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Tidak naik cukai hampir 40 tahun, penduduk boleh kemuka bantahan

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Orang ramai membayar cukai serta kompaun di kaunter bergerak Majlis Perbandaran Ampang Jaya (MPAJ) yang dibuka di Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Seri Keramat, Hulu Kelang pada 17 Jun 2023. Foto Majlis Perbandaran Ampang Jaya

OLEH SITI ROHAIZAH ZAINAL, SUHAILA SHAHRUL ANNUAR & FITRI HAZIM HAZAM

SHAH ALAM, 13 JUN: Lapan pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) tidak membuat semakan kadar cukai taksiran antara kira-kira 20 hingga 40 tahun lalu.

Majlis Perbandaran Kajang (MPKJ) paling lama tidak menaikkan kadar itu selama 39 tahun sejak 1985, diikuti Majlis Perbandaran Kuala Langat (MPKL) 37 tahun sejak 1987 dan Majlis Perbandaran Selayang (MPS) 32 tahun sejak 1992.

Majlis Bandaraya Subang Jaya (MBSJ) pula tidak menaikkan cukai taksiran selama 32 tahun sejak 1992 bagi kawasan Subang Jaya dan Bandar Sunway. Manakala kawasan USJ, Puchong, Seri Kembangan dan Serdang selama 28 tahun sejak 1996.

Majlis Perbandaran Ampang Jaya (MPAJ) dan Majlis Perbandaran Kuala Selangor (MPKS) pula selama 27 tahun sejak 1997, manakala Majlis Perbandaran Hulu Selangor (MPHS) 28 tahun sejak 1986.

Majlis Bandaraya Shah Alam (MBSA) pula tidak mengenakan sebarang peningkatan cukai taksiran selama 18 tahun sejak 2006.

Berdasarkan peruntukan Akta Kerajaan Tempatan 1976 (Akta 171), nilaian baharu boleh dibuat setiap lima tahun atau dalam tempoh lanjutan yang diputuskan oleh Kerajaan Negeri.

Meski ada cadangan semakan jumlah cukai taksiran, pemilik hartanah boleh membuat bantahan kepada PBT masing-masing mengikut tarikh yang ditetapkan.

Tarikh akhir menghantar bantahan boleh disemak di portal atau media sosial pihak berkenaan. Tarikh bantahan juga dimuatkan dalam notis kepada pemilik.

MPKJ sudah menguat kuasa semakan sejak 1 Januari tahun ini tetapi hanya mengenakan bayaran sebanyak 50 peratus daripada kadar kenaikan setiap pemilik. Bayaran kadar penuh akan dikuat kuasa pada tahun depan.

Tarikh akhir bantahan MPS dan MPAJ berakhir pada 31 Mei, sementara MBSJ belum menetapkan tarikh.

Tarikh bantahan di PBT lain seperti berikut: MBSA sebelum atau pada 14 Jun, MPKL (24 Jun), MPKS (1 Julai), MPHS (5 Julai), Majlis Bandaraya Diraja Klang (16 Julai) dan Majlis Bandaraya Petaling Jaya (18 Julai).

Pada 30 Mei, Dato' Menteri Besar Dato' Seri Amirudin Shari menjelaskan proses penilaian baharu yang dijalankan PBT penting demi memastikan keberkesanan perancangan bandar.

Menegaskan rumah kos rendah tidak dikenakan kenaikan meski menerima notis itu, beliau berkata semakan tersebut bertujuan mengetahui nilai dan mutu perbandaran sesebuah kawasan.

Katanya, pentadbiran negeri juga akan meneliti pelbagai faktor sebelum memberi kebenaran kepada PBT untuk membuat kenaikan ataupun sebaliknya.

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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1976 (ACT 171)
NOTICE OF NEW VALUATION LIST
SUBANG JAYA CITY COUNCIL**

NOTIFICATION

PURSUANT to Section 137 and 141 of the Local Government Act 1976 [Act 171], Subang Jaya City Council had prepared a New Valuation List which shall take effect on 1 January 2025 of all holdings in the Subang Jaya City Council and copies of the New Valuation List can be inspected at the office of Subang Jaya City Council, Level 1, Persiaran Perpaduan USJ 5, 47610 Subang Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan from 27 June 2024 by any person claiming to be either the owner or occupier of holding included in the Valuation List or an agent of any such person and extracts may be made from the Valuation List without any charge.

Any person aggrieved with the assessment of any holdings imposed in Valuation List may, pursuant to Section 142 Act 171 make objection in writing to the Mayor of Subang Jaya City Council on or before 2 August 2024 and Subang Jaya City Council will proceed to revise the Valuation List on 16 August 2024.

Dated : 16 May 2024

[MBSJ.PPH.600-2/27/1; P.U.SEL.AM 0160/3 Jld.2]

MAYOR
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CALL FOR FEEDBACK

The public can give their views on Kuala Lumpur City Hall's (DBKL) 2025 budget on 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.

ANNIVERSARY INCENTIVES

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

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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(From far left)
The award-winning transformation of the back lane in Taman Perwira; and a view of the Garden 8 Community Garden that inspired the creation of more shared gardens in the neighbourhood.

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INSPIRED by the success of their neighbours, residents on Jalan Geliga and Jalan Nilam banded together to create a similar back lane garden in Taman Perwira, Gombak, Selangor.

Geliga Nilam Community Garden head Ahmad Syawal Ab Kadir said the garden was started with the aim of beautifying the back lane and creating a recreational space.

The garden is actively maintained by residents of 10 houses, although a total of 17 households are involved in the project.

"We were inspired by our neighbours' project called Garden 8 Community Garden.

"Under their committee's guidance, we started our garden in August 2023," said Ahmad Syawal.

"We grow mostly edible plants and use organic compost made from garden waste as well as non-toxic pesticides such as neem oil and salt."

These efforts won them first prize in the Best Back Lane category of the Community Garden Programme and Edible Garden Competition 2023 organised by Selayang Municipal Council (MPS).

Ahmad Syawal said the prize of RM10,000 made all their effort, the time and commitment put into their garden worthwhile.

The competition offered close to RM32,000 in cash prizes to community gardens across four categories.

The other three categories were Best Open Space, Best Maintenance and Best Plot.

"There were 41 community gardens registered with MPS

Back lane makeover a blooming success

Taman Perwira folk take a leaf from neighbours with green fingers, win RM10,000 in MPS' garden contest



Ahmad Syawal (front row, fifth from left) and fellow residents accepting their prize from Adi Faizal (third from right). — Photos: JADE CHAN/The Star and MPS

since 2016. Only 28 gardens are now active," said MPS deputy president Adi Faizal Ahmad Tarmizi.

"The other gardens died off for various reasons, such as members passing on or losing interest in the project," he said.

Adi Faizal gave away the prizes

at a ceremony held near Garden 8 Community Garden, touted as Malaysia's first back lane community garden. It is located behind Jalan Berlian and Jalan Zamrud in Taman Perwira.

Garden 8 co-founders and married couple Iqmal Fajri Danial and Aida Haniza Adnan started

the project in their back lane in October 2021 as a way to look out for neighbours living alone.

"These neighbours were widows whose children had moved out and these women couldn't travel much during the Covid-19 pandemic period," said Aida Haniza.

"Gardening gave us an opportunity to check up on them and to socialise with our fellow neighbours.

"We are now like a big family. We went from strangers to now going on trips together with our extended families," she added.

The two community leaders shared that they sought MPS' permission and approval before turning the back lane into a garden.

Aida Haniza said the number eight in Garden 8 referred to the pioneer number of households involved in the project.

That number has since grown to 45 households who tend to over 100 types of plants along the 200m back lane.

Garden 8 emphasises sustainable practices, such as rainwater harvesting, turning kitchen and garden wastes into compost, using solar panels for lighting and recycling household items such as boxes and cooking oil.

"In addition to Garden 8, my husband and I oversee two neighbourhood community gardens — Geliga Nilam and Cemerlang Setia, and advise on another gardening project in Shah Alam.

"We also host local and international visitors and students who are keen to learn about our garden," said Aida Haniza, adding that Garden 8 sells some of their harvest at a Sunday market on the last Sunday of the month.

Proceeds from the sale of vegetables and food are ploughed back into the project.

Garden 8's committee has also produced an ebook on their community garden, which can be viewed at <https://me-gr.com/mobile/pdf/22733456>

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KUALA Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) issued summonses to several business operators in Brickfields yesterday for obstructing tactile paths and pedestrian walkways.

City Hall officers organised a walkabout to check on damaged tactile tiles and obstacles along pedestrian walkways after *StarMetro*'s report on June 10 highlighting the difficulties faced by the visually impaired in navigating streets in the area.

Section 46(1)(d) of the Street, Drainage, and Building Act 1974 states that it is an offence to cause an obstruction in a public place.

Business operators were seen scrambling to remove obstacles when they saw DBKL officers checking on tactile tiles for the blind.

A coffeeshop operator along Jalan Thambipillay was seen clambering to remove chairs and tables while a stall owner was told to get rid of a cooking station placed on the walkway.

Broken and missing tactile tiles as well as obstacles blocking tactile paving are among major barriers faced by the visually impaired.

The walkabout was led by DBKL Building Control Department director Ismawijaya Zah Mohamed Jais alongside Enforcement Department officers, Local Agenda 21 (LA21) Safe City KL coordinator Ghani Mohamed and Brickfields Rukun Tetangga chairman SKK Naidu.

The officers followed Abian Jambot, a visually impaired person, as he walked along tactile paths in Brickfields.

When asked about the outcome of the walkabout, DBKL did not comment.

Non-governmental organisa-

Fined for blocking tactile tiles in KL

DBKL moves in on business operators hindering footpaths for the blind in Brickfields

tions and residents groups are calling on the authorities to take drastic measures to make public areas more inclusive and accessible for persons with disabilities.

Malaysian Association for the Blind (MAB) chief executive officer Datuk George Thomas said seamless and barrier-free tactile tiles were vital for the blind to navigate around Brickfields.

"I hope DBKL will look into these areas because the visually impaired need a properly constructed and well-maintained tactile path to move around safely.

"The current tactile tiles here are coming off the paths and I hope DBKL replaces them with more durable material.

"There is also a need to educate people on the importance of tactile tiles to the blind," he said.

Naidu is hoping DBKL looks into the concerns raised.

"Now that DBKL has seen the issues faced by the blind, I hope to see positive changes on the ground," he said, adding that more enforcement could address such issues.

"Motorists who park on pedestrian walkways and block the tactile path, as well as those causing an obstruction should be penalised," said Naidu.



A restaurant's workers removing the cooking station that was placed on a pedestrian walkway. — Photos: LOW BOON TAT/The Star

Abian is unsure where to go due to the missing tactile tiles.

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FOUR community gardens in Petaling Jaya, Selangor, benefited from 160kg of compost made from food waste.

Petaling Jaya MP Lee Chean Chung's office and composting specialist Mentari Alam Eko (M) Sdn Bhd donated the compost in conjunction with World Environment Day.

This was a follow-up to Lee's donation of 57kg of food waste to the firm for conversion into compost.

"The food waste from my Chinese New Year open house was converted into 12kg of compost," said Lee.

"The 160kg of compost given to the four community gardens is equivalent to about 800kg of food waste collected from other events and locations.

"If the waste had not been composted, it would have been sent to landfills.

"Instead, the compost can now

Food waste turned into compost to benefit community gardens in PJ

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Lee (front) and Ooi (left, in red T-shirt) at the PJS1 community garden.

be used as fertiliser to produce organic food sources," added Lee.

The beneficiaries were

community gardens in PJS1, Perpustakaan Awam Selangor @ PJ Kita Community Library in Kampung Lindungan, Desa

Mentari Block 3 and PJS 10.

Lee visited the PJS1 community garden and Kampung Lindungan community library to donate the compost to them.

He revealed that an average of about 38,000 metric tonnes of solid waste, of which 45% is food, is sent to more than 100 landfills daily.

Based on this trend, Malaysia's landfills may face a saturation crisis by 2050.

The authorities and operators are actively seeking solutions for sustainable treatment systems, said Lee.

"Food waste sent to landfills produce a large amount of methane gas, which results in global warming.

"Food waste comes from homes, restaurants, supermar-

kets, food suppliers, food producers, schools and hotels.

"Ideally, we need to reduce the amount of food waste being sent to landfills," he reiterated.

Lee noted that food waste could be recycled using several methods such as composting and processors.

"I am advocating that food waste be separated at source.

"We need to create a positive circular food-to-soil-to-food ecosystem," he added.

Mentari Alam Eko biotech research and solution planning head Mae Ooi said the company mostly received food wastes from open houses, events, hotels and markets.

"Using our technology, we are able to compost this waste within a day," she said.

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Govt to focus on targeted diesel subsidy initiative for now

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KUALA LUMPUR: The government is focusing on the implementation of the targeted diesel subsidy initiative before it decides to move on to other related matters, says Finance Minister II Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan.

"We are only focusing on (targeted) diesel subsidy for now and once there is stability, we will look at what can be done next," he told reporters on the sidelines of the Bank Negara Malaysia Sasana Symposium 2024 here yesterday.

He was responding to questions on the timeline for targeted subsidy implementation for RON95 fuel.

Amir Hamzah said diesel subsidy reforms were not taken lightly by the government and needed to be well thought out.

"It is very important to think about how we can do this and how it will impact the people."

"The reform agenda under the Madani framework is aimed at building Malaysia's future and reducing the fiscal deficit so we can reinvest into things that are important," he said.



Not affected: Students waiting for the school bus to take them home on Jalan Lintang, Seremban. School bus operators are enjoying targeted subsidies. — Bernama

Amir Hamzah said the targeted subsidy policy mechanism was done to cushion any possible increase in the prices of daily

necessities.

"It is also aimed at keeping profiteering at bay while protecting the vulnerable segments of



New fuel prices

June 13 – June 19

RON95 RM2.05
(unchanged)

RON97 RM3.47
(unchanged)

DIESEL RM3.35
(unchanged)

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society from price hikes.

"Over time, there has been leakage of subsidies caused by smuggling of petroleum products and subsidies enjoyed by sectors who do not deserve them," he said.

Amir Hamzah said that there had been a drop in the purchase of diesel at fuel stations located at the country's borders following the implementation of the diesel subsidy rationalisation.

It meant that the government's initiatives were working, he added.

Amir Hamzah said the government wanted to help sensitive sectors which use diesel and asked those who had not applied for Subsidised Diesel Control

System (SKDS) 2.0 to do so.

SKDS is a specific platform for selected public and goods vehicles to continue receiving diesel subsidies through the fleet card.

"Operators of public vehicles like school buses, ambulances and others will still receive subsidies. We're doing this to control the overall impact," he added.

Amir Hamzah said for those who have reached their SKDS 2.0 quota, the government is ready to hold further discussions on it.

"Any sector that qualifies for the subsidies and has reached their limit can discuss with the government. If there is sufficient data to show this, we can help them," he said.

The government announced that the retail price of diesel in Peninsular Malaysia has been set at RM3.35 per litre effective June 10 under the targeted subsidy system.

The weekly retail price of unsubsidised diesel will subsequently be announced every Wednesday, based on the formula.

For those in Sabah, Sarawak and Labuan, the price remains at the subsidised rate of RM2.15 per litre.

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Seniors a prime target for scams

M'sians aged 60 and above have lost 'half a billion' ringgit to scams since 2021 Star 13/6

KUALA LUMPUR: The number of scam victims among senior citizens has been on the rise in recent years.

Malaysians aged above 60 are prime targets for scammers given most of them are retirees with decades worth of savings and wealth.

Lately, reports of senior citizens being duped of hundreds of thousands to even millions of ringgit have become concerning more prevalent.

"For the past three years, the number of senior citizen scam victims has steadily increased.

"It is a cause of concern and must be prevented," Bukit Aman Commercial Crime Investigation Department (CCID) director Comm Datuk Seri Ramli Mohamed Yoosuf said in an interview recently.

The department recorded a total of 86,266 victims of scams since 2021, he said.

"While senior citizens only account for 6.4% of the total victims, their losses are massive compared to other age groups.

"From 2021 till last year, a total of RM2.7bil was lost to scams. The losses suffered by senior citizens was half a billion ringgit or 20% of the total losses," he said.

As of May this year, a total of 990 senior citizens have already been duped by scams, Comm Ramli said.

"Their losses have reached about RM130.4mil, which is 27.7% of the total RM471.5mil in overall losses to scams this year," he said.

Between 2021 and 2023, 47.6% of 5,533 senior citizen scam victims fell prey to telecommunica-



Comm Ramli: While senior citizens only account for 6.4% of the total 86,266 victims since 2021, their losses are massive compared to other age groups.

tions scams, he said.

"Phone scams and SMS scams are some examples of telecommunication scams.

"The trend is similar this year, as 39.4% of senior citizens have fallen prey to those scams," he said.

Scammers' latest modus operandi are in the form of job scams targeting senior citizens, Comm Ramli revealed.

"The scam syndicates advertise on social media with the tagline 'Job For Seniors' or 'Job For Old-Timers'.

"The job offers are usually for hotel bookings, where victims have to first use their own money for bookings with the promise of receiving between 0.6% and 10% in commission depending on the assignments completed.

"The victims will be asked to open an account on a website before starting work," he said.

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At first, the victims would see their commission rising but be unable to withdraw the money, he said.

"So far, we received 21 police reports nationwide with losses reaching RM752,100," he said, adding that several of the victims were senior citizens.

Comm Ramli said lack of knowledge on Internet-related matters might be one of the reasons senior citizens are mostly duped by telecommunication scams.

"By only using a phone, scammers can cause panic in the victims and dupe them," he added.

Comm Ramli advised the public, especially senior citizens to not entertain calls from unknown individuals, especially those who claim to be from government entities.

"Agencies such as the police do not conduct investigations over the phone. If you receive such calls, quickly end the call and do not prolong the conversation," he said.

He also reminded senior citizens not to be enticed by dubious job offers on social media.

"If it is too good to be true, then it is a scam. We also hope family members (of senior citizens) can play their part and prevent such scams by looking out for them,"

he said.

He also advised smartphone users to be on high alert when they receive Android Package Kit (APK) files from unknown or even known sources.

While APKs can be used for legitimate purposes such as installing apps for entertainment, banking and other services, crooked parties are embedding malware and spyware in these files before randomly sending them out to unsuspecting smartphone users.

Retiree Liz Fernandez, 67, had hoped to pass her golden years in tranquillity at her home here but ended up with heartache and anxiety when she lost part of her savings to scammers after her smartphone was "hijacked".

It all started when she sought pet-grooming services for her dog on Facebook more than a year ago.

She was sent a link to register for the services through a bank transfer of a mere RM10.

Fernandez said she did as instructed and believes a malware embedded APK file was installed in her phone after she clicked on the link and accessed her banking application.

Soon after, Fernandez - who suffers from health disabilities - said she noticed activity on her device even when she was not using it and soon after, her savings of RM26,000 in her bank account was wiped out by scammers.

She alerted her bank but was exasperated by the response of an officer who took her call.

"I quickly called the bank but the person who spoke to me

instructed me to call the bank's 'fraud' department.

"I told them that time was running out and they had to act fast as the transactions were ongoing.

"By the time I called the other numbers, all the funds in my savings accounts were gone and the scammers were attempting to transfer out about RM100,000 which I had in my online fixed deposit account.

"Later, the bank managed to freeze my account after I urged them to do so.

"The banks are slacking and are not doing enough to avoid this from happening.

"As a senior citizen, how am I to know about what an APK file is. It was only after my case did the bank alert and warn its clients about malicious APK files circulating under the guise of legitimate utility platforms.

"I was blamed for what happened and the bank was cold towards me.

"They conveniently washed their hands (of the issue). I wrote to Bank Negara but was referred back to the bank," she said.

Fernandez said a lawyer is handling her case and she hopes to see the bank share responsibility for what had happened to her.

She advised the public to be wary of business advertisements on Facebook as scammers were behind many of them.

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Scammers reel in elderly victims with freebies

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PETALING JAYA: More scammers are targeting the elderly for their life savings, using freebies and small amounts of money as bait.

Social activist Kuan Chee Heng, also known as Uncle Kentang, reported an increase in the number of elderly individuals defrauded of their savings.

"Many who fall for scams are greedy for money, especially smaller amounts," he said.

The most common scams targeting the elderly are promises from scammers to get subsidies or help from the government.

"These scammers offer RM200 or RM300. It is easier to believe when it is a small amount of money."

"The victims are greedy for that extra money and see no harm in trusting the scammers," he said.

He added that the supposed subsidy comes in all forms, such as Bantuan Mandani and Bantuan JKM.

Elderly scam victims are particularly unfortunate, he added, because they may lose their life

savings without being able to recoup the funds.

MCA Public Services and Complaints Department head Datuk Seri Michael Chong said that the department received 16 cases this year, and it is only the tip of an iceberg.

"Despite warnings by the authorities and media attention, there have been increasing reports from victims throughout the years," he said.

The majority of victims he encountered are professionals and well-educated individuals who are specifically targeted by scammers.

Common ones are investment and love scams, he said.

Criminologist Datuk Dr P. Sundramoorthy of Universiti Sains Malaysia's Centre for Policy Research said the elderly should be cautious with unsolicited calls, emails or visitors, as scammers often use high-pressure tactics to get personal information or money.

"They should never give out sensitive information over the

phone or the Internet.

"Use caller ID and don't answer calls from unfamiliar numbers.

"If it's an important call, the person can leave a voicemail. Be wary of 'free' offers or prizes that require payment or personal information.

"Legitimate lucky draws don't require payment to claim a prize.

"Ask a trusted family member or friend to help review financial statements and spot any suspicious activity.

"Having a second set of eyes can help identify potential scams. Be aware of the red flags," he said.

Sundramoorthy said it was crucial to raise awareness of the typical con games that prey on the elderly, like investment fraud, romance scams and fake charitable appeals.

He said they should use call-blocking technology and spam filters on phones and computers to filter out unwanted calls and emails.

"Never feel rushed or pressured to make a decision. Take

time to research and verify any offer or opportunity before providing any information or money. Report suspected scams to the relevant authorities.

"The key is awareness, scepticism and involvement with trusted loved ones.

"With vigilance, seniors can learn to identify and avoid scams," he said.

Sundramoorthy said those with elderly parents and relatives, especially those with large savings, should keep watch and constantly remind the seniors of the various scams out there.

He advised the elderly to consult their children or a trusted friend or relative before making any fund transfers.

Sundramoorthy said those who are not IT-savvy should also stay away from services advertised online but instead turn to their children, relatives or friends to assist them in looking for such services.

He said scammers are constantly finding new ways to exploit banking technology and phone

applications to defraud victims.

"Scams can be classified as a major socioeconomic problem. Besides investment scams and other similar offences, banking scams are becoming more common.

"Law enforcement agencies and banking institutions must also address bank scams.

"Many scammers are able to use banking apps to fleece victims," he said.

Sundramoorthy recommended that banks use sophisticated analytics to detect suspicious activity in order to implement better fraud detection and prevention systems.

He advocated for educating consumers on how to identify and steer clear of common banking scam tactics.

"Ultimately, it's an evolving problem that requires a multi-faceted approach.

"There must be close collaboration between banks, regulators, and law enforcement to share intelligence and coordinate responses to the issue," he said.

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MAJLIS BANDARAYA SUBANG JAYA

AKTA KERAJAAN TEMPATAN 1976 (AKTA 171) NOTIS MENGENAI SENARAI NILAIAN BAHARU MAJLIS BANDARAYA SUBANG JAYA

PEMBERITAHUAN

MENURUT peruntukan Seksyen 137 dan 141 Akta Kerajaan Tempatan 1976 [Akta 171], Majlis Bandaraya Subang Jaya telah menyediakan suatu Senarai Nilaiian Baharu yang akan berkuat kuasa pada 1 Januari 2025 bagi segala pegangan di dalam kawasan Majlis Bandaraya Subang Jaya dan salinan Senarai Nilaiian Baharu itu boleh diperiksa di Pejabat Majlis Bandaraya Subang Jaya, Aras 1, Persiaran Perpaduan USJ 5, 47610 Subang Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan mulai 27 Jun 2024 oleh mana-mana orang yang mengaku pemunya atau penduduk sesuatu pegangan dalam Senarai Nilaiian itu atau ejen mana-mana orang itu dan cabutan daripada Senarai Nilaiian itu boleh dibuat tanpa apa-apa bayaran.

Seseorang yang terkilan atas penilaian bagi sesuatu pegangan yang dikenakan dalam Senarai Nilaiian itu bolehlah menurut Seksyen 142 Akta 171 membuat bantahan secara bertulis kepada Datuk Bandar, Majlis Bandaraya Subang Jaya pada atau sebelum 2 Ogos 2024 dan Majlis Bandaraya Subang Jaya akan mula menyemak Senarai Nilaiian tersebut pada 16 Ogos 2024.

Bertarikh : 16 Mei 2024

[MBSJ.PPH.600-2/27/1; P.U.SEL.AM 0160/3 Jld.2]

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47610 Subang Jaya
Selangor Darul Ehsan
Malaysia

BERITA HARIAN

Tarikh.....1-3-JUN-2024.....

Kes seludup diesel berkurangan sejak pelarasan subsidi

Putrajaya: Penyeludupan diesel dikesan berkurangan sejak pelarasan subsidi bahan bakar itu dilaksanakan kerajaan.

Jurucakap Kerajaan Perpaduan, Fahmi Fadzil, berkata ia berdasarkan dapatan di lapangan di sempadan negara.

"Pengamatan pasukan di lapangan menunjukkan beberapa aktiviti dipercayai berkait dengan penyeludupan semakin berkurangan, terutama di kawasan sempadan Semenanjung.

"Dapatan juga menunjukkan pembelian diesel di beberapa stesen minyak di Rantau Panjang (Kelantan) dan Wang Kelian (Perlis) berkurangan," katanya pada sidang media di sini, semalam.

Fahmi berkata, Jemaah Menteri semalam memberi peringatan kepada sektor yang tidak layak menerimanya supaya tidak mengambil kesempatan menaikkan harga.

Katanya, Kementerian Perdagangan Dalam Negeri dan Kos Sara Hidup (KPDN) dipertanggungjawab mengambil tindakan tegas jika ada pihak mengambil kesempatan menaikkan harga.

"Kita meneliti kenyataan KPDN semalam (kelmarin) mengenai sektor pembinaan dan nizen memuat naik gambar surat yang mana mereka maklumkan beberapa produk atau perkhidmatan disediakan akan alami kenaikan kos atas dasar tidak lagi menerima subsidi diesel.

"Namun, apabila disemak, mereka memang tidak layak menerima subsidi diesel sebelum ini, jadi semua perkara berbangkit ini, kita serahkan kepada KPDN

untuk ambil tindakan tegas," katanya.

Mengenai isu pengusaha van dan bas pelancong meminta mereka turut diberi subsidi diesel, Fahmi berkata, Kementerian Pelancongan, Seni dan Budaya (MOTAC) diminta menyantuni serta membantu kumpulan berkenaan.

"Dalam mesyuarat Kabinet hari ini (semalam), Perdana Menteri meminta MOTAC meneliti kumpulan ini dibantu, diteliti

bentuk bantuan yang boleh diberikan.

"Bantuan itu mungkin tidak secara kekal dan hanya untuk

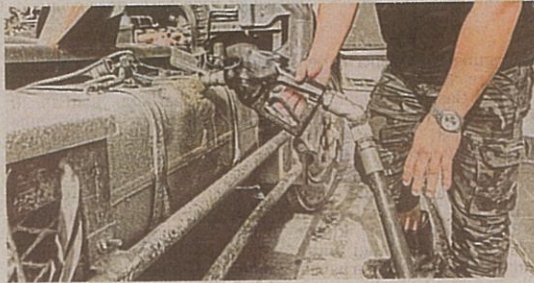
tempoh tertentu, namun perkara lanjut serta mekanisme akan diumumkan oleh MOTAC," katanya.

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Sayidina Hasan bin Ali RA berkata bahawa Rasulullah SAW bersabda: "Sesiapa yang membaca ayat Kursi selepas setiap solat fardu akan berada dalam tanggungjawab (penjagaan) Allah SWT sehingga solat yang satu lagi." (HR Tabarant: Majma' az-Zawa'id)

KAWASAN	SUBUH	ZUHUR	ASAR	MAGHRIB	ISYAK
Kangar	5:48	1:21	4:47	7:35	8:51
Alor Setar	5:49	1:21	4:47	7:34	8:51
P. Pinang	5:51	1:21	4:47	7:33	8:49
Ipoh	5:50	1:19	4:45	7:29	8:45
Kuala Lumpur	5:51	1:16	4:42	7:25	8:41
Shah Alam	5:51	1:16	4:42	7:25	8:41
Johor Bahru	5:45	1:07	4:33	7:13	8:28
Kuantan	5:45	1:10	4:36	7:18	8:34
Seremban	5:50	1:15	4:41	7:22	8:38
Bandar Melaka	5:50	1:14	4:39	7:20	8:36
Kota Bharu	5:43	1:14	4:40	7:27	8:38
K. Terengganu	5:40	1:10	4:36	7:21	8:37
Kota Kinabalu	4:47	12:18	3:44	6:30	7:47
Kuching	5:20	12:43	4:08	6:48	8:04



Berdasarkan dapatan di lapangan di sempadan negara mendapati pembelian diesel di beberapa stesen minyak di Rantau Panjang dan Wang Kelian berkurangan. (Foto hiasan)

BERITA HARIAN
Tarikh.....1.3.JUN.2024.....

DBKL gempur warga asing di Pasar Borong Kuala Lumpur

KUALA LUMPUR - Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL) menyita barangan milik tujuh warga asing yang menjalankan perniagaan di sekitar Pasar Borong Kuala Lumpur di sini.

Tindakan berdasarkan peruntukan Undang-Undang Kecil (UUK) 3, Undang-undang Kecil Pelesenan Penjaja (WPKL) 2016 diambil susulan operasi menggempur warga asing di sekitar pasar borong tersebut pada Isnin.

DBKL dalam satu kenyataan memaklumkan, pihak berkuasa tempatan itu memindahkan halangan di tempat awam yang dibina peniaga mengikut Seksyen

46(1)(d) Akta Jalan, Parit dan Bangunan 1974 di Jalan 2/3A, Pusat Bandar Utara.

Ujarnya, sejumlah enam notis kompaun di bawah UUK Pelesenan Tred Perniagaan & Perindustrian (WPKL) 2016 dan Akta Jalan, Parit dan Bangunan 1974 dikeluarkan, berserta satu notis penguatkuasaan di bawah Akta Perancangan Wilayah Persekutuan 1982.

"Semua barang yang disita dibawa ke Stor Sitaan DBKL di Taman Miharja Cheras untuk rekod.

"Tindakan akan diteruskan dari semasa ke semasa dengan kerjasama agensi penguatkuasaan lain selepas ini," tambah kenyataan itu.



Penguat kuasa DBKL mengangkut barang jualan warga asing yang disita.

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Lanjut had bersara bagi pekerja produktif sahaja

SEBELUM ini pakar ada menyarankan supaya had umur persaraan pekerja di Malaysia dinaikkan kepada 65 tahun kerana terdapat pelbagai keperluan mendesak terutamanya dalam purata jangka hayat rakyat negara ini sekitar 75 tahun ke atas.

Berdasarkan perbandingan di peringkat global, persaraan wajib di Malaysia yang ditetapkan pada usia 60 tahun secara relatifnya lebih rendah berbanding negara lain.

Contohnya usia persaraan di Jepun ditetapkan pada usia 65 tahun dengan saiz warga emas tertinggi di negara itu.

Pada masa sama cadangan melanjutkan usia persaraan seiring dengan jangkaan rakyat Malaysia menjadi negara tua menjelang 2043 iaitu 14 peratus daripada penduduk terdiri daripada populasi berusia 65 tahun ke atas.

Ia susulan kesan daripada peningkatan jangka hayat dan penurunan kadar kelahiran.

Bagi Ketua Jabatan Polisi dan Strategi Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja (KWSP), Balqais Yusoff pula, had persaraan di Malaysia dicadangkan supaya dinaikkan secara berkala sehingga mencecah sekurang-kurangnya 65 tahun selari dengan definisi warga emas di bawah takrifan antarabangsa.

Katanya, langkah itu sekali gus mampu menjadi salah satu kaedah terbaik dalam meningkatkan dana persaraan menerusi simpanan di KWSP.

Beliau berkata, secara realitinya, penangguhan pengeluaran simpanan KWSP akan melipatgandakan simpanan sedia ada pada masa hadapan.

Tambahan pula menurutnya, had usia persaraan melebihi 60 tahun telah diamalkan di kebanyakan negara termasuk di Singapura.

Buat masa ini kerajaan belum menetapkan umur had persaraan dinaikkan kepada umur yang dicadangkan itu.

Jika melihat kepada senario semasa, keputusan untuk menaikkan had secara pukal adalah kurang efisien. Adalah lebih baik, had persaraan dibuat secara terpilih iaitu melibatkan mereka yang masih produktif untuk bekerja dan sihat.

Keutamaan juga boleh diberikan kepada mereka yang mempunyai kepakaran yang hebat misalnya jika individu itu bersara akan menyebabkan kerugian kepada organisasi terlibat.

Janganlah dipanjangkan perkhidmatan golongan pekerja yang ada pun tidak membantu, jika tiada lebih baik.

Memanjangkan tempoh perkhidmatan mereka yang sepatutnya pencen juga menyekat peluang anak muda untuk bekerja.

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Pendapatan boleh agih KWSP naik 33.1 peratus



KEWANGAN

Kepada RM19.2 bilion
pada suku pertama
berakhir 31 Mac 2024

KUALA LUMPUR

Jumlah pendapatan boleh agih Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja (KWSP) bagi suku pertama berakhir 31 Mac 2024, naik 33.1 peratus kepada RM19.2 bilion daripada RM14.42 bilion dalam tempoh sama tahun lepas.

Pendapatan boleh agih itu tidak termasuk keuntungan *mark-to-market* (MTM) sekuriti yang belum direalisasikan, kata dana persaraan itu dalam kenyataan pada Rabu.

Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif, Ahmad Zulqarnain Onn berkata, walaupun prestasi suku pertama kukuh, pasaran kewangan terus berdepan beberapa risiko meluas seperti kadar faedah yang tinggi untuk tempoh lebih lama, risiko geopolitik dan konflik serta perubahan dasar berikutan pilihan raya di beberapa negara ekonomi besar pada tahun ini.

"Prestasi pasaran global pada

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suku pertama 2024 didorong oleh pertumbuhan global yang berdaya tahan, terutamanya bagi ekonomi maju. Indeks FBM KLCI meningkat 10 peratus setakat tahun ini, mencerminkan peningkatan keyakinan terhadap pertumbuhan dan kesan pelbagai dasar baharu ke atas ekonomi dan industri.

"Di peringkat antarabangsa, ekonomi Amerika Syarikat (AS) terus berkembang, seterusnya menurunkan jangkaan pengurangan kadar Rizab Persekutuan AS (Fed) pada tahun ini. Indeks saham utama yang telah mempamerkan rali kenaikan kukuh pada suku pertama pula didorong oleh lonjakan saham berkaitan kewangan, penjagaan kesihatan dan teknologi," katanya.

Pada suku di bawah kajian, pendapatan ekuiti meningkat kepada RM13.15 bilion berbanding RM8.69 bilion pada suku pertama 2023 dan kelas aset itu juga kekal sebagai penyumbang pendapatan tertinggi pada 68 peratus daripada jumlah pendapatan boleh agih.

Peningkatan pendapatan ini, kata beliau, disumbangkan oleh strategi proaktif pengurus dana untuk memanfaatkan rali kenaikan pasaran dalam merealisasikan keuntungan

modal sebelum berlakunya persekitaran tidak menentu yang dijangkakan pada suku akan datang.

"Instrumen pendapatan tetap terus menjadi tunjang kepada KWSP, memberi aliran pendapatan yang stabil dan mengurangkan impak daripada ketidakpastian pasaran jangka pendek. Kelas aset ini, yang sebahagian besarnya terdiri daripada Sekuriti Kerajaan Malaysia (MGS) menyumbang 27 peratus atau RM5.14 bilion kepada pendapatan boleh agih bagi suku pertama 2024.

"Hartanah dan infrastruktur mencatat pendapatan sebanyak RM0.22 bilion pada suku pertama 2024 manakala instrumen pasaran wang menjana RM0.69 bilion, sejajar dengan jangkaan pulangan yang ditetapkan untuk kelas aset ini," katanya.

Dalam pada itu, setakat Mac 2024, keseluruhan aset pelaburan dana persaraan itu meningkat kepada RM1.19 trilion dengan 38 peratus daripadanya disumbangkan oleh pelaburan luar negara.

Pelaburan domestik KWSP pula menyumbang 62 peratus daripada jumlah aset yang sebahagian besarnya dilaburkan dalam instrumen pendapatan tetap. - Bernama

Selangor catat 27.6 juta pelawat domestik tertinggi

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SHAH ALAM - Selangor sekali lagi muncul sebagai negeri yang menerima kunjungan pelawat domestik tertinggi iaitu seramai 27.6 juta orang pada 2023.

Ketua Perangkawan, Datuk Seri Mohd Uzir Mahidin berkata, jumlah berkenaan diikuti Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur dan Sarawak dengan masing-masing mencatatkan 22.2 juta serta 17.9 juta pelancong.

"Daripada jumlah keseluruhan, Johor menunjukkan peningkatan jumlah pelawat domestik paling ketara iaitu 42.7 peratus bersamaan 8.92 juta pelancong berbanding 6.25 juta pada 2022.

"Prestasi tahunan pelancongan domestik di Malaysia mengalami peningkatan yang drastik tahun lalu dengan jumlah perbelanjaan mencatatkan RM84.9 bilion, berbanding RM64.1 bilion pada 2022," katanya dalam satu kenyataan pada Rabu.

Dalam pada itu beliau berkata, prestasi memberangsangkan bagi perbelanjaan tersebut didorong peningkatan jumlah perbelanjaan pelancong iaitu 34.4 peratus dan pelawat harian 29.7 peratus.

Tambahnya, perbelanjaan pelancong adalah penyumbang majoriti iaitu sebanyak 61.5 peratus berbanding 60.7 peratus pada 2022.

Jelas Mohd Uzir, perbelanjaan tertinggi pelawat domestik adalah membeli-belah iaitu 36.3 peratus (2022: 38.9 pe-



MOHD UZIR

ratus), diikuti makanan dan minuman sebanyak 16.3 peratus (2022: 15.2 peratus) dan pembelian bahan api kenderaan dengan 13.2 peratus (2022: 13.8 peratus).

Ujarnya, melawat saudara-mara dan rakan kekal sebagai penyumbang utama bagi tujuan pelancongan domestik iaitu 33.6 peratus (2022: 33.7 peratus), namun ia masih belum mengatasi peratusan yang dicatatkan pada tahun pra-pandemik iaitu 42.3 peratus.

"Jumlah pelawat domestik turut melonjak 24.6 peratus untuk mencatatkan 213.7 juta pelawat berbanding 171.6 juta pelawat pada 2022.

"Jumlah perjalanan domestik menunjukkan peningkatan ketara iaitu 16.2 peratus apabila pelancong melakukan 241.5 juta perjalanan dalam negara tahun lalu.

"Bagaimanapun, purata bilangan hari menginap menurun kepada 2.45 malam berbanding 2.55 malam pada tahun sebelumnya," jelasnya.

Beliau berkata, perbelanjaan pelancongan domestik bagi suku pertama 2024 merekodkan RM24.1 bilion iaitu melonjak 25.3 peratus tahun ke tahun.

Menurutnya, bilangan pelawat domestik di Malaysia mengalami lonjakan yang ketara dengan merekodkan 58.6 juta pelawat domestik bagi suku pertama 2024, meningkat 19.0 peratus berbanding suku yang sama tahun sebelumnya.

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Tiada tanah Felda bertukar hak milik

Agensi kerajaan itu nafi kakitangannya terlibat, sedia beri kerjasama kepada pihak berkuasa

Oleh SITI AISYAH MOHAMAD
SHAH ALAM

Tiada tanah milik Lembaga Kemajuan Tanah Persekutuan (Felda) yang bertukar pemilikan atau terjual kepada mana-mana pihak dalam urusan niaga sindiket membabitkan penjualan 640 ekar tanah Felda di Bukit Katil, Melaka. Perkara itu dimaklumkan oleh Felda

dalam satu kenyataan pada Rabu.

"Sehingga kini, tiada kakitangan Felda yang terlibat dan Felda akan memberikan kerjasama penuh kepada pihak berkuasa dalam usaha memastikan segala urusan siasatan dapat dilaksanakan dengan baik," katanya.

Sinar Harian pada Selasa melaporkan, Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) menahan lapan individu yang disyaki bersekongkol dengan menerima rasuah hampir RM2 juta daripada sindiket penjualan tanah milik Felda di Melaka.

Sumber SPRM memaklumkan, lapan individu terbabit melibatkan broker, pegawai bank, pengarah syarikat serta orang awam yang ditahan di Kuala Lumpur dan

Sabah berusia lingkungan antara 20 hingga 50-an.

Susulan penahanan itu, SPRM turut menyita hampir 200 akaun bank milik individu dan syarikat membabitkan nilai lebih RM28 juta.

Sementara itu, Pengarah Bahagian Pencegahan Pengubahan Wang Haram (AML) SPRM, Datuk Mohamad Zamri Zainul Abidin ketika dihubungi mengesahkan tangkapan terhadap kesemua suspek berkenaan.

Beliau berkata, kes disiasat di bawah Seksyen 16(a)(A) Akta SPRM 2009 dan Akta Pencegahan Pengubahan Wang Haram, Pencegahan Pembiayaan Keganasan dan Hasil Daripada Aktiviti Haram 2001 (AMLATFPUAA).



Tangkap layar kenyataan Felda pada Rabu.

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Peralihan kepada subsidi bersasar langkah positif

KUALA LUMPUR - Peralihan daripada subsidi menyeluruh termasuk diesel, kepada sokongan yang lebih bersasar untuk mereka yang memerlukan perlu dialu-alukan sebagai langkah yang positif ke arah dasar yang lebih adil dan mampan seiring dengan membina ruang dasar fiskal, kata Gabenor Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM), Datuk Abdul Rasheed Ghaffour.

Beliau berkata, tempoh kestabilan makro-ekonomi yang secara relatif stabil pada masa ini memberi peluang unik untuk melaksanakan pembaharuan yang bermakna dan membina masa depan yang lebih cerah.

"Kita tidak boleh, atau tidak seharusnya menganggap bahawa peluang ini akan sentiasa terbuka untuk negara. Kita perlu bersatu untuk menjadikan pembaharuan ini satu realiti bagi Malaysia," katanya dalam ucapan aluan di Simposium Sasana 2024 di sini pada Rabu.

Gabenor itu berkata, keperluan untuk pembaharuan adalah jelas. - *Bernama*

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Bisnes



KWSP menyaksikan 107,105 pendaftaran ahli baharu pada suku pertama 2024, menjadikan jumlah keahlian 16.1 juta. - Gambar NSTP/HAIRUL ANUAR RAHIM

Kuala Lumpur

PENDAPATAN BOLEH AGIH KWSP SUKU PERTAMA 2024

NAIK 33.1 PERATUS KEPADA RM19.2B

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Pendapatan boleh agih itu tidak termasuk keuntungan *mark-to-market* (MTM) sekuriti yang belum direalisasikan, kata dana persaraan itu dalam kenyataan semalam.

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negara ekonomi besar pada tahun ini.

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"Pendaftaran majikan baharu juga menunjukkan pertumbuhan kukuh"
Ahmad Zulqarnain

Sementara itu, KWSP menyaksikan 107,105 pendaftaran ahli baharu pada suku pertama 2024, menjadikan jumlah keahlian kepada 16.1 juta. Katanya, daripada jum-

lah itu, sebanyak 8.6 juta adalah ahli aktif, yang kini mewakili 50 peratus daripada 17.1 juta tenaga buruh Malaysia.

"Pendaftaran majikan baharu juga menunjukkan pertumbuhan kukuh sebanyak 20,080 dalam tempoh tersebut, menjadikan jumlah majikan yang berdaftar dengan KWSP kepada 608,433.

"Jumlah caruman yang diterima meningkat daripada RM25.83 bilion pada suku pertama 2023 kepada RM29.13 bilion pada suku pertama 2024," katanya.

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Kenaikan suku pertama 2024 sebanyak 33.1 peratus, ahli baharu bertambah 107,105 orang

Pendapatan boleh agih KWSP RM19.2b

PETALING JAYA - Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja (KWSP) mencatatkan jumlah pendapatan boleh agih sebanyak RM19.2 bilion bagi suku pertama berakhir 31 Mac 2024 (S1 2024), naik 33.1 peratus daripada RM14.42 bilion dicatatkan dalam tempoh sama, tahun lepas.

Pendapatan boleh agih itu tidak termasuk keuntungan 'mark-to-market' (MTM) sekuriti yang belum direalisasikan.

Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif KWSP, Ahmad Zulqarnain Onn berkata, walaupun prestasi suku pertama kukuh, pasaran kewangan terus berdepan beberapa risiko meluas seperti kadar faedah yang tinggi untuk tempoh lebih lama, risiko geopolitik dan konflik serta perubahan dasar berikutan pilihan raya di beberapa negara ekonomi besar pada tahun ini.

"Prestasi pasaran global pada suku pertama 2024 didorong oleh pertumbuhan global yang berdaya tahan, terutamanya bagi ekonomi maju.

"Indeks FBM KLCI meningkat 10 peratus setakat tahun ini, mencerminkan peningkatan keyakinan terhadap pertumbuhan dan kesan pelbagai dasar baharu ke atas ekonomi dan industri.

"Di peringkat antarabangsa, ekonomi Amerika Syarikat berkembang dan menurunkan jangkaan pemotongan kadar Rizab Persekutuan (Fed) tahun ini,

selain indeks saham utama yang mempamerkan rali kukuh pada suku pertama, didorong lonjakan saham berkaitan kewangan, penjagaan kesihatan dan teknologi," katanya dalam kenyataan.

Keseluruhan aset pelaburan KWSP setakat Mac 2024 meningkat kepada RM1.19 trilion, yang mana pelaburan luar negara menyumbang 38 peratus daripada keseluruhan jumlah aset.

Sementara itu, Ahmad Zulqarnain berkata, KWSP merekodkan pendaftaran ahli baharu sebanyak 107,105 pada suku pertama tahun ini (S1 2024), menjadikan jumlah keahlian kepada 16.1 juta.

Menurutnya, daripada jumlah tersebut, sebanyak 8.6 juta adalah ahli aktif yang kini mewakili 50 peratus daripada 17.1 juta tenaga buruh Malaysia.

"Pendaftaran majikan baharu juga menunjukkan pertumbuhan kukuh sebanyak 20,080 dalam tempoh tersebut, menjadikan jumlah majikan berdaftar kepada 608,433.

"Jumlah caruman yang diterima meningkat daripada RM25.83 bilion pada S1 2023 kepada RM29.13 bilion pada S1 2024.

"KWSP juga mengekalkan nisbah ahli aktif dengan tidak aktif pada 53:47 bagi S1 2024, selaras dengan tempoh sama pada 2023, dengan 8.6 juta ahli aktif daripada jumlah keseluruhan keahlian sebanyak 16.1 juta," katanya.



KWSP mencatatkan pendaftaran ahli sebanyak 107,105 pada suku pertama 2024 dengan jumlah keahlian meningkat kepada 16.1 juta. - GAMBAR HIASAN

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Subsidi diesel, tiada sebab munasabah sektor logistik naikan harga

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PUTRAJAYA – Menteri Kewangan II, Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan menegaskan, tiada sebab munasabah untuk aktiviti sektor logistik bertindak menaikkan harga yang boleh memberi kesan kepada rakyat susulan pelaksanaan Sistem Kawalan Diesel Bersubsidi (SKDS) 2.0.

Menurutnya, kerajaan sedang giat memastikan penyasaran

subsidi mencapai objektifnya terutama melibatkan pelaksanaan SKDS 2.0 yang membolehkan kenderaan logistik tertentu kekal memperoleh diesel bersubsidi pada harga RM2.15 seliter.

"Kerajaan mahu pelaksanaan program penyasaran subsidi diesel berjalan dengan lancar dan sentiasa memantau perkembangan aktiviti sektor logistik, kera-

na dengan pelaksanaan SKDS 2.0, tiada sebab munasabah untuk mereka bertindak menaikkan harga yang boleh mengesankan rakyat," katanya dalam kenyataan semalam.

Tambahnya, pembayaran semula secara tunai ini ialah langkah sementara kerajaan untuk terus membantu pembekal perkhidmatan logistik supaya

tidak terkesan dengan perubahan harga runcit diesel.

Amir Hamzah memberitahu, pemilik kenderaan logistik yang diluluskan permohonannya, namun belum menerima *fleet card* boleh memohon pembayaran semula melalui portal <https://budimadani.gov.my> bermula 1 Julai ini.

Bagaimanapun, katanya,

pemohon perlu menyimpan resit pembelian diesel bagi tujuan audit.

"Mekanisme interim pembayaran semula ini bertujuan untuk menampung perbelanjaan tambahan pemohon sehingga menerima *fleet card* atau bagi tempoh maksimum dua bulan, mana-mana yang terdahulu," ujarnya.

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Pemilik kenderaan logistik belum terima kad fleet boleh mohon mulai 1 Julai

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PETALING JAYA: Pemilik kenderaan logistik yang diluluskan di bawah Sistem Kawalan Diesel Bersubsidi (SKDS) 2.0 dan belum menerima kad fleet boleh memohon pembayaran semula mulai 1 Julai ini.

Kementerian Kewangan memaklumkan, pembayaran semula secara tunai itu adalah mekanisme interim yang dibangunkan kerajaan bagi membantu pemilik kenderaan yang belum mendapat kad fleet.

Katanya, mekanisme berkenaan adalah kaedah sementara untuk menampung perbezaan antara harga runcit diesel baharu iaitu RM3.35 seliter dan harga SKDS 2.0 sebanyak RM2.15 seliter.

Justeru, mereka yang layak boleh melakukan permohonan melalui portal BUDI Madani <https://budimadani.gov.my>.

"Pemohon hendaklah menyimpan resit pembelian diesel untuk tujuan audit. Untuk layak menerima pembayaran semula ini, pemilik kenderaan logistik hendaklah membuat permohonan dan mendapat kelulusan daripada KPDN di bawah SKDS 2.0 selewat-lewatnya pada 30 Jun.

"Mekanisme interim pembayaran semula ini bertujuan menampung perbelanjaan



KERAJAAN memperkenalkan mekanisme interim bagi membantu pemilik kenderaan yang belum mendapat kad fleet untuk menampung perbezaan antara harga runcit diesel baharu.

tambahan pemohon sehingga menerima kad fleet atau bagi tempoh maksimum dua bulan, mana-mana yang terdahulu.

"Oleh itu, Kerajaan menyarankan supaya semua pemilik kenderaan logistik yang telah diluluskan di bawah SKDS 2.0 untuk segera memohon kad fleet secepat mungkin melalui portal <https://mysubsidi.kpdn.gov.my>," kata kenyataan itu.

Dalam kenyataan sama, Menteri Kewangan II, Senator Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah berkata, kerajaan sedang giat memastikan penyasaran subsidi mencapai objektifnya, terutama melibatkan pelaksanaan SKDS 2.0 yang membolehkan kenderaan logistik tertentu kekal memperoleh diesel bersubsidi pada harga

RM2.15 seliter.

"Kerajaan mahu pelaksanaan program penyasaran subsidi diesel berjalan dengan lancar dan sentiasa memantau perkembangan aktiviti sektor logistik kerana dengan pelaksanaan SKDS 2.0, tiada sebab munasabah untuk mereka bertindak menaikkan harga yang boleh mengesankan rakyat," katanya.

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Manfaat besar penyasaran subsidi bahan api

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WALAUPIHUN menimbulkan sedikit kontroversi, pelaksanaan penyasaran subsidi diesel yang dilaksanakan oleh kerajaan pimpinan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, pada 10 Jun lalu membawa pelbagai kebaikan jangka panjang kepada negara.

Kebaikan pertama ialah ia akan mengurangkan ketirisan subsidi akibat penyeludupan diesel ke negara-negara jiran seperti Thailand, Indonesia dan Singapura mahupun akibat penggunaan oleh warganegara asing yang akan dapat dikurangkan secara signifikan.

Walaupun harga diesel Malaysia secara relatifnya masih murah, kedekatannya dengan harga pasaran akan menjadikan insentif untuk menyeludup atau menyalahgunakan diesel menjadi kurang menarik sekali gus memastikan sumber negara digunakan dengan lebih berkesan.

Sejak penyasaran subsidi diesel dilaksanakan, kita dapat melihat beberapa laporan dalam media massa mengenai betapa stesen-stesen minyak di beberapa pekan di sempadan Malaysia, seperti di Rantau Panjang dan Changlun, kini tidak lagi menjadi tumpuan kenderaan asing.

Melalui penyasaran subsidi diesel ini, kerajaan dijangka dapat menjimatkan sekitar RM4 bilion ke RM8 bilion setahun. Penjimatan ini boleh disalurkan kepada sektor-sektor lain yang memerlukan pembiayaan seperti pembangunan infrastruktur, pendidikan dan kesihatan.

Penjimatan ini juga membantu mengurangkan defisit fiskal, menstabilkan kewangan negara dan menjadikan ekonomi negara lebih lestari. Hutang dan liabiliti negara yang mencecah RM1.5 trilion atau 81 peratus Keluaran Dalam Negara Kasar (KDNK) boleh dikurangkan secara berperingkat.

Pelaksanaan subsidi bersasar memastikan bahawa hanya golongan yang benar-benar memerlukan, seperti B40 dan M40, yang menerima bantuan. Ini mengurangkan pembaziran subsidi kepada golongan yang tidak layak, termasuk orang kaya dan warganegara asing.

Bantuan yang lebih tepat kepada sasaran yang dikehendaki ini membantu mengurangkan

jurang ketidaksamaan dan memastikan keadilan sosial yang lebih baik wujud antara warganegara Malaysia dari golongan B40 dan M40 dengan golongan T20 yang tidak memerlukan bantuan.

Langkah ini juga menunjukkan pengurusan kewangan yang lebih berhemat dan bertanggungjawab oleh kerajaan. Ia mampu membantu memperbaiki imej negara di mata dunia serta memastikan kestabilan ekonomi jangka panjang dan keyakinan pelabur terhadap dasar ekonomi negara.

Dengan mekanisme subsidi yang lebih terkawal, kerajaan juga dapat memantau dan mengawal inflasi dengan lebih berkesan. Ini akan membantu mengurangkan kenaikan mendadak harga barang dan perkhidmatan, yang seterusnya akan mengurangkan beban kos sara hidup rakyat.

Dengan adanya subsidi bersasar, hanya sektor pengangkutan yang benar-benar memerlukan bantuan akan mendapat manfaat. Ini meningkatkan kecekapan dan mengurangkan pembaziran dalam sektor pengangkutan seterusnya mengurangkan kos operasi dan meningkatkan produktiviti.

Melalui program bantuan tunai seperti Budi Madani, rakyat yang terjejas dengan kenaikan kos diesel akan dapat menerima bantuan

secara langsung. Bantuan ini membantu menampung kenaikan kos sara hidup dan memastikan kualiti hidup rakyat tidak terkesan oleh kenaikan ini.

Pelaksanaan subsidi bersasar akan mengurangkan pergantungan kepada bahan api fosil dan mendorong pelaburan dalam tenaga bersih dan teknologi hijau. Negara-negara yang mengutamakan kelestarian sering dilihat lebih menarik kepada pelabur antarabangsa.

Subsidi bersasar juga akan mendorong industri dan perniagaan untuk meningkatkan efisiensi tenaga bagi menjadikan mereka lebih produktif dan kompetitif di peringkat global, menggunakan teknologi yang lebih efisien, mengurangkan kos operasi dan meningkatkan daya saing.

KENDERAAN ELEKTRIK (EV)

Dengan kenaikan harga diesel, kos operasi kenderaan diesel akan meningkat menjadikan penggunaan kenderaan diesel kurang menarik dari segi ekonomi, mendorong pengguna dan syarikat untuk mempertimbangkan alternatif yang lebih efisien dan kurang mahal.

Kenderaan elektrik (EV), yang lebih murah untuk dioperasikan dalam jangka panjang, akan menjadi pilihan yang lebih menarik. Peningkatan permintaan

“Langkah berani ini, walaupun mungkin tidak popular pada awalnya, dijangka membawa manfaat jangka panjang yang besar kepada ekonomi negara dan kesejahteraan rakyat.”

terhadap kereta elektrik akan mendorong lebih banyak pelaburan dalam infrastruktur dan teknologi EV di Malaysia.

Dengan peningkatan penggunaan kenderaan elektrik, akan ada keperluan untuk lebih banyak stesen pengisian EV. Ini akan mendorong pelaburan dalam infrastruktur pengisian, yang seterusnya membuat kenderaan elektrik lebih mudah diakses dan lebih praktikal untuk pengguna.

Permintaan terhadap kenderaan elektrik juga akan mendorong pelaburan dalam pembuatan dan perkhidmatan EV tempatan. Syarikat-syarikat automotif melihat peluang untuk memasuki pasaran EV sekali gus menghasilkan lebih banyak pekerjaan dan mengembangkan ekonomi tempatan.

Syarikat-syarikat automotif juga akan meningkatkan usaha mereka dalam inovasi dan pengembangan teknologi EV termasuk penyelidikan dalam bateri yang lebih efisien, teknologi pengisian pantas dan ciri-ciri lain yang akan meningkatkan prestasi dan daya tarikan EV.

Peralihan daripada kenderaan diesel kepada kenderaan elektrik akan mengurangkan pelepasan karbon dan pencemaran udara sekali gus menyokong agenda hijau negara, meningkatkan kualiti hidup rakyat dan mengurangkan kos kesihatan yang berkaitan dengan pencemaran udara.

Industri EV yang berkembang akan menarik minat pelabur asing. Syarikat-syarikat antarabangsa akan melihat Malaysia sebagai hub strategik untuk pengeluaran dan eksport kenderaan elektrik serentak dengan itu mengukuhkan kedudukan Malaysia dalam peta industri automotif global.

Dengan peningkatan kos diesel dan lebih banyak kempen mengenai kenderaan elektrik, kesedaran pengguna terhadap manfaat EV akan meningkat. Pendidikan ini akan membantu mengubah persepsi dan tabiat pengguna, memudahkan peralihan ke kenderaan yang lebih lestari.

Peralihan ke kenderaan elektrik juga akan berkesan seiring dengan peningkatan penggunaan tenaga bersih dan boleh diperbaharui. Ini adalah langkah penting dalam usaha Malaysia untuk mengurangkan pelepasan karbon dan mencapai sasaran kelestarian jangka panjang.

Melalui semua ini, pelaksanaan penyasaran subsidi diesel bukan sahaja membantu mengurangkan beban kewangan kerajaan, tetapi juga mendorong perkembangan pesat industri kenderaan elektrik di Malaysia, sekali gus menyumbang kepada matlamat pembangunan lestari negara.

Langkah berani ini, walaupun mungkin tidak popular pada awalnya, dijangka membawa manfaat jangka panjang yang besar kepada ekonomi negara dan kesejahteraan rakyat.

DR. Nik Mawardi Mohamed adalah penganalisis sosioekonomi politik Malaysia.



MELALUI penyasaran subsidi diesel, kerajaan dijangka dapat menjimatkan sekitar RM4 bilion ke RM8 bilion setahun dengan jumlah itu disalurkan kepada sektor-sektor lain yang memerlukan. - UTUSAN/MUHAMAD NAZREEN SYAH MUSTHAFA

Satu daripada tiga warga dewasa
alami tekanan darah tinggi

Tujuh juta risiko maut

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PETALING JAYA: Hampir tujuh juta daripada kira-kira 23 juta orang dewasa di negara ini dikesan mengalami tekanan darah tinggi atau hipertensi yang berisiko membawa maut.

Berdasarkan *Tinjauan Kebangsaan Kesihatan dan Morbiditi (NHMS) 2023*, jumlah itu merangkumi satu dalam tiga orang dewasa mengalami masalah kesihatan tersebut.

Tinjauan itu juga mendapati sebanyak 17.3 peratus dalam kalangan individu sedar mereka mempunyai masalah tekanan darah yang kronik hingga menyebabkan risiko komplikasi kesihatan tinggi manakala 11.9 peratus tidak tahu mereka mengalami hipertensi.

Daripada jumlah tersebut, golongan berusia 18 hingga

39 tahun meliputi peratusan tertinggi tidak tahu mereka menghadapi tekanan darah tinggi.

Bercakap kepada *Utusan Malaysia*, pensyarah di Jabatan Kesihatan Komuniti, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) Profesor Dr. Shariffa Ezat Wan Puteh berkata, terdapat pelbagai faktor menyumbang kepada masalah tekanan darah tinggi dihadapi rakyat Malaysia antaranya pemakanan tidak sihat, keturunan, kurang tidur, stres keterlaluan dan sebagainya.

Menurutnya, berdasarkan kajiannya, pemakanan tidak sihat sering dikaitkan dengan golongan berpendapatan rendah membabitkan penghuni rumah kos rendah yang kerap mengambil makanan proses seperti mi segera, sosej dan banyak lagi.

Bersambung di muka 2

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ORANG ramai perlu segera ke klinik berdekatan untuk pemeriksaan perubatan sekiranya bacaan tekanan darah melebihi 140/90.

Tujuh juta risiko maut

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"Petanda awal kepada tekanan darah tinggi ini adalah seseorang sering mengalami sakit kepala, tegang urat di bahagian tengkuk dan rasa melayang yang kerap. Ia boleh bertambah serius sehingga mengakibatkan jantung bengkak dan kerosakan buah pinggang jika tidak diatasi segera."

"Kebanyakan kes yang berlaku adalah disebabkan obesiti atau kolesterol dalam badan terlalu tinggi akibat pemakanan tidak sihat selain kuat merokok," katanya ketika dihubungi.

Bagi mengelak daripada berterusan, Sharifa Ezat mencadangkan setiap rumah menyediakan kit pemeriksaan kesihatan merangkumi alat pemeriksaan tekanan darah dan gula khususnya terhadap golongan berisiko.

Selain itu, katanya, amalan hidup sihat seperti bersenam tiga kali seminggu dan pemakanan sihat juga amat perlu bagi mengatasi masalah tekanan darah tinggi daripada berterusan sehingga bertambah serius.

"Pada masa sama, pemerik-

saan kesihatan setiap enam bulan juga perlu dilakukan bagi mengetahui tahap kesihatan diri khususnya kepada golongan berisiko tinggi dan mereka yang berusia 30 tahun ke atas," katanya.

Dalam pada itu, pensyarah di Jabatan Perubatan dan Kesihatan Awam Fakulti Perubatan Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), Profesor Madya Dr. Azmawati Mohammed Nawi berkata, tekanan darah tinggi atau hipertensi sering terjadi akibat pengambilan makanan tidak sihat yang berlebihan seperti garam dan bahan perasa.

Katanya, diet yang dipilih mestilah mengikut panduan piramid makanan dengan kuantiti garam yang sedikit dan menggantikan bahan perasa dengan sayur-sayuran atau buah-buahan semula jadi dan bukan produk diproses.

"Pola pemakanan rakyat Malaysia telah mengalami banyak perubahan kerana makanan yang sepatutnya sihat sering kali ditambah dengan bahan-bahan tidak sihat."

"Sebagai contoh, buah pisang yang asalnya merupakan makanan sihat menjadi kurang

sihat apabila digoreng kerana penambahan lemak dan garam yang berlebihan dan terdapat juga variasi seperti pisang goreng keju yang meningkatkan kalori serta meningkatkan risiko hipertensi," jelasnya.

Tambahnya, iklan secara fizikal dan dalam talian turut memberi pengaruh besar kepada tabiat pemakanan yang tidak sihat di mana setiap makanan perlu dimakan dalam kuantiti yang betul mengikut panduan piramid makanan untuk memastikan keseimbangan dan kesihatan optimum.

Mengulas lanjut, Azmawati berkata, pengaruh media sosial yang menampilkan trend makanan tidak sihat memberi kesan besar kepada golongan muda kerana mudah terdorong untuk mencuba berulang kali dalam kuantiti berlebihan.

"Orang ramai perlu berhati-hati sekiranya bacaan tekanan darah melebihi 140/90 dan segera ke klinik berdekatan untuk pemeriksaan lanjut. Mereka yang mempunyai sejarah keluarga hipertensi perlu lebih berjaga-jaga dan memantau bacaan tekanan darah mereka dengan lebih kerap," katanya.

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Tidak logik baru umum, terus naik harga

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PETALING JAYA: Tindakan setengah pemilik perniagaan menaikkan harga jualan barangan masing-masing selepas kenaikan diesel bermula Isnin lalu dipertikai kerana dilakukan dalam tempoh singkat selain pelbagai bantuan telah disediakan kepada mereka.

Sehingga kini beberapa syarikat telah mengeluarkan notis mengenai kenaikan harga barangan, jualan serta perkhidmatan pada hari pertama pelaksanaan penstrukturan subsidi bahan api itu.

Antaranya restoran, syarikat penunda kenderaan, syarikat pembinaan dan pengeluaran

konkrit serta syarikat perkhidmatan sewaan bas.

Bendahari Agung Gabungan Persatuan-Persatuan Pengguna Malaysia (FOMCA), Nur Asyikin Aminuddin menggesa kerajaan memantau peningkatan mendadak pemilik-pemilik perniagaan tersebut bagi mengelak pengguna menjadi mangsa.

Katanya, tindakan itu menimbulkan persoalan sama ada mereka benar-benar terkesan atau sengaja mengambil kesempatan.

"Berdasarkan pemerhatian kami, memang nampak banyak pihak secara tiba-tiba menaikkan harga dengan kenaikan itu yang dilihat melampau. Mungkin guna alasan diesel naik, mereka pun kena naikkan harga.

"Jadi, kerajaan perlu pantau. Sebab mentaliti industri apabila

ada kenaikan memang mereka terus naik harga. Sedangkan tiada kaitan dengan kenaikan diesel atau mungkin kenaikan sedikit tetapi ambil kesempatan dengan peningkatan melampau," katanya kepada *Utusan Malaysia*, semalam.

Kerajaan memutuskan harga diesel di semua stesen runcit petrol di seluruh Semenanjung ditetapkan pada kadar RM3.35 seliter bermula Isnin lalu dengan harganya boleh berubah setiap minggu mengikut harga semasa.

Penyasaran subsidi diesel ini dilaksanakan serentak dengan bantuan bersasar untuk 33 jenis kenderaan pengangkutan awam dan barangan melalui penggunaan fleet card di bawah sektor logistik di bawah Sistem Kawalan Diesel Bersubsidi (SKDS).

Mereka yang memperoleh kelulusan SKDS tetapi belum menerima fleet card boleh permohonan pembayaran semula subsidi itu bermula 1 Julai depan melalui portal Budi Madani.

Mengulas lanjut, Nur Asyikin berkata, kerajaan perlu melakukan pemantauan lebih aktif dalam tempoh sebulan ini bagi mengekang tindakan melampau pihak industri.

Katanya, pihaknya memahami pelaksanaan penstrukturan subsidi bersasar diesel itu masih baharu dan mungkin ramai yang keliru.

"Kerajaan kena siasat adakah kenaikan berpatutan atau sekadar ambil untung atas angin dengan menggunakan alasan tidak dapat subsidi terus naik harga.

"Sebab kenaikan itu dipin-

dahkan kepada pengguna dan akhirnya pengguna terbeban," katanya.

Dalam pada itu, aktivis pengguna, Dr. Lee Nan Sang menyeru persatuan, gabungan dan pengusaha industri untuk sabar dan berbincang dengan kerajaan dalam menyelesaikan masalah tanggungan kos berlebihan itu.

"Ambillah masa untuk menyelesaikannya, bukannya hari ini diumumkan struktur subsidi diesel dikemaskini dan tidak sampai masa sehari cadangan kenaikan harga barangan telah disyorkan dengan kadar yang agak membebankan pengguna," katanya.

Pada masa sama, beliau mempersoalkan sama ada penstrukturan subsidi bahan api itu dilakukan dalam tempoh masa yang tepat.

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Risiko kurang penduduk jika amal gaya hidup tanpa anak

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PETALING JAYA: Malaysia bakal berhadapan dengan masalah kekurangan penduduk sekiranya ideologi gaya hidup tanpa anak dinormalisasikan dalam masyarakat.

Bercakap kepada *Utusan Malaysia*, Pengarah Pusat Perkhidmatan Psikologi dan Kaunseling Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM), Dr. Zulfikar Ahmad berkata, situasi itu menyumbang kepada kekurangan tenaga muda dan memberi implikasi besar dalam kadar kelahiran Malaysia.

"Suatu hari nanti, Malaysia mungkin terpaksa membuka kewarganegaraan kepada orang luar jika trend ini menjadi amalan."

"Tidak dapat dinafikan sekiranya pasangan memilih untuk



Suatu hari nanti, Malaysia mungkin terpaksa membuka kewarganegaraan kepada orang luar jika trend ini menjadi amalan."

ZULFIKAR AHMAD

hidup tanpa anak disebabkan tekanan ekonomi tetapi jika mereka menggunakan alasan tidak ingin ada anak hanya disebabkan ingin lari dari tekanan dan hidup bebas, perkara itu perlu difikirkan semula," katanya.

Beliau mengulas perubahan gaya hidup di peringkat global yang tidak mahu memiliki anak atau dalam istilah yang popular, *child free*.

Tulisan Prof. Madya di Jabatan Akidah dan Pemikiran Islam, Akademi Pengajian Islam Universiti Malaya (UM) yang disiarkan dalam ruangan Rencana *Utusan Malaysia* kelmarin mendedahkan, sebuah laman komuniti Reddit dinamakan sebagai *Childfree* mengumpulkan kelompok yang tidak mahukan anak dianggota 1.5 juta ahli.

Menurutnya, gaya hidup tanpa anak itu bermula di Barat seawal 1970-an.

Zulfikar berkata, gaya pemikiran tersebut boleh merencatkan pembangunan negara, kerana tidak dapat dinafikan, anak-anak merupakan aset generasi pada masa hadapan.

"Mereka inilah yang akan membentuk negara, menjadi doktor mahupun pendidik kalau *child free* ini diamalkan, siapa yang mahu membentuknya?," katanya.

Dalam pada itu, bekas Mufti Pulau Pinang, Datuk Seri Dr. Wan Mohd. Noor berkata, dari sudut pandangan Islam, merancang kelahiran anak dalam konteks menjarakkan bagi tujuan munasabah adalah diharuskan.

"Contohnya untuk memelihara kesihatan ibu atau memberi tempoh masa yang mencukupi untuk mendidik anak-anak dan sebagainya, itu adalah diharuskan," katanya.

Namun, kata beliau, sekiranya pasangan mencegah kelahiran secara kekal, ia adalah salah dan bercanggah dengan matlamat syariah iaitu memelihara keturunan manusia di bumi.

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KES demam denggi di negara ini masih belum dapat dikawal dengan baik walaupun kadar mortaliti atau kematian mencatatkan angka menurun di bawah 0.10 peratus sejak tahun 2021.

Negara masih belum mencapai sasaran pengurangan kes denggi sebanyak lima peratus setiap tahun seperti ditetapkan oleh Pertubuhan Kesihatan Sedunia (WHO).

Pengerusi Advokasi Pencegahan Denggi Malaysia (DPAM), Datuk Dr. Zulkifli Ismail berkata, walaupun kadar kematian dapat dikurangkan tetapi nyamuk yang menjadi punca denggi masih tidak dapat dikawal.

"Sasaran WHO adalah mencapai penurunan kepada 0.8 peratus kematian pada tahun 2020, 0.5 peratus pada 2023 dan 2025, seterusnya sifar kematian menjelang 2030.

"Bagi mencapai sasaran ini, pembabitkan pelbagai sektor diperlukan selain strategi pengurusan denggi yang komprehensif. Ini kerana kes fataliti dan kematian dalam sesebuah negara menunjukkan tahap keberkesanan pengurusan kes denggi," katanya sewaktu ditemui pada majlis pelancaran vaksin denggi keluaran Takeda, syarikat biofarmaseutikal baru-baru ini.

Turut hadir, Pengurus Besar Negara, Takeda Malaysia dan Singapura, Dr. Lynette Moey dan Ketua Hal Ehwal Perubatan, Takeda India dan Asia Tenggara (I-SEA), Dr. Goh Choo Beng.

Semua pihak perlu memainkan peranan menerusi strategi pengurusan integrasi untuk mengawal pembiakan nyamuk.

Ia bukan saja membabitkan pembabitkan Kementerian Kesihatan tetapi pelbagai kementerian lain seperti Kementerian Alam Sekitar selain bantuan profesional seperti penasihat teknikal klinikal dan entomologis.

Dr. Zulkifli berkata DPAM bekerjasama dengan lapan organisasi termasuk Persatuan Pediatrik, Persatuan Penyakit Berjangkit dan Persatuan Perubatan Malaysia (MMA) bagi tujuan meningkatkan kesedaran serta pencegahan denggi.

Perubahan minda dalam kalangan masyarakat, penting untuk memastikan kebersihan persekitaran dan mengawal nyamuk.

SAKSI DENGGI

Di masa yang sama, kita perlu melakukan kawal penyakit



MALAYSIA belum mencapai sasaran pengurangan kes denggi sebanyak lima peratus setiap tahun seperti ditetapkan Pertubuhan Kesihatan Sedunia (WHO).

Kerjasama, vaksin cegah demam denggi

STATISTIK KES DENGGI DAN KEMATIAN DI MALAYSIA



Serangan demam denggi pertama mungkin tidak terlalu teruk menyebabkan pesakit terlantar sekitar dua hari dan kembali sihat untuk bekerja.

ini daripada menjadi teruk termasuk memastikan pesakit tidak meninggal dunia. Ini termasuk mendapatkan vaksin

melindungi diri daripada demam denggi.

Agen virus denggi terdiri daripada serotaip DEN 1, DEN 2, DEN 3 dan DEN 4. Jangkitan oleh salah satu serotaip, menyebabkan imuniti seumur hidup terhadap serotaip itu saja. Seseorang itu juga dapat dijangkiti oleh serotaip yang lain.

"Serotaip ini berbeza mengikut sesebuah negara. Serotaip yang mendominasi di Malaysia buat masa adalah DEN2. Pada 2021, serotaip DEN4 mendominasi. Di Singapura, DEN1 dan 3 pada tahun 2023, DEN1 pada tahun 2013 dan 2014.

"Serangan denggi biasanya memuncak setiap empat tahun sekali. Ini berlaku apabila

ramai yang imun kepada DEN1, DEN3 pula akan mengambil alih. Seterusnya DEN 1 mengambil alih apabila tahap imun dalam kalangan orang ramai meningkat," katanya.

KESAN SERANGAN

Serangan demam denggi pertama mungkin tidak terlalu teruk menyebabkan pesakit terlantar sekitar dua hari dan kembali sihat untuk bekerja.

Bagaimanapun, serangan kali kedua biasanya akan lebih teruk berbanding yang pertama dan menyebabkan pesakit perlu dirawat di hospital selama beberapa hari.

Dr. Zulkifli berkata, jangkitan ketiga tidak seteruk yang kedua tetapi kadangkala

serangan oleh DEN 4 boleh menjadi teruk.

"Pada masa ini, lebih ramai orang dewasa muda mengalami demam denggi menyebabkan ketidakupayaan, kehilangan kerja dan kesan ke atas ekonomi secara keseluruhan.

"Ini kerana orang dewasa ada yang menghidap penyakit lain seperti kencing manis dan kolesterol tinggi. Platelet mungkin jatuh, mula berlaku pendarahan dan kegagalan hati, buah pinggang dan akhirnya membawa maut," katanya.

Bagi kanak-kanak, serangan demam denggi pada masa kini tidak seteruk yang berlaku sekitar tahun 80an, di mana ketika itu, ramai kanak-kanak dimasukkan ke wad dan meninggal dunia.

Dr. Zulkifli berkata, orang ramai tidak perlu takut dengan kesan vaksin seperti kesan vaksin Covid-19 kerana cara pembuatan vaksin denggi, berbeza dengan vaksin Covid-19.

"Vaksin denggi lebih kurang sama dengan vaksin influenza yang sudah wujud sejak



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berdekad lalu dan tiada isu keselamatan membabitkan vaksin influenza setakat ini, sejak ia diperkenalkan.

"Vaksin denggi berasaskan virus denggi DEN 2 yang dilemahkan, menyediakan 'tulang belakang' genetik untuk ke empat-empat serotaip virus denggi bagi melindungi daripada demam denggi," katanya.



WAYAT HIDUP NYAMUK AEDES

D. NYAMUK DEWASA
Berwarna hitam dengan corak putih pada sayap, badan, kepala, dan perut. Ia mempunyai dua pasang sayap dan enam kaki.

A. TELUR
Berwarna hitam. Telur ini meletak pada permukaan air dan akan berkembang menjadi larva dalam masa 1-2 hari.

B. JENTIK-JENTIK
Mencapai dewasa dalam masa 7-10 hari. Jentik-jentik ini mempunyai kepala, badan, dan ekor. Mereka akan berenang di permukaan air dan akan berkembang menjadi nyamuk dewasa dalam masa 14-16 hari.



KITARAN hidup nyamuk aedes.

DENGGI

BEBAN DENGGI:

- Sejak dua dekad lepas, insiden denggi di peringkat global meningkat ke 129 negara.
- Menurut WHO jumlah kes meningkat daripada 500,000 pada tahun 2000 ke 5.2 juta (2019).
- Asia dibebani sebanyak 70 peratus daripada jumlah itu.
- Di Malaysia: Kes denggi meningkat 86.3 peratus secara signifikan dengan 123,133 kes dilaporkan pada 2023.
- Kematian meningkat 78.6 peratus dengan kes tertinggi di Selangor.
- Suku pertama 2024, sebanyak 41,565 kes dilaporkan dan 28 kematian dikaitkan dengan komplikasi demam denggi.

RISIKO JANGKITAN:

- Individu tinggal di kawasan jangkitan denggi, berisiko dijangkiti lebih dari sekali seumur hidupnya.

GEJALA DEMAM DENGGI:

- Demam kuat mengejut (40-41 selsius) selama dua hingga tujuh hari.
- Sakit kepala yang teruk.
- Sakit pada bahagian belakang mata, otot dan sendi.
- Muncul ruam merah di kulit pada hari ke 3 dan 4 selepas bermulanya demam.
- Muntah dan kurang selera makan.

DAPATKAN RAWATAN:

- Segera berjumpa doktor kerana tiada ubat khusus merawat demam denggi.
- Rehat dan banyakkkan minum air masak.
- Ubat paracetamol boleh diambil untuk menurunkan demam dan mengurangkan kesakitan.
- Mandi untuk menurunkan suhu.

Keberkesanan vaksin denggi

SUNTIKAN dua dos vaksin denggi dengan jarak tiga bulan, boleh diberikan kepada kanak-kanak berusia empat tahun sehingga dewasa berusia 60 tahun untuk perlindungan selama 4.5 tahun.

Takeda mendedahkan, ujian klinikal vaksin berkesan mencegah 80.2 peratus daripada kes denggi bergejala pada 12 bulan selepas vaksinasi. Ia turut mencegah 90.4 peratus kemasukan ke hospital selepas 18 bulan pemeriksaan susulan.

Sepanjang data pemeriksaan selama 4.5 tahun (54 bulan), selepas pemberian vaksin, menunjukkan perlindungan berterusan secara keseluruhan dan diterima dengan baik.

Selain Malaysia, setakat ini vaksin ini sudah diluluskan di lebih 30 negara termasuk Kesatuan Eropah, United Kingdom, Brazil, Argentina, Indonesia, Thailand dan Vietnam.

Dr. Goh berkata, vaksin berkenaan direka daripada tulang belakang denggi serotaip 1,3 dan 4 menerusi kejuruteraan genetik, di mana semua serotaip digabungkan ke dalam vaksin berkenaan bagi menangani cabaran menentang denggi.

"Vaksin ini mengambil masa lama untuk dihasilkan membabitkan siri kajian pembangunan fasa satu, dua hingga tiga merangkumi lebih 28,000 subjek dari seluruh dunia.

"Data penting membabitkan isu keselamatan dan keberkesanan vaksin,



Orang ramai tidak perlu takut dengan kesan vaksin seperti kesan vaksin Covid-19 kerana cara pembuatan vaksin denggi ini berbeza."



GOH (kiri) dan Zulkifli pada pelancaran vaksin denggi keluaran Takeda, syarikat biofarmaseutikal berpangkalan di Jepun, baru-baru ini.

membolehkan ia diluluskan Pihak Berkuasa Kawalan Dadah (PBKD) Malaysia untuk kanak-kanak berusia empat tahun dan ke atas," katanya.

Vaksin ini terbukti berkesan bukan saja daripada sudut ujian klinikal tetapi juga berdasarkan literatur dan laporan media.

Ia turut menerima pra kelayakan daripada WHO menerusi pelancaran program awam vaksinasi denggi seluruh dunia.

Negara Asia terbabit dalam pembangunan dan penyelidikan sepanjang fasa percubaan adalah Thailand, Filipina, Sri Lanka dan Singapura.

"Perkara penting dalam percubaan ini adalah apakah kebimbangan

orang ramai daripada sudut kesihatan dan impak denggi ke atas masyarakat.

"Ini termasuk beban denggi di hospital di mana kadar keterukan perlu dibendung, seterusnya menyela-matkan pesakit daripada maut akibat komplikasinya," katanya.



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Pendapatan boleh agih KWSP melonjak kepada RM19.2 bilion

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PETALING JAYA: Jumlah pendapatan boleh agih Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja (KWSP) meningkat 33.1 peratus kepada RM19.2 bilion pada suku pertama berakhir 31 Mac 2024 daripada RM14.42 bilion yang dicatatkan pada suku sama tahun lalu.

Sebanyak RM16.56 bilion daripada RM19.20 bilion pendapatan boleh agih dijana untuk Simpanan Konvensional, dan RM2.64 bilion untuk Simpanan Syariah.

Pendapatan boleh agih ini tidak termasuk keuntungan mark-to-market (MTM) sekuriti yang belum direalisasikan.

Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif KWSP, Ahmad Zulqarnain Onn berkata, prestasi pasaran global pada suku pertama 2024 adalah berikutan pertumbuhan global yang berdaya tahan, terutamanya bagi ekonomi maju.

Ujarnya, indeks FBM KLCI meningkat 10 peratus setakat tahun ini, mencerminkan peningkatan keyakinan dalam pertumbuhan dan kesan pelbagai dasar baharu terhadap ekonomi dan industri.

"Di peringkat antarabangsa, ekonomi Amerika Syarikat (AS) terus berkembang, seterusnya menurunkan jangkaan pemotongan kadar Rizab Persekutuan (Fed) pada tahun ini, selain indeks saham utama yang mempamerkan rali kukuh pada suku pertama, didorong oleh lonjakan saham berkaitan kewangan, penjagaan kesihatan dan teknologi.



BANGUNAN Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja (KWSP) yang baharu di Kwasa Damansara, Selangor.
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Prestasi pasaran global pada suku pertama 2024 adalah berikutan pertumbuhan global yang berdaya tahan, terutamanya bagi ekonomi maju."

AHMAD ZULQARNAIN ONN

"Walaupun prestasi suku pertama kukuh, pasaran kewangan terus berdepan beberapa risiko yang meluas, iaitu kadar faedah 'tinggi untuk tempoh lebih lama', risiko geopolitik dan konflik, dan perubahan dasar berikutan pilihan raya yang dilaksanakan oleh beberapa ekonomi besar tahun ini," katanya dalam kenyataan.

Pada suku dikaji, pendapatan daripada ekuiti meningkat kepada RM13.15 bilion, berbanding RM8.69 bilion yang direkodkan pada suku pertama 2023.

Kelas aset ini kekal sebagai penyumbang pendapatan ter-

tinggi pada 68 peratus daripada jumlah pendapatan boleh agih.

Peningkatan pendapatan ini disumbangkan oleh strategi proaktif pengurus dana untuk mengambil peluang rali pasaran dalam merealisasikan keuntungan modal sebelum berlakunya persekitaran tidak menentu yang dijangkakan pada suku akan datang.

Instrumen pendapatan tetap terus menjadi tunjang kepada KWSP, memberikan aliran pendapatan yang stabil dan mengurangkan impak daripada ketidakpastian pasaran jangka pendek.

Kelas aset ini, yang sebahagian besarnya terdiri daripada Sekuriti Kerajaan Malaysia (MGS), menyumbang 27 peratus atau RM5.14 bilion kepada pendapatan boleh agih bagi S1 2024.

Hartanah dan Infrastruktur mencatatkan pendapatan sebanyak RM0.22 bilion pada suku pertama 2024, sementara instrumen Pasaran Wang menjana RM0.69 bilion, sejajar dengan jangkaan pulangan yang ditetapkan untuk kelas aset ini.

Keseluruhan aset pelaburan KWSP setakat Mac 2024 meningkat kepada RM1.19 trilion, di mana pelaburan luar negara menyumbang 38 peratus daripada keseluruhan jumlah aset.

Pelaburan luar negara KWSP, yang sebahagian besarnya adalah dalam ekuiti, terus melebihi jangkaan dan menambah nilai kepada pulangan keseluruhan KWSP dengan menjana pendapatan sebanyak RM9.88 bilion, mewakili 51 peratus daripada jumlah pendapatan boleh agih yang direkodkan.

Pelaburan domestik KWSP pula menyumbang 62 peratus daripada jumlah aset yang sebahagian besarnya dilaburkan dalam instrumen pendapatan tetap, seterusnya memberikan kestabilan pendapatan jangka panjang melalui faedah dan keuntungan.

KWSP kekal komited dalam menyokong dan menyumbang kepada pertumbuhan ekonomi Malaysia dengan terus memperuntukkan lebih 80 peratus daripada peruntukan tahunan pelaburan baharunya kepada pasaran domestik.

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FIRST QUARTER OF 2024

EPF'S distributable income rises 33.1pc

KUALA LUMPUR: The Employees Provident Fund (EPF) reported a 33.1 per cent increase in total distributable income for the first quarter ended March 31, 2024 to RM19.2 billion from RM14.42 billion in the same quarter of 2023.

A total of RM16.56 billion out of the RM19.2 billion total distributable income was generated for Simpanan Konvensional, and RM2.64 billion for Simpanan Syariah.

EPF chief executive officer Ahmad Zulgarnain Onn attributed the robust performance in the first quarter to resilient global growth, particularly in advanced economies.

"While first quarter results have been strong, financial markets remain subject to a number of risks that have been prevalent, namely 'high for longer' interest rates,

geopolitical and conflict risks, and changes in policies resulting from a large number of elections being held in a number of large economies this year," he said in a statement.

According to EPF, the distributable income excludes mark-to-market (MTM) gains from unrealised securities.

Income from equities increased to RM13.15 billion, compared to RM8.69 billion recorded in the first quarter of 2023.

The asset class remained the top income contributor at 68 per cent of total distributable income.

The EPF attributed the growth in income to the fund managers' proactive strategy of realising capital gains during the market rally, capitalising on favourable conditions before the anticipated uncer-

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to RM19.2b

ainties in the coming quarters.

Fixed-income instruments remain the cornerstone of the pension fund, providing a steady income stream and mitigating the impact of short-term market volatility.

The EPF reported that this asset class, primarily Malaysian Government Securities (MGS), contributed 27 per cent or RM5.14 billion to the total distributable income for the first quarter.

Real estate and infrastructure generated RM0.22 billion in income while money market instruments yielded RM0.69 billion, aligning with the expected returns for these asset classes.

As of March, EPF's overall investment assets grew to RM1.19 trillion, with overseas investments accounting for 38 per cent of the total.

These overseas investments, mainly in equities, outperformed and significantly contributed to the overall return, generating RM9.88 billion in income, or 51 per cent of the total distributable income.

Meanwhile, domestic investments, which account for 62 per cent of total assets and are mainly invested in fixed-income instruments, continued to provide long-term income stability through interests and profits.

EPF said it remains dedicated to supporting the growth of economy by continuing to allocate more than 80 per cent of its new annual investment allocation to the domestic market.

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Currency's value expected to rise if Malaysian corporations bring back realised profits, say economists

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DEMAND for the ringgit will likely surge if Malaysian corporations repatriate their foreign liquid assets, which are estimated at nearly US\$200 billion, said economists.

Bank Muamalat Malaysia Bhd chief economist Dr Mohd Afzanizam Abdul Rashid said repatriating the liquid assets and converting them to the ringgit would bolster the demand for the currency.

"The management of foreign currency exposures and cash flow would be the primary considerations whenever they decide to bring back foreign funds," he said when commenting on the statement by Bank Negara Malaysia deputy governor Datuk Marzunisham Omar on Wednesday that the corporate sector holds US\$190 billion in foreign currency liquid assets abroad.

Marzunisham was quoted by Bernama as saying this is indicative

of the country's robust international investment position.

He said the corporate sector comprises financial institutions, government-linked investment companies and government-linked companies, all of which hold investments abroad.

He said the central bank is not asking them to liquidate their assets but encouraging them to bring back the realised profits and convert them into ringgit.

Afzanizam said the expected surge in demand for the ringgit, spurred by such repatriation efforts, indicates a potential shift in the currency's valuation and market sentiment.

Malaysian Institute of Economic Research economist Dr Shankaran Nambiar agreed that if corporations repatriated their foreign liquid assets, it would enhance demand for the ringgit and boost its value.

However, he cautioned that it is another question whether companies would find it advantageous to repatriate their funds.

He pointed out that such a move might impact their investment decisions.

"It would be costly to repatriate the funds and then to have to inject them overseas again, if the nature of the business requires such interventions."

Marzunisham said Malaysia has sustained a current account surplus for the last five years, encompassing the foreign asset holdings of both corporate and financial entities.

He explained that they have the option to use these foreign holdings to fulfil their financial commitments, thereby diminishing the necessity to approach the central bank for foreign

currency.

Singapore Institute of International Affairs senior fellow Dr Oh Ei Sun said the economic sector could use more capital.

Therefore, if some of these foreign earnings could be repatriated and reinvested in the country, it could help stimulate the domestic economy.

"I think there are not many hurdles



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domestically against the repatriation of foreign earnings. It's those corporations which feel perhaps they could get better returns by reinvesting overseas.

"So we have to rethink very critically, if we could not even attract our own companies to repatriate their foreign earnings, what more foreign investors who are urged to consider investing here?" he asked.

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SUBSIDISED DIESEL CONTROL SYSTEM 2.0.

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'MORE FREIGHT VEHICLE TYPES MAY BE ADDED'

Expansion of SKDS 1.0 quota for public transport also under review, says Armizan

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THE government is considering including several types of freight transport vehicles to the list of vehicles eligible for diesel subsidies under the Subsidised Diesel Control System (SKDS) 2.0.

Other steps may include expanding the quota for public transport under SKDS 1.0, such as for school and express buses.

Domestic Trade and Cost of Living Minister Datuk Armizan Mohd Ali said his ministry was

reviewing all grounds for applications and appeals.

He said the ministry was set to review several appeals following the announcement on the diesel subsidy rationalisation exercise.

The policy, which came into effect on Monday, prompted stakeholders to seek an expansion of the scheme's scope and improvements to its accessibility.

"The ministry is evaluating the merit of each application and will expedite recommendations for consideration by the Diesel Subsidy Approval Committee," Armizan said in a statement.

He added that the committee consisted of representatives from

the Domestic Trade and Cost of Living Ministry, Finance Ministry, Transport Ministry, Road Transport Department, Land Public Transport Agency and the Customs Department.

"An Appeals Committee will review the suggestions and forward them to the cabinet for final consideration and decision.

"This move follows concerns from various transport sectors about the adequacy and fairness of the subsidy allocation, with many stakeholders arguing that the scheme does not address the needs of all vehicle categories or reflect actual fuel consumption patterns in the industry.

"Further updates are expected following the committee's delib-

erations and the subsequent cabinet review," his statement said.

Meanwhile, unity government spokesman Fahmi Fadzil said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim had asked the cabinet to look at the possibility of expanding targeted diesel subsidies to include tour bus operators.

"The prime minister has asked the Tourism, Arts and Culture Ministry to ensure help and assistance is provided to them.

"The government also intends to look at a mechanism through which we can assist this group, because the announcement came at a time when they had made certain arrangements," he said, adding that Anwar also requested that the issues related to fleet

cards be examined.

Earlier, Peninsular Malaysia Tour Bus Operators Association president Steven Chong Sin Wah urged the government to thoroughly examine the effects of the diesel subsidy rationalisation on tour bus operators.

"We are not entirely opposing the targeted diesel subsidy move, but the operating cost for tour buses is very high. We are also affected by the increase in the Sales and Service Tax.

"We have other concerns as well, such as paying staff salaries.

"If we are included (in the targeted diesel subsidy scheme), it would reduce our burden and operating costs," he told the *New Straits Times* yesterday.



Unity government spokesman Fahmi Fadzil (inset) says Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has asked the cabinet to look into the possibility of expanding targeted diesel subsidies to include tour bus operators. FILE PIC



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How are young people using social media?

FOR many of us, social media has become a major part of our daily lives and one of our main modes of communication, especially the younger generation.

So what are young people doing most on these platforms? Stories, posts, comments — YPulse conducted a survey to decipher the habits of 13 to 39-year-olds on social networks.

Are young people addicted to social media? In many cases, the answer is yes, but that might not mean what you think it does in terms of what they're actually doing on these networks.

According to a recent study by YPulse, young people are more inclined to read and comment on other people's posts than to publish their own content. While 58 per cent of 13 to 39-year-olds read most of the comments on a post, only 22 per cent are posting a video on their feed.

Indeed, the study points to users being largely passive on social media.

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own. Only 21 per cent of young people see themselves as creators.

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This trend is also reflected in the frequency with which young people post content. The study shows that the

majority of young people post on social media once a month at most, and only five per cent post content every day.

So what are young people doing on social media if they aren't posting content? Reading and commenting on other people's posts.

According to the study, 58 per cent of young people read comments on a social media post in the week preceding the survey, and 46 per cent of them left a comment on a post.

This trend is particularly pronounced among teenagers. The study

shows that 63 per cent of teenagers, aged 13 to 17, have read the comments on a post in the previous week, while 53 per cent have left a comment.

Teens are also more likely to use the "comments" section of a post to engage in a conversation with their friends, even tagging friends and having conversations with them. Young people often use this approach to share a meme or a post that they think their friends can relate to.

When it comes to posts, young adults aged 18 to 24 prefer to publish photos on their stories rather than on their feeds. The study shows that 36 per cent of young adults have published a photo on their story, compared with just 20 per cent who have published a photo on their feed.

This preference for stories is explained by the fact that young adults are looking to maintain their online presence while being selective about what others can see.

Stories are a casual way to publish content without having to worry about perfection or long-term relevance, explains the YPulse study.

Young users now choose the posts they publish on their feeds very carefully. It's not uncommon to see them deleting all their content on Instagram in order to create a new "aesthetic" for themselves.

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Ringgit ends higher against dollar as markets await Fed call Sun 13/6

THE ringgit had strengthened against the US dollar at the close yesterday as markets await the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) decision, said an analyst.

At 6pm, the ringgit rose to 4.7160/7185 versus the greenback from Tuesday's close of 4.7175/7205.

Bank Muamalat Malaysia Bhd chief economist Dr Mohd Afzanizam Abdul Rashid said the US Dollar Index (DXY) continues to hover above 105 points as the US Federal Reserve (Fed) maintains a restrictive stance following the strong US Nonfarm Payrolls data last Friday.

"However, the jury is still out and the latest macroeconomic projection will be the crucial factor that will set the tone for the rate cut anticipation.

"For now, September is expected to be the month where the Fed will commence the monetary easing based on consensus estimates," he told Bernama.

At the close, the ringgit was traded mostly lower against a basket of major currencies.

The local unit strengthened versus the Japanese yen to 2.9977/9995 from Tuesday's close of 3.0000/0021, but slid against the euro to 5.0711/0738 from 5.0708/0741 yesterday, and depreciated vis-a-vis the British pound to 6.0157/0189 from 6.0073/0111 previously.

Against its Asean peers, the local note appreciated vis-a-vis the Indonesian rupiah to 289.3/289.7 from 289.5/289.9 at Tuesday's close.

However, it had eased against the Singapore dollar to 3.4879/4900 from 3.4862/4887 yesterday, fell versus the Thai baht to 12.8529/8643 from 12.8364/8491 and was lower against the Philippines' peso at 8.04/8.05 from 8.03/8.04 previously.

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EPF records distributable income of RM19.2b in Q1

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► Results for first three months strong but financial markets remain subject to risks that have been prevalent, says CEO

PETALING JAYA: The Employees Provident Fund (EPF) recorded total distributable income of RM19.20 billion for the first quarter ended March 31, 2024 (Q1'24), an increase of 33.1% from the RM14.42 billion recorded in the corresponding quarter in 2023.

The distributable income does not include mark-to-market gains of securities that have not been realised.

EPF CEO Ahmad Zulkarnain Orm said, "The performance of global markets in the first quarter of 2024 was marked by resilient global growth, notably in advanced economies. The FBM KLCI has increased by 10% year-to-date, reflecting increased confidence in the growth and impact of various new economic and industry policies. Internationally, the US economy continued to grow, lowering expectation for Fed rate cuts during

the year, and major stock indices showcased strong rallies during the first quarter, led by a run-up in financial, healthcare, and technology stocks."

He added that while the first quarter results have been strong, financial markets remain subject to a number of risks that have been prevalent, namely "high for longer" interest rates, geopolitical and conflict risks, and changes in policies resulting from a large number of elections being held in a number of large economies this year.

During the quarter under review, income from equities increased to RM13.15 billion, compared to RM8.69 billion recorded in Q1'23. The asset class remained the top income contributor at 68% of total distributable income. The increase in income is attributed to the fund managers' proactive strategy in realising capital gains during the

market rally, taking advantage of the favourable conditions before the uncertain environment anticipated in the coming quarters.

Fixed Income instruments continue to be the anchor for EPF, providing a steady stream of income and mitigating the impact of short-term market volatility.

This asset class, predominantly Malaysian Government Securities, contributed 27% or RM5.14 billion to the total distributable income for Q1'24.

Real estate and infrastructure registered an income of RM0.22 billion in Q1'24, while money market instruments generated RM0.69 billion, in line with the return expectations set for these asset classes.

EPF's overall investment assets as at March 2024 grew to RM1.19 trillion, of which overseas investments account for 38% of the total assets. The pension fund's overseas investments, which were mainly in equities, continued to outperform and add value to its

overall return as they generated RM9.88 billion in income, representing 51% of the total distributable income.

Meanwhile, EPF's domestic investments account for 62% of total assets and are mainly invested in fixed income instruments, continued to provide long-term income stability through interests and profits.

A total of RM16.56 billion out of the RM19.2 billion total distributable income was generated for conventional accounts and RM2.64 billion for syariah accounts.

Ahmad Zulkarnain said EPF is keeping an optimistic outlook for the domestic economy, which started 2024 on a firm footing, recording an acceleration in growth to 4.2% in Q1'24.

The quarter under review also witnessed EPF maintaining an active-to-inactive member ratio of 53:47, consistent with the same period in the previous year, with 8.6 million active members from a total membership of 16.1 million.



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Selangor health dept launches probe into food poisoning cases

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SHAH ALAM: The Selangor Health Department is conducting an investigation to identify new cases related to a food poisoning incident involving 30 primary schools at the Gombak district-level "Program Kemahiran Amal Islami" on Saturday.

Its director Dr Ummi Kalthom Shamsudin urged anyone affected or involved in the incident who are experiencing symptoms related to food poisoning, to promptly seek treatment at a healthcare facility.

"The health department confirms receiving reports on the incident, which resulted in two deaths out of the 247 exposed individuals, with 82 of them reported to experience symptoms related to food poisoning.

"Those involved include administrators, teachers, school staff and family members, aged between 19 months and 58 years, with the main symptoms being diarrhoea, stomachache, fever, vomiting and nausea."

Ummi Kalthom said fried vermicelli and sunny-side-up eggs served to teachers and programme administrators by an external food handler are suspected to be the cause of the food poisoning, adding that the appearance and taste of the food had apparently "changed".

She said a total of 28 individuals have received outpatient treatment and no individuals have been admitted.

She also said food samples from the day of the incident were sent to the National Public Health Laboratory in Sungai Buloh to identify the cause.

She advised programme organisers and the public to be cautious in selecting premises and food suppliers.

Ummi Kalthom reminded food handlers to always prioritise food and beverage hygiene and safety to prevent cases of food poisoning.

Earlier, police confirmed receiving two reports of deaths, involving a 17-year-old boy and a two-year-old girl, suspected to be due to food poisoning originating from a religious school in Gombak.

District police chief ACP Noor Ariffin Mohamad Nasir said the teenager had consumed food brought back by his mother after attending a religious event at the school on Saturday.

He said the two-year-old girl had consumed food brought by her father, a security guard at the school on Saturday, adding that she had fever, diarrhoea and was vomiting at around 10.40am on Monday. - Bernama

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Calls to improve subsidy system being studied

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PUTRAJAYA: The Domestic Trade and Cost of Living Ministry is studying the basis of applications and appeals from several parties regarding improvements to the Subsidised Diesel Control System, said its minister Datuk Armizan Mohd Ali.

He said certain parties have directly submitted applications to the ministry to consider adding several types of goods vehicles to the list eligible for diesel subsidies under the system.

"Other suggestions submitted include increasing the existing basic quota under the Subsidised Diesel Control System 1.0 for types of public transport vehicles such as school and express buses.

"The ministry is reviewing all of this, and it will be promptly submitted for consideration to the Diesel Subsidy Approval Committee, which includes the Domestic Trade and Cost of Living Ministry, Finance Ministry, Transport Ministry, Road Transport Department, Land Public Transport Agency and Royal Malaysian Customs Department," he said in a statement.
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