



PENGURUSAN PEMANTAUAN KERATAN AKHBAR MBSJ
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Datuk Menteri Besar Dato' Seri Amirudin Shari melihat replika tapak projek Sisa kepada Tenaga (Waste-To-Energy (WTE)) Jeram di antara Worldwide Holdings Berhad (WHB), dengan kerjasama Shanghai Electric Power Generation (M) Sdn Bhd (Shanghai Electric) di tapak peluputan Sanitaris Jeram pada 17 Oktober 2023. Foto NUR ADIBAH AHMAD (KAM/SELANGORKINI)

BERITA UTAMA PENGAPAT RENCANA

Sasar 15 peratus, PBT Selangor pacu kitar semula sisa buangan

by Nadiah Zamrus · August 13, 2024 2:00 pm

Pengurusan sisa antara cabaran utama Selangor yang mempunyai lebih 7 juta penduduk. Pada 2022, negeri merekodkan 7,000 tan pembuangan sampah sehari, tertinggi dalam negara.

Sehubungan itu, Kerajaan Negeri segera menyusun langkah mewujudkan sistem pengurusan sisa bersepadu bertujuan mengurangkan sampah ke tapak pelupusan.

Dibentang pada Julai 2022, Rancangan Selangor Pertama (RS-1) menyasarkan 15 peratus kadar kitar semula sisa sebagai penunjuk kejayaan.

Bagi mencapai matlamat, semua pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) memperkenalkan program atau kemudahan kitar semula di kawasan masing-masing menggalakkan kadar lebih tinggi.

Hasilnya, selepas kurang dua tahun RS-1 diumum, Selangor mencapai kadar kitar semula sisa 8.24 peratus.

Majlis Bandaraya Shah Alam (MBSA) dan Majlis Bandaraya Subang Jaya (MBSJ) merekodkan kutipan kitar semula tertinggi antara PBT. Masing-masing mengutip lebih 200,000 tan dari 2021 hingga tahun lalu.

Bagi menggalakkan penglibatan masyarakat, MBSA misalnya mengagihkan baucar RM5 Speedmart kepada penduduk menukar kertas, tin, besi, pakaian dan yang berkaitan.

Majlis Bandaraya Diraja Klang (MBDK) yang mengutip lebih 2,000 tan barangan kitar semula pada tahun lalu bekerjasama dengan peniaga restoran, agensi kerajaan, institusi pendidikan dan KDEB Waste Management (KDEBWM).

Empat rumah sampah turut dinaik taraf menjadi pusat kitar semula, termasuk di Pasar Besar Jalan Meru, Jalan Makyong 5 Bukit Raja, Taman Camelia Bandar Putera dan Taman Klang Perdana.



Exco Kerajaan Tempatan Ng Ize Han melawat tempat pembuangan kitar semula minyak masak terpakai ketika Program Berbulu Pusa Bersama Peraja Bazar Ramadan Puncak Jalil, Subang Jaya pada 12 April 2022. Foto HAFIC (KAM/SELANGORKINI)

Ganjaran

Minyak masak terpakai paling mendapat sambutan dalam kalangan penduduk Majlis Perbandaran Kuala Langat (MPKL). Faktornya mereka diberi wang tunai RM2.50 hingga RM3.00 bagi setiap satu kilogram.

Sejumlah 3,731.05 kilogram minyak masak terpakai dikumpul bermula Januari hingga Jun tahun ini di Program Kitar Semula Pasar Awam Banting.

Majlis Perbandaran Kajang (MPKJ) yang berjaya meningkatkan kutipan barang kitar semula dari 3,000 tan kepada lebih 8,000 tan pada tahun ini menggunakan hab kitar semula sebagai tempat pengumpulan.

Terletak di Taman Tasik Chempaka, Bandar Baru Bangi, orang ramai mudah menghantar barangan tidak digunakan ke situ.

Sebanyak 4,228 tan barangan kitar semula pelbagai jenis dikutip Majlis Bandaraya Petaling Jaya (MBPJ) tahun lalu.

Datuk Bandarnya Mohamad Zahri Samingon berkata, 1,917 tan diperoleh menerusi program kutipan kitar semula pintu ke pintu di 85 kawasan. Program kutipan pintu ke pintu sejak 2020 membabitkan 54,500 unit kediaman dengan purata penyertaan penduduk 60.08 peratus sehingga kini.

Tukar barang terpakai dapat keperluan dapur, itu inisiatif Majlis Perbandaran Ampang Jaya (MPAJ) sehingga mereka mengutip 21,177.29 tan barangan bermula 2021 sehingga Mei tahun ini.

Majlis Perbandaran Selayang (MPS) mengutip lebih 16,000 tan (2021 hingga Jun 2024) sampah terpakai dan kumpulan pelajar sekolah menengah dan rendah antara kumpulan paling peka menyertai kempen kitar semula.



Perhubungan awam Majlis Perbandaran Sepang (MPSepang) memaklumkan media sosial seperti Facebook dan TikTok berperanan meningkatkan amalan kitar semula.

Kutipan bertambah daripada 2,748.43 tan pada 2023 kepada 5,765.73 tan sehingga Jun tahun ini.

Sejak 2021 sehingga kini, Majlis Perbandaran Hulu Selangor (MPHS) merekodkan 4,383 tan barangan terpakai diikuti, 2,287.3 tan oleh Majlis Perbandaran Kuala Selangor (MPKS) dan Majlis Daerah Sabak Bernam (MDSB) sejumlah 130.66 tan.

JUMLAH KUTIPAN KITAR SEMULA PBT MENGIKUT TAHUN

TAHUN / PBT	2021	2022	2023	2024 (hingga kini)
MBSA	57,491.06	71,543.12	71,624.39	2,893.39
MBSJ	53,145.77	77,661.25	81,795.44	40,906.45
MPAJ	4,048.72	9,246.65	6,483.98	1,397.94
MPS	5,253.51	3,434.33	5,433.95	2,642.58
MPKJ	169.15	3,981.91	3,794.1	8,355.12
MBPJ	3,529.41	2,310.12	4,227.98	2,105.35
MPSepang	713.51	1,027.70	2,748.43	5,765.73
MPHS	780	1,020	2,203	380
MPKS	523.13	609.66	640.79	513.72
MPKL	63.11	327.46	420.67	1,020.88
MBDK	1,164.41	122.79	2,447.94	203.58
MDSB	19.90	40.12	42.52	28.12

Selain mengutip barang terpakai, pentadbiran negeri turut membina loji sisa kepada tenaga (WTE), sekali gus mengurangkan sisa ke pusat pelupusan.

Pengarah Urusan KDEBWM Dato' Ramli Mohd Tahir berkata sasaran 7,000 tan sampah dikutip dan dilupuskan di WTE.

WTE akan dibina di Jeram, Kuala Selangor bakal menghasilkan bekalan elektrik untuk 200,000 unit rumah. Loji pertama dijangka beroperasi dua tahun lagi memastikan Selangor diurus dengan mampan dan berhemah.

Dato' Menteri Besar Dato' Seri Amirudin Shari berkata, Selangor menumpukan kelestarian alam sekitar di samping meningkatkan tahap kesejahteraan sosial melalui pembangunan infrastruktur hijau dan pemuliharaan sumber asli.

"Pengurusan sisa dan kitar semula merupakan tugas yang mencabar untuk Selangor, khususnya dalam mengurangkan pembuangan sampah secara haram, meningkatkan kadar kitar semula. Namun untuk mencapai sasaran 15 peratus memerlukan usaha bersama terutama di kalangan masyarakat," katanya.

Half marathon takes place on BRT route

By JOSHUA YAP



Representatives from charitable organisations receiving mock cheques for funds raised at the run. — Photos: YAP CHEE HONG/The Star

Run raises RM430,000 for five charitable organisations

SOME 10,000 runners gathered at Sunway Geo Avenue for the Sunway-RapidKL Good Run 2024.

The run, held in conjunction with Sunway's 50th anniversary celebration took place on South-East Asia's first specially-designed elevated Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) lanes.

It was split into three categories – 21.1km, 10km and 5km runs.

Using several main roads like Jalan Lagoon Selatan, Jalan Tasik Selatan and also the BRT routes, runners would pass by landmarks like Sunway Lagoon, Sunway GEO Avenue and Sunway Resort Hotel.

After the run, a Zumba session was held.



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Trophies and cash prizes were awarded to the top three finishers in the male and female open categories for the 10km run, top five finishers for male and female veterans and open categories of the half-marathon.

During a press conference, Subang Jaya assemblyman Michelle Ng, who flagged off the run earlier, said the event was also to raise awareness on the importance of an active lifestyle and promote the use of public transport.

She also proposed the possibility of opening the BRT line as bicycle lanes during post-operating hours citing its safety due to its isolation from regular traffic.

The run was held in partnership with the Subang Jaya City Council (MBSJ), JomRun, Ultron and TrackAsia.

A sum of RM430,000 was raised from the event, significantly surpassing the RM50,000 goal.



Participants at the start of the Sunway-Rapid KL Good Run 2024.

The amount is to be donated to United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef), Generating Opportunities for Learning Disabled (GOLD), National Cancer Society of Malaysia, Women of Will and Rumah Perlindungan Darul Ukhwah.

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By FARID WAHAB



Ng (centre, in light blue shirt) with participants at the Sayangi Kiara Basketball Championship in Bandar Kinrara 3, Puchong. — AZHAR MAHFOF/The Star

Exco member: Project to improve accessibility for pedestrians, reduce congestion in two areas

PLANS are underway to construct and upgrade pedestrian walkways at two key commercial hubs in Puchong, Selangor.

They involve the areas and back lanes around Kinrara BK5 LRT station and IOI Mall Puchong, which have seen increased footfall in recent years.

State investment, trade and mobility committee chairman Ng Sze Han said the initiative was part of measures to enhance accessibility for pedestrians and alleviate traffic congestion in the area.

He added that the project was expected to boost safety and promote a healthier lifestyle.

The initiative, Ng said, was part of a transit-oriented development master plan that was currently being drafted by the Subang Jaya City Council (MBSJ) and that a meeting was held with the council to discuss the matter.

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Ng, who is also Kinrara assemblyman, said this when met at the Sayangi Kiara Basketball Championship in Bandar Kinrara 3, Puchong.

Organised by Penggerak Belia Selangor, the championship saw 21 teams take part, comprising youths aged 18 to 35.

The first, second and third placers received RM900, RM600 and RM300 cash prizes, respectively.

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PPR Desa Rejang folk troubled by faulty lifts

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DISGRUNTLED residents of Kuala Lumpur have sent a letter to His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim, King of Malaysia, regarding claims of prolonged unresolved issues by Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL).

One of the issues involved broken lifts at a People's Housing Project (PPR).

Former PPR Desa Rejang trader and activist Hussien Zulkarai, 47, said the contractor appointed to repair the lifts at PPR Desa Rejang had previously failed to complete the task of replacing six of them.

"It is understood that the company had been penalised by DBKL before 2023.

"Despite this, the same company was reappointed to replace 38 lifts across 12 blocks at PPR Desa Rejang.

"Given their track record of not being able to replace six lifts, it is concerning that they are selected to manage such a large project in the densely populated PPR Desa Rejang.

"As of August 2024, not a single lift has been replaced since the contract in December 2023, despite the substantial contract value," Hussien said.

He said the lifts issue was troubling for PPR Desa Rejang residents who included people with disabilities, critically ill indi-



Hussien (right) along with Kuala Lumpur residents and traders holding up photos of unmaintained and neglected areas.

viduals and parents with very young children.

The group of 10 who submitted the letter to Istana Negara comprised traders and residents association members.

Another issue at PPR Desa Rejang, said Hussien, was the sewage problem at a kindergarten at one of the flats' blocks.

"The kindergarten has been flooded with sewage for three months, forcing it to close.

"According to the kindergarten teacher, they have repeatedly reported the issue to DBKL, but the situation has deteriorated significantly," said Hussien.

He added that his complaint

letter regarding DBKL included several other issues, such as neglected community halls, deteriorating road conditions of Dataran Merdeka and the mayor's lack of engagement with B40 residents.

DBKL, in a press statement, said the contractor appointed for the lift replacement was done through open tender.

The work period for the project is 52 weeks and the location was surrendered to the contractor on April 1 this year.

The project is planned to be completed on March 30, 2025.

There are 38 lifts at 12 blocks of PPR Desa Rejang.

According to the statement, the two parties involved in the management and maintenance of the lifts are the PPR's management and DBKL.

"DBKL's job scope consists of replacement of the lift based on the one-off allocation by the Federal Government and the lifts' monthly maintenance.

"However, any damage to the lift will be borne by the PPR's management.

"The 'Madani Lift Initiative' has received an allocation of RM33.6mil for the replacement of lifts in five public housing and PPR areas, and PPR Desa Rejang is among them," DBKL said.

The statement added that the lift replacement would be done in two phases.

In the first phase, 18 lifts will be replaced by November, while in the second phase, the remaining lifts will be replaced starting November.

It said based on the timeline, the project was on track.

As of Aug 8, DBKL said some 19 lifts were in operation and one lift at Block K1 had a breakdown.

As for the sewage problem at the kindergarten at the PPR block, DBKL said it was under the supervision of the National Unity Department.

DBKL said it had carried out the repair works, with 50% of the funds coming from the mayor, and it was completed on Aug 6.

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'Minimum wage should be at least RM2,000 to cover cost of living'

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PETALING JAYA: The minimum wage in the country should be at least RM2,000 monthly to cover basic living expenses in the current economic climate, say economic experts and labour players.

Leading economist Dr Geoffrey Williams said based on the inflation of the minimum wage since the last increase, the new minimum wage should be around RM1,600, but this is too low because with statutory deductions for Employees Provident Fund (EPF), Social Security Organisation (Socso) and Employment Insurance System (EIS), the take-home pay is below the poverty line.

The founder and director of Williams Business Consultancy Sdn Bhd added that it was important to include other considerations including the minimum wage for civil servants, which at RM2,000 served as a benchmark.

"The minimum wage for the Progressive Wage Pilot Policy scheme is RM1,810 but again this is too low.

"Bank Negara also estimated a living wage of RM2,700 in 2018 that would now be above RM3,000 taking inflation into account.

"So we need to look beyond the RM2,000 amount and aim for RM2,500 and RM3,000 per month ideally," he said when contacted



Cost factor: (From left) Williams, Nik Mahteran, Arutchelvan and Syed Hussain highlight the growing concerns regarding wage adequacy to sustain the average cost of living.

yesterday. However, he admitted that employers in the country would oppose the idea of increasing the minimum wage at such rates.

"A simple solution is to remove all the restrictions on the Progressive Wage Model and Sumbangan Tunai Rahmah (STR) and pay employees the RM200 or RM300 Progressive Wage Model amount directly through the Inland Revenue Board and the Padu system.

"This means the minimum wage would be RM2,200 and it would be topped-up to RM2,500 through the reverse income tax credit. This would help employees and employers directly and efficiently without wastage, leakages and corruption. It is a form of Universal Basic Income," he proposed.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim is expected to announce the details of the civil servant salary adjustment mechanism at the 19th Majlis Amanat Perdana Perkhidmatan Awam event on Friday.

On Sunday, Malaysian Trades Union Congress (MTUC) called for a hike in the minimum wage, saying that RM1,500 was unreasonable due to the rising cost of living.

Economist Datuk Prof Dr Nik Mahteran Nik Muhammad said the RM1,500 minimum wage in Malaysia was introduced in 2022 to provide a living wage for workers, especially those from low-income households.

However, with inflation and the rising cost of essential goods and services, she agreed with MTUC's argument that RM1,500 is no longer sufficient.

"For instance, rent, utilities, food, transportation and health-care costs have all seen steady increases, particularly in major cities like Kuala Lumpur, Penang, and Johor Baru.

"Many families struggle to make ends meet, leading to growing concerns about the wage's adequacy.

"When comparing Malaysia's minimum wage with other Asian countries, Singapore, one of Asia's wealthiest nations, does not have a fixed minimum wage across all sectors but sets a progressive wage model for certain industries, often resulting in wages that far exceed Malaysia's RM1,500.

"For example, cleaners in Singapore can earn up to SG\$1,300 (RM4,300) monthly," she said.

She said that a balanced approach should be taken, considering the needs of both employees

and employers will be crucial in ensuring sustainable economic growth and improving the quality of life for all Malaysians.

"The government, employers, and labour organisations must work together to find a solution that benefits everyone in the long run," she said.

Parti Sosialis Malaysia (PSM) deputy chairman S. Arutchelvan also agreed that the current minimum wage is outdated and irrelevant.

He said minimum wage should be reviewed once every two years, he said.

"The Madani government said that minimum wage for civil servants would be around RM2,000 and the Prime Minister also asked the private sector to follow suit.

"So, RM2,000 should be the yardstick on minimum wage," he said.

Malaysian Employers Federation president Datuk Dr Syed Hussain Syed Husman said in any decision to increase the minimum wage rate for the private sector, the employers' ability to implement the new minimum wage rate is the most important criteria.

"If the new minimum wage rate is set at a high level but the employer is unable to implement it, this will cause undesirable effects, especially when the employer decides to not continue operating," he warned.

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Wet weather to continue as squall line hits country

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PETALING JAYA: Several parts of the country are expected to see brief downpours and thunderstorms over the next few days due to the "squall line" weather phenomenon, say weather experts.

A squall line is a cluster of storms spread out in a line, often accompanied by "squalls" of high wind and heavy rain for a brief period.

Malaysian Meteorological Department (MetMalaysia) director-general Dr Mohd Hisham Mohd Anip said some parts of the country are expected to experience wet weather over the next few days.

"The weather is expected to be wet in the early and late evenings until the end of this week," he said when contacted yesterday.

Asked if the current wet spell was due to the La Nina weather phenomenon, Mohd Hisham said it was not.

"The La Nina weather phenomenon has yet to begin.

"The current wet spell is due to weaker southwest monsoon winds," he added.

The southwest monsoon began in mid-May and is expected to continue until next month.

Based on projections by MetMalaysia, heavy showers, strong winds and thunderstorms due to the squall line could affect the west coast of Peninsular Malaysia, north of Sarawak and west of Sabah.

Meteorological expert Prof Datuk Dr Azizan Abu Samah said the recent heavy showers and thunderstorms coupled with the squall line phenomenon were the likely cause of flooding in several



Salvaging what he can: A flood victim in Kampung Pengkalan Pauh in Lubok China, Alor Gajah, Melaka, packing his belongings. — Bernama

districts in Melaka and Negri Sembilan.

"The floods are associated with heavy thunderstorms and the squall line moving from the coast to inland, especially the

west coast of the peninsula," he said.

As for the recent flooding in Labuan, he said it was caused by a different cluster of thunderstorms, and not due to La Nina,

which has yet to develop.

Meanwhile, the National Disaster Management Agency (Nadma) said the number of flood victims has reduced in Melaka and Labuan.

As at 4pm yesterday, there were 50 victims in Melaka involving 15 families, and 12 in Labuan involving three families.

The families are currently housed in seven flood relief centres, Nadma said in a statement.

On Monday, over 400 people in Melaka and more than 70 in Negri Sembilan were moved to various flood relief centres while residents in Labuan moved to higher ground after floods affected some areas in the two states and the Federal Territory.

Melaka was the most affected, with 419 people from 123 families evacuated to seven shelters in Alor Gajah.

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55 held in ewaste crackdown

Datuk among those detained during the raids in four states

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KUALA LUMPUR: A businessman with the title "Datuk" is among 55 individuals detained following raids on seven illegal ewaste factories in four states.

The Datuk, who is a Malaysian, along with nine other locals and 45 foreigners aged between 30 and 50, were nabbed in raids conducted in Pahang, Johor, Selangor and Negri Sembilan on Aug 5.

More than RM40mil in assets were also seized in the operation.

IGP secretariat's Anti-Money Laundering (Amla) division head Comm Datuk Muhammed Hasbullah Ali said in Pahang, the factories were located in Pekan and Muadzam Shah, while the factories in Johor were in Simpang Renggam.

Meanwhile in Selangor, the factories were located in Rawang and Hulu Selangor. In Negri Sembilan, the factories were in Rembau and Gemencheh.

"We conducted the raids following information supplied by the public and based on our intelli-



Raided spots: Comm Hasbullah (left) leading a press conference in Kuala Lumpur. — RAJA FAISAL HISHAN/The Star

gence gathering.

"In Pahang, the police received information on the illegal factories from Tengku Mahkota Pahang Tengku Hassan Ibrahim Alam Shah Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah.

"Initial investigation revealed that the factories had been operating since last year, processing

ewaste by burning and causing air pollution.

"The activity can also cause harm to residents in the surrounding areas due to its hazardous fumes," Comm Hasbullah told a press conference yesterday.

The factories, which operated without any licence, imported the ewaste from various Asian countries, he said.

"The ewaste will be processed into metal blocks that will then be sold overseas for millions of ringgit. The factory operators also employed foreign workers without proper permits," he added.

The locals detained have been remanded between five and seven days while the foreigners were remanded for 14 days, he said.

"We are still tracking down several individuals believed to be owners of the factories.

"We also seized various assets including metal blocks, ewaste pallets, vehicles and machinery worth RM43.1mil," he added.

Comm Hasbullah said various plots of land, which were used for the factory sites, have also been seized.

"A total of 19 officers and 55 division personnel along with 110 officers and personnel from the General Operations Force were involved in the operation.

"The locals detained were land owners, while the foreigners nabbed consisted of technicians and experts in ewaste processing," he said.

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Civil servants set to know more

PM to outline key govt policies and strategies, an update since 2022

KUALA LUMPUR: Apart from the announcement regarding the Public Service Remuneration System (SSPA) this Friday for civil servants, the Prime Minister will also outline key government policies, says the National Institute of Public Administration (Intan).

Its senior deputy director (Competence Development) Datuk Dr Haniff Zainal Abidin said Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim would make the important announcements at the 19th Majlis Amanat

Perdana Perkhidmatan Awam (Mappa) scheduled to be held at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre (PICC).

"This Mappa is highly anticipated, especially as it promises important updates on the SSPA and the principles that civil servants will need to adhere to," he said on Bernama TV's *Apa Khabar Malaysia* programme yesterday.

Haniff said the 19th Mappa serves as a platform for the Prime Minister to outline key govern-

ment policies, marking the first significant update since the last meeting in 2022.

"We expect around 7,000 civil servants to attend and hear the Prime Minister's address first-hand. For those unable to attend, the announcement will be available via live broadcast on various platforms, including social media," he added.

Haniff said that 32 ministry and agency offices will be opened at Mappa - themed Madani Civil

Service - to provide services to both civil servants and the public.

"The largest booth will be hosted by the Public Service Department and Intan. In addition, the Royal Malaysia Police and the Road Transport Department booths will be available to allow visitors to settle summonses at a discounted rate," he said.

He added that parking facilities will be available around the PICC with a shuttle service provided to facilitate transport for attendees.

On Aug 6, Anwar said several preliminary details of the updated SSPA would be announced soon and a full announcement would be made when Budget 2025 is tabled in October.

Public Service Department deputy director-general (operations) Datuk Mohd Shaiful Ibrahim on Aug 5 said civil servants would be able to estimate their expected salary increase in a week.

He added that the details would be announced at Mappa.

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Experts on ways to protect against online harassment

PETALING JAYA: As cyberbullying continues to threaten the mental health and safety of social media users, experts are sharing practical tips to help protect against online harassment.

Ignoring unknown messages and capturing screenshots of harassment are recommended strategies, according to social media analyst Assoc Prof Dr Sara Chinnasamy of Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM).

"Delete them without reading. Also, never click on links that are sent from someone you don't know."

"These too could contain a virus designed to collect your personal or private information or install a backdoor on your device," she said when contacted yesterday.

Sara added that cyberbullying's impact on mental health varies by medium, with text, pictures and videos on social media being particularly harmful to adolescents.

She also advised social media users to think carefully before posting or sharing explicit images.

"Those who want to cause you

"If you're being cyberbullied, keep in mind that the person who's targeting you wants you to respond."

Prof Dr Sara Chinnasamy

harm can use this picture as ammunition to make life miserable for you. Do not post anything that may compromise your reputation," she said.

She also recommended capturing screenshots to report instances of cyberbullying, as cyberbullies often delete their comments or photos when they realise they could get them in trouble.

She also advised against responding immediately to instances of cyberbullying.

"The aim of a lot of cyberbullying is to annoy, upset or confuse the person who is being targeted so that they react emotionally. If you're being cyberbullied, keep in mind that the person who's targeting you wants you to respond."

"A good strategy for dealing with this is not to give them what they're looking for. If someone says something to you online, tags you in a photo you don't like, or just generally does something unkind, put down your phone for an hour or more."

"Take that time to give yourself some emotional distance, and think carefully before you respond," said Sara.

Dr Wan Hartini Wan Zainodin, head of Communication and Knowledge Advancement at the Institute of Quality and Knowledge Advancement of UiTM, Shah Alam, agreed - saying that social media users should be mindful about what they post online.

"Do not open up too much on social media. You might want to share about your life, but everything has got to have limits and substance."

"On the technical aspects, privacy settings must be regularly updated, always avoiding harmful users. They can either be blocked or muted. Report them if they cross the line," she said.

Siraj Jalil, president of the Malaysia Cyber Consumer Association (MCCA), stressed that it's essential to report any instances of cyberbullying to the platform administrators immediately.

"Moreover, we encourage users to support one another by standing against cyberbullying whenever they witness it, as collective action can significantly reduce the prevalence of such behaviour."

"Lastly, education and awareness are key. Being informed about cyberbullying and its impacts can help users recognise the signs early and take appropriate actions," he said.

Joel Low, president of the Malaysian Society of Clinical Psychology, suggested that educational campaigns on emotional self-regulation, self-esteem and image building would be beneficial.

This, he said, would be a good

way to insulate individuals from the effects of bullying.

Aside from laws, mental health intervention should also be given to cyberbullying victims - as its impact can be wide-reaching.

"At the same time, the bullies themselves should be given help as well," said Low, who is The Mind Psychological Services and Training director.

Clinical psychologist Sanghamitra Gupta said the Internet and social media were not safe spaces.

"Despite community guidelines, it does not stop the possibility of hateful comments, threatening messages or fake accounts."

"I would suggest that parents approach this issue with open communication and understanding. Talk to your children about the dangers of bullies online, what to do if they come across one, and how to keep themselves safe," she advised.

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Cyberbullying still happening

Amid push for stricter measures, everyday users continue to be targeted

KLANG: As the government initiates efforts to introduce new measures to curb cyberbullying, the issue remains prevalent on social media platforms.

Recently, a woman in her late 40s from Puchong attempted suicide after being cyberbullied, but was saved just in time by police officers responding to a distress call.

Venessa (not her real name) said she experienced overwhelming anger and panic attacks, which led her to consider ending her life.

"The intense anger had also made me smash a lot of things in my home and scream non-stop," said the mother of a 23-year-old son who was rushed to the hospital in an ambulance.

Venessa said she was cyberbullied on TikTok for supporting a female entrepreneur who provides aura cleansing (mandi bunga), home cleansing and exorcism services, and also makes and sells related products.

In a series of voice messages to *The Star*, Venessa claimed that after she asked a friend to post a supportive video for the healer, a man threatened to send others to her friend's house, which frightened her.

She also claimed that he then continued to harass her.

One of the man's other cyberbullying victims, a former assemblyman, claimed she has been harassed by him since 2018 with vulgarities and allegations.

"I was terribly bullied by him on social media, and besides using vulgar words against me, he

Government's efforts to curb cyberbullying

July 16

The government is considering a proposal to amend the Penal Code to introduce specific provisions for the offence of cyberbullying, said Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Law and Institutional Reform) Datuk Seri Azalina Othman Said.

July 17

A Cyberbullying Issue meeting co-chaired by several ministries involving the Communications Ministry, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Legal and Institutional Reform), Home Ministry and Digital Ministry was held.

The meeting agreed that the government will examine the need for a future-proof law to deal with cyberbullying incidents.

July 19

The Cabinet approves the establishment of a special committee to address the rising issue of cyberbullying in the country, involving the Communications Ministry,

the Home Ministry, the Digital Ministry and the Legal Affairs Division of the Prime Minister's Department (Law and Institutional Reform). The committee will also be supported by a special team comprising the Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC), the Royal Malaysia Police and the Attorney-General's Chambers.

July 27

To combat the rise in cybercrime offences including scams and online fraud, cyberbullying, and sexual crimes against children, MCMC announces that all social media and Internet messaging services that have at least eight million registered users need to apply for an Application Service Provider Class Licence under the Communications and Multimedia Act 1998 (Act 588) beginning Aug 1.

The enforcement is effective on Jan 1 next year.

Source: News reports

The Star graphics

mies, business competitors or opponents," alleged the rep.

Lawyer and People's Legal Team founder Dinesh Muthal said it will take some time before laws specific to cyberbullying are formulated and passed.

"Until then, there are several laws under the Penal Code and the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) Act that can be used to curb and thwart cyberbullying," said Dinesh.

He said that the authorities could resort to Sections 506 and 509 of the Penal Code to take action against cyberbullies, as they did with the man who allegedly cyberbullied Rajeswary Appahu.

A month ago, the 30-year-old social media influencer and Hindu rights activist reportedly took her life after alleging that she was cyberbullied.

"The MCMC Act has far-reaching powers to deal with cyberbullies."

"Other provisions in the Penal Code can also be applied when cyberbullies go beyond the social media realm to attack their victims," said Dinesh.

He said the onus was on the victims to report and pursue the matter until action was taken against the bullies by the authorities.

Communications Minister Fahmi Fadzil had said that his ministry was working on better methods to address cyberbullying to effectively deal with the perpetrators.

Fahmi said that he, together

with Digital Minister Gobind Singh Deo and Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Law and Institutional Reform) Datuk Seri Azalina Othman Said, are reviewing the current definition of cyberbullying and considering appropriate punishments.

Lorry driver B. Sathiskumar, 44, and psychiatric nursing home operator Shalini Periasamy, 35, were recently brought to book for cyberbullying Rajeswary.

Sathiskumar was charged under Section 233(1)(a) of the Communications and Multimedia Act (CMA) 1998 and Section 509 of the Penal Code, while Shalini was charged under Section 14 of the Minor Offences Act.

Shalini courted the nation's ire after she was recorded walking away haughtily after being fined a mere RM100, which was the maximum penalty under the Act that she was charged under.

It has been reported that Fahmi expressed disappointment with the minimal fine imposed on Shalini.

Those suffering from mental health issues or contemplating suicide can reach out to the Mental Health Psychosocial Support Service (03-2935 9935 or 014-322 3392); Talian Kasih (15999 or 019-261 5999 on WhatsApp); Jakim's Family, Social and Community care centre (011-1959 8214 on WhatsApp); and Befrienders Kuala Lumpur (03-76272929), visit www.befrienders.org.my/centre-in-malaysia for a complete list of numbers and operating hours, or email sam@befrienders.org.my.

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Peniaga kecil semakin terhimpit

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Penaja jalanan dan peniaga kecil antara golongan yang terkesan dengan keadaan ekonomi yang suram pada masa kini.

Kenaikan harga barangan mentah dan kehadiran pembeli yang semakin berkurangan, membuatkan mereka semakin terhimpit.

Golongan 'kais pagi makan pagi, kais petang makan petang' ini tiada pilihan selain meneruskan perniagaan walaupun pendapatan tidak menentu dan adakala tiada hasil.

Dalam situasi yang semakin mendesak ini, bantuan kerajaan dirayu demi kelangsungan hidup.

Menerusi ruangan Apa Khabar Rakyat, Wartawan *Sinar Harian*, WAN MOHD NOOR HAFIZ WAN MANSOR mendengar rintihan dan menyelami permasalahan yang dialami penaja dan peniaga kecil di Alor Setar.



Pengerusi Persatuan Penaja dan Peniaga Kecil Melayu Kedah Cawangan Kota Setar, Mohd Kholib Hamid (kanan) bertemu dengan Faizah (kiri) di tepi jalan di Mergong, Alor Setar.

SEORANG penaja pasar malam di Jalan Pegawai, Alor Setar, Moni Hafiza Abdullah, 43, mengakui pernah terputus pendapatan kerana ketiadaan pelanggan namun perniagaannya perlu diteruskan setiap hari kerana dia tidak mempunyai pilihan lain.

Dia telah berniaga hampir 30 tahun bersama suaminya berniaga air balang, buah potong dan makanan segera yang digoreng bagi menampung kehidupan mereka bersama empat anak yang masih bersekolah.

"Berniaga pasar malam ini pendapatan tidak menentu, satu hari boleh dapat dalam RM100,

itu pun bukan setiap hari, bila hujan lagi sukar untuk dapat pelanggan.

"Keadaan lebih sukar kerana saya menghidap penyakit tulang belakang bengkok manakala suami pula kencing manis.

"Kami sekeluarga memang bergantung sepenuhnya dengan pendapatan hasil berniaga di pasar malam.

"Pernah kami tiada pendapatan disebabkan kurang pembeli yang ke pasar malam," katanya.

Dia berharap nasib dan kebajikan penaja dan peniaga kecil sepertinya akan mendapat perhatian pihak berwajib dan

satu peruntukan khas dapat disediakan untuk membantu mereka.

Perkara sama turut diluahkan oleh peniaga makanan, Faizah Md Israel, 50, yang mengakui kehadiran pembeli ke kedainya kurang pada hari biasa.

Peniaga di Jalan Mergong itu berkata, keadaan tersebut memberikan kesan kepada pendapatannya kerana pada waktu yang sama dia perlu membuat pusingan modal termasuk membayar sewa kedai makannya.

"Pendapatan harian saya memang tidak menentu dan boleh dapat lebih sedikit bila tiba hari gaji sahaja. Kalau hari-hari biasa memang pembeli sangat kurang," ujarinya.

Tambah Faizah, jualan makanannya masih dapat bertahan sehingga hari ini kerana anak sulungnya membantu dengan membuat promosi dan hebahan di media sosial.

Peniaga makanan di Medan Selera Mergong, Roshieda Hassan, 57, pula menyarankan



Faizah (tengah) menjual makanan dengan dibantu anaknya di tepi jalan di Mergong, Alor Setar.

kerajaan Kedah memperluaskan Tabung Usahawan Wanita Sejahtera supaya dapat dinikmati lebih ramai peniaga wanita selepas pendaftarannya ditutup pada 1 Ogos lalu.

Menurutnya, tabung yang menyediakan bantuan *one-off* sebanyak RM500 itu dilihat dapat membantu meringankan beban usahawan wanita yang

terjejas akibat ekonomi yang suram ketika ini.

"Saya tidak sempat nak ambil borang permohonan sebelum ini kerana sudah habis.

"Ini adalah salah satu usaha yang baik dari kerajaan negeri dan saya harap mereka yang tidak sempat memohon akan diberikan lagi peluang selepas ini," katanya.



MONI HAFIZA

ROSHIEDA

FAIZAH

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Berita baik buat penjawat awam Jumaat ini

PM dijangka membuat pengumuman penting berkaitan SSPA

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Perdana Menteri, Datuk Anwar Ibrahim dijangka membuat pengumuman penting mengenai Sistem Saraan Perkhidmatan Awam (SSPA) pada Majlis Amanat Perdana Perkhidmatan Awam (MAPPA) ke-19, yang akan diadakan Jumaat ini di Pusat Konvensyen Antara-bangsa Putrajaya (PICC).

Timbalan Pengarah Kanan (Pembangunan Kompetensi) Institut Tadbiran Awam Negara (INTAN), Datuk Dr Haniff Zainal Abidin berkata, pengumuman tersebut dijangka menarik perhatian ramai, terutama para penjawat awam.

"Kali ini, ramai yang pasti tertantantanti tentang polisi atau dasar kerajaan MADANI yang akan dibentangkan di MAPPA."

"Kali ini agak menarik kerana terdapat kemungkinan besar pengumuman penting berkaitan SSPA dan prinsip-prinsip yang perlu dilaksanakan oleh penjawat awam," katanya dalam program Apa Khabar Malaysia terbitan Bernama TV pada Selasa.

Menurut Haniff, MAPPA ke-19 merupakan platform bagi Perdana Menteri untuk berkongsi amanat atau dasar kerajaan, dan ini merupakan penganturan



Pengumuman mengenai Sistem Saraan Perkhidmatan Awam dijangka menarik perhatian ramai, terutama para penjawat awam. - Gambar hiasan

semula selepas kali terakhir diadakan pada tahun 2022.

"Kita menjangkakan sekitar 7,000 penjawat awam akan hadir untuk mendengar sendiri apa yang ingin disampaikan oleh Perdana Menteri."

"Bagi mereka yang tidak dapat hadir, mereka boleh mengikuti siaran langsung melalui pelbagai platform termasuk media sosial," katanya.

Mengulas mengenai keunikan penganturan MAPPA kali ini yang bertemakan Perkhidmatan Awam Madani, Haniff berkata, sebanyak 32 reruai agensi dan kementerian akan dibuka untuk memberi

kan perkhidmatan kepada penjawat awam dan orang ramai.

"Reruai terbesar yang akan dibuka ialah reruai Jabatan Perkhidmatan Awam dan INTAN. Selain itu, kami juga menyediakan reruai Polis Diraja Malaysia dan Jabatan Pengangkutan Jalan untuk membolehkan orang ramai membayar saman dengan harga diskaun," kata beliau.

Haniff turut memaklumkan bahawa kawasan parkir di sekitar PICC akan dibuka dan perkhidmatan shuttle turut disediakan untuk memudahkan pergerakan mereka yang hadir. - Bernama



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Kerajaan diminta salur bantuan, sediakan food bank

PENGERUSI Persatuan Penjaja dan Peniaga Kecil Melayu Kedah Cawangan Kota Setar, Mohd Kholib Hamid menyarankan kepada kerajaan negeri atau Persekutuan supaya menyediakan bantuan makanan kepada penjaja dan peniaga kecil yang terjejas.

Menurutnya, terdapat seramai kira-kira 5,000 penjaja dan peniaga yang berdaftar serta tidak berdaftar di Alor Setar dan hampir semuanya berada dalam kategorinya B40.

"Golongan ini meraih pen-

dapatan harian hasil perniagaan yang dijalankan dan kadang-kadang hasilnya tidak menentu.

"Dengan keadaan ekonomi yang suram hari ini, sebenarnya ramai yang tidak mampu lagi menyerap kenaikan harga barang.

"Ada dalam kalangan mereka sudah terputus pendapatan kerana tidak lagi berniaga dan mereka



MOHD KHOLID

ini wajar diberikan bantuan atau disediakan food bank oleh pihak berwajib untuk meneruskan kehidupan," katanya.

Jelas Mohd Kholib, bantuan makanan, geran mahupun kewangan khas wajar dipertimbangkan supaya mereka yang terjejas dapat kembali ber-

nafas dan meneruskan perniagaan.

Menurutnya, Persatuan Penjaja dan Peniaga Kecil Melayu Kedah bersedia untuk membantu pusat khidmat wakil rakyat menyalurkan maklumat mengenai peniaga-peniaga kecil yang terjejas dan ditimpa musibah seperti kemalangan atau menghidap penyakit yang tidak membolehkan serta menyukarkan mereka untuk berniaga.

"Kerajaan negeri atau pusat juga boleh beri dana khas seperti suntikan modal atau geran RM500 sehingga RM1,000 kepada peniaga berlesen dan men-

daftar dengan Suruhanjaya Syarikat Malaysia (SSM) serta betul-betul layak," katanya.

Tambahnya, ramai penjaja dan peniaga kecil mengeluh dan meluahkan rintihan mereka terhadap situasi semasa dan perniagaan mereka yang tidak memberangsangkan ketika ini.

"Dulu hari-hari buka kedai sebab seronok ramai pelanggan datang membeli, tapi sekarang sekarang dalam seminggu ada yang sampai tiga hari tidak buka kedai sebab tiada pelanggan," ujarnya.

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Datuk antara kaut untung

Polis tumpaskan sindiket e-waste sewa tanah, beroperasi dalam hutan

Oleh MUHAMMAD AFHAM RAMLI
KUALA LUMPUR

Laporan Sinar Harian mengenai kegiatan kilang haram memproses sisa elektronik atau e-waste yang diseludup dari negara luar sehingga mencetuskan pencemaran di negara ini mula mendapat tindak balas pihak berkuasa membabitkan operasi besar-besaran.

Terbaharu, seorang individu bergelar Datuk antara 55 individu yang ditahan dengan tindakan sitaan bernilai lebih RM43 juta hasil serbuan ke atas sindiket e-waste haram pada 5 Ogos lalu. Serbuan dilaksanakan Pasukan Siasatan Jenayah Pengubahan Wang Haram (AMLA) dengan kerjasama Pasukan Gerakan Am (PGA) ke atas tujuh kilang e-waste.

Lokasi serbuan ialah Salong, Pekan dan Bukit Iban di Pahang; Kuang, Rawang dan Bukit Tagar di Selangor; Rembau dan Gemencheh, Negeri

Sembilan serta Simpang Renggam, Johor.

Ketua AMLA Bukit Aman, Datuk Muhammed Hasbullah Ali berkata, tangkapan Op E-Waste ini membabitkan 10 warga tempatan dan 45 warga asing berusia 30 hingga 50 tahun.

Katanya, warga tempatan itu dipercayai berperanan sebagai pemilik tanah, penyelaras serta koordinator yang mengambil untung atas sewaan premis kilang dengan nilai puluhan ribu ringgit sebulan.

"Warga asing yang ditahan pula memainkan peranan membawa teknologi dan bahan kimia dari luar untuk pemprosesan e-waste selain menjadi juruteknik.

"Operasi fasa pertama ini mengesan kilang-kilang ini telah beroperasi sejak 2023 dengan mendapatkan bahan e-waste dari sebuah negara di Asia," katanya dalam sidang akhbar di Menara KPJ di sini pada Selasa.

Beliau berkata, e-waste itu diproses menjadi jongkong dan blok logam dengan nilai mencecah RM70,000 seunit sebelum diseludup semula ke negara luar.

Tambah Muhammed Hasbullah, kilang tanpa lesen dan tidak berdaftar yang mengaut untung jutaan ringgit itu juga dikesan menggaji warga asing sebagai pekerja.

"AMLA telah menyita dan merampas pelbagai aset seperti



Muhammed Hasbullah menunjukkan gambar serbuan pada sidang akhbar di Kuala Lumpur.



Seramai 10 warga tempatan termasuk seorang bergelar Datuk telah ditahan pada 5 Ogos lalu.

palet, blok logam e-waste, kenderaan, jentera dan kilang bernilai RM43.19 juta. Tanah yang diguna sebagai tapak kilang juga telah dibekukan dan nilainya masih dalam penilaian," ujarnya.

Kata beliau, AMLA akan melihat isu e-waste di negara ini secara menyeluruh termasuklah menyiasat dalang di sebaliknya dan bagaimana ia dibawa masuk serta modus operasinya.

"Apa yang dikesan kilang-kilang haram ini beroperasi di kawasan ladang kelapa sawit dan hutan jauh dari laluan utama. Proses pembakaran atau peleburan dipercayai dilakukan pada waktu malam bagi melindungi aktiviti haram itu daripada dikesan.

"Berdasarkan kes sebelum ini, serbuan pernah dibuat pihak

berkuasa namun kilang ini boleh kembali beroperasi dan kita lihat seperti ada yang tidak betul. AMLA akan pastikan kilang dan rangkaiannya diambil tindakan habis-habisan," katanya.

Siasatan dijalankan mengikut Seksyen 4(1) Akta Pencegahan Pengubahan Wang Haram dan Pencegahan Pembiayaan Keganasan 2001; Seksyen 23 Akta Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia 2009; Seksyen 32 Akta Perhutanan Negara 1984; Seksyen 24 Akta Kualiti Alam Sekitar 1974; Seksyen 135 Akta

Kastam 1967; serta Akta Imigresen 1959/63.

Pada 26 Jun lalu, Sinar Harian melaporkan Malaysia kini menghadapi masalah lambakan sampah e-waste seperti komputer, telefon bimbit, televisyen, peti ais dan mesin basuh lebih 365,000 tan setahun termasuk yang dibawa masuk dari luar negara.

Pada 6 Ogos pula, Sinar Harian mendedahkan terdapat beberapa kilang e-waste haram di Segamat, Johor yang aktif beroperasi waktu malam hingga mendatangkan pencemaran bau selain menggaji warga asing.



Siri laporan Sinar Harian mengenai kilang e-waste haram.



Sebuah kilang e-waste haram di Gemencheh, Negeri Sembilan adalah antara yang diserbu pihak polis.

Kebanyakan rantai perisian terdedah serangan siber

14/8 Sinar
KUALA LUMPUR - Kaji selidik baharu oleh BlackBerry Ltd mendedahkan majoriti pembuat keputusan teknologi maklumat (IT) di Malaysia melaporkan menerima notifikasi mengenai serangan atau kelemahan dalam rantai bekalan perisian mereka dalam tempoh 12 bulan lepas.

Menurut pembekal perisian keselamatan pintar itu yang melakukan kaji selidik ke atas 100 syarikat Malaysia, lebih tiga perempat (79 peratus) daripada rantai bekalan perisian negara terdedah serangan siber, mengatasi purata global sebanyak 76 peratus.

Katanya, hampir satu pertiga daripada responden Malaysia mengenal pasti sistem operasi (30 peratus) dan Internet Pelbagai Benda (IoT)/komponen bersambung (19 peratus) paling berisiko sekali gus memberi impak terbesar kepada organisasi.

"Risiko ini ada implikasinya, dengan kerugian kewangan (71 peratus), kerosakan reputasi (66 peratus) dan kehilangan data (59 peratus) menjadi akibat paling ketara berikutan serangan rantai bekalan," katanya dalam satu kenyataan.

Dapatan daripada kaji selidik global terhadap pembuat keputusan IT dan peneraju keselamatan siber, yang dijalankan pada April 2024 oleh Coleman Parkes, sejajar dengan pewartaan Akta Keselamatan Siber 2024 (Akta 854) oleh kerajaan Malaysia pada 26 Jun dan pengumuman Strategi Semikonduktor Kebangsaan (NSS) pada Mei.

Dapatan laporan itu menggariskan keperluan amalan perisian selamat mengikut reka bentuk untuk komponen IoT dan peraturan yang teguh untuk mengukuhkan keselamatan dan melindungi rantai bekalan IT, sejajar dengan rancangan NSS untuk pelaburan dalam kemahiran dan teknologi.

Kaji selidik itu mengesahkan organisasi Malaysia telah melaksanakan langkah keselamatan yang ketat untuk mencegah serangan rantai bekalan perisian, termasuk latihan kesedaran keselamatan untuk pekerja (58 peratus), penyulitan data (48 peratus) dan pengesahan pelbagai faktor (47 peratus).

Bagaimanapun, pendedahan kelemahan berada pada kedudukan lebih rendah (43 peratus). - *Bernama*

SINAR HARIAN
Tarikh: **11 4 AUG 2024**...

Guru besar mengaku tidak salah guna dokumen palsu

14/8 2024

SHAH ALAM - Seorang guru besar sekolah rendah mengaku tidak bersalah di Mahkamah Sesyen di sini atas pertuduhan menggunakan dokumen palsu berhubung Bayaran Bantuan Awal Persekolahan (BAP) pada tahun 2019.

Azatulakmal Abd Razak, 54, membuat pengakuan berkenaan selepas pertuduhan dibacakan terhadapnya.

Wanita itu didakwa secara tidak jujur telah menggunakan Borang Akuan Penerimaan atau Penolakan Pembayaran BAP 2019 dengan mempunyai sebab untuk mempercayai dokumen tersebut adalah palsu.

Kesalahan berkenaan dilakukan di Sekolah Kebangsaan Petaling Jaya.

Pertuduhan dibacakan mengikut Seksyen 471 Kanun Keseksaan yang boleh dihukum di bawah Seksyen 465 kanun sama membawa hukuman penjara maksimum dua tahun, denda atau kedua-duanya sekali.

Pegawai Pendakwa Raya Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM), Mohd Alimi Mustapha menawarkan jaminan RM10,000 dan perlu menyerahkan pasport kepada mahkamah selain melaporkan diri ke pejabat SPRM berhampiran.

Azatulakmal yang tidak diwakili peguam memohon supaya mahkamah menetapkan jaminan yang rendah kerana dia telah diisytiharkan bankrap oleh Jabatan Insolvensi Malaysia, selain menjaga ibu dan adik yang mempunyai masalah mental dan anak-anak yang perlu ditanggung.

Hakim Datuk Anita Harun kemudiannya menetapkan wang jaminan RM5,000 dengan seorang penjamin dan mengarahkan tertuduh menyerahkan pasport kepada mahkamah, selain perlu melaporkan diri di Pejabat SPRM di Shah Alam setiap awal bulan.

Sebutan semula kes ditetapkan pada 17 September depan. - Bernama

SINAR HARIAN

Tarikh: ...11.4.AUG.2024...

PKS perlu implimentasi teknologi AI

Kuala Lumpur: Perusahaan kecil dan sederhana (PKS) di negara ini harus segera mengadaptasi dan mengimplimentasi teknologi serta kuasa kecerdasan buatan (AI) berikutan ia membantu mempercepatkan peralihan yang diperlukan oleh jenama dan syarikat.

Pengarah Urusan Acacia Blue CSR Sdn Bhd, Sharmini Nagulan berkata, persimpangan teknologi dan kemampanan bukan lagi perbincangan teori kerana ia memainkan peranan

yang penting dalam realiti kehidupan masa kini.

Katanya, semua pihak perlu memainkan peranan bagi memanfaatkan kuasa AI dan teknologi untuk mencipta penyelesaian penjaan semula yang memberi manfaat kepada manusia dan bumi.

"Apabila kita menghadapi masalah alam sekitar yang belum pernah dialami, kita boleh memanfaatkan kuasa AI dan teknologi, namun kepentingan AI ini tidak hanya membabitkan kelestarian

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alam sekitar, malah kemampanan adalah satu perkara yang kompleks kerana ia meliputi begitu banyak bidang.

"Sekiranya kita melihat ke arah masa depan yang lebih lestari, ia adalah penting bahawa kita bukan sahaja bercakap mengenai penyelesaian, tetapi juga cara melaksanakannya," katanya kepada media di Persidangan Sustainable Brands Kuala Lumpur 2024 (SB'24KL), semalam.

Sharmini berkata, SB'24KL berfungsi sebagai

peringatan kuat mengenai tanggungjawab bersama yang dikongsi dalam mengejar kelestarian dan penjaan semula.

Menurutnya, semua pihak terutama syarikat memerlukan teknologi dan AI untuk membantu memahami data dan mengurus kerumitan kerana semuanya berkaitan.

"Malaysia sebenarnya sangat terbuka untuk menerima pakai teknologi dan AI, namun impaknya tidak boleh dilihat dalam jangka pendek," katanya.

HARIAN METRO
Tarikh 11 4 AUG 2024

PM DIJANGKA UMUM MENGENAI SSPA JUMAAT INI

'Ramai tunggu dasar bakal dibentang'

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Perdana Menteri Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, dijangka membuat pengumuman penting mengenai Sistem Saraan Perkhidmatan Awam (SSPA) pada Majlis Amanat Perdana Perkhidmatan Awam (MAPPA) ke-19, yang akan diadakan Jumaat ini, di Pusat Konvensyen Antarabangsa Putrajaya (PICC).

Timbalan Pengarah Kanan (Pembangunan Kompetensi) Institut Tadbiran Awam Negara (Intan) Datuk Dr Haniff Zainal Abidin berkata, pengumuman itu dijangka menarik perhatian ramai, terutama penjawat

awam.

"Kali ini, ramai yang pasti ternanti-nanti tentang polisi atau dasar kerajaan Madani yang akan dibentangkan di MAPPA.

"Kali ini agak menarik kerana terdapat kemungkinan besar pengumuman penting berkaitan SSPA dan prinsip-prinsip yang perlu dilaksanakan oleh penjawat

awam," katanya dalam program Apa Khabar Malaysia terbitan Bernama TV, semalam.

Haniff menjelaskan bahawa MAPPA ke-19 adalah platform bagi Perdana Menteri untuk berkongsi

amanat atau dasar kerajaan, dan ini merupakan penganjuran semula selepas kali terakhir diadakan pada 2022.

"Kita menjangkakan sekitar 7,000 penjawat awam akan hadir untuk mende-

ngar sendiri apa yang ingin disampaikan oleh Perdana Menteri.

"Bagi yang tidak dapat hadir, mereka boleh mengikut siaran langsung melalui

pelbagai platform termasuk media sosial," katanya.

Mengulas berkaitan penganjuran MAPPA kali ini yang bertemakan 'Perkhidmatan Awam Ma-

dani', Haniff berkata, 32 reruai agensi dan kementerian akan dibuka untuk memberikan perkhidmatan kepada penjawat awam serta orang ramai.

"Reruai terbesar yang akan dibuka ialah reruai Jabatan Perkhidmatan Awam dan Intan. Selain itu, kami juga menyediakan reruai Polis Diraja Malaysia dan Jabatan Pengangkutan Jalan untuk membolehkan orang ramai membayar saman pada harga diskaun," kata beliau.

Haniff turut memaklumkan bahawa kawasan parkir di sekitar PICC akan dibuka dan perkhidmatan 'shuttle' turut disediakan untuk memudahkan pergerakan mereka yang hadir.

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Ramai ternanti-
nanti tentang dasar
kerajaan Madani
yang akan
dibentangkan
Dr Haniff**

HARIAN METRO
Tarikh: 14 AUG 2024



TERTUDUH diiringi pegawai SPRM ketika dihadapkan ke Mahkamah Sesyen Ayer Keroh, Melaka semalam.

Pegawai MPAG sebak depan hakim mengaku rasuah

MELAKA – Seorang pegawai tadbir Majlis Perbandaran Alor Gajah (MPAG) didenda RM2,000 oleh Mahkamah Sesyen di sini, semalam selepas mengaku menerima suapan berjumlah RM900 daripada seorang kontraktor pengiklanan bagi mendapatkan kerja-kerja pembekalan sejak dua tahun lalu.

Tertuduh, Mohd. Rozaiman Rahmat, 45, membuat pengakuan itu sejurus pertuduhan pertama dan ketiga dibacakan jurubahasa mahkamah di hadapan Hakim Elesabet Paya Wan.

Dia bagaimanapun tidak mengaku bersalah bagi pertuduhan kedua.

Berdasarkan kertas pertuduhan pertama dan kedua, tertuduh iaitu pegawai tadbir di Unit Penguatkuasaan MPAG didakwa telah menerima suatu balasan iaitu wang tunai berjumlah RM400 dan RM2,000 daripada pemilik syarikat pengiklanan, Ong Ah Siong.

Pertuduhan itu yang mana tertuduh mengetahui individu berkenaan mempunyai hubun-

gan dengan kerja-kerja rasminya.

Bagi pertuduhan ketiga, tertuduh sebagai ketua unit di Unit Kutipan Tunggakkan MPAG telah menerima suatu balasan iaitu wang tunai RM500 daripada individu sama di lokasi sama pada 18 April 2023.

Semua kesalahan itu memperuntukkan hukuman penjara sehingga dua tahun dengan denda atau keduanya sekali mengikut Seksyen 165 Kanun Keseksaan.

Tertuduh yang tidak diwakili peguam kemudian merayu dalam keadaan sebak agar hukumannya diringankan dengan alasan telah insaf dan menyara isteri serta dua anak masih bersekolah, selain bapa dan ibu mentua yang telah uzur berusia 74 serta 65 tahun.

Selepas mendengar hujah kedua-dua belah pihak, mahkamah menjatuhkan hukuman denda RM1,000 bagi pertuduhan pertama dan ketiga atau dua bulan penjara jika gagal bayar sementara pertuduhan kedua digugurkan seperti dipohon pendakwa.

KOSMO

Tarikh: **11 4 AUG. 2024**

Majikan, pekerja perlu ubah pola fikiran WFH

Petaling Jaya: Majikan dan pekerja, masing-masing perlu mengubah pola pemikiran dalam menjayakan aturan kerja fleksibel (WFH) seperti yang termaktub dalam Akta Kerja 1955.

Senator, Datuk Dr Nelson Renganathan, berkata kerajaan sudah membenarkan aturan WFH, oleh itu majikan sepatutnya memberikan pertimbangan sewajarnya terhadap pelaksanaannya.

"Bagaimanapun, pekerja yang dibenarkan WFH juga perlu mempunyai disiplin yang baik. Kalau tiada disiplin, maka, produktiviti tidak akan setaraf seperti bekerja di dalam pejabat.

"Kalau boleh pekerja kena buktikan bahawa bekerja dari rumah bukan sahaja dapat mengekalkan produktiviti, malah dapat menaikkannya.

"Jadi ini adalah satu cabaran besar bagi pengamal pengurusan sumber manusia dan akan dibincangkan pada persidangan ini," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian ketika sesi soal jawab Persidangan

Undang-Undang Pekerjaan Malaysia 2024 (MELC 2024) di OneWorld Hotel, di sini, semalam.

Yang turut hadir, Pengarah Urusan HR Edge Consulting Sdn Bhd dan MyFreelys Academy, Y K Lai serta Pengarah Urusan Q3 Management Solution Sdn Bhd, Emilawati Zainol.

Nelson turut menekankan kepentingan untuk satu kajian atau statistik berhubung WFH dijalankan oleh mana-mana pihak.

Katanya, ini kerana ketiadaan statistik membabitkan aturan WFH menyukarkan majikan dan pihak terbabit untuk menentukan keberkesanan.

"Pada masa ini, kita tiada statistik, itu masalahnya, jadi kita tidak tahu apa yang akan berlaku pada produktiviti, jika dibenarkan bekerja dari rumah," katanya.

Penganjuran MELC 2024 yang memasuki tahun keenam, diadakan selama tiga hari bermula hari ini.

MELC 2024 turut mencatat rekod kebangsaan dalam Buku Re-



Nelson (tengah) bersama Lai dan Emilawati merasmikan Persidangan Undang-Undang Pekerjaan Malaysia 2024 di OneWorld Hotel, Petaling Jaya, semalam.
(Foto Rohanis Shukri/BH)

kod Jalur Gemilang bagi Persembahan Koir Patriotik Spontan Terbesar oleh Profesional dan Pengamal Sumber Manusia.

Seramai 150 perwakilan berganding bahu dengan pasukan koir Universiti Teknologi MARA, UiTM Chamber Choir (UCC) untuk meraikan kekayaan wa-

risan dan perpaduan.

Platform terbaik timba ilmu

Sementara itu, Lai berkata, adalah penting bagi semua pengamal sumber manusia meluaskan pengalaman bagi memastikan kelangsungan syarikat.

Katanya, salah satu cara untuk meluaskan pengalaman ada-

lah dengan menimba ilmu.

"Jadi persidangan ini adalah salah satu platform yang kita wujudkan untuk pengamal sumber manusia menimba ilmu dalam mentadbir urus sebuah syarikat, di mana mereka boleh saling bertukar pandangan, selain mendengar idea dan perspektif baharu," katanya.

BERITA HARIAN
Tarikh... 14 AUG 2024

Semua pihak berperanan jamin kelestarian bekalan air

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Air adalah asas kehidupan dan kita bertuah memiliki sumber air melimpah di negara ini. Namun, cabaran memastikan bekalan air berterusan dan berkualiti tetap wujud.

Isu pencemaran sungai, kebocoran paip, penyelenggaraan infrastruktur kurang memuaskan dan perubahan iklim mengancam kelestarian bekalan air negara ini.

Contohnya pada September 2020, lebih 1.2 juta pengguna di Lembah Klang terjejas akibat pencemaran di Loji Rawatan Air Sungai Selangor, manakala pada Disember 2023, kebocoran saluran paip di Loji

Rawatan Air Sungai Dua, Pulau Pinang, menyebabkan gangguan bekalan air kepada 590,000 pengguna.

Antara cabaran utama ialah isu Air Tidak Terhasil (NRW) adalah kadar NRW Kebangsaan melebihi 30 peratus setiap tahun dari 2018 hingga 2023, menyebabkan kerugian dianggarkan RM2 bilion pada 2022.

Pertambahan penduduk dan perkembangan ekonomi juga menambah tekanan terhadap bekalan air, terutama di Selangor dengan permintaan air terawat mencapai kapasiti maksimum loji rawatan

air antara 2018 hingga 2020.

Inisiatif untuk transformasi industri perkhidmatan air negara bermula lebih 10 tahun lalu.

Kerajaan Persekutuan memindahkan bidang kuasa air daripada Senarai Negeri kepada Senarai Bersama melalui pindaan Perlembagaan pada 2005.

Ini memberi kuasa kepada Kerajaan Persekutuan mengawal selia perkhidmatan air, manakala negeri mengekalkan hak ke atas sumber air. Kerajaan juga menubuhkan Suruhanjaya Perkhidmatan Air Negara (SPAN) untuk mengawal selia industri perkhidmatan air dengan setiap operator air perlu mematuhi peraturan dan standard ditetapkan.

Komitmen kerajaan terhadap kelestarian bekalan air ditunjukkan melalui peruntukan besar untuk pembangunan infrastruktur air. Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim mengumumkan peruntukan RM500 juta untuk Kelantan; Labuan (RM300 juta) dan projek pengurusan bekalan air Perak-Pulau Pinang (RM4 bilion).

Operator air dilesenkan di bawah Peraturan-Peraturan Industri Perkhidmatan Air (Perlesenan) 2007 bertanggungjawab memastikan bekalan air bersih dan berkualiti kepada pengguna.

Mereka perlu memastikan loji rawatan air berfungsi dengan cekap, memantau kualiti air mentah dan mengurangkan risiko kebocoran. Teknologi seperti meter pintar serta sistem pengurusan

kebocoran canggih adalah langkah penting meningkatkan kecekapan operasi serta mengurangkan kos.

Rakyat juga berperanan penting dalam memastikan kelestarian perkhidmatan air. Penggunaan air domestik per kapita masih tinggi, iaitu 228 liter sehari pada 2023, jauh lebih tinggi berbanding Singapura (141 liter sehari).

Langkah seperti menutup paip dengan rapat dan menggunakan peralatan penjimatan air perlu diamalkan untuk mengurangkan pembaziran.

Rakyat juga perlu peka terhadap isu pencemaran air dan elakkan membuang sampah atau bahan kimia ke dalam sistem saliran atau sungai.

Pembabit dalam inisiatif komuniti untuk memulihara sumber air seperti kempen pembersihan sungai atau projek pemuliharaan air tanah, juga penting.

Kelestarian perkhidmatan bekalan air adalah tanggungjawab bersama. Kerjasama antara kerajaan, operator air dan rakyat diperlukan untuk memastikan bekalan air berkualiti serta berterusan.

Dengan komitmen dan langkah proaktif, kita dapat memastikan bekalan air bersih dapat dinikmati generasi kini dan masa hadapan. Air adalah sumber kehidupan yang tidak ternilai dengan setiap pihak perlu berperanan demi masa depan lebih baik.

BERITA HARIAN
Tarikh... 14 AUG 2024

Kenaikan gaji penjawat awam bantu rangsang ekonomi

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PETALING JAYA: Kenaikan gaji penjawat awam yang bakal diumumkan Jumaat ini dijangka merangsang ekonomi melalui peningkatan dalam permintaan domestik, terutamanya dalam sektor runcit, perkhidmatan dan perumahan.

Selain itu, kenaikan itu akan meningkatkan motivasi dan kepuasan kerja penjawat awam, seterusnya meningkatkan produktiviti dan kualiti perkhidmatan awam.

Profesor Kewangan Dan Kesahawanan Universiti Malaysia Kelantan (UMK), Datuk Prof Dr. Nik Mahteran Nik Muhammad berkata, kadar baharu gaji itu berpotensi untuk memberi manfaat kepada ekonomi dan sosial, tetapi ia juga membawa risiko kewangan yang perlu diurus dengan berhati-hati oleh kerajaan.

"Dengan gaji yang lebih tinggi, penjawat awam mempunyai lebih banyak wang untuk dibelanjakan.

"Bagi penjawat awam yang berpendapatan rendah atau sederhana pula, kenaikan gaji ini dapat membantu mengimbangi kenaikan kos sara hidup, terutamanya dalam persekitaran inflasi yang tinggi," katanya ketika dihubungi *Utusan Malaysia*.



KERAJAAN bakal mengumumkan kenaikan gaji penjawat awam sekitar 15 hingga 42 peratus pada Jumaat ini.
- GAMBAR HIASAN

Sebaliknya, jelas Nik Mahteran, terdapat beberapa risiko kenaikan gaji yang besar memerlukan perbelanjaan tambahan oleh kerajaan, yang boleh meningkatkan defisit belanjawan jika tidak diimbangi dengan peningkatan pendapatan kerajaan.

Jelas beliau, perkara ini mungkin memaksa kerajaan untuk mencari sumber pendapatan lain atau mengurangkan perbelanjaan dalam sektor lain.

"Dengan lebih banyak wang yang beredar dalam ekonomi, terdapat risiko bahawa ini boleh

membawa kepada peningkatan inflasi, terutamanya jika peningkatan permintaan tidak seimbang dengan penawaran barang dan perkhidmatan.

"Di samping itu, ia menarik lebih ramai individu untuk bekerja dalam sektor ini," katanya.

UTUSAN MALAYSIA
Tarikh: 14 AUG 2024

Pegawai tadbir minta rasuah didenda RM2,000

MELAKA: Seorang pegawai tadbir Majlis Perbandaran Alor Gajah (MPAG) didenda RM2,000 oleh Mahkamah Sesyen di sini semalam, atas dua pertuduhan menerima suapan berjumlah RM900 daripada seorang kontraktor pengiklanan bagi mendapatkan kerja-kerja pembekalan sejak dua tahun lalu.

Tertuduh, Mohd. Rozaiman Rahmat, 45, mengaku bersalah terhadap pertuduhan pertama dan ketiga sejurus dibacakan jurubahasa mahkamah di hadapan Hakim Elesabet Paya Wan tetapi dia mengaku tidak bersalah untuk pertuduhan kedua.

Berdasarkan kertas pertuduhan pertama dan kedua, tertuduh iaitu pegawai tadbir di Unit Penguatkuasaan MPAG didakwa menerima suatu balasan iaitu wang tunai RM400 dan RM2,000 daripada pemilik syarikat pengiklanan, Ong Ah Siong yang mana tertuduh mengetahui individu berkenaan mempunyai hubungan dengan kerja-kerja rasminya.

Kesalahan itu dilakukan di Maybank Cawangan Alor Gajah, Jalan Simpang Ampat dalam daerah Alor Gajah pada 31 Mac dan 6 September 2022.

Bagi pertuduhan ketiga, tertuduh sebagai ketua unit di Unit Kutipan Tunggal MPAG telah menerima suatu balasan iaitu wang tunai RM500 daripada individu sama di lokasi sama pada 18 April 2023.

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SATU pasukan khas perlu ditubuhkan bagi melaksanakan Pelan Keselamatan Jalan Raya bagi tempoh tujuh tahun dengan tumpuan kepada lima daerah yang mencatat rekod kematian terburuk.

Kembalikan agenda selamatkan nyawa di jalan raya

SAUDARA PENGARANG,

MAJLIS Keselamatan Jalan Raya Malaysia (MKJR) harus bernafas dan diberikan peranan bertenaga (*empower*) seiring dengan saranan terbaharu Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim agar usaha diperluaskan bagi tujuan menyelamatkan nyawa di jalan raya.

Saya bukan ahli MKJR. Saya hanya seorang rakyat Malaysia yang mengambil berat kemusnahan manusia di jalan raya dan saya pernah berada dalam Lembaga Pengarah Institut Penyelidikan Keselamatan Jalan Raya (MIROS) selama tiga tahun.

Atas sebab-sebab 'misteri', sejak 2019 MKJR tidak mengadakan Mesyuarat Agung Tahunan sekali gus menyebabkan hala tuju kabur berikutan penyusunan mengelirukan setelah pembubaran Jabatan Keselamatan Jalan Raya (JKJR) Malaysia pada April 2020 yang kini diletakkan sebagai sebuah unit di Jabatan Pengangkutan Jalan (JPJ).

JKJR dahulu adalah sekretariat MKJR yang bertanggungjawab mengelolakan acara tahunan terbesar dan menjalankan pemantauan aktiviti MKJR negeri serta sebagai pusat sehati susulan usul-usul resolusi pada mesyuarat agung setiap tahun.

Kini menjadi tanda tanya dalam kalangan ahli-ahli MKJR, adakah MKJR masih lagi sebuah pertubuhan NGO yang sah kerana gagal mengadakan mesyuarat agung tahunan sejak lima tahun kebelakangan ini?

Saya dimaklumkan terdapat beberapa MKJR negeri masih gigih menjalankan mesyuarat sekurang-kurangnya empat kali setahun. Namun, terdapat beberapa MKJR negeri yang gagal mengadakan jumlah mesyuarat ditetapkan dengan alasan MKJR Kebangsaan tidak aktif.

Kekangan birokrasi di Kementerian Pengangkutan dan tahap kelancaran di Bahagian Keselamatan Jalan Raya JPJ menyebabkan idea-idea MKJR terbantut dan komunikasi tidak bermaya.

Walaupun jumlah kematian di jalan raya

tahun lalu mencatat 6,473 kematian iaitu paling tinggi sejak lima tahun kebelakangan ini sementara kadar maut pengguna motosikal adalah tertinggi dalam sejarah (bagi setiap 100 kematian, 70 adalah pengguna motosikal) berserta jumlah kematian keseluruhan di jalan raya lebih tinggi dari kematian akibat Covid-19.

Yang jelas dilihat Kementerian Pengangkutan dan agensi di bawahnya masih ingin membuat perkara sama berulang kali setiap tahun tetapi mereka mengharapkan hasil yang berbeza.

Gesaan saya kepada Kementerian Pengangkutan dan agensi-agensi berkaitan, mohon lindungi MKJR tanpa berlengah lagi bagi mengelakkan badan ini dibatalkan pendaftaran oleh Jabatan Pendaftaran Pertubuhan (ROS) akibat ketiadaan mesyuarat agung sejak 2019.

Berhubung dan berkerjasama dengan semua MKJR negeri serta pertubuhan bukan kerajaan (NGO) berkaitan untuk menjadikan usaha selamatkan nyawa di jalan raya sebagai satu perkara yang menarik. Ia perlu melibatkan ahli-ahli MKJR yang berpengetahuan dan berpengalaman luas untuk berkomunikasi kepada media serta masyarakat selain melibatkan badan ini dalam Jawatankuasa Peringkat Kabinet mengenai Keselamatan dan Kesesakan Jalan Raya.

Selain itu, wajar tubuhkan satu pasukan khas untuk melaksanakan Pelan Keselamatan Jalan Raya bagi tempoh tujuh tahun akan datang dengan tumpuan kepada lima daerah yang mencatat rekod kematian terburuk.

Dalam masa sama dapatkan khidmat nasihat pengurus kempen untuk melaksanakan pelan komunikasi berkesan bagi jangka pendek (setahun), jangka sederhana (tiga tahun) dan jangka panjang (sehingga tahun 2030).

SHAHRIAM TAMRIN

Aktivis keselamatan jalan raya

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Cuaca panas Malaysia beransur pulih 17/8 Utusan

PETALING JAYA: Orang ramai boleh menarik nafas lega berikutan cuaca panas kian beralih kepada cuaca lembap dengan jangkaan peningkatan taburan hujan di beberapa negeri dalam tempoh seminggu akan datang.

Ketua Pengarah Jabatan Meteorologi Malaysia (Met-Malaysia), Dr. Mohd. Hisham Mohd. Anip berkata, pihaknya menjangkakan hujan dan ribut petir boleh berlaku pada awal petang hingga malam melibatkan beberapa negeri.

Katanya, keadaan cuaca lembap berlaku terutama bagi negeri-negeri di Pantai Barat (Perak, Selangor dan Melaka) dan kawasan pedalaman Semenanjung, barat Sarawak serta barat Sabah.

"Tinjauan cuaca bulan depan pula menunjukkan taburan hujan dijangka berada pada paras normal di seluruh negara, kecuali kawasan barat Sarawak yang dijangka menerima hujan melebihi purata.

"Jangkaan keadaan cuaca ini juga meningkatkan paras air di kawasan negeri yang

mempunyai tadahan empangan serta sungai sekitarnya jika banyak hujan," katanya kepada *Utusan Malaysia*.

Terdahulu, cuaca panas menimbulkan keresahan dalam kalangan pesawah dan petani susulan suhu tinggi menjejaskan kitaran tanaman mereka selain kekurangan bekalan air untuk disalurkan ke petak sawah.

Sebelum ini, *Utusan Malaysia* melaporkan, beberapa negeri termasuk Kedah mengalami kemerosotan paras air iaitu di Empangan Muda yang berbaki lapan peratus, Empangan Pedu (39.09 peratus) dan Empangan Ahning (81.80 peratus), dengan purata keseluruhan takungan air bagi ketiga-tiga empangan ialah 43.68 peratus berikutan kemarau.

Mohd. Hisham berkata, berikutan cuaca hujan di kebanyakan tempat membolehkan suhu negara berada pada bacaan normal selain menjangkakan tiada cuaca panas yang berterusan sehingga awal tahun depan.

REALISING THE MADANI ECONOMY VISION

THE clarity of economic policies and early reforms put in place through the Madani Economy framework have contributed to Malaysia's current momentum of economic growth, which recorded an encouraging 4.2 per cent in the first quarter of 2024 and surpassed that of regional countries like South Korea, Singapore and Thailand.

This was driven by the recovery in exports, robust tourism activities and sustained domestic demand despite challenging external conditions.

The 2025 Budget aims to build on these positive developments and drive the implementation of reforms towards realising the goals of the Madani Economy.

In the first quarter of 2024, total trade grew 6.8 per cent to RM690.5 billion compared to RM646.8 billion in the first quarter of 2023.

Exports of goods and services in the first quarter of 2024 grew 5.2 per cent compared to a contraction of 8.1 per cent last year.

Private investments recorded a buoyant growth of 9.2 per cent in the first quarter of 2024, compared to the 4.6 per cent rise last year. This was underpinned by capital spending related to infrastructure, machinery and



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equipment, and other assets.

Meanwhile, the total approved investments came to RM83.7 billion, with foreign investments contributing RM47 billion or 56 per cent, while domestic investments made up the remaining RM36.7 billion or 44 per cent.

For the labour market, the number of employed persons increased 2.1 per cent to 16.4 million, contributing to a low unemployment rate of 3.3 per cent.

The government is confident that Malaysia will achieve the targeted annual growth rate of between 4.0 per cent and 5.0 per cent this year.

During the 2024 Budget, the government announced several revenue measures and expenditure optimisation efforts, including key reforms to transition from blanket to targeted subsi-

dies.

Accordingly, the government aims to further taper its fiscal deficit to 4.3 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP) this year, from 5.0 per cent last year.

The government remains committed to achieving at least a 3.0 per cent deficit in the medium term, while ensuring fiscal policy remains supportive of economic growth.

The 2025 Budget aims to focus on three important thrusts of the Madani Economy framework:

Raise the Ceiling

This thrust aims to restructure the economy and boost national competitiveness, catapulting Malaysia into an economic leader in the Asian region.

Raise the Floor

This thrust aims to improve the quality of life for all Malaysians to ensure equality of opportunities, a decent standard of living and social protection for all.

Good Governance and Public Sector Reform

This thrust aims to enhance transparency, efficiency and accountability in the government.

Through the 2025 Budget, the government will prioritise mea-

sures that will contribute towards enhancing Malaysia's global competitiveness, particularly improvements in ensuring "ease of doing business" to encourage set-up of new businesses and expansion of existing investments.

It is imperative that issues related to bureaucratic red tape and inefficiencies be addressed in order to place Malaysia as a leading investment destination in the region.

The 2025 Budget will catalyse areas of emphasis for the New Industrial Master Plan 2030, especially on industrial investment, skilled labour and technology adoption related to high-growth high-value investments.

The 2025 Budget also plans to build on early efforts to develop the economy's next growth engines, for instance, in the areas of carbon capture, utilisation, and storage (CCUS), green industrial parks and higher-value semiconductor manufacturing.

To accelerate Malaysia's transition towards a greener economy, the National Energy Transition Roadmap outlined several key priorities.

The government acknowledges the importance of CCUS as a new source for economic growth and in achieving the goal of net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by

2050.

Malaysia's diverse tapestry of cultures and unique natural endowments have made it a desirable tourist destination.

Therefore, the 2025 Budget will outline measures to elevate our country's unique offerings, coupled with better connectivity, to increase the spillover effect from tourism activities that will benefit local communities in preparation for Visit Malaysia 2026.

The 2025 Budget will support greater facilitation of tourist arrivals, increased flight connectivity and improvements in tourism products.

Malaysia's tax revenue, at 12.6 per cent of GDP last year, ranks among the lowest in Asean.

In view of this, the 2025 Budget will require measures to broaden the tax base, continuously ensure a progressive tax system, reduce tax leakages and enhance tax compliance.

Notwithstanding the prevailing challenges on the internal and external fronts, the government is optimistic that the budget will take Malaysia one step closer to realising the vision of the Madani Economy.

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'Social media platform rule could curb cyberbullying'

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► Initiative would streamline regulation, enhance law enforcement and foster collaboration between govt and operators: Expert

KUALA LUMPUR: The government decision to mandate licences for social media platforms is a strategic move to address issues such as cyberbullying and subversive threats, said Universiti Teknologi Mara Media and Information Warfare Studies Centre security and political analyst Dr Noor Nirwandy Mat Noordin.

He said the initiative aims to tighten social media regulations and enhance law enforcement.

"Licencing would streamline regulation and facilitate cooperation between the government and social media platforms in tackling misconduct. This is crucial for ensuring oversight."

He said social media licencing would foster closer collaboration between the government and platform operators in developing early warning systems for users.

"This is critical for identifying and

preventing the spread of radical or extreme content, which could lead to disruption through the dissemination of false or misleading information.

"There needs to be a concerted effort to ensure positive algorithms are developed collaboratively between the government and social media platforms to promote content that emphasises human values and unity."

He said social media platforms should assist the government and society in showcasing and promoting positive values.

Earlier, the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) announced that all social media and internet messaging services with eight million or more registered users in Malaysia must apply for a Class Licence for Application Service Providers under the Communications and Multimedia Act 1998.

The requirement will take effect on Jan 1

next year, following the introduction of a regulatory framework for social media services and internet messaging this month.

International Islamic University Malaysia Language and Literacy Department lecturer Assoc Prof Dr Sueraya Che Haron said while it is exciting to embrace the rapid growth of social media, users must remain mindful of its darker aspects and the potential negative consequences of its misuse.

She stressed the importance of maintaining decency and tolerance while using social media.

"Many inappropriate videos have been widely spread on social media. These include content showing arguments, domestic disputes, offensive behaviour and flashy attire, all of which have attracted hundreds of thousands of views."

"Such issues must be addressed to ensure Malaysians use social media responsibly and prevent the spread of negative influences," she said, while commending MCMC for its consistent efforts to curb inappropriate content on social media.

She added that MCMC is committed to improving digital literacy by promoting awareness of responsible social media use and preventing its misuse for unlawful purposes.

Dark web communities to face 'full force of law'

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PETALING JAYA: The Commercial Crime Investigation Department (CCID) has warned that police will act against those engaging in illegal activities online, including prostitution and the sale of sexually explicit content.

Its director Datuk Seri Ramli Mohamed Yousuf, told *theSun* that it is cooperating with the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) as an ongoing measure to arrest individuals engaging in illegal online activities.

"Those caught will face the full force of the law."

MCMC statistics from Jan 1, 2022, to Aug 1 this year, show a total of 10,423 websites have been blocked due to violations.

Of the total, 3,271 were related to online pornography while 249 involved prostitution.

Ramli said police will work with MCMC to address issues on social media, such as child pornography, which is primarily handled by the Criminal Investigations Department.

➤ Individuals engaging in illegal online activities involving prostitution, sale of sexually explicit content and child pornography will be arrested, says CCID chief

He was commenting on findings that some social media platforms were becoming hubs for "dark web" communities to market nude photographs and pornographic videos.

A check by *theSun* showed that some women were selling images of their private parts on X for RM12, while one user with over 100,000 followers charged "fans" RM100 to respond to messages.

On June 24, a heavily pregnant woman known as "Miza Ozawa", was sentenced to two months' jail for offering prostitution services on Telegram.

Others were also reportedly selling "Made in Malaysia" adult videos on social media for RM35.

Malaysian Cyber Consumers Association president Sirajuddin Jalil said there are thousands of "dark web" accounts on X, with

many belonging to students, teenagers and young adults aged between 20 and 30.

"Some government servants, including teachers, are also involved in promoting LGBTQ content."

"Telegram is among popular platforms for sharing explicit stories, photographs and videos."

Sirajuddin said most of the account holders avoid showing their faces in the photos they post, and merely display their bodies.

"Dark web" accounts have become a community of their own, and this is a growing menace as their numbers are increasing on X, especially since the platform allows pornographic content to be displayed, he said.

Cybersecurity expert Murugason R. Thangaratnam said the "dark web" is not just a shadowy

corner of the internet but a thriving hub for cybercrime, with its business operations continuing to grow exponentially each year.

"The 'dark web' operates on encrypted networks that are only accessible with special software."

"It functions as a marketplace for illegal activities."

"Its anonymity makes it challenging for law enforcement agencies to apprehend the perpetrators."

Murugason said the most insidious aspect of the "dark web" is its role in facilitating stolen data and identity theft. Its specialised software allows users or content creators to conceal their identities and traverse the "dark web" anonymously.

However, he said there are no specific laws against social media platform operators other than to seek their cooperation and discretion to remove content that violates Malaysian laws.

Murugason added that there are sections under the Penal Code and Communications and Multimedia Act that prescribe fines or imprisonment for those who possess, sell or distribute sexually explicit content.

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Climate change news causes anxiety among Malaysians

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KUALA LUMPUR: A climate change survey found that nine out of 10 Malaysian respondents reported anxiety triggered by climate change news on social media and other news platforms.

Furthermore, eight out of 10 respondents experienced guilt about their overall carbon footprint and personal emissions.

Karbon Hero, a company offering clear environmental finance and sustainability solutions, has collaborated with the Universiti Teknologi Malaysia Centre for Low-Carbon Transport and Imperial College London (UTM LoCARTic) conducted a climate change and eco-anxiety survey (Malaysia edition).

About 400 corporate professionals from various organisations in Malaysia were asked critical questions about their eco-anxiety, climate change, and decarbonisation for the survey and their willingness to adopt sustainability measures.

Their valuable insights offer a snapshot of the country's current perception of climate change and the sustainability landscape.

Karbon Hero CEO Dr Sarah Shahril said it is clear that eco-anxiety is notably significant among Malaysian corporations and that there is a willingness to spend on environmentally friendly products and services.

"We need to rethink creating sustainable

climate action for long-term impact. This can be done by transforming pledge-driven passion projects into profitable businesses," she said.

The survey also showed that concern for future generations was unanimous, with almost 100% of respondents expressing that they are worried that the next generation is at significant risk due to the detrimental impacts of climate change.

Regarding lifestyle changes, the survey indicates a highly positive willingness among respondents to adopt more sustainable lifestyle practices.

About 80% are willing to reduce their consumption to conserve energy, while 89% are committed to reducing, recycling, and reusing materials.

In addition, 48% consider switching to electric vehicles, and 66% support buying local products to minimise their carbon footprint.

"This survey reflects individuals' growing personal awareness and proactive attitude towards attaining climate resilience.

"Considering this, we look forward to developing innovative green solutions that will have meaningful social and environmental uplift," Universiti Teknologi Malaysia Institute for Sustainable Transport (IST) director Professor Dr Srithar Rajoo said.

Notably, 7 out of 10 respondents expressed readiness to spend more on products and services that are either carbon-neutral, low-carbon, or sustainable.

This willingness to invest in sustainability indicates a strong market potential for locally produced, environmentally friendly products and services.

Despite the high levels of personal commitment to mitigating climate change, the survey also reveals that 57% of respondents believe the government needs to do more regarding policies to address climate change.

The survey sample included corporate executives and professionals across various sectors, with 70% men, 27% women, and 3% preferring not to say.

The respondents were spread across various age groups: 34% were aged 20-30, 34% were aged 31-40, 23% were aged 41-50, and 9% were aged 51 and above.

While the survey reflects high levels of eco-anxiety among Malaysians, it is also coupled with a positive willingness to adopt more sustainable measures.

Despite the positive personal commitment to climate mitigation, effective climate policy development is also essential for a more robust transition towards decarbonisation.



Sarah says there is a willingness to spend on environmentally friendly products and services.

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Move to enhance audit practices to curb corruption

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PETALING JAYA: The Financial Analysis Division (FAD) of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) will today host the Anti-Corruption Initiative Programme through Strengthening Accounting and Auditing Practices to combat financial crimes, particularly corruption and abuse of power.

MACC FAD director Mohd Azwan Ramli said the inaugural programme will involve the National Audit Department, Accountant General's Department, Inland Revenue Board (IRB), Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM), Companies Commission of Malaysia (CCM), Malaysian Institute of Accountants (MIA), Malaysian Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (Maicsa), and Multimedia University.

"It will be launched by MACC chief commissioner Tan Sri Azam Baki and will see the attendees share their insights and expertise on best practices in accounting and auditing so that we can better address financial crimes, particularly corruption and abuse of power.

"The programme will indirectly support the government's goal of implementing the National Anti-Corruption Strategy 2024-2028, which will focus on the effectiveness of anti-corruption measures, and improving governance and integrity in the public and private sectors."

Mohd Azwan said the effort is also in line with the requirements of Article 12 of the UN Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) to strengthen accounting and auditing standards.

He said MACC officers and those from government agencies, statutory bodies, universities, and professional organisations will join experience sharing and engagement sessions that are aimed at fostering strategic cooperation through planned activities.

Among those attending the launch are Auditor General Datuk Wan Suraya Wan Mohd Radzi, Accountant General Nor Yati Ahmad, IRB CEO Datuk Dr Abu Tariq Jamaluddin, UiTM vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Shahrin Sahib@Sahibuddin, MIA CEO Dr Wan Ahmad Rudirman Wan Razak, Maicsa president Datuk Akbar Moidunny, and CCM deputy CEO Rezy Izwan Ramly.

Mohd Azwan said in a joint effort to reinforce Malaysia's commitment to fighting corruption, the UN Office on Drugs and Crime and MACC co-organised the UNCAC Review Follow-up and the Implementation workshop last week.

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Most M'sian software supply chains exposed to cyberattacks: Study

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KUALA LUMPUR: A new study by BlackBerry Ltd has revealed that a majority of Malaysian IT decision makers reported receiving notifications of an attack or vulnerability in their software supply chain within the past 12 months.

The intelligent security software provider, which surveyed 100 Malaysian companies, stated that over 79% of the country's software supply chains were exposed to cyberattacks, surpassing the global average of 76%.

It said nearly a third of Malaysian respondents identified operating systems (30%) and internet of things (IoT)/connected components (19%) as the most at risk, with these areas continuing to have the greatest impact on organisations.

"This risk comes at a price, with financial loss (71%), reputational damage (66%) and data loss (59%) being the most significant consequences following a supply chain attack," the company said in a statement.

The insights from a global survey of IT decision makers and cybersecurity leaders, conducted in April 2024 by Coleman Parkes, follow the Malaysian government's recent gazetting of the 2024 Cyber Security Act (Act 854) on June 26 and the announcement of its National Semiconductor Strategy (NSS) in May.

The report findings underline the profound need for secure-by-design software practices for IoT components and robust regulation to strengthen security and protect the IT supply chain, aligning with the NSS's plans for investment in skills and technology.

The study confirmed that Malaysian organisations have implemented stringent security measures to prevent software supply chain attacks, including security awareness training for staff (58%), data encryption (48%), and multi-factor authentication (47%).

BlackBerry Cybersecurity chief information security officer Christine Gadsby said progressive governments, like Malaysia, are increasingly implementing regulatory measures and investing in skills and technology to safeguard critical infrastructure and key industries from cyberattacks.

"In an uncertain geopolitical climate, widely distributed sectors such as semiconductor manufacturing remain lucrative targets for threat actors seeking maximum global impact.

"Hence, a comprehensive approach to cybersecurity encompassing all aspects – skilled workers, secure-by-design products, and modern AI monitoring tools – will contribute to building trust in key Malaysian industries and future economic growth," she said. – Bernama

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