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Selangor sasar 50,000 PMKS sertai Platform Selangor (PLATS) tahun depan

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Menteri Besar Selangor, Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari ketika sidang media Malam Anugerah Platform Selangor 2024 (MAPS) di Sunway Resort Hotel. FOTO AZIAH AZMER

Petaling Jaya: Selangor menyasarkan penyertaan sehingga seramai 50,000 perusahaan mikro, kecil, dan sederhana (PMKS) turut serta dalam program Platform Selangor (PLATS) menjelang tahun depan.

Menteri Besar Selangor, Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari, berkata sasaran itu yakin dicapai berikutan pendaftaran penyertaan terkini ialah seramai 37,000 ahli sejak diperkenalkan pada Ramadan 2022 ketika negara dalam pelaksanaan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP).

"Bermula dengan jumlah 500 ahli, seramai 133 daripadanya kekal dalam PLAT iaitu platform promosi dan direktori digital yang dibangunkan kerajaan Selangor bagi membantu peniaga mikro, peniaga serta peruncit kecil mendigitalkan perniagaan, di samping mengatasi cabaran ekonomi disebabkan pandemik COVID-19.

"Menerusi Bazar Ramadan Digital pertama bermula pada 2021, ramai usahawan tertarik kerana PLATS kerana membenarkan golongan itu berniaga, mempromosikan gerai dan kemudahan yang ada melalui platform digital," katanya kepada media, malam tadi.

Disyorkan

- 264 lokasi bazar Ramadan di Selangor
- Maxis komited bantu PMKS wanita
- Medac sasar sumbangan PMKS meningkat hingga 1.5 peratus setahun
- Kolaborasi perkasa PMKS

Terdahulu, beliau hadir Malam Anugerah Platform Selangor (MAPS) yang dianjurkan Menteri Besar Selangor (Pemerbadanan) atau MBI Selangor bagi meraikan kumpulan pertama U-PLATS.

Hadir sama, Setiausaha Kerajaan Selangor, Datuk Haris Kasim; EXCO Belia, Sukan dan Keusahawanan Selangor, Mohd Najwan Halimi; EXCO Agama Islam dan Pembudayaan Inovasi Selangor, Dr Mohammad Fahmi Ngah dan Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif MBI Selangor, Salpolyazan M Yusof.

Amirudin berkata, Selangor akan terus mengupayakan, memperkasakan dan memberdayakan kelompok peserta PLATS yang berpotensi untuk ditransformasikan kepada mereka yang mahir digitalisasi.

Katanya, ketika ini bilangan ahli paling ramai ialah dari Majlis Bandaraya Subang Jaya dengan, diikuti Majlis Bandaraya Shah Alam (MBSA); Majlis Perbandaran Hulu Selangor dan Majlis Perbandaran Kajang.

"Justeru, PLATS tidak akan berhenti begitu saja dan kira akan terus menawarkan kemudahan termasuk tawaran pinjaman untuk memulakan perniagaan pada masa sama kita memberikan bantuan dan geran digitalisasi.

"Kita memperoleh maklum balas baik kerana ia bukan hanya terhasil melalui inisiatif kerajaan negeri atau kehendak peniaga tetapi saya lihat ketersediaan pasaran yang di Lembah Klang dan daerah Hulu Selangor antara paling tinggi berkembang dan ini satu petunjuk sangat baik PLATS berkembang baik seperti dharapkan.

"Kita bukan mahu mengambil pasaran e-hailing tetapi sebaliknya

memastikan kolaborasi dengan semua memastikan semua dapat menjadi platform pemasaran kepada produk yang lain," katanya.

Seramai 12 peserta dinobatkan peserta terbaik berdasarkan pencapaian mereka sepanjang menjalani PLATS Digital mewakili 12 Pihak Berkuasa Tempatan (PBT).

Dalam pada itu, Salpolyazan berkata, pihaknya membelanjakan RM5 juta setahun untuk mengembangkan program PLATS, sekali gus memperlihatkan komitmen MBI Selangor dalam membangunkan serta memupuk bakat keusahawanan dalam kalangan rakyat Selangor.

"MAPS ini bukan sahaja menjadi platform bagi mengiktiraf pencapaian peserta PLATS tetapi juga sebagai sumber inspirasi kepada mereka untuk terus maju dan berjaya dalam bidang keusahawanan terutama usahawan mikro Selangor pada masa hadapan," katanya.

Setakat 30 Jun lalu, seramai 37,018 orang peniaga telah berdaftar dengan PLATS dan ia satu pencapaian memberangsangkan hasil daripada program dan kempen yang dianjurkan oleh PLATS dengan kerjasama 12 PBT di Selangor dan Selangor Youth Community (SAY) seperti PLATS Masuk Pasar (PMP), PLATS Masuk Bazar pada bulan Ramadan dan Program Usahawan U-PLATS Digital.

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HARIAN METRO ONLINE

TARIKH: 15 JULAI 2024

BERITA UTAMA SELANGOR

Negeri sasar 50,000 penjaja, usahawan kecil sertai PLATS

July 13, 2024 12:00 pm



Dato' Menteri Besar Dato' Seri Amirudin Shari (lima, kanan) bersama penerima pada Malam Anugerah Platform Selangor (MAPS) di Sunway Resort Hotel, Subang Jaya pada 12 Julai 2024. Foto AHMAD ZAKKI JILAN/MEDIA SELANGOR

Oleh ANNA FARINA ABDUL RAUF

SHAH ALAM, 13 JULAI: Kerajaan Negeri menyasarkan 50,000 usahawan mikro, kecil, dan sederhana (PMKS) menyertai Platform Selangor (PLATS) menjelang tahun depan.

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"Bermula dengan 133 orang pada tahun 2020, sekarang pada tahun 2024 sehingga bulan Julai kita sudah mempunyai 37,000 peserta.



Dato' Menteri Besar Dato' Seri Amirudin Shari berucap merasmikan Malam Anugerah Platform Selangor (MAPS) di Sunway Resort Hotel, Subang Jaya pada 12 Julai 2024. Foto AHMAD ZAKKI JILAN/MEDIA SELANGOR

"Ia menepati sasaran kita sebenarnya sebab menjelang 2024 kita anggarakan sekitar 40,000 penjaja atau peniaga mikro kecil dapat menyertai program PLATS," kata Dato' Seri Amirudin Shari.

Terdahulu beliau menyampaikan Anugerah Peserta Terbaik U-Plats Digital anjuran Menteri Besar Selangor (Pemerbadanan) atau MBI pada Malam Anugerah Platform Selangor (MAPS) di Sunway Resort Hotel, di sini.

Hadir sama Setiausaha Kerajaan Selangor Datuk Haris Kasim, EXCO Pemberdayaan Usahawan Mohd Najwan Halimi; EXCO Pembudayaan Inovasi Dr Mohammad Fahmi

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Tambah Amirudin, bilangan peserta paling ramai berdaftar dengan PLATS ialah dari Majlis Bandaraya Subang Jaya diikuti Majlis Bandaraya Shah Alam (MBSA); Majlis Perbandaran Hulu Selangor dan Majlis Perbandaran Kajang.

Jelasnya, perkembangan positif ini membantu Kerajaan Negeri terus memperkasakan peserta PLATS yang berpotensi untuk ditransformasikan ke arah pendigitalan.

"Saya lihat juga ada ketersediaan pasaran yang telah bersedia di kawasan Lembah Klang. Kalau kita lihat Hulu Selangor antara yang tertinggi ini merupakan satu petunjuk dan petanda yang sangat baik dan platform ini sudah berkembang bukan hanya untuk memasarkan.

"Kita bukan mahu mengambil tugas Grab, Food Panda sebaliknya kita kolaborasi dengan semua dan ia menjadi platform pemasaran kepada produk yang lain," katanya.

PLATS diperkenalkan pada 2020 bagi melengkapkan ekosistem Agenda Digitalisasi Selangor menerusi platform digital susulan penularan wabak Covid-19.

SELANGORKINI ONLINE

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Selangor sasar 50,000 PMKS sertai PLATS tahun depan - MB

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Aminudin (lima dari kanan) dan Saipolyazan (tiga dari kanan) bergambar bersama pemenang pada Malam Anugerah Platform Selangor 2024 di Sunway Resort Hotel, Bandar Sunway. - NSTP/ AZIAH AZMEE

PETALING JAYA: Kerajaan negeri menasarkankan penyertaan sehingga 50,000 perusahaan mikro, kecil, dan sederhana (PMKS) dalam program Platform Selangor (PLATS) menjelang tahun depan.

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DISYORKAN UNTUK ANDA

- Selangor guna data PADU kenal pasti miskin tegar tercicir eKasih
- AmBank Islamic terus sokong PMKS menerusi ITEKAD
- Dana Usahawan Madani Selangor diperluas, usahawan boleh dapat maksimum RM30,000
- MB Selangor saran usahawan berkembang ke Asia Tenggara
- Raja Muda Selangor melawat Pasar Malam Seksyen 7
- MPUK diwujudkan bagi selaras pertindihan ekosistem PMKS
- Bank Rakyat sasar lulus pembiayaan RM50 juta menerusi BRIEF-i
- Mana ada kartel, kalau kartel maknanya berkartel dengan Abdul Rashid lah...: Muhyiddin

Belliau berkata demikian ketika ditemui selepas menghadiri Malam Anugerah Platform Selangor (MAPS) anjuran Menteri Besar Selangor (Pemerbadanan) atau MBI Selangor bagi meraikan kumpulan pertama usahawan PLATS (U-PLATS).

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BERITA HARIAN ONLINE

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Royal kick-off for Subang hotel with sports theme

By LEW GUAN XI



The hotel also hosts the new FAS office. — Photos: AZMAN GHANI/The Star

Among the three other FAS mandates is aiming to develop Selangor football through technical knowledge, tournaments and facilities.

Building women's participation in the sport through active talent sourcing and incentives is also a priority.

The association has also mandated the drafting of impactful football-related policies through sophisticated data collection.

Muhammad Izrin said the hotel has 40 rooms, gymnasium and cafeteria.

The football association's new office is located in the hotel.

In a statement, Tanjong Subang Jaya said RM2.5mil was spent to upgrade the hotel at the building owned by Subang Jaya City Council (MBSJ).

Its name is inspired by Selangor's official flower "Bunga Tanjong Pecah Sembilan" or Spanish cherry.

The emblem represents FAS' strength sourced from the unity of the state's nine districts.

Hotel facilities include Chak's 1964 restaurant serving local and Western fares.

The Red Giant Physio Centre, which provides industry-level physiotherapy services, is also a point of focus.

Present at the launch were Subang Jaya deputy mayor Mohd Zulkurnain Che Ali, Shah Alam mayor Datuk Mohd Fauzi Mohd Yatim, Selangor youth, sports, and entrepreneurship committee chairman Najwan Halimi, Subang Jaya assemblyman Michelle Ng, Menteri Besar Incorporated chief executive officer Saipolyazan M. Yusop and Selangor Football Club chief executive officer Dr Johan Kamal Hamidon.

THE STAR ONLINE
TARIKH: 04 JULAI 2024

Sasar 50,000 usahawan sertai platform Selangor pada 2025

Jelas Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari, Kerajaan Selangor turut memperuntukkan RM5 juta pada tahun ini bagi membantu para usahawan yang terlibat.

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AWANI TV ONLINE
TARIKH: 04 JULAI 2024

DBKL BUDGET

The public can give their views on Kuala Lumpur City Hall's (DBKL) 2025 budget on July 20 at Auditorium Pejabat Cawangan Segambut for the Segambut constituency and July 27 at Dewan Serbaguna Jinjang Utara for the Kepong constituency. For details, call 03-2617 9000.

BUDGET FEEDBACK

Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) is calling for the public to give their input for next year's budget. Deadline is July 21. For details, visit www.mbpj.gov.my

CLEAN SELANGOR

Complaints on waste collection and drain cleaning in Selangor can be made to KDEB Waste Management's Centralised Command Centre by calling toll-free 1800-88-2824 or through the Selangor iClean app.

CAR DISPOSAL

MPAJ is providing free car disposal services in its area. Those who wish to scrap their cars must transfer ownership of the vehicle to the council president. For details, visit intranet.mpaj.gov.my/spmkm, write to penguatkuasa@mpaj.gov.my, call 03-4285 7024 (Enforcement Department) or visit Menara MPAJ or its depots in Taman Putra Sulaiman or Taman Melawati.

THE STAR

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MUSIC CLASSES

Selangor Malay Customs and Heritage Corporation (Padat) is organising classes for 'cempuling' and 'gamelan' musical instruments every Saturday until Aug 24.

Registration and a commitment fee of RM30 is required. To register, visit Shah Alam City Council's (MBSA) social media pages. For details, call 016-333 7141 (Amin).

RETRO-THEMED RUN

Sabak Bernam District Council is organising a 1960s-themed fun run on July 27, 9pm, at Dataran Sabak. Participants are encouraged to come in their best retro styles for a chance to win a prize. Fees are RM35 for adults and RM20 for children.

Registration deadline is July 20. For details, call 019-288 6550 (Mohd Amirzan).

THE STAR

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A COLLAPSED drainage system along Jalan Sin Chew Kee in Bukit Bintang, which had been causing flash floods in the area, has been repaired.

Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) advisory board member Carmen Leong said the issue, which led to water stagnation and subsequent overflow onto the road during heavy rain, was addressed following complaints from residents and business owners.

She said DBKL-appointed contractors had started remedial works on June 27 after a portion of the covered drain structure in the middle of Jalan Sin Chew Kee collapsed.

Leong added that the repair

Collapsed drainage system repaired in Bukit Bintang

works had to be prioritised over the planned repainting of road markings on Jalan Sin Chew Kee, Jalan Galloway and Jalan Hang Isap.

While the drainage issue has been resolved, Leong highlighted the absence of clear signage in the area, particularly in Lorong Sin Chew Kee, which is a one-way street.

She expressed concern over motorists disregarding traffic rules and using the road as a shortcut.

"Motorists can only turn into

Lorong Sin Chew Kee from Jalan Galloway.

"However, many are driving against traffic along Lorong Sin Chew Kee to exit to Jalan Galloway," she said.

Leong, along with Bukit Bintang Federal Territories Residents Representative Council (MPPWP) chairman Ben Fong, conducted a site visit to assess the situation.

The contractor is now set to resume painting of road markings and replace damaged signboards. — By JAROD LIM



Leong (right) observing the progress of remedial roadworks in Jalan Sin Chew Kee, Kuala Lumpur.

THE STAR

15 JUL 2024

Tarikh:.....



The picturesque Lake Fields pond is a popular hangout for residents. — YAP CHEE HONG/The Star

Sg Besi folk concerned over change in land use

They say Lake Fields pond crucial for flood mitigation in KL

By BAVANI M
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THE draft Kuala Lumpur Local Plan 2040 (KLSP2040) has seen the status of some land parcels being changed to accommodate development.

While it's not uncommon to see changes being made, some alterations do cause concern among people in the surrounding areas.

A group of residents in Sungai Besi are objecting to a change in land use for a pond in Lake Fields from River, Drain, Lake and Retention Pond to Infrastructure and Utilities under KLSP2040.

Residents want the pond to stay the same, as they say it is crucial for flood mitigation.

"This proposal threatens the Lake Fields retention pond function, potentially leading to increased flood risks and environmental damage," said Lake Fields Grove resident Chua Eng Tee.

He added that the retention pond acted as a critical buffer, absorbing excess rainfall.

Malaysian Institute of Architects past president Sarly Adre Sarkum agreed that a change could significantly impact flood management and urban resilience in Kuala Lumpur.

"While this reclassification may support the development of essential infrastructure, it risks undermining the pond's critical role in mitigating floods, managing stormwater and maintaining water quality."

"Careful planning and implementation of alternative flood control measures will be necessary to prevent increased flood risks and preserve environmental sustainability."

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"This approach ensures that the benefits of new infrastructure do not come at the cost of increased vulnerability to flooding and ecological degradation," he said.

Similarly, former Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) engineer Balachandran Naicker maintains that all flood retention ponds or lakes should be gazetted as a "special reserve".

"They must not be lumped under Infrastructure and Utilities as it will then be very easy to add other infrastructure to the area reserved as a flood retention pond, disturbing the drainage pattern there and causing a potential reduction in its flood retention capacity."

"For too long, flood retention ponds or lakes have been disturbed purportedly to enable or facilitate further development in the area, reducing the critical flood mitigation roles these ponds or lakes play," he added.

The water body, known as Damai Lake Fields Sungai Besi flood retention pond, is under the jurisdiction of Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL).

It is about 3.61ha and located adjacent to Lake Fields, which has several high-end gated and guarded residential housing estates built 10 years ago on former tin mining land.

Last year, it was learnt that a developer, who owns a tract of land near the pond, had received



Sarly says the change in land use can impact flood management in Kuala Lumpur.



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a development order from DBKL to build high-rises.

Phase 1 of the project comprises 1,186 units of affordable housing under Malaysia Civil Servants Housing Programme (PPAM) and Residensi Wilayah programme for first-time homebuyers from low and middle-income groups.

Phase 2 consists of 1,183 condominium units, along with a carpark and other facilities.

The project is expected to have an estimated gross development value of RM1bil.

The developer also plans to build two single-lane bridges over the retention pond to the proposed high-rise project on its 4.78ha plot of land identified as Lot 103675.

The RM30mil 160m bridge will provide direct access to the project from the existing road that serves development parcels around the pond.

Residents are also against the building of a bridge as they fear it will affect the effectiveness of the pond.

Chua argues that Kuala Lumpur Structure Plan 2040 (KLSP2040) identified Lake Fields pond as a natural asset and a crucial flood retention area.

Another resident from Lake Fields Dale, Kevin Ang, highlights that trees would have to be felled to facilitate the bridge construction.

"They will have to cut down trees that are crucial for shade, and the road reserves will have to change too," he said.

Raj MG, a resident from nearby Lake Fields Meadows, said he bought his property because of the lake and surrounding greenery.

"I enjoy coming here for walks in the evenings," he said, adding that he fears the impending development would change the environment.

Chua said building the bridge would set a potential precedent as complex developments such as transport facilities and residential housing would be allowed to be built around or

RESIDENTS in Sungai Besi, Kuala Lumpur, want better infrastructure and facilities from developers building new projects in their township.

They say developers should also contribute to infrastructure development or build essential facilities such as schools and clinics.

Kampung Malaysia Raya Residents Association chairman Mohd Zainuddin Amran said developers building projects near parks, green lungs and flood retention ponds must give back to the community by providing more amenities.

"For example, even though they are cross-subsidising their project by building more affordable homes, they need to realise that more housing units mean more people and more cars coming into the township.

"You need space for parking, schools for children, clinics and even parks for recreational activities, so they need to con-

Residents want better facilities from developers



Klinik Kesihatan Sungai Besi is always crowded with patients.

tribute more to facilitate that development," he said.

Zainuddin cited Klinik Kesihatan Sungai Besi as an example, noting that it was

constantly packed and unable to cope with the growing population.

"The services are strained, and we don't even have a den-



Zainuddin: Developers should give back to the community.

tal clinic here. I think that developers should do more.

"The developer can even take credit by putting their company name, logo or branding on the

building," he added.

Resident Salmah Johari from Kampung Malaysia Tambahan believes developers should also create recreation areas such as playgrounds, and said, "We don't need a big space, just a small spot with some trees and benches to relax in."

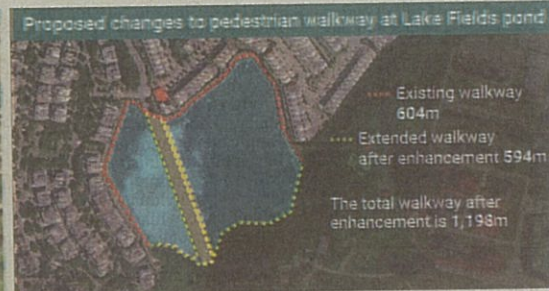
Selvi Raju from Pekan Sungai Besi pointed out that areas where developers were building affordable homes for first-time homeowners should also have affordable kindergartens and nurseries.

"Young married couples who buy affordable homes in the developer's projects are going to need such facilities.

"These developers must give back and they can do it as a corporate social responsibility initiative," added Selvi. — By BAVANI M



An artist's impression of the proposed project on Lot 103675 and bridge leading up to it.



Chua says the draft KLLP2040 proposes significant changes to land use at the pond.



Lim says his team reached out to residents for an engagement session on May 31.

near flood retention ponds, giving developers a chance to obtain planning permission for projects more easily.

Based on documents sighted by StarMetro, DBKL has determined that the bridge is the only access to the high-rise development.

Additionally, based on conditions in the development order, the bridge must be completed as required by the authorities before work commences on Lot 103675.

Expanding pond as buffer

Lim Seong Hai Capital Bhd, the project's developer, believes that the residents have misunderstood its intentions.

"People say that we are encroaching onto the pond, but in reality, we are expanding it to make it bigger," said its non-executive chairman Tan Sri Lim Keng Cheng.

Under the Third Alteration (Part 2) of KLLP2020, DBKL has increased the density of the area,

so we have been asked to set a 6m buffer from our land to expand it.

"We were asked to provide a jogging path to give the public access to the pond," he said, adding that current access was too steep, so DBKL requested the developer make it safer.

Lim added that it would beautify and rejuvenate the landscape surrounding the lake.

The pedestrian walkway, he said, would be extended from its existing 604m length to 1,198m.

This will include a suspended walkway on both sides of the bridge for locals to enjoy walking above the water body.

Lim said his team reached out to residents for an engagement session on May 31, but the residents called it off.

"We still want to engage with them and explain exactly what we are going to do.

"We aim to make things much better with a beautiful walkway with plants, built along the bridge," he said.

According to Lim, construction of the bridge would take a year to complete and would not affect the function and capacity of the pond.

"The pond was never gazetted as a flood retention pond and we even received written confirmation from DID that the pond, which is part of Sungai Kuyoh flood mitigation project, will not be affected by our project."

He added that since the area was landlocked and the two other alternative roads to the site were under a strata title, building the bridge was the only option available.

Adjacent to this project area is the Sungai Besi Army Camp.

Lim said the company was committed to ensuring that construction of the bridge would not affect the function and capacity of the pond and that preventive measures such as silt traps, slope protection, wash-through and innovative fast precast construction methods were aimed at minimising

impact during construction.

"If the pond were filled up using embankment, it would reduce the pond's capacity.

"In contrast, building a bridge would only require the columns to have contact with the water in the pond and the impact of these columns, in relation to the entire pond's size, is negligible," he added.

On flooding, Lim explained that it had done a 200-year average recurrence interval (ARI) analysis, where the highest water level during such an extraordinary occurrence would still be 1.963m lower than the existing house and road level surrounding the pond.

ARI describes how often a flood of a certain size is likely to happen.

So a 200-year ARI means that a flood of that size is expected to occur once every 200 years on average.

This helps engineers plan and design structures to handle potential flood risks.

"In terms of volume, upon completion of the project, the pond will have a capacity of 83,116 cubic metres, an excess 27,186 cubic metres, or 48% more than the required ARI 20 year capacity," Lim said.

"As such, we do not anticipate any flooding risk.

"However, we will have water pumps on standby.

"We will constantly monitor and maintain water inlets and outlets to ensure the functionality of the pond.

"Furthermore, the development will feature a 50m buffer between the army camp's boundary and the building, with trees planted in this area.

"This will attract wildlife such as birds, insects and other mammals, like squirrels," he added.

The construction of the bridge is set to start soon.

A recent site visit revealed the area had been cordoned off and a development board with an artist's impression had been placed there.

Experts: Agency must work with others for policy to succeed

PETALING JAYA: The agency tasked with carrying out the government's new policy on drug and substance abuse needs to work with the private sector and civil society for the initiative to work, say experts in the field.

They argued that those working in non-government rehabilitation centres had decades of experience and the latest know-how in treating addicts, which would be useful for the National Anti-Drug Agency (AADK).

This is since AADK will be the main agency tasked with assessing and treating drug addicts as the government moves to decriminalise and end imprisonment of substance abuse.

Jaafar Daud, who is chairman of the Selangor chapter of the Pengasih Association, a substance abuse treatment and prevention NGO, said there are about 60

NGOs in Malaysia that deal with drug treatment and rehabilitation but they appeared to have been left out by the authorities for collaborations on the initiative.

Exasperated by the bureaucracy, Jaafar claimed AADK did not consult enough experts in the relevant field and "was more keen on holding anti-drug campaigns".

"They should be inclusive and rope in the relevant NGOs as strategic partners. The more heads, the better. The government cannot do this alone. We need qualified and far-sighted leadership on this matter. If we have been doing the same things for the past 50 years unsuccessfully, it is time to start doing it differently," he told *The Star*.

Jaafar was asked to comment on what needed to change in the Drug Dependents (Treatment

and Rehabilitation) Act 1983, which the Home Ministry is currently amending to regulate how drug addicts will be treated in the future.

The Home Ministry has sent amendments to the Act to the parliamentary select committees for health and security for fine-tuning.

This came after the amendments were criticised by drug reform activists about the wide powers given to the AADK.

Under the new changes, AADK officers will be given powers to determine if a person is drug- or substance-dependent, and the treatment they must undergo.

Dr Prem Kumar Shanmugam, who runs a chain of private rehabilitation centres, echoed Jaafar's views, adding that AADK could benefit from working with NGOs as many of them are recovering

addicts who are passionate about helping others.

The private sector also has many trained and experienced substance abuse experts who are willing to help, he added.

"Partner up with the community. We have offered our expertise for free numerous times but we never heard back from them," said Dr Prem Kumar, a counselling psychologist.

He also reiterated the view that AADK should be moved from under the Home Ministry to the Health Ministry, which has the proper mindset and expertise to treat substance abuse.

This is necessary given how substance abuse is present in all levels of society and professions as opposed to the old perception that it only affects low-income and lowly educated individuals.

"Drug addiction has hit people

of all walks of life and crept into all layers of society. Hence, we cannot simply throw doctors or other professionals into jail for their addiction because we need them. Two-thirds of those in jail are being held for drug use," Dr Prem Kumar added.

Selangor Malaysian Crime Prevention Foundation deputy chairman deputy chairman Datu Seri A. Thaiveegan said it is time to take a new approach.

"With changing times, new approaches are required to tackle the issue. Decriminalising drug use is a daring move, but it does not mean the authorities are washing their hands altogether and moving away from their responsibility.

"In fact, it is more challenging to manage drug rehabilitation said the former Penang police chief and criminologist.

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'Keep AADK under Home Ministry'

Drug addiction involves both health and security issues, says ex-director

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PETALING JAYA: The National Anti-Drug Agency (AADK), which would be responsible for Malaysia's new approach to drug and substance abuse, should remain under the Home Ministry despite calls for it to be moved to the Health Ministry, says a former director of the agency.

Datuk Abd Halim Mohd Hussin said AADK is capable of shifting from an enforcement and prevention-heavy approach to one focused on rehabilitation, provided that it makes several critical changes.

This includes making sure that its leadership and top management are professionals and that it invests in treatment infrastructure and training its staff, he added.

"Their job scope entails multi-tasking in all the areas. The plan to decriminalise drug abuse is an opportunity for AADK to strengthen its organisational structure. It must be led by professionals and not administrators.

"Treatment is also more cost-effective than non-treatment. Investing in treatment strategies promises good returns on investment," Abd Halim noted.



Shifting tactics: AADK is capable of going from an enforcement and prevention-heavy approach to one focused on rehabilitation as long it makes some changes, says Abd Halim. — AZLINA ABDULLAH/The Star

He said there must also be a mechanism to recognise and work with private and non-government treatment centres.

"We must also establish a career path that reflects the professionalism of anti-drug officers," said Abd Halim, who is now

president of the Counselling Association of Malaysia.

His comments followed calls from civil society and parliamentarians for AADK to be moved from under the Home Ministry to the Health Ministry, in line with the government's efforts to

decriminalise drug possession and abuse.

Under changes to the Drug Dependents (Treatment and Rehabilitation) Act 1983, AADK will be tasked with determining whether someone is drug or substance-dependent, and decid-

ing where they can go for treatment.

Drug reform advocates have argued that AADK should be moved to the Health Ministry, which they said has the right mindset and expertise to treat substance abuse as a health condition rather than a national security issue.

Abd Halim, however, disagreed, saying that drug and substance abuse should still remain under the Home Ministry as there were security aspects to the problem.

"Apart from being a health issue, drug addiction is also a security issue. Our children become dependent on drugs after consuming and obtaining them illicitly.

"Let the Health Ministry take care of other diseases while AADK manages this chronic disease, which is prone to the risk of relapse," he told *The Star*.

The government must take a multidimensional approach in treatment and rehabilitation by applying both psychosocial and pharmacotherapy methods, he added.

"For that matter, it is timely with the newly amended Bill for the government to consider placing medical doctors in treatment and rehabilitation centres," said Abd Halim.

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Trader accused of raping mentally challenged girl

MUAR: A pasar malam trader has been accused of raping and sexually assaulting a 14-year-old disabled student multiple times.

Lim Khim Tai, 47, was charged in the Sessions Court here with 11 counts of raping and sexually assaulting the mentally challenged girl, who is currently pregnant, from March 8 to May 24.

He was charged with four counts of rape and seven counts of sexually assaulting the victim, including making her touch his private parts in the bedroom of a house in Jalan Temenggong Ahmad here.

Lim, who is married, pleaded not guilty to all charges before Sessions Court judge Abu Bakar Manat yesterday.

The rape charges were framed under Section 376(2)(k) of the

Penal Code, which carries a maximum jail term of 30 years and whipping, upon conviction.

The sexual assault charges were framed under Sections 14(a), 14(b) and 14(d) of the Sexual Offences Against Children Act 2017, which carries a maximum jail term of 20 years and whipping, upon conviction.

Deputy public prosecutor Danial Munir did not offer bail to the accused.

"(We are) worried that the accused, who is a friend of the victim's father, will harass her as the girl is currently five months pregnant," he said.

The court did not allow bail and set Sept 18 for next mention and submission of documents.

The court also told Lim to hire a lawyer.



Multiple charges: Lim being led away after he was charged in the Sessions Court in Muar.

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Libraries as a crime fighter

Youths can spend their time there on healthy activities

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JOHOR BARU: Libraries and museums should be used as community spaces that can help bring down the crime rate by giving youths space for healthy activities.

Selangor Public Library Corporation director Datin Paduka Mastura Muhamad said because public libraries, museums and archives are not a funding priority, this limits their role in society.

Mastura highlighted how RM1bil was spent on food and cleaning cells for 94,000 convicts and individuals in rehabilitation centres nationwide in 2009.

"This translates to roughly spending RM30 per person each day for the whole year.

"The amount is far higher compared to the funding given to public libraries nationwide in the same year, which was about RM128mil.

"That year, 16.6 million library visitors were recorded, which means that only 2 sen was spent on each person each day," she told *The Star*.

Mastura highlighted this during the 25th biennial Library Convention of Malaysia here on July 13.

She added that it is about time



Better treatment: Public libraries should get a higher priority when it comes to government funding.

that the government changes its priorities and places more emphasis on how libraries, museums and archives can bring down the crime rate by providing community spaces for children and youths.

Mastura admitted that as a government agency, public libraries faced a lot of red tape in expand-

ing their activities and hoped that the private sector could do more to assist them.

Meanwhile, local author Zainal Rashid Ahmad, another speaker at the four-day convention, touched on a new worrying trend facing libraries and the reading community.

In his frequent live streams

where he discusses books, Zainal noticed that more and more people have the habit of buying books but not reading them.

"If we do not tackle this, in the next five years, we might face a scenario where people stop buying books because they just do not have the capacity to read them because of time constraints and other reasons," he said.

He added that many new book buyers mostly purchased them as a "prescription" as they had not cultivated the reading habit when they were young.

"They do not read for leisure, for fun ... they tend to be professionals or young executives who seek solutions in books to help them in their jobs. So the challenge is to keep them interested in reading books for pleasure," he said.

Zainal Rashid, who had 26 years of experience in the media industry, also proposed roping in the tourism industry as one of the stakeholders to attract more people to libraries.

About 700 participants from public libraries nationwide participated in the convention to discuss the challenges faced by their institutions and find solutions on how to narrow the gap between libraries and the community.

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EVERY time I drive past workers doing road maintenance work at night, I shudder to think of the great risks to their lives – but this is business as usual in Malaysia, especially along the toll highways.

When such risks are there, too, during daytime's much heavier traffic flow, consider this: the situation is riskier at night due to darkness.

The crash that killed three workers from India and injured a Bangladeshi worker at KM3.1 of the New Klang Valley Expressway

Avoid doing road maintenance work at night

in the wee hours on Saturday was indeed tragic (*The Star*, July 13; online at tinyurl.com/jhs55uj4).

It was reported that the driver lost control of his car before hitting a water barrier, the highway divider, and then the victims.

The fact that yet another fatal highway crash happened at what I would call the uncivilised hours – 3.30am, to be precise – further drives home the point that the

authorities, especially highway toll concessionaires, should avoid maintenance works during such hours.

Common sense dictates that driving during the hours when one should be sleeping means drivers tend to be sleepy, and just a moment or two of a lapse in concentration could bring about dire consequences.

We have had so many of such past midnight fatal crashes in the past, including involving long distance express buses, yet they don't seem to prick the conscience of the authorities to implement preventive measures.

To begin with, stop the night-time maintenance work.

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(From second left) Ean Yong accompanied by PKFZ chairman Lim Lip Eng and Fazilah during a site visit to PKFZ. — IZZRAFIQ ALIAS/The Star

RM30mil Port Klang Free Zone road overhaul done by November

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THE Port Klang Free Zone (PKFZ) is undergoing a RM30mil road rehabilitation and upgrade project which is expected to be completed by November.

Phase one of the extensive work, addressing long-standing issues such as potholes, cracked roads and flooding, covers 25 locations across 10.9km from Precinct 1 to Precinct 8 of PKFZ.

Port Klang Authority (PKA) chairman Ean Yong Hian Wah said stakeholders in the area are plagued by poor road conditions.

He said work started on May 17, adding that the project is 40% complete.

"The upgrading project will address problems in some of the more critical and highly accessed areas," he said during a site visit to PKFZ after a briefing at the administrative office in Pulau Indah, Klang.

To ensure durability for heavy vehicle traffic, Ikram Premier Consulting Sdn Bhd engineer Madihah Mohd Azhar said the roads are being resurfaced with a thicker layer of material.

The project also aims to reduce flooding by raising road levels.

Ean Yong said PKFZ appointed Ikram to conduct pavement condition assessment, rehabilitation design, tender evaluation and project supervision works.

He added that there are no plans to expand PKFZ currently as PKA is awaiting government decisions on a potential third international port in Pulau Carey, Kuala Langat in Selangor.

PKFZ chief executive officer Fazilah Surkisah Mohammad said future upgrades would depend on available funding.

"Our priority is to fix critical areas first," she said.

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A SELANGOR executive council- or is calling for swift action on the Senior Citizens Bill to address the growing issue of elderly abandonment.

State women, family empowerment, welfare and care economy committee chairman Anfaal Saari said political will was required to expedite the law to protect elderly and vulnerable members of the community.

She said unlike children, who are protected under the Child Act 2001, there is currently no equivalent law safeguarding the elderly in Malaysia.

"Under the Child Act, parents can be penalised for abandoning their children.

"However, there is no such Act for the elderly," Anfaal said.

She was responding to a *StarMetro* report on July 12 titled "Patient abandonment on the rise", which highlighted a rise in the elderly being left behind in public hospitals.

Anfaal drew a comparison with Singapore, which had the Maintenance of Parents Act, enabling folk over 60 who cannot maintain themselves adequately to claim an allowance from their children.

Anfaal emphasised the effectiveness of having specific legislation in place to prevent such heart-wrenching cases.

"With such an Act in place, it will be a crime to neglect senior citizens," she added.

Recognising the challenges faced by caregivers, Anfaal highlighted the potential for burnout and the need to provide

Selangor pushes for law to protect the elderly

Legislation will help address abandonment of seniors, say exco member

comprehensive support.

She added that caring for the elderly extended beyond financial obligations, requiring emotional investment and specialised knowledge.

Sharing a personal experience of caring for her father, former Hulu Kelang assemblyman Saari Sungib who has Parkinson's disease, Anfaal underscored the complexities involved in providing both emotional and medical care to ailing seniors, which is often beyond the capabilities of most families.

"In most cases, the families don't know how to care for the elderly and sick," she said.

To address the knowledge gap in senior care, Anfaal encouraged the public to enrol in courses offered by Institut Sosial Malaysia under the Women, Family and Community Development Ministry.

These programmes aim to empower individuals with caregiving skills while providing potential income opportunities.

Anfaal acknowledged the challenges faced by the "sandwich generation," primarily women who juggle responsibilities for both children and elderly



Anfaal says caring for the elderly extends beyond financial obligations.

parents or in-laws alongside their careers.

In response, she said the state government would launch the Selangor Care Economy Policy by the end of this month, which would include guidelines for senior care, and serve as a referral point for local councils in estab-



Patient abandonment on the rise

HKL dealing with more seniors, drug addicts and poor folk with nowhere to go



Flashback to *StarMetro*'s report on July 12.

lishing senior homes.

"Through the Selangor Care Economy Council, we will undertake research to identify challenges within the caregiving sector," she said, adding that it would also include developing user-friendly guidelines for senior care homes to ensure

compliance and prevent illegal operations.

Ultimately, Anfaal stressed the importance of a collaborative approach involving communities, corporations and families to support seniors and enable them to age with their well-being in mind.

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DBKL kompaun kontraktor culas

KUALA LUMPUR - Melakukan kerja pembaikan melebihi waktu ditetapkan, tidak meletakkan papan tanda isyarat lalu lintas serta menutup jalan tanpa kebenaran antara kesalahan dikesan dilakukan kontraktor ketika melakukan kerja pembaikan jalan raya.

Menurut Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL), pihaknya sentiasa memantau kerja pembaikan jalan di sekitar ibu negara seperti di Jalan Sungai Besi, Jalan Kuchai Lama, Jalan Syed Putra, Jalan Cheras, Jalan Raja Abdullah, Jalan Genting Kelang dan Jalan Kilang.

"DBKL turut mengesan beberapa kesalahan dan pelanggaran prosedur ope-

rasi standard (SOP) dilakukan kontraktor dilantik.

"Selain itu, ada di antaranya melonggokkan sisa di jalan dan tidak mengutamakan kebersihan serta keselamatan," katanya menerusi perkongsian di Facebook pada Ahad.

Katanya, sebanyak 10 Notis Kesalahan Am dikeluarkan mengikut Akta Jalan Parit Dan Bangunan 1974, Akta Kerajaan Tempatan 1976 dan Undang-undang Kecil Pengangkutan Bahan (WPKL) 1997.

"DBKL akan terus melakukan pemantauan dan penguatkuasaan dari semasa ke semasa," katanya.

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RM250j ketirisan diesel dapat dielak

Pengurangan ketara jualan di seluruh negara termasuk berdekatan sempadan sejak penyasaran subsidi

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Kerajaan menganggarkan lebih RM250 juta jumlah ketirisan diesel dapat dielakkan melalui penyeludupan atau penyelewengan dari stesen minyak di seluruh sempadan semenanjung negara sejak langkah penyasaran subsidi bermula 10 Jun lepas. Menteri Kewangan II, Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan berkata, pada awal Jun lalu, purata jualan harian diesel dari stesen minyak di Semenanjung Malaysia

adalah 28.6 juta liter sehari manakala pada awal Julai ini, purata jualan harian diesel tersebut turun kepada 22.2 juta liter sehari.

"Berlaku pengurangan sebanyak 6.5 juta liter sehari atau 23 peratus jualan diesel.

"Mengambil kira tiada faktor mendorong pengurangan kegunaan diesel antara Jun dan Julai, boleh disimpulkan bahawa sebelum penyasaran subsidi diesel, sekurangnya 6.5 juta liter sehari diselewengkan sama ada oleh industri atau diseludup ke negara jiran.

"Daripada jumlah ini, kerajaan boleh menganggarkan jumlah ketirisan yang dapat dielakkan bernilai lebih RM250 juta sebulan," katanya pada sidang akhbar sempena Lawatan Kerja Kementerian Kewangan (MOF) ke Kompleks Imigresen, Kastam, Kuarantin dan Keselamatan



AMIR HAMZAH

(ICQS) Pengkalan Kubor di sini pada Ahad.

Amir Hamzah berkata, kesimpulan itu turut disokong dengan data jualan diesel secara komersial yang meningkat sebanyak 4.8 juta liter sehari bagi tempoh perbandingan sama.

Sebelum ini katanya, ketika harga diesel bersubsidi di stesen minyak pada RM2.15 seliter, pihak industri mencari jalan menyumbangkan bekalan diesel dari stesen minyak berbanding membeli diesel secara komersil yang melebihi RM3 seliter.

"Sekarang dengan harga di stesen minyak pada RM3.35 seliter, industri tersebut beralih semula kepada membeli diesel secara komersial.

"Pada masa sama, terdapat stesen minyak di kawasan utara berdekatan sempadan mengalami kejatuhan jualan diesel

40 hingga 50 peratus, sekali gus memaparkan kejatuhan aktiviti penyeludupan ke negara jiran disebabkan pengurangan margin keuntungan penyeludup," katanya.

Dalam pada itu, berkaitan pelaksanaan subsidi petrol RON95 pula, Amir Hamzah memberitahu, kerajaan ketika ini masih memberi tumpuan dan memperhalusi keberkesanan penyasaran subsidi diesel.

"Seperti diterangkan dalam Parlimen, kerajaan masih melihat kelancaran pelaksanaan inisiatif penyasaran subsidi diesel.

"Beri masa kerajaan selesaikan dulu penyasaran subsidi diesel, baru akan lihat mekanisme mana sesuai untuk RON95," katanya.

Sebelum ini, inisiatif penyasaran subsidi bahan api yang dimulakan dijangka dapat memperkukuh kedudukan fiskal negara dan mengurangkan ketirisan susulan aktiviti penyeludupan.

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PELAKSANAAN rasionalisasi subsidi RON95 berkemungkinan besar dilakukan menerusi pendekatan berperingkat dan terukur untuk meminimumkan potensi kejutan kepada ekonomi dan pengguna. - Gambar NSTP/AIZUDDIN SAAD

RASIONALISASI SUBSIDI RON95

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Pelaksanaan rasionalisasi subsidi RON95 dijangka dilaksanakan secara berperingkat dan terukur bagi mengurangkan potensi kejutan kepada pengguna dan ekonomi, kata penganalisis.

Penganalisis TA Securities Farid Burhanuddin berkata, semua perhatian kini tertumpu kepada rasionalisasi subsidi RON95, yang pihaknya percaya akan dilaksanakan dalam tahun ini juga.

Beliau berkata, pihaknya berpandangan bahawa rasionalisasi subsidi RON95 berkemungkinan besar dilaksanakan menerusi pendekatan berperingkat dan terukur untuk meminimumkan potensi kejutan kepada ekonomi dan pengguna.

"Pelaksanaan yang teliti ini bertujuan mengimbangi kemampuan fiskal dengan keperluan mengurangkan kesan ke atas belanjawan isi rumah dan kestabilan ekonomi keseluruhan," katanya dalam satu

nota penyelidikan.

Farid berkata, menurut Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM), tekanan inflasi pada separuh kedua tahun ini berkemungkinan meningkat.

Namun, beliau berkata, kejutan itu mungkin terurus berikutan usaha kerajaan dalam menangani potensi kenaikan harga.

Katanya, langkah itu bertujuan untuk mengurangkan kesan ke atas pengguna dan mengekalkan kestabilan ekonomi.

Mengulas lanjut, Farid

berkata, inflasi keseluruhan dan teras berpurata sekitar 1.8 peratus dalam tempoh lima bulan tahun ini.

Beliau berkata, seperti dijangkakan, inflasi akan meningkat pada separuh kedua 2024, di tengah-tengah rasionalisasi subsidi diesel baru-baru ini.

Walaupun bagaimanapun, katanya, kenaikan inflasi akan kekal terkawal memandangkan langkah mitigasi untuk meminimumkan kesan kos ke atas perniagaan.

"Melangkah ke hadapan,

risiko kenaikan inflasi akan bergantung pada tahap kesan limpahan selanjutnya langkah dasar dalam negeri mengenai subsidi dan kawalan harga kepada arah aliran harga yang lebih luas, serta harga komoditi global dan perkembangan pasaran kewangan.

"Bagi tahun ini secara keseluruhan, inflasi utama dan teras dijangka berpu-rata dalam julat unjuran awal masing-masing 2.0 peratus hingga 3.5 peratus dan 2.0 peratus hingga 3.0 peratus," katanya.

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Tumpat: Kerajaan masih melihat keberkesanan inisiatif penyasaran subsidi diesel dan memfokuskan perkara itu sebelum pelaksanaan subsidi bersasar RON95 dibuat.

Menteri Kewangan II Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan meminta agar rakyat tidak membuat sebarang spekulasi sebaliknya memberi masa kepada kerajaan menyelesaikan terlebih dahulu mengenai penyasaran subsidi diesel.

"Kita masih melihat keberkesanan inisiatif penyasaran subsidi diesel dan data kita tengok berjalan lancar atau tak masih diperhalusi.

"Dalam masa yang sama YB Rafizi (Menteri Ekonomi) dan Kementerian Ekonomi masih per-

PELAKSANAAN SUBSIDI BERSASAR RON95

Beri masa kerajaan selesai terlebih dahulu penyasaran subsidi diesel

halusi cara penyasaran RON95 yang berkesan, beri masa kita 'settle down' dulu untuk lihat (sama ada) cara yang sama (dengan penyasaran diesel) akan berkesan.

"Buat masa sekarang fokus (penyasaran subsidi) diesel dulu dan beri kerajaan cara untuk diperhalusi, tak elok kita spekulasi apa yang terjadi," katanya ketika sidang media di Bahagian Penguatkuasaan Jabatan Kastam Diraja

Malaysia (JKDM) Pengkalan Kubor di sini, semalam.

Terdahulu, beliau diiringi Pengarah JKDM Kelantan Wan Jamal Abdul Salam Wan Long hadir di Kompleks Imigresen, Kastam, Kuarantin, dan Keselamatan (ICQS) Pengkalan Kubor sempena lawatan kerjanya.

Amir Hamzah berkata, sejak pelaksanaan penyasaran subsidi diesel pada 10 Jun lalu, data menunjukkan pengurangan ketara

jualan diesel dari stesen minyak.

Mengulas lanjut, beliau berkata, pada awal Jun lalu, purata jualan harian diesel dari stesen minyak di seluruh semenanjung adalah 28.6 juta liter sehari dan sejak pelaksanaan penyasaran subsidi diesel, ia berkurangan kepada 22.2 juta liter sehari.

Menurutnya lagi, pengurangannya adalah sebanyak 6.5 juta liter sehari atau 23 peratus jualan diesel dari stesen minyak di Se-

menanjung dan daripada jumlah yang dinyatakan, boleh anggaran jumlah ketirisan yang dapat dielakkan bernilai lebih RM250 juta sebulan.

"Kesimpulan ini disokong dengan data yang menunjukkan jualan diesel secara komersil meningkat sebanyak 4.8 juta liter sehari bagi tempoh perbandingan yang sama.

"Pada masa yang sama, terdapat stesen minyak di kawasan utara yang berdekatan dengan sempadan mengalami kejatuhan jualan diesel sehingga 40 hingga 50 peratus sekali gus menunjukkan penurunan aktiviti penyeludupan ke negara jiran disebabkan pengurangan margin keuntungan penyeludupan," katanya

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7 peniaga halang tempat awam kena tindakan, barang disita ^{15/4} 8/4

Kuala Lumpur: Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL) mengenakan tindakan terhadap tujuh peniaga yang dikesan menghalang tempat awam di Wangsa Maju, Khamis lalu.

DBKL menerusi hantaran di Facebook memaklumkan, operasi tindakan khas pindah halangan ke atas premis dan peniaga itu dijalankan menerusi Jabatan Penguatkuasaan bersama Pejabat Cawangan Wangsa Maju.

Katanya, operasi itu dijalankan hasil daripada pemantauan dan rondaan yang dijalankan.

"Tujuh peniaga dikenakan tindakan pindah halangan di bawah Seksyen 46(1)(d), Akta Jalan, Parit dan Bangunan 1974 atas kesalahan meletakkan barangan yang berkaitan dengan perniagaan di tempat awam.

"Antara barangan yang disita adalah gerai, kanopi, meja lipat dan bangku," katanya.

Semua barangan itu dibawa ke Setor Sitaan Jalan Lombong, Taman Miharja Cheras untuk rekod dan

dokumentasi.

"DBKL akan meneruskan tindakan dan pemantauan dari semasa ke semasa di lokasi yang dikenal pasti," katanya.

Orang awam juga boleh menyalurkan maklumat di <http://adukl.dbkl.gov.my>.

Sementara itu, dalam satu lagi hantaran di Facebook, DBKL melalui Jabatan Penguatkuasaan, Jabatan Kejuruteraan Awam dan Saliran, Jabatan Perancangan Infrastruktur, Jabatan Pengangkutan Bandar dan Jabatan Integriti melaksanakan Tindakan Khas Kerja Korekan Jalan Awam Sekitar Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur (WPKL).

Tindakan itu membabitkan Jalan Sungai Besi, Jalan Kuchai Lama, Jalan Syed Putra, Jalan Cheras, Jalan Raja Abdullah, Jalan Genting Kelang dan Jalan Kilang, Kuala Lumpur yang bermula pada jam 10.00 malam, Jumaat lalu dan berakhir jam 4.00 pagi Sabtu.

Menerusi pemeriksaan pematuan prosedur operasi standard (SOP) dan tindakan penguatkuasaan ke atas mana-mana individu atau kontraktor yang me-

langgar garis panduan bagi menjalankan apa-apa aktiviti membabitkan kerja korekan jalan seperti melakukan kerja pembaikan melebihi waktu yang ditetapkan, tidak meletakkan papan tanda isyarat lalu lintas, menutup jalan tanpa kebenaran, melonggokkan sisa di atas jalan awam serta tidak mengutamakan kebersihan dan keselamatan di atas jalan awam.

Hasil daripada pemeriksaan di tujuh lokasi yang berbeza di sekitar WPKL, DBKL telah mengesan beberapa kesalahan yang melanggar SOP kerja korekan jalan dan mengeluarkan sebanyak 10 notis kesalahan am terhadap kontraktor.

Tindakan penguatkuasaan dilakukan menerusi kesalahan di bawah Akta Jalan Parit Dan Bangunan 1974 (lapan notis), Akta Kerajaan Tempatan 1976 (satu notis) dan Undang-undang Kecil Pengangkutan Bahan (WPKL) 1997 (satu notis).

Pemantauan dan tindakan penguatkuasaan ini akan diteruskan dari semasa ke semasa di 11 kawasan parlimen di WPKL.

Isu kenaikan
cukai taksiran

Selangor perlu beri lebih masa kepada penduduk

Sungai Buloh: Kerajaan negeri perlu memberi lebih ruang dan masa kepada penduduk untuk mengemukakan bantahan terhadap kenaikan cukai taksiran yang dijangka dilaksanakan bermula tahun hadapan.

Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri (ADUN) Paya Jaras, Datuk Dr Ab Halim Tamuri, berkata masih ada penduduk di kawasannya yang belum menerima notis berkenaan daripada Majlis Perbandaran Kuala Selangor.

"Penduduk diberikan tempoh untuk mengemukakan bantahan sehingga esok (hari ini). Notis pun tak sampai lagi macam mana penduduk nak buat penilaian untuk bantahan... pada saya tempoh diberikan agak pendek.

"Saya juga beri pandangan bahawa notis ini perlu dilihat secara komprehensif, iaitu pertama bila nak naik (cukai taksiran) apakah perkhidmatan akan diterima (pembayar cukai). Contohnya mengenai jalan, lampu, sampah, potong rumput dan sebagainya mesti dipastikan okey baru boleh dinaikkan cukai.

"Kalau naik dengan 'servis' sama, saya rasa ia tidak adil kepada penduduk," katanya selepas menyerahkan sumbangan kepada Khairana Sabtu, bali pengacara rancangan dokumentari *Majalah 3*, Allahyarham Abdullah Sidek Majin di Saujana Utama, di sini, malam kelmarin.

Abdullah Sidek meninggal dunia akibat kanser limfoma di Hospital Slim River, Perak, pada 29 Mei lalu.

Mengulas lanjut, Ab Halim berkata, jika perkhidmatan diberikan kepada penduduk bagus, pasti kenaikan cukai taksiran pada kadar sesuai boleh diterima.

"Pada saya sebelum kenaikan perlu dibuat satu kajian, walaupun EXCO Kerajaan Tempatan kata nak buat kajian, bagi saya ia perlu membabitkan semua penduduk khususnya wakil penduduk.

"Sekurang-kurangnya buat satu libat urus bersama penduduk supaya mereka boleh mendengar pihak kerajaan dan pihak kerajaan pun perlu mendengar mereka, kena ada timbal balas.

"Kritikan daripada rakyat sebenarnya positif sebab mereka mahu kebaikan, justeru kena ada komunikasi dengan baik dan rakyat akan faham.

"Harapan saya pada kerajaan negeri tengok balik dan jawatan kuasa pastikan semua pihak terlibat selain perlu pastikan perkhidmatan diberikan itu setimpal dengan jumlah cukai yang akan dinaikkan," katanya.

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5 rumah urut kena serbu, 56 warga asing ditahan

Operasi imigresen
tingkat usaha
banteras aktiviti
pelacuran
di ibu kota

Kuala Lumpur: Jabatan Imigresen menyerbu lima rumah urut di sekitar ibu kota dalam usaha membanteras kegiatan pelacuran dan menahan 56 warga asing pada Rabu lalu.

Serbuan kira-kira jam 9.30 malam di sekitar Bukit Bintang itu dijalankan pasukan Imigresen Putrajaya susulan aduan awam mengenai pendatang asing tanpa izin (PATI) terbabit dengan aktiviti tidak bermoral yang ber-

selindung di sebalik rumah urut di kawasan tumpuan pelancong.

Ketua Pengarah Imigresen, Datuk Ruslin Jusoh berkata, ketika serbuan, pasukan berdepan cabaran kerana lokasi premis kedai dua tingkat yang terletak di tengah pusat bandar menjadikan laluan masuk sesak dengan kehadiran pelancong dan kenderaan sekali gus menyukarkan pergerakan masuk ke sasaran.

"Bagaimanapun, seramai 91 individu terdiri daripada 61 warga asing dan 30 warga tempatan diperiksa.

"Hasil pemeriksaan, 56 warga asing berusia 20 hingga 50 tahun membabitkan warga Bangladesh, Myanmar, Thailand dan Sudan ditahan atas pelbagai kesalahan," katanya dalam kenyataan semalam.

Selain itu, Ruslin berkata, dua warga tempatan yang dipercayai berperanan sebagai penjaga pre-

mis turut ditahan untuk siasatan lanjut.

Beliau berkata, semua tahanan ditempatkan di Depot Imigresen Bukit Jalil untuk siasatan lanjut.

Dedah lubuk

Katanya, kes disiasat mengikut Akta Imigresen 1959/63, Akta Pasport 1966 dan Peraturan-Peraturan Imigresen 1963.

Harian Metro pada 22 Jun lalu mendedahkan lubuk kegiatan pelacuran tertua sekitar Pudu, Kuala Lumpur termasuk pelacur yang bersepah mencari pelanggan di sebuah medan selera di

Jalan Gelang dan Jalan Kalong diserbu.

Isu terbabit turut mendapat perhatian Perdana Menteri Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim yang percaya wujudnya elemen rasuah berkaitan isu pelacuran di ibu negara yang masih tidak selesai sejak sekian lama.

Akhbar turut mendapat reaksi Menteri di Jabatan Perdana Menteri (Wilayah Persekutuan) Dr Zaliha Mustafa yang dilaporkan berkata dalam usaha menjamin keharmonian dan kesejahteraan warga kota, perbincangan lanjut untuk memperluaskan terma rujukan KL Strike Force akan di-

adakan supaya tindakan bersepadu dapat diambil untuk membanteras aktiviti pelacuran di seluruh Kuala Lumpur.

Manakala, Menteri di Jabatan Perdana Menteri (Hal Ehwal Agama), Datuk Dr Mohd Na'im Mokhtar juga sudah arahkan Jabatan Agama Islam Wilayah Persekutuan (Jawi) untuk membuat siasatan lanjut seperti dibangkitkan.

Penganalisis jenayah dan pakar kriminologi, Datuk Shahul Hamid Abd Rahim turut mendesak semua pihak berpadu tenaga menghentikan kegiatan ekonomi gelap itu.



Jabatan Imigresen menahan 56 orang warga asing dalam operasi penguatkuasaan di lima premis urut sekitar Bukit Bintang, Rabu lalu.

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Cadangan akta baharu bendung buli siber

Pemilik platform media sosial tak terlepas tindakan

Kerajaan serius cari jalan penyelesaian cegah, banteras jenayah internet

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Kuala Lumpur: Kementerian Digital mencadangkan undang-undang baharu dipertimbangkan dengan meletakkan tanggungjawab kepada pemilik platform media sosial bagi sebarang penyalahgunaannya, termasuk dalam kes buli siber.

Menterinya, Gobind Singh Deo, berkata ketika mesyuarat Kabinet, Jumaat lalu, beliau bersama Menteri Komunikasi, Fahmi Fadzil, serta Menteri di Jabatan Perdana Menteri (Undang-undang dan Reformasi Institusi), Datuk Seri Azalina Othman Said, membangkitkan isu buli siber, terutama berkait kes kematian pengengaruh TikTok, A Rajeswari atau lebih dikenali sebagai Esha, baru-baru ini.

"Saya mencadangkan agar undang-undang baharu dipertimbangkan untuk meletakkan tanggungjawab terhadap tuan punya (pemilik) platform (media sosial), bagi memastikan tiada

penyalahgunaan berlaku dan sekiranya ada, tindakan segera boleh diambil untuk menghalang keadaan sedemikian daripada berterusan.

"Kita perlu menghantar isyarat jelas bahawa kita serius dalam mencari jalan penyelesaian untuk masalah ini dan semua pihak berkaitan mempunyai peranan penting yang perlu dilaksanakan bagi tujuan itu," katanya dalam satu kenyataan, semalam.

Mengulas lanjut, Gobind berkata, undang-undang sedia ada khususnya Akta Komunikasi dan Multimedia, Kanun Keseksan serta Akta Jenayah Komputer sememangnya wujud dan boleh dikuatkuasakan.

"Kami perlu memastikan platform yang didirikan adalah selamat dari sudut keselamatan siber, perlindungan data peribadi dan yang penting sekali, ia tidak disalahgunakan oleh mana-mana pihak.

"Kes buli siber mesti dipandang serius dan ditangani dengan segera. Kita harus me-

mastikan undang-undang digubal untuk mengelak berlaku sebarang penyalahgunaannya dan sekiranya berlaku, tindakan pantas harus diambil," katanya.

Keadilan untuk mangsa

Gobind berkata, kementeriannya menyokong usaha Menteri Komunikasi untuk memperkukuh perundangan sedia ada atau memperkenalkan undang-undang baharu yang berkaitan pada masa depan.

"Saya amat yakin bahawa pihak berkuasa akan mengambil tindakan yang sewajarnya dan keadilan dapat dilaksanakan untuk semua mangsa.

"Kementerian saya juga sedia membantu di dalam perkara ini sekiranya sebarang bantuan diperlukan," katanya.

Kelmarin, Fahmi pada sidang media pasca mesyuarat Jemaah Menteri di Putrajaya, memaklumkan bahawa Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim mahu tindakan tegas diambil oleh Suruhanjaya Komunikasi dan Multimedia Malaysia

(MCMC) serta Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM) bagi menghentikan buli siber daripada berterusan.

Jurucakap Kerajaan Perpaduan itu berkata, pihaknya juga sudah menghubungi pihak TikTok dan memaklumkan kepada mereka untuk bertanggungjawab dan bersedia untuk memberikan kerjasama erat serta akan bertemu dengannya minggu depan.

Isnin lalu, media melaporkan, seorang wanita tempatan ditahan bagi membantu siasatan berhubung kes ugutan atau buli siber terhadap Rajeswari.

Kes itu disiasat mengikut Seksyen 506 Kanun Keseksan kerana ugutan jenayah, Seksyen 233 Akta Komunikasi Multimedia 1998 atas kesalahan menyebarkan kenyataan jelik dan Seksyen 14 Akta Kesalahan Kecil 1995 kerana kelakuan aib.

Rajeswari, 30, ditemukan meninggal dunia di sebuah kondominium di Setapak pada 4 Julai, dipercayai ada kaitan dengan tekanan dhadapinya kerana menjadi mangsa buli siber.

Dalam perkembangan berkaitan, Ketua Polis Daerah Sentul, Asisten Komisioner Ahmad Sukarno Mohd Zahari mengesahkan setakat ini 11 individu dirakam keterangan bagi membantu siasatan itu.

Beliau berkata, kertas siasatan berhubung kes ugutan melalui aplikasi TikTok terhadap Esha akan dirujuk kepada Timbalan Pendakwa Raya, hari ini.

Kita harus memastikan undang-undang digubal untuk mengelak berlaku sebarang penyalahgunaannya dan sekiranya berlaku, tindakan pantas harus diambil



Gobind Singh Deo,
Menteri Digital

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'Sepatutnya sudah lama dilaksanakan'

Kuala Lumpur: Pakar keselamatan siber dan aktivis masyarakat menyokong cadangan meletakkan tanggungjawab kepada pemilik platform bagi sebarang penyalahgunaan media sosial, termasuk buli siber.

Mereka sependapat, masalah berkait dengan media sosial dilihat semakin sukar dibendung sehingga berlakunya kes bunuh diri akibat tidak tahan dibuli.

Malah, mangsa juga mengalami tekanan kerana kandungan yang dimuat naik mungkin dikongsi semula hanya semata-mata ingin mendapatkan trafik yang tinggi dalam akaun pengguna berkenaan.

Pakar keselamatan siber, Fong Choong Fook, berkata seharusnya pengendali platform media sosial perlu beri perhatian khusus kepada kandungan yang dimuat naik serta menjalinkan kerjasama erat dengan

pihak berkuasa.

"Sekiranya pengendali ini bekerjasama dengan pihak berkuasa, jika mereka menerima laporan berkaitan sesuatu kandungan yang dimuat naik, pihak berkuasa boleh ambil tindakan, termasuk mengarahkan supaya kandungan itu diturunkan daripada media sosial.

"Malah, pengguna media sosial yang sebariskan kandungan itu juga perlu diambil tindakan, kuncinya perlu adanya jalinan kerjasama. Jika tidak isu seperti penyalahgunaan atau buli siber ini tidak dapat dikekang," katanya kepada *BH*, semalam.

Choong Fook berkata, selain tindakan terhadap pengendali platform media sosial itu, ibu

bapa juga perlu memainkan peranan dengan memantau penggunaan media sosial anak mereka.

Sementara itu, Presiden Persatuan Pengguna Siber Malaysia (MCCA), Siraj Jalil, berpendapat cadangan meletakkan tanggungjawab kepada pemilik platform media sosial itu sepatutnya sudah lama dilaksanakan.

"Seharusnya sudah ada keperluan sejak dahulu lagi, malah kajian berkaitan isu ini juga sudah dilakukan sejak 2020. Kajian dibuat menggunakan perbandingan antara New Zealand dan Australia.

"Jika di Australia, ada Suruhanjaya Keselamatan untuk memantau segala yang berlaku

di dalam internet. Malaysia juga seharusnya mengambil langkah sama untuk membanteras jenayah dalam internet," katanya.

Siraj turut meminta supaya kerajaan mewartakan buli siber sebagai satu perbuatan jenayah.

"Ini kerana mengikut Akta Komunikasi kini, hanya ada lima teras utama antaranya akaun palsu, kenyataan jelic serta lucah, namun istilah seperti buli siber tiada dalam akta itu.

"Jika isu ini di bawah Akta Komunikasi sedia ada, hukuman yang diberikan tidak berat iaitu hanya dikenakan denda sahaja. Ia mungkin tidak adil kepada mangsa, kerana kesan yang dicituskan sangat teruk sehingga ada mangsa membunuh diri.

"Jika tidak ke tahap itu pun, mangsa mungkin mengalami kemurungan atau hadapi masalah kesihatan mental," katanya.



Fong Choong Fook

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Pengekalan OPR bantu kukuhkan ringgit

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TUMPAT: Langkah Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) mengekalkan Kadar Dasar Semalaman (OPR) pada 3.00 peratus membantu mengukuhkan ringgit sekali gus meletakkan mata wang negara itu di kedudukan pertama antara negara serantau.

Menteri Kewangan II, Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan berkata, pendekatan itu sangat baik untuk sistem kewangan menerusi dasar akomodatif yang membantu menggerakkan perkembangan perniagaan.

"Seperti mana yang kita lihat, ringgit pada Jumaat lalu berada sekitar 4.68 berbanding dollar Amerika, dan sudah semakin konsisten di bawah paras 4.70. Alhamdulillah, dalam enam bulan kebelakangan ini, kita dapat melihat prestasi ringgit yang bertambah baik.

"Strategi bersepadu Kerajaan Madani di antara Kementerian Kewangan dan BNM telah memperlihatkan prestasi ringgit semakin mengukuh. Sehingga 11 Julai, kita dapat melihat ringgit berada di kedudukan pertama antara negara serantau dengan peningkatan sekitar dua peratus," katanya kepada pemberita selepas mengadakan lawatan di Kompleks Imigresen, Kastam, Kuarantin dan Keselamatan (ICQS) Pengkalan Kubor di sini, semalam.

Amir Hamzah memberitahu, antara usaha yang dilakukan oleh kerajaan termasuk galakan pendapatan langsung asing oleh syarikat berkaitan kerajaan (GLC) dan syarikat pelaburan berkaitan kerajaan



AMIR Hamzah Azizan menyantuni kakitangan Jabatan Kastam Diraja Malaysia semasa mengadakan lawatan ke Kompleks Imigresen, Kastam, Kuarantin dan Keselamatan (ICQS) Pengkalan Kubor di Tumpat, Kelantan, semalam. - UTUSAN/KAMARUL BISMI KAMARUZAMAN

dibawa balik ke negara ini.

Katanya, situasi itu membantu meningkatkan interaksi dengan pengeksport untuk menukar hasil mereka kepada ringgit.

"Pada masa mereka turut memantau penukaran hasil eksport dan import, memperkukuhkan ekonomi tempatan dan meneruskan reformasi fiskal yang dijanjikan.

"Dengan usaha bersepadu ini, dan pengurusan fiskal yang efisien dan berdisiplin, saya yakin dan percaya prestasi mata wang pada separuh kedua 2024 akan bertambah baik," ujarnya.

Dalam pada itu, beliau berkata, kerajaan mampu menyelamatkan RM1.5 bilion wang negara dalam tempoh enam bulan tahun ini daripada aktiviti penyelewengan dan penyeludupan menerusi langkah penyasaran subsidi diesel yang bermula 10 Jun lalu.

Kata beliau, andaian itu berpandukan kepada putara jualan diesel di Semenanjung Malaysia turun sebanyak 22.2 juta liter sehari.

Menurutnya, sebelum penyasaran subsidi itu diperkenalkan, jualan diesel di stesen-stesen minyak Semenanjung berjumlah 28.6 juta liter sehari.

"Ini bermakna jualan diesel turun kepada 6.5 juta liter sehari bersamaan 23 peratus. Mengambil kira tiada faktor untuk mendorong pengurangan kegunaan diesel kenderaan di Semenanjung antara Jun dan Julai, kerajaan dapat simpulkan bahawa sebelum penyasaran subsidi diesel, sekurang-kurang 6.5 juta liter sehari telah diseleweng sama ada oleh industri atau diseludup ke negara jiran.

"Daripada jumlah itu, kerajaan anggarkan jumlah ketirisan yang dapat dielakkan berjumlah RM250 juta sebulan," katanya.

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4 negeri berpotensi bangun teknologi hijau

KUALA TERENGGANU: Empat negeri dikenal pasti berpotensi dibangunkan teknologi hijau dalam industri pemerangkapan, penggunaan dan penyimpanan karbon (CCUS) di negara ini selepas 2025.

Menteri Ekonomi, Rafizi Ramli berkata, selain Terengganu yang mempunyai kelebihan sebagai peneraju industri tersebut, tiga lagi negeri ialah Pahang, Sabah dan Sarawak.

Menurutnya, empat negeri tersebut mempunyai kelebihan menjalankan aktiviti CCUS kerana mempunyai telaga-telaga minyak yang sudah tidak digunakan, selain memiliki fasiliti terminal petroleum dan gas yang sedia ada.

Katanya, industri tersebut bakal menarik pelabur asing

yang bernilai tinggi dalam lingkungan RM20 bilion untuk setiap satu fasiliti CCUS yang lengkap daripada terminal sampai ke luar pesisir pantai.

"Kementerian Ekonomi sedang bekerjasama dengan keempat-empat buah negeri ini bagi memastikan perancangan CCUS berada dalam keadaan baik supaya pelanggan luar negara boleh menilai kemajuan dan potensi projek ini," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian ketika ditemui selepas Sesi Libat Urus Bersama Kerajaan Negeri Terengganu Mengenai Pelaksanaan Inisiatif CCUS Di Malaysia, di sini, semalam.

CCUS merupakan salah satu projek rintis dalam Pelan Hala Tuju Peralihan Tenaga Negara

(NETR).

Dalam perkembangan sama, beliau berkata, Terengganu mempunyai kelebihan dalam pembangunan teknologi tersebut kerana mempunyai fasiliti sedia ada di Kerteh, Kemaman.

Tambahnya, kerajaan negeri dan Persekutuan akan menjadi pemudah cara bagi memastikan perancangan mengenainya dapat disusun dengan baik seterusnya memberi kesan limpahan ekonomi terhadap negeri tersebut.

"Di peringkat kerajaan Persekutuan kita sedang memuktamadkan Rang Undang-Undang untuk dibentangkan pada November 2024 bagi melahirkan industri CCUS di Malaysia," katanya.

Ditanya pihak yang menunjukkan minat untuk melabur

dalam sektor tersebut, Rafizi berkata, keputusan mengenai pelaburan akan dibuat selepas Rang Undang-Undang itu dimuktamadkan.

"Perbincangan dengan pelabur-pelabur dan pelanggan-pelanggan antarabangsa yang akan menggunakan CCUS ini sedang berjalan dan keputusan itu juga mungkin akan dimuktamadkan pada 2025," ujarnya.

Sementara itu, Menteri Besar Terengganu, Datuk Seri Dr. Ahmad Samsuri Mokhtar berkata, kerajaan negeri telah mengadakan perbincangan awal dengan Petronas sebagai syarikat pengendali supaya anak syarikat kerajaan negeri (GLC) dapat turut sama dan menyokong usaha ke arah pembangunan CCUS.

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RENTING LICENCES FROM MALAYSIANS

FOREIGNERS TAKING OVER BUSINESS AREAS

They are using 'Ali Baba' tactics to run businesses

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SIX months ago, the authorities, led by the police's General Operations Force, carried out a massive operation to weed out undocumented migrants in Jalan Silang here.

The street is called mini-Dhaka as it is a hub of foreigner-operated shops.

Many of these shops are licensed to Malaysians who lease the premises to foreigners who run the businesses, a practice called "Ali Baba".

After the operation six months ago, which looked like a scene from a Hollywood blockbuster, Jalan Silang was deserted for the next few days. It did not stay that way for long.

Checks by the *New Straits Times* found that foreign businesses were soon back as if the crackdown never happened.

Foreigners operate all kinds of businesses, including textile, groceries, mobile phones and toys, as well as food stalls and butchers.

Several foreign men were seen selling fish from cooler boxes by the roadside.

But this is not a problem that's confined to Kuala Lumpur.

In **Kuantan's** Jalan Bukit Ubi and Jalan Tun Ismail, foreign workers throng sundry shops and eateries manned by their countrymen.

Malaysian-owned businesses close by 7pm, but those run by foreigners receive a steady stream of customers late into the night, raising concerns among residents.

"They manage grocery stores selling vegetables, essential items and fruits," said Lim Seng, himself a fruit seller.

"Residents own the businesses here and rent their licence to foreigners."

"The authorities conducted an operation several weeks ago, but no action was taken and the traders are operating as usual," he said.

Housewife Salmiah Samad, 32,



Shops in Kuala Lumpur believed to be run by foreigners. PIC BY HAZREEN MOHAMAD

wants the authorities to come down hard on foreign-run businesses, which she claims have "conquered" parts of Kuantan.

"It is time for the authorities to conduct a large-scale inspections of business premises and shut down those operating illegally," she said.

In **George Town**, residents are frustrated about the presence of foreign traders in Jalan Gurdwara, Jalan Magazine, Jalan Macalister, Jalan Penang, Jalan Datuk Keramat, Batu Ferringhi and Persiaran Karpal Singh.

Leah, 40s, a local business owner on Jalan Gurdwara, said George Town had significantly changed due to the influx of foreign traders.

"I walked into one of the grocery stores and found it to be cramped."

"Some of these stores sell raw chicken, and when they transfer the poultry from the lorry or car to their shops, there's fluid and sometimes blood dripping. They just leave it as it is."

Cheng, a retiree in his 60s, said some foreign-run shops on Jalan Datuk Keramat and Jalan Gurdwara were murky and smelly.

In **Kota Baru**, foreigners are setting up businesses in villages and main roads, selling everything from fruits, sundries, carpets, and furniture, and some have even set up car washes.

"At the Wakaf Che Yeh night market, many businesses are owned by foreigners," said trader Hussin Abdullah, claiming this was also the case in Kampung Kota and Jalan Pekeliling.

He said many of these foreign-

ers were married to residents and used their Malaysian spouse's name on their signboards.

In **Johor Baru**, traders say foreign-run businesses, including unlicensed ones, undermine local, tax-paying businesses.

Cafe operator Din said one of the most common "Ali Baba" businesses was "Kedai Acheh", which he described as "all-in-one tuck shops".

He said many products sold at "Kedai Acheh" were usually expired, raising concerns about quality and safety.

Din said he was concerned that workers at foreign-owned eateries might not have the vaccinations required by the authorities.

Johor Gemilang Malay Vendors and Small Traders secretary-general M.T.S. Qairy Maheeran said local traders were impacted by the growing number of illegal foreign traders.

"They do not contribute to the economy, they do not spend in Johor, and get their products from their home countries. Their profits are sent back home."

He said United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees card holders ran businesses.

"Those staying in flats do not patronise the local-owned shops below because these card-holders peddle goods door to door," he said.

In **Kulim, Kedah**, however, residents said there were no more foreigners doing business there following raids. Additional reporting by T.N. Alagesh, Audrey Dermawan, Sharifah Mahsinah Abdullah and Ahmad Mukhsin Mukhtar

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Of civil service and tough love

The battle ahead

COME December, the million-odd civil servants in the country will get a pay rise of more than 13 per cent. The last revision was 12 years ago. Most deserve it, but not all. Malingering as a public service culture hasn't disappeared. A few evade duty by pretending to work. Visit government offices and one notices a few seats vacant very early in the morning. This is most noticeable in departments that deal with the public. Who knows what happens beyond our ken? If one is into the game of spotting them in canteens, a rich harvest is guaranteed. Ages ago, before the introduction of clocking-in, one diligent director-general of a government department did exactly that and what a harvest he came up with. Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim is, therefore, right to say that annual salary increments shouldn't be automatic, meaning they must be performance-based. Granted, Anwar was speaking in the context of time-based promotions for teachers, but the principle must apply to civil servants of all stripes. Civil servants are paid to produce something and if that is delayed, defective or not delivered at all, their performance is, to that extent, deficient. No customer will pay for a blemished or an unfinished product. Why should the government? A malingering civil servant and his diligent colleague can't be remunerated the same way.

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But one important issue for the Malaysian civil service is: how to get an ancient behemoth built on security and stability of tenure to one driven by performance? Not easy, but there is a whiff of change in the air, thanks to the nation's financial and debt issues. As they say, when the going gets tough, the tough get going. If in the past people signed up to the civil service because it guaranteed jobs for life. Now it is not uncommon for new recruits to be put on contract. Perhaps this gives the civil service an opportunity to see if the person is a performer or not, a tenure of probation of sorts. It also gives the one on contract the chance to see if he fits in well in the work environment. It has come to our knowledge that a few fresh graduates on contract have not had their contracts renewed. It is unclear if the reason is performance-related or budgetary issues. Pension, an attraction second only to a secure tenure, is gone, too, for new entrants.

Things are changing, but not quick enough for the people. The Auditor General's Reports support such a conclusion. Government entities of every name and size make their infamous appearance in the reports. Some even make a reappearance. Yet it is business as usual until another AG Report falls on the prime minister's table with a heavier thud. Like it or not, the AG Report is a key performance indicator. It must be treated as such.

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'PLATFORMS MUST PREVENT MISUSE'

Minister wants new law to compel social media owners to take action

KUALA LUMPUR

DIGITAL Minister Gobind Singh Deo has proposed enacting a new law that would place accountability for social media misuse, including cyberbullying, on the owners of the platforms.

He said he, together with Communications Minister Fahmi Fadzil and Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Law and Institutional Reform) Datuk Seri Azalina Othman Said, brought up the cyberbullying issue, including the recent death of TikTok influencer A. Rajeswary, who was known as Esha, at Friday's cabinet meeting.

"I also suggested that a new law be considered to place the responsibility on platform owners to ensure that misuse does not occur and if it does, immediate action be taken to prevent such a situation.

"We need to send a clear signal that we are serious in looking for a solution to this problem and every related party has a vital role to play," he said in a statement on Saturday.

He added that existing laws, especially the Communications and Multimedia Act, the Penal Code and the Computer Crimes Act, were enforceable.

"We need to ensure that platforms are safe in terms of cybersecurity and personal data protection and, most importantly, cannot be misused by anyone.

"Cyberbullying cases must be taken seriously and tackled immediately. We need to ensure that laws are drafted to avoid misuse and if it occurs, swift action is taken," Gobind said, adding that his ministry supported the efforts of the communications minister to strengthen laws or to introduce new ones.

Fahmi announced at a post-cabinet meeting media conference that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim had asked the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission and the police to take stern action against cyberbullying cases.

The unity government spokesman said the prime minister expressed his disappointment about the cyberbullying incident that led to the death of a TikTok influencer recently.

Meanwhile, Sentul police chief Assistant Commissioner Ahmad Sukarno Mohd Zahari told the NST that a two-day remand extension has been obtained on the lorry driver arrested over cyberbullying, which allegedly led to the death of the influencer.



(From left) Gobind Singh Deo, Fahmi Fadzil, Assistant Commissioner Ahmad Sukarno Mohd Zahari, Saral James Maniam

He said the suspect would be remanded until tomorrow to facilitate investigations.

"To date, we have recorded statements from 11 witnesses in connection with the case.

"The investigation paper will be referred to the deputy public prosecutor's office for further instruction tomorrow (today)," he said yesterday.

It was reported that the 44-year-old suspect was being investigated under Section 505(b) of the Penal Code and Section 233 of the Communications and Multimedia Act for making statements with the intent to cause fear or alarm to the public and induce any person to commit an offence against the state or public tranquility, as well as misuse of network facilities, respectively.

The suspect, known as "Dulal Brothers" on the Internet, was detained in Setapak at 6.30pm on

Wednesday.

On the same day, police also obtained a remand extension for a female suspect allegedly linked to the case.

Non-governmental organisations have urged the government to implement stricter regulations on social media platforms.

Malaysian Association of Standards Users secretary-general Saral James Maniam said social media companies must establish internal anti-cyberbullying policies in line with local cultures and norms.

She told Bernama that according to a poll by the United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef) and the UN Special Representative on Violence against Children, 28 per cent of 6,953 young people in Malaysia have reported being victims of online bullying.

National Coalition for Mental

Wellbeing chairman Siti Aidah Mustaffa said the call for action in social media reform had long been on the coalition agenda.

"There have been too many incidents of social media influencing and affecting vulnerable minds. This has been increasing not necessarily leading to suicidal thoughts, but the impact on our minds, children and adults has also significantly changed our behaviours and uses.

"The addiction and reliance on social media have become apparent in today's social environment, affecting how we think, speak and act.

"We have to keep up with the speed of technology as it evolves in seconds. Hence, government regulation of social media digital platforms may help reduce the risks and threats."

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