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Back-to-school aid for 400



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PHOTO CONTEST

Shah Alam City Council (MBSA) is organising its Shah Alam Photography Contest 2024 until Aug 31. Categories include buildings/landmarks, nature and lifestyle. For details, visit www.mbsa.gov.my or call 03-5510 5133 ext 1430 / 1777.

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Mohamad Zahri (left) handing cash aid to orphans at the event.

MBPJ hosts 1,000 at CSR event

PETALING Jaya City Council (MBPJ) hosted B40 families, orphans and council staff in an *iftar* gathering.

Over 1,000 people attended the event in front of MBPJ's headquarters in Jalan Yong Shook Lin.

Petaling Jaya mayor Mohamad Zahri Samingon said the event was their way of supporting the less fortunate.

He handed out cash aid to 60 families and 145 orphans from the local community at the event.

"MBPJ initiated this event to honour the dedication of its workforce, fostering increased devotion while also bolstering ties between the city council and the local community."

"The programme was also to bring joy to the less fortunate and help them celebrate Hari Raya Aidilfitri," he said.

The contributions to the orphans included RM200 in cash along with school essentials such as bags, stationery and festive treats.

Meanwhile, the B40 families who were identified via the eKasih system, received RM300 each and festive biscuits.

Mohamad Zahri also handed out certificates of appreciation to the city council's strategic partners including Original Penang Kayu Nasi Kandar Sdn Bhd along with the Le Meridien Hotel, One World Hotel and Avante Hotel for their contribution of 800 food parcels for the programme. —
By RACHANAH SUGUMARAN

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TRANSPORT SURVEY

Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) is conducting a survey on the free GOKL bus service until May 31 to gain an insight on how it can be improved. To participate, visit <https://forms.gle/6HWt2cbWnJ-BLDgNW6>

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By JAROD LIM
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A BURST sewerage pipe has caused part of Jalan Sentul Pasar in Sentul, Kuala Lumpur, to sink and result in a gaping hole on the street undergoing a road upgrading project.

The sinkhole caused a four-lane road diversion to be reduced to two lanes.

The road diversion was implemented to facilitate road upgrades along Jalan Sentul Pasar (from the city centre towards Batu Caves) in front of Sky Awani Residence.

Motorists are worried that the sinkhole will get bigger if it is not patched up soon.

On April 4, *StarMetro* reported that residents had complained about uneven surface of a road diversion along Jalan Sentul Pasar due to roadworks at an adjacent lane.

The sinkhole appeared at the road diversion a few days after the report.

Sentul resident SC Lim, 35, said nothing had been done to address the sinkhole.

"The sinkhole is too close for comfort as it is located just next to the lane currently open for motorists' use," she said.

"What happens if the road sinks suddenly and affects the usable lane?" she asked.

A Sentul Point condominium

Concerns over sinkhole

Motorists fear gap along Jalan Sentul Pasar may widen

resident, who wanted to be known only as Emily, said road upgrading works at Jalan Sentul Pasar had made traffic worse.

"Now that a sinkhole has appeared, the road heading toward Kampung Batu is reduced to one lane, resulting in serious congestion during peak hours.

"It can be chaotic as cars from various areas converge on that one lane.

"The authorities should expedite construction works as it is inconveniencing residents here," said the 26-year-old lawyer.

Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL), in a statement said a contractor had been asked to carry out remedial works.

"However, the pipe requires special modifications and the contractor is working to address this.

"So far, the project contractor has patched up the road and closed off the open area around the sewerage pipe with a steel plate on April 9.

"Barricades have also been placed around the sinkhole," said DBKL.



The sinkhole is caused by a burst pipe. To fix the sinkhole, a pipe with special modification is needed for repairs, says DBKL. — LOW LAY PHON/The Star

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A Doraemon mascot entertaining children in the centre of Jalan TAR on Sunday. — Photos: IZZRAFIQ ALIAS/The Star

No plans to change tack

Sunday closure continues at Jalan TAR but DBKL taking steps to mitigate retailers' concerns by improving parking access, traffic flow

By SHALINI RAVINDRAN

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IT HAS been two years since the weekly Sunday closure of Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman (Jalan TAR) in Kuala Lumpur was implemented.

Business owners in the area are asking for a review of the decision, as they have had to face difficulties since the road is turned into a pedestrian mall once a week.

Retailers said the closure of the road running through a major shopping district had not brought about the desired impact and was affecting their business on what was typically the most lucrative day of the week.

But while they expressed concerns over dwindling foot traffic and its adverse effects on sales, shoppers appreciated the reduced traffic congestion.

The road closure was implemented by Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) from 6am to midnight every Sunday, and took effect on Aug 28, 2022.

The closure is from the Sogo shopping centre at the Jalan Esfahan junction until the Jalan Malayan intersection.

Reconsider closure

Two retail groups – the Batu Road Retailers Association (Barra) and Masjid India Business Association (Miba) – are urging DBKL to reconsider the Jalan TAR road closure.

Barra's head of communications Datin Rohana Mohammad Nasir said the retailers at Jalan TAR, Lorong TAR, and Jalan Masjid India recorded significant financial losses every Sunday due to lacklustre shopping activities, including sale of food.

Barra was established in 2014 and represents some 300



Rohana (right) and Bhavesh want DBKL to reconsider the Sunday road closure.

businesses in Jalan TAR.

"This is very significant compared to before the closure of the road in September 2022.

"We estimate that the businesses, from department stores, carpet retailers and budget hotels to restaurants, are seeing a 50% loss," she said.

Rohana said those who came to do shopping were reluctant to rely on public transport due to fatigue and difficulty carrying purchases back to train stations.

"For big families, it would cost them more to take public transport, not to mention the hassle.

"Wholesalers and retailers alike are feeling the pinch, as customers find it difficult to load and unload wholesale purchases.

"There are almost 4,000 parking bays around Jalan TAR, Lorong TAR and Lorong Gombak that are open on weekends," she said.

Barra committee member M. Bhavesh said the inconvenience of loading and unloading supplies along Lorong TAR was made worse by petty traders who were

allowed to set up stall at the narrow back lanes.

Bhavesh, who is Harisons general manager, said safety concerns had not been prioritised.

"With the main road closed on Sundays and the Lorong TAR taken up by petty traders, the shops' front and back entrances are blocked.

"If there is an emergency, everyone is trapped," he said.

He also said the five-foot way along Jalan TAR was wide and spacious enough for pedestrians and they need not walk on the road.

Sticking to its guns

The issues faced by retailers were raised with Kuala Lumpur mayor Datuk Seri Kamarulzaman Mat Salleh during his site visit on Dec 16 last year with Barra and Miba representatives.

DBKL Culture, Arts, Tourism and Sports Department director Naquib Hamdan responded in a letter dated March 5 to Barra and Miba, saying that Jalan TAR



Nazirah, who visits Jalan TAR almost every other weekend, says it is safer to shop without the traffic.



Mohd Nizam does not find the road closure a hassle.

would continue to be closed every Sunday.

"The closure is in line with DBKL's Low-Carbon Society Masterplan to reduce carbon emissions up to 70% by 2030.

"The initiative has also received positive support from the public." It added that DBKL would take steps to ensure the closure would not affect retailers' business.

The measures include rearranging food truck operators and other stalls at Lorong TAR to improve carpark access and

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Jalan TAR retailers say the road closure is a hassle for wholesalers loading and unloading their merchandise.



Shoppers sitting on the kerb to take a breather, without worrying about passing vehicles.



Some Jalan TAR visitors say the road closure made it safer, especially for children, when shopping in the popular area.



The road closure is from the Jalan Esfahan junction until the Jalan Melayu intersection.

traffic flow.

"A 'towing zone' signage will also be installed to alert the public about enforcement action."

"Stricter enforcement will be carried out to address traffic congestion and parking issues."

The closure was initially mooted by DBKL in 2019, but failed to materialise after shopowners mounted a campaign to get authorities to abort the plan, as it affected more than 200 shops in the shopping district.

It was eventually implemented in 2022, with then deputy Federal Territories minister Datuk Seri Jalaluddin Alias saying the idea was to encourage the culture of walking among city folk.

He had said that activities planned for the pedestrian zone included busking, creative art performances, and traditional sports programmes.

StarMetro reached out to DBKL on the matter but the latter did not respond to the inquiries.

Its advisory board member Andre Lai, who made a site visit at the behest of the retailers, said more effort should be put into attracting visitors to Jalan TAR.

"When the road closure was first introduced, there were plans by DBKL to have pop-up kiosks and activities on the main road."

"This was meant to liven up the area and entice people to come. However, according to the retailers, this has fizzled out," he said.

On safety concerns brought up by the retailers, Lai said it was a serious matter.

"During my visit in March, most of the shops' rear entrances were blocked by night market

and bazaar traders.

"While I believe petty traders' businesses should flourish, we should not compromise the rights of the shopowners who have hefty expenses and paid taxes for their premises."

"The service lanes are also not available on weekends as the Saturday night market is operating there," he told *StarMetro*.

Lai said there were available areas around Jalan TAR where such petty traders could be relocated to.

"There needs to be a serious effort to reorganise these petty traders into a better and more conducive environment, although the effort is not seen at the moment," he added.

Following the site visit, Lai said a meeting was held with retail association representatives and DBKL executive director (Socio-Economic Development) Ismadi Sakirin.

"Once the Hari Raya Aidilfitri celebration is over, we will have an engagement session with the parties involved."

"I am sure this place can be happening again if we do proper planning."

"We shall bring this up to the mayor's attention as soon as possible," said Lai.

Pros and cons

Visitors whom *StarMetro* spoke to, said they had gotten used to the weekly road closure and had adapted to it.

Nazirah Mazlan, 32, who visits Jalan TAR almost every other weekend, said it was safer to shop

without the vehicular traffic.

"I sometimes bring my son with me when I come here, now I don't have to be too concerned about him running around."

"Regular visitors will know where to park, so I do not see it (road closure) as a problem," she said.

However, Nazirah suggested that more signs be put up to alert motorists about the road closure.

"It is only when motorists see the barricade at the Jalan Esfahan intersection that they remember the road is closed."

"They may be caught off guard, especially those who are new to

the area," she noted.

Sungai Buloh resident Mohd Nizam Abu Hasan, 36, also said the road closure was not a hassle, even with him bringing along three children under the age of five.

"People can sometimes get careless when they are busy shopping. But now we do not have to worry about cars when we are walking from one side to the other."

"It is also easier as we do not have to take up the pedestrian walkway when pushing the strollers; we can just walk on the road," he said.

Mohd Nizam said there was ample parking in the buildings surrounding Jalan TAR within easy walking distance to the shopping district.

But for Nur Hidayah Mohd Aziz, 45, the closure proved to be a hassle in her shopping experience.

"I don't usually shop here, but I wanted to buy several carpets and rugs. The carpets are heavy and my car is parked too far away to be carried."

"Luckily, the shop assistants said they were able to keep them until I picked them up on a weekday," she said.



Tourists staying at hotels along Jalan TAR have to drag their luggage to and from pick-up points when the Sunday road closure is in effect.

Reports by BENJAMIN LEE, ELISHA MARY EASTER, LO TERN CHERN and RSN MURALI

Plan to improve third-class ward at HKL lauded

PETALING JAYA: The plan to upgrade the third-class ward at Hospital Kuala Lumpur (HKL) is good news for all, say former patients of public health facilities.

These patients said that the services from the staff members were good but they had to deal with run-down or makeshift equipment.

"The hospital gowns are insufficient and often not well maintained," said Nesamany Sinnasamy, 58.

At times, when there are too many patients, she said she would have to share the space or the drawer with others.

"Other amenities, such as the fan, would only function properly sometimes," said Nesamany, who was admitted to the Tuanku Jaafar Hospital in Seremban years ago for chemotherapy and post-surgery treatment.

However, she said that she was satisfied with the service at the hospital, saying that she was given proper care.

Factory worker Annie Maselamani, 51, who was wardened at the Raja Permaisuri Bainun Hospital in Ipoh last year, said her only complaint was the state of the toilet.

"There was no proper cleaning. And there was always a pipe

or a toilet that would be under maintenance. Some of the toilets were not repaired even until the day I was discharged," she said.

However, Annie stressed that the staff were gentle with her and regularly checked in on her.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, who visited the HKL's third-class ward last week, said the government would look into the need to upgrade it as it was often crowded and stuffy.

The wife of a former patient, who only wanted to be known as Chan, recounted the experience her husband went through when he was hospitalised at the third-class ward at Sultanah Aminah

Hospital in Johor Baru in 2019.

"It was very crowded at that time," she said.

Once, she said she asked for a urinal bowl and was given a makeshift one that was cut out from a mineral water bottle.

Chan, who is a senior citizen, said the ward was lacking in facilities and manpower with no one to help her push her wheelchair-bound husband to the X-ray room.

In September last year, Anwar visited the Sultanah Aminah Hospital in Johor Baru and announced an immediate allocation of RM500mil for the first phase of an infrastructure devel-

opment project which would include the construction of a multi-storey carpark as well as several new high-rise blocks.

Health sciences student Lina Syafiqah Amin, who has undergone training at such a public facility, said that public hospitals required much improvement in terms of amenities and equipment in the wards.

"Some wards have only one or two machines that can be used to monitor a patient's blood pressure," said Lina, 23, who will be a nurse soon.

"Inadequate equipment would mean that the nurses would have to borrow it from other wards."

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Health DG: 45 cases of heat-related illnesses recorded

PUTRAJAYA: A total of 45 heat-related illness cases were reported nationwide until yesterday, involving 33 cases of heat exhaustion, 11 cases of heatstroke and one case of heat cramp.

Health director-general Datuk Dr Muhammad Radzi Abu Hassan said eight cases were reported each in Perak and Kedah, and six in Selangor.

He said there were five cases reported each in Johor, Negri Sembilan and Pahang, four cases in Sabah, two cases in Perlis and one each in Penang and Kelantan.

"Cumulatively, two deaths due to heatstroke were reported.

"The first death was a 22-year-old man and the second was a three-year-old boy in Kelantan," Dr Muhammad Radzi said in a

statement, Bernama reported.

He said there were currently four cases still receiving treatment in hospitals, including one heatstroke case treated in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and three cases treated in regular wards consisting of two heatstroke cases and one case of heat exhaustion.

"The other cases have recovered and been discharged.

"The case treated in the ICU involves a 24-year-old man who was admitted to Hospital Port Dickson on March 10 and was transferred to Hospital Tuanku Jaafar ICU in Seremban on April 5," he said, advising the public to continue to be cautious by ensuring adequate hydration and reducing strenuous physical acti-

vity, as well as outdoor activities during the current hot weather.

He also urged the public to avoid exposure to the hot weather and rest more frequently, opt for visits during cooler periods or at night, especially when visiting relatives and friends during the festive celebrations.

The ministry is monitoring heat-related illnesses following a warning issued by the Malaysian Meteorological Department (MET Malaysia) on Saturday, Dr Muhammad Radzi said.

Areas under Alert Level 1 with a daily maximum temperature of 35°C to 37°C for at least three consecutive days being monitored include Langkawi, Kubang Pasu, Kota Setar, Pendang, Yan,

Kuala Muda, Kulim, Bandar Baharu, Baling, Padang Terap, Sik in Kedah and the northeast district in Penang.

Other areas include Hulu Perak, Kuala Kangsar and Kinta in Perak; Gua Musang in Kelantan; Raub in Pahang; Limbang in Sarawak; as well as Tenom, Beaufort and Tuaran in Sabah.

Meanwhile, Pokok Sena in Kedah recorded an Alert Level 2, which indicates a maximum temperature exceeding 37°C to 40°C for at least three consecutive days.

MET Malaysia also expects dry and hot weather with temperatures exceeding 35°C to persist in most places in the peninsula and Sabah until mid-April.

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Jangan pandang mudah kes psikososial di tempat kerja

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ALOR SETAR - Jumlah kes psikososial di tempat kerja yang dilaporkan masih kecil berikutan tahap kesedaran yang rendah, namun ia tidak seharusnya dipandang mudah.

Naib Pengerusi Institut Keselamatan dan Kesihatan Pekerjaan Negara (NIOH), Manivanan Gowin berkata, stigma 'orang gila' sering dikaitkan dengan individu yang berhadapan dengan masalah kesihatan mental ini.

Menurutnya, isu psikososial di tempat kerja merupakan isu global yang memberi impak besar terhadap produktiviti organisasi dan pembangunan modal insan, selain merupakan isu utama dalam aspek keselamatan dan kesihatan pekerjaan dan ia wajar diberi perhatian serius.

"Majikan sama ada sektor awam mahupun swasta disarankan agar meningkatkan kesedaran mengenai kesihatan mental di tempat kerja terutama dalam mengenal pasti simptom dan menyalurkan bantuan awal," katanya.

Manivanan berkata, berdasarkan statistik Penyakit Pekerjaan Negara tahun 2022, hanya satu kes psikososial dilaporkan sepanjang tahun lepas berbanding penyakit pekerjaan lain seperti gangguan pendengaran sebanyak 5,478 kes.

Penyakit lain termasuk muskuloskeletal (678 kes), penyakit disebabkan ejen biologi seperti jangkitan kuman (420 kes), penyakit disebabkan ejen fizikal seperti terjatuh (339 kes), keracunan (185 kes), penyakit paru-paru (20 kes), penyakit kulit



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(15 kes) dan lain-lain penyakit (6 kes).

"Berdasarkan pengalaman saya, isu kesihatan mental sebenarnya melibatkan semua lapisan masyarakat dan perlu ditangani segera dengan sokongan semua pihak," katanya.

Menurutnya, aktiviti sosial yang dijalankan secara gotong-royong di tempat kerja perlu digalakkan kerana ia mampu mengurangkan masalah berkaitan kesihatan mental selain membantu usaha kerajaan merapatkan hubungan antara kaum.

"Majikan atau persatuan pekerja wajar anjurkan program gotong royong memasak bubur lambuk atau rumah terbuka Aidilfitri kerana ia mampu mengurangkan tekanan perasaan selain membolehkan pekerja memahami budaya dan menghormati agama rakan sekerja," jelasnya.

Manivanan berkata, isu psikososial penting kerana masalah kesihatan mental yang membebankan sebahagian masyarakat dipercayai antara penyumbang kedudukan Malaysia dalam senarai Laporan Kegembiraan Dunia 2024.

"Dalam laporan tersebut, Malaysia menduduki tangga ke-59 iaitu turun empat tangga berbanding tahun 2023. Singapura di kedudukan ke-30 sementara Filipina di tempat ke-53 dan Thailand (58).

"Oleh itu sokongan majikan amat penting bagi memastikan inisiatif diperkenalkan Kementerian Sumber Manusia (Kesuma) untuk menangani isu tersebut menerusi

NIOH mencapai objektif," jelasnya.

Pada 19 Februari lepas, Menteri Sumber Manusia, Steven Sim Chee Keong melancarkan modul latihan baru NIOH iaitu Pertolongan Cemas Kesihatan Mental Pekerjaan (OPFA) selain mengumumkan peruntukan RM12 juta untuk NIOH melatih 10,000 peserta secara percuma.

Inisiatif itu diperkenalkan bagi melatih pekerja agar mampu memberi pertolongan awal untuk rakan sekerja yang mengalami tekanan psikologi di tempat kerja.

Manivanan memaklumkan, sehingga Mac, 10,100 orang telah mendaftar dan sesi kursus pertama bermula pada 14 Mac lepas melibatkan 1,977 peserta dari pelbagai latar belakang dan industri.

"NIOH memerlukan sokongan berterusan agar kita dapat melatih lebih ramai pekerja menerusi modul yang dibangunkan bersama Pusat Kecemerlangan Kesihatan Mental Negara di bawah Kementerian

Kesihatan Mental," ujarnya.

Menurutnya lagi, NIOH terbuka untuk menerima pandangan dan input dari pelbagai pihak bagi menambah baik modul OPFA memandangkan ia merupakan yang pertama seumpamanya diperkenalkan di Malaysia.

"Saya akan gunakan pengalaman dan kemahiran yang ada bagi membantu NIOH dan Kesuma memperkukuhkan perundangan berkaitan kesihatan mental di tempat kerja.

"Usaha ini mampu kita lakukan kerana NIOH mempunyai hubungan baik dengan pelbagai agensi kerajaan mahupun swasta serta pertubuhan bukan kerajaan (NGO) berkaitan kesihatan mental," katanya.

Pada masa sama, katanya, NIOH turut meningkatkan kemahiran kakitangannya termasuk memperkenalkan program pengurusan kerisauan dikenali sebagai *Professional Anxiety Coach*.



Individu yang berhadapan dengan masalah kesihatan mental atau psikososial perlu dibantu. -Gambar hiasan

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45 kes penyakit berkaitan haba direkodkan - KKM

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PUTRAJAYA: Sebanyak 45 kes penyakit berkaitan haba dilaporkan sehingga semalam hasil pemantauan dijalankan Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM).

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Muhammad Radzi Abu Hassan berkata, jumlah itu melibatkan 33 kes kelesuan haba, 11 kes strok haba dan satu kes kejang haba.

Katanya, kes-kes berkenaan direkodkan di Perak dan Kedah sebanyak lapan kes, Selangor (enam kes); masing-masing lima kes di Johor, Negeri Sembilan dan Pahang; empat kes di Sabah, dua kes di Perlis selain satu

kes di Pulau Pinang dan Kelantan.

"Secara kumulatif, dua kes kematian akibat strok haba dilaporkan melibatkan seorang lelaki berumur 22 tahun seorang kanak-kanak lelaki berumur tiga tahun di Kelantan.

"Pada masa ini, terdapat empat kes yang masih mendapat rawatan di hospital iaitu satu kes strok haba yang dirawat di unit rawatan rapi dan tiga kes dirawat di wad biasa iaitu dua kes strok haba dan satu kes kelesuan haba, manakala kes-kes lain telah sembuh dan didiscaj," katanya dalam kenyataan semalam.

Menurut beliau, kes yang dirawat di unit rawatan rapi melibatkan seorang lelaki berumur 24 tahun dimasukkan ke Unit Rawatan Rapi Hospital Port Dickson sejak 10 Mac lalu dan telah dipindahkan ke Unit Rawatan Rapi Hospital Tuanku Jaafar, Seremban, pada 5 April lalu.

Sehubungan itu, KKM menasihatkan agar semua pihak meneruskan langkah berjaga-jaga dengan memastikan tahap hidrasi yang mencukupi dan mengurangkan aktiviti fizikal lasak, serta aktiviti-aktiviti di luar rumah pada musim cuaca panas sekarang.

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Subsidi bersasar lonjak kos sara hidup?

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PETALING JAYA: Pakar ekonomi melahirkan kebimbangan terhadap lonjakan kos sara hidup pada suku tahun kedua tahun ini apabila kerajaan mengambil keputusan memperkenankan subsidi bersasar membabitkan minyak petrol RON95 yang kosnya menelan belanja RM24 bilion setahun.

Hal ini disebabkan kos sara hidup di Malaysia banyak bergantung kepada pemberian subsidi minyak yang selama ini diberikan kerajaan secara pukal kepada seluruh latar belakang masyarakat di negara ini.

Bercakap kepada *Utusan Malaysia*, Pensyarah Kanan Ekonomi Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM), Dr. Bashir Ahmad Shabir Ahmad berkata, penarikan semula subsidi secara pukal tersebut dijangka akan mengundang implikasi terutamanya terhadap kos harga barang di pasaran.

Menurutnya, ia disebabkan hanya golongan tertentu sahaja yang akan menikmati faedah subsidi minyak petrol RON95 apabila subsidi bersasar dilaksanakan tidak lama lagi.

Sedangkan, katanya, minyak petrol adalah nadi utama pengangkutan digunakan golongan peniaga yang boleh dikatakan digunakan dalam operasi harian masing-masing.

"Apabila sebahagian daripada golongan peniaga yang sebelum ini menikmati subsidi pukal tetapi tidak layak dalam konteks subsidi bersasar, sudah pasti ia akan memberi kesan kepada kos operasi harian mereka.

"Sudah tentu apabila kos operasi golongan peniaga ini meningkat, mereka akan cuba alihkan beban tersebut kepada pengguna melalui kenaikan harga barangan," katanya ketika dihubungi semalam.

Beliau berkata, kenaikan harga minyak akibat pemansuhan subsidi pukal ditambah dengan kesan kenaikan cukai sehingga lapan peratus terhadap industri pengangkutan, sudah pasti memberi impak terhadap peniaga.

Justeru, katanya, dalam kon-



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teks pelaksanaan subsidi bersasar kenaikan harga barangan sudah pasti tidak dapat dielakkan akibat golongan peniaga sudah tidak lagi menikmati subsidi khususnya minyak RON95.

"Apabila kos harian mereka meningkat akibat pemansuhan subsidi jadi peniaga terpaksa menaikkan harga barang supaya mendapatkan semula keuntungan seperti sebelum ini.

"Suka saya ingatkan bahawa jika harga barang meningkat, ia bukan saja memberi kesan kepada pengguna seperti golongan B40 dan M40, namun implikasinya dirasai oleh seluruh rakyat Malaysia. Ia bersifat menyeluruh meliputi seluruh ekosistem," katanya.

Tahun lalu, Menteri Ekonomi, Rafizi Ramli mengumumkan bahawa kerajaan akan melaksanakan program subsidi bersasar RON95 pada separuh kedua tahun ini selepas pendaftaran sistem Pangkalan Data Utama (PADU) diselesaikan.

Beliau dalam program lain menyatakan bahawa kerajaan terpaksa menanggung kos subsidi minyak RON95 sebanyak RM2 bilion sebulan atau RM24 bilion setahun sekiranya pelaksanaan subsidi bersasar ditangguhkan.

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Tingkatkan gaji penjawat awam berpendapatan B40

PETALING JAYA: Kerajaan di-saran meningkatkan kadar gaji kakitangan penjawat awam Gred 41 yang berpendapatan B40 bagi meringankan beban kewangan mereka dalam situasi ekonomi yang mendesak.

Setiausaha Agung Kongres Kesatuan Pekerja-pekerja Dalam Perkhidmatan Awam (CUEPACS), Abdul Rahman Mohd. Nordin berkata, hal itu perlu dilakukan bagi menangan-gani kos sara hidup yang tinggi ketika ini.

"Kerajaan perlu naikan gaji mereka disebabkan kos sara hidup yang meningkat lebih-lebih lagi mereka yang duduk dalam golongan B40.

"Kadar gaji yang lebih sesuai untuk mereka adalah pada RM4,000 ditambah elaun. Itu juga masih tidak mencukupi yang mana perlu ditambah dengan melakukan kerja sam-bilan," katanya kepada *Utusan Malaysia*.

Semalam, *Mingguan Malay-sia* melaporkan sebahagian besar kakitangan kerajaan Gred 41 dan ke bawah membuat pinja-man bukan untuk gaya hidup



Kerajaan perlu menaikkan gaji mereka disebabkan kos sara hidup yang meningkat lebih-lebih lagi mereka yang duduk dalam golongan berpendapatan B40."

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sebaliknya bagi menanggung kos sara hidup yang terus melonjak.

Sebelum ini, akhbar ini juga melaporkan kakitangan kerajaan Gred 41 dan ke bawah antara paling ramai membuat pinja-man peribadi bagi menanggung kos sara hidup yang tinggi selain jumlah gaji diterima mengham-piri garis kemiskinan.

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Perlu data raya atasi kesesakan jalan raya

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PETALING JAYA: Malaysia perlu membangunkan sistem data raya yang komprehensif bagi memahami secara menyeluruh punca dan dinamika kesesakan lalu lintas bagi mencari jalan penyelesaian berkesan terhadap masalah tersebut.

Langkah tersebut dianggap penting memandangkan isu kesesakan jalan raya di negara ini sudah melampaui sekadar kesulitan dihadapi rakyat untuk ke tempat kerja semata-mata, malah merangkumi implikasi luas dalam kalangan masyarakat, ekonomi dan alam sekitar.

Ketua Pusat Penyelidikan Keselamatan Jalan Raya Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), Profesor Dr. Law Teik Hua berkata, kesesakan lalu lintas telah menjadi isu yang mendesak dan kompleks di bandar-bandar di Asia Tenggara, bahkan Kuala Lumpur baru-baru ini menduduki tempat keempat sebagai bandar paling sesak di rantau ini.

Bagaimanapun, beliau menjelaskan, Malaysia masih kekurangan data yang komprehensif mengenai kesesakan lalu lintas sekali gus menghalang formulasi penyelesaian berkesan dan mampan.

"Bagi menangani kesesakan lalu lintas secara berkesan, pendekatan pelaksanaan sistem data raya yang komprehensif adalah penting untuk memperoleh corak

Melaksanakan sistem pengurusan lalu lintas yang dikuasakan oleh kecerdasan buatan (AI) juga dapat mengoptimalkan mobiliti lalu lintas..."

lalu lintas dan tingkah laku pengguna jalan raya, memberi informasi untuk intervensi dasar yang diarahkan.

"Dengan mengumpul dan menganalisis data dari pelbagai sumber seperti sensor lalu lintas, sistem pengesanan global (GPS) serta penggunaan pengangkutan awam, pembuat dasar boleh mengenal pasti titik kesesakan, memahami tingkah laku perjalanan selain menilai keberkesanan infrastruktur sedia ada.

"Selain itu, melaksanakan sistem pengurusan lalu lintas yang dikuasakan oleh kecerdasan buatan (AI) juga dapat mengoptimalkan mobiliti lalu lintas tanpa pembangunan infrastruktur secara meluas.

"Sistem ini dapat menyesuaikan aliran lalu lintas dan waktu

isyarat berdasarkan keadaan sebenar, meningkatkan keberkesanan keseluruhan dan mengurangkan kelewatan yang disebabkan oleh kesesakan," katanya kepada *Utusan Malaysia*.

Mengulas lanjut, Teik Hua berkata, kesesakan jalan raya memberi kesan negatif terhadap kesihatan manusia, alam sekitar bahkan mengganggu-gugat kestabilan geopolitik tanah air yang akhirnya menjejaskan sektor ekonomi negara.

"Kesesakan lalu lintas memberi kesan kepada kesihatan manusia, memburukkan pencemaran udara dan mendedahkan individu kepada pelepasan karbon yang berbahaya. Pendedahan berpanjangan kepada pencemaran berkaitan lalu lintas telah dikaitkan dengan pelbagai masalah kesihatan termasuk penyakit saluran pernafasan, kardiovaskular malah kanser yang menjejaskan golongan rentan seperti kanak-kanak serta warga emas.

"Selain itu, tekanan dan depresi akibat berdepan jalan raya sesak boleh memberi kesan signifikan kepada kesejahteraan mental, menyebabkan peningkatan tahap kebimbangan, kemurungan dan secara keseluruhan mengurangkan kualiti hidup penduduk bandar," katanya.

Jelasnya lagi, kesesakan lalu lintas mempunyai kesan alam sekitar yang signifikan kerana ia memburukkan pelepasan karbon dan menyumbang kepada perubahan iklim.

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Sistem lemah punca terbabit rasuah



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ANGGOTA masyarakat perlu terima hakikat betapa gejala rasuah yang berlaku baik di sektor awam mahupun swasta semakin memudaratkan kehidupan rakyat, kemajuan ekonomi dan pembangunan negara.

Sudah menjadi rahsia umum apabila rasuah di negara ini bersifat struktural dan berlaku di segenap lapisan dalam sesebuah organisasi mencakupi dari kalangan anggota peringkat paling bawah hingga ke tahap pengurusan tertinggi.

Walaupun pelbagai program pencegahan dan penguatkuasaan dilakukan oleh setiap organisasi termasuk pihak berkuasa namun masalah ketirisan, penyelewengan dan salah guna kuasa terus berlaku. Rasuah di sektor awam sentiasa menarik perhatian kerana membabitkan wang rakyat yang memberi impak negatif langsung terhadap kehidupan dan kesejahteraan rakyat serta kemajuan negara. Dua faktor utama yang dilihat menyumbang kepada gejala rasuah di negara ini ialah ketamakan manusia yang ingin cepat kaya dan kelemahan sistem yang membuka ruang kepada pelaku rasuah.

Baru-baru ini, negara dikejutkan dengan pendedahan Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) berkaitan ketirisan RM2 bilion bagi tempoh tiga tahun lalu akibat kegiatan sindiket penyeludupan membabitkan beberapa anggota kastam di kargo Lapangan Terbang Antarabangsa Kuala Lumpur (KLIA). Ini sekali lagi membuktikan ketamakan segelintir anggota penguat kuasa yang gelap mata berjaya memanipulasi kelemahan yang ada pada sistem operasi kerja sehingga negara mengalami kerugian yang besar.

Kita perlu akui masih terdapat kelemahan yang ketara dalam sistem dan prosedur kerja yang ada dan ini perlu dibaiki dengan segera, yakni segala kelompok yang ada wajar ditutup secara bersistematis supaya penularan rasuah dalam sesebuah jabatan itu



SEGALA kelompokan wajar ditutup secara bersistematis supaya penularan rasuah dalam sesebuah jabatan dalam sektor awam dapat dikawal dan dicegah sepenuhnya dari peringkat akar umbi. - UTUSAN/MUHAMAD NAZREEN SYAH MUSTHAFA

dapat dikawal dan dicegah sepenuhnya dari peringkat akar umbi.

Misalnya, rasuah di beberapa agensi awam yang didedahkan sebelum ini membabitkan segelintir penjawat awam yang tidak amanah sudah bersifat struktural dan merentasi pelbagai lapisan gred jawatan dan ia diwarisi dari satu generasi ke generasi lain. Bermakna, pencegahan rasuah perlu berlaku di semua peringkat lapisan dari anggota bawah hingga ke kepimpinan tertinggi dalam organisasi supaya budaya yang telah dinormalisasikan itu dapat dihapuskan secara bersistematis.

Justeru, hanya reformasi institusi secara menyeluruh dengan memperbaiki kelemahan sistem yang ada mampu menangani masalah jenayah kolar putih ini mencakupi semua agensi awam.

Secara prinsipnya, majoriti penjawat awam melakukan tugas dengan penuh amanah dan dedikasi, malah integriti mereka tidak perlu dipertikaikan. Namun, sekelompok kecil yang membuat onar ini mula mencemarkan nama baik keseluruhan perkhidmatan awam, umpama nila setitik rosak susu sebelanga.

Jika terus dibiarkan, mereka akan mula meracuni pemikiran rakan setugas



Semua jabatan kerajaan khususnya agensi penguatkuasaan perlu melaksanakan proses pemutihan serta pembersihan dalaman secara total."

lain terutamanya pegawai lantikan baharu, sekali gus menarik lebih ramai lagi anggota untuk terbabit dalam rasuah. Ini bermakna, kita tidak boleh tutup mata dan telinga dengan andaian ini sekadar kes terpencil.

Disebabkan isu rasuah semakin serius, kita tidak boleh membiarkannya berlarutan hingga sampai ke tahap memudaratkan rakyat dan negara. Justeru, masalah ini perlu ditangani secara bersistematis membabitkan semua agensi kerajaan secara keseluruhannya.

Sebagai permulaan, dicadangkan semua jabatan kerajaan khususnya agensi penguatkuasaan mencakupi barisan hadapan keselamatan yang sering terdedah kepada risiko amalan rasuah dan salah guna kuasa perlu melaksanakan proses

pemutihan serta pembersihan dalaman secara total.

Segera cari dan kenal pasti virus yang ada dalam agensi masing-masing sebelum ia merebak dan sukar dikawal. Mereka yang didapati terbabit, perlu dikenakan tindakan tegas termasuk ditamatkan perkhidmatan sebagai pengajaran dan peringatan kepada anggota lain.

Kaji semula keberkesanan sistem penggiliran penempatan bertugas khususnya anggota penguat kuasa yang bertugas di bahagian sensitif dan lebih terdedah kepada peluang untuk terbabit dengan rasuah dan salah guna kuasa. Jika sistem yang diamalkan selama ini tidak berjaya menyelesaikan masalah, maka eloklah diteliti dan dibuat penambahbaikan yang sewajarnya termasuk memendekkan lagi tempoh penempatan pegawai di bahagian tertentu.

Sistem yang memberi kuasa berlebihan kepada seseorang pegawai wajar diteliti semula. Jangan beri kuasa berlebihan kepada seseorang individu untuk membuat sesuatu keputusan besar termasuk melepaskan pemeriksaan di pintu masuk negara kerana boleh mendorong kepada perbuatan salah guna kuasa, sebaliknya perlu ada beberapa lapisan atau jawatankuasa

yang berperanan membuat keputusan atau memberikan kelulusan. Walaupun ia mungkin kelihatan sedikit birokrasi namun akan menjadi jalan terbaik dan telus dalam menangani masalah salah guna kuasa.

Hakikatnya, kuasa yang diberikan kepada seseorang pegawai seperti mengenakan denda mahupun menangkap mana-mana individu yang melakukan kesalahan sememangnya akan membuka peluang untuk aktiviti sogokan di mana anggota yang tidak amanah akan menyalahguna kuasa dan kedudukan ini untuk mengutip atau bersekongkol dengan pelaku jenayah demi meraih keuntungan peribadi. Mereka anggap ini sebagai peluang terbaik untuk menambah pendapatan sampingan.

Kelemahan sistem juga boleh diperbaiki dengan cara mengurangkan aktiviti perhubungan secara bersemuka antara pelanggan dengan pegawai yang bertugas supaya dapat menutup peluang memberi, meminta atau menerima rasuah. Ini boleh dilakukan dengan pengaplikasian sepenuhnya perkhidmatan secara digital di mana setiap agensi kerajaan wajar mengoptimalkan kemudahan teknologi maklumat dan komunikasi (ICT) dalam menyampaikan perkhidmatan kepada pelanggan masing-masing.

Usaha untuk menyedarkan setiap warga kerja tentang tanggungjawab dan amanah serta keburukan gejala rasuah perlu diteruskan secara berkala dan sepanjang masa sebagai aktiviti rutin setiap agensi kerajaan sebagai inisiatif pencegahan gejala rasuah.

Selagi kita tidak memperbaiki dan menutup segala kelompokan yang ada dalam sistem serta tangani masalah sikap serta ketamakan individu selagi itu kita tidak mampu menangani masalah rasuah di negara ini. Justeru setiap individu, agensi kerajaan dan swasta serta pihak berkuasa perlu memberi perhatian terhadap langkah drastik yang sistematis sebagai iltizam untuk mencegah gejala rasuah dari peringkat akar umbi.

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Kadar pengangguran belia berterusan membimbangkan

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Isu struktur dalam pasaran kerja kekal membimbangkan khususnya membabitkan kadar pengangguran belia yang berterusan berusia di antara 15 hingga 24 tahun, demikian mengikut Kenanga Investment Bank Bhd.

Menurut bank pelaburan itu dalam nota penyelidikannya, kadar pengangguran bagi belia berkenaan kekal pada 10.6 peratus pada Februari untuk bulan keempat berturut-turut, berjumlah 306,600 orang.

"Selain itu, pengangguran yang berkaitan kemahiran berada pada 37.4 peratus, mencapai rekod tertinggi 1.94 juta pada suku keempat 2023 (4Q23)," katanya.

Tambahnya, meskipun begitu pihaknya menjangkakan pasaran kerja akan kekal stabil sepanjang 2024, dicerminkan oleh pertumbuhan pekerjaan berterusan yang diperhatikan baru-baru ini.

"Ini sebahagian besarnya disebabkan oleh jangkaan pengembangan berterusan dalam aktiviti ekonomi yang

dipacu oleh permintaan domestik yang kukuh apabila kami mengunjurkan pertumbuhan keluaran dalam negara kasar (KDNK) berkembang kepada 3.3 peratus pada suku pertama 2024 (1S24) (4S23: 3.0 peratus) dengan keseluruhan unjuran pertumbuhan KDNK 2024 pada 4.5 - 5.0 peratus (2023: 3.7 peratus).

"Di samping itu, jangkaan pemulihan dalam sektor perkilangan didorong oleh kitar baharu teknologi serta realisasi pelaburan diluluskan yang direkodkan tahun lalu untuk meningkatkan lagi aktiviti pengambilan pekerja pada bulan-bulan akan datang," katanya.

Bank pelaburan itu berkata, kadar pengangguran kekal tidak berubah untuk bulan keempat berturut-turut pada Februari (3.3 peratus; Januari: 3.3 peratus), menyamai tahap sebelum pandemik.

"Secara mutlak, bilangan penganggur jatuh kepada 567,000 (Januari:

567,300), terendah sejak Februari 2020 (525,200).

"Selain itu, penganggur aktif turun sedikit kepada 452,400 (Januari: 452,500), menandakan yang terendah sejak Mac 2020 (422,900)," katanya.

Kenanga Investment Bank menambah, pertumbuhan guna tenaga terus berkembang dengan stabil selama 31 bulan dengan pertumbuhan 0.2 peratus bulan ke bulan (MoM), tidak berubah untuk bulan ke-

lima berturut-turut.

"Mengikut sektor menurut Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia (DOSM), terdapat peningkatan luas dalam guna tenaga merentas sektor.

"Bagi sektor perkhidmatan khususnya, perolehan pekerjaan dicatatkan dalam perdagangan borong & runcit, perkhidmatan makanan dan minuman, serta aktiviti pengangkutan & penyimpanan," katanya.



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Lelaki lebih mudah terdedah kepada penipuan skim pelaburan

Kumpulan berpaut kepada keluarga, rakan untuk buat keputusan lebih berisiko

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Kuala Lumpur: Satu kajian analisis tingkah laku mengenai kerentanan pelabur terhadap penipuan skim pelaburan yang dijalankan oleh Suruhanjaya Sekuriti Malaysia (SC) mendapati lelaki lebih mudah terdedah kepada penipuan.

Kajian analisis itu yang dijalankan oleh SC pada 2023 menunjukkan 384 orang atau 30 peratus daripada 1,302 responden yang ditinjau didapati lebih mudah terdedah kepada penipuan dengan 59 peratus daripada jumlah itu adalah lelaki.

Kajian berkenaan juga mendapati golongan usia berumur antara 31 tahun hingga 40 tahun juga lebih mudah terdedah, mewakili 34 peratus daripada 384 responden itu.

Mengikut kumpulan pendapatan pula, didapati isi rumah B40 dengan pendapatan kurang RM5,000 dilihat lebih mudah terdedah, mewakili 44 peratus.

"Kajian analisis itu juga mendapati 70 peratus (daripada 384

responden yang mudah terdedah kepada penipuan skim pelaburan) mempunyai sekurang-kurangnya kelayakan diploma," menurut suruhanjaya itu dalam Laporan Tahunan SC 2023.

SC berkata, kajian itu juga menunjukkan bahawa kumpulan yang paling berisiko berpaut kepada keluarga dan rakan untuk membuat keputusan pelaburan daripada bergantung pada pertimbangan, pengalaman dan pengetahuan mereka sendiri.

Malah, mereka juga didapati lebih mudah dipujuk untuk melabur apabila dipengaruhi individu tidak berlesen dan tidak berkelayakan.

Penipuan secara sukarela

Katanya, penemuan daripada kajian itu menunjukkan peningkatan untuk kumpulan berkenaan didedahkan terhadap peluang pelaburan secara sukarela termasuk penipuan.

"Hasil daripada kajian itu akan membantu SC untuk lebih memahami profil pelabur yang berisiko dan berkhidmat sebagai maklumat penting untuk merumuskan intervensi yang diperlukan melalui sasaran program jangkauan," katanya.

Mengulas lanjut mengenai penipuan skim pelaburan, SC berkata, kebanyakan penipuan pelaburan membabitkan promosi produk yang tidak wujud.

Katanya, ia berlaku di mana pelaku membuat dakwaan palsu bahawa pelaburan itu akan di-



Kajian SC mendapati golongan usia berumur antara 31 tahun hingga 40 tahun juga lebih mudah terdedah kepada penipuan skim pelaburan. (Foto hiasan)

jadikan produk pasaran modal seperti saham atau mata wang kripto, walhal sebenarnya peluang atau produk pelaburan berkenaan tidak wujud.

Dalam kebanyakan kes, pengawal selia pasaran modal itu berkata, penipuan pelaburan akan menawarkan pulangan tinggi yang luar biasa.

Sebagai contoh, adalah sesuatu yang kerap berlaku untuk skim sedemikian menjanjikan pulangan 1,000 peratus dalam masa 24 jam bahkan dalam masa beberapa jam.

Skim begini juga menawar-

kan pakej pelaburan yang dianggarkan bermula daripada se- rendah RM300 hingga lebih ku- rang RM1,000.

"Selain dilihat sebagai sah, situasi ini juga akan membo- lehkannya pelaku untuk memujuk kumpulan mangsa berpotensi yang lebih luas, termasuk me- reka yang berada dalam kelom- pok berpendapatan rendah," ka- tanya.

Dalam kebanyakan penipuan, SC menjelaskan, pelaku meng- gunakan laman web palsu, ha- laman media sosial dan akaun bank keldai untuk mempromosi

dan menjalankan aktiviti haram mereka.

Dalam sesetengah kes, pelaku menyalahgunakan nama agensi seperti SC, Bank Negara Ma- laysia (BNM) dan Suruhanjaya Syarikat Malaysia (SSM), pe- ngantara berlesen, visual sele- briti tempatan serta pemimpin agama untuk memberi jaminan kesahihan terhadap skim pe- laburan terbabit.

Katanya, kebanyakan dari- pada skim itu juga mendakwa mereka menjalankan aktiviti pa- tuh Syariah untuk menarik sen- timen pelabur Islam.

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Slow-moving traffic on major expressways

KUALA LUMPUR: Traffic flow on several major expressways heading towards the city centre was reported to be slow-moving as more people returned from their hometowns after the Aidilfitri holidays yesterday.

According to a spokesperson for the Malaysian Highway Authority, as of noon there was high traffic volume from Sungai Dua to Juru, and Bukit Tagar southbound towards Sungai Buaya, Bernama reported.

He said several smart lanes have been activated to facilitate the return journey.

"Among the stretches involved on the North-South Expressway are KM260 to KM263.1 northbound, between Port Dickson and Seremban, KM107 to KM112 southbound from Sungai Petani to Bertam and from KM155.5 to KM157.2 southbound from Bandar Cassia to Sungai Bakap.

"There was also an accident reported at KM144.4 southbound from Prai to Juru, which caused slow-moving traffic due to the obstruction of the right lane."

He said the traffic was also reported to be slow moving on the East Coast Expressway 2 towards Kuala Lumpur before the Kuala Terengganu Toll Plaza due to the increase in the number of vehicles.



Motorists returning from their hometowns after the Aidilfitri holidays were caught in a traffic snarl at most expressways.

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Ringgit slips against dollar on higher-than-forecast US inflation SM 5/4

THE ringgit ended easier against the US dollar last Friday as the greenback strengthened following higher-than-expected US inflation data.

At 6pm, the ringgit fell to 4.7680/7730 against the US dollar from Tuesday's close of 4.7455/7500.

Bank Muamalat Malaysia Bhd chief economist Mohd Afzanizam Abdul Rashid said a sticky US inflation rate seems to have turbocharged the value of the US dollar as the Federal Reserve is likely to maintain its restrictive monetary policy stance for a considerable period.

"At the same time, it also remains highly uncertain whether the US economy can withstand the higher interest rate trajectory for a protracted period as this will discourage private investment and consumer spending.

"Notwithstanding that, the debate over whether the US rate cut would happen or otherwise is benefitting the US dollar more than anything else," he told Bernama.

At the close, the ringgit was traded higher against a basket of major currencies. It strengthened vis-a-vis the Japanese yen to 3.1098/1133 from 3.1255/1287 at Tuesday's close, appreciated against the euro to 5.0808/0861 from 5.1565/1614 and went up versus the British pound to 5.9562/9624 from 6.0173/0230 previously.

Regionally, the ringgit was lower versus the Thai baht at 13.0831/13.1036 from 13.0500/13.0678 on Tuesday, fell vis-a-vis the Indonesian rupiah to 300.8/301.3 compared to 299.3/299.8, and decreased versus the Philippine peso to 8.43/8.44 from 8.41/8.42. However, the local note rose against the Singapore dollar to 3.5090/5129 from 3.5262/5298 previously. — Bernama

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