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MBSJ sasar pengurangan karbon sehingga 40 peratus menjelang 2035

by Siti Rohaizah Zainal September 12, 2024 10:00 am

Timbalan Datuk Bandar MBSJ, Zulkurnain Che Ali merasmikan program kesedaran Low Carbon School generasi bestari SmartGen MBSJ di Dewan Serbaguna USJ7, Subang Jaya pada 11 September 2024. Zulfadhli Zaki/Media Selangor

SUBANG JAYA, 12 SEPT: Majlis Bandaraya Subang Jaya (MBSJ) menyasarkan pengurangan pelepasan karbon sehingga 40 peratus menjelang 2035, kata timbalan datuk bandarnya.

Mohd Zulkurnain Che Ali berkata pelbagai inisiatif diambil termasuk penanaman pokok, galakan penggunaan pengangkutan awam, kitar semula dan program kesedaran di peringkat sekolah bagi mencapai matlamat tersebut.

"Apabila bercakap rendah karbon antara perkara utama ialah masyarakatnya menggunakan teknologi hijau antaranya pengurangan kenderaan bermotor dan pengurusan sampah sistematik.

"Untuk mencapai itu, MBSJ laksana pelbagai usaha dalam mendidik masyarakat dan kita sasar pengurangan karbon sehingga 40 peratus menjelang 2035," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian pada program sekolah rendah karbon generasi bestari (Smart Gen) 2024 di Dewan Serbaguna USJ 7 semalam.

Dalam pada itu, Mohd Zulkurnain menjelaskan penganjuran program tersebut selari dengan strategi utama Rancangan Tempatan Subang Jaya 2035 iaitu pertumbuhan hijau dan rendah karbon.

"Selain memberi penerangan berkaitan rendah karbon, ini sebahagian daripada usaha memupuk kesedaran kepentingan penjagaan alam sekitar, pengurusan sampah yang baik.

"Kita mahu memupuk kesedaran ini di peringkat awal lagi iaitu kanak-kanak dan remaja supaya dapat amalkan di rumah dan di sekolah," katanya.

Terdahulu, program dengan kerjasama beberapa pihak antaranya Jabatan Pendidikan Negeri, Jabatan Perancangan Bandar dan Desa (PLANMalaysia) Selangor itu disertai 150 pelajar dan guru daru 35 sekolah rendah dan menengah.

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DUN Seri Kembangan, MBSJ tangani aktiviti buang sampah haram

ADN Seri Kembangan Wong Siew Ki (dua, kanan) dan Ahli Majlis MBSJ Tey Boon Kiat (kanan) meninjau kerja penutupan laluan masuk ke tapak sampah haram di Jalan Kasturi Seri Kembangan, Subang Jaya pada 12 September 2024. Foto AHMAD ZAKKI JILAN/MEDIA SELANGOR

SHAH ALAM, 12 SEPT: Dewan Undangan Negeri (DUN) Seri Kembangan bekerjasama dengan Majlis Bandaraya Subang Jaya (MBSJ) dalam menangani kegiatan pelupusan sampah haram.

Wakil rakyatnya berkata MBSJ menutup laluan masuk menggunakan batu penghadang ke lokasi yang kerap dijadikan tempat pembuangan di Jalan Kasturi Seri Kembangan, Subang Jaya.

Wong Siew Ki memaklumkan MBSJ membelanjakan sejumlah RM138,600 bagi penutupan jalan dan kerja pengorekan tanah di kawasan yang dijadikan tapak pelupusan itu tahun ini.

ADN Seri Kembangan Wong Siew Ki. Foto AHMAD ZAKKI JILAN/ MEDIA SELANGOR

"Kegiatan ini dikesan sejak 2022 oleh kontraktor binaan rumah yang tidak berdaftar dengan MBSJ membuang sisa pepejal di kawasan ini.

"Untuk rekod tahun ini, sebanyak lima kali kami bersama MBSJ turun di sini untuk penutupan. Ia disebabkan tindakan mereka menceroboh semula kawasan untuk jalani kegiatan haram mereka," katanya.

Terdahulu beliau meninjau kerja penutupan laluan masuk tapak sampah haram berkenaan bersama Ahli Majlis MBSJ Zon 22 Tey Boon Kiat.

Siew Ki turut menggesa Pejabat Tanah dan Daerah (PTD) mengenakan tindakan rampasan tanah bagi menangani kegiatan pihak yang tidak bertanggungjawab itu.

"Pihak berkuasa tempatan mengeluarkan kos yang tinggi untuk menghadapi isu ini, saya melihat ia satu kerugian besar.

"Tindakan tegas perlu diambil PTD kerana kegiatan ini sudah berlanjutan sejak sekian lama demi kesejahteraan penduduk Seri Kembangan," ujarnya.

Sementara itu, Boon Kiat berpandangan tindakan penguatkuasaan perlu dibuat terhadap individu atau syarikat yang membuang sampah pada kawasan itu.

"Saya akan berbincang dengan MBSJ untuk mengambil tindakan kompaun mengikut Akta 133 di bawah Seksyen 33 dan 34," katanya.

Ahli Majlis MBSJ Tey Boon Kiat. Foto AHMAD ZAKKI JILAN/ MEDIA SELANGOR

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Terus beri khidmat terbaik

SUBANG JAYA - Pemilik harta berharap Majlis Bandaraya Subang Jaya (MBSJ) terus memberikan khidmat terbaik seiring kadar baharu cukai taksiran yang dilaksanakan, kata timbalan datuk bandarnya.

Mohd Zulkurnain Che Ali berkata sebanyak 10,800 bantahan diterima selepas 326,646 notis senarai nilaian baharu dihantar bermula 21 Jun.

Beliau menjelaskan hanya 47 peratus pemilik harta menghadiri sesi pendengaran bantahan bermula 19 Ogos hingga 4 September.

"Mereka menerima kadar baharu itu cuma mahu pentadbiran MBSJ terus menambah baik perkhidmatan terutama aspek infrastruktur membabitkan warga emas," katanya pada 11 September.

Menurut Mohd Zulkurnain, MBSJ bakal melaksanakan beberapa inisiatif dalam memperkasa khidmat di kawasan pentadbirannya bermula tahun hadapan.

Antara inisiatif berkenaan termasuklah agihan tong sampah percuma di perumahan teres dan strata dengan peruntukan RM14 juta.

"Kita akan serahkan tong sampah ini bermula tahun hadapan secara berfasa. Ini sebahagian usaha MBSJ dalam memastikan penduduk terus menjaga alam sekitar dan menguruskan sampah dengan baik," katanya.

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Insentif kumpul sisa kitar semula

SHAH ALAM - Peserta program Cintai Sungai Klang Fasa 2 anjuran Majlis Bandaraya Diraja Klang (MBDK) berpeluang menerima insentif mengikut hasil kutipan sampah yang boleh dikitar semula.

Datuk Bandar Klang Datin Paduka Noraini Roslan menjelaskan inisiatif berkenaan bertujuan menarik penyertaan menyarakat untuk bergotong-royong membersihkan sungai berkenaan.

"Program ini bukan sahaja gotong-royong sekitar persisiran sungai, malah sampah terkumpul akan diasingkan dahulu mengikut jenis supaya ia boleh dikitar semula yang akan diuruskan oleh MBDK.

"Hasil kutipan kitar semula terus dibayar mengikut kadar yang ditetapkan kepada pihak terlibat," katanya ketika merasmikan program itu di Pangkalan Nelayan Kampung Delek pada 8 September.

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Longkang berlubang punca hakisan

SHAH ALAM - Kejadian longkang berlubang dikenal pasti sebagai punca hakisan yang menyebabkan mendapan di sebuah rumah di Pangsapuri PKNS Taman Keramat Permai di sini.

Menurut Majlis Perbandaran Ampang Jaya (MPAJ), ia hasil lawatan Jabatan Kejuruteraan, Jabatan Bangunan dan Seni Bina serta Bahagian Pesuruhjaya Bangunan MPAJ ke lokasi itu pada 4 September.

Pihak berkuasa tempatan itu juga mengenal pasti beberapa kerosakan lain dan kerja pembaikan di kawasan terlibat dilakukan untuk keselamatan penduduk, lapor Bernama.

"Kerja yang akan dilaksanakan melibatkan pembaikan longkang dan mendapan tanah serta pembaikan struktur lantai. Kerja tersebut dijangka siap sepenuhnya dalam dua minggu," kata MPAJ pada 5 September.

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Kutipan cukai MPAJ meningkat

SHAH ALAM - Sebanyak RM56.6 juta cukai taksiran dikutip Majlis Perbandaran Ampang Jaya (MPAJ) sejak Januari hingga 31 Julai, kata Yang Dipertuanya Dr Ani Ahmad.

Beliau memberitahu jumlah kutipan berkenaan meningkat 0.82 peratus berbanding tempoh sama pada tahun lalu, dengan anggaran RM87.5 juta perlu dikutip tahun ini.

"MPAJ turut mengutip tunggakan cukai taksiran RM13.8 juta bagi tempoh sama tahun ini. Kutipan meningkat 17.6 peratus berbanding tahun lalu," katanya dalam mesyuarat penuh baru-baru ini.

Beliau juga menjelaskan sasaran kutipan tunggakan cukai RM20.1 juta dengan 181,147 jumlah bil yang dikeluarkan bagi penggal kedua.

Selain itu, Dr Ani Ahmad berkata RM5.8 juta bayaran parkir kereta diperoleh antara 1 Januari hingga 26 Ogos iaitu RM2.8 juta dikutip dalam talian dan RM2.6 juta dari sewaan petak khas.

"Sebanyak RM226,000 lagi dikutip daripada pas bulanan penduduk dan RM191,000 menerusi kutipan pas bulanan," katanya.

Pada masa sama, beliau memaklumkan MPAJ melaksanakan sistem tempat letak kenderaan (TLK) berbayar di Panorama, Bukit Antarabangsa mulai 1 September.

Tambahnya, kawasan seluas 2.79 ekar itu menempatkan 70 petak parkir terbuka dengan caj RM2.00 bagi dua jam pertama dan RM1.00 bagi setiap jam seterusnya.

"Kemudahan ini akan dibuka secara percuma pada setiap hari Jumaat dari pukul 12 tengah hari sehingga 3 petang," jelasnya.

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Tampal jalan guna teknologi dari UK

EXCO Infrastruktur Ir Izham Hashim memotong reben sebagai simbolik perasmian Jentera Baiki Jalan Jetpatcher Infrasel (gambar bawah) di pekarangan bangunan pentadbiran negeri, Shah Alam pada 10 September 2024. Foto NUR ADIBAH AHMAD IZAM

Oleh **NORRASYIDAH ARSHAD**

SHAH ALAM - Kerja menampal jalan berlubang di negeri ini akan menjadi lebih cepat menggunakan jentera berteknologi tinggi dari United Kingdom, Jetpatcher.

EXCO Infrastruktur Ir Izham Hashim menjelaskan jentera tersebut hanya memerlukan sekitar 15 minit untuk menampal lubang berbanding kaedah konvensional yang mengambil masa lebih sejam.

Beliau berkata Jetpatcher juga boleh digunakan ketika hujan gerimis, selain tidak memerlukan tenaga kerja yang ramai untuk menyiapkan tampalan di setiap lokasi.

"Melalui kaedah baharu ini, minimum dua orang boleh laksana turapan dan dua lagi jaga trafik. Untuk satu hari, jentera ini boleh menampal kira-kira 80 lubang jika dibuat berterusan," katanya.

Ditemui ketika pelancaran jentera bersekali Projek Turapan Mega 2024 di sini pada 10 September, beliau berkata, hasil tampalan juga memuaskan dan berkualiti berbanding kaedah biasa dalam industri binaan dan penyelenggaraan.

Ir Izham berkata jentera itu juga direka dengan ciri mesra alam yang mampu mengeluarkan karbon lebih rendah, seiring matlamat pembangunan mampan (SDG) diamalkan negeri.

"Jentera ini menghasilkan bahan tampalan yang panas dan ini membolehkan tampalan jalan jadi padat. Maknanya kualitinya lebih bagus dan hasil tampalan juga cantik.

"Jentera ini digunakan mulai 10 September dengan tampalan sekitar Kuala Selangor.

"Kita akan libatkan 15 pelatih dan dipantau wakil dari UK. Kalau hasilnya baik, kita akan beli lagi," katanya.

Demonstrasi menampal jalan menggunakan Jentera Baiki Jalan Jetpatcher Infrasel pada 10 September 2024

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Peka kepentingan jaga kesihatan

Lebih 1,200 daftar saringan percuma

Oleh **FITRI HAZIM HAZAM**

SUBANG JAYA - Lebih 1,200 penduduk sekitar Dewan Undangan Negeri (DUN) Subang Jaya mendaftar program saringan kesihatan percuma melalui aplikasi Langkah Masuk Dengan Selamat (SELangkah).

Wakil rakyatnya Michelle Ng Mei Sze memberitahu bilangan pendaftaran itu membuktikan kebanyakan masyarakat di Subang Jaya prihatin terhadap kepentingan dalam menjaga kesihatan.

Beliau menjelaskan hanya 450 orang diperuntuk setiap hari iaitu 900 orang bagi dua hari program Selangor Saring yang meliputi pelbagai bentuk pemeriksaan.

"Saringan payu dara, fisioterapi, mata, gigi dan buah pinggang jika di luar paling kurang kos RM3,000. Ini menunjukkan Selangor peka terhadap kesihatan rakyat," katanya pada 8 September.

Michelle menambah program di Dewan Majlis Bandaraya Subang Jaya SS15 di sini antara usaha mendidik rakyat untuk mencegah penyakit dari awal terutama buat golongan kurang berkemampuan.

"Di Subang Jaya, Selangor Saring telah dianjur dua kali, penggal lepas 800 orang terima manfaat. Kami buat hebahan program melalui grafik poster dan video.

"Kebanyakan peserta terdiri daripada mereka berpendapatan sederhana, warga emas dan mereka yang tidak mempunyai kemudahan insurans kesihatan," kata beliau.

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Tangani projek rumah terbengkalai

KUALA LANGAT - Langkah segera termasuk berbincang dengan Kementerian Perumahan Kerajaan Tempatan (KPKT) dijalankan bagi mengatasi masalah projek rumah terbengkalai di Morib.

Berazam membela pembeli projek Rumah Selangorku, Dato' Menteri Besar Dato' Seri Amirudin Shari memberitahu perbincangan dengan kementerian itu menunjukkan perkembangan positif.

"Kita selesaikan dahulu mengenai rumah. Kalau kita tidak selesaikan rumah, perkara lain jadi kurang bernilai. Kita selesaikan isu pokok dulu, yang lain kita kira balik.

"(Ini) kerana ia libatkan banyak perkara. Kita perlu dapatkan semua kira-kira supaya situasinya menang-menang," katanya pada 7 September.

Sebelum ini, kira-kira 500 pembeli kediaman projek Rumah Selangorku di Morib dilapor kecewa berikutan kediaman yang dijadual siap pada 2020 belum boleh diduduki.

Pembinaan pangsapuri 17 tingkat itu gagal disiapkan mengikut jadual berikutan masalah yang dihadapi pemaju perumahan tersebut.

Dalam perkembangan lain, Amirudin mengarahkan Perbadanan Kemajuan Negeri Selangor (PKNS) dan agensi berkaitan menyiasat tanah mendap di Flat PKNS Taman Keramat Permai, Kuala Lumpur.

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Siap siaga sebarang bencana

SHAH ALAM - Selangor memantau perubahan cuaca yang tidak menentu ketika ini yang berpotensi berlakunya sebarang bencana alam, kata EXCO pengurusan bencana.

Najwan Halimi berkata Unit Pengurusan Bencana sentiasa bekerjasama dengan Jabatan Meteorologi Malaysia (MetMalaysia) bagi mendapat maklumat terkini keadaan cuaca.

"Proses pemantauan sentiasa dilakukan kerana cuaca tidak menentu ketika ini dan kita juga siap siaga sekiranya berlaku insiden tidak dijangka," katanya pada 10 September.

Beliau memaklumkan pihaknya akan berbincang dengan Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat untuk meneliti semula setiap kemudahan di pusat pemindahan sementara bagi memastikan ia mesra warga emas serta orang kurang upaya.

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MBDK issues RM135,000 in parking compounds

30 heavy vehicles towed away from residential areas since July 18

THIRTY heavy vehicles parked illegally in residential areas have been towed away by Klang Royal City Council (MBDK) for endangering road users.

MBDK Corporate Communications Department director Norfiza Mahfiz said the city council issued RM135,000 in compounds and towed 30 heavy vehicles since July 18.

She said enforcement against heavy vehicles was carried out in collaboration with the police and Road Transport Department.

"On average, an offender is slapped with a total bill of RM4,500 that includes towing, compound fee, daily storage fee and administration costs," she added.

Norfiza said compound notices were issued under the Parks (Klang Municipal Council) By-Laws 2005 (7) for indiscriminate parking, where vehicles weighing more than two tonnes were prohibited to enter any residential area without written notice from the head of the local council.

"The city council received complaints from residents about heavy vehicles parked at road bends thus obstructing motorists' view of oncoming vehicles.

"There were also complaints about lorries parked in alleys and hindering rubbish trucks, besides those parked on road shoulders thus causing the road to sink from their heavy loads.

"Our enforcement operations covered Bandar Parklands, Bandar Sultan Suleiman in Port Klang, Batu Unjur in Bandar Bukit Tinggi, Bandar Puteri, Taman Sentosa and Teluk Pulai," she said.

She added that most of the offenders claimed their vehicles on the same day and paid the fine.

"MBDK's enforcement team aims to educate road users, especially heavy vehicle operators and owners, to adhere to the council's laws," said Norfiza.

She said other than residential areas, heavy vehicles were also prohibited from parking in public parks, on road reserves and in gazetted parking bays."

She added that heavy vehicles were regularly parked illegally in Klang because of high demand for such vehicles, especially container trailers and bonded trucks, due to the city's proximity to three major ports – North, South and West Port.

Norfiza said MBDK had intensified its enforcement operations as heavy vehicles pose a danger to those living in neighbourhoods.

Additionally, she said MBDK also towed abandoned vehicles scattered around Klang.

"From January to August this year, we have towed and impounded 183 vehicles.

"Last year, the city council towed 322 vehicles and in 2022, the figure was 297," she said.

She noted that some owners had ditched their cars that had been damaged "beyond repair" in the December 2021 floods.

"We have abandoned cars taking up parking bays everywhere; we are removing them," she added.

Those with questions on the enforcement action can call the Enforcement Department at 03-3374 8845.

MBDK Enforcement Department personnel towing away a lorry that was parked in a residential area. — Courtesy photo

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JALUR GEMILANG CAMPAIGN

Shah Alam City Council (MBSA) is organising the 'Pertandingan Kempen Kibar Jalur Gemilang' in conjunction with the 67th National Day. Participants have until Sep 16 to share photos or videos featuring the national flags that are hanging or waving on buildings in Shah Alam. They must also like and follow all MBSA's social media pages (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, TikTok) and use the hashtag "#kibarjalurgemilangMBSA2024" in their posts, which must be set as public. Winners will bring home cash ranging from RM100 to RM500. For details, call 03-5510 5133 ext 1430 or 1777 (MBSA Corporate and Public Relations Department).

THEATER COMPETITION

Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ) is organising a theater competition from Oct 1 to Oct 3 at Menara MPAJ. Participants' performance should revolve around stories of Malaysians from various states. The competition is open for all primary and secondary schools under MPAJ's jurisdiction. Champions of each category will bring home RM1,500 in cash, while the first and second runners-up will bring home RM1,000 and RM500 respectively. For details, call 011-7302 4108 (Siti Zakiah) or 017-820 4448 (Ashraff).

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AVIATION SHOW

The fourth edition of the Selangor Aviation Show (SAS 2024) will take place until Sept 14 at the SkyPark Regional Aviation Centre (RAC), Shah Alam. The event (running from 10am to 6pm) is open for public visitors starting Sept 13, 1pm, with full access available all day on Sept 14 from 10am. Parking is provided at Stadium Shah Alam, in front of Shah Alam International Go Kart Circuit. There is a dedicated shuttle bus service to transport visitors from Stadium Shah Alam to the SkyPark RAC guardhouse. Visitors may also use e-hailing services from SAS 2024's official partner MyCar for a special RM2 discount for trips to and from Stadium Shah Alam.

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Sepang, Klang residents shocked and horrified at allegations

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PETALING JAYA: Village head Azlan Abd Rahman had always believed that the welfare school at Kampung Giching in Sepang was serving a good purpose.

On Wednesday, he was horrified by what he learnt after police personnel swarmed the place to rescue the children there.

"The occupants of the centre hardly spoke to anyone here and I was always under the impression there were some good things taking place there, but I was horrified by what I read afterwards.

"Being a religious centre, it is shameful that such things allegedly happened ... not at a place where children are supposed to be raised with strict religious guidance," he said, adding that he had only seen boys living at the centre.

Azlan said he had gone to the centre during the raid to find out more but the police did not disclose details of the operation.

He was not alone. Many residents living close to welfare homes linked to Global Ikhwan Services and Business Holdings (GISB) in Sepang and Klang were also shocked to learn of the alleged abuse of children at the centres.

It has been reported that some of the children were allegedly sodomised, forced to perform sexual acts and also physically abused.

At five other locations in Sepang and Klang, residents and business operators also said the inmates and staff of the centres kept to themselves and rarely mingled with locals.

Kampung Seri Aman, Sepang, Village Development and Security Committee (JPKK) head Amali Pumiman said about 10 years ago, the centre in the settlement was raided by the authorities, but it was back operating soon after.

The home, in a remote area of the village, is fenced up and all activities were conducted within the compound, Amali said.

Apart from a plot of land which was used for agriculture, there was also a stable with two or three horses within the compound, he said, adding that the JPKK would often invite the children for social events and programmes.

"Some of the children have attended our events in the past. We are aware of the controversy surrounding this centre. However, since they hardly interact with any of us, we really do not know what is going on at that place.

"We are glad the authorities are taking action against any alleged deviant teachings at the centre," he added.

Amali said there were two centres in the area that separately housed male and female children, aged between seven and their late teens.

At Bandar Bukit Raja, Klang, a primary school, hostels and several business outlets linked to GISB were shuttered after Wednesday's raid.

Willian Tan, a building contractor whose store is next to the primary school housed in a shop lot on Jalan Sumazau 3c, said he was shocked to learn of the alleged abuse.

"The boys and girls studying here were really polite and pleasant. They would call me 'uncle' whenever we bumped into each other. The children would arrive in a van in the morning and leave the same way in the evening," he said.

Another worker at a neighbouring shop lot said he had not noticed that the teachers at the school kept changing regularly and that the children were moving homes quite often.

On Jalan Rodat 2a/Ku5, a cafe, a bakery and a boutique that carried the name Ikhwan and believed to be GISB-owned were closed while the entrance to the upper floors, which served as hostels for children, were sealed off by the Social Welfare Department.

An owner of a nearby restaurant said the children living at the homes were never seen outdoors except when leaving for school and returning.

"The cafe, bakery and boutique hardly have customers. Sometimes, we see two or three people having a drink at the cafe. I don't know how they have managed to sustain their business with so few customers," he said.

A double-storey terrace corner house in a quiet, gated residential area on Jalan Rodat 8/Ku6, which had also been raided, was too found sealed off with tape.

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New tech fixes potholes in 15 minutes

Izham (left) watching a demonstration involving the Jetpatcher. — KK SHAM/ The Star

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FIFTEEN minutes is all it takes now to fix a pothole in Selangor with the newly launched Jetpatcher, a spray injection road repair vehicle.

State infrastructure and agriculture committee chairman Izham Hashim said the machine would expedite road repair works, especially potholes.

"It takes about 15 minutes with Jetpatcher, which is four to five times faster than our conventional method," he said during the unveiling of the UK technology at Dataran Pahlawan, Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah Building in Shah Alam.

"Previously, we break up the road and manually pour in cold and hot mix on the road.

"Now, the vehicle has a 2.5m³ mixture capacity that can patch up to 80 potholes.

"Currently, 15 personnel are being trained to use the machine," he added.

Owned by Infrasel Sdn Bhd, a fully-owned subsidiary of Kumpulan Semesta Sdn Bhd (KSSB), the Jetpatcher technology maintains the hot mix at 45°C, which provides a stronger bond when applied to the road.

This road repair vehicle costs RM1mil.

"We will start using the Jetpatcher in Kuala Selangor, which has more urgent road repairs," said Izham.

"The process is simpler and more cost-efficient compared to the conventional method.

"It also has lower carbon emissions, making it more environmentally friendly.

"We are still testing the Jetpatcher currently, and if it performs well, we will consider adding more vehicles," he said.

The event also saw the launch of the Mega Road Resurfacing 2.0 project, which is set to commence in early October and expected to be completed within two months.

This project is a continuation of the successful initial Mega Road Resurfacing project in 2023, with 118 works across nine Selangor districts.

"Resurfacing works prioritise roads requiring urgent maintenance to ensure the safety of users, and we have approved over RM20mil for the project.

"These roads involve routes managed by local authorities, district-level authorities, and Public Works Department," said Izham.

Also present at the event were KSSB managing director and chief executive officer Abdul Rahman Ishak as well as KSSB operations head and Infrasel Sdn Bhd representative Mohamed Fariz Ghazali.

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Good deeds come undone after centres raided

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PUCHONG: An executive had wanted to run a charity programme at a care home in Puchong. He raised funds and made arrangements for the programme scheduled for next month.

The man, who wanted to be known only as Joe, had called to finalise arrangement but his calls went unanswered since Tuesday. So, he decided to drop by the home.

He was in for a shock. The centre was shut down, with a cafe operating next door also shuttered.

The centre was one of 20 care homes in Selangor and Negri Sembilan that were raided by the police on Wednesday, with 402 children being rescued.

"I didn't expect this at all. I read the news that about 400 children being rescued but I did not know this centre was one of them.

"Since my company still intends to carry out the charity programme, I'll have to look for another home," he said.

Shut down: A notice to cease operations by the Social Welfare Department (in pink) pasted on the front of one of the raided homes in Petaling Jaya. — GERARD GIMINO/ The Star

A neighbour, who only wanted to be known as Fais, thought someone in the area had died when he saw the large police presence at dawn on Wednesday.

"I asked the officers what happened, but they just brushed me off. Later that night, I realised this was one of the centres raided by the police," he said, adding that the centre here only housed young girls aged about 10.

He said the children and their caretakers always kept to themselves. The cafe operated by the centre also ceased operations after the raid, he said.

At one of the raided homes in Shah Alam, a neighbour named Fayez said there were only boys at the centre.

"The children sell pastries every evening, but even then it would still be within the compound," said Fayez, who has been living in the neighbourhood for 30 years.

A civil servant who declined to be named said he had not seen any of the children there going to school.

"My children are about their age, around 10 years old, and if those children attended school we would have surely noticed them. The children there also don't mix with others in the community," he said.

In Petaling Jaya, a raided home was sealed with tape from the Social Welfare Department. A businessman who lives nearby said he would see children in the centre at times, but almost never outside the compound.

"There was, however, an elderly man who seems to look after the children and he was always friendly with other residents. What happened was shocking," said the man, who only wanted to be known as Usop.

A pensioner, who was friends with the caretaker, said he was lost for words.

"He always seemed like a good man. I can't believe what supposedly happened. I hope there is justice for the children," said the man.

While the raided centres were closed, the company allegedly linked to the homes was still operating in Rawang. The company has many shops in the area, with all shops within the enclave open for business.

An equestrian course linked to the company was also still operating, with some of the company's employees seen riding horses there yesterday morning.

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We need to do more to protect kids, say activists

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PETALING JAYA: The shocking rescue of more than 400 children who were allegedly abused and abandoned in various care homes makes the case for passing the Social Work Profession Bill in Parliament even stronger, child activists say.

The Social Work Profession Bill, which was drafted in 2010, would provide better regulation on social work, seeing that it is currently not recognised as a profession in the country.

Passing the Bill would usher in better accountability from those hired as social workers, especially in homes that care for children, they said.

Child Rights Innovation and Betterment Foundation co-chairman Srividhya Ganapathy said there is an urgent need to allocate more funds towards improving and enhancing the country's social welfare system, other than passing the Bill.

She said a review and reform must be applied on the current system for the regulation, monitoring and management of children under care.

"It's horrific and that is the tip of the iceberg. We don't know the full extent of the abuse yet, or the actual number of victims, given that police reports have been lodged since 2011 on some of these homes.

"At present, our systems are under-equipped and underfunded to support such a large number of victims, and that must be our first priority," she said when contacted yesterday.

Srividhya was commenting on the rescue of 402 children aged between one and 17 during a large-scale police operation involving 18 care homes in Selangor and Negri Sembilan on Sept 11.

The children were believed to be victims of abuse and those who were abandoned.

In an open letter to the government, consultant paediatrician Datuk Dr Amar-Singh HSS questioned the authorities over the shocking revelation of the children rescued from the homes, which were linked to religious teachings.

Dr Amar, who is also a child-disability activist, said the Child Act is clear as it covers all children, and the Welfare Department is the designated protector of all children in the country.

"When working with the Welfare Department, we noticed a reluctance to monitor and enforce child protection policies in religious institutions.

"Is religion an excuse to not enforce the Child Act? Are childcare facilities registered under the religious department and the Education Ministry exempt from the Child Act and Welfare Department purview?" he said in a letter endorsed by 15 organisations and 23 individuals.

The letter also questioned whether the centres allegedly linked to a company have been registered with the Welfare Department, and if proper monitoring was put in place.

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Selangor exco member to meet children

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KLANG: The Selangor government will meet the children rescued from 18 care homes in the state before deciding on the next course of action.

State women and family empowerment, social welfare and care economy committee chairman Anfaal Saari said she would visit the children today to find out what could be done for them in terms of protection and counselling.

"The state Welfare Department has the facilities and expertise to conduct counselling sessions for the children and these will be arranged soon," she said when contacted yesterday.

Anfaal said the rescued children were placed in government-related children's homes in the state and in Negri Sembilan.

"I checked for places here for the children removed from the care centres in Selangor, but all were packed and so some had to be sent to Negri Sembilan," she added.

Anfaal said it was concerning to find out that the perpetrators were allegedly hiding behind a religious facade while carrying out their dastardly activities.

"Not only was religion tarnished but children were grossly exploited and taught immoral and unethical conduct," she said.

The exco member said the state would continue to propagate awareness among not just care home operators, but also the public and netizens on the dos and dont's in dealing with children.

She cited the recent Abang Bas case with many netizens commenting that he was just joking with the children although it was a clear case of sexual misconduct.

Mohamad Norhadhim Sari, 24, was charged in court for making indecent comments regarding a nine-year-old girl who was among his passengers.

Childline Foundation executive director Datin PH Wong said the crux of the problem was that the Care Centres Act 1993 governed all homes with no regulations specifically for children's homes.

"The problem is that Malaysia does not have an integrated system as there are various homes coming under the same Act but falling within the jurisdiction of different ministries," she said.

She said children's care homes must be categorised separately as children were more vulnerable.

"Children's homes cannot be lumped together with other care homes such as those for senior citizens and special needs. The Act must be reviewed and revamped," she said.

Wong said ideally, there must be regulations for all the different types of homes under the Act to curb untoward incidents.

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Not cute, definitely inappropriate

Experts weigh in on why 'Abang Bas' videos are harmful, and how they expose children to child grooming and sexual crime.

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THE 24-year-old male school bus driver who was apprehended by the authorities after his TikTok videos under the handle AbangBas went viral, was charged at the Muar Sessions Court in Johor, on Wednesday.

He was charged under Section 14(a) of the Sexual Offences Against Children Act 2017 (for committing physical sexual abuse for allegedly kissing the cheek of a four-year-old girl, who is also his niece).

He was also charged under Section 15(a)(iii) of the Sexual Offences Against Children Act 2017 for repeatedly observing a nine-year-old girl for sexual purposes (committing non-physical sexual abuse).

The Abang Bas videos were highlighted by an X user who flagged the feed as inappropriate. At that time, his TikTok account had amassed about 600,000 followers (though the content has since been deleted) with more than two million views.

It also drew the attention of Women, Family and Community Development Minister Datuk Seri Nancy Shukri who immediately instructed child welfare officers and the police to investigate the matter.

In the videos, the bus driver records his daily school runs with young primary school children (mostly girls) in his bus.

He is also seen touching the lips of a sleeping student and removing the tudung of another, and calling yet another pupil his "crush".

While some netizens deemed the videos "harmless", even "cute", women's groups and child's rights activists point out how the content in the videos are inappropriate, even putting those young children at tremendous risk.

For child advocates and activists, his actions are blatantly inappropriate as he appears to violate the children's body boundaries and even sexualise them.

This behaviour is also synonymous with child grooming – when someone (usually an adult) builds a relationship, trust and emotional connection with a child or young person so they can manipulate, exploit and abuse them.

Children and young people who are groomed can be sexually abused, exploited, and even trafficked.

Why is the content problematic?

"They involve a school bus driver recording videos of primary schoolgirls and posting them online with inappropriate captions. This violates children's privacy and exposes them to potential harm and exploitation," says Women's Aid Organisation (WAO) acting executive director Nazreen Nizam.

Labelling such behaviour as "harmless fun" overlooks the serious implications on children, she adds.

"It trivialises the act of recording and sharing images or videos of children without consent, which can lead to grooming and other forms of sexual exploitation. It also normalises disrespect for the boundaries and rights of children," says Nazreen.

All Women's Action Society capacity building director Jayamalar Samuel adds that the actions of the driver are also exploitative.

"This behaviour is not harmless, it shows him taking advantage of children and exploiting them (for content). Most times, children are not aware that (what is taking place) is an exploitation of their body, especially if they have not learnt to set good boundaries by their parents and teachers," says Jayamalar.

What is child grooming?

Nazreen says grooming is a long, manipulative process used by offenders to prepare children for sexual abuse.

"Initially, the offender targets a potential victim, often choosing someone based on their vulnerability or ease of access. The next step involves gaining the victim's trust; the offender may shower the child with gifts, attention and affection, or engage in activities the child enjoys, effectively building trust. They often take on a nurturing role to fill the child's emotional needs, making the child dependent on them," she says.

Grooming, unfortunately, can come across as affectionate, but it can gradually lead to exposing the child to harmful and criminal behaviour such as sexually explicit messages. Over time, the groomer may resort to controlling or threatening the child to comply with image requests, instilling a fear that silences them from reporting abuse.

Adds Jayamalar: "Child groomers sometimes form relationships with the child's family members. Such act leads to them having access to the child."

Nazreen says: "Once abuse begins, the offender uses tactics like secrecy, blame or threats to maintain control and keep the child silent.

"It manipulates the child into believing the relationship is normal or acceptable, which can lead to abuse that the child may not immediately recognise as wrong. This manipulation often prevents the child from reporting the abuse or seeking help," says Nazreen.

How rampant is grooming?

Children often don't tell anyone (or are told not to tell anyone) when grooming happens so it is hard to determine the extent of the problem other than when it is exposed.

How can children be protected?

Nazreen says parents play a crucial role in safeguarding their children against crimes like unauthorised recording; it is important they understand the laws that protect children and safeguard their right to privacy.

"Parents should familiarise themselves with the laws about the consent required for recording images and videos of minors, which vary depending on contexts such as in schools, public spaces or online. Recording a child without explicit consent of the guardians or in a potentially exploitative manner is typically illegal," says Nazreen.

"Parents should also be mindful of how to respond if they suspect their child has been recorded without consent. This includes contacting the police for suspected criminal activity, reaching out to child protection services at the Social Welfare Department (JKM) if a child's safety is at risk, informing school officials if the incident happens at school or using online platforms' reporting features to flag and remove inappropriate content," she adds.

How do we empower children?

Jayamalar urges parents to educate their children on what healthy boundaries are, as well as "good touch" and "bad touch".

They must create a safe space for children to come forward and tell them if they feel uncomfortable, or confused or if their boundaries have been violated.

"It can be difficult to spot perpetrators because not all perpetrators are strangers; they can also be people known to them. Parents should also pay attention to what their child is trying to say, especially young children who have a limited vocabulary (to articulate what they are experiencing)," she says.

Teaching children about body boundaries includes helping them understand which body parts are private, and who can touch them and under what circumstances. Doing this will give them power over their own bodies.

Adults too, must learn the importance of honouring children's boundaries.

"Educating children about personal safety and privacy should be integral to their upbringing. Parents can access community and online resources by organisations dedicated to children's rights and online safety," says Nazreen.

Graphic: Vecteezy

What are behaviours in children to look out for?

Parents should be cautious of any adult who tries to bypass parental consent to gain direct access to the child, says Nazreen. Other signs that parents can look out in their child are:

- Being secretive, including about what they are doing online or whom they are going to meet
- Has older boyfriends or girlfriends
- They can't or won't explain how they got new things
- Regularly misses school, tuition classes or appointments with friends
- Is withdrawn, anxious or depressed
- Has access to drugs and/or alcohol

Is grooming illegal?

Yes, it is, says Nazreen.

"The Sexual Offences Against Children Act 2017 includes provisions that make it a crime to use electronic means to communicate with a child for the purpose of committing a sexual offense. It is designed to protect children from being preyed upon and exploited, particularly in the digital environment where grooming often begins discreetly and can escalate rapidly.

"The act is part of Malaysia's broader commitment to safeguard children from sexual abuse and exploitation, reinforcing legal protection against such behaviours," she says.

What are other laws that protect children from exploitation, and safeguard their well-being and rights?

According to Nazreen, Malaysia has several laws that are applicable in cases involving exploitation of children.

- Child Act 2001 (Act 611): This act provides for care, protection and rehabilitation of children. It includes specific provisions against child abuse and exploitation and can be used to address cases where children are harmed or exploited.
- Penal Code (Section 509): Pertains to the gesture or act intended to insult the modesty of any person, including using words or sounds or exhibiting any object with the intent to intrude upon the privacy of a woman.
- Section 292: Deals with the creation and distribution of obscene materials. This could apply to inappropriate recordings or photographs of children.
- Communications and Multimedia Act 1998 (Section 233): Prohibits the improper use of network facilities or network services, which includes the making, creation, solicitation, and initiation of any obscene, indecent, false, menacing, or offensive content with intent to annoy, abuse, threaten, or harass another person.
- Sexual Offences Against Children Act 2017: Provides comprehensive protection for children from all forms of sexual offenses, including grooming, physical sexual assault, and possession of child pornography. This act could apply directly to the creation or distribution of any inappropriate images or videos involving children.
- Privacy Laws: There are various provisions under the Personal Data Protection Act 2010 that protect personal data, which could be construed to include images or videos containing personal information, especially of minors.

RT-PCR tepat kesan virus Mpox

Mempunyai sensitiviti dan spesifisiti pada kadar 90 peratus ke atas

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Pihak Berkuasa Peranti Perubatan (MDA) memberi jaminan ketepatan penggunaan *Real-Time Reverse Transcription-Polymerase Chain Reaction* (RT-PCR) bagi mengesan kehadiran virus cacar monyet (Mpox), *Orthopoxvirus*.

Ketua Eksekutif MDA, Dr P Muralitharan berkata, RT-PCR pertama yang telah diluluskan pada 20 Jun lalu mempunyai sensitiviti dan spesifisiti pada kadar 90 peratus ke atas.

"RT-PCR akan berikan dapatan yang lebih tepat kerana ia mengesan asid deoksiribonukleik (DNA) virus Mpox.

"Penilaian ketat telah dilakukan oleh pihak kami bagi memastikan jaminan dan kualiti sebelum ia diluluskan penggunaan," ujar beliau ketika ditemui di pejabatnya di sini pada Khamis.

Menurutnya, RT-PCR Mpox telah dibawa masuk oleh syarikat pembekal dari Sepanyol.

"Memandangkan ia bukan dari enam negara rujukan seperti United Kingdom, Amerika Syarikat, Kesatuan Eropah, Kanada, Jepun dan Australia, maka penilaian produk tersebut yang dilakukan MDA memakan masa sehingga 30 hari," jelas beliau.

Beliau berkata, ujian klinikal RT-PCR boleh dilakukan seawal hari pertama bergejala.

"Walaupun jangkitan boleh berlaku tanpa gejala, tetapi lepuh air yang timbul pada permukaan kulit antara sampel yang digunakan dalam ujian RT-PCR.

"Selain itu, pensampelan turut dilakukan menggunakan kaedah *nasopharyngeal swab*, mengikut tahap kesihatan dan gejala pesakit," katanya.

Awal bulan ini, Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) mengesahkan 46 kes yang disyaki virus cacar monyet atau Mpox di Malaysia adalah negatif.

Menterinya, Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad berkata, hingga kini, kes Mpox di Malaysia kekal sembilan kes yang direkodkan pada akhir tahun lepas.

Kementerian itu mengambil langkah berjaga-jaga dengan melakukan saringan kesihatan terhadap pengembara di pintu masuk negara.

Setakat 16 Ogos, seramai 5.2 juta pengembara disaring di pintu masuk antarabangsa.

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Mengulas lanjut, Muralitharan berkata, ujian saringan Mpox boleh dilakukan di semua fasiliti kesihatan dan hanya dilakukan oleh golongan profesional seperti pengamal perubatan berlesen.

"Sampel kemudiannya akan dihantar ke makmal untuk dianalisis.

"Setakat ini hanya satu RT-PCR yang diluluskan iaitu *Viasure Monkeypox Virus Real Time PCR Detection*. Dua lagi RT-PCR masih dalam tempoh penilaian," katanya.

Ditanya siapa yang perlu menjalani ujian saringan tersebut, beliau menjelaskan mana-mana individu yang mempunyai sejarah perjalanan ke Afrika perlu melakukan saringan Mpox.

"Selain itu, jika mempunyai kontak rapat dengan pesakit sama ada melalui sentuhan mahupun aktiviti seksual, mereka juga perlu membuat saringan," katanya.

Pada Julai lalu, Pertubuhan Kesihatan Sedunia (WHO) memberi amaran Mpox kekal sebagai ancaman kesihatan global.

Mpox pertama kali ditemui pada manusia pada 1970 di Republik Demokratik Congo dengan penyebaran subjenis Clade I.

Pada Mei 2022, jangkitan Mpox melonjak di seluruh dunia di mana kebanyakannya membabitkan lelaki gay dan biseksual dan ia adalah subjenis Clade II.

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NAFAS perkenal 4 produk perapan di MAHA 2024

SERDANG - Pertubuhan Peladang Kebangsaan (NAFAS) memperkenalkan empat produk perapan terbaharu keluaran Peladang sempena Pameran Pertanian Hortikultur dan Agro Pelancongan Malaysia (MAHA) 2024 yang berlangsung bermula 11 hingga 22 September ini di Taman Ekspo Pertanian Malaysia (MAEPS), di sini.

Pengurus Bahagian Pemasaran dan Promosinya, Syahrul Musa berkata, empat produk perapan itu terdiri daripada kambing perap, daging batang pinang perap, ayam perap dan daging harimau menangis.

Menurutnya, kesemua produk baharu itu dijual dengan harga lebih rendah berbanding di pasaran biasa iaitu RM38 untuk satu peket manakala jualan kombo RM100 untuk tiga jenis bagi mana-mana produk perapan tersebut.

"Bersempena dengan penganjuran 100 tahun MAHA kali ini, kita perkenalkan empat produk baharu untuk ditawarkan kepada pengunjung sepanjang 12 hari pameran MAHA kali ini.

"MAHA kali ini menjadi landasan untuk kita perkenalkan produk perapan ini sebelum ia memasuki pasaran di 26 peruncit atau *outlet* Petronas di sekitar Lembah Klang yang dijangka bermula Oktober ini," katanya kepada pemberita ketika di temui di Kingdom of Agrofood, di sini.

Tambah Syahrul, pihaknya menyasarkan sebanyak 2,000 peket produk perapan terjual dalam promosi pengenalan di acara dwitahunan berkenaan.

Sementara itu, NAFAS juga katanya turut menjual beberapa produk sedia di pasaran iaitu ayam potong dan ayam bulat dengan potongan harga istimewa.

Katanya, harga jualan bagi kedua-dua produk sejuk beku itu dijual pada harga RM8 iaitu penjimatan sebanyak RM2 berbanding di pasaran biasa.

Selain itu Syahrul turut memberitahu, jualan harga lebih rendah juga ditawarkan kepada pengunjung menerusi slot waktu riang atau *happy hour* yang akan dimaklumkan dari semasa ke semasa kepada pengunjung nanti.

"Bagi slot *happy hour* ini tidak meletakkan masa atau waktu tertentu, sebaliknya pengumuman akan dibuat dari semasa ke semasa dan jumlah barangan pula bergantung kepada bekalan yang ada untuk sesi *happy hour* tersebut.

"Pengunjung yang membeli ketika *happy hour* ini akan mendapat potongan harga RM2 iaitu RM6 bagi produk ayam bulat dan potong, manakala untuk produk perapan pula RM35," katanya.

Syahrul berkata, orang ramai diharap tidak melepaskan peluang untuk mendapatkan produk keluaran NAFAS ini.

"Penganjuran MAHA ini menjadi peluang terbaik untuk pengusaha tempatan termasuk NAFAS memperkenalkan produk masing-masing.

"Di pihak NAFAS, kita ambil peluang ini untuk memperkenalkan kepada masyarakat bahawa kita sememangnya ada pelbagai produk yang ditawarkan kepada orang ramai," katanya.

Syahrul menunjukkan empat produk perapan terbaharu keluaran NAFAS yang diperkenal sempena MAHA 2024 di MAEPS, di sini.

> *Pengunjung yang membeli ketika happy hour ini akan mendapat potongan harga RM2 iaitu RM6 bagi produk ayam bulat dan potong, manakala untuk produk perapan pula RM35."*
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KPKT dengan kerjasama MOT tambah baik pekeliling, kesan pemilik kenderaan tersadai

PBT, JPJ buru dan lupus kereta terbiar

Oleh **AHMAD SHAHERMAN SHAMSURI** Kosmo 13/9

NEGERI SEMBILAN mencatatkan jumlah kenderaan terbiar atau tersadai paling banyak diambil tindakan oleh PBT iaitu 98,247 kes dari 2021 hingga tahun lalu. – GAMBAR HIASAN

PETALING JAYA – Pemilik yang sengaja membiarkan kenderaan mereka tersadai terutamanya di kawasan awam bakal berdepan dengan tindakan tegas termasuk dilucutkan hak bagi membolehkan kenderaan berkenaan dilupuskan.

Kementerian Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan (KPKT) memberitahu, pihaknya akan bekerjasama dengan Kementerian Pengangkutan (MoT) bagi mengesan dan mengambil tindakan undang-undang ke atas pemilik kenderaan terbabit.

Menurutnya, kerjasama itu juga turut melibatkan dua agensi iaitu pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) dan Jabatan Pengangkutan Jalan (JPJ) bagi memudah cara pelupusan kenderaan terbiar melalui penambahbaikan kepada proses pekeliling sedia ada.

"Melalui proses penambahbaikan itu, JPJ dan PBT akan dapat mempercepatkan proses pelucutan hak kenderaan terbiar sebelum proses seterusnya diambil

"Ini kerana, ia (setiap kenderaan yang mahu dilucut hak) mempunyai syarat, proses dan tempoh tertentu bagi memastikan pelucutan hakmilik kenderaan tersebut adalah sah dari sudut perundangan dan perlembagaan," katanya dalam kenyataan kepada *Kosmo!*.

Dalam pada itu, KPKT memaklumkan Negeri Sembilan mencatatkan jumlah kenderan terbiar atau tersadai paling banyak dikenakan tindakan oleh PBT dari 2021 sehingga 2023 iaitu kira-kira 98,247 kes.

Daripada jumlah itu katanya, kira-kira 96,512 kompaun telah dikenakan serta melibatkan 1,454 notis, manakala 281 kenderaan telah disita atau ditunda pihak PBT.

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Ibarat 'besi buruk', penduduk merungut sukar cari parkir selain halang lalu lintas

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Tambahnya, Sabah mencatatkan jumlah kenderaan terbiar kedua paling tinggi dikenakan tindakan bagi tempoh sama iaitu kira-kira 32,444 kes.

Diikuti Selangor iaitu sebanyak 32,043 kes, Johor (8,124), Pahang (3,986), Pulau Pinang (3,606), Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur (3,421) dan Perak (2,591).

Selain itu, kata KPKT, Sarawak pula mencatatkan sebanyak 763 kes kenderaan terbiar, manakala Kedah (712), Melaka (467), Terengganu (135), Kelantan (75) dan Perlis (54).

"Bagi tindakan sitaan atau penundaan pula, sebanyak 4,735 kenderaan telah diambil tindakan oleh PBT di Selangor, diikuti Johor (1,735), Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur (1,679), Pulau Pinang (948) dan Pahang (929).

"Untuk tindakan perlupusan, PBT di Selangor telah melupuskan kira-kira 2,642 buah kenderaan diikuti Kuala Lumpur (957), Pulau Pinang (803), Pahang (340) dan Johor (170)," katanya.

PEMILIK kenderaan terbiar bakal dikenakan tindakan tegas oleh KPKT. – GAMBAR HIASAN

KPKT berkata, secara keseluruhan sepanjang tempoh tiga tahun itu, sebanyak 186,668 kes melibatkan kenderaan terbiar di seluruh negara.

Daripada jumlah itu, sebanyak 135,727 kenderaan dikompaun, manakala 35,007 notis dikeluarkan PBT di negeri masing-masing.

"Sepanjang tempoh itu juga, sebanyak 10,884 kenderaan terbiar ini telah ditunda atau disita dan 5,050 buah telah dilupuskan oleh pihak PBT di setiap negeri," katanya.

Mengulas lanjut, KPKT memaklumkan bahawa semua tindakan yang telah diambil oleh pihak PBT ke atas kenderaan terbiar itu berdasarkan Pekeliling Ketua Setiausaha KPKT Bilangan 2 Tahun 2020 bertarikh 13 Februari 2020.

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Bisnes

KOS hartanah meningkat disebabkan pelbagai komponen seperti peningkatan bahan material, SST daripada enam kepada lapan peratus dan logistik.

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Pemaju hartanah berdepan peningkatan kos

Petaling Jaya

Pemaju hartanah menegaskan bahawa pihaknya tidak boleh menaikkan harga kediaman sewenang-wenangnya walaupun berdepan peningkatan kos.

Presiden Persatuan Pemaju Hartanah dan Perumahan Malaysia (Rehda), Datuk Ir Ho Hon Sang berkata, biarpun kos operasi seperti harga bahan asas pembinaan meningkat, peningkatan Cukai Jualan dan Perkhidmatan (SST) kepada lapan peratus dan kos pengangkutan, pemaju tidak boleh menaikkan harga sewenang-wenangnya.

"Kos hartanah sudah tentu meningkat disebabkan pelbagai komponen seperti peningkatan bahan material, SST daripada enam kepada lapan peratus dan logistik.

"Tetapi tidak boleh naikkan harga sewenangnya apatah lagi 40 peratus daripada projek dibangunkan pemaju seperti Residensi Wilayah Madani, Rumah Selangorku (RSKU) dan Rumah Mampu Milik Johor (RMMJ) berada pada harga kawalan.

"Kenaikan harga juga berlaku dalam tempoh enam bulan lalu, di mana segelintirnya (projek) sudah dilancarkan. Apabila pemaju sudah lancarkan, dia tidak boleh meningkatkan lagi harga," katanya pada sidang media selepas membentangkan hasil Tinjauan Industri Hartanah Separuh Pertama 2024 dan Tinjauan Pasaran Separuh Kedua 2024 dan Prospek Pasaran Separuh Pertama 2025 di Wisma Rehda di sini, semalam.

"Keseluruhannya, separuh masa pertama semakin baik dan pemaju lebih berhati-hati dalam memutuskan projek yang hendak dijual"

Ho Hon Sang

Beliau berkata, pemaju optimis untuk prospek pasaran pada masa hadapan.

"Untuk tawaran itu dilancarkan, sama ada pembeli atau pemaju akan menaikkan harga mereka atau tidak.

"Tetapi apa saya boleh katakan jika ada kenaikan, saya tidak fikir ia kenaikan melampau.

"Secara keseluruhannya, separuh masa pertama semakin baik dan pemaju lebih berhati-hati dalam memutuskan projek yang hendak dijual," katanya.

Katanya, tinjauan yang mengumpulkan maklum balas daripada 162 daripada lebih 1,500 ahli Rehda menunjukkan, unit yang dilancarkan meningkat tujuh peratus kepada 11,814 unit pada separuh pertama 2024 berbanding 11,032 unit pada separuh kedua 2023.

"Prestasi jualan juga mencatatkan pertumbuhan kecil dengan 13,445 unit dijual berbanding 12,017 unit pada separuh kedua 2023.

"Sebanyak 65 peratus atau 8,699 unit daripada jumlah unit tidak terjual pada separuh pertama 2024 dan selebihnya daripada pelancaran baharu pada separuh pertama 2024," katanya.

Ho berkata, jenis hartanah paling banyak dibeli ialah kediaman servis dan rumah teres dua hingga tiga tingkat.

"Walaupun tinjauan berkenaan tidak menggambarkan semua projek dilancarkan atau jualan yang dibuat dalam tempoh ditinjau, hasilnya menjadi petunjuk industri stabil walaupun berdepan pelbagai cabaran.

"Kami berharap aliran menaik akan berterusan dan mod pemulihan akan kekal lancar untuk pemain industri.

"Sebarang peningkatan dalam stok perumahan akan terus membantu menjadikan perumahan lebih mampu milik untuk rakyat," katanya.

HARIAN METRO
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AI, literasi digital strategi bersepadu elak scammer

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Jenayah scammer semakin menjadi-jadi di seluruh dunia, termasuk di Malaysia. Malaysia mendokumenkan lebih 67,552 kes penipuan siber, mengakibatkan kerugian kewangan terkumpul melebihi RM2.23 bilion sejak beberapa tahun kebelakangan ini.

Salah satu ciri penipuan siber ini ialah pancingan data menerusi e-mel atau mesej teks mengelirukan meniru organisasi sah. Tujuannya adalah menipu mangsa supaya mengklik pada pautan berbahaya atau mendedahkan maklumat sulit.

Terdapat peningkatan penipuan pelaburan, terutama dengan scammer membuat janji palsu untuk pulangan besar dalam pasaran untuk tempoh masa singkat.

MoneyGame misalnya menipu mangsa sebanyak RM1.2 bilion dan mangsa pula menganggap mereka akan memperoleh keuntungan kewangan pantas. Namun, bertentangan dengan jangkaan mereka, akhirnya kehilangan keseluruhan wang mereka.

Sementara itu, kerugian akibat penipuan percintaan mencatat lebih RM85 juta. Individu tertipu dengan janji cinta dan persahabatan sering memindahkan sejumlah besar wang kepada penipu menyamar sebagai orang kaya atau berpengaruh dari negara asing.

Pada masa sama, peningkatan populariti e-dagang turut mendorong kepada peningkatan transaksi dalam talian yang menipu. Sejumlah RM57 juta dilaporkan digelapkan scammer yang beroperasi di pasaran dalam talian seperti Lazada dan Shopee.

Perhebatkan program literasi digital

Sebilangan besar individu, terutama warga emas dan individu masih mempunyai pengetahuan terhad terhadap teknologi, kurang kesedaran strategi penipuan siber seperti pancingan data dan laman web.

Justeru, program literasi digital perlu diperhebatkan bagi mendidik individu mengenai keselamatan dalam talian untuk mengurangkan individu menjadi mangsa dalam talian.

Situasi ini juga memerlukan kerjasama antara agensi penguatkuasaan undang-undang, institusi kewangan, penyedia telekomunikasi dan orang awam.

Pada masa sama, pihak berkuasa harus memperuntukkan sumber ke arah penggunaan teknologi termaju seperti kecerdasan buatan (AI) dan pembelajaran mesin (ML) untuk mengenal pasti dan menyerlahkan transaksi penipuan dengan kadar segera.

Namun, akauntabiliti peribadi memainkan peranan yang besar dalam mencegah penipuan di samping tindakan bersepadu kerajaan memerangi jenayah scammer ini.

Elakkan memindahkan dana menggunakan platform yang tidak selamat atau kepada individu tanpa mengesahkan kredibiliti mereka terlebih dahulu.

Penipu kerap menggunakan bahasa menarik untuk memaksa mangsa membuat keputusan segera. Rakyat harus memupuk amalan mengambil sedikit masa mengesahkan kesahihan sebarang permintaan dalam talian sebelum memberikan jawapan.

Kerajaan juga wajar mengambil contoh inisiatif Scamwatch Australia yang berfungsi sebagai ilustrasi utama strategi berjaya mencegah penipuan siber.

Singapura pula menubuhkan Pusat Anti-Scam (ASC) dan pengenalan aplikasi ScamShield, setakat ini sangat berkesan menghalang panggilan penipuan dan SMS palsu.

Atas faktor ini, rakyat sebenarnya bertanggungjawab mengurangkan risiko menjadi mangsa scammer secara proaktif dengan meningkatkan celik digital secara kendiri, melaksanakan kaedah pengesahan lebih mantap dan menggunakan pendekatan berhati-hati terhadap interaksi dalam talian.

BERITA HARIAN
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Bos sebenar penjawat awam adalah rakyat

SEJAK Datuk Seri, Anwar Ibrahim mengangkat sumpah sebagai Perdana Menteri Ke-10 pada 24 November 2022, antara misi beliau ialah membawa reformasi dalam sistem penyampaian perkhidmatan awam.

Penyampaian perkhidmatan awam itu meliputi hal ehwal tadbir urus di semua agensi kerajaan untuk menawarkan khidmat tanpa birokrasi, berintergriti dan pantas seterusnya memberi keselesaan dan keyakinan kepada rakyat.

Contoh mudah mengenai sistem pemyampaian kepada rakyat adalah seperti orang awam berkunjung ke Jabatan Pendaftaran Negara, Jabatan Pendidikan Daerah mahupun negeri, hospital, Jabatan Imigresen dan Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat.

Selama ini ramai tidak tahu atau tidak berani untuk menegur kelemahan di agensi-agensi kerajaan yang tidak selari dengan matlamatnya. Staf di kaunter-kaunter kerajaan sepatutnya melayan, memahami, jadi pemudah cara sehingga isu dibawa pelanggan selesai.

Namun, apa yang dilalui sebelum ini, ada kalangan rakyat merungut, kecewa dan tidak selesa untuk berurusan di jabatan kerajaan kerana sistem penyampaian diguna pakai tidak memudahkan malah lebih buruk tidak mesra selain kakitangannya seolah-olah menunjukkan kuasa bahawa mereka adalah bos jadi anda kena ikut apa dikatakan.

Justeru, sepanjang urusan antara orang awam dan penjawat awam tidak harmoni sehingga ada yang melabelkan kakitangan kerajaan terlebih sudu dari kuah dan ada pula mendakwa mereka makan gaji buta.

Contoh, anda pergi ke pejabat tanah di sebuah negeri atau pejabat imigresen di mana-mana cawangan tetapi malangnya nombor giliran habis. Sebagai orang biasa kita akur perlu datang keesokan harinya. Jika tidak berpuas hati sekali pun kita sekadar merungut dengan diri sendiri kerana kita tetap kena berurusan dengan pejabat kerajaan untuk menyelesaikan isu kita. Jika anda berjaya mendapat nombor giliran sekalipun jangan gembira sangat kerana belum tentu isu dibawa anda boleh selesai pada hari sama. Maklumlah pengisian borang dan serahan dokumen kadang-kadang membebankan. Ramai yang melalui pengalaman sudah bawa MyKid atau MyKad, petugas kaunter minta pula surat beranak asli.

Kadang-kadang tercetus persoalan, apa guna sistem biometrik dalam sistem kerajaan jika tidak boleh digunakan? Ini antara contoh birokrasi kecil atau biasa yang dihadap rakyat setiap kali berurusan di kaunter kerajaan.

Sebelum ini, banyak kaunter kosong, atau kakitangan seperti hanya duduk di kaunter tanpa memanggil pelanggan. Itu antara pemandangan biasa sebelum ini. Jika ada pelanggan yang berani bertanya, jawapan petugas dengan muka teramat yakin `encik atau puan kena tunggu'.

Namun sejak Anwar memperkenalkan aspirasi Kerajaan Madani dan mengumumkan kenaikan gaji penjawat awam sehingga 15 peratus, sedikit demi sedikit urusan penjawat awam di agensi- agensi kerajaan menunjukkan perkembangan positif. Antara usaha yang terserlah apabila bos-bos imigresen mula turun mengejut ke beberapa cawangan imigresen. Ketika tinjauan itu orang nombor satu dan nombor dua imigresen itu tidak pula berlagak macam bos malah sangat prihatin dengan masa menunggu pelanggannya.

Dari situ, penjawat awam di semua agensi dimohon sila buang jauh-jauh perasaan 'superior' ketika berurusan dengan pelanggan sebaliknya diganti mereka adalah pekerja kepada rakyat dan rakyat adalah bos kepada mereka.

Teon Eg ialah Pengarang Berita *Utusan Malaysia*

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Cuaca buruk dijangka landa utara Semenanjung, barat Sabah hari ini

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PETALING JAYA: Negeri di utara Semenanjung dan barat Sabah diramal dilanda hujan lebat beserta ribut petir dan angin kencang dalam tempoh yang lebih panjang bermula hari ini sehingga 18 September ini.

Pada masa sama, kawasan perairan di Laut China Selatan dan utara Selat Melaka juga akan dilanda angin kencang serta laut bergelora dalam tempoh sama.

Ketua Pengarah Jabatan Meteorologi Malaysia (MET Malaysia), Dr. Mohd. Hisham Mohd. Anip berkata, ramalan dikeluarkan berdasarkan analisis model cuaca yang mendapati potesi berlakunya penumpuan angin di utara Semenanjung dan barat Sabah pada tempoh tersebut.

"Keadaan ini berpotensi menghasilkan ribut petir beserta hujan lebat dan angin kencang dalam tempoh yang lebih panjang di kawasan tersebut serta angin kencang dan laut bergelora di perairan Laut China Selatan dan Selat Melaka Utara.

"Sehubungan itu, MET Malaysia telah mengeluarkan Amaran Angin Kencang dan Laut Bergelora bagi Laut China Selatan dan Selat Melaka Utara berkuat kuasa pada 13 hingga 18 September," katanya dalam kenyataan dikeluarkan semalam.

Bagaimanapun, Mohd. Hisham berkata, di negeri-negeri lain, cuaca ribut petir beserta hujan lebat dan angin kencang masih berpotensi berlaku sepanjang minggu ini.

Terdahulu, MET Malaysia mengeluarkan amaran angin kencang dan laut bergelora kategori pertama membabitkan perairan negara dalam lingkungan 25 batu nautika iaitu di Kedah, Perlis, Pulau Pinang, Sabah barat dan Labuan yang dijangka mengalami angin kencang berkelajuan 40 hingga 50 kilometer sejam.

Keadaan itu berpotensi mengakibatkan ombak berketinggian sehingga 3.5 meter yang berbahaya kepada bot kecil, aktiviti laut dan sukan laut.

Bagi sektor perkapalan, jabatan itu mengeluarkan amaran angin kencang dan laut bergelora kategori kedua membabitkan perairan utara Reef North dan Palawan yang membawa angin berkelajuan 50 hingga 60 kilometer sejam dengan ombak setinggi 4.5 meter.

Keadaan itu amat bahaya kepada semua aktiviti perkapalan dan pantai termasuk menangkap ikan serta perkhidmatan feri.

Bagi sektor sama, amaran angin kencang dan laut bergelora kategori pertama juga dikeluarkan membabitkan perairan Phuket, Selat Melaka utara, Condore, selatan Reef North, Layang-Layang, Labuan dan Sulu.

Semua keadaan itu dijangka melanda kawasan yang dikenalpasti mulai hari ini.

PASUKAN penyelamat memeriksa kawasan tanah runtuh ekoran Taufan Yagi di kampung Lang Nu, Wilayah Lao Cai di utara Vietnam semalam. – AFP

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Mohon ambil tindakan segera

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SAUDARA PENGARANG,

PADA 8 September lalu, saya ke Pasar Klang di Selangor dan mendapati empat ekor anjing masuk ke dalam pasar yang menjual sayur-sayuran dan buah-buahan.

Sudah tentu umat Islam tidak selesa dengan keadaan ini kerana mungkin anjing liar ini membuang air besar dan kecil serta menghidu segala buah-buahan dan sayur-sayuran.

Sepatutnya pihak Majlis Perbandaran Klang (MPK) melakukan tangkap anjing liar yang semakin bertambah di Pasar Klang. Bahkan pejabat MPK juga tidak jauh dari pasar berkenaan.

Selain itu, di Lorong Sarkawi dan Lorong Bani di Jalan Kebun, Seksyen 30, Shah Alam terdapat bengkel kereta yang meletak kereta-kereta buruk sepanjang bahu jalan. Sudahlah jalan sempit, dalam masa sama tindakan itu akan menyusahkan pengguna lain.

Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) diminta menyiasat pegawai dan pengarah Majlis Bandaraya Shah Alam (MBSA). Ini kerana telah banyak aduan dibuat, namun tiada sebarang tindakan diambil.

Sementara itu, pejabat tanah meminta agar warung-warung yang dibina kekal di sepanjang bahu jalan di Lorong Ehsan, Lorong Bani, Lorong Sarkawi dirobohkan, namun sehingga hari ini tiada sebarang tindakan diambil MBSA.

Jabatan Pengangkutan Jalan (JPJ) dimohon untuk membuat sekatan atau tangkapan di laluan masuk Jalan Kebun, Seksyen 30, Jalan Kampung Lombong, Kebun Baru, Teluk Panglima Garang kerana terdapat ramai warga asing yang bebas menunggang motosikal untuk mengutip barang lusuh, membawa lori, membawa kenderaan e-hailing dan berniaga makanan menggunakan motosikal di kilang-kilang berdekatan. seperti Panasonic Batu 3 dan lain-lain.

AMEERA
Shah Alam

MOHON siasat aduan-aduan daripada rakyat.
- GAMBAR HIASAN

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Toxic businesses

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How to make them pay for their crimes

HERE they go again in Johor, Sungai Kim Kim-like, polluting the earth, air and water. Give them fire and metal, the remaining elements, they will pollute them, too. These are hardcore incorrigibles. Fined or imprisoned, though this puzzlingly happens rarely, these rogue businessmen return to commit more of the same, with greater vengeance. Helped, of course, by greedy thug lorry drivers, who do the dumping on behalf of the unreformable men of dirty commerce. Yes, it is easier to catch the goons on wheels, but does this stop such environmental offences from recurring? It certainly does not. The source of the crime — the wayward factory operators and other perverse men of commerce — oftentimes escapes. If caught, it is just a slap on the wrist like in the case of Sungai Kim Kim. Plus statements by officials that the government can foot the bill, however well-intentioned they were, only encourage the defiant. The 2019 stench of Sungai Kim Kim— metaphorically speaking, that is, is still with us. Close to a 1,000 people affected by the chemical pollution of the river are still living with its after effects. Why should the victims pay for the crimes of businesses? And why should the government pick up the tab for cleaning up the mess of the criminals? One environmental expert, once a government officer, told this newspaper on Wednesday that the government spent several millions cleaning up Sungai Kim Kim. What is worse, the several millions remain unrecovered from the polluters. Not unexpected. On March 13, 2019, more than 2,000 people faced severe health issues. What is more, 111 schools were reported closed because of the chemical contamination. The victims, too, have yet to be compensated. Time for class action? Over the years, polluters have learned how to make the government and the people foot the bill for their toxic ways. Is it any surprise that the list of the incorrigible is a long one, and growing by the day, too?

> *The 2019 stench of Sg Kim Kim, metaphorically speaking, that is, is still with us.*

Cleaning up must mean more than restoring the rivers to their previous state. Pollution is a tale of before and after. Cleaning up after contamination has happened is very costly in more sense than one. 'Before" is best place to begin. And that place is at factories and business premises. For one, they shouldn't be located near rivers and waterways. Those which are already there must be relocated. Factories and business premises must be compelled to dispose of the contaminants in designated locations. The lament by greedy business operators is that disposing of contaminants is very costly. The government can incentivise the building of such disposal centres. But to use the lack of disposable centres as licence to pollute must be dealt with severely. Those who engage in commerce must know that any business has a cost. Those who can't afford it, should seek their fortune elsewhere.

Enforcement, too, must shoulder blame for the contamination of our rivers and waterways. The fact chemical pollution hasn't ended with Sungai Kim Kim is an indication that enforcement is anything but robust. Lack of manpower and equipment has often been blamed for weak and infrequent enforcement. If it is true, the government has to budget for this. It is less costly for the government to pay for more manpower and better equipment than spend millions every year for clean up.

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RENTING OF BUSINESS LICENCES

Mat Sabu: Stop 'Ali Baba' practices to prevent foreigners controlling agriculture sector

SERDANG: Agriculture and Food Security Minister Datuk Seri Mohamad Sabu has expressed concern about the dominance of foreign labourers in Malaysia's agriculture sector.

He said some Malaysians have chosen to rent out their business licences to foreigners, leading to a monopoly by the group in the sector.

He said this practice must be stopped to ensure that the sector remained under the control of Malaysian entrepreneurs and workers.

The minister said "Ali Baba" (rent-seeking) practices were still prevalent.

"The licence belongs to 'Ali' (Bumiputera), but the work is done by 'Baba' (foreigners). Take, for example, padi fields. We have to seriously look at why farmers in Sekinchan, Selangor, can make it work.

"When our people work, they often lose focus. But when others do it, they can maintain focus all the way," he said.

"We don't want a repeat of past incidences. In the 1960s, 1970s, 1980s and 1990s, the Ali among the Bumiputera have the licences and are presented the opportunity (to do business), to be chairmen and more.

"However, the ones doing the work are the Baba.

"From the year 2000 onwards, Ali hasn't changed. Ali still gets the opportunities, the licences, the chairmanship, but the ones doing the work are the Bangladeshi."

Mohamad said this after officiating the Agro Madani 2024 Convention at Universiti Putra Malaysia here yesterday.

Earlier news reports had indicated that the supply chain of vegetable products were dominated by foreigners, who have established illegal farms.

The Federation of Malaysian Vegetable Farmers claimed that such activities had become widespread over the past five years.

Its chairman, Lim Ser Kwee, said the foreigners, comprising Indonesians, Bangladeshi and Rohingya, had established a supply chain from the farms, distribution and trading lots in major wholesale markets in the peninsula.

On another subject, Mohamad said the public need not be concerned about the safety of Malaysian fishermen in the South China Sea.

He said the situation was still safe and his ministry had not received any reports of incidents involving fishermen.

"There are no problems involving fishermen. So far, I have not received any reports of disturbances to fishermen. God willing, we will resolve this dispute through diplomatic channels.

"The government is capable of resolving it," he said in response to concerns following reports of incursions by Chinese Navy and Coast Guard vessels in Malaysia's Exclusive Economic Zone waters recently.

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