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MBDK increases dengue prevention measures

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WITH four neighbourhoods in Klang, Selangor, identified as dengue hotspots, the local authority is stepping up efforts to eliminate mosquito breeding grounds.

The hotspots are in Bandar Sultan Suleiman (five cases), Pandamaran Jaya (seven), Apartment Prima Bayu (six) and Taman Desawan (eight).

Klang Royal City Council (MBDK) Health Department director Azmi Muji said most Aedes mosquito breeding sites were found in people's homes in items such as pails, flower pot plates or trays and vases.

"We need collective community action and vigilance to curb the surge in dengue," he said, highlighting that MBDK had carried out fogging activities in the last few weeks.

He added that dengue hotspots were areas where there had been cases for more than 30 days from the first recorded case.

Azmi urged residents living in dengue hotspots to cooperate with the MBDK's health inspec-



MBDK health inspectors checking a concrete tub for mosquito larvae.

tors during their rounds.

"Our strategy for dengue control is source reduction, detection and removal of Aedes mosquito larvae and breeding sites.

"We also take a preventive and risk-based approach through pre-emptive checks in areas assessed to be at higher risk of dengue, even in the absence of dengue cases," he said.

Azmi said that in areas with

intensified dengue transmission, the city council worked closely with residents to ensure mosquito control measures were carried out.

"MBDK takes a multi-pronged approach to dengue control that comprises vector control measures, stakeholder engagement and community mobilisation as well as public communications."

He said as of Nov 10, Klang

recorded 7,462 dengue cases including two fatalities, compared to the corresponding period last year with 7,735 cases and two deaths.

Klang had 9,164 dengue cases and three deaths in the whole of 2023.

"At the four hotspots, we are getting residents to do their part such as spraying insecticide in dark corners around the house, applying insect repellent regularly and wearing long-sleeved tops and long trousers," he said.

Sentosa had 1,162 cumulative cases so far this year while other areas with cases are Meru (1,055), Sementa (1,050), Kota Kemuning (1,046), Port Klang (784), Bandar Baru Klang (658), Sungai Kandis (569), Selat Klang (541), Pandamaran (525), Kota Anggerik (39) and Batu Tiga (33).

Azmi attributed the dengue cases to unusually warm weather and rain in the mornings, which created ideal breeding environment for mosquitoes.

"Residents should spend 10 minutes a week to check their homes and surroundings to ensure there are no potential Aedes breeding sites," he added.

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CLIMATE change is impacting us more rapidly and more severely than expected. It has become apparent that due to extreme dry and wet spells in Malaysia, the risk of climate change-related disasters in Kuala Lumpur has increased significantly.

The Malaysian National Water Research Institute estimates that from the 1970s to 2007, the intensity of rainfall duration increased by approximately 30%, while sea levels rose between 2.7mm and 7mm per annum from 1993 to 2010. At the same time, the incidence of droughts has increased.

The frequency and magnitude of climate change-related hazards such as droughts, wildfires, flash floods, and landslides have left the city and its residents vulnerable to further shocks and stresses. Recent incidents, including falling trees and sinkholes, are likely exacerbated by waterlogging and inadequate infrastructure monitoring and maintenance.

To prevent unnecessary damage in the future and build a more resilient KL, we need a well-structured climate adaptation strategy.

First, we must assess KL's vulnerability to extreme weather events, including precipitation, waterlogging, geohazards, heat, drought, and flooding caused by both natural and human activities.

To reduce vulnerabilities it is crucial to engage in risk dialogues with all relevant stakeholders, including city government agencies, Indah Water Consortium, the Mineral and Geoscience Department, and util-

Building a resilient Kuala Lumpur



Waterlogged: An afternoon of heavy rain is sometimes enough to cause a flash flood in Kuala Lumpur. This one occurred on Aug 22 in the vicinity of the World Trade Centre. — AZMAN GHANI/The Star

ity providers.

This collaboration will help formulate strategies for implementing a spatial adaptation plan and investment agenda for the city's infrastructure.

The strategy should not rest solely on the shoulders of Kuala Lumpur City Hall, it should be a collective plan, aimed at intensifying and accelerating efforts to combat heat stress, drought, and the impact of urban flooding.

The spatial adaptation plan must also be integrated in the

management, maintenance, and monitoring of the city's environment and its utilities. Regular and systematic monitoring of risks such as waterlogging and deteriorating land integrity can mitigate landslides and sinkholes.

This can be pursued through effective legislation, monitoring plans, and standards. It is important to recognise that given the rapid changes in our climate, the risk assessments and the climate adaptation strategy of

the city must be reviewed and updated regularly.

While climate adaptation planning can mitigate and reduce risks, it cannot entirely prevent damage caused by extreme weather events. Therefore, authorities must also prioritise preparedness for calamities and hazards. Special attention should be paid to emergency provisions and the rapid restoration of vital and vulnerable infrastructure.

To be climate-ready and build a resilient Kuala Lumpur, it is necessary to identify vulnerabilities, anticipate future challenges, and develop smart strategies and plans to mitigate climate-related risks. Everyone has a role to play – not just the local authority, but also utility providers, city government agencies, private companies, business associations, and the residents of KL.

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(Above) Flooding at Bandar Bukit Raja in Klang after yesterday morning's downpour.

(Left) Part of the NKVE Shah Alam exit was still inundated around 2pm yesterday. — Photos: LOW LAY PHON/The Star and courtesy photo

Downpours cause severe snarls in Klang Valley

Motorists caught out by flash floods, congestion on major roads

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MANY Klang Valley motorists were worried about getting to their destination late after morning downpours led to flash floods in Petaling Jaya, Shah Alam and Klang yesterday.

One road user reported that it took him three-and-a-half hours to traverse the roughly 7km from Section 4 Kota Damansara in Petaling Jaya to Taman Tun Dr Ismail in Kuala Lumpur.

Another road user said her brother-in-law took two hours to send her niece to Sri KDU school from Mutiara Damansara when the journey usually took

20 minutes.

Along New Klang Valley Expressway (NKVE), part of the Shah Alam exit (near Bukit Jelutong toll plaza) heading towards Kuala Lumpur was inaccessible as floodwaters impeded the left lane until late afternoon.

Other highways that motorists said were affected by floods included Damansara-Puchong Expressway, South Klang Valley Expressway and West Coast Expressway.

According to spokespersons from Petaling Jaya City Council and Shah Alam City Council, rapid response teams were deployed to affected areas, with

the situation under control by around noon.

Several social media users shared photos and videos of flash floods occurring in several parts of Klang, namely Taman Klang Utama, Bukit Raja, Meru and Kapar.

There were also photos showing parts of Section 13 and Persiaran Jubli Perak in Shah Alam near the Federal Highway inundated.

In Petaling Jaya, five vehicles were stuck in floodwaters along Persiaran Surian, Kota Damansara, resulting in standstill traffic stretching about 1km.

Selangor Fire and Rescue

Department said the vehicles were stranded for about 30 minutes in 0.3m of water before being removed by responders at the scene.

Other parts of Persiaran Surian were also affected by flash floods, causing further delays for motorists.

In view of the ongoing monsoon season, those along coastal areas are advised to be on high alert, especially with the high-tide phenomenon occurring from today until Nov 18.

According to forecasts, waves are expected to be between 5m and 5.5m during the period with increased risk of flooding in low-lying areas.

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Over 100 animal lovers gather to demand justice for strays

KUALA LUMPUR: The recent killing of stray dog Kopi (pic) in Terengganu was again highlighted in Parliament after more than 100 animal lovers from 32 groups convened at the gates of the building to demand justice and rights for stray animals.

Braving the morning rain, the group arrived by 10.30am yesterday, hoisting placards and banners calling for immediate legal reforms in the handling of stray animals.

The news of Kopi's death in September, which had sparked an outcry on social media, already led to a fierce exchange between MPs in the August House two weeks ago.

Last month, Besut District Council said the shooting of Kopi was carried out in accordance with the laws, adding that its team was prevented from retrieving the dog's remains by certain individuals.



The council's statement was issued in response to a Facebook post shared by Stray Animal Feeders of Malaysia (SAFM) on Oct 12.

During yesterday's gathering, which was organised by Global Human Rights Federation (GHRF) and led by SAFM, the group chant-

ed "justice for Kopi" and "justice for all animals" outside the gates with about 40 police officers present to manage nearby traffic and the crowd.

The group was later met by a delegation of MPs led by Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Law and Institutional Reforms) M. Kulasegaran and former prime minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob, who received the memorandum from the members.

GHRF president S. Sashi Kumar told reporters that the memorandum was to seek amendments to the Animal Welfare Act 2015 and advocate for humane and sustainable practices in stray animal management.

"We no longer want the protection of strays to be under the Department of Veterinary Services anymore. It has failed us tremendously," Sashi said.

The memorandum lists a num-

ber of key demands to the government, which include the setting up of a new independent animal welfare board to monitor, enforce and support humane practices in animal welfare nationwide.

Other demands include reforms to the Act to prohibit cruel treatment of strays and inhumane capture methods, mandate a national trap-neuter-return programme, and strict regulation of animal breeders.

The group also demanded that local animal pounds be transformed into no-kill facilities so rehabilitation and adoptions become the norm.

They dispersed peacefully at around 12.30pm.

Later in the Dewan Rakyat, Kampar MP Chong Zhemin and Segamat MP R. Yuneswaran, both from Pakatan Harapan, raised the matter during Housing and Local Government Minister Nga Kor Ming's winding-up speech on the

Supply Bill 2025.

"Can you give us a guarantee on this issue, whether we will revise local town council laws so that animals are not cruelly killed under the Madani government?" asked Yuneswaran.

Nga said investigations and disciplinary action will be taken against any local authority officer who do not abide by the Act.

He also urged individuals not to have pets if they are not responsible pet owners.

During his winding-up speech, Nga also said putting down stray is a last resort adopted by local councils.

Nga noted that the ministry presently uses methods such as capturing, claiming or handing over stray dogs or cats to NGO for relocation.

"Euthanasia is only for animal that are diseased, frail, causing nuisance, or posing a danger to the public," he said.

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A REPORT in *The Star* on Nov 2 shows how lucrative begging is in Malaysia – a group of beggars in Gelang Patah, Johor, was reported to be earning RM12,000 a month.

These beggars use various tactics to earn sympathy, including physical disability.

They can be found wherever there is a crowd, such as markets or in front of eateries.

Many of these foreign beggars have no fear of the police as they know that only Immigration officials will apprehend them.

In Klang, Selangor, we see many migrants begging along roads or in the middle of lanes, posing a safety hazard when traffic lights change.

There are also those who sell pickled fruits, flouting traffic laws that prohibit peddling by the roadside.

While laws exist, the authorities do not seem to be removing these beggars and peddlers from our roads.

According to Human Rights Commission of Malaysia, there are close to two million undocumented foreigners in Malaysia.

In major cities, many foreign workers are employed in tailor, furniture and carpet shops. Many are even business owners.

Are there regular checks by the Immigration Department to ensure these foreign workers or business owners possess the necessary permits to operate?

The undocumented foreigners seem to go unregulated.

My suggestion is to have hotline numbers for the Immigration Department and other relevant authorities on signboards at markets, traffic junctions and in city centres.

Let's work together to eliminate beggars on the street, both

Intensify checks on beggars, illegal migrants

Authorities need to have visible presence via regular patrols at country's borders and public places like markets



(Right) The Star report on Nov 2.

(Left) This beggar has chosen a touristy spot in Kuala Lumpur. — Filepic

Foreign beggars at night market nabbed

Police nabbed a group of foreign beggars at a night market in Kuala Lumpur on Nov 2. The beggars were caught while they were begging at the night market. The police said that the beggars were using various tactics to earn sympathy, including physical disability. The police also said that the beggars were posing a safety hazard when traffic lights change. The police are now looking for more beggars and are asking the public to report any beggars they see.

local and foreign.

Markets should be safe public spaces. Instead, our people are getting cheated by syndicates exploiting customers at those markets.

Immigration officers and local council enforcement officers should have a visible presence at all morning and night markets.

Every town must have a team

of officers who do regular patrols.

It's also been widely reported that would-be illegal migrants pay their way to get to Malaysia.

If this is common knowledge, why isn't Immigration securing sea borders along the Strait of Malacca and land borders especially in Perlis, Kedah, Perak and Kelantan to deter human traf-

fickers and would-be illegal migrants?

Authorities need to improve inter-agency cooperation and also engage with the *rakyat* to encourage them to report activities involving public begging and scamming.

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Understanding plight of the homeless in Kuala Lumpur

SERVING at Nanak Soup Kitchen, an initiative by the Sikh community in the heart of Kuala Lumpur, has been one of the most enriching and humbling experiences of my life.

Every week, we feed the homeless.

Through this simple act, I have been faced with a reality many of us overlook – the daily struggles of those who have nowhere to call home.

I've seen them resting on hard cardboard in narrow, unsheltered spaces along the pavements of shophots.

Their faces light up when we arrive and they thank us profusely for the food.

For them, nothing is certain – not even their next meal.

It dawns on me how blessed I am to enjoy warm meals daily and sleep in a comfortable home.

Most of us take these basic necessities for granted.

The homeless' struggle is relentless.

Without a permanent address, they don't possess personal agency.

They have no control over the rain, scorching heat or constant noise from traffic.

Hygiene is an ongoing battle. Many simply survive, taking

one day at a time, with no certainty about the next.

I once encountered a middle-aged homeless woman near Masjid Jamek LRT station.

She spoke fluent English, was articulate and could easily be employed as a maid, babysitter or even in a nearby restaurant.

Despite her abilities, she remains homeless.

This leaves me wondering what unseen barriers are keeping her and many like her from gaining employment and stability.

It's easy to judge the homeless. Many people see them lying around, sleeping through the day and think they are lazy.

The reality, however, is far more complex.

Since they have no access to basic facilities like water, electricity and toilets, how can we expect them to live with the dignity that society demands?

Some struggle with addiction or appear disengaged, but we need to ask ourselves what drove them there.

Is it fair to judge someone who spends his days just trying to survive on the streets?

I've also noticed a shift in attitudes when giving money to the homeless.

At times, if you give them RM10, they are grateful, but should you offer RM5 or even RM1, you might get a cold stare.

Such a reaction makes you wonder whether your kindness is helping or fostering a sense of entitlement.

A well-intentioned idea is to pay forward at restaurants so the homeless can have their meals there.

But would restaurant owners welcome a homeless person in tattered clothes, smelling of the streets?

Would their presence deter other customers?

These are practical questions that complicate even the best intentions.

It's time we stop viewing the homeless through the lens of judgment and start seeing them as human beings who need help, understanding and compassion.

They live in a world most of us will never experience.

For them, surviving each day is a victory in itself.

While we can offer temporary relief, real change will only come when we address the root causes of homelessness.

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Whistleblower protection is only for the clean, says Anwar

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PETALING JAYA: Whistleblower protection is vital only after a probe proves the individual's integrity, says Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

The Prime Minister has made it clear that those entangled in corruption shouldn't count on protection. He emphasised that for protection to be provided, there must first be a thorough probe by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) to determine whether the individual is

truly "clean".

"For those who are clean, not involved in corruption, our policy demands that we give the person protection. But investigate first before doing that," he told a press conference in Cairo, Egypt, where he was on an official visit, yesterday.

Last Saturday, a news portal reported eight video recordings of assemblymen from a state purportedly discussing sums ranging from hundreds of thousands to RM4mil in exchange for securing a state project with a businessman.

The businessman, believed to be linked to a mining company, is allegedly asking for the return of payments he made for a project he did not secure, according to sources.

The businessman, through his lawyer, had approached the news portal to highlight the issue after his lawyers sought whistleblower protection from the MACC.

Addressing claims that he had received a letter from the supposed whistleblower, Anwar clarified that he had not.

"No, I didn't get the letter, I am currently in Cairo. But even if I

had, I would have forwarded it to the MACC," he said.

Anwar questioned the request for whistleblower protection before credibility is established.

Giving a hypothetical example, he said, "Imagine I stole RM1bil, then went to the MACC saying, 'I want to be a whistleblower, can you protect me?' Isn't that a strange request?"

Anwar also responded to critics questioning his silence on the issue and his decision not to intervene.

"I find it strange that some people are asking why the PM isn't

giving the protection sought by the whistleblower," he said, stressing that handling such matters is the responsibility of enforcement agencies.

"Do not use the PM's position to seek protection," he said.

Anwar also underscored the importance of respecting the investigative process, urging patience and caution.

"We must respect the process. We can't simply rush it," he said, adding that he gives full permission to enforcement agencies, including the MACC, to conduct any necessary investigations.

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FENOMENA AIR PASANG BESAR

Jadual air pasang besar di Stesen Pelabuhan Klang dan ramalan cuaca dari 14 - 18 November 2024 menunjukkan paras air pasang dijangka setinggi 5.5 meter. Orang ramai diminta bersedia dan peka dengan sebarang perubahan cuaca.

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Warga Shah Alam dinasihat waspada kenaikan air

SHAH ALAM - Penduduk Shah Alam dinasihatkan agar sentiasa berhati-hati dan memantau kenaikan air susulan hujan lebat berterusan pada Selasa.

Majlis Bandaraya Shah Alam (MBSA) memaklumkan, penduduk diminta mematuhi arahan pihak

berkuasa sekiranya diminta berpindah ke pusat pemindahan sementara.

MBSA turut mengeluarkan notis pemberitahuan air pasang besar yang dijangka berlaku pada Rabu hingga Isnin depan di Stesen Pelabuhan Klang.

Ujarnya, paras air laut dijangka mencatat ketinggian tertinggi sehingga 5.5 meter pada Jumaat dan Sabtu.

"Pada Jumaat, diramal berlaku ribut di satu dua tempat pada

waktu pagi disusuli hujan serta ribut petir pada petang dan malam.

"Sementara pada Sabtu, cuaca pagi berkemungkinan hujan dan pada petang serta malam diramal hujan juga ribut petir," menurut perkongsian di Facebook.

MBSA berkata, penduduk boleh memohon bantuan kecemasan banjir dengan menghubungi Pasukan PANTAS di talian 03-5510 5811 yang beroperasi 24 jam.

Notis pemberitahuan air pasang besar yang dijangka berlaku pada Rabu hingga Isnin depan di Stesen Pelabuhan Klang yang dikeluarkan MBSA.

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Shah Alam, Klang dilanda banjir kilat

Beberapa kawasan ditenggelami air akibatkan trafik sesak, bomba buat pemantauan 84 13/11

SHAH ALAM

Jabatan Bomba dan Penyelamat Malaysia (JBPM) Selangor menjalankan pemantauan di beberapa lokasi susulan kejadian banjir kilat melanda beberapa kawasan di negeri ini pada Selasa.

Penolong Pengarah Bahagian Operasinya, Ahmad Mukhlis Mukhtar berkata, hujan berlarutan sejak beberapa jam mengakibatkan beberapa laluan utama negeri ini menuju Kuala Lumpur dilaporkan mengalami kesesakan susulan banjir kilat dan kemalangan.

Antara laluan terlibat termasuk dua laluan utama di Selangor iaitu Kilometer (KM) 3.3 Lebuhraya Lembah Klang Selatan (SKVE) dan Jalan Kuala Selangor.

Lembaga Lebuhraya Malaysia (LLM) menerusi kenyataan memaklumkan, banjir kilat dilaporkan berlaku di sekitar Lebuhraya Damansara Puchong.

"Menerusi laporan dikeluarkan kira-kira jam 8.16 pagi, berlaku banjir kilat di KM4.9-KM5.0 arah utara dari Bandar Utama ke Penchala.

"Laluan susur serta lorong tengah dan lorong kiri laluan utama terhalang mengakibatkan kesesakan trafik," menurut kenyataan itu.

Selain itu, kesesakan selama setengah jam berlaku di susur Lebuhraya Damansara-Puchong, SKVE menghala Kajang disebabkan kemalangan motosikal.

Banjir kilat turut dilaporkan berlaku di laluan dari Aman Puteri menghala Kepong serta laluan sekitar Batu Caves mengakibatkan kesesakan hampir satu jam.

Sementara itu, lima kenderaan terperangkap dalam banjir di Persiaran Surian Damansara - Taman Pelangi Damansara, Petaling Jaya.

Ahmad Mukhlis berkata, pihaknya menerima panggilan berhubung kejadian tersebut pada jam 8.09 pagi.

"Sejurus menerima panggilan



Laluan berdekatan Kampung Kebun Bunga, Batu 3 Shah Alam yang ditenggelami air.

kecemasan berhubung kejadian tersebut, lapan anggota dan pegawai bersama jentera dari Balai Bomba dan Penyelamat (BBP) Petaling Jaya dikejarkan ke lokasi kejadian.

"Bagaimanapun kejadian tersebut tidak melibatkan sebarang kecederaan atau kemalangan jiwa," jelasnya.

Beberapa kawasan di Bukit Raja, Klang ditenggelami air pada Selasa.



Antara kawasan di Shah Alam yang dilanda banjir kilat.

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Agong titah penjawat awam laksana amanah penuh integriti - KSN

SA 13/11
SEPANG - Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Sultan Ibrahim menitahkan semua penjawat awam untuk melaksanakan tanggungjawab diamanahkan dengan penuh integriti dan sama sekali tidak melanggar peraturan yang ditetapkan dalam perkhidmatan awam.

Ketua Setiausaha Negara, Tan Sri Shamsul Azri Abu Bakar berkata, titah itu disampaikan kepada beliau ketika diterima menghadap Seri Paduka Baginda di Istana Negara pada Selasa.

"Pagi tadi saya diperkenan menghadap Yang di-Pertuan Agong dan baginda bertitah bahawa ahli politik datang dan pergi, Yang di-Pertuan Agong pun datang dan pergi tetapi pegawai kerajaan tetap ada dalam kerajaan.

"Jadi, jalankan kerja dengan penuh integriti. Ini titah baginda kepada saya," katanya ketika berucap pada majlis

Anugerah Pembangunan Negara (APN) 2024 bertemakan 'Pembangunan Madani, Rakyat Disantuni' di sini.

Berkongsi inti pati amanat sulung beliau pada 10 September lepas, Shamsul Azri mengajak semua anggota perkhidmatan awam untuk bersama-sama menjiwai nilai MALAYSIA iaitu Mesra, Adil, Luhur, Amanah, Yakin, Setia, Islah dan Arif.

Beliau berkata, setiap penjawat awam bukan hanya perlu berilmu, berpengetahuan dan berkemahiran tetapi juga memiliki pemahaman mendalam tentang peraturan, prosedur, undang-undang serta kemahiran praktikal untuk melaksanakan tugas dengan ber-



SHAMSUL AZRI

kesan dan efisien bagi memanifestasikan agenda Malaysia Madani demi pembangunan negara.

Mengenai prestasi Projek Pembangunan Rolling Plan ke-4 (RP4) Rancangan Malaysia ke-12 (RMK12), beliau berkata, 65.82 peratus atau RM59.24 bilion daripada peruntukan keseluruhan RM90 bilion melibatkan 8,719 projek telah direkodkan setakat 4 November lepas.

"Dalam hal ini, semua kementerian hendaklah terus berusaha keras bagi memastikan peruntukan pembangunan dapat dibelanjakan secara optimum serta melonjakkan prestasi perbelanjaan melebihi 95 peratus untuk RP4," katanya.

Untuk tujuan itu, beliau mahu ketua setiausaha di semua kementerian untuk melaksanakan pendekatan tegas dan mesti bersifat pembaharuan terhadap pelaksanaan program atau projek pembangunan.

"Hal ini adalah supaya pembangunan negara yang lebih mampan dapat dirasakan oleh segenap lapisan masyarakat," katanya.

Selain kecekapan pengurusan program atau projek, Shamsul Azri mahu keutamaan pelaksanaan diberikan kepada program atau projek awam demi mencapai keberhasilan terbaik kepada rakyat.

"Penilaian keberkesanan dan keberhasilan program atau projek perlu terus dibudayakan supaya dapat memberi gambaran rasional tentang manfaatnya kepada kumpulan sasaran," katanya. - Bernama

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Teknologi AI boleh sabotaj seseorang - Pakar

SHAH ALAM - Teknologi *deepfake* kecerdasan buatan (AI) membolehkan penciptaan video palsu dilakukan termasuk mensabotaj seseorang dalam situasi yang dirancang.

Ketua Kumpulan Inisiatif Penyelidikan Sistem Pintar UiTM (RIGIS), Profesor Madya Dr Shuzlina Abdul Rahman berkata, seseorang mampu menghasilkan audio dan video yang kelihatan sangat realistik menggunakan teknologi AI.

"Ia termasuk video menyerupai wajah dan suara seseorang dalam situasi yang mungkin tidak pernah berlaku.

"Teknologi *deepfake* itu boleh menyebabkan kekeliruan dan salah faham. Teknik AI ini mampu mempelajari data daripada gambar serta suara yang banyak untuk meniru gaya penampilan individu tertentu," katanya kepada *Sinar Harian*.

Menurut Shuzlina, dalam konteks politik, video palsu boleh

digunakan untuk menabur fitnah atau menimbulkan persepsi negatif terhadap seseorang tokoh terutama jika disebarkan kepada khalayak ramai.

"Tidak dinafikan AI boleh mensabotaj seseorang terutamanya dalam aspek reputasi. Ini bukan suatu perkara yang baharu, ia telah diguna



SHUZLINA

pakai oleh ahli politik luar negara untuk memanipulasi isu dalam sesuatu pilihan raya," ujarnya.

Beliau menjelaskan, dalam politik atau perniagaan reputasi adalah aset yang sangat penting.

"Jika seseorang berniat ingin merosakkan imej individu berpengaruh, AI adalah alat efektif

dan berisiko tinggi terutama jika terjatuh ke tangan yang salah.

"Saya melihat perkara ini sebagai isu yang memerlukan perhatian serius. Jadi untuk pastikan AI digunakan dengan beretika, kita perlu menetapkan penguatkuasaan undang-undang serta peraturan ketat.

"Saya setuju bahawa teknologi itu harus diselia secara bertanggungjawab agar tidak disalah guna untuk tujuan yang memudaratkan," katanya.

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40 peratus B60 tak daftar JPJ

Kaedah levi ikut pemilihan kenderaan untuk subsidi RON95 berisiko sebabkan keciciran lebih besar

Oleh FARAH SHAZWANI ALI
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Kerajaan melihat kaedah mengenakan levi mengikut pemilihan kenderaan dalam pelaksanaan penyasaran subsidi RON95 berisiko menyebabkan keciciran lebih besar dalam kalangan golongan sasar boleh dibantu.

Menteri Ekonomi, Rafizi Ramli berkata, berdasarkan data Sistem Pangkalan Data Utama (PADU), kira-kira 40 peratus daripada keluarga B60 tidak mempunyai pemilihan kenderaan dalam pendaftaran di Jabatan Pengangkutan Jalan (JPJ).

"Jadi, kita ada masalah kalau menggunakan pendaftaran kenderaan untuk

mengendalikan penyasaran semula subsidi. Hakikatnya, bagi keluarga terbawah, mereka sebenarnya tidak ada pun pendaftaran kenderaan kerana ada keluarga yang mungkin menggunakan motosikal atas nama orang lain.

"Kita juga telah lalui perkara ini semasa pelaksanaan penyasaran diesel, di mana orang menggunakan nama orang lain untuk kenderaan itu. Jadi, data itu menunjukkan ketidakpadanan besar akibat amalan berlainan di peringkat bawah, sama ada orang sambung bayar, ibu bapa beli untuk orang lain atau guna nama orang lain.

"Maka, untuk kita menggunakan kaedah pendaftaran kenderaan sebenarnya risiko keciciran adalah lebih besar," katanya ketika Waktu Pertanyaan Menteri di Dewan Rakyat pada Selasa.

Beliau berkata demikian ketika menjawab pertanyaan **Suhaizan Kaiat (PH-Pulau)** berkaitan kaedah mengenakan levi mengikut pemilihan kenderaan dalam pelaksanaan penyasaran subsidi RON95.

Tambah Rafizi, tiada satu kaedah yang sempurna kerana mana-mana kaedah akan menyebabkan sedikit risiko masalah ope-

rasi, penipuan dan kos.

"Tetapi paling utama kerajaan meletakkan keutamaan mengawal harga barang dan mengekalkan inflasi mengatasi segala-galanya.

"Semasa perbincangan dilakukan, semua perkara telah diperhalusi termasuk kaedah memberi bayaran tunai iaitu harga dinaikkan tapi dipulangkan kembali dalam bentuk bantuan bulanan.

"Secara umumnya, rata-rata ahli ekonomi mengatakan kaedah bayaran tunai adalah lebih baik kerana ia tidak melibatkan operasi di stesen minyak yang boleh mengganggu kelancaran operasi stesen minyak itu.

"Bagaimanapun, kerajaan melihat risiko kenaikan harga barang kerana kita sedia maklum apabila naik sahaja harga minyak, itu akan berlaku sehingga menyebabkan inflasi. Jadi, keutamaan sekarang adalahutamakan mengawal inflasi berbanding kaedah-kaedah lain," ujar beliau.

Jelas Rafizi, pelaksanaan GST dan



RAFIZI

pengapungan harga minyak bermula pada tahun 2015 telah menyebabkan kenaikan harga makanan dalam tempoh 2015 hingga 2018 antara tiga peratus ke tujuh peratus secara berterusan.

"Kita juga mewarisi kenaikan inflasi yang mendadak semasa 2021 ke 2022 dan Dewan Rakyat sedia maklum apabila inflasi naik, maka harga barang kekal di situ.

Satu-satunya cara menangani kos sara hidup ini adalah memastikan kenaikan gaji lebih cepat daripada inflasi.

"Atas pertimbangan itu, walaupun pelaksanaan melalui kaedah harga dua peringkat ini ada risiko pelaksanaan di stesen minyak, ia adalah sesuatu yang boleh diperbaiki dari masa ke masa berbanding kalau ia dilaksanakan dan menyebabkan inflasi naik mendadak.

"Untuk membaiki dan memastikan harga barang rendah sebenarnya lebih susah. Itu lebih membebankan rakyat pada masa akan datang," jelasnya.

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RAFIZI ketika menjawab soalan di Dewan Rakyat, Kuala Lumpur semalam.

Tiada kaedah sempurna berkaitan subsidi minyak

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KUALA LUMPUR — Menteri Ekonomi, Rafizi Ramli berkata, tidak ada satu kaedah yang sempurna berhubung pelaksanaan penyasaran subsidi bahan api termasuk RON95.

Katanya, mana-mana kaedah akan melibatkan sedikit risiko dari segi masalah operasi, penipuan dan kos tetapi kerajaan meletakkan keutamaan mengawal harga barang dan mengekang inflasi mengatasi segala-galanya.

"Atas pertimbangan itu, walaupun sedia maklum bahawa pelaksanaan melalui kaedah harga berperingkat ini ada risiko pelaksanaan di stesen minyak, ini adalah sesuatu yang boleh diperbaiki dari masa ke semasa.

"Berbanding contohnya, kalau dilaksanakan dan menyebabkan inflasi naik mendadak, untuk membaiki itu dan menurunkan harga barang sebenarnya lebih susah dan itu akan membebankan rakyat pada masa akan datang," katan-

ya di Dewan Rakyat semalam.

Beliau berkata demikian bagi menjawab soalan Suhaizan Kaiat (**PH-Pulau**) mengenai mekanisme penggunaan kad pengenalan yang terdedah kepada masalah kerosakan cip kad pengenalan, capai internet perlahan di luar bandar, penipuan kelayakan, tambahan kos sistem pengesahan dan melambatkan proses pembelian minyak.

Dalam pada itu, Rafizi berkata, meskipun rata-rata menyatakan bayaran tunai adalah lebih baik kerana tidak melibatkan operasi di stesen minyak namun kerajaan melihat risiko kenaikan harga barang.

"Kita sedia maklum, apabila naik sahaja harga minyak, ia akan menyebabkan kenaikan inflasi walaupun tidak terkesan kepada peniaga tertentu, itu akan jadi alasan.

"Jadi, keutamaan kerajaan ialah mengawal inflasi berbanding dengan kaedah-kaedah lain," katanya.

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TINJAUAN Banjir di Sekolah Kebangsaan Batu Belah, Klang akibat hujan lebat.



JALAN Meru, Bandar Bukit Raja, Klang dilanda banjir kilat.

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Hujan tanpa henti sejak jam 8 pagi semalam mengakibatkan beberapa kawasan di sekitar Shah Alam dan Klang dilanda banjir kilat.

Selama beberapa jam, orang ramai di sekitar kawasan Seksyen 13, Meru, Setia Alam, Bandar Bukit Raja dan Kapar berkongsi keadaan kawasan masing-masing yang berdepan banjir kilat di media sosial.

Banjir kilat itu juga menyebabkan berlaku kesesakan memandangkan kejadian berlaku pada waktu puncak orang ramai keluar bekerja.

Bagaimanapun Penolong Pengarah Operasi Jabatan Bomba dan Penyelamat Selangor Ahmad Mukhlis Mokhtar ketika dihubungi berkata, rata-rata kawasan

BANJIR KILAT SEKITAR SHAH ALAM, KLANG

Kesesakan jalan raya pada waktu puncak

yang terkesan sudah surut.

"Anggota bomba ada buat pemantauan di kawasan masing-masing dan banjir kilat semakin surut.

"Setakat ini, tiada panggilan kecemasan diterima, namun kami terus buat pemantauan," katanya ketika dihubungi, semalam.

Menurutnya, antara lokasi pemantauan di sepanjang pagi semalam adalah di Bandar Setia Alam oleh Balai Bomba dan Penyelamat (BBP) Kapar.

"Komander operasi melaporkan terdapat banjir kilat berkedalaman 0.6 meter. Tiada mangsa dilaporkan



HUJAN lebat mengakibatkan laluan di beberapa kawasan di Klang sesak.

kan terperangkap dan paras air semakin surut.

"Sementara itu, BBP Klang Utara turut membuat pemantauan di Jalan Haji Sirat, Jalan Bukit Raja, Jalan Istimewa, Jalan Batu 4, Jalan Kapar Batu 3, Petronas Klang Utama, Taman Cempaka Sari dan juga Jalan Pekan Baru 28," katanya.

"Komander operasi melaporkan terdapat banjir kilat berkedalaman 0.6 meter. Tiada mangsa dilaporkan terperangkap dan paras air semakin surut"

Penolong Pengarah Operasi Jabatan Bomba dan Penyelamat Selangor Ahmad Mukhlis Mokhtar

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Pendapatan pelaburan Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja (KWSP) meningkat RM5 bilion kepada RM19.67 bilion pada suku ketiga 2024 daripada RM14.67 bilion pada suku ketiga 2023.

Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif KWSP, Ahmad Zulqarnain Onn berkata, ini menjadikan jumlah pendapatan pelaburan sebanyak RM57.57 bilion bagi Januari hingga September 2024, meningkat 20 peratus berbanding RM47.86 bilion dalam tempoh sama pada 2023.

"Prestasi kukuh KWSP adalah bukti kepada strategi pelaburannya yang merangkumi portfolio yang pelbagai merentasi kelas aset utama," katanya dalam satu kenyataan, kelmarin.

Menurutnya, Keluaran Dalam Negara Kasar (KDNG) Malaysia meningkat dengan kukuh sebanyak 5.9 peratus tahun ke tahun pada suku kedua 2024.

"Pengurangan kadar faedah di Amerika Syarikat (AS) yang dinantikan mendorong sentimen pasaran dan keuntungan merentasi pelbagai sektor, termasuk amanah pelaburan hartanah, utiliti dan kewangan, yang semuanya memberi kesan positif kepada portfolio pelaburan KWSP.

"Bagaimanapun, risiko kekal dalam prospek global seperti trajektori dan kadar pengurangan kadar faedah, ketegangan geopolitik yang berterusan dan semakin meningkat terutama di Timur Tengah, serta potensi tarif import yang lebih tinggi ke AS dengan pemilihan Donald Trump minggu lepas," kata Ahmad Zulqarnain.

Beliau berkata, pendapatan daripada pelaburan ekuiti terus menjadi penyumbang besar kepada pendapatan suku ketiga



PELABURAN hartanah, infrastruktur catatkan keuntungan RM820 juta dalam suku ketiga 2024.

PENDAPATAN PELABURAN KWSP

CATAT RM19.67B SUKU KETIGA 2024

2024, menjana sebanyak RM18.32 bilion berbanding RM9.17 bilion dalam suku ketiga 2023.

Sementara itu, instrumen pendapatan tetap menyediakan aliran pendapatan stabil dan mengurangkan impak ketidakpastian pasaran jangka pendek - dengan kelas aset ini, merangkumi Sekuriti Kerajaan Malaysia dan bon sama taraf, serta pinja-

man dan bon, menyumbang 33 peratus atau RM6.51 bilion kepada jumlah pendapatan pelaburan KWSP bagi suku ketiga 2024.

Hartanah dan infrastruktur pula mencatatkan keuntungan sebanyak RM820 juta dalam suku ketiga 2024 berdasarkan kadar mata wang tetap.

Pelaburan KWSP dalam hartanah dan infrastruktur untuk jangka masa panjang

lam hartanah dan infrastruktur serta instrumen pasaran wang didenominasi dalam mata wang selain ringgit, dan dengan pengukuhan ringgit baru-baru ini berbanding dolar AS pada suku ketiga 2024, kelas aset ini masing-masing mengalami kerugian RM3.71 bilion dan RM1.45 bilion selepas penukaran mata wang asing," katanya.

Bagaimanapun, kedudukan ini bersifat sementara, mencerminkan pergerakan mata wang sama-

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Selain itu, pelaburan KWSP dalam hartanah dan infrastruktur adalah untuk jangka masa panjang, dengan pergerakan mata wang mempunyai impak yang lebih kecil terhadap pulangan sebenar keseluruhan.

Setakat September 2024, jumlah aset pelaburan KWSP berjumlah RM1.22 trilion dengan 62.2 peratus dan 37.8 peratus diperuntukkan kepada pelaburan dalam dan luar negara. - Bernama

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Pelaksanaan berkesan elak ketirisan, realisasikan Belanjawan 2025

- Seiring rekod peningkatan bagi melaksanakan Belanjawan 2025 jumlah inisiatif, program dan perancangan kali ini juga mencerminkan pertambahan ketara berbanding Belanjawan 2024

- Peruntukan Belanjawan 2025 sangat bersejarah tetapi hasilnya akan terjejas sekiranya pelaksanaan sangat perlahan. Isu ketirisan dan pembaziran juga akan mendapat perhatian



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Lembaga Pengarah
World Trade Centre
Associations (WTCA)

Dengan jumlah RM421 bilion diperuntukkan untuk Belanjawan 2025 Malaysia MADANI, Rang Undang-Undang (RUU) Perbekalan berkaitan dibahasakan di Dewan Rakyat sebelum dibawa ke peringkat Dewan Negara.

Seperti lazimnya dasar tahunan itu akan diterima dan diluluskan Parlimen, dijangka selesai pertengahan bulan depan untuk dikuatkuasakan mulai Januari 2025, demi rakyat dan negara merasai hasil pelaksanaannya, sama ada dalam kadar segera mahupun secara berperingkat.

Hasil beberapa strategi tidak mungkin akan dinikmati dengan segera pada tahun pelaksanaan. Ia akan memakan masa.

Apa yang penting, kita perlu ada peruntukan kewangan secukupnya untuk memberikan apa rakyat perlukan dengan sejumlah program dan aktiviti berkaitan untuk dilaksanakan mengikut keperluan semasa.

Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim yang juga Menteri Kewangan I ketika membentangkan dokumen belanjawan di Dewan Rakyat bulan lepas, menekankan peruntukan itu yang paling besar dalam sejarah negara, menyediakan demi kesejahteraan rakyat dan negara.

Jumlah itu merangkumi sekitar 20.1 peratus daripada Keluaran Dalam Negeri Kasar (KDNK) dengan RM335 bilion diperuntukkan untuk perbelanjaan mengurus, manakala RM86 bilion untuk perbelanjaan pembangunan.

Ia jauh lebih besar berbanding peruntukan belanjawan lebih enam dekad lalu apabila negara mencapai kemerdekaan, sekali gus berdikari dalam proses membangunkan negara dan mula mengatur strategi bagi menambah baik kesejahteraan rakyat.

Dalam mengetengahkan cadangan peruntukan berjumlah RM421 bilion, Perdana Menteri menarik perhatian bahawa hasil Kerajaan Persekutuan dianggarkan meningkat 5.5 peratus kepada RM339.7 bilion seiring prospek ekonomi 2025 dijangka lebih baik dengan defisit fiskal diunjur pada 3.8 peratus.

Kadar inflasi dianggarkan antara 2 peratus hingga 3.5 peratus.

"Malah, Bank Dunia juga menaikkan unjuran pertumbuhan Malaysia kepada 4.9 peratus berbanding 4.3 peratus April lalu," katanya.

Tambah beliau: "Walhasil, segala ikhtiar dibentang hari ini adalah untuk menyusul setiap penanda aras Ekonomi MADANI dengan tiga tumpuan, iaitu membugar ekonomi, menjaga perubahan dan kesejahteraan rakyat."

Jumlah peruntukan bersejarah itu kali kedua berturut-turut. Ia membuktikan usaha kerajaan terus mencorakkan kedudukan ekonomi negara, lalu memperbaiki kedudukan sosioekonomi rakyat.

Tahun lepas, buat julung kali, beliau berkata, negara mencatatkan rekod peruntukan paling tinggi dalam sejarah. Kerajaan memperuntukkan RM393.8 bilion dalam Belanjawan 2024, sekali gus

menyaksikan belanjawan tertinggi pernah dibentangkan dalam sejarah negara.

Daripada jumlah itu, RM303.8 bilion adalah untuk belanja mengurus; belanja pembangunan (RM90 bilion) dan simpanan luar jangka (RM2 bilion).

"Perbelanjaan itu membabitkan penambahan siling Rancangan Malaysia Ke-12 (RMK12) sebanyak RM15 bilion menjadikan jumlah keseluruhan RM415 bilion untuk tempoh lima tahun. Penambahan ini menunjukkan, kerajaan mengamalkan pendekatan fiskal mengembang walaupun pada masa sama bertanggungjawab mengurangkan defisit fiskal secara berperingkat," jelasnya.

Seiring rekod peningkatan bagi melaksanakan Belanjawan 2025, jumlah inisiatif, program dan perancangan kali ini juga mencerminkan pertambahan ketara berbanding Belanjawan 2024.

Peningkatan lebih dua kali ganda

Perbandingan secara kasar menunjukkan bilangannya meningkatkan lebih dua kali ganda. Dalam lain perkataan, ia menunjukkan lebih banyak program, aktiviti dan inisiatif serta insentif bakal dilaksanakan sepanjang tahun depan akan mengalami peningkatan atau pertambahan besar.

Bermakna terdapat banyak pengisian untuk diterjemahkan dalam bentuk pelaksanaan.

Belanjawan 2025 memfokus usaha menelusuri Ekonomi MADANI, mengislah lebih tegas, menghapus kerenah birokrasi, menaikkan gaji dan pendapatan dan menangani kos sara hidup.

Dalam hal ini, menurut Anwar, "Bagi menjamin perubahan, tekad reformasi yang kita anjurkan mesti terpasak kemas dengan keyakinan ia mesti diperhebat dengan mencakup langkah pembaharuan fiskal lebih segar dan secara lebih agresif, memungkinkan rombakan institusi serta meningkatkan tahap keupayaan dan ketangkasan serta mutu perkhidmatan kepada rakyat."

Sementara pelbagai reaksi, komen dan ulasan diutarakan pelbagai pihak secara formal dan tidak formal, kita patut mengucapkan syabas dan tah-

niah kepada kedua-dua Menteri Kewangan I, iaitu Anwar sendiri dan Menteri Kewangan II, Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan atas kerja keras mereka dalam memberi wajah kepada Belanjawan 2025.

Tidak ada belanjawan tahunan serba lengkap dan padu. Pun begitu, cadangan Belanjawan 2025 bagi Amir Hamzah, beliau sebagai mantan pegawai tertinggi di pelbagai syarikat milik kerajaan dan swasta, termasuk dan Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja (KWSP), ini belanjawan pertama bagi beliau.

Belanjawan 2024 diluluskan Parlimen pada Disember tahun lalu menjadi Belanjawan MADANI Kedua sebagai kesinambungan dasar menelusuri Kerangka Ekonomi MADANI membabitkan tiga tumpuan utama, iaitu Tatakelola Terbaik, Demi Ketangkasan Perkhidmatan; Penstrukturan Semula Ekonomi Bagi Melonjak Pertumbuhan; Peningkatan Darjat Hidup Rakyat.

Selari dengan kehendak ketika itu, Timbalan Menteri Kewangan ketika itu, Datuk Seri Ahmad Maslan, mengumumkan Jawatankuasa Pemantauan Bajet akan ditubuhkan bagi menyemak dan memastikan peruntukan Belanjawan 2024 disalurkan sebaik mungkin kepada rakyat.

Beliau berkata, jawatankuasa berkenaan diketuai Perdana Menteri dan Menteri Kewangan.

Rakyat menyambut baik jumlah peruntukan bersejarah ini. Ia satu rekod. Tercatat dalam sejarah negara. Kita semua berbangga dengan peruntukan terbesar. Negara bertuah kerana berjaya menyediakan satu peruntukan bersejarah ini.

Sebaik sahaja Belanjawan 2025 diluluskan Parlimen, kesemua strategi digariskan akan mula dilaksanakan dan direalisasikan sepanjang 365 hari akan datang. Rakyat perlu merasai dan menikmati setiap ringgit dibelanjakan secara efektif agar hasilnya akan kelihatan.

Setiap ringgit perlu tiba di lapangan sama ada secara langsung ataupun secara tidak langsung. Jika tidak, rakyat akan berasa sangat kecewa.

Peruntukan Belanjawan 2025 sangat bersejarah tetapi hasilnya akan terjejas sekiranya pelaksanaan sangat perlahan. Isu ketirisan dan pembaziran juga akan mendapat perhatian. Kita berharap strategi yang berkesan akan membantu mengurangkan isu didekahkan Laporan Ketua Audit Negara saban tahun.

Justeru, perlu ada strategi, pelaksanaan dan pemantauan berkesan agar tidak ada ketirisan di sana sini. Sektor swasta dan pemain industri wajar memainkan peranan membantu kerajaan untuk menjadi ejen memberikan maklum balas kepada kerajaan.

Saya selaku pemain industri acara perniagaan, kaedah ini amat penting agar Belanjawan 2025 didokong seluruh rakyat supaya impak positif berteraskan pelaksanaan berstrategik dapat digembeng bersama.

Sekali lagi ditegaskan, tidak guna kita menyediakan peruntukan mencatat rekod, tetapi impaknya tidak seiring dan selari dengan peruntukan bersejarah.

Di harap setiap pihak dari atas ke bawah dan dari bawah ke atas akan menunaikan tanggungjawab dan peranan masing-masing dengan berkesan dalam merealisasikan matlamat Belanjawan 2025.



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SHAH ALAM: Jalan-jalan utama di sekitar bandar raya ini dan Klang dilanda banjir kilat susulan hujan lebat lebih tiga jam sejak awal pagi, semalam.

Antara kawasan terlibat termasuklah Seksyen 13 berdekatan Stadium Shah Alam apabila paras air Sungai Damansara meningkat, selain itu turut dilanda banjir kilat di kawasan Setia Alam, Bukit Raja dan Meru dengan ketinggian sehingga dua kaki.

Penolong Pengarah Operasi Jabatan Bomba dan Penyelamat Malaysia (JBPM) Selangor, Ahmad Mukhlis Mokhtar berkata, susulan hujan lebat itu pihaknya menggerakkan pegawai dan anggota dari balai-balai berhampiran bagi memantau.

"Terdapat banjir kilat berkedalaman dua kaki (Jalan Setia Prima E U13/E - Bandar Setia Alam). Tiada mangsa yang terperangkap dilaporkan dan paras air semakin surut.

"Semua balai membuat pemantauan, namun tiada panggilan kecemasan diterima. Kami membuat pemantauan sahaja," katanya kepada pember-



SEBUAH kenderaan terkandas selepas terperangkap dalam banjir kilat melanda Persiaran Surian, Damansara, serta beberapa kawasan lain sekitar bandar-bandar utama di Selangor, semalam.

ita semalam.

Jalan utama termasuk lebuh raya menuju ke Kuala Lumpur dilaporkan dinaiki air sehingga menyebabkan kesesakan lalu lintas dengan beberapa buah kenderaan terkandas.

Antara laluan terlibat termasuk dua laluan utama di Selangor iaitu Kilometer 3.3 Lebuhraya Lembah Klang Selatan (SKVE)

dan Jalan Kuala Selangor mengalami kesesakan.

Lembaga Lebuhraya Malaysia (LLM) menerusi kenyataan memaklumkan banjir kilat dilaporkan berlaku sekitar Lebuhraya Damansara Puchong.

Menerusi laporan dikeluarkan kira-kira jam 8.16 pagi, berlakunya banjir kilat di Kilometer 4.9 hingga 5.0 arah Utara dari

Bandar Utama ke Penchala. Laluan susur serta lorong tengah dan lorong kiri laluan utama terhalang mengakibatkan kesesakan trafik.

Banjir kilat turut dilaporkan melanda laluan utama dari Aman Puri menghala ke Kepung serta jalan raya sekitar Batu Caves sehingga menyebabkan kesesakan trafik kira-kira sejam.

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Kesan pada alam sekitar, gangguan hormon, kanser

13.8 juta tan sisa plastik setahun

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KANGAR: Dianggarkan 13.8 juta tan metrik sisa plastik direkodkan di negara ini setahun termasuk membabitkan beg plastik sekali guna yang sekali gus mampu memberi ancaman besar kepada alam sekitar dan kesihatan.

Justeru, langkah kerajaan untuk mempertimbang menghentikan pemberian beg plastik sekali guna di seluruh negara seawal tahun 2026 disifatkan cukup baik yang perlu segera diikuti oleh negeri-negeri yang lain.

Bercakap kepada *Utusan Malaysia*, Koordinator Pertubuhan Alam Sekitar Sejahtera Malaysia (Grass) Perlis, Rosnani Nazri berkata, penggunaan plastik yang meluas boleh memberi kesan negatif kepada alam sekitar termasuk terhadap kesihatan manusia.

Katanya, kesan kepada pencemaran alam sekitar apabila beg plastik yang tidak terurai boleh mencemari tanah dan air sehingga mengakibatkan kerosakan kepada ekosistem.

Ujarnya, ia juga memberi ancaman kepada hidupan liar di mana haiwan boleh tersangkut atau termakan plastik yang boleh menyebabkan kecederaan atau kematian.

Selain itu, katanya, berkaitan peningkatan sisa pepejal, beg plastik yang menyumbang kepada peningkatan jumlah sisa



ROSNANI Nazri menunjukkan sisa plastik yang dikutipnya di Kuala Perlis, baru-baru ini.

pepejal tersebut yang perlu diuruskan boleh membebankan terhadap sistem pengurusan sisa.

"Antara kesan pencemaran lain adalah terhadap tanah dan air di mana beg plastik yang dibuang sembarangan boleh mencemari tanah dan sumber air. Plastik mengambil masa beratus-ratus tahun untuk terurai, menyebabkan pencemaran jangka panjang.

"Daripada segi pencemaran laut, beg plastik sering kali berakhir di lautan di mana ia boleh membahayakan hidupan laut. Hidupan laut seperti penyu dan ikan boleh tersangkut atau termakan plastik yang boleh menyebabkan kecederaan atau

kematian.

"Beg plastik menyumbang kepada jumlah sisa pepejal yang besar sukar diuruskan dan memerlukan ruang pelupusan yang banyak," katanya.

Kelmarin *Utusan Malaysia* melaporkan, kerajaan mempertimbangkan untuk menghentikan pemberian beg plastik sekali guna di seluruh negara seawal tahun 2026.

Menteri Sumber Asli dan Kelestarian Alam (NRECC), Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad dilaporkan berkata, setakat ini, dua negeri dan satu daerah iaitu Negeri Sembilan, Pulau Pinang dan Kota Kinabalu sudah pun melaksanakan dasar tiada beg plastik sekali guna.

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8,719 projek berjaya dicapai dalam RMK12

PUTRAJAYA: Prestasi Projek Pembangunan Rolling Plan (RP) 4 Rancangan Malaysia Ke-12 (RMK12) sehingga merekodkan pencapaian sebanyak 65.82 peratus atau RM59.24 bilion.

Ketua Setiausaha Negara, Tan Sri Shamsul Azri Abu Bakar berkata, pencapaian itu dicatatkan setakat 4 November lalu daripada RM90 bilion yang diperuntukan.

Ia membabitkan 8,719 program serta projek yang berjaya dicapai dan dibangunkan setakat ini.

"Dalam hal ini, semua kementerian hendaklah berusaha keras memastikan peruntukan pembangunan dapat dibelanjakan secara optimum serta melonjakkan prestasi perbelanjaan melebihi 95 peratus untuk RP4.

"Bagi mencapai aspirasi RMK12 yang berbaki satu tahun sahaja lagi, saya ingin mengingatkan semua Ketua Setiausaha Kementerian untuk melaksana pendekatan tegas dan mesti bersifat reformatif terhadap pelaksanaan program atau projek pembangunan," katanya katanya ketika berucap pada Anugerah Pembangunan Negara Tahun 2024 di sini, semalam.

Shamsul Azri berkata, RM88 bilion daripada RM423 bilion diperuntukkan di bawah Perbelanjaan Pembangunan yang akan menjadi penggerak kepada pertumbuhan ekonomi.

Dalam hal ini, katanya, Belanjawan Madani 2025 adalah belanjawan terakhir dalam pelaksanaan RMK12 bagi menterjemah agenda pembangunan negara di samping jadi asas kepada permulaan penyediaan RMK13.

"Justeru, menjadi tanggungjawab kementerian, jabatan dan agensi memastikan segala program dan aktiviti yang dirancang diselaraskan dan diimplementasi sebaiknya supaya semua iltizam dan perancangan Kerajaan melalui Belanjawan Madani 2025 dapat dicapai," katanya.

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Jumlah rumah mampu milik hampiri sasaran

KUALA LUMPUR: Sasaran penyediaan rumah mampu milik hanya berbaki 56,741 unit rumah dan Kementerian Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan (KPKT) yakin mampu menyelesaikan projek berkenaan pada penghujung pelaksanaan Rancangan Malaysia ke-12 (RMK12).

Menteri Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan, Nga Kor Ming berkata, sehingga 30 September lalu, sebanyak 443,259 unit atau 89 peratus rumah mampu milik telah siap dibina, dalam pembinaan dan dalam perancangan di seluruh negara sama ada di

bandar mahupun luar bandar.

"Sekiranya berjaya dilaksanakan sepenuhnya, ini adalah kali pertama sasaran pembangunan rumah mampu milik berjaya dicapai mengikut perancangan Rancangan Malaysia ke-12," katanya ketika menggulung perbahasan Rang Undang-Undang Perbekalan (Belanjawan) 2025 di Dewan Rakyat, semalam.

Dalam pada itu, Kor Ming memaklumkan, terdapat 303 projek berstatus lewat, 379 projek berstatus sakit dan 113 projek dalam kategori terbengkalai sedang dalam pemantauan KPKT.

Katanya, jumlah tersebut adalah setakat 30 September lalu.

"Task Force Perumahan Swasta Sakit dan Terbengkalai (TFST) sejak penubuhannya pada Disember 2022 sehingga 30 September 2024, sebanyak 823 projek perumahan swasta melibatkan 99,836 unit rumah telah diselesaikan dengan nilai pembangunan kasar (GDV) sebanyak RM84.40 bilion.

"Maklumat projek sakit ini turut dipaparkan kepada orang awam melalui Sistem Bank Data Perumahan Negara (portal TEDUH KPKT) sebagai rujukan bakal pembeli rumah dan pihak

pembiaya," ujarnya.

Katanya, bagi projek sakit Residensi Hektar, Gombak, KPKT telah mengambil langkah proaktif untuk berbincang dengan Kementerian Kewangan agar dapat meneruskan inisiatif pada tahun akan datang termasuk perluasan pelaksanaannya kepada projek perumahan swasta di Sabah dan Sarawak.

"KPKT akan berusaha sebaik mungkin untuk meminimumkan projek sakit dan terbengkalai melalui inisiatif-inisiatif di bawah KPKT yang diselenggarakan melalui TFST," ujarnya.

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'HEED THE LAW'

KING: CIVIL SERVANTS MUST UPHOLD INTEGRITY

Politicians come and go, but govt officials stay in their roles, says Sultan Ibrahim

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HIS Majesty Sultan Ibrahim, King of Malaysia, wants civil servants to perform their duties in accordance with the law and never breach regulations.

Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Shamsul Azri Abu

Bakar said the king gave the directive during an audience at Istana Negara yesterday morning.

"I was granted an audience with the king at Istana Negara. His Majesty instructed government officials to follow the rules and never violate regulations.

"His Majesty said government officials stay in their roles, while politicians come and go. Even the king comes and goes.

"So, do your work with integri-

ty," he said during the 2024 National Development Awards.

The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) recently revealed that 545, or 43.4 per cent, of the 1,257 individuals detained between January and October were civil servants.

MACC Chief Commissioner Tan Sri Azam Baki had said of those detained, nine were in senior management, 181 in professional management and 357 in execution or support roles.

Shamsul said all programmes and projects must be managed and carried out with full accountability and integrity to uphold



Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Shamsul Azri Abu Bakar says His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim, King of Malaysia, instructed government officials to follow the rules and never violate regulations. BERNAMA PIC

good governance.

He said this would boost stakeholders' confidence in the planning and implementation of government projects.

On another matter, he said the Fourth Rolling Plan of the 12th Malaysia Plan (12MP) had reached 65.82 per cent, or RM59.24 billion, of the RM90 billion allocated up to Nov 4, involving 8,719 programmes and projects.

"All ministries must work diligently to ensure development funds are optimally used and to boost spending performance beyond 95 per cent for the Fourth Rolling Plan.

"With only one year left to meet the 12MP's goals, I urge all ministry secretaries-general to take a firm and reformative approach to executing development programmes and projects," he said.

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Web of dishonesty strangling nation

MANY will have forgotten a speech by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim last May, in which he called for more frequent dialogues between people of different faiths to build bridges across cultures and religions.

Last November, Anwar spoke on the importance of moral empowerment and how the values shared by two religions – Islam and Confucianism – can guide us towards more ethical paths.

The big lesson we can learn from Confucius is that relationships in the family should be a model for larger circles of relationship. From Islam, we learn that we need to organise ourselves into a unified citizenry to shape a new era of global ethical governance.

Anwar's remarks are timely as Malaysia has sunk into a deep moral crisis, and everyone needs to realise that if this crisis stays unresolved, it will cripple our nation. It is the crisis of dishonesty.

Johan Jaafar, a renowned journalist, had written two years ago: "Some believe integrity, the very foundation of honesty and consistency of character, is fast evaporating. We have changed as a nation, sadly not for the better. Dishonesty is a virus that is endangering the future of the nation."

Imagine the consequences if every member of a family is dishonest: spouses are dishonest with each other, and as parents they are dishonest with their children. In turn, children are dishonest with their parents and siblings. The family will break up. This is Malaysia's fate if we fail to eliminate the web of dishonesty before it envelops us all in its coils like a million-tentacled monster.

The lack of honest responsibility infects the public and private sectors as well as their hybrid entities – the government-linked companies (GLC) and government-linked investment companies (GLIC).

Let us start by examining the visible signs of dishonesty within the public sector. Almost all of our cities have one common feature: unrepaired potholes and road depressions. It may take months for local councils to act, and when contractors are hired, they frequently use substandard materials.

But why is it dishonest for civil servants to be slow in addressing these issues? Officers are paid to be productive, and not to slack. Delays

cost money, and the cost is unmeasured because vehicle repair expenses are borne by vehicle owners.

Many road users have suffered vehicle damage, bodily injuries, and some have even lost their lives due to long-unrepaired potholes and road iron covers that sit lower than the road surface. Little effort is made to raise these iron covers, which sink over time due to cracks in the surrounding concrete or when the road is resurfaced.

Walk through most of our cities and notice the poor maintenance that characterises many public buildings, infrastructure and amenities. The upkeep of drains is particularly appalling.

Litter on public streets and sidewalks often remains uncollected for weeks and months, yet cleaning service contractors are routinely paid their monthly fees. Isn't this blatant dishonesty?

Lately, it has been revealed that the C-suites of some GLC and GLIC routinely enjoy fully paid luxury overseas holidays regardless of whether their companies outperform or underperform. Are these legitimate job rewards?

Let us turn to the private sector. Everywhere you look, the monster of dishonesty is prowling. Our cities are dotted with People's Housing Projects, yet many residents fail to pay the low maintenance fees, despite having Astro and owning cars.

We have not yet addressed fraud and tax evasion, but now we must turn to one of the most insidious forms of dishonesty, second only to political corruption: scams. All our lives are being touched by scams. If you have not been a victim, and do not know anyone who has, it simply means your turn has not come.

In 2022, RM804 million was lost to scammers, and the figure surged to RM1.34 billion last year, according to the Communications and Digital Ministry. In 2023, a total of 33,235 scam cases were reported to the National Scam Response Centre. The government believes the actual losses may be higher, as many cases were reported directly to the police.

Victims have fallen prey to telecommunication scams, financial fraud, love scams, e-commerce scams, fake loans and bogus investments. Many have lost their life savings. Complaints about investment scams shot up by over 300% between 2019 and 2023, the Securities Commission



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revealed last week. Nearly RM1 billion has been lost to investment scammers so far this year.

The notorious scam, long known as the "macao scam", may be more accurately described as the "jail scam" because the tactic used is to frighten victims into believing they have committed a crime and will be detained in jail.

Last year's victims included many people in their 40s, 50s and 60s, and one person in his 20s. Among them were teachers and lecturers, managers, analysts, doctors, farmers, engineers, pensioners and civil servants.

The standard tactic involves a junior scammer posing as an official from a government ministry, such as the tax department, courier company, shipping company, bank, post office, insurance company or similar. You are informed that your name has appeared in a suspicious document.

Once you express concern, two senior scammers will take over, pretending to be a police sergeant and an inspector. They claim that a crime has been committed in your name and a warrant for your arrest has been issued, with detention pending investigation. The "good guy" sergeant offers you a way out – the usual one, of course: transferring large sums of money to several bank accounts.

A tragedy occurred at the end of last year when a 95-year-old retired civil servant, who had been scammed out of RM18,000, became deeply distressed. His health rapidly deteriorated and he passed away.

The scammers are a multiethnic force of locals. We know this because they are able to speak any language

that their victims are most comfortable with. Backing up the scammers are large networks of collaborators with jobs that grant them access to databases, and who sell personal details, including phone numbers. Around 73% of mobile phone numbers used by approximately 20 million people in Malaysia have been leaked or sold to scammers.

Another network of collaborators are bank account holders who rent or sell their accounts to scammers. These accounts then become mule accounts to which scam victims are asked to transfer their money. Three months ago, the federal Commercial Crime Investigation Department disclosed that it had identified over 208,000 mule accounts linked to online scams and commercial crime activities.

These two networks cannot exist unless those in higher positions let it happen. Negligence is a form of dishonesty because superior officers are paid to remain vigilant.

The underlying reason for the spread of dishonesty is the erosion of the nation's cooperative spirit. Honesty and cooperation are closely intertwined; honesty fosters trust, which is essential for effective cooperation. Trust signals reliability, encouraging others to cooperate, knowing they are dealing with fellow citizens who value truthfulness.

In the formative years of civilisation, religion and politics were the twin foundational pillars of society. State religions developed public rituals to ensure that the honesty and cooperative behaviour that once bound members of small hunter-gatherer tribes together as one family would persist, despite the large,

unrelated populations characteristic of urban societies.

However, these same rituals are conducted today as mere requirements for obtaining a passport to heaven in the afterlife. All our religions are now mired in ritualistic shows of loyalty to God and conformity to set practices.

Although there are nine prominent religions in Malaysia – Islam, Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Sikhism, Taoism, Confucianism, Jainism and the Bahai Faith – the have failed to mould a united front to uphold cooperative behaviour.

Many religions have exploited the nation's multifath diversity to expand their membership in line with supremacist leanings, competing with other religions instead of bonding a one genre to provide high standards of honesty and cooperative behaviour for all citizens. Such rivalry undermines trust.

One common occurrence demonstrates this self-centredness: We are used to labelling the people of other religions as "unbelievers" or "non-believers" despite every citizen professing to uphold the first principle of the *Rukunegara* – Belief in God. They should be called friends.

By maintaining their tradition: conservatism instead of forging a united front, our religions have created a moral vacuum that allow the web of dishonesty to spread over society. Abundant sociohistoric evidence points to the conclusion that without trust and cooperation, a nation will perish.

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Proposal to make tougher roads for Port Klang

► RM107 million budget to fund upgrades as routes vital for heavy vehicles transporting goods, says works minister

KUALA LANGAT: Works Minister Datuk Seri Alexander Nanta Linggi has proposed that the construction and upgrading of the Pulau Indah Ring Road and Klang North Port roads use stronger, more resilient paving materials.

He explained that these materials would provide a more durable road surface, considering that these routes are vital for heavy vehicles transporting goods to and from Port Klang.

"This project is still in the planning stage," he said.

"It was identified and highlighted during the Budget 2025 presentation, so funding is already allocated to commence the work. We know the roads in this port area are used by heavy vehicles, such as container lorries and trucks carrying heavy loads. Therefore, when we develop this infrastructure, it must meet these demands," Nanta said.

He was speaking during a press conference following the inauguration of the Malaysia Construction Academy Tower Crane training site in the central region on Monday.

On Oct 18, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim announced an allocation of RM107 million under Budget 2025 for the construction and upgrading of roads at the Pulau Indah Ring Road and North Klang Port to support the nation's logistics sector.

In relation to the event, Nanta said by the end

of the year, a total of 600 individuals, including those in the tower crane field, would receive training through the Technical and Vocational Education and Training programme (TVET), Bernama reported.

He added that the collaboration between the Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) and Malaysian Resources Corporation Berhad (MRCB) aims to produce skilled workers in the construction industry, thus reducing dependence on foreign labour.

"This collaboration stems from a memorandum of understanding signed over a year ago between MRCB and CIDB. MRCB's commitment as an industry participant in supporting TVET will enable trainees to earn a good income, potentially exceeding RM5,000 as tower crane operators," he added.

Nanta also urged the private sector to pursue similar partnerships with CIDB to strengthen TVET initiatives in the construction sector.

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Parking touts **bane** of motorists

► Thuggish individuals demand payment for use of bays at free locations or areas under jurisdiction of authorities

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PETALING JAYA: Despite ongoing efforts to combat their activities, illegal parking touts continue to harass unsuspecting motorists in Kuala Lumpur by demanding payment and threatening those who oppose.

The issue is particularly rampant in busy, tourist-heavy areas of the city, where unauthorised individuals target motorists and collect fees for parking in public spaces that are

either free or regulated by the authorities.

If the motorists refuse to pay, the touts would often resort to using aggressive tactics and threats.

A victim of such touts, Muhammad Ryan Haizar, 25, said he was threatened when he refused to pay the RM8 demanded when he tried to park his car at a legal parking spot near Petaling Street at about 9pm.

"I parked my car to visit an exhibition that was being held there. There were not many options because it was a weekend and the other parking areas in the vicinity were full.

"I found a public parking spot and decided to park there. Once I had done so, a man approached me and demanded RM8," he said.

"I refused as I knew it was a public parking area, and he proceeded to threaten me, saying he would not be responsible if anything happened to my car."

Muhammad Ryan said according to his friends, the touts often targeted motorists during peak hours or late at night as the shortage of available parking spots at those

times would pressure people into paying.

He added that despite the thinly veiled threat by the tout, he chose not to pay but felt uneasy about the situation.

"I was anxious and did not enjoy my night out. When I returned to my car after 30 minutes, I was relieved to find that it was not scratched."

Another frequent visitor to downtown Kuala Lumpur, Noorainshafika Mohd Zaidi, 24, said she encountered similar issues numerous times.

"The touts infuriate me whenever they come by. Every time I am approached or threatened, I take out my mobile phone and start recording or ask them to repeat their threats or what they said to me. They usually walk away once I do this, but it's still dangerous to have these parking touts operating freely."

Noorainshafika said the touts can be unpredictable and one can never be sure how they would react to having their demands for money rejected.

"These touts are making the city unsafe, and their presence can deter locals and tourists."

Every time I am approached by a tout, I wonder how long I have to endure this problem. They are a nuisance, and it makes the city feel like a place where one cannot park without fear," she added.

Muhammad Ryan and Noorainshafika called for tougher enforcement to address the problem of illegal parking touts.

"I hope the local authorities will take stricter action to get rid of these touts once and for all. They need to make sure these people are removed from public spaces so that everyone can park without fear," said Muhammad Ryan.

Noorainshafika added that while there are ongoing efforts to combat the issue, illegal parking touts remain a persistent problem in the city.

"Until the situation is effectively addressed, motorists will continue to feel pressured to pay them, while Kuala Lumpur's reputation as a safe destination in Southeast Asia would be at risk."

theSun reached out to City Hall and its spokesman said he would reply after checking on the situation.

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PUTRAJAYA: The one-stop call centre for the Public Service Remuneration System is established to provide clear and accurate explanations and avoid confusion among civil servants regarding the new remuneration system.

Public Service director-general Tan Sri Wan Ahmad Dahlan Abdul Aziz said the establishment of the call centre makes it easier for civil servants who still have doubts about the remuneration system to ask questions directly to officers who are members of a review committee.

Civil servants can contact the hotline at 03-8885 3380, which operates Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) from 8.30am to 5.30pm.
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