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MBPJ, MBDK tidak naik cukai lebih 30 tahun, bantahan mulai Julai

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SHAH ALAM, 14 JUN: Majlis Bandaraya Petaling Jaya (MBPJ) dan Majlis Bandaraya Diraja Klang (MBDK) tidak membuat semakan kadar cukai taksiran sejak lebih 30 tahun.

Kali terakhir pada 1992, MBPJ tidak membuat sebarang kenaikan sejak 33 tahun manakala MBDK pula menggunakan pakai kadar nilai berusia 31 tahun iaitu sejak 1993.

Meski kedua-dua pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) itu mahu menguat kuasa nilai baharu mulai 1 Januari 2025, pemilik hartanah boleh membuat bantahan mengikut tarikh yang ditetapkan.

Bantahan terhadap MBPJ boleh dibuat pada atau sebelum 4 Julai dengan cara mengimbas kod QR atau mengisi borang dalam di laman sesawang PBT berkenaan.

Bantahan terhadap MBDK pula boleh dilakukan menerusi laman sesawang, imbasan kod QR, e-mel atau hadir secara fizikal di kaunter Jabatan Penilaian dan Pengurusan Harta sebelum atau pada 16 Julai.

Selain MBPJ dan MBDK, **lapan PBT lain** juga tidak membuat semakan kadar cukai taksiran antara kira-kira 20 hingga 40 tahun lalu.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SELANGORKINI ONLINE

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Tamil school to stay put with new building

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SJK(T) RRI in Sungai Buloh will remain at its current location with a new school building, *Malaysia Namban* reported.

The matter was announced by Selangor state exco member V. Papparaidu after a meeting with all the parties involved.

One group wanted the school to stay put while another party had lobbied for it to be moved to a better location.

During the meeting in Shah Alam, it was explained that the current location of the school is better served by an MRT line nearby, making it a preferred site for its pupils.

The current location and 5.94 acres of land has been gazetted by the state in 2023 while the local council had allocated another location for the school.

Papparaidu said the discussion over which location is better had dragged on for some time, which has caused delays in constructing the new school building.

With the final decision reached at the meeting, Papparaidu said he would meet the Education Minister to discuss and set up a new Tamil school on the land allocated by the Shah Alam City Council.

The parent-teachers association members and former school board members also attended the meeting.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFETY

Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) is holding a contest to see which neighbourhood has the best security team, open to registered residents associations, Rukun Tetangga, joint management bodies and village community management councils. Deadline is today. For entry forms, visit MBPJ's social media pages. For details, call 03-7958 8085 ext.115 (Kamarul).

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Temporary licences to operate in residential areas

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SEVERAL business owners in areas such as Kampung Cempaka and Petaling Jaya Old Town will be issued temporary five-year licences so they can continue to operate.

This is part of Petaling Jaya City Council's (MBPJ) effort to legalise and support entrepreneurs, said mayor Mohamad Zahri Samingon.

"Both Kampung Cempaka and Petaling Jaya Old Town are gazetted as housing areas.

"These businesses are unlicensed and some have been around for generations.

"In Kampung Cempaka, over 40 businesses will be issued temporary five-year licences to operate.

"After which, if they are deemed qualified, we will issue them a permanent licence.

"At Petaling Jaya Old Town, some 12 shops will also be issued temporary licences," he said at the MBPJ Entrepreneur and Cooperative Carnival at the Civic Hall.

In Kampung Cempaka, only hair salons, cafes, restaurants, furniture stores, tailoring and furniture factories are allowed.

Prohibited businesses include vehicle repair and painting workshops, glass and aluminium shops, storage facilities, service centres and furniture repair.

Mohamad Zahri said that to

Initiative part of MBPJ support for entrepreneurs in PJ Old Town and Kampung Cempaka



Karnival Usahawan MBPJ dan Koperasi event saw 22 entrepreneurs selling their goods and services at the Petaling Jaya Civic Hall. — Photos: AZMAN GHANI/The Star

help the B40 group, MBPJ was also allowing certain businesses in Taman Medan, which consists of PJS 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Only micro businesses selling food, drinks and snacks are allowed, but sellers plying coconut and sugarcane water as well as satay are prohibited.

Also not allowed are showrooms and pet shops.

The city council also released guidelines for new businesses in the city, such as go-kart, golf simulator, pet hotel and

animal grooming.

About 60 pet grooming and hotels are currently registered with MBPJ.

Mohamad Zahri said the new guidelines were based on discussion with the Veterinary Services Department and other experts.

The carnival, organised to celebrate MBPJ's 18th anniversary, saw some 22 entrepreneurs showcasing their products and services.

Rozilah Abdul Rahman, a food



Mohamad Zahri launching MBPJ's guidelines for new business activities.

vendor, decided to set up a booth selling batik and crafts there to supplement her income.

Her main business is traditional delicacies, specifically *Rendang Tok* and *Bahulu Berdal*.

She credited MBPJ for significantly aiding her entrepreneurial journey.

"MBPJ has helped me a lot by providing practical training and support," said Rozilah who was one of 10 winners of MBPJ's Best Entrepreneur 2023 award.

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GREEN SCHOOLS

Kajang Municipal Council (MPKajang) is organising its Green School Award for primary and secondary schools. Judging will be based on cleanliness, innovation, creativity and community involvement. Deadline is Aug 26. For entry forms, visit www.mpkj.gov.my

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Tankers to supply water at Chow Kit market due to low pressure

UP TO five water tankers with a 5,000L capacity each will be supplying water to Kompleks Pasar Raja Bot in Chow Kit as a temporary measure to address low pressure at the market.

A Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) representative said the low water pressure was due to broken pipes caused by vandalism.

"Shortly after the traders moved into the complex in March, we found that the main pipes were damaged when the contractor did a water pressure test.

"We believed that the pipes were vandalised by irresponsible parties who tried to tap into the main pipes for water.

"We will fix the pipes and conduct a water pressure test again.

"Should the test fail, pipe replacement will be done," he said, adding that the process will likely take six months.

"During the six months, we will connect the main water supply to the complex," said the DBKL representative during a site visit.

On June 5, *StarMetro* had reported on the issue. "Low water pressure, dry taps at Chow Kit market affecting traders."



(From right) Lai and Leong discussing solutions with traders and DBKL representatives to address low water pressure at Kompleks Pasar Raja Bot in Chow Kit. — LOW BOON TAT/The Star

It was revealed that certain areas did not have water supply due to low pressure and some taps were also closed to limit water usage in the market.

Chow Kit Area Hawkers and Petty Traders Association secretary Chew Meng Leong said sending water tankers to the complex would help.

Association chairman Yuesnaedy Idrus said connect-

ing the market to the main water supply was vital.

"Ultimately, we want the main water pipes to be fixed," he said.

Kuala Lumpur Advisory Board member Carmen Leong lauded DBKL's swift action in deploying the tankers.

Fellow board member Andre Lai said the association had also raised concerns of Jalan Raja

Alang being a one-way road.

"The association wanted the road turned into two-way as illegal traders are using the road reserve to set up stalls.

"There is also the problem of having three different associations managing traders in the market.

"We will call for a meeting with DBKL to sort out these issues," he said.

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'Be transparent in sacking corrupt civil servants'

PETALING JAYA: Dismissal may be a means to curbing corruption among civil servants but due process must be followed before such drastic action, say anti-graft crusaders.

Transparency International Malaysia president Dr Muhammad Mohan said it is not so simple to sack government employees as there must be ample evidence of wrongdoing.

"If the offences are related to corruption, theft or criminal breach of trust, existing laws can be used to charge and terminate those who are errant. Otherwise, it can be challenged," he added.

Muhammad Mohan proposed that the government make a Misconduct in Public Office (MIPO) provision a part of the

MACC Act.

He said this would serve to penalise civil servants who have failed in their fiduciary duties to protect the government's interest and that of taxpayers, citing losses incurred each year as evident in the Auditor General's Report.

"MIPO is already a strategy item in the National Anti-Corruption Strategy. The government should push to accelerate this amendment," he said.

Centre to Combat Corruption and Cronyism chief executive officer Pushpan Murugiah said while dismissal is necessary under certain circumstances to curb graft and malpractice within the civil service, due process and caution must be exercised.

He questioned if dismissals are

really the best way forward in rooting out corruption, adding that there could be civil servants who had caved in to pressure from powerful individuals involved in corrupt dealings.

"This is not to say that corrupt and self-serving officers do not exist. They do, and they should be dealt with immediately and effectively – even removed from government service entirely.

"However, it is important that dismissals are not perceived as the go-to solution for dealing with wrongdoings in the civil service, as doing so carries the risk of failing to address the root causes and making lower-ranking officers scapegoats," he added.

Murugiah said the creation of an ombudsman should be consid-

ered to conduct independent investigations on wrongdoings among civil servants.

"The independence of an ombudsman is central to its functioning, allowing for investigations to be conducted free from external influences and preventing disproportionate punishments," he said.

Malaysian Corruption Watch president Jais Abdul Karim, in echoing the view, said transparency and accountability are crucial elements in terminating civil servants.

"This is to avoid misunderstandings or unfair accusations.

"Whistleblowers must also be given adequate protection as it will encourage more to step forward without fear," he said.

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Dengue cases in Selangor Jan-May 2020-2024



2020	25,298
2021	6,006
2022	10,927
2023	24,442
2024	33,754

Source: Selangor Health Department

TheStargraphics

Stagnant water seen in plastic containers in Puchong. Public awareness on the importance of eliminating mosquito breeding grounds is part of government efforts to fight dengue. — Filepic

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'No plans for wider rollout of vaccine'

S'gor exco member talks costs and community hygiene as 2024 dengue cases rise past 30,000

SELANGOR has no plans to change its strategy of emphasising prevention measures to combat dengue, even as cases rise and a new vaccine against the disease has become available, says a state exco member.

According to Selangor public health and environment committee chairman Jamaliah Jamaluddin, the state's strategy remains focused on educating the public to eliminate potential mosquito breeding sites in their surroundings.

However, she said those in high-risk areas would be encouraged to consider taking the Qdenga vaccine, which was granted conditional approval by Malaysia's Drug Control Authority in February, for extra protection.

Data from the Selangor Health Department revealed that almost all districts recorded a rise in dengue cases during the 22nd epidemiological week (May 27 to June 2) of 2024 compared to the same period last year.

Specifically, Selangor reported 1,255 cases, with Hulu Langat and Gombak noting increases of 12.3% (338 cases) and 16.8% (230 cases) respectively. Only Petaling district saw a slight decrease of 0.2%.

The figure for the year so far is alarming, with a reported 33,754 dengue cases — a 406% increase compared to the same period in 2021 (see graphic).

The state recorded 58,116 cases for the whole of last year.

The data shows 46 hotspots in the state, with Petaling district having the highest number (27), followed by Hulu Langat (nine), Gombak (six), Klang and Hulu Selangor (two each).

In light of this, Jamaliah urged the public to adopt proactive measures such as using mosquito repellent, installing window screens and eliminating



Azhari removing water accumulated in the plate at the bottom of his flower pot to prevent mosquitoes from breeding. — Photos: SAMUEL ONG and LEW GUAN XI/The Star

standing water.

"By working together, we can make a significant difference in reducing dengue in our community," she said, adding that regular fogging in hotspots would continue.

On the Qdenga vaccine, which protects against all four dengue virus serotypes and was officially launched on June 11, Jamaliah said it had been available in private clinics and hospitals since mid-May.

"Its price will vary depending on the individual clinic and hospital," she said.

According to news reports, the vaccine is administered in two doses over three months to individuals aged four and above.

According to manufacturer Takeda Malaysia, clinical trials had shown that the vaccine successfully prevented 80.2% of symptomatic dengue cases at 12 months after vaccination.

After a period of four-and-a-

half years, the vaccine's efficacy was at 84.1% against hospitalisation and 61.2% against symptomatic cases.

Asked if the state would consider a wider rollout of the vaccine, Jamaliah said further research and discussions with key leaders was needed.

"Besides understanding its potential impact and efficacy, we also need to conduct a cost-benefit analysis. Hence, it is still not available in public hospitals.



Jamaliah says state government will consider offering Qdenga vaccine to high-risk groups.

"Though it is unlikely that the vaccine will be made free to everyone, we would consider providing it for free to high-risk groups," she told StarMetro.

Proactive measures

However, some Selangor residents when interviewed say they plan to focus on self-prevention to keep dengue at bay.

Taman Melawati Residents Association chairman Azhari Abdul Taharim said events like gotong-royong would be unnecessary if everyone was disciplined enough to keep their place clear of mosquitoes.

"I suffered from a very high fever and bad headache when I came down with dengue fever six to seven years ago, and I don't want a repeat of it.

"I will always remove water accumulated underneath my flower pots," he said.

"I also make sure that there is no stagnant water inside my house, especially in the bathrooms. These actions are quite tedious, but they are necessary," he added.

Azhari also supports the state's directives and would con-

Using Wolbachia mozzies to battle dengue

COMBATING dengue involves various strategies, one of which is the release of mosquitoes infected with Wolbachia bacteria to prevent the virus' transmission.

In the Petaling district, Selangor government has implemented this strategy in 21 localities.

According to state public health and environment committee chairman Jamaliah Jamaluddin, as of the 19th epidemiological week (May 6 to 12) in 2024, eight out of the 10 localities involved achieved a reduction in dengue cases since 2019.

Dengue cases in these eight areas decreased by 6% to 90%. However, two localities experienced an increase in dengue cases: Vista Lavender in Bandar Kinrara saw a 90% increase, and Desa Mentari Apartment in Petaling Jaya experienced a staggering 134% rise.

Jamaliah, in a statement to *StarMetro*, noted that the release of Wolbachia-infected mosquitoes had been effective in controlling dengue, but its success depended on the proportion of such mosquitoes in the locality, which should exceed 80%.

"To control dengue effectively, the frequency of Wolbachia-infected mosquitoes in a population needs to be high enough to significantly reduce the transmission of the virus."

"The threshold often mentioned is around 80% - meaning that at least 80% of the

mosquito population should be infected with Wolbachia."

She added that the Wolbachia mosquito initiative was still in the pilot phase in dengue hot-spot areas in Selangor, so raising awareness on this measure was not yet a primary concern.

Dengue Prevention Advocacy Malaysia (DPAM) co-chairman Prof Dr Zamberi Sekawi said the best strategy to release Wolbachia-infected mosquitoes was to clear an area of any mosquito breeding grounds before conducting fogging.

"This ensures long-lasting effectiveness, as eliminating dengue-bearing mosquito breeding sites reduces their population prior to the introduction of Wolbachia-infected mosquitoes," he said when contacted by *StarMetro*.

Wolbachia is one of several preventive strategies to combat dengue, but it is costly compared to other options available today.

Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad had on June 8 said that a single Wolbachia-infected mosquito cost 50sen.

Prof Zamberi pointed out that Wolbachia-infected mosquitoes needed to be bred in a laboratory, and thousands would be needed to ensure their effectiveness.

Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) Medical Microbiologist Department senior lecturer Dr Norashiqin Misni agreed that the cost to produce Wolbachia-infected mosquitoes was high, including research



Zamberi: Wolbachia-bearing mosquitoes need to be bred in a laboratory.

and pilot studies.

"However, once the wild mosquito population has been replaced with the Wolbachia strain, nature will take its course."

"They will breed on their own without needing to be released from the lab and without the need for fogging," she said.

The use of Wolbachia-based control to reduce dengue cases has been researched in countries such as Australia, China, Singapore, Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, Brazil and Colombia.

This biological control method works by releasing mosquitoes infected with the Wolbachia bacteria, which inhibit the mosquito vector from transmitting the dengue virus.

Infected lab-grown mosquitoes that mate with wild mos-

Facts on Wolbachia-infected mosquitoes



Is Wolbachia safe for the people and environment?

Laboratory and field-based research concludes that mosquitoes with Wolbachia are safe for people, animals and the environment. It is an environmentally friendly intervention that uses naturally occurring bacteria already found in many insect species. Wolbachia cannot be passed to humans or other mammals. It can also reduce the usage of insecticides.

How does Wolbachia increase throughout the mosquito population?

Wolbachia-infected mosquitoes will go through the cytoplasmic incompatibility which is the failure of a cross to produce offspring. It enables the number of Wolbachia-infected mosquitoes to increase in a population. Wolbachia can only be transmitted from parent to offspring inside the female's egg.

Will Wolbachia-infected diseases hurt more than a normal mosquito bite?

No, people who are bitten by an Aedes Aegypti mosquito carrying Wolbachia will not notice any difference.

Cytoplasmic incompatibility

When male mosquitoes with Wolbachia mate with female mosquitoes without Wolbachia, those females will lay eggs that won't hatch.

When male mosquitoes with Wolbachia mate with females with Wolbachia, all of their offspring will carry Wolbachia.

When female mosquitoes with Wolbachia mate with males without Wolbachia, all of their offspring will carry Wolbachia.

Source: World Mosquito Program

quitoes do not produce viable offspring, thereby reducing the population of virus-transmitting mosquitoes over time.

In Malaysia, Wolbachia-infected mosquitoes have been released in 35 localities including Kuala Lumpur, Selangor and Penang.

According to Dr Dzulkefly, 19 of the localities involved recorded decreases in dengue cases ranging from 43% to 100% since the introduction of this project in 2019.

The project is still ongoing. —
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Thinatayallam: Close cooperation within the community is key to preventing dengue.

sider the vaccine if procured by the government.

"If the government procures the vaccine, I will take it even if I need to pay. Prevention is always better than cure," he said.

He also called on the state government to ramp up its dengue awareness campaign through various media channels.

Taman Melawati in Gombak was listed as one of the dengue hotspots in the 21st epidemiological week (May 20 to 26).

For Kajang resident Kam Kim Tong, 58, current state-level dengue prevention measures failed to address the root cause, namely poor cleanliness.

Having a 4.6m x 1.8m garden filled with pandan and potato leaves in his compound, Kam said he cleaned the plot at



Kam weeding his garden to keep it clean. He says authorities have failed to address the root cause of rising dengue cases.

least once a week to keep mosquitoes away.

"The cleaning includes weeding and pruning of overgrown leaves, which could become a suitable breeding ground for the mosquitoes," he said.

Kam, who had no plans to take the dengue vaccine, called for improved law enforcement to deter littering.

He also suggested state aid for residents associations (RAs) to support dengue prevention initiatives such as *gotong-royong*.

"The amount of allocation can vary depending on the population size in the RA jurisdiction."

"Competitions between different residential areas can also be held."

"The cleanest area should

receive extra reward as motivation," he added.

In response, Jamaliah said RAs could apply for assistance through their respective councilors.

"The state government has provided funds to local councils for dengue control and prevention programmes," she said.

It was previously reported that Selangor government had allocated RM4.4mil in its budget for 2024 for such programmes.

"We also have designated funding for dengue programmes through our health volunteer team, 'Sukarelawan Kesihatan Komuniti Selangor' (Suka), which has been established in each state constituency," Jamaliah added.



Fogging being carried out by Ampang Jaya Municipal Council at Peralai Puteri Apartment in Taman Dato Ahmad Razali in February. — Filepic

Thinatayallam Ponnusamy, chairman of the joint management body of Puchong's Vista Lavender Apartment — one of the dengue hotspots in the state — said close cooperation within the community was key to preventing the viral disease.

"My staff will report the num-

ber of recorded dengue cases every day through a community group chat to keep the residents informed.

"If everyone does their part to maintain the cleanliness of their own compounds, the dengue situation will surely improve," he said.

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'Online reps' to fight fake news on govt policies



PUTRAJAYA: The Housing and Local Government Ministry has introduced "online ambassadors" to counter misinformation and disseminate accurate information on government policies to the people.

Minister Nga Kor Ming (pic) announced the selection of 200 ministry employees to support the Madani government's efforts.

Announcing this after opening the ministry's Virtual Touch Workshop held here yesterday, he said the team would use a user-friendly approach to shed light on effective policies introduced by the unity government.

"In this digital era, social media plays a crucial role in disseminating information.

"Short videos, live events and multiple platforms can be utilised to coordinate government information so that the people stand together in supporting the aspirations of the Madani government," he said in a Bernama report.

Nga urged the online ambassadors to create engaging content, adding that with creativity, accurate information can be conveyed more effectively to draw the public's attention.

"The sky is the limit," Nga said of the freedom of the group to disseminate information.

Citing an example, he said the country's achievement in the Global Peace Index, where Malaysia was named the 10th most peaceful country in the world and the third in Asia-Pacific recently, deserved widespread coverage.

This was because the country was ranked 19th overall last year, he pointed out.

Nga said the inclusivity of the Madani government's policies, celebrating diversity and being compassionate were among the reasons why the country did so well in the peace index.

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Prepare to lose your job if you fail to report graft cases, warns MACC chief

PUTRAJAYA: Department or unit heads who fail to report corrupt practices in their respective sections may lose their jobs or even face criminal charges, says Tan Sri Azam Baki.

The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) chief commissioner said this is among the penalties being considered to punish those who stay silent on corrupt practices carried out by their subordinates.

"We want to emphasise (the need for) accountability from heads of department and senior officers to report corruption to their higher-ups and the MACC.

"If taken lightly, it can cause the administration's collapse.

"We welcome the Prime Minister's suggestion, and we will work together with the Civil Service Department and Chief Secretary to the Government to discuss a suitable mechanism for reporting," he told reporters after attending a book launch ceremony by Transparency International Malaysia titled *Sin of Corruption - A Religious Perspective* here on Thursday.

Apart from internal disciplinary action, Azam said that there are currently provisions under the MACC Act, where those failing to report corruption could also face charges.

He cited Section 25 of the Act, under which a person is duty-bound to report corruption.

Under the Act, those convicted for failing to do so could face a fine between RM10,000 and RM100,000 or a jail term between two and 10 years, or both, upon conviction.

"It is an offence for not reporting any gratification offered to you or any public officer.

"It's a criminal offence and, if found guilty, it could lead to termination of service," Azam said.

However, he stressed that a proper mechanism has to be put in place to specifically deal with department or unit heads who fail to report corruption involving their subordinates.

Azam said this is because there are several layers of hierarchy within departments or units that need to be considered before a proper mechanism is put in place.

"For example, those in the support group have their respective supervisors to report to, while technical assistants report to their senior engineers.

"So we need a reporting mechanism for them to report (the wrongdoing) to the higher-ups or to the MACC," said the nation's top graft buster.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim had earlier proposed on June 10 that government department or unit heads will not receive promotions if they fail to report any corrupt practices in their respective sectors.

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Kuala Lumpur: Selangor muncul sebagai negeri dikunjungi paling ramai pelawat domestik pada 2023 dengan 27.6 juta pelawat domestik, diikuti Kuala Lumpur dan Sarawak masing-masing menerima 22.2 juta dan 17.9 juta pelawat domestik.

Jumlah pelancong domestik yang berkunjung ke Johor menunjukkan pe-

Selangor paling ramai dikunjungi pelawat domestik

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ningkatan ketara iaitu sebanyak 42.7 peratus dengan 8.92 juta pelancong berbanding tahun sebelumnya, 6.25 juta pelancong.

Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia (DOSM) dalam kenyataan berkata, perbelanjaan pelancongan domes-

tik bagi suku pertama 2024 merekodkan RM24.1 bilion, melonjak 25.3 peratus tahun ke tahun.

"Bilangan pelawat domestik di Malaysia mengalami lonjakan yang ketara untuk merekodkan 58.6 juta pelawat domestik bagi suku pertama 2024, me-

ningkat 19 peratus berbanding suku sama tahun sebelumnya.

"Sementara itu, bagi perbandingan suku tahun ke suku tahun, pelawat domestik meningkat 6.5 peratus berbanding suku keempat 2023," katanya dalam survei pelancongan

domestik Malaysia (DTS) 2023 dan buletin DTS suku pertama 2024.

Ketua Perangkaan Malaysia, Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin berkata, prestasi tahunan pelancongan domestik di Malaysia mengalami peningkatan drastik pada 2023 dengan

jumlah perbelanjaan mencatatkan RM84.9 bilion, berbanding RM64.1 bilion pada 2022.

Menurutnya, perbelanjaan tertinggi pelawat domestik adalah untuk membeli-belah dengan sumbangan sebanyak 36.3 peratus.

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3 pegawai dipanggil

Bagi membantu siasatan
berhubung sindiket penjualan
tanah milik Felda di Melaka

Kuala Lumpur

Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) memanggil tiga pegawai Lembaga Kemajuan Tanah Persekutuan (Felda) untuk dirakam percakapan bagi membantu siasatan berhubung sindiket penjualan tanah milik Felda di Melaka.

Sumber SPRM berkata, dua pegawai dipanggil pada hari Isnin dan Selasa lalu, manakala seorang lagi yang juga pegawai kanan agensi berkenaan dipanggil semalam.

"Hari ini (semalam) seorang pegawai kanan Felda dipanggil untuk dirakam percakapan dan mendapatkan beberapa dokumen bagi membantu siasatan," katanya.

Beliau berkata, Ops Tanah Haram masih dijalankan sejak Isnin lalu dengan pembongkaran beberapa agensi dan entiti lain yang bersekongkol dalam sindiket menjual tanah Felda, namun tiada penahanan dilakukan terhadap mana-mana pegawai Felda setakat ini.

Operasi SPRM dalam kes berkenaan setakat ini membawa kepada penahanan individu membatinkan broker, pegawai bank, pengarah syarikat serta orang awam, di samping penyitaan 200 akaun bank bernilai melebihi RM28 juta termasuk akaun-akaun bank Felda yang palsu.

Sementara itu Penga-

rah Bahagian Pencegahan Pengubahan Wang Haram (AML) SPRM Datuk Mohamad Zamri Zainul Abidin ketika dihubungi mengesahkan perkara itu dan kes disiasat mengikut Seksyen 16(a)(A) Akta SPRM 2009 dan Akta Pencegahan Pengubahan Wang Haram, Pencegahan Pembiayaan Keganasan dan Hasil Daripada Aktiviti Haram 2001 (AM-LATEPUAA).

"SPRM akan bekerjasama dengan Felda bagi menyelesaikan isu ini demi kepentingan awam," katanya.

Beberapa media sebelum ini melaporkan SPRM menahan lapan individu disyaki bersekongkol menerima rasuah hampir RM2 juta daripada sindiket penjualan tanah Felda di Melaka.

Sumber SPRM memaklumkan lapan individu itu melibatkan broker, pegawai bank, pengarah syarikat serta orang awam berusia lingkungan 20 hingga 50-an yang ditahan di Kuala Lumpur dan Sabah.



Seorang pegawai
kanan Felda dipanggil
untuk dirakam
percakapan dan
mendapatkan
beberapa dokumen"

Sumber SPRM

HARIAN METRO
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Bincang kaedah lapor rasuah penjawat awam

PUTRAJAYA – Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) akan membincangkan kaedah serta mekanisme pelaporan rasuah dan salah guna kuasa oleh ketua jabatan atau ketua unit dalam perkhidmatan awam.

Ketua Pesuruhjayaanya, Tan Sri Azam Baki berkata, perbincangan akan diadakan bersama Ketua Setiausaha Negara, Tan Sri Mohd. Zuki Ali dan Jabatan Perkhidmatan Awam (JPA).

"Kita akan berbincang dahulu dengan JPA dan Ketua Setiausaha Negara untuk melihat kaedah dalam mekanisme

pelaporan ini kerana di bawah undang-undang terutama Akta SPRM, ia menjadi kewajipan.

"Ini boleh menyebabkan (penjawat awam) dibuang kerja jika didapati bersalah. Itu undang-undang, tetapi dalam rancangan kami sekarang, kita perlu berbincang dengan JPA dan Ketua Setiausaha Negara terlebih dahulu," katanya semalam.

Sebelum ini, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim meminta supaya tiada kenaikan pangkat bagi ketua jabatan jika wujud salah laku dan amalan rasuah penjawat awam di bawahnya sehingga ia tidak dilaporkan.



KETUA-KETUA jabatan wajib melaporkan perbuatan rasuah penjawat awam di bawah mereka kepada SPRM. – GAMBAR HIASAN

KOSMO

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WAN HASSAN (empat dari kanan) pada Program Kesedaran Anti-Scam kepada warga pendidik di UITM, Permatang Pauh semalam.

Cikgu wanita kerap jadi mangsa tipu

Scammer 'telan' duit guru RM37 juta

Oleh ISWAN SHAFIQ ISA

SEBERANG PERAI – Sebanyak 1,378 kes sindiket penipuan membabitkan golongan guru direkodkan sepanjang tahun lepas hingga April lalu dengan nilai kerugian dianggarkan mencecah RM37.6 juta.

Pengarah Jabatan Pencegahan Jenayah dan Keselamatan Komuniti Bukit Aman, Datuk Wan Hassan Wan Ahmad berkata, mangsa yang ditipu melalui modus operandi komunikasi sebanyak 479 kes diikuti e-dagang 430 kes.

Pelaburan tidak wujud pula sebanyak 199 kes, e-kewangan (121), pinjaman tidak wujud (111) dan love scam (38).

Secara keseluruhan, kerugian akibat penipuan mencecah RM1.6 bilion melibatkan 44,096



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kes di seluruh negara dalam tempoh sama," katanya pada Program Kesedaran Anti-Scam terhadap Warga Pendidik di Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) di sini, semalam.

Menurut beliau, sebanyak 61 kes membabitkan guru direkodkan dengan nilai kerugian RM3.1

juta di Pulau Pinang.

Dalam pada itu, Timbalan Pengarah Jabatan Pendidikan Negeri Pulau Pinang, Wan Sajiri Wan Hassan berkata, guru wanita yang telah atau bakal bersara sering menjadi mangsa penipuan scammer.

"Diharapkan program ini akan dapat memberi kesedaran kepada guru-guru untuk lebih berhati-hati," ujarnya.

Sementara itu, Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif Yayasan Guru Malaysia Berhad (YGMB), Datuk Wan Munadi Wan Mamat memberitahu, pihaknya akan terus menjelajah ke seluruh negara mengadakan pertemuan dengan guru-guru bagi membantu dalam meningkatkan kefahaman sekaligus mengelak daripada terus menjadi mangsa scammer.

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Permohonan SKDS dijangka terus meningkat **198,046 kenderaan** **dapat subsidi diesel**

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Oleh SITI A'ISYAH SUKAIMI

PETALING JAYA – Sebanyak 198,046 kenderaan pengangkutan awam dan barangan mem-babitkan 59,940 syarikat berjaya menikmati subsidi diesel setakat kelmarin selepas permohonan di-luluskan di bawah Sistem Kawalan Diesel Bersubsidi (SKDS).

Menteri Perdagangan Dalam Negeri dan Kos Sara Hidup, Datuk Armizan Mohd. Ali berkata, permohonan menyertai SKDS menunjukkan peningkatan kadar harian yang tinggi setelah pelarasan harga baharu diesel bermula 10 Jun lalu.

Menurutnya, sehari sebelum pelarasan harga bermula iaitu pada 9 Jun, Kementerian Per-

dagangan Dalam Negeri dan Kos Sara Hidup (KPDN) menerima keseluruhan permohonan dari-pada 40,264 syarikat melibatkan 156,242 kenderaan.

"Kelulusan permohonan me-ningkat pada kadar tertinggi pada 10 Jun yang merekodkan 8,584 syarikat melibatkan 19,612 kenderaan pengangkutan awam dan barangan.

"Ini adalah peningkatan se-banyak 7,097 (477 peratus) syari-kat dan 16,584 (548 peratus) kenderaan berbanding hari sebe-lumnya (9 Jun) yang hanya men-catatkan kelulusan permohonan sejumlah 1,487 syarikat melibat-kan 3,028 kenderaan," katanya dalam satu kenyataan semalam.

Beliau berkata, kelulusan ser-

ta-merta boleh diberikan melalui sistem MySubsidi Diesel sebaik permohonan disertakan dengan maklumat lengkap.

"KPDN jangka permohonan akan terus meningkat khususnya sehingga 30 Jun selaras dengan tarikh akhir pembayaran semula secara tunai kepada penerima SKDS yang masih belum meneri-ma fleet card," ujarnya.

Pada 13 Mei lalu, SKDS 2.0 di-tawarkan kepada tambahan 14 jenis pengangkutan barangan, menjadikan keseluruhan 33 jenis pengangkutan yang terlibat.

Antaranya bas perkhidmatan bergerak, lori rigid sampah, lori rigid hasil pertanian, lori kate-ring, van katering dan lori rigid kargo am.



KETIKA ini harga baharu diesel RM3.35 seliter dan akan diumumkan setiap minggu berdasarkan harga runcit mingguan produk petroleum. – GAMBAR HIASAN

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Penjawat awam terbabit salah laku perlu dibuang

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EAIC akui ada pihak atasan bersekongkol, jadi 'kepala' kepada perbuatan cemar imej perkhidmatan

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Kuala Lumpur: Penjawat awam yang terbabit dengan salah laku serta melanggar prinsip integriti perlu dibuang dari sistem perkhidmatan, termasuk ketua jabatan dan agensi penguat kuasa yang dikenal pasti melindungi perbuatan itu.

Pengerusi Suruhanjaya Integriti Agensi Penguatkuasaan (EAIC), Tan Sri Dr Ismail Bakar, mengakui ada pihak atasan yang bersekongkol dalam aktiviti salah laku anak buah dan menjadi 'kepala' kepada perbuatan yang mencemarkan imej perkhidmatan awam.

"Tindakan tidak popular ini perlu berani diambil walaupun tidak disukai. Tindakan sebegini boleh menyelamatkan imej perkhidmatan awam," katanya dalam ucapan pada Mesyuarat Koordinasi EAIC bersama dengan Ketua Jabatan Agensi Penguatkuasaan Seliaan Bilangan 1 Tahun 2024, di sini, semalam.

Ismail berkata, hari ini juga terdapat kecenderungan agensi penguat kuasa negara tidak mengambil tindakan tegas terhadap pegawai dan anggota yang mempunyai masalah integriti, sebaliknya mereka ini terus 'disimpan' sehingga mendatangkan lebih banyak kerosakan lain.

"Saya percaya perbuatan pe-



Ismail (kanan) mempengerusikan Mesyuarat Koordinasi EAIC bersama Ketua Jabatan Agensi Penguatkuasaan Seliaan Bilangan 1 Tahun 2024, di Kuala Lumpur, semalam. (Foto BERNAMA)

nguat kuasa dan penjawat awam yang tidak berintegriti ini pada akhirnya akan diketahui oleh agensi masing-masing.

"Namun, terdapat kecenderungan agensi untuk 'menyimpan' pegawai yang bermasalah ini, ia harus dihentikan.

"Mana-mana ketua jabatan tidak mengambil tindakan terhadap pegawai itu boleh dianggap melakukan satu kesalahan dan ini tidak akan membawa kepada penambakan terhadap usaha pengukuhan integriti," katanya.

Katanya, amalan menukarkan pegawai bermasalah ke tempat lain juga tidak akan menghentikan masalah integriti, sebaliknya memburukkan lagi keadaan.

"Ia umpama roda yang tidak henti berputar. Pegawai yang ditukarkan akan melakukan perkara yang sama di tempat baharu dan lebih teruk lagi, akan mempengaruhi pegawai dan kakitangan di tempat baharu untuk melakukan perbuatan salah laku dan tidak berintegriti," katanya.

Katanya, berlaku situasi yang lebih menyedihkan dalam agensi

penguatkuasaan negara apabila terdapat pihak atasan yang menjadi 'kepala' dalam perbuatan salah laku.

Bimbang guna pihak ketiga

Ismail juga menzahirkan kebimbangan terhadap salah laku penjawat awam dan penguat kuasa yang saling menggunakan pihak ketiga untuk berselindung.

"Sebagai contoh, bekerjasama dengan syarikat perniagaan dan individu berpengaruh untuk melindungi kegiatan salah mereka. Kewujudan kartel yang cuba memonopoli dan memanipulasi pasaran terutama beras putih tempatan, telur ayam dan lain-lain bahan asas menyebabkan kerugian kepada negara," katanya.

Beliau berkata, EAIC juga melihat keseimbangan ada agensi penguatkuasaan seakan-akan memperlekehkan pengesyoran hukuman terhadap siasatan dan aduan yang diterima mereka.

"Secara amnya hukuman tatatertib yang dikenakan oleh Pihak Berkuasa Tatatertib agensi penguatkuasaan seliaan tidak bo-

leh lebih rendah daripada apa yang disyorkan EAIC. Ini kerana pegawai siasatan EAIC sudah menjalankan siasatan lengkap dan mengambil kira setiap aspek dengan sewajarnya.

"Apabila Pihak Berkuasa Tatatertib agensi penguatkuasaan seliaan tidak mengguna pakai pengesyoran EAIC, ia secara tidak langsung memberi isyarat bahawa agensi penguatkuasaan itu tidak serius dalam usaha menangani perbuatan salah laku dan pelanggaran berintegriti," katanya.

Isnin lalu, Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim memberi amaran tiada kenaikan pangkat bagi ketua jabatan jika wujud salah laku dan amalan rasuah penjawat awam di bawahnya sehingga tidak dilaporkan.

Kelmarin, Ketua Setiausaha Negara, Tan Sri Mohd Zuki Ali, berkata semua pegawai termasuk ketua jabatan perlu melakukan pengawasan tatatertib terhadap kakitangannya serta mengambil tindakan bersesuaian dengan segera.

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198,046 kenderaan awam, barangan terima subsidi diesel

KPDN jangka permohonan menerusi SKDS terus meningkat hingga 30 Jun ini

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Putrajaya: Sebanyak 198,046 kenderaan awam dan barangan membabitkan 59,940 syarikat telah diluluskan subsidi diesel ba-

wah Sistem Kawalan Diesel Bersubsidi (SKDS), setakat kelmarin.

Menteri Perdagangan Dalam Negeri dan Kos Sara Hidup, Datuk Armizan Mohd Ali, berkata jumlah kelulusan itu secara tidak langsung menunjukkan peningkatan dalam permohonan untuk menyertai sistem berkenaan.

"Sehari sebelum pelarasan harga bermula, iaitu pada 9 Jun lalu, Kementerian Perdagangan Dalam Negeri dan Kos Sara Hidup (KPDN) menerima keseluruhan permohonan daripada 40,264 syarikat membabitkan 156,242 kenderaan.

"Hingga 12 Jun (kelmarin), ju-

milah keseluruhan syarikat yang diluluskan subsidi diesel bawah SKDS ialah sebanyak 59,940 membabitkan 198,046 kenderaan," katanya dalam satu kenyataan, semalam.

Kelulusan segera

Armizan menjelaskan, pemohon SKDS boleh diberi kelulusan serta-merta melalui sistem MySubsidi Diesel sebaik saja permohonan disertakan dengan maklumat lengkap.

Justeru, beliau berkata, KPDN



Armizan Mohd Ali

menjangka permohonan terus meningkat, khususnya hingga 30 Jun ini selaras dengan tarikh akhir pembayaran semula secara tunai kepada penerima SKDS yang masih belum menerima 'fleet card'.

"KPDN menggesa syarikat pengangkutan yang layak supaya segera membuat permohonan melalui

pautan: mysubsidi.kpdn.gov.my untuk mendapat manfaat subsidi bersasar yang ditawarkan oleh kerajaan," katanya.

Sebelum ini, kerajaan mengumumkan harga diesel diselaraskan mengikut pasaran semasa bermula Isnin lalu, dengan harga permulaan di semua stesen runcit petrol di Semenanjung Malaysia ditetapkan pada RM3.35 seliter.

Bagi mengimbangi kesan kenaikan itu, kerajaan mengamalkan penyasaran subsidi diesel melalui SKDS 2.0, termasuk menetapkan harga kepada sektor yang layak seperti logistik.

Selain itu, bantuan BUDI MADANI sebanyak RM200 sebulan diperuntukkan kepada individu yang layak, termasuk pemilik kenderaan diesel dan petani kecil.



Pengusaha bas ekspres dan bas sekolah masih boleh membeli diesel di bawah harga kawalan, iaitu RM1.88 seliter.

(Foto hiasan)



Sulaiman (tengah) dan Chor Kok (tiga dari kanan) bersama rakan kongsi syarikat selepas merasmikan Seminar Pelaburan Kebangsaan Lembaga Pembangunan Pelaburan Malaysia (MIDA)-Persekutuan Pengilang-Pengilang Malaysia (FMM) di Kuala Lumpur, semalam. (Foto Hazreen Mohamad/BH)

'Subsidi bersasar RON95 mungkin dilaksanakan Oktober'

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Ahli ekonomi jangka kenaikan kecil 5 hingga 15 sen seliter

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Kerajaan mungkin melaksanakan rasionalisasi subsidi RON95 pada Oktober ini, demikian pandangan Pengarah Eksekutif Institut Penyelidikan Ekonomi Malaysia (MIER), Prof Dr Anthony Dass.

Dass berkata, kenaikan harga runcit bagi RON95 dijangka tidak terlalu mendadak seperti diesel, sebaliknya hanya membabitkan kenaikan lima hingga 15 sen seliter.

Katanya, pada pembentangan Belanjawan 2024, kerajaan menyasarkan penjimatan RM11.5 bilion daripada rasionalisasi subsidi tahun ini dengan pelarasan subsidi elektrik membawa penjimatan RM4 bilion; ayam (RM1.1 bilion hingga RM1.2 bilion) dan diesel (RM4 bilion).

"Kerajaan memerlukan lebih RM2 bilion lagi, saya fikir ia mungkin hadir daripada rasionalisasi subsidi RON95 dan penyejajaran harga RON95 tidak akan terlalu tinggi seperti diesel.

"Ia mungkin berlaku pada Julai, namun saya berpandangan ini terlalu awal, jadi saya rasa ia lebih hampir kepada Oktober untuk memberi ruang mencukupi buat kerajaan melaksanakan analisis impak daripada penyasaran subsidi.

di diesel.

"Peningkatan mungkin lima hingga 15 sen (seliter), kita juga perlu melihat impak kutipan hasil daripada kawasan lain yang mungkin boleh menjadi penimbun (kepada sasaran penjimatan kerajaan)," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian selepas menyampaikan pembentangan bertajuk 'Ekonomi Dunia: Cabaran dan Peluang' pada Seminar Pelaburan Kebangsaan Lembaga Pembangunan Pelaburan Malaysia (MIDA)-Persekutuan Pengilang-Pengilang Malaysia (FMM) di Kuala Lumpur, semalam.

Yang turut hadir, Pengerusi MIDA, Tan Sri Dr Sulaiman Mahbob dan Nasib Presiden FMM, Jacob Lee Chor Kok.

Bermula Isnin lalu, harga diesel di stesen runcit petrol Semenanjung ditetapkan RM3.35 seliter, iaitu harga tanpa subsidi berdasarkan purata Mei 2024 dengan menyaksikan kenaikan 56 peratus berbanding sebelumnya.

Ekonomi dijangka berkembang

Dalam pembentangannya, Dass berkata, ekonomi Malaysia dijangka berkembang lebih baik tahun ini untuk mencapai pertumbuhan 4.7 peratus, sebelum kadar lebih tinggi sebanyak 4.8 peratus pada 2025.

"Kami menjangkakan kadar inflasi Malaysia tahun ini kekal terkawal pada paras tiga peratus," katanya.

Sementara itu, Sulaiman berkata, persaingan untuk pelaburan global semakin sengit, justeru bagi membina momentum semasa MIDA sedia melaksanakan per-

nan lebih dinamik dan menarik.

"Tumpuan utama kami adalah pada pelaksanaan menyeluruh semua inisiatif dan mandat kerajaan untuk mencapai hasil diinginkan sejajar agenda negara iaitu Rancangan Malaysia Ke-12, Kerangka Ekonomi MADANI, Pelan Induk Perindustrian Baharu (NIMP) 2030 dan Pelan Hala Tuju Peralihan Tenaga Nasional (NETR).

"Kami berhasrat mewujudkan persekitaran ekonomi teguh, mampan dan berdaya tahan yang boleh menarik dan mengekalkan pelaburan besar, memacu Malaysia ke arah masa depan yang makmur," katanya.

Beliau menjelaskan, komitmen MIDA menjangkau jauh melebihi promosi pelaburan semata-mata, malah turut memberi tumpuan kepada pembangunan ekonomi serantau.

"MIDA juga mempromosi dan memudahkan projek di sepanjang koridor Laluan Rel Pantai Timur (ECRL) untuk memastikan pertumbuhan seimbang di seluruh Malaysia.

"Dalam usaha kami untuk menggalakkan pelaburan khususnya dalam sektor pembuatan, MIDA dengan kerjasama pihak berkepentingan utama sedang membangunkan piala-piala kebangsaan untuk perindustrian, berdasarkan garis panduan daripada Pertubuhan Pembangunan Perindustrian Pertubuhan Bangsa-Bangsa Bersatu (UNIDO) dan piala-piala lain yang berkaitan.

"Dengan menggalakkan penggunaan teknologi canggih, kami menyasarkan untuk meningkatkan produktiviti dan daya saing," katanya.

198,046 kenderaan pengangkutan awam, barangan lulus subsidi

PUTRAJAYA: Sejumlah 59,940 syarikat diluluskan subsidi diesel di bawah Sistem Kawalan Diesel Bersubsidi (SKDS) melibatkan sebanyak 198,046 kenderaan pengangkutan awam dan barangan.

Menteri Perdagangan Dalam Negeri dan Kos Sara Hidup (KPDN), Datuk Armizan Mohd. Ali berkata, jumlah itu diluluskan setakat semalam selepas pelaksanaan penyasaran subsidi dan pelarasan harga baharu diesel bermula 10 Jun lalu.

Menurut beliau, kelulusan serta-merta boleh diberikan melalui sistem MySubsidi Diesel sebaik permohonan disertakan dengan maklumat lengkap.

"KPDN merintis perluasan BUDI MADANI : SKDS 2.0 pada 7 Mac lalu yang pada awalnya hanya terbuka kepada sembilan jenis kenderaan pengangkutan barangan.

"Kemudian pada 13 Mei lalu, SKDS 2.0 ditawarkan kepada tambahan 14 jenis pengangkutan barangan menjadikan keseluruhan 33 jenis pengangkutan yang terlibat termasuk penerima awal SKDS 1.0 iaitu 10 jenis kenderaan pengangkutan awam," katanya dalam kenyataan hari ini.

Armizan berkata, sehari sebelum pelarasan harga bermula, KPDN menerima keseluruhan permohonan daripada 40,264 syarikat yang melibatkan 156,242 kenderaan.

Katanya, kelulusan permohonan meningkat pada kadar



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KPDN menjangkakan permohonan akan terus meningkat khususnya sehingga 30 Jun ini selaras dengan tarikh akhir pembayaran semula secara tunai kepada penerima SKDS yang masih belum menerima fleet card.

KPDN pada masa sama menggesa syarikat pengangkutan yang layak untuk segera membuat permohonan melalui pautan <https://mysubsidi.kpdn.gov.my> untuk mendapat manfaat subsidi bersasar yang ditawarkan oleh kerajaan.

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UNPOPULAR MEASURE

Sack civil servants without integrity, says EAIC chairman

KUALA LUMPUR: Civil servants without integrity should be sacked, including heads of departments and enforcement agencies who do not report wrongdoing.

Enforcement Agency Integrity Commission chairman Tan Sri Dr Ismail Bakar admitted that there were some in the upper echelons of government who turned a blind eye when their personnel

were involved in wrongdoing.

Some even lead such actions.

"This unpopular measure (sacking those found to have broken such principles) needs to be taken. This will help save the im-

age of the civil service," he said after a meeting between the commission and enforcement agencies.

Bernama quoted Ismail as saying that EAIC had received 176

complaints of misconduct this year, mostly involving the Immigration Department.

He said, out of the 176 complaints, most involved misconduct.

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Graft reporting method to be drawn up

PUTRAJAYA: Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) chief commissioner Tan Sri Azam Baki will soon meet Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Mohd Zuki Ali and the Public Service Department to work out a mechanism for civil servants to easily report graft offers.

Azam reminded all department heads, supervisors and civil ser-

vants that they could lose their jobs if they failed to report such gratifications made to them.

"We at the MACC welcome the recommendation (for superiors to report their subordinates who are involved in corruption), and we will first discuss with the PSD and the chief secretary to the government to look into the methods or mechanisms for reporting

this," he said.

This was in response to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's statement that government department or unit heads who failed to report cases of corruption in their departments would not be promoted.

He had said the implementation would be decided by Zuki and the PSD director-general.

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'Keep areas clean to prevent dengue'

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PETALING JAYA: The Health Ministry has urged the public to clean their surroundings of anything that can hold stagnant water as dengue cases are rising at an alarming rate.

Its director-general Datuk Dr Muhammad Radzi Abu Hassan said dengue fever cases increased to 2,321 cases from 1,698 in April, with four deaths due to complications.

"There were 50,650 dengue cases recorded up to April, compared with 35,202 cases in the same period last year. Also, 39 people died of dengue-related complications this year, compared with 22 deaths in the same period last year."

Speaking to *theSun*, Universiti Putra Malaysia public health medicine specialist Dr Rahmat Dapari said the current outbreak has placed a substantial burden on our healthcare resources.

"In light of National Dengue Day, which is tomorrow, it is crucial to expand efforts to address the

► As of April, 50,650 cases were recorded, with 39 fatalities due to complications, says health director-general

alarming rise in dengue cases."

Rahmat said the ministry has identified urban areas with high population densities as hotspots for dengue outbreaks.

"The situation is worsened by poor living conditions near residences of migrant workers, leading to clogged drainage systems caused by haphazard waste disposal."

"Health inspections confirm migrant workers get infected within their residential quarters. This underscores the need for improved environmental health awareness among them."

To address the challenges, Rahmat said innovative approaches must be executed, including the ongoing release of the *Wolbachia*-infected *aegypti* mosquitoes, which mate with

uninfected female ones, resulting in their reduced numbers due to unhatched eggs.

"Mosquitoes carrying the *Wolbachia* bacteria have shown promising results in reducing the transmission of the dengue virus, prompting plans for wider implementation."

Rahmat said the ministry is piloting the use of Artificial Intelligence to predict mosquito population growth and potential outbreak hotspots to facilitate preemptive measures.

He said as the country is currently hot and humid, intensified efforts to combat dengue fever are more critical than ever.

"Given the potential for severe health consequences and the

socioeconomic impact of dengue outbreaks, safeguarding the well-being of communities and mitigating the spread of the disease is vital.

"The public can help by taking proactive steps, such as joining community clean-up efforts to remove mosquito breeding sites. This helps reduce the spread of dengue fever and protects public health."

He said hospitals are already facing notable shortages in medical supplies, including vital medications and diagnostic tools. With the surge in dengue cases, they are now overwhelmed, leading to a scarcity of beds.

Rahmat also highlighted the launch of Malaysia's first dengue vaccine, *Qdenga*, on Tuesday, which was developed by pharmaceutical company Takeda Malaysia. The vaccine targets all four dengue virus serotypes and is administered in two doses, three months apart, to individuals aged four and above.

Clinical trials showed *Qdenga* prevents 80.2% of symptomatic

dengue after 12 months, with a 4.5-year efficacy. It prevents 84.1% of hospitalisation cases and 61.2% of symptomatic ones.

The vaccine will be available at private hospitals and clinics, with pricing to be set by the healthcare facilities. Rahmat said the launch of the dengue vaccine before National Dengue Day serves as a crucial moment to mobilise public action against dengue fever.

He said community participation is vital in the fight against dengue. Schools, universities and local organisations should be mobilised to conduct activities such as workshops and cleanliness competitions.

"These initiatives could cultivate a sense of collective responsibility and empower communities to adopt preventive measures against dengue fever."

Rahmat said by emphasising prevention, leveraging innovative strategies and fostering community engagement, Malaysia can curb the rise of dengue cases and safeguard public health.

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'Diesel price hike may not significantly affect costs'

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PETALING JAYA: The increase in diesel price to RM3.35 per litre from RM2.15 is not expected to significantly impact the prices of essential goods or living costs, said Mydin Mohamed Holdings Berhad managing director Datuk Dr Ameer Ali Mydin.

"While certain businesses may interpret the removal of subsidies as an opportunity to justify price hikes, it may also prompt others to reassess their pricing strategies, especially those operating in sectors directly affected by fuel costs and related expenses."

Ameer Ali was responding to vehicle-towing companies, local coffee shops and concrete producers who raised their prices following the diesel price hike.

On the "Budi MySubsidi Diesel" programme for qualified drivers of private diesel vehicles, he said

Factors such as market competition, consumer demand elasticity, overall economic conditions play role in determining extent to which businesses can adjust prices: Retailer

businesses that were not eligible for the subsidy are the ones raising prices.

"However, it is crucial to maintain the perspective that the immediate impact of the diesel subsidy removal may not significantly affect their businesses."

"Factors such as market competition, consumer demand elasticity, and overall economic conditions play a role in determining the extent to which businesses can adjust their prices."

Ameer Ali said many businesses operate within a complex ecosystem, in which they must

balance customer loyalty, operational costs, and regulatory requirements.

"We also have laws to control prices of goods and charges for services to prohibit profiteering. This means that decisions regarding price adjustments are often carefully weighed."

He said Mydin intends to hold off on price increases for the moment unless compelled to do so by suppliers, adding that while the removal of subsidies is necessary, it is important for the government to address any leakages in the subsidy system.

"Hopefully, the elimination of subsidies will eventually benefit the B40 segment."

Malaysia Retailers Association manager Suerin Yee declined to comment on the impact of the diesel subsidy removal, on grounds that it is too early to do so.

However, an Indian restaurant owner in Jalan Tengku Kelana, Klang, who gave his name as Gunalan, told *theSun* that most of his vendors and suppliers are planning to raise prices.

"My suppliers have not done so as yet, but they have indicated that prices of spices, vegetables and other raw materials that are not under price control will increase."

Gunalan said the price increase is likely to affect the overall cost of meals at restaurants.

Marketing executive Rutheran Kaliapen, 49, said he is bracing for the worst as the diesel price increase will cause many businesses to raise the prices of their products and services.

"When the Sales and Service Tax came into effect on March 1, prices for tea, condensed milk, coffee, cocoa powder, and many other items went up. Now, with the new diesel price, I am worried about the potential impact on my limited funds."

On Tuesday, Domestic Trade and Cost of Living Deputy Minister Fuziah Salleh said businesses must be careful when raising prices, and that the ministry was investigating complaints of profiteering by a concrete producer.

"The ministry will not hesitate to take action under the Price Control and Anti-Profiteering Act against those raising prices," she said.

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Ringgit strengthens against US dollar, Asian peers

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THE ringgit further strengthened against the US dollar at the close yesterday following a decline in the US Dollar Index (DXY), and despite the US Federal Reserve likely to perform only a one-time rate cut this year instead of three, said an analyst.

At 6pm, the ringgit rose to 4.7070/7110 versus the greenback from Wednesday's close of 4.7160/7185.

Bank Muamalat Malaysia Bhd chief economist Dr Mohd Afzanizam Abdul Rashid said the US DXY was below 105 points throughout the day.

"The odds for a rate cut are building up for September and December based on the interest rate futures contract, indicating that the market believes that rate cut will happen twice this year," he told Bernama.

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

The local unit strengthened versus the Japanese yen to 2.9945/9972 from Wednesday's close of 2.9977/9995 but slid against the euro to 5.0840/0884 from 5.0711/0738 on Wednesday, and depreciated vis-a-vis the British pound to 6.0160/0211 from 6.0157/0189 previously.

Meanwhile, the ringgit traded mostly higher against its Asean peers.

The local note appreciated vis-a-vis the Indonesian rupiah to 289.2/289.6 from 289.3/289.7 at Wednesday's close, went up versus the Thai baht to 12.8386/8540 from 12.8529/8643 and was higher against the Philippine peso at 8.03/8.04 from 8.04/8.05 previously.

However, it eased against the Singapore dollar to 3.4887/4920 from 3.4879/4900 on Wednesday.

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Kerajaan tidak campur tangan kreativiti karya seni – Anwar

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KUALA LUMPUR – Kerajaan tegas dengan pendirian tidak campur tangan dalam soal kreativiti dan percambahan idea serta nilai dalam karya seni tempatan, kata Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Menurutnya, kerajaan juga kekal mendukung prinsip kebebasan berekspresi menerusi karya anak-anak seni yang mesti disemarakkan.

Beliau yang berpeluang menonton filem *Sheriff Narko Integriti* pada Rabu juga melahirkan rasa kagum dengan mutu filem dan tema yang diketengahkan Syafiq Yusof selaku pengarah filem itu.

"Saya terkesan tatkala filem ini menjadikan isu integri-

ti, rasuah dan salah guna kuasa sebagai tema utama.

"Saya sambut baik usaha murni pihak pembikin filem ini yang menyambut ketegasan kerajaan dalam mendepani masalah rasuah dan kelemahan tatakelola," katanya di Facebook.

Anwar berkata, mutu perfileman yang begitu membanggakan itu juga menyakinkan beliau bahawa industri perfileman tempatan berkeupayaan untuk bersaing, termasuk di peringkat antarabangsa.

Menerusi hantaran sama, Perdana Menteri juga mengucapkan tahniah kepada seluruh pasukan yang terlibat dalam pembikinan filem *Sheriff Narko Integriti*.

Pada Rabu, Anwar dan iste-

ri, Datuk Seri Wan Azizah Wan Ismail berpeluang menonton filem *Sheriff Narko Integriti* menerusi program anjuran Suruhanjaya Integriti Agensi Penguatkuasaan (EAIC) dengan kerjasama SKOP Productions dan Astro Shaws di Putrajaya.

Tayangan khas itu turut dihadiri Menteri Komunikasi, Fahmi Fadzil dan Menteri Dalam Negeri, Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution Ismail, selain barisan pelakon seperti Zul Ariffin, Azira Shafinaz, Aaron Aziz serta Elizabeth Tan dan penganalisis jenayah, Kamal Affandi Hashim.

Ia bersempena Kempen ERAT (Encouraging Responsibility Accountability Trustworthiness) EAIC bagi meningkatkan kesedaran integriti



Anwar bersama Dr Wan Azizah meluangkan masa menonton tayangan khas filem *Sheriff Narko Integriti* di Putrajaya pada Rabu.

dan usaha membanteras salah laku seperti rasuah serta penyalahgunaan kuasa dalam per-

khidmatan awam khususnya golongan penguat kuasa.
- Bernama

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