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Visitors capturing a photo with the Kuala Selangor Municipal Council mascot.



Some of the booths featured interesting displays and information boards to educate visitors.



Visitors admiring creative floral displays and booths set up by government agencies and landscape industry-related vendors.

City in bloom

Celebration brings best of landscape art to Shah Alam

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THOUSANDS of visitors flocked to the popular National Landscape Day 2024 (HLN 2024), which was held to raise awareness of landscaping and its importance to people's well-being.

The annual event was also aimed at improving the quality of the country's landscape development, by creating appreciation and attracting interest in the field.

This is in line with the government's aspiration to make Malaysia "the most beautiful park country".

The 10-day event at Taman Tasik Shah Alam in Section 14, Shah Alam in Selangor, was organised by Housing and Local Government Ministry in cooperation with the National Landscape Department and Shah Alam City Council (MBSA).

It included activities such as mural drawing competitions, cooking demonstrations, sculpture building using recyclable materials, floral design competition and industry dialogue panel discussions.

HLN 2024 was held for the 25th time, since it was first introduced in 1998.

This year's event, which had just wrapped up, was themed "Landscape Industry Drives Madani Development".

The event highlighted the importance and potential of the industry, which includes construction sub-sectors, especially landscape services, manufacturing, plant materials, and retailing landscape products for domestic and export market trade purposes as one of the sources of national economic generation.

In conjunction with the event, the Rosa Sinensis Award and several other awards were presented to government agencies and private companies in recognition of their efforts to uplift the country's landscaping industry.

The Rosa Sinensis Award, in particular, is a recognition for local authorities that manage public parks and green spaces through comprehensive planning and development.

In his speech during the opening ceremony, Housing and Local Government Minister Nga Kor Ming said Malaysia's gross domestic product (GDP) was RM1.79tril in 2022, of which the landscaping industry contributed RM29.7bil or 1.7%.

The National Landscape Department said the aim was to increase the percentage to 3% within 10 years.

HLN 2024 featured a total of 105 booths by government agencies, non-governmental organisations as well as landscape industry-related vendors set up across the spacious park grounds.

The Agriculture Department had also distributed 2,000 free tree saplings to the public during the entire exhibition.

Visitors who came at night were able to experience a different yet vibrant atmosphere, with the event grounds and displays lit up with colourful neon lights and a 45-minute musical light show at Taman Tasik Shah Alam.



Colourful neon lights at the Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ) booth.



Thousands of visitors flocked to HLN 2024 over the 10 days that it was held.

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Bright and colourful neon lights illuminating the grounds of HLN 2024 as the sun sets. — Photos courtesy of NATIONAL LANDSCAPE DEPARTMENT



(Above) A visitor trying out the zipline activity spanning part of Taman Tasik Shah Alam. — Photos: KAMARUL ARIFFIN/The Star



The booth by MBSA features a lot of orchids, as the city is also dubbed 'Orchid City' (Bandaraya Anggerik).



Mohd Azlan Mohd Radzal from the Selangor Fire and Rescue Department (left) demonstrating the right way to handle snake

WHEELIE BIN SALES (MBPJ)

Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) is providing a 50% discount for its 240L orange wheelie bins on June 20 in conjunction with its 18th anniversary celebration. The public can buy them at MyKiosk PJ, Menara MBPJ (in front of Kapitan Restaurant). Buyers must show proof of residence in Petaling Jaya. For details, call 03-7976 3544.

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Kebun Komuniti Laman Hijau Pangsapuri Permai Putera members with MPAJ Landscape Department personnel showing off padi plants at their community garden in Taman Dato Ahmad Razali. — Photos: LOW LAY PHON and LOW BOON TAT/The Star

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Scaling communal gardens for success

Three Ampang Jaya sites eye expansion, tech, bees and even padi to benefit community

WHAT began as a hobby for residents in Ampang Jaya, Selangor, to putter around in their backyards has blossomed into thriving community gardens where the produce extends well beyond individual kitchens.

Of the 47 community gardens supported by Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ), several are leveraging their collective experience and knowledge to achieve sustainability on a larger scale.

StarMetro spoke to the heads of three community gardens who shared insights into their journey from small plots to thriving communal projects.

Members emphasised that proceeds from any surplus produce were reinvested into their allotments, ensuring continuous improvement of their green spaces.

These gardens not only provide fresh produce but also foster a strong sense of community and environmental stewardship among participants.

Technology driven

At Kebun Komuniti Pegaga in Okid Apartment, Taman Bukit Indah, the goal is to eventually turn the community garden into a fully automated one.

Its chairman Datuk Mohammad Aziz Sitam said they were working towards using Internet of Things (IoT) technology to enhance traditional gardening practices.

The garden was established in 2015 using conventional methods and started incorporating technology in 2018.

He said the 46.5sq m garden was semi-automated to manage its hydroponic and fertigation methods to grow vegetables, as well as a fully automated greenhouse for mushrooms.

Mohammad Aziz said they used IoT for irrigation and temperature monitoring.

"By using IoT technology, we have been able to grow produce that is equivalent to a 0.4ha farm.

"It also means that we won't

need people to constantly look after the garden as it can be monitored via our phones.

"We are trying to come up with additional budget to upgrade the systems to make it fully automated," he said.

They grow some 15 types of vegetables and herbs, including birds-eye chilli, coriander, Brazilian spinach, pineapple and cucumber.

The committee started growing white oyster mushrooms last July.

At its peak, it yielded 15kg of mushrooms per day, according to Mohammad Aziz.

"We currently have about 5,000 mushroom bricks (or blocks) in the fully automated greenhouse, which we can monitor remotely.

"We can expand the operations to fit 15,000 bricks."

Surplus produce not bought by apartment residents is sold to other communities.

"At one point, we sold to small sundry shops and markets but this proved tricky as they wanted a consistent supply.

"We were not able to accommodate this as we fitted in gardening activities in between our regular work schedules.

"Any extra cash we make is pumped back into maintenance and improvement of the garden," said Mohammad Aziz.

He said the group had about 15 to 17 active members who took turns to maintain the garden.

Their efforts have not gone unnoticed, as the group has won numerous awards and accolades.

As Pertubuhan Kebun Komuniti Pegaga, they emerged champions of the Selangor Strata Green Space Award 2023, winning the first prize and the innovation special award.

Mohammad Aziz said the idea behind the garden was to create a space for the community to gather.

"This has become a place for people to lend a helping hand or meet others.

"It has also helped to create a sense of community and belonging among residents," he added.

Turning to aquaculture

It has been eight years since residents at Pangsapuri Ukay Indah, Taman Ukay Indah, started their garden plots.

The enterprise has since expanded to include aquaculture and beekeeping.

In 2016, the joint management body (JMB) along with interested residents started several garden plots around the apartment blocks.

Every bit of space was used, with each small plot managed by individual residents to plant herbs, flowers and vegetables.

Within two years, Kebun Komuniti Pangsapuri Ukay Indah Club began rearing catfish within its main plot.

This was mainly possible thanks to the natural water source (*air bukit*) behind the garden, said JMB chairman Mohd Yusof Che Mansor.

"With the fresh water supply, we are able to maintain a healthy



Norliza (left) and Mohd Yusof showing the Pandan Bonsai they have planted at Kebun Komuniti Pangsapuri Ukay Indah.



Mohammad Aziz at Kebun Komuniti Pegaga's greenhouse producing white oyster mushrooms (inset).

environment for the catfish.

"It was not without challenges but we learned to problem-solve besides engaging with MPAJ and others to gain more knowledge.

"We now have about 600 to 700 fish. When there is an order, the fish is cleaned and sold," he said, adding that this had developed into a small income stream.

The operation now also includes smoked catfish, which has proven to be popular.

"We are hoping to expand the project to have 10 to 12 large containers for the catfish, from the current three.

"Once we have the manpower, we want to engage with the Fisheries Department to get its input," said Mohd Yusof.

To sustain the garden and minimise maintenance costs, they implemented a rainwater-harvesting, zero-waste management system.

Most recently, the community garden members have been roped into trying stingless bee (*kelulut*) honey production that was suggested by the Gombak/Petaling District Agriculture Office. They started off with 10 hives.

Community garden club head Norliza Bohari said, "We had initially sought the department's input for the location of a new vegetable garden.

"But during a site visit, officers said the location was not suitable as there was not enough sunlight.

"Instead, they suggested that we try producing honey."

The first colony of bees arrived in early March and it will take about six months before they can harvest up to 15kg of honey.

Norliza, who is also the residents association chairman, said the project was made possible with an allocation of RM10,000 from Selangor Housing and Property Board (LPHS).

The apiculture project is part of LPHS' "Rejuvinasi Komuniti Selangor Laman Hijau Strata 2.0" (Score 2.0) initiative.

Growing padi in the city

The *padi* beds at Kebun Komuniti Laman Hijau Pangsapuri Permai Putera in Taman Dato Ahmad Razali are an unusual sight.

Chairman Muniza Mohd Zaini said they started *padi* cultivation last March, beginning with 2kg of seeds from Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute (MARDI).

"We planted the MR269 variety, which does not need much water and is well-suited to urban farming conditions.

"It will take about six months

before our first harvest, but it is looking promising," she said.

Muniza said they took on *padi* planting on MPAJ's suggestion.

The community garden was set up in 2020 during the Covid-19 pandemic, initially with traditional herbs and vegetables.

The 0.41ha garden is located outside the apartment complex on rented land.

Over the past six months, the community gardeners have started producing coco peat, which can be used as compost and a growing medium.

It is made by putting a coconut husk pith through a shredding machine.

The group sources discarded coconuts from vendors around the area.

MPAJ through its contractors also helps by dropping off spent coconuts at the community garden to be processed.

The coco peat is then sold to other community gardens and individuals.

Muniza said they had so far been able to produce about 300 bags.

"We did not expect it to be this big an operation but it has been possible with the support of the team and the local community.

"Our long-term plan is to produce and market our own brand of coco peat," she said.



Brinjal plants growing at Kebun Komuniti Laman Hijau Pangsapuri Permai Putera.



Masani Man is one of those tasked with rearing catfish at Kebun Komuniti Ukay Indah.



A variety of vegetables and herbs growing at Kebun Komuniti Pegaga including birds-eye chilli, coriander, Brazil spinach, pineapple and cucumber.



Kebun Komuniti Laman Hijau Pangsapuri Permai Putera advisor Mohd Fuad Eusof working the shredder to make coco peat.

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CALL FOR FEEDBACK

The public can give their views on Kuala Lumpur City Hall's (DBKL) 2025 budget on June 12 at Pusat Komuniti Sentul Perdana for the Batu constituency; June 15 at Dewan Komuniti Desa Pandan for the Titiwangsa constituency; June 29 at Pusat Komuniti Seri Petaling for the Seputeh constituency; July 6 at Hotel Federal Bukit Bintang for the Bukit Bintang constituency; July 13 at Pusat Komuniti Lembah Pantai for the Lembah Pantai constituency; July 20 at Auditorium Pejabat Cawangan Segambut for the Segambut constituency and July 27 at Dewan Serbaguna Jinjang Utara for the Kepong constituency. For details, call 03-2617 9000.

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Fencing continues to keep patrons away from Kepong's Glutton St

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THE fence along the side of Jalan Kepong Baru, popularly known as *wai sek kai* (Glutton Street) in Kuala Lumpur, has been blamed by traders for hampering their business.

They claim the 200m-long fence is hindering access of customers coming from the main road.

Previously, the traders had highlighted the inconvenience caused by the fence and in response, Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) created six openings.

However, this only benefitted traders operating near the openings, they claim.

Traders located further away, took to dismantling part of the fence to create additional openings.

Community activist Yee Poh Ping said the traders who took off the fence were slapped with summons by DBKL.

"It is a double whammy for them. First, their business was affected and now they had to pay the summons," he said, adding that three traders were each fined RM2,000 for violating the Vandalism (Federal Territory Kuala Lumpur) By-Law 1991.

"The traders are also request-



Lew (left), Yee (third from left) and other traders say the fencing along Jalan Kepong Baru impedes customers from accessing their stalls.

ing that DBKL restore parking spaces at certain locations along Jalan Kepong Baru and remove parking bays that are too close to junctions, which can potentially create blind spots for motorists.

"To address safety and traffic concerns, the traders proposed several measures, including the installation of speed bumps along Jalan Kepong Baru and the placement of bollards around critical junctions like Jalan

Ambong 4," said Yee.

Trader Lew Kok Wei said his business had declined since the fence installation as customers found it inconvenient.

"Without being near an opening in the fence, running our business and unloading stores is extremely difficult.

"Since the fence was installed, my business has dropped by 80%.

"Previously, I operated from 8am to 10pm, but now my hours

have been reduced from 9am to 5pm," he said.

Lew said the six openings were too few and hampered customers from accessing the stalls.

"So I dismantled the fence but was fined by DBKL.

"We want DBKL to open at least two more segments of the fence, to improve accessibility," Lew added.

Kepong MP Lim Lip Eng's assistant Dic Lai said Lim's office was



Traders are proposing that bollards be placed around critical junctions like Jalan Ambong 4.

working on a win-win solution to solve traffic congestion and ensure the traders' business was not affected.

"We negotiated with the traders and agreed about the fence openings.

"However, the traders should not dismantle the fence themselves, so DBKL has the right to take action," he told *StarMetro*.

Lai said he would continue working with DBKL to address traffic congestion in the area.

"Jalan Kepong Baru is a main road but vehicles double-parking on the roadside are causing traffic congestion.

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RM5mil for encroachment

DBKL to pay compensation as public road built on private land in Taman Desa

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PTGWP, Federal Territories Department (PTGWP), and Lands and Mines Department director-general for approval to initiate the land acquisition process.

DBKL confirmed that lots 43137-43151, 43152, 1566, 1567 and 43154-43156 were involved in the proposed land acquisition.

The local authority stated that the process was at the gazette stage as per Section 4 and Section 8 of the Act.

"A total of 21 lots, including 14 terrace houses, are involved in the proposed land acquisition."

"Affected parties will be called by the land office to attend a hearing to determine the compensation amount," it added.

StarMetro had first highlighted the issue on Nov 2 in a report titled "Man blocks road over DBKL's inaction."

On Dec 5, another report, "DBKL set to acquire land in encroachment issue" had conveyed that some owners wanted the land to be returned to them.

Edmund hired a land surveyor to measure his property and discovered that it was 1,009sq ft smaller than it should have been, due to a miscalculation by the housing developer.

He placed plastic barriers on the main road in front of his house in mid-October to show



Edmund blocked the road after DBKL failed to respond to his complaints.



Obstacles placed in front of Jalan Bukit Desa in Taman Desa. — Filepic

DBKL set to acquire land in encroachment issue

But households along Jalan Bukit Desa want space returned to them and road widened instead



StarMetro report on Dec 5, 2023.

how much of his land the road had taken up.

Edmund, who raised the issue with DBKL almost six years ago, said he did it out of frustration after his many pleas for a solution were ignored.

When contacted, Edmund said he was relieved that there was finally some closure.

When asked how much he was expecting as compensation he said: "Based on the current market value of the land

at RM500 per sq ft, I estimate the land to be worth about RM504,500."

He said there were other additional expenses, stating that he had spent a significant amount on legal fees, hiring a surveyor, loan penalties and obtaining a new title for the land.

These costs, ranging from RM350,000 to RM500,000, had been necessary to prove to DBKL that his land had been encroached upon, he added.

Another affected homeowner, CH Lim said some residents wanted to have a dialogue with DBKL to clear the air on many unresolved issues.

"We all want our land back, and if DBKL wants to buy our land, there will be a lot of costs incurred," said CH.

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Economists stay calm despite diesel price hike

Some express confidence that inflation might be lower for the year

ECONOMY

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PETALING JAYA: And so it begins. The much anticipated and talked about fuel subsidy rationalisation by Putrajaya has officially taken its first step in the form of floating diesel prices in Peninsular Malaysia, effective midnight yesterday.

The move will see diesel retail prices being increased by RM1.20 per litre, or a whopping 56%, to RM3.35 per litre, and subject to weekly reviews.

Still, most economists in general are staying calm on the diesel price hike's potential effect on the consumer price index (CPI), with some confident enough to maintain or even lower their inflation forecasts for the whole of 2024, albeit with the looming rationalisation of RON95 subsidies pending over the horizon.

While the targeted diesel subsidy mechanism is expected to save the government about RM4bil a year, UOB Global Economics

"Given that diesel carries just 0.2% weight in overall CPI basket, the direct impact is likely to be minimal at around 0.1% to overall inflation."

Julia Goh and Loke Siew Ting

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and Markets Research economists Julia Goh and Loke Siew Ting said rationalising diesel subsidies is perceived as a "low hanging fruit" to plug the fiscal holes and improve the efficiency of government operating expenditure.

Of note, they said: "Given that diesel carries just 0.2% weight in overall CPI basket, the direct impact is likely to be minimal at around 0.1% to overall inflation."

"According to data provided by the Statistics Department, the Budi Madani cash assistance of RM200 per month is sufficient to cover 80% of diesel vehicle owners based on consumption pattern."

Nevertheless, they believe the second

round effects or indirect pass-through impact will be worth keeping an eye on, given the below-target registration rate for the Subsidised Diesel Control System 2.0 (SKDS 2.0) among individuals, small-scale farmers and commodity smallholders.

Following the diesel subsidy rationalisation, Goh and Loke opined that the restructuring for RON95 is next, although they feel uncertain if it will be done before the end of the year, bringing to attention that Budget 2024 itself was silent on the fuel.

"The timing of RON95 subsidy cuts will depend on how the effects of diesel fare and the readiness of the Central Database

Hub (Padu), the platform that determines eligibility of cash aid," they said.

More importantly, they pointed out that the direct and indirect effects of price hikes for the "kuning" fuel, which carries 5.5% weight in overall CPI basket, will be more significant on inflation, given that it affects the bulk of the 36.6 million registered motor vehicles and made up RM66.7bil in retail sales of automotive fuel in 2023.

Goh and Loke said that currently, non-subsidised RON95 is estimated to be priced at RM3.35 per litre, and pending more developments on targeted diesel subsidies as well as announcements on RON95 fuel subsidies rationalisation, they are maintaining their 2024 full-year inflation forecast at 2.6%.

Meanwhile, CIMB Treasury and Markets Research is predicting policymakers to recalibrate RON95 only in the last quarter of the year (4Q24), potentially coinciding with the tabling of Budget 2025 on Oct 11.

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Crackdown urged on slick profiteers

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'Some businesses may raise prices despite getting targeted diesel subsidies'

PETALING JAYA: With diesel prices now floating at RM3.35 per litre, economists are warning businesses against profiteering.

Urging the government to crackdown on unscrupulous businesses, Malay Economic Action Council (MTEM) senior fellow Ahmad Yazid Othman said some may raise prices despite receiving targeted diesel subsidies.

The government, he said, needs to have a system in place to ensure immediate action against those who are profiteering.

He said other forms of subsidies must be in place so that businesses are discouraged from raising prices.

He also called on the government to have a more effective mechanism to crack down on subsidised diesel leakage from

the fishing industry and large companies.

"The number one source of leakage has been from fishing industries and large companies," he said, adding that effective monitoring is needed to prevent wastage of subsidised fuel.

Dr Yeah Kim Leng, economic studies programme director at Sunway University's Jeffrey Cheah Institute, said fuel cost increases were either fully or mostly covered by the targeted subsidies.

"There is no justification for suppliers and transport service providers to charge food and beverage (F&B) enterprises more.

"In turn, F&B outlets should not use the fuel subsidy rationalisation as an excuse to raise prices.

"This means any knock-on effects of the diesel price float on

general price increases should be limited, with any price increases only being a one-off," he said.

The new Subsidised Diesel Regulation System Pilot Project (SKDS) must be implemented quickly and seamlessly, he said.

"With diesel fuel being such an important cost component for all industries, a clear and fast implementation of SKDS is needed to prevent giving these players the pretext they need to raise prices.

"The government should also focus on other complementary measures to help manage food inflation, such as increasing domestic food production and reducing reliance on expensive food imports," he said.

Bank Muamalat Malaysia chief economist Mohd Afzanizam Abdul Rashid stressed on the need to raise public awareness,

e.g. through roadshows, about the new targeted diesel subsidy mechanisms.

"We must empower consumers to safeguard their own interest by lodging reports to the consumer tribunal if they are charged excessively.

"Likewise, the government must ensure that those who are eligible for subsidies are registered," he said.

Prof Dr Mohd Nazari Ismail from Universiti Malaya said awareness programmes would be key in gaining public confidence in the government and local businesses.

People may become dissatisfied with the government if the increase in prices is not properly communicated and explained, he said.

On Sunday, the government

announced that diesel prices would be floated and retail at RM3.35 per litre in the peninsular from yesterday.

The Cabinet had agreed to rationalise diesel subsidies on May 21 as part of its policy to reform fuel subsidies so that they are no longer given at the pump.

To offset this, businesses will be able to apply for a monthly RM200 Budi Madani cash assistance for 33 types of vehicles under SKDS.

Currently, of the 33 types of public transportation and goods vehicles under SKDS, 10 are public transportation vehicles and 23 are goods transport vehicles.

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Pencarum tuntutan pengeluaran satu pertiga Akaun 1

SHAH ALAM - Satu himpunan aman diadakan di hadapan bangunan Menara Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja (KWSP) di Persiaran Kwasa Utama, Kwasa Damansara pada Isnin bagi menuntut supaya Akaun 1 (Akaun Persaraan) dibenarkan untuk pengeluaran mengikut formula pemindahan 10/30 ke Akaun 3 (Akaun Fleksibel).

Himpunan itu dianjurkan Pertubuhan Gagasan Inovasi Rakyat Malaysia (PGIRM) dan disertai dua lagi pertubuhan bukan kerajaan (NGO) serta sekumpulan pencarum.

Kelonggaran itu hanya dicadangkan untuk pencarum yang tidak mempunyai baki langsung atau kurang daripada RM10,000 dalam Akaun 2 (Akaun Sejahtera).

Ahli Parlimen Tasek Gelugor, Datuk Wan Saiful Wan Jan berkata, beliau bersama wakil NGO lain hadir menyatakan sokongan serta menghantar memorandum

tuntutan kepada pihak KWSP bagi memastikan supaya suara rakyat sebagai pencarum dapat didengari.

"Saya harap pihak KWSP dan kerajaan dapat mendengar rintihan dan keluhan pencarum-pencarum ini sendiri.

"Saya akan terus bawa (tuntutan ini) di peringkat Parlimen tetapi kesukaran yang kita hadapi ialah kerajaan tidak dengar apa yang kita suarakan," katanya ketika ditemui pemberita.

NGO lain yang terlibat ialah Persatuan Pengguna Islam Malaysia dan Persekutuan Hak Asasi Manusia Global.

KWSP sebelum ini memperkenalkan Akaun Fleksibel yang membolehkan ahli mereka mengeluarkan simpanan pada bila-bila masa untuk sebarang tujuan.

Menurut KWSP, permohonan bagi pengeluaran Akaun Fleksibel boleh dibuat melalui KWSP i-Akaun atau di mana-mana cawangan KWSP di seluruh negara.



Wan Saiful (tengah) ketika ditemui pemberita pada himpunan tersebut.

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PUTRAJAYA - Perdana Menteri akan mengesyorkan mana-mana ketua jabatan perkhidmatan awam yang masih mengizinkan kesalahan rasuah berlaku di bawah seliaan masing-masing akan disekat daripada menerima kenaikan pangkat atau imbuhan gaji.

Tegas Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, adalah mustahil isu rasuah dan penyelewengan yang berlaku di dalam jabatan atau Kementerian tidak diketahui oleh ketua mereka.

"Dalam keputusan mengenai penyalarsan gaji, kita tetapkan ketua jabatan atau ketua-ketua

unit tidak akan diberikan kenaikan pangkat sekiranya diketahui di bawahnya sistem itu bobrok dan tidak diizinkan dilaporkan terus," katanya semasa berucap pada Majlis Perhimpunan Bulanan Bersama Warga Jabatan Perdana Menteri di sini pada Isnin.

Menurutnya, dengan tindakan tersebut, isu salah guna kuasa dan penyelewengan dapat dibanteras di peringkat bawahan tanpa mengharap Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) semata-mata.

"Jadi tanggungjawab itu bukan sahaja kepada SPRM tetapi

ketua jabatan dan unit," jelasnya.

Ujar Anwar, Ketua Setiausaha Negara, Tan Sri Mohd Zuki Ali dan Ketua Pengarah Perkhidmatan Awam (KPPA), Datuk Seri Wan Ahmad Dahlan Abdul Aziz diminta menentukan kaedah dan ketetapan berhubung perkara itu pada minggu hadapan.

"Saya mahu keputusan tetap. Minggu depan saya nak ada ketetapan. Ketua jabatan mesti lapor (jika ada salah laku rasuah dan penyelewengan)," jelas beliau.

Tambahnya, beliau mengimpikan Malaysia akan menjadi se-

buah negara yang benar-benar bersih daripada rasuah dan penyelewengan.

"Saya lihat laporan terkini Ketua Audit Negara itu mungkin secara relatifnya lebih baik berbanding tahun lalu tetapi kita tak boleh sedikit lebih baik.

"Kita mesti melakukan perubahan mendadak yang boleh menyelamatkan negara kita.

"Saya mahu Malaysia terkenal sebagai negara bersih atau paling minimum rasuah, tidak seperti mana ada sekarang," katanya.

Anwar berkata, mana-mana ketua jabatan yang tidak mahu

dan tidak mampu menggalas tanggungjawab tersebut perlu memaklumkan kepada Wan Ahmad Dahlan.

"Boleh pilih untuk tidak mahu jadi ketua jabatan, sila maklum kepada KPPA.

"Tetapi kerana tanggungjawab ada seperti saya, maki lah berbakul pun, kerja mesti dijalankan setelah dirunding," katanya.

Terdahulu dalam ucapannya Anwar turut mendoakan jemaah Malaysia yang berada di Tanah Suci Makkah untuk menunaikan haji mabrur.

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Tarikh:1.1 JUN..2024...

'Tangguh rasionalisasi subsidi RON95'

Kerajaan boleh guna dividen yang bakal diberikan Petronas tahun ini

SHAH ALAM

Kerajaan masih boleh menangguhkan pelaksanaan rasionalisasi subsidi petrol RON95 dengan menggunakan dividen yang bakal diberikan Petronas tahun ini.

Ketua Ahli Ekonomi Maybank Investment Bank (Maybank IB), Suhaimi Ilias berkata, kerajaan boleh membelanjakan dividen tambahan Petronas untuk menampung sejumlah RM4.1 bilion yang diperlukan untuk mencapai sasaran pengurangan subsidi sebanyak RM11.5 bilion dalam Belanjawan 2024 jika penyelarasan subsidi RON95 ditangguhkan.

"Sudah tentu kerajaan memiliki kuasa dalam memutuskan kuantum dan masa sebenar pelarasan harga petrol berkenaan. Malah, (kerajaan) boleh menangguhkannya pelaksanaan rasionalisasi subsidi petrol RON95 (daripada yang disasarkan).

"Sebarang kekurangan terhadap RM4.1 bilion yang diperlukan untuk mencapai sasaran Belanjawan 2024 bagi mengurangkan subsidi sebanyak RM11.5 bilion tahun ini boleh ditampung dengan dividen



Pakar ekonomi berpendapat kerajaan masih boleh menangguhkan pelaksanaan rasionalisasi subsidi petrol RON95 dengan menggunakan dividen yang bakal diberikan Petronas tahun ini. Gambar kecil: Suhaimi

tambahan Petronas berbanding anggaran berjumlah RM32 bilion tahun ini," katanya dalam satu nota penyelidikan.

Menurut Suhaimi, Belanjawan 2024 menyasarkan untuk mengurangkan perbelanjaan subsidi dan bantuan sosial sebanyak RM11.5 bilion.

"Daripada jumlah itu, sejumlah RM7.4 bilion penjimatan telah dicapai menerusi penamatan subsidi elektrik yang membolehkan kerajaan berjimat sebanyak RM4 bilion, subsidi harga ayam (jimat RM1.2 bilion) dan subsidi diesel (jimat RM2.2 bilion).

"Masih ada RM4.1 bilion perlu dikurangkan menerusi rasionalisasi subsidi RON95. Melihat kepada perkara ini, ia akan memabitkan kenaikan harga RON95 bersubsidi pada masa ini iaitu RM2.05 seliter," ujarnya.

Beliau berkata, Maybank IB menganggarkan kenaikan harga 10 sen seliter petrol RON95 dapat memberi penjimatan sebanyak RM2.5 bilion setahun kepada kerajaan sekiranya rasionalisasi subsidi bahan api kenderaan tersebut dilaksanakan.

Bagaimanapun, katanya, berdasarkan simulasi yang dilakukan pihaknya, kerajaan perlu menaikkan harga diesel sebanyak 33 sen seliter iaitu kenaikan mencapai 16.1 peratus seandainya rasionalisasi subsidi RON95 bersasar bermula 1 Julai depan bagi memperoleh penjimatan RM4.1 bilion pada separuh kedua 2024.

"Jika subsidi RON95 bersasar bermula pada 1 Oktober 2024, untuk mendapatkan penjimatan RM4.1 bilion pada suku keempat 2024, harga RON95 perlu dinaikkan sebanyak 69 sen seliter (33.7 peratus)," katanya.



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Tarikh:

Jumlah bantuan tunai perlu fleksibel

Pakar syor Budi Madani
ikut harga pasaran,
bukan tetap RM200
sebulan

SHAH ALAM

Kerajaan disyor menetapkan jumlah pemberian bantuan tunai Budi Madani secara fleksibel berdasarkan harga pasaran minyak mentah semasa dan bukan pada kadar tetap RM200 sebulan.

Pakar Ekonomi Kolej Universiti i-CATS Kuching, Profesor Datuk Dr Shazali Abu Mansor berkata, menerusi kadar fleksibel, jumlah subsidi berasas boleh dinaikkan sekiranya harga minyak mentah meningkat sekali gus mengelakkan rakyat terbeban.

"Contohnya kalau harga minyak mentah naik, naikan kadar RM200 itu dan kalau harga minyak turun berbanding harga sekarang, kadar RM200 boleh diturunkan."

"Dengan cara ini barulah kerajaan dan rakyat tidak terbeban. Kadar subsidi tidak boleh statik, ia mesti dinamik berdasarkan harga minyak mentah semasa," katanya kepada *Sinar Harian*.

Shazali bagaimanapun yakin pemberian subsidi RM200 tersebut secara puratanya mencukupi untuk segolongan besar pengguna kenderaan ber-diesel di Semenanjung buat masa ini.

"Subsidi ini untuk tampung perbezaan harga diesel RM2.15 sebelum ini dan RM3.35 sekarang. RM200 itu dapat tam-



Harga diesel di semua stesen minyak di Semenanjung ditetapkan pada kadar RM3.35 seliter iaitu harga pasaran tanpa subsidi bermula Isnin.



pung lebih 100 liter diesel. Kalau untuk kegunaan harian, secara puratanya cukup. Bagi yang guna lebih diesel, mungkin akan ada tambahan perbelanjaan lebih RM100 lebih sebulan.

"Namun, pelaksanaan Budi Madani ini baharu di peringkat awal pengujian, jadi kita kena tengok dahulu dalam tempoh tiga bulan pertama. Kena tengok apa kelemahan untuk ditambah baik dan kadar subsidi sama ada cukup atau tidak," katanya.

Sementara itu, Pakar Ekonomi Universiti Sains dan Teknologi Malaysia (MUST), Profesor Emeritus Dr Barjoyai Bardai optimis kerajaan akan menambah kadar bantuan jika dapat melakukan penjimatan daripada pengapungan harga diesel.

"Pada tahun lalu kerajaan mem-

bayar kira-kira RM14.3 bilion subsidi diesel, jadi dengan penyasaran semula subsidi ini sepatutnya kerajaan akan dapat penjimatan sekurang-kurangnya RM4 bilion setahun.

"Kalau dapat nikmati penjimatan itu, kerajaan mungkin boleh meningkatkan bayaran tunai ini menjadi RM250 ke RM300 sebulan," ujarnya.

Katanya, dengan subsidi RM200 sebulan yang diberikan ketika ini, ia dianggarkan mampu menampung keperluan kira-kira lima liter diesel sehari.

"Lima liter diesel ini kenderaan boleh bergerak 70 kilometer (km) sehari, bermakna pengguna tidak boleh keluar dari rumah lebih dari jarak 35km sebab dia nak balik perlu redah perjalanan lagi 35km. Kalau ikutkan mungkin jumlah ini tidak cukup tapi kadar bantuan RM200 ini adalah sebagai permulaan," jelasnya.

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Tarikh:1...1...JUN...2024....

Jualan kenderaan diesel diramal turun 50 peratus

Penjual kenderaan terpakai mengeluh jualan merosot, pemilik pula ramai mahu jual semula trak pikap mereka

SHAH ALAM

Jualan kenderaan diesel terutamanya jenis trak pikap dijangka mengalami kemerosotan lebih 50 peratus susulan pelaksanaan pengapungan harga bahan api tersebut.

Penasihat jualan kereta terpakai, Khairil Anwar Jaafar, 45, berkata, sejak sebulan lalu penjualan kenderaan tersebut didapati sangat perlahan kerana pembeli mengambil sikap tunggu dan lihat.

Ekoran daripada itu, pihak syarikat mengambil keputusan untuk menghentikan kemasukan kenderaan berenjin diesel buat sementara waktu.

"Sebenarnya, situasi penurunan jualan ini telah dirasai sejak lebih sebulan yang lalu iaitu sebelum pengumuman penyasaran subsidi diesel dibuat. Kami ada sebanyak 15 hingga 20 buah kenderaan diesel tidak dapat dijual.

"Dengan pengumuman mengenai mekanisme baharu harga diesel dan jika harga bahan api ini terus naik setiap minggu, kemungkinan besar pengguna tidak lagi mampu menampung atau tiada lagi keperluan menggunakan kenderaan ini.

"Saya jangka pengguna akan menjual kenderaan mereka dan yang tinggal hanya golongan yang benar-benar boleh bertahan sahaja.

"Mereka tidak lagi akan membeli kenderaan diesel, malah saya jangka lebih 50 peratus jualan kami akan merosot sekiranya berlaku kenaikan bahan api berkenaan secara berterusan," katanya kepada *Sinar Harian*.

Menurut Khairil Anwar, beliau turut menjangkakan pemilik perniagaan atau syarikat juga akan cuba mengelak daripada membeli kenderaan enjin diesel.

"Sebelum ini, pembeli individu adalah kumpulan yang paling tinggi membuat pembelian disebabkan hobi, keunikan model serta pengubahsuaian kenderaan, untuk pelbagai tujuan seperti masuk hutan dan



KHAIRIL ANWAR



SAIPUL NIZAM

sebagainya.

"Pada masa sekarang kalau ada yang mahu beli, saya rasa bukan daripada individu tetapi pihak syarikat sahaja dan mungkin jumlahnya tidak begitu ketara. Mereka beli kalau betul-betul perlu sahaja," ujarnya.

Seorang lagi penjual kenderaan terpakai, Saipul Nizam, 34, berkata, beliau didatangi pemilik yang mahu menjual semula kenderaan mereka setakat petang Isnin dan jumlah itu dipercayai akan terus meningkat.

"Sebenarnya golongan peniaga kecil dan berpendapatan rendah ini telah pun mula menjual kenderaan enjin diesel mereka selepas ura-ura penarikan subsidi bahan api diesel ini lagi.

"Hari ini sahaja ada tiga orang mahu jual semula trak pikap dan mencari van yang menggunakan petrol untuk tujuan perniagaan kecil-kecilan serta mengangkut hasil kebun.

"Dalam dua hari lepas pun saya ada jual dalam dua kenderaan enjin diesel tetapi mereka ini sebenarnya terpaksa memandangkan tiada pilihan lain, jadi terpaksa beli juga," ujarnya.



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Tarikh: ...1...1...JUN...2024.....

Ekonomi dijangka ambil masa enam bulan untuk stabil

HARGA SELITER DIESEL DI ASIA TENGGARA	
NEGARA	HARGA
Singapura	RM8.79
Myanmar	RM5.40
Filipina	RM4.75
Kamboja	RM4.64
Laos	RM4.56
Indonesia	RM4.43
Thailand	RM4.24
Vietnam	RM3.69
Malaysia	RM3.35
Brunei	RM1.09

Sumber: Kementerian Kewangan (MOF)

SHAH ALAM - Pengapungan harga diesel dijangka memberi kesan kepada ekonomi domestik dan mungkin mengambil masa sehingga enam bulan untuk dipantulkan serta stabil secara keseluruhan.

Penganalisis Ekonomi daripada Universiti Kuala Lumpur, Profesor Madya Dr Aimi Zulhazmi Abdul Rashid berkata, ia berkait dengan faktor lain seperti simpanan stok, kenaikan harga alat ganti dan pelbagai rantaian nilai bekalan, upah dan gaji yang mungkin naik.

"Bank Negara juga menjangkakan kadar inflasi akan berada pada julat 2 ke 3.5 peratus bagi tahun ini, terutamanya kesan daripada pelaksana-

an subsidi bersasar diesel.

"Namun, saya melihat penetapan harga diesel RM3.35 seliter di Semenanjung adalah munasabah dan dilaksanakan sewaktu harga minyak mentah dunia masih dikira rendah, iaitu sekitar AS\$75 (RM354) setong," katanya kepada *Sinar Harian*.

Tambah Aimi, harga RM3.35 itu adalah mengikut harga pasaran yang diluluskan oleh kerajaan dan masih lagi antara yang terendah ber-



AIMI ZULHAZMI

banding negara lain di Asia Tenggara, kecuali Brunei.

"Saya menjangkakan aktiviti penyeludupan diesel ke negara jiran akan menjadi amat berkurangan kerana jurang harganya tidak lagi terlalu jauh seperti dulu," jelasnya.

Mengenai kenaikan harga barang, beliau berkata, harga barang sepatutnya tidak naik berganda kerana kerajaan memberikan subsidi kepada syarikat-syarikat logistik dan pengangkutan yang terbabit.

EK ELEH

Anwar kata penyasaran **SUBSIDI DIESEL** perlu demi keselamatan negara

Kena ada formula yang betul terutama menangani **KESAN BERANTAI!**



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Kerajaan kaji undang-undang penggunaan plastik

KUALA NERUS - Kementerian Sumber Asli dan Kelestarian Alam sedang mengkaji undang-undang bersesuaian bagi mengurangkan penggunaan plastik susulan pencemaran bahan tersebut di negara ini.

Menteri Sumber Asli dan Kelestarian Alam, Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad berkata, langkah itu penting bagi memastikan pencemaran plastik dapat ditangani secara lebih berkesan berikutan ia dijangka mencapai tahap kritikal dengan jumlah sampah yang banyak terdapat di laut menjelang 2025.

Menurutnya, kerajaan telah melaksanakan pelbagai langkah termasuk memasang *log boom* atau perangkap sampah sebagai usaha menghalang sampah tersebut daripada masuk ke dalam laut.

"Kita nak kutip banyak mana pun sampah memang akan ada hadnya. Kalau buat perangkap sampah perlu ada penyelenggaraan di mana ada orang datang bersihkan dan jika tidak bersih maka akan menimbulkan masalah seperti banjir dan sebagainya.

"Sebab itu kita sedang lihat apakah satu dasar boleh dibuat. Kita sudah ada hala

tuju ke arah atau ke arah Sifar Plastik Sekali Guna 2018-2030 dan juga Malaysia's Plastics Sustainability Roadmap 2021 - 2030.

"Jadi kita nak tengok adakah boleh buat satu perundangan di peringkat nasional untuk kita kurangkan sisa plastik di negara ini," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian kepada pemberita ketika sidang akhbar selepas Program Jelajah Kelestarian Alam Santuni Golongan Belia di Institut Oseanografi dan Sekitaran (INOS) di Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT) di sini pada Isnin.

Mengulas lanjut, Nik Nazmi berkata, penggunaan plastik sekali guna hanya pada tempoh yang singkat namun kesananya kepada alam sekitar pada jangka masa yang panjang.

"Plastik sekali guna ini hanya diguna beberapa minit sebagai contoh botol air mineral, bungkusan dan sebagainya.

"Jadi kalau kita ada alternatif lain kurangkan penggunaan bungkusan (plastik) dengan memakai bahan dipakai semula adalah lebih baik," ujarnya lagi.



Nik Nazmi (tengah) mendengar taklimat di Institut Oseanografi dan Sekitaran (INOS) UMT pada Isnin.

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ANWAR meluangkan masa bersalaman dengan warga JPM selepas Majlis Perjumpaan Bulanan di Putrajaya semalam.

Ketua jabatan tak naik pangkat jika tidak lapor rasuah

PUTRAJAYA – Ketua jabatan dalam perkhidmatan awam yang tahu dan sedar tentang isu rasuah di jabatan masing-masing, tetapi tidak melaporkan perkara itu kepada pihak berkuasa akan berdepan tindakan tidak dinaikkan pangkat.

Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim berkata, beliau telah mengarahkan Ketua Setiausaha Negara, Tan Sri Mohd. Zuki Ali bagi membuat satu ketetapan agar setiap ketua jabatan harus melaporkan perbuatan salah laku dalam jabatan.

"Kalau dalam jabatan itu nampak terang ada salah laku, kenapa ketua jabatan tak lapor? Mengapa ketua unit tidak tahu? Amalan ini sudah berlaku bertahun-tahun, mustahil tidak diketahui.

"Dalam keputusan kita dalam pelarasan gaji kita tetapkan seorang ketua jabatan atau ketua unit tak akan diberikan kenaikan pangkat sekiranya tahu di bawahnya sistem itu bobrok dan tidak diizinkan dilaporkan terus," katanya ketika

berucap pada Perhimpunan Bulanan Warga Jabatan Perdana Menteri di sini semalam.

Beliau berkata, tindakan berkenaan dilakukan bagi mengekang salah guna kuasa dan penyelewengan di peringkat bawahan daripada terus berlaku.

"Tanggungjawab itu bukan sahaja kepada Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) tetapi ketua jabatan dan unit," ujarnya.

Anwar berkata, kesemua tindakan itu adalah bagi menjadikan Malaysia sebagai sebuah negara bebas rasuah di masa akan datang.

"Saya lihat laporan terkini Ketua Audit Negara itu mungkin secara relatifnya lebih baik berbanding tahun lalu tetapi kita tak boleh sedikit lebih baik. Kita mesti melakukan perubahan mendadak yang boleh menyelamatkan negara kita.

"Saya mahu Malaysia terkenal sebagai sebuah negara bersih atau paling minimum rasuah dan tidak seperti mana sekarang ini," jelasnya.

KOSMO

11 JUN 2024

Tarikh:

Pendekatan terbaik atasi pencemaran mikroplastik

Perkasa pelan sifar guna beg plastik

Oleh MOHD. AZLI ADLAN

KUALA NERUS – Kerajaan berhasrat menegatkan aspek perundangan di peringkat Persekutuan bagi memperkasakan lagi Pelan Hala Tuju Sifar Penggunaan Plastik Sekali Guna sebagai inisiatif mengurangkan pencemaran mikroplastik di perairan negara.

Menteri Sumber Asli dan Kelestarian Alam, Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad berkata, pengurangan penggunaan produk plastik dalam kalangan masyarakat dirasakan pendekatan terbaik bagi mengatasi isu pencemaran lautan yang semakin meruncing.

"Sebanyak mana kita pasang perangkap untuk mengutip sampah (daripada memasuki laut), ia tetap mempunyai had.

"Paling terbaik pengurangan (penggunaan) sisa plastik itu

KERATAN Kosmo! semalam.

sendiri. Kita sedang kaji perundangan peringkat nasional untuk mengurangkan sisa plastik termasuk botol mineral," katanya di Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT), di sini semalam.

Katanya, pemerkasaan Pelan Hala Tuju Sifar Penggunaan Plastik Sekali Guna yang diperkenalkan pada 2018 perlu dilakukan ekoran momentumnya dilihat sedikit terganggu berikutan pan-

demik Covid-19 pada 2020.

Jelasnya, penggunaan produk plastik sekali guna seperti botol air mineral meningkat mendadak sewaktu tempoh pandemik.

"Pelaksanaan pelan itu dalam kalangan kerajaan tempatan dan negeri mulai perlahan. Namun Johor, Melaka, Selangor dan Pulau Pinang negeri lebih ke hadapan dalam pelaksanaan sifar penggunaan beg plastik," katanya.



NIK NAZMI (tengah) bersama pelajar UMT selepas selesai mengutip sampah di pesisir pantai di Kuala Nerus semalam. – PUOTRA HAIRRY

KOSMO

11 JUN 2024

Tarikh:

Subsidi bersasar RON95 akhir tahun

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PETALING JAYA - Penetapan pelaksanaan pemberian subsidi bersasar bagi petrol RON95 dijangka berlaku pada suku tahun keempat 2024, berkemungkinan ketika pembentangan Bajet 2025 yang dijadualkan pada 11 Oktober depan.

Menurut Laporan Penyelidikan Perbendaharaan dan Pasaran CIMB, secara asasnya, pihaknya mengandaikan peningkatan harga runcit RON95 secara berperingkat sebanyak 25 sen/liter bagi setiap enam bulan.

"Implikasi pemotongan subsidi RON95 memberi kesan lebih meluas berbanding diesel dengan sumbangan langsung kenaikan 10 peratus dalam harga runcit RON95 memberi peningkatan sekitar 0.5 peratus pada inflasi (berbanding diesel sebanyak 0.02 peratus)," katanya di sini semalam.

Selain itu, mengulas mengenai harga diesel yang meningkat bermula semalam, laporan tersebut menerangkan bahawa, Kementerian Kewangan dilihat bakal sibuk dengan permohonan untuk bantuan Budi Madani, yang dijangka meningkat.

Jelasnya, setakat 3 Jun lalu, kelulusan untuk Budi Madani (30,000 penerima) hanya sekitar lima peratus daripada jangkaan kerajaan sebanyak 600,000 penerima, iaitu 300,000 daripadanya adalah individu dan separuh lagi petani dan pekebun kecil.

"Kerajaan mungkin menunggu data inflasi Jun dan Julai, masing-masing dijadualkan dikeluarkan pada 24 Julai dan 22 Ogos



PEMANDU lori mengambil langkah awal dengan mengisi diesel sebelum harga itu naik ke paras RM3.23 sen tengah malam kelmarin.

bagi menilai kesan mekanisme subsidi diesel sebelum meneruskan pemotongan subsidi RON95.

Subsidi diesel melonjak daripada RM1.4 bilion pada 2019 kepada RM14.3 bilion tahun lalu, apabila jumlah jualan meningkat daripada 6.1 bilion liter kepada 10.8 bilion liter.

Ini adalah kerana berlakunya dorongan yang disyaki daripada kebocoran subsidi dan penyelewengan.

Kementerian Kewangan mengunjurkan pendekatan baharu secara lebih bersasar ini bakal menghasilkan penjimatan RM4 bilion setahun, yang bersamaan 0.2 peratus daripada Keluaran

Dalam Negara Kasar (KDNK).

Pada masa sama, CIMB menyemak turun jangkaan inflasi tahun ini daripada 2.7 peratus kepada 2.3 peratus tahun ini.

Menurutnya, ia mencerminkan inflasi 1.7 peratus untuk empat bulan pertama 2024, dengan kesan limpahan terhadap kenaikan tarif elektrik dan air serta kenaikan dua peratus dalam Cukai Perkhidmatan dengan skop perlindungan lebih luas.

"Kami juga mengekalkan ramalan Kadar Dasar Semalaman (OPR) pada tiga peratus, dengan inflasi masih berlegar dalam ramalan rasmi pada dua hingga 3.5 peratus," katanya.

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Syor PM lahir penjawat awam cakna tanggungjawab, amanah

Langkah jamin wujudkan tadbir urus kerajaan lebih baik serta berkesan

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Kuala Lumpur: Syor supaya ketua jabatan yang tidak melaporkan kes rasuah dalam kalangan petugas bawahannya tidak dinaikkan pangkat adalah satu usaha meletakkan satu tanggungjawab kebersamaan di setiap pe-

ringkat jawatan bagi menjamin tadbir urus kerajaan yang baik dan berkesan.

CUEPACS berkata, jika syor oleh Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim itu dilaksanakan kelak, ia akan melahirkan penjawat awam yang sentiasa cakna terhadap tanggungjawab dan amanah yang digalas.

Presidennya, Datuk Adnan Mat, berkata salah laku dalam perkhidmatan awam amat dilarang, justeru tidak wajar untuk pihak yang mempunyai kuasa menyembunyikan pelanggaran tadbir urus hanya semata-mata untuk menjaga nama baik sendiri atau individu tertentu, yang memburukkan lagi keadaan dan tidak menyelesaikan masalah yang berlaku.

"CUEPACS berharap semua penjawat awam tidak kira pelbagai peringkat jawatan melihat langkah ini sebagai sesuatu yang positif, terutama dalam memastikan perkhidmatan awam sentiasa berada di tahap terbaik.

"Penjawat awam harus mempunyai kesedaran untuk membanteras salah laku dengan apa juga cara, termasuk melaporkan perkara itu untuk tindakan lanjut," katanya dalam kenyataan, semalam.

Ketika berucap pada Majlis Perjumpaan bersama warga Jabatan Perdana Menteri (JPM) bagi Jun, semalam, Perdana Menteri mengesyorkan tiada kenaikan pangkat diberikan kepada ketua jabatan jika terbukti wujud salah laku dan amalan rasuah

penjawat awam di bawahnya sehingga tidak dilaporkan.

Perdana Menteri berkata, agak mustahil bagi ketua jabatan atau ketua unit 'tidak tahu' atau 'menutup mata' mengenai wujudnya kecurangan dalam pentadbiran di bawah tanggungjawab masing-masing.

Usaha transformasi kerajaan

Mengulas lanjut, Adnan berkata, pembaharuan yang mahu dilaksanakan Perdana Menteri itu, bagaimanapun bukan menggam-barkan salah laku yang tinggi dalam perkhidmatan awam tetapi sebagai satu usaha transformasi ke arah yang lebih baik.

Beliau berkata, walaupun pendekatan hukuman kepada ketua jabatan itu wajar, ia perlu diteliti

sebaik mungkin bagi memberi keadilan kepada semua pihak.

"CUEPACS yakin ia hanya membabitkan segelintir kumpulan ketua jabatan yang tidak ambil peduli dengan isu salah guna kuasa dan rasuah dalam kalangan kakitangan mereka.

"Proses semak dan imbang perlu menjadi panduan dan budaya dalam melahirkan amalan tegur-menegur serta memberi hukuman kepada mereka yang melakukan kesalahan demi menjaga nama baik perkhidmatan awam keseluruhannya.

"Sebagai seorang pemimpin, perlu ada sifat berani bertindak dan menjaui perkara yang melanggar etika serta peraturan dalam perkhidmatan awam," katanya.

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Anwar berucap pada Majlis Perjumpaan bersama warga Jabatan Perdana Menteri bagi Jun di Putrajaya, semalam.
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Tak naik pangkat ketua jabatan biar rasuah, salah laku

Anwar mahu ketetapan dibuat 'hukuman' tak lapor kecurangan orang bawahan

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Putrajaya: Tiada kenaikan pangkat bagi ketua jabatan jika wujud salah laku dan amalan rasuah penjawat awam di bawahnya sehingga tidak dilaporkan, demikian tegas Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Berucap pada Majlis Perjumpaan bersama warga Jabatan Perdana Menteri bagi Jun di sini, semalam, beliau berkata, agak mustahil bagi ketua jabatan atau ketua unit 'tidak tahu' atau menutup mata mengenai wujudnya kecurangan dalam pentadbiran masing-masing.

"Kalau nampak terang salah laku, kenapa ketua jabatan tidak lapor, kenapa ketua unit tidak tahu, saya kadang-kadang fikir kerana amalan ini sudah berlaku bertahun-tahun, mustahil tidak tahu."

"Maka saya akan syorkan kepada KSN (Ketua Setiausaha Negara Tan Sri Mohd Zuki Ali) mesyuarat dalam masa terdekat ini, dalam keputusan kita mengenai penyelarasan gaji, kita tetapkan seorang ketua jabatan atau ketua unit tidak akan diberikan kenaikan pangkat, sekiranya diketahui di bawahnya itu sistemnya bobrok dan tidak

dilaporkan," katanya.

Yang turut hadir, kedua-dua Timbalan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi dan Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof serta Ketua Setiausaha Negara, Tan Sri Mohd Zuki Ali.

Anwar yang juga Menteri Kewangan berkata, kaedah hukuman itu bagaimanapun akan ditentukan oleh Ketua Setiausaha Negara (KSN) dan Ketua Pengarah Perkhidmatan Awam (KPPA).

"Mengapa dalam jabatan umpamanya, ada ketua jabatan, KSU (Ketua Setiausaha), Menteri, Timbalan Menteri, Ketua Pengarah, tak mungkin dari atas sampai ke bawah tak tahu."

"Maka saya akan syorkan kepada KSN, mesyuarat dalam terdekat ini, dalam keputusan kita mengenai penyelarasan gaji, kita tetapkan seorang ketua jabatan atau unit tidak akan diberikan kenaikan pangkat, sekiranya diketahui di bawahnya itu (ada kecurangan) dan tidak dilaporkan, tidak diizinkan terus," katanya.

Anwar menegaskan, beliau mahu satu ketetapan dibuat pada minggu depan dengan semua ketua jabatan atau unit melaporkan sebarang kecurangan atau salah laku berkenaan.

Tekad henti amalan rasuah

Walaupun sudah ada perubahan, Perdana Menteri berkata, beliau tidak jemu mengulangi mengenai isu kecurangan kerana masih berlaku di sesetengah peringkat.

"Dalam penjawat awam, kerangkanya mesti jalankan tugas dengan baik, hentikan kecurangan, amanah saya tidak jemu mengulang, walaupun ada perubahannya, kerana mana mung-

kin orang beribadah, bicara mengenai islam, tetapi masih mempertahankan amalan kecurian."

"Saya selalu bandingkan, kalau anak cucu kita curi pensel kawan kita marah tetapi kalau curi berjuta, kita biarkan, saya tekankan ini kerana masih berlaku di sesetengah peringkat," katanya.

Beliau berkata, kini tanggungjawab menangani salah laku dan kecurangan bukan lagi terletak di bahu Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) sahaja, sebaliknya kepada ketua jabatan dan unit.

"Saya fikir badan penguat kuasa hampir maksimum usaha mereka, saya maklumkan kepada Ketua Pesuruhjaya SPRM, saya akan tingkatkan peruntukan tambahan, pegawai dan peguam negara dimaklumkan ambil tindakan tidak peduli siapa sebaik ada bukti supaya dalam tempoh terdekat kita dapat kawal dengan berkesan," katanya.

Justeru, beliau mengingatkan semua penjawat awam supaya menggalas tanggungjawab untuk menentang kecurangan dan salah laku.

"Jadi, saya harap saudara faham, kalau tidak saudara boleh pilih tidak mahu jadi ketua jabatan kerana tanggungjawabnya lebih, maklumkan kepada KPPA, kata saya hanya mahu bekerja sebagai pegawai biasa, tidak mahu jadi ketua unit atau jabatan."

"Kamu maki berbakul-bakul pun, kerja mesti dijalankan, jadi saya nak gesa kerana amaran sudah lama diberikan, maka tanggungjawab itu sudah turun dari atas sampai ke peringkat bawah," katanya.

SPRM sasar siasat pelabuhan seluruh negara

Kota Kinabalu: Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) kini menyasar semua negeri yang mempunyai pelabuhan di seluruh negara, dalam siasatan agensi itu terhadap penipuan kontena yang menyebabkan ketirisan hasil cukai kepada kerajaan.

Ketua Pesuruhjaya SPRM, Tan Sri Azam Baki, berkata pelabuhan di Sabah dan negeri lain kini dalam pemerhatian SPRM selepas kejayaan agensi itu mengesan kegiatan penipuan kontena yang terbesar di Selangor, baru-baru ini.

Beliau berkata, usaha itu yang dilakukan dengan kerjasama Jabatan Kastam Diraja Malaysia (JKDM) bertujuan memastikan ketirisan yang berlaku dapat diatasi dan wang hasil cukai yang sepatutnya dikutip dapat dikembalikan di negeri yang terbabit.

"Kita (SPRM) beri amaran kerana Sabah juga dalam perhatian kami, begitu juga mana-mana negeri lain yang ada pelabuhan. Ini kerjasama kami dengan pihak kastam dan agensi lain untuk membanteras ketirisan yang berlaku disebabkan rasuah dan salah guna kuasa membabitkan orang yang diberi amanah.

"Ia adalah usaha untuk mengembalikan duit rakyat bagi memastikan cukai dibayar dan dipungut pihak kastam. Kalau ketirisan itu berlaku di Sabah, maka duit itu dikembalikan di negeri ini.

"Bagi yang sudah terlepas, kita akan guna Akta SPRM 2009 dan Akta Pengubahan Wang Haram, Pencegahan Pembiayaan Keganasan dan Hasil Daripada Ak-

tiviti Haram 2001," katanya ditemui media selepas Majlis Menandatangani Memorandum Persefahaman (MoU) di antara Sabah Electricity Sdn Bhd (SESB) dan SPRM, di sini, semalam.

Majlis itu disempurnakan Menteri Kewangan Sabah, Datuk Masidi Manjun dan turut diha-diri Pengerusi SESB, Datuk Seri Madius Tangau serta Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif SESB, Ir Mohd Yaakob Jaafar dan Pengarah SPRM Sabah, Datuk S Karunanithy.

Azam berkata, SPRM komited membongkar kegiatan penipuan kandungan kontena yang menyebabkan kerajaan kerugian dari segi nilai cukai yang tidak sempat berikutan penipuan barangan yang diikrar.

"Ini kerana banyak ketirisan yang berlaku apabila kontena diikrar dengan tidak betul. Ada kontena diikrar kononnya membawa kerusi roda tetapi rupanya di dalam itu (daging) babi dan barangan elektrik pun ada.

"Jadi sepatutnya bayaran cukai itu lebih tinggi. Modus operandi ini berlaku di banyak tempat di Malaysia dan kita beri amaran semua negeri, termasuk Sabah, satu hari nanti SPRM akan sampai juga," katanya.

Tidak kesan kes baharu

Sementara itu, mengulas mengenai siasatan kemungkinan berlaku kes baharu membabitkan isu pembekalan air di Sabah, Azam berkata setakat ini tiada perkara tidak baik dikesan seperti yang berlaku pada 2017.

"Setakat ini tiada perkara yang tidak baik hasil pemantauan



Masidi (tiga dari kiri) bersama Azam (dua dari kiri) pada Majlis Menandatangani Memorandum Persefahaman di antara Sabah Electricity Sdn Bhd dan SPRM, di Kota Kinabalu, semalam. (Foto ihsan pembaca)

yang kami lakukan berhubung isu air di Sabah berbanding kes pada 2017 yang mana kes itu sekarang dalam perbicaraan.

"Ketika itu kes berpunca apabila SPRM dapat banyak maklumat dan rungutan daripada rakyat Sabah mengenai wang di-belanjakan dengan banyak diberikan kepada Sabah tetapi tidak turun ke bawah, jadi itu mendatangkan pemantauan kami.

"Selepas itu, Alhamdulillah, walaupun ada juga kepincangan di sana sini tetapi sekarang lebih baik," katanya.

Pada majlis itu, Masidi menyaksikan SESB dan SPRM menandatangani MoU bagi kerjasama membanteras jenayah rasuah, salah guna kuasa dan penyelewengan dalam syarikat pembekal elektrik di Sabah dan Labuan itu.

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Raja Muda Selangor rasmi pelancaran projek Hospital Pakar Siraj Putra

Putrajaya: Raja Muda Selangor, Tengku Amir Shah Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah berkenan merasmikan pelancaran projek Hospital Pakar Siraj Putra yang dijangka siap dibina dan beroperasi menjelang Julai 2027 di Putra Medical City, Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) di Serdang.

Hospital Pakar Siraj Putra de-

ngan keluasan 2.08 hektar akan menempatkan kira-kira 300 katil membabitkan kos pembinaan RM400 juta.

Hospital pakar ini apabila siap dan beroperasi, akan memberi khidmat meliputi penduduk sekitar Serdang Lama, Seri Kemangan, Putrajaya, Sepang, Kajang dan Seremban.



Tengku Amir Shah diiringi Pengerusi Sirage Medco Sdn Bhd, Datuk Seri Syed Razlan Syed Putra Jamalullail (tiga dari kanan) melihat model hospital selepas majlis pelancaran projek Hospital Pakar Siraj Putra di Putrajaya, semalam.
(Foto BERNAMA)

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Pembetulan aliran buih berbau diesel dikesan

Sisa projek pembangunan berdekatan disyaki masuk Sungai Gombak

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Shah Alam: Susulan insiden buih berbau diesel di Sungai Gombak kelmarin, Lembaga Urus Air Selangor (LUAS) dan Pengurusan Air Selangor Sdn Bhd (Air Selangor) menemukan pembetulan yang mengeluarkan aliran itu.

Siasatan yang bermula jam 10 pagi hingga 8 malam, kelmarin mendapati pembetulan itu mengalirkan air berbuih ke anak Sungai Gombak, berdekatan dengan tapak sebuah projek pembangunan yang disyaki punca kejadian.

Pada masa sama, semakan di tapak mendapati terdapat kesan buih di longkang premis dipercayai hasil aktiviti pembersihan mendapat konkrit, termasuk anak sungai di kawasan berhampiran.

LUAS berkata, pensampelan 'in situ' kualiti air yang dilakukan di pembetulan menunjuk-



Semakan mendapati aktiviti cuci jentera dengan aliran cucian masuk ke longkang premis dan seterusnya kolam rawatan dan sungai berhampiran.

(Foto FB LUAS)

kan bacaan 'dissolved oxygen' (DO) dan keadaan pH yang baik.

"Punca dan saliran juga tidak dapat dipastikan kerana ia ada-

lah pembetulan yang dipasang di bawah tanah.

"Pada masa sama, semakan lanjut kedua-dua agensi ke baha-

gian hilir Sungai Gombak dan kawasan terabit mendapati keadaan sungai baik dan normal," katanya menerusi hantaran di Facebook, kelmarin.

Susulan itu, LUAS berkata, pihaknya sudah melakukan pensampelan di semua lokasi berkaitan dan dihantar ke Jabatan Kimia Malaysia (JKM) untuk analisis lanjut.

Buka kertas siasatan

Pada masa sama, tindakan lanjut diambil dengan kertas siasatan dibuka mengikut Enakmen LUAS 1999.

"LUAS turut berkomunikasi dengan Jabatan Alam Sekitar (JAS) bagi tindakan penguatkuasaan berdasarkan bidang kuasa agensi, selain melaksanakan pemantauan lanjut berkala.

"Untuk itu, LUAS merakamkan penghargaan kepada Air Selangor dan pihak yang terabit di atas kerjasama dalam operasi ini," katanya.

Terdahulu, media melaporkan hasil semakan menemui aktiviti pencucian jentera di mana aliran cucian masuk ke longkang premis dan seterusnya kolam rawatan dan sungai berhampiran.

Pada masa sama, LUAS menegaskan semula aliran berbuih di Loji Rawatan Air (LRA) Gombak yang kemudian melakukan pensampelan bagi mengenal pasti kandungannya.

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Kesan rasionalisasi harga diesel terhadap kadar inflasi minimum

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PETALING JAYA: Kesan rasionalisasi diesel sebanyak RM3.35 seliter bermula semalam kepada kadar inflasi secara teorinya adalah minimum berikutan pemberat diesel di dalam Indeks Harga Pengguna (IHP) hanya 0.2 peratus sahaja, kata penganalisis.

Bercakap kepada *Utusan Malaysia*, Ketua Ahli Ekonomi Bank Muamalat Malaysia Bhd., Dr. Mohd. Afzanizam Abdul Rashid berkata, ini bermakna penggunaan minyak diesel dalam kalangan pengguna di Malaysia adalah rendah.

"Namun, kesan tidak langsung seperti peningkatan harga barang oleh para peniaga adalah suatu risiko yang boleh berlaku.

"Justeru, tahap pemantauan dan penguatkuasaan oleh pihak berwajib perlu ditingkatkan bagi mengekang amalan mengambil untung yang berlebihan oleh para peniaga," katanya ketika dihubungi.

Beliau berkata, bantuan bersasar sebanyak RM200 menerusi Program Bantuan Subsidi Madani (Budi Madani) adalah lebih tertumpu kepada yang layak sekali gus menghapuskan peluang bagi penyeludup untuk mengambil kesempatan.

"Dalam pada itu, mereka yang tidak layak akan membayar harga bahan api pada tingkat harga



PENGUNA dilihat mengisi minyak diesel di sebuah stesen minyak ketika tinjauan di Wakaf Mempelam selepas kerajaan mengumumkan harga diesel ditetapkan pada kadar RM3.35 seliter.

pasaran.

"Justeru, pembaziran subsidi dapat ditangani dengan pemberian tunai kepada golongan yang layak. Oleh itu, mekanisme ini mungkin boleh diguna pakai bagi RON95 juga.

"Bagaimanapun, pemberat minyak petrol pula adalah 5.5 peratus, menjadikan kesan kenaikan harga RON95 kepada inflasi adalah signifikan," ujarnya.

Sementara itu, penganalisis ekonomi UniKL Business School, Prof Madya Dr. Aimi Zulhazmi Abdul Rashid berkata, jangkaan kadar inflasi pada julat 2.0 hingga 3.5 peratus oleh Bank Negara Malaysia sudah pun mengambil kira kesan pelaksanaan subsidi bersasar oleh kerajaan.

Jelasnya, harga barangan sepatutnya tidak naik berganda kerana kerajaan memberikan subsidi

kepada syarikat-syarikat logistik dan pengangkutan yang terbabit, yang bertujuan meminimumkan kenaikan harga barangan terutamanya barangan keperluan.

"Namun, tidak dinafikan akan ada peniaga yang mengambil kesempatan untuk menaikkan harga barangan dan pemantauan agensi kerajaan diperlukan untuk memastikan kenaikan kos sara hidup tidak melarat," ujarnya.

Menurutnya, harga diesel pada RM3.35 adalah mengikut harga pasaran yang diluluskan oleh kerajaan dan masih lagi antara yang terendah berbanding negara-negara lain di Asia Tenggara kecuali Brunei.

"Harga yang lebih tinggi di negara lain mungkin disebabkan pelbagai perkara seperti cukai tambahan dari kerajaan, kos logistik serta faktor mata wang yang unik bergantung kepada negara masing-masing.

"Jadi, aktiviti penyeludupan bahan api diesel ke negara jiran akan berkurangan kerana jurang harga minyak diesel Malaysia dan negara-negara jiran tidak lagi terlalu jauh seperti dulu.

"Kalau masih ada aktiviti penyeludupan, ia akan berubah dari masa ke semasa atau pun berubah kepada produk RON95 yang masih lagi disubsidi kerajaan," jelasnya.

Kelmarin, kerajaan mengumumkan harga diesel di semua stesen runcit petrol di seluruh Semenanjung Malaysia ditetapkan pada kadar RM3.35 seliter, kenaikan sebanyak RM1.20 seliter.

Bagaimanapun, kadar tersebut 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).

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PETALING JAYA: Kerajaan boleh menangguhkan pelaksanaan rasionalisasi subsidi petrol RON95 bersasar tertakluk kepada dividen yang bakal diberikan Petronas tahun ini, kata Maybank Investment Bank Bhd. (Maybank IB).

Ketua Ahli Ekonomi Maybank IB, Suhaimi Ilias berkata, jika penyasaran subsidi RON95 ditangguhkan, kerajaan boleh menggunakan dividen tambahan Petronas untuk menampung sejumlah RM4.1 bilion yang diperlukan untuk mencapai sasaran pengurangan subsidi sebanyak RM11.5 bilion daripada Belanjawan 2024.

"Sudah tentu, kerajaan mem-

punyai kata putus mengenai kuantum dan masa sebenar pelarasan harga RON95, malah boleh menangguhkan pelaksanaan rasionalisasi subsidi petrol RON95 bersasar.

"Sebarang kekurangan daripada perbelanjaan subsidi boleh ditampung dengan dividen tambahan Petronas berbanding anggaran berjumlah RM32 bilion tahun ini," katanya dalam nota penyelidikan.

Menurut Suhaimi, kerajaan dijangka perlu menaikkan harga minyak RON95 sebanyak 15.6 hingga 31.7 peratus daripada RM2.05 seliter ketika ini bagi mencapai sasaran pengurangan perbelanjaan subsidi yang ber-

baki RM4.1 bilion tahun ini.

"Simulasi Maybank IB menunjukkan jika rasionalisasi subsidi petrol RON95 yang disasarkan bermula pada 1 Julai 2024 untuk penjimatan RM4.1 bilion pada separuh kedua 2024, harga petrol RON95 perlu dinaikkan sebanyak 32 sen seliter (naik 15.6 peratus).

"Jika subsidi petrol RON95 yang disasarkan bermula pada 1 Oktober 2024 untuk mendapatkan penjimatan RM4.1 bilion pada suku keempat 2024, harga petrol tersebut perlu dinaikkan sebanyak 65 sen seliter (naik 31.7 peratus)," ujarnya.

"Rasionalisasi subsidi bahan api bersasar bermula dengan

diesel bulan ini. Belanjawan 2024 bertujuan untuk mengurangkan perbelanjaan subsidi dan bantuan sosial kerajaan sebanyak RM11.5 bilion.

"RM7.4 bilion telah dicapai atau diumumkan iaitu RM4 bilion daripada subsidi elektrik bersasar; RM1.2 bilion daripada penyingkiran subsidi harga ayam dan RM2.2 bilion daripada subsidi bersasar diesel (bermula 10 Jun 2024, oleh itu penjimatan pro-rata berbanding RM4 bilion setahun penuh).

"Ini meninggalkan RM4.1 bilion melalui rasionalisasi subsidi bersasar petrol RON95," katanya.

Jelasnya, dengan mengan-

daikan kenaikan harga petrol RON95 bersubsidi pada kadar masa ini pada RM2.05 seliter dan mengimbangi tunai bu-
lanan kepada penerima yang layak (mengikut rasionalisasi subsidi diesel yang disasarkan), pihaknya menganggarkan kenaikan 10 sen seliter dalam harga menjimatkan RM2.5 bilion dalam subsidi setahun.

Tambahnya, reformasi fiskal lain pada tahun ini termasuklah menambah baik kecukupan dan pematuhan sistem percukupan bagi meningkatkan kutipan menerusi pelaksanaan e-invois oleh perniagaan yang dilaksanakan berperingkat bermula 1 Jun lalu.

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Container fraud investigation to address revenue leakage

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THE Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) is now targeting all states with ports in its investigation into container fraud, which has led to tax revenue losses for the government.

MACC Chief Commissioner Tan Sri Azam Baki said ports in Sabah and other states were now under MACC's scrutiny following the agency's recent success in uncovering the largest container fraud activities in Selangor.

He said that this effort, in collaboration with the Customs Department, aimed to address the revenue leakage and ensure that collected tax revenues were returned to the respective states.

"This collaboration with Customs and other agencies aims to combat revenue leakage caused by corruption and the misuse of power involving those entrusted with responsibilities.

"This effort is to return the people's money by ensuring that taxes are paid and collected by Customs. If leakage occurs in Sabah, then the money will be returned to this state.

"For those who have escaped, we will use the MACC Act 2009 and the Anti-Money Laundering, Anti-Terrorism Financing, and Proceeds of Unlawful Activities Act 2001," he said at the signing ceremony of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between

Sabah Electricity Sdn Bhd (SESB) and the MACC here yesterday.

The event was officiated by Sabah Finance Minister Datuk Masidi Manjun and was also attended by SESB chairman Datuk Seri Madius Tangau, SESB chief executive officer Ir Mohd Yaakob Jaafar, and MACC Sabah director Datuk S. Karunanithy.

Azam said MACC was committed to uncovering container content fraudulent activities that caused government revenue losses due to undeclared goods.

"This is because many leakages occur when containers are improperly declared. There are containers declared to contain wheelchairs, but actually were pork and electrical goods.

"Thus, the tax payment should be higher. This modus operandi happens in many places in Malaysia, and we warn all states, including Sabah, that one day the MACC will reach there."

Commenting on the possibility of new cases related to water supply issues in Sabah, Azam said that so far, no adverse findings had been detected compared to the situation in 2017.

"At that time, the case arose because MACC received numerous complaints and grievances from the people of Sabah regarding substantial funds allocated to Sabah not reaching the ground level, prompting our surveillance.

"Although there are still shortcomings here and there, the situation is better now."



The extra scrutiny by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission comes after the agency's recent success in uncovering the largest container fraud activity in Selangor. BERNAMA PIC

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Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim speaking at the Prime Minister's Department's monthly assembly in Putrajaya yesterday. PIG BY SAIFULLIZAN TAMADI

DECISION NEXT WEEK

PM TELLS GOVT DEPT HEADS TO REPORT GRAFT

Those who don't won't be promoted, says Anwar

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GOVERNMENT department heads who fail to report corruption will not be promoted, said Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

The prime minister yesterday said he would make the suggestion to the Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Zuki Mohd Ali in the next few days.

The war against corruption, Anwar said, was a collective effort and not the sole responsibility of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC).

This view was shared by the Congress of Unions of Employees in the Public and Civil Services (Cuepacs), which has called on department heads to play their role in this effort.

"If there is wrongdoing, why does the department head not report it? How can unit heads not know about it?"

"I think these (corrupt) practices have been going on for years. It's impossible that you don't know about it."

"We establish a rule so that department or unit heads, who know that their system is corrupt and leave it unreported, will not

get promoted," said Anwar in his speech at the Prime Minister's Department monthly gathering here.

Present were Deputy Prime Ministers Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi and Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof, Zuki, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Law and Institutional Reform) Datuk Seri Azalina Othman Said and Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Federal Territories) Dr Zaliha Mustafa.

Anwar, who is finance minister, said how the measure would be implemented would be decided by Zuki and the Public Services Department (PSD) director-general.

He added that he wanted it to be decided next week that department and unit heads had to report wrongdoing. He said he did not mind repeating the message on corruption because wrongdoing still continued.

"I am not tired of repeating this. There have been improvements, and I applaud the MACC, the Inland Revenue Board and other authorities that do not compromise on corruption."

"We would get angry if our children or grandchildren steal their friend's pencil, but we allow it if we steal millions and billions."

"I (continue) to stress on this because (corruption) is still happening on some levels."

He reminded civil servants to play their part in combatting wrongdoing and corruption.

"I hope you all understand. Otherwise, you can choose not to

be department heads because of this extra responsibility.

"Let the PSD director-general know that you only want to be an officer, not a head of a department or a unit."

"You can kick up a storm, (but) work must be done. I have given warnings for a long time, so the responsibility is on everyone from top to bottom."

Cuepacs president Datuk Dr Adnan Mat said the congress supported Anwar's suggestion not to promote department or unit heads who failed to report corruption.

The recommendation by Anwar, he said, was to place shared responsibility on all levels to ensure good governance and integrity.

"Cuepacs hopes all civil servants, regardless of position, will see this move as a positive one, especially in ensuring that the civil service is always at its best."

"Misconduct in the civil service, including concealing wrongdoing, is something that we are strongly against."

"It is inappropriate for people in power to hide violations just to protect their good name or that of certain individuals," he said in a statement.

All civil servants, he said, should combat wrongdoing, including by reporting the matter.

"The reforms that the prime minister wants to implement do not mean that there is high misconduct in the civil service, but it is an effort to transform the civil service for the better."

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Firm offers green solution to deal with solid waste

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KUALA LUMPUR: According to the Housing and Local Government Ministry's National Solid Waste Department (NSWD), waste management is a significant problem in Malaysia as output outpaces the country's recycling rate.

Malaysia disposes more than 30,000 tonnes of municipal solid waste (MSW) daily, which amounts to 1.17kg of waste daily per capita. Food waste contributed the most significant component of MSW, followed by plastic, paper, mixed organic, wood and other items.

While most waste goes into landfills, the amount of rubbish that is generated has also risen steadily in tandem with population growth.

NSWD said Malaysia has 165 landfills, eight sanitary landfills and three inert landfills for materials such as sand and concrete.

While the government has set a

► Machine converts mixed refuse to non-toxic ash to be used as fertiliser and for construction purposes

target recycling rate of 40% by 2025, Malaysia achieves only 31%, which is lower than Singapore, Taiwan, Korea and Thailand.

The 12th Malaysia Plan also calls for waste management as the key to advancing environmental sustainability.

However, a Malaysian company has found a solution to the national waste management problem through its invention of 'Asher', a machine that converts solid waste into non-toxic ash that can be used as fertiliser and for construction purposes.

Mechanical engineer Pang Swee Lei, who co-founded Pamarai Sdn Bhd that manufactures the machine, said it costs RM550,000 to RM1.7 million to purchase,

depending on the type of application, location of the installation and required regulations.

The machine is designed to be compact, at only two metres wide and five metres long, and can convert 500 to 900 litres of mixed solid waste to ash every hour.

"This makes it ideal to be installed in shopping malls, hotels, airports, hospitals, office towers, government buildings, factories, and commercial centres so waste can be treated at the source."

"Asher is a revolutionary green technology. We built the prototype in 2010 and it was commercialised in 2017 as an effective, realistic and practical

waste elimination, reduction and treatment solution."

Pang said while Malaysia has made commendable strides in waste management and has maintained a fairly effective system of keeping the surroundings clean, the country and its economic sectors still rely on landfills and incinerators.

"Waste segregation and recycling programmes have repeatedly failed due to inadequate infrastructure, poor enforcement, and very little public interest and awareness."

Pang said landfilling was akin to a "waste relocation and hidden away system" since rubbish is merely collected, transported and ultimately hidden inside a large hole, which is the landfill.

He said instead, the government and private sector should treat and reduce waste at the source, which is the simplest, most practical and effective method of waste disposal, reduction and elimination.

"Imagine, if every government and commercial building treated their waste at source, it will drastically simplify waste management and help the country break free from the wasteful practice of merely hiding our discards in landfills."

Pang said even the World Health Organisation supports "treat, reduce and eliminate at source" as the best waste management solution.

Pang said now that Asher has been invented, the next step is for national leaders and lawmakers to drive the "treat-at-source" strategy to ensure its effective, sustainable, and wide implementation.

"Public education and awareness programmes are essential to show how everyone can contribute to keeping Malaysia clean, and preserve our valuable resources such as land, water and fresh air."

"The public must be equipped, and facilitated to actively participate."

"Local councils should decentralise waste management by strategically locating treat-at-source facilities so that effective technologies such as Asher can be used."

"Doing so would allow the public to manage their waste, and reduce reliance on large rubbish trucks with collection schedules."



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No promotion for dept heads who condone misconduct

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PUTRAJAYA: There will be no promotion for department heads if misconduct by civil servants under them exists and is not reported, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

He said it is quite impossible for department heads or unit chiefs to be unaware of the existence of misconduct in their respective administrations.

"If misconduct is clearly visible, why didn't the department head report it, why didn't the unit chief know? Sometimes, I wonder because this practice has been going on for years, it's impossible not to know.

"So I will recommend to the KSN (Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Mohd Zuki Ali) in our upcoming meeting regarding salary adjustments that we will stipulate that department heads or unit chiefs will not be promoted if it is known that the system under them is corrupt and it is not reported," he said at the monthly assembly of the Prime Minister's Department yesterday.

Anwar, who is also the finance minister, said that he wants a decision regarding the aspect of promotions to be made next week, with the method expected to be announced by Mohd Zuki and Public Service Department director-general Datuk Seri Wan Ahmad Dahlan Abdul Aziz.

"I hope you understand, if not you can choose not to be a department head because the responsibility is greater. Tell the Public Service Department director-general that you only want to work as an ordinary officer, and don't want to be a unit or department head."

He said with this move, the responsibility to prevent misconduct lies not only with the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission but also with department heads and unit chiefs.

"This is not just about saving the image and integrity of civil servants but also our country. I want Malaysia to be known as a clean country, with minimal corruption."

Anwar also urged civil servants, the majority of whom are Muslims, to instil the spirit of *haj* in their work practices to achieve excellence in their duties and eradicate all forms of dishonesty.

Also present were Deputy Prime Ministers Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi and Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Law and Institutional Reform) Datuk Seri Azalina Othman Said and Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Federal Territories) Dr Zaliha Mustafa. — Bernama

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Ensuring rooted resilience in our cities

LATELY, we have been experiencing numerous incidents of urban trees falling due to extreme weather conditions, leading to loss of life, injuries and significant property damage.

Notable occurrences were reported in Kuala Lumpur, Penang, Alor Setar and Nilai. In response, Kuala Lumpur City Hall (KL City Hall) has taken proactive measures by identifying 175 high-risk trees, most of which are over 50 years old, and cutting down 147 of them.

Regular inspections by certified arborists have identified 28 additional high-risk trees slated for removal.

Urban trees are essential to urban planning, providing environmental, social, economic, psychological and educational benefits. They improve air quality, support biodiversity, manage water resources, regulate temperatures, sequester carbon and enhance community well-being.

Trees also add aesthetic value, promote recreation, foster social cohesion, lead to energy savings, boost property values and contribute to psychological well-being, fostering a deep connection to nature, especially for children.

Given these multifaceted benefits, municipal landscape departments must ensure proper growth and structural development, including identifying and replacing unhealthy trees when needed.

Landscape architects and designers face critical tasks such as addressing site availability, soil conditions, species selection, growth requirements and maintenance to integrate street trees effectively.

Despite these challenges, urban trees play a vital role in climate change adaptation by reducing temperatures by up to 8°C, mitigating urban heat islands and managing stormwater, crucial for preventing urban flooding during heavy rainfall.

In response to these challenges, KL City Hall is enhancing its Shade Tree Management Plan and preparing new guidelines for managing old and high-risk trees, expected to be completed by July. However, there is a need for a

broader enhancement of the National Plan, shifting from mere mitigation to comprehensive adaptation strategies.

Globally, cities are developing innovative solutions for climate adaptation, including Paris in France, Medellin in Colombia and Wuhan in China.

Nature-based Solutions (NbS) are at the forefront of globally recommended strategies. In 2020, Penang's nature-based approach to tackling climate change, led by Think City and the Penang Island City Council, won the Climathon Global Awards for the best climate project by a global city that year.

This initiative has paved the way for further studies on climate-resilient urban tree species in Malaysia, and the execution of the Penang Nature-based Climate Adaptation Programme has since been launched.

Exploratory research by Think City indicated that urban tree species in Malaysia are already being affected by climate change. Understanding the resilience of different tree species to various climate impacts is critical for species selection.

This study emphasised the necessity of selecting climate-resilient tree species, considering factors such as habitat specialisation; saltwater intrusion; inundation, high-temperature, storm and water absence tolerance; humidity requirements; and susceptibility to predation, parasitism and disease.

Choosing the right tree for the right location is vital to ensure their longevity and functionality in urban environments, focusing on appropriate landscape typologies such as urban streets, small green spaces, blue-green corridors and seaforts.

Expanding knowledge about resilient tree species for urban planting is crucial for better-informed urban forest management decisions.

Collaboration among arborists, botanists, landscape architects, urban planners and the National Landscape Department is crucial.

The government should allocate sufficient funding to enhance the

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effectiveness of existing tree-planting campaigns, promoting more efficient tree-planting and maintenance efforts.

Implementing protective measures during the early years, such as adequately-sized tree pits with high-quality soil, root barriers and permeable pavements, and requiring a two-year maintenance period for newly planted trees by developers or responsible parties, will contribute to a more resilient and adaptive urban forestry strategy in Malaysia, ensuring the sustainability and safety of urban environments amid climate change challenges.

Addressing the surge of tree falls amid rising climate challenges requires a comprehensive approach that balances historical preservation, environmental benefits, climate adaptation and public safety.

The proactive measures undertaken by KL City Hall, including the identification and removal of high-risk trees, are immediate steps. However, as climate change continues to exacerbate extreme weather conditions, a more

comprehensive and national adaptive strategy is required.

NbS offers a promising pathway for urban resilience. By learning from global examples and investing in local research, Malaysia can promote climate-resilient tree species through collaboration among arborists, botanists, landscape architects and government bodies.

Ultimately, the future of Malaysia's urban landscapes hinges on our ability to adapt and innovate in the face of climate change.

By prioritising ecological sustainability and public safety, Malaysia can protect its green infrastructure, preserve its cultural heritage and ensure the well-being of its urban populations.

This holistic approach will not only reduce the risks of tree falls but also enhance the liveability and resilience of Malaysian cities for generations to come.

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