomic analyst, Aaror Pek, said the government should take a wait-and-see approach before reacting to any possible resulting inflation from the removal of diesel subsidies.

"The resulting inflation will be and large self-regulate by broadly reducing aggregate demand across the economy. However, seeking to boost aggregate demand via government stimulus might only serve to worsen inflation."

He said the long-announced targeted subsidies under the Pangkalan Data Utama scheme as well as the recent hike in wage of government employees, were likely to provide some assistance to those most heavily affected by the removal of fuel subsidies. Reporting by S. Joan Santani

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30,000 TO GET BUDI MADANI CASH AID

Eligible private diesel vehicle owners, smallholders will get RM200 a month

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SOME 30,000 recipients of the Budi Madani Individual and Budi Madani Agri-commodity cash aid programmes will have RM200 deposited into their accounts from today.

Finance Minister II Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan said this group comprised individuals and smallholders who have been approved to receive cash subsidies under the Budi Madani initiative.

"The programme provides a cash aid of RM200 per month to eligible Malaysians who own private diesel vehicles and small traders to help cover the increased cost of diesel fuel," he told reporters here yesterday.

He said some 80 per cent of diesel users would receive enough aid under the Budi Madani programme to make up the difference between the current diesel price and the new price of RM3.35 per litre.

The aid amount, he said, was determined after studying data of diesel usage and data from the



Finance Minister II Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan (left) says some 80 per cent of diesel users will receive enough aid under the Budi Madani programme to cushion the higher price of diesel. PIC BY ASWADI ALIAS

Department of Statistics Malaysia (DoSM).

"The data from DoSM came from surveys in Malaysia involving diesel vehicles, especially in Peninsular Malaysia."

He said cash assistance was chosen based on the data.

He urged eligible groups who had yet to sign up for the Budi Madani programme to do so as there was no deadline.

"I would like to remind eligible Malaysians to apply for the Budi Madani cash assistance."

"Those who apply in June will be eligible to receive cash assis-

tance this month.

"Those who missed the chance to apply in June will be eligible to receive cash assistance for the month of their application and the subsequent months."

Diesel subsidies for certain groups in Peninsular Malaysia will end today. The price for a litre of diesel will be RM3.35 a litre, up from RM2.15.

Amir said the unsubsidised price was based on the average for May this year, calculated with the automatic pricing mechanism formula.

"With the targeted assistance

mechanism in place, the government is now ready to adjust the diesel price for all states throughout Peninsular Malaysia."

"The diesel price will be announced weekly, following the current practice of the ministry."

He said the government would monitor the situation to avoid price instability.

He gave an assurance that the decision to implement the targeted diesel subsidy "was not rushed" and the government had given attention to ensuring the best mechanism to protect sectors and individuals eligible for

aid to ensure economic activities were not disrupted.

With the subsidy rationalisation, the government expected to see an immediate reduction in losses from leakages, leading to annual savings of RM4 billion.

"The amount of subsidised diesel increased sharply from 6.1 billion litres in 2019 to 10.8 billion litres in 2023, even though the number of diesel vehicles did not increase significantly."

"Diesel subsidies have increased tenfold from RM1.4 billion in 2019 to more than RM14.3 billion in 2023."

"The government's savings from this crucial step will ensure that more resources can be channelled into other critical sectors, which will directly improve the people's quality of life, including public infrastructure, healthcare and education for our children."

When announcing the fuel subsidy rationalisation in a national address on May 21, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said diesel subsidies would be withdrawn for "the rich and foreigners".

To prevent any drastic increase in the cost of goods and services, he said subsidies would continue for traders using diesel-powered commercial vehicles and for public transportation.

Diesel subsidies will also continue for some categories of fishermen.

Anwar said cash aid would be given to eligible individuals who own private diesel-powered vehicles, such as small traders and farmers, among others.

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Deputy Entrepreneur Development and Cooperatives Minister Datuk R. Ramanan (second from right), accompanied by Malaysia Co-operative Societies Commission executive chairman Rusli Jaafar (right), at the Jualan Madani Koperasi event in Petaling Jaya on Saturday. BERNAMA PIC

36 EVENTS HELD

90,500 have benefited from Madani sales since January

PETALING JAYA: A total of 36 Jualan Madani Koperasi (JMK) programmes have been held in 19 parliamentary constituencies nationwide since January, benefiting 90,535 consumers.

Deputy Entrepreneur Development and Cooperatives Minister Datuk R. Ramanan said the programme recorded RM3.6 million in sales through 95 cooperatives appointed as sales operators.

He said the ministry, through the Malaysia Cooperative Societies Commission (SKM), had allocated RM1 million in incentives for cooperatives to provide discounts at JMK programmes.

In such events, sugar, flour, oil, milk, eggs and other essential goods were sold at up to 20 per cent discount.

"The programme, organised by the ministry through SKM and in

collaboration with parliamentary service centres, aimed to help people obtain essential goods at affordable prices.

"I hope the JMK programme will continue for the wellbeing of the people," he said after visiting a JMK event at the Petaling Jaya City Council multipurpose hall on Saturday.

Present was SKM executive chairman Rusli Jaafar.

Ramanan, who is Sungai Buloh member of parliament, said JKM visitors would get a 50 per cent discount for one hour or until the goods designated for the "happy hour" were sold out.

He handed over contributions to SKM's emergency fund, which would be used to aid cooperatives affected by natural disasters, such as floods, landslides and fires.

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Ringgit likely to be softer against US dollar this week

KUALA LUMPUR: The ringgit is likely to trade softer against the US dollar this week, revisiting the 4.70 level or lower, after the US non-farm payrolls (NFP) data released on Friday came in stronger than expected, said Bank Muamalat Malaysia Bhd chief economist Dr Mohd Afzanizam Abdul Rashid.

The NFP increase would possibly push up the demand for the greenback, he said.

The immediate-term outlook for the ringgit was previously seen as constructive, with analysts expecting the currency to hold under 4.70 to the US dollar.

However, the NFP report, which showed 272,000 new jobs in May compared to the consensus projection of 182,000, has changed the perspective.

"Markets will be digesting the new data and steps made by the US, especially after central banks began to lower interest rates.

"They will be looking at the NFP alongside other economic data, which previously showed the US manufacturing sector's weak performance, US job openings report for April, US hiring report by private employers in May, and initial jobless claims."

Afzanizam said markets would monitor closely the Federal Open Market Committee meeting this week.

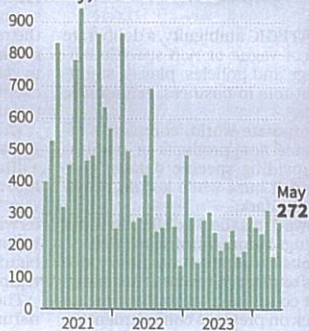
He said while the US Federal Reserve (Fed) is expected to keep the rates unchanged, its latest macroeconomic projection would be the main focus.



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US JOBS

Total non-farm employment monthly, in thousands*



Preliminary data
Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics

AFP

INFOGRAPHIC: NST

"In particular, the forecast for the Federal Funds Rate - whether they will stick to their game plan to cut rates this year. This will be the guiding principle and will dictate market sentiment in the near term," he added.

On a Friday-to-Friday basis, the ringgit appreciated to 4.6900/6940 against the US dollar from 4.7050/7080.

The ringgit was traded lower versus a basket of other major currencies.

It fell against the British pound to 6.0009/0060 from 5.9876/9914 the previous Friday, eased ver-

sus the euro to 5.1079/1122 from 5.1035/1068 and slipped vis-a-vis the yen to 3.0163/0190 from 2.9901/9922.

The ringgit was traded mixed against Asean currencies.

It was higher versus the Philippine peso at 8.01/8.02 compared with 8.03/8.05 a week earlier and appreciated against the baht to 12.8465/8627 from 12.7860/7994 previously.

However, it slipped versus the Indonesian rupiah to 289.5/289.9 from 289.4/289.7 and fell vis-a-vis the Singapore dollar to 3.4872/4905 from 3.4803/4828. **Bernama**

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