



PENGURUSAN PEMANTAUAN KERATAN AKHBAR MBSJ
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> Ampang Jaya Municipal Council and Pandan MP's office are organising a banquet, free health screening and 'Jualan Ehsan Rahmah' at Tasik Pandan Perdana carpark, Jalan Pandan Perdana 3/10, on May 18 from 8am to 1pm.

> Sepang Municipal Council is inviting the public to give ideas on its budget next year. Visit ideabajet.mpsepang.gov.my to give input until May 31.

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SCHOOL DANCE

Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ) is holding a creative ethnic dance competition with over RM4,000 in cash prizes. Participation is open to secondary schools in the area. The competition will be held on July 11 at MPAJ Auditorium, Level 5, Menara MPAJ. For details and registration, visit <https://shorturl.at/cfQ35>

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ASSESSMENT TAX REVIEW

Property owners who have received notices for new property valuation rates from Selayang Municipal Council (MPS) may ask for a review and submit objections to the council. They can do so until May 31 at Valuation and Property Management Department, Level 3, MPS Tower, Persiaran 3, Bandar Baru Selayang, Batu Caves, Selangor. For details, call 03-6126 5904/5906/5907/5908.

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Council out to eradicate rats at main market in Rawang

RAT poison and traps have been placed around Pasar Besar Bandar Rawang, Selangor, to rid the premises of rodents following several complaints made to the local council.

Selayang Municipal Council (MPS) carried out a rat extermination operation at the public market after traders complained.

Rawang assemblyman Chua Wei Kiat said the exercise would take place over two or three days to resolve the problem before the weekend.

"The issue is not only hygiene but also rats damaging infrastructure such as drains and floors.

"MPS has its by-laws and conditions for restaurants and stalls, but sometimes traders do not abide by them, which can lead to hygiene issues like this," said Chua, who advised traders to maintain cleanliness in the area.

The operation saw six MPS personnel and several others

from the assemblyman's office placing eight rat traps with poisoned food as bait, in several areas of the market.

The bait, which was bread coated with zinc phosphide, was also thrown into holes made by the rats, said MPS Solid Waste Management and Health Department deputy director Khairil Anwar.

Under MPS' jurisdiction, 2,564 baits were placed last year and 1,135 up to April this year.

MPS Zone 15 councillor Alice Choo said as there were cases of typhoid in the area, the operation was also aimed at preventing such health issues.

She added that she would suggest offering incentives for the capture of rats during the local council's health control committee meeting.



Chua (right) and Choo placing rat traps at Pasar Besar Bandar Rawang in response to complaints of rat infestation. — AZLINA ABDULLAH/The Star

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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 participate, visit <https://forms.gle/6HWt2cbWnJBLDgNW6>

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OLD and big trees in city centres that have been inspected and certified as dangerous by arborists, must be felled or relocated to ensure public safety.

Landscape architect consultant Hashim Gombri said this move would include high-risk heritage trees.

He stressed that checks to certify such trees as safe should also be done every six months rather than two years as was the current practice.

Hashim, who has also developed a manual for tree preservation and green infrastructure for Institute of Landscape Architects Malaysia (ILAM), said it was imperative for Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) to adhere to the advice of arborists to fell such trees or relocate them to a suitable location.

"The authorities need to carry out a 'tree transplant', meaning relocate the old shady trees to areas that have optimal green buffer space to survive," he said.

He highlighted that an important factor to consider was that not all of the big, old trees had the root volume to survive in a concrete jungle environment like Kuala Lumpur, even with selective pruning to reduce the tree burden.

"At the moment, we see that these huge trees are confined in small spaces in the city centre where the root system will suffer decay.

"These trees have to be chopped down and replaced with more tolerant ones that are suitable for cities," he told *StarMetro*.

"By right, risky trees need to be checked every six months," said the arborist with 25 years of experience.

Following last week's incident when a rain tree at Jalan Sultan Ismail toppled, killing a motorist, Kuala Lumpur residents and non-governmental organisations had pleaded for DBKL to not go on a tree-felling spree.

Another tree fell during Monday's thunderstorm near Menara Prestige in Jalan Pinang, Kuala Lumpur, damaging sever-

'Check risky trees every six months'

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Regular inspections can help authorities decide whether to remove or relocate them, experts say



The Ficus that fell along Jalan Pinang on Monday, damaged a few cars. — Filepic

al cars and motorcycles parked in the vicinity.

The Ficus tree was located about 600m from the earlier rain tree incident.

Storms also uprooted trees which damaged the roof of a house in Taman Gembira in one incident and a car at Universiti Malaya in another.

Hashim said the Ficus that toppled had shallow roots, and this, compounded by heavy rain and strong wind, led to it falling over.

"The authorities need to realise that we are experiencing a drastic climate change crisis."

"The city is becoming increasingly hot with strong winds."

"Undoubtedly, cities must have trees as they are most effective to absorb carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide emitted by vehicles," Hashim said.

He suggested that Kuala

Lumpur's green city planning policies be reexamined.

When asked how high-risk trees were checked for potential decay, especially in the root system, he said arborists used a resistograph, which is a mechanical resistance measurement device to detect decay and the inner condition of the tree structure.

"Above ground, we will check trunks, branches and twigs for diseases like fungus."

"The resistograph is to check if there is a 'void' of living cells in the tree structure."

"As for the roots, we will check for any disturbance in the system in terms of size," said Hashim.

He added that what often happened in cities was that trees' roots were cut to accommodate development, leading to

their weakness.

UPM Faculty of Forestry and Environment senior lecturer Dr Ruzana Adibah Mohd Sanusi, when contacted, said the management of trees in the city would depend on the health and status of the identified trees.

"Risk assessment through regular inspection is critical, as it would inform stakeholders before a decision is made to fell or not to fell the trees."

"This of course is subject to resources available to the organisation," she said.

On the subject of risk assessment, she said there were many considerations.

"For example, if you don't fell the tree, other things can be done (like intervention) to mitigate risks," added Ruzana, whose specialisation is in city forests and arboriculture.

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THE newly established Federal Territories Youth Assembly or *Sidang Belia Wilayah Persekutuan* (SBWP) is aimed at giving youths an avenue for their voice to be heard.

This new initiative brings together young individuals to discuss policy proposals affecting Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya and Labuan.

In collaboration with the Federal Territories Department (JWP), Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL), Putrajaya Corporation (PPJ) and Labuan Corporation, this programme aims to bring together individuals aged 18 to 35 to explore a broad spectrum of issues.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Federal Territories) Dr Zaliha Mustafa launched the programme at a Kuala Lumpur hotel.

She expressed her eagerness to hear young people's views.

"Youths have unique ideas and perspectives, both in terms of constructive criticism and opinions on policies affecting the Federal Territories.

"We are keen to hear their suggestions as they constitute nearly 50% of the population.

"We aim to provide an open and inclusive platform for them to express their opinions," she added.

Dr Zaliha explained that while the SBWP resembled the youth parliament programme, it differed by focusing specifically on issues within the Federal Territories.

Applications for youths to

Empowering youth voices in FT policy matters

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Applicants between 18 and 35 from Putrajaya, Kuala Lumpur and Labuan invited to apply for a place until May 17



(From left) Labuan Corporation chief executive officer Rithuan Ismail, Putrajaya Corporation president Fadlun Mak Ujud, Kuala Lumpur mayor Datuk Seri Kamarulzaman Mat Salleh, Dr Zaliha and JWP director-general Datuk Noridah Abdul Rahim. — AZHAR MAHFOF/The Star

become members of the assembly are open until May 17.

Dr Zaliha said a special committee would screen candidates to determine their eligibility.

The department is seeking to enlist 65 participants, with five from each parliamentary area in Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya and Labuan.

"Those selected will gather in a format similar to Parliament to discuss policies pertinent to the Federal Territories, across five main clusters which are

"We aim to provide an open and inclusive platform for them to express their opinions."

Dr Zaliha Mustafa

economy, social, technology, legal and policy as well as environment and environmental sustainability.

"We will listen to each discussion, and I will summarise and officially close the session," Dr Zaliha said.

Interested individuals can visit sidangbeliawp.my for more information.

The inaugural SBWP meeting is scheduled from July 12 to 15, with a second meeting from Nov 8 to 11.

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RM15bil for programmes this year

Ahmad Zahid: 479,350 recipients to benefit from 270 initiatives for entrepreneurs

PUTRAJAYA: A total of RM15.11bil has been allocated to implement 270 entrepreneurship programmes this year, says Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi.

Ahmad Zahid said the allocation would benefit 479,350 recipients under the SME Integrated Plan of Action (SMEIPA) 2023/2024 involving programmes planned by various ministries, agencies and state governments.

The Deputy Prime Minister noted that the existing SMEIPA

reporting needs to be strengthened so that it could be used as the main reference by stakeholders, especially ministries and agencies in the entrepreneurial ecosystem.

"This will ensure no more overlap in the implementation of programmes for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME)," he said after chairing a meeting of the National Entrepreneur and SME Development Council yesterday.

Ahmad Zahid said based on the

action plan's report, an average of 191 entrepreneurship as well as MSME development programmes were implemented every year, with an annual commitment of RM9.6bil.

"In fact, last year alone, RM15.48bil was spent on 258 of such programmes," Ahmad Zahid pointed out.

He said the council also agreed that the MSME status registration system should be integrated with other main systems such as Padu database, SSM database (Com-

panies Commission of Malaysia) and GovTech Malaysia.

"This is to increase synergy between ministries and agencies and further improve the government's delivery system, especially in entrepreneurship development," he said, Bernama reported.

Ahmad Zahid said the meeting also confirmed new members into the council, adding that the addition was to strengthen the cooperation between ministries and stakeholders in empow-

ering MSME development.

The new membership involved the secretaries-general of the Rural and Regional Development, Investment, Trade and Industry, Finance, Economy the Entrepreneurship and Cooperative Development Ministries.

"I believe their involvement will allow for better coordination of entrepreneur development programmes and MSME, particularly in penetrating the global market and expand access to rural areas," he said.

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Incoming southwest monsoon could trigger forest fires

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PETALING JAYA: The lack of rain during the incoming southwest monsoon could increase the risk of forest fires in Malaysia, says Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi.

The Deputy Prime Minister and National Disaster Management Committee chairman said that with the incoming change in weather, many states will face negative effects from more rainless days.

This was relayed during Tuesday's joint meeting involving the Malaysian Meteorological Department (MetMalaysia) and other agencies, including state government secretaries.

"This will bring several negative impacts that would affect health, reduce water supply, cause forest fires, bushfires and haze and, if prolonged, reduce crop yields.

"I have also been informed by the Environment Department (DOE) that there have been 2,030 cases of open burning, with a total of nine cases brought to court and 630 cases referred to other agencies, as well as a total of 100 compounds worth RM200,000 being issued between Jan 1 and April 30," he said in a statement yesterday.

MetMalaysia also said at the meeting that it predicts the transition to El Nino-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) will begin this month, lasting until September.

"Meanwhile, La Nina is expected to develop in the third quarter of the year," he said.

Alternative water supplies were also discussed at the meeting, such as the use of underground sources that could be utilised for fire-fighting efforts at peat soil locations.

"There are 640 active alternative wells for domestic use and 104 wells at peat soil and forest areas, with a capacity of 176.13 million litres per day.

"The state Disaster Management committees (JPBN) have been informed to take the appropriate steps to face such situations by requesting water operators improve their operations, while also preparing logistics support to mobilise water supplies to

affected areas.

"I have also reminded all relevant agencies to always take active steps in reducing the risks of natural disasters," he said.

He added that as a whole he was satisfied with the readiness levels of all governmental agencies in facing the dry weather and southwest monsoon.

Meanwhile, MetMalaysia director-general Muhammad Helmi Abdullah, in a separate statement yesterday, said the department expects the southwest monsoon to begin on May 17.

"This change in weather patterns typically results in fewer rain clouds and subsequently, reduced rainfall during the period.

"The monsoon is likely to lead to a predominant number of dry days compared to rainy days across the country," he said.

Helmi said, however, that residents should remain vigilant as the season does not rule out the possibility of heavy rain accompanied by strong winds and thunderstorms.

He added that haze is a matter of concern during this period, particularly between July and September, if open burning is not adequately controlled.

"The Meteorological Department advises against open burning to minimise the effects of haze and environmental pollution. The public is also encouraged to use water prudently throughout this period," he said.

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Ringgit ends higher against the greenback

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KUALA LUMPUR: The ringgit ended higher yesterday against the US dollar for the third consecutive day ahead of US producer price index (PPI) data.

At 6pm, the ringgit rose to 4.7160/7190 versus the greenback from Monday's close of 4.7270/7320.

Bank Muamalat Malaysia Bhd chief economist Dr Mohd Afzanizam Abdul Rashid said since the conclusion of the US Federal Open Market Committee meeting on May 1, the ringgit has staged a commendable performance as the odds for another US rate hike look dim.

"Further, weaknesses in the US labour market recently led to renewed hopes for a rate cut to occur, lending further support to other emerging market currencies, including the ringgit.

"However, the situation is still fluid as US Federal Reserve officials are still concerned about the trajectory of the disinflationary trend (toward) the 2% target," he told *Bernama*.

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PM says to cut fuel subsidy at the 'right time'

DOHA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim reiterated the need to cut wasteful spending, including reducing excess subsidies to trim government debt levels, while stopping short of committing a timeline to do away with fuel concessions.

"I concede that things need to be done but it needs to be done judiciously," he told Bloomberg Television's Haslinda Amin at the Qatar Economic Forum.

"How do we then proceed to undertake this reform without punishing the poor - that to my mind is very central," he said in response to a question on the timing of the subsidy reduction.

"We will do it at the right time," he said.

Malaysia currently absorbs much of the price of fuel and cooking oil for its population, a move that was estimated to cost RM81bil last year. — Bloomberg

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New law to be expected

Government to introduce Real Property Development Bill next year

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KUALA LUMPUR: A new law is being planned to improve regulation of the property industry, says Nga Kor Ming.

The Housing and Local Government Minister said that the government is mulling the introduction of a Real Property Development Bill next year.

Nga said the existing Housing Development (Control and Licensing) Act 1966 was not comprehensive enough for an increasingly diversified property sector.

"The existing Act only regulates residential properties.

"The industry has become more and more diversified.

"We are seeing more retail, commercial and even medical units in the market," he said at a press conference after celebrating the completion of TRX Residences yesterday.

The Housing Developers (Control and Licensing) Act 1966 had undergone several amendments, particularly in 1973. It was subsequently renamed the Housing Development Act.

The aim of the Act was to check on the abuse of the then-infant housing industry and regulate the activities of housing developers while offering limited protection to house buyers.

However, the law mainly protected primary market properties with residential titles and

new developments for a specific period of time.

Nga said the Bill was still in its preliminary stage and his ministry would continue engaging relevant stakeholders.

"We expect to table the Bill in 2025. Our main target this year is to pass the Urban Redevelopment Act, which is the catalyst to transform Malaysia's city skyline.

"Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) has identified about 526ha of land, equivalent to almost 139 plots, to be redeveloped.

"This will generate about RM322bil in gross development value while promoting the real property sector as the engine for domestic economic growth," he added.

While acknowledging the Housing Developers' Association Malaysia's (Rehda) guideline on affordable housing, Nga said the government had to take a fair and balanced approach.

"Rehda is suggesting that the government absorb all obligations to build affordable houses.

"However, private developers should also bear the social responsibility to take care of the less fortunate," he said.

Nga said the government plans to build 500,000 affordable houses by the end of the 12th Malaysia Plan.

"All parties, no matter public or private, should collaborate for this cause, so that every Malaysian can own a house," he added.

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DBKL lantik kontraktor tebang pokok tua

Setiap kontraktor pula wajib lantik pakar untuk tentukan pokok berisiko tinggi tumbang

Oleh **RAIHAM MOHD SANUSI**
SHAH ALAM

Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL) telah melantik kontraktor di setiap kawasan Parlimen di ibu negara untuk mengenal pasti dan menebang pokok-pokok tua yang berbahaya sejak awal Januari lalu demi keselamatan orang ramai.

Ahli Parlimen Wangsa Maju, Zahir Hassan berkata, setiap kontraktor itu juga diwajibkan melantik pakar pokok untuk menentukan pokok-pokok yang berisiko tinggi tumbang seperti mengalami kereputan akar dan wajar ditebang.

"Isu pokok tua yang berisiko tumbang ini sebenarnya sudah dibincangkan sejak tahun lepas dan DBKL segera mengambil tindakan dengan melantik kontraktor di setiap kawasan Parlimen untuk melakukan kerja-kerja ini. Kalau pokok masih berkeadaan baik, mungkin hanya perlu dipangkas batang atau dicantas dahannya.

"Bagaimanapun ketika kerja-kerja ini dilakukan, berlaku pula kes-kes pokok tumbang yang berulang ini kerana kebanyakan pokok-pokok di ibu negara usianya lebih kurang sama," katanya kepada *Sinar Harian* pada Selasa.

Media pada Isnin melaporkan insiden pokok tumbang di ibu negara kembali berulang apabila kes terbaru dilaporkan berlaku di hadapan Kuwait Bank berdekatan Jalan Pinang dan di empat lagi lokasi sekitar Kuala Lumpur.

Sebelum itu pada 7 Mei lalu negara dikejutkan dengan kejadian pokok berusia lebih 50 tahun tumbang akibat hujan lebat serta angin kencang yang meragut nyawa seorang lelaki dan menghempap 17 kenderaan serta landasan Monorel di Jalan Sultan Ismail, Kuala Lumpur.

Zahir menjelaskan, di kawasannya sendiri, kontraktor telah mengenal pasti pokok-pokok tua berkenaan yang kebanyakannya terletak di kawasan-kawasan perumahan.

"Di kawasan Parlimen Wangsa Maju setakat ini tak ada pokok yang berisiko terletak di tepi jalan utama tapi pokok-pokok ini terdapat di kawasan perumahan. Pokok tua dan besar yang berada berdekatan

kawasan awam seperti taman permainan sudah saya minta untuk dipotong sepenuhnya," ujarnya.

Mengulas lanjut, Zahir berkata, selain faktor pokok yang telah berusia, kes pokok tumbang kerap berlaku ketika ini disebabkan kaedah penanaman pokok yang mungkin mempunyai kelemahan pada waktu dahulu.

"Jenis pokok yang ditanam juga perlu diambil kira, perlu ditanam pohon yang berakar tunjang. Dahulu mungkin Datuk Bandar nak hijaukan Kuala Lumpur cepat, jadi ditanam pokok yang cepat tumbuh.

"Jarak antara satu pokok dengan pokok yang lain juga mempengaruhi ke-

rana kalau pokok saling berdekatan, ia menyokong antara satu sama lain namun sekiranya hanya ada sebatang pokok di kawasan tertentu mungkin disebabkan pokok lain telah ditebang, ia berisiko. Semua faktor-faktor ini perlu diteliti," katanya.

Justeru, Zahir menggesa komuniti setempat bekerjasama membuat aduan kepada DBKL atau pusat khidmat masyarakat setiap Parlimen sekiranya masih terdapat pokok besar dan tua di kawasan mereka agar tindakan dapat diambil dengan cepat.



ZAHIR

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Kejadian pokok tumbang akibat hujan lebat dan ribut yang kerap berlaku kebelakangan ini terutama di kawasan bandar menimbulkan kebimbangan orang ramai.

Bukan sahaja merosakkan harta benda atau infrastruktur awam, malah meragut nyawa pengguna jalan raya.

Pada 7 Mei lalu, seorang maut apabila sebanyak 17 kenderaan ditimpa pokok berusia lebih 50 tahun yang tumbang di Jalan Sultan Ismail, Kuala Lumpur.

Belum pun reda kejadian itu, lima kenderaan pula rosak akibat ditimpa pokok tumbang di Jalan Macalister, Georgetown, Pulau Pinang pada Sabtu.

Isnin lalu, berlaku lagi kejadian pokok tumbang di Kuala Lumpur, kali ini di Jalan Pinang, berhadapan Kuwait Bank yang hampir menimpa kenderaan Ketua Menteri Melaka, Datuk Seri Ab Rauf Yusoh ketika mempunyai urusan kerja di ibu negara. Tiga buah kereta dan lima motosikal, termasuk sebuah kenderaan polis yang mengiringi Ketua Menteri Melaka rosak.

Pada hari sama, seorang wanita terselamat selepas kereta dinaiki dihempap pokok tumbang di Jalan Kuala Dipang Pearl Park, Kangar, Perlis. Mangsa berusia 30-an bagaimanapun berjaya dikeluarkan anggota bomba tanpa sebarang kecederaan.

Empat kejadian itu sudah cukup menunjukkan insiden pokok tumbang adalah sesuatu yang serius. Ada banyak lagi kejadian pokok tumbang yang tidak dilaporkan media sebelum ini.

Berikutan itu, ramai yang menyuarakan rasa tidak puas hati dengan tahap pemantauan pokok-pokok yang ditanam pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT), malah ada yang mencadangkan semua pokok-pokok di ibu kota Kuala Lumpur ditebang.

Namun, perlukah semua pokok-pokok ini ditebang?

Penanaman pokok terutama di kawasan bandar bukan sahaja untuk mencantikkan pemandangan, sebaliknya sebagai teduhan, menghidupkan kawasan yang dikelilingi pembangunan konkrit, sekali gus mengurangkan pencemaran udara dan bunyi.

Beberapa kajian pakar juga membuktikan pokok memainkan peranan penting untuk menjamin kelestarian persekitaran dan kesihatan manusia.

Pokok juga bertindak sebagai agen penyerap karbon dan membebaskan oksigen bagi menyejukkan persekitaran serta menurunkan suhu sekitar 3 hingga 5 darjah Celsius.

Maka, penebangan pokok dilihat bukanlah satu-satunya solusi terbaik untuk mengelakkan kejadian insiden berulang.

Banyak langkah-langkah pencegahan yang boleh dilakukan oleh PBT, antaranya melantik pakar pokok seperti arboris bertauliah yang akan membuat penilaian risiko pokok. Mereka boleh memberikan cadangan langkah kawalan serta rawatan sewajarnya bagi menyelamatkan pokok atau memberi pengesahan ia boleh ditebang jika tidak dapat diselamatkan.

Melantik konsultan landskap yang mempunyai kepakaran dalam perancangan bandar juga salah satu inisiatif boleh dipertimbangkan. Perancangan bandar merangkumi landskap perlu seiring dengan pembangunan yang dilakukan agar tidak mengundang bahaya kepada orang ramai.

Oleh itu, kejadian pokok tumbang ini dapat dielakkan sekiranya hal ber-

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Penebangan pokok dilihat bukanlah satu-satunya solusi yang terbaik untuk mengelakkan kejadian ini dari berlaku dalam jangka masa panjang.”

kaitan pengurusan, pemantauan dan penyelenggaraan pokok diberi perhatian sepenuhnya pada peringkat awal lagi.

Pihak berwajib perlu memainkan peranan masing-masing dalam mencegah perkara ini agar tiada lagi nyawa yang terkorban akibat kecuai dan sikap menutup mata sesetengah pihak.

Sebagai langkah drastik, Menteri di Jabatan Perdana Menteri (Wilayah Persekutuan), Dr Zaliha Mustafa bukan sahaja mengarahkan Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL) menebang pokok-pokok di ibu kota yang berisiko tumbang, malah meminta PBT itu menambah baik Pelan Pengurusan Pokok Rendang dan menyediakan garis panduan baharu berkaitan pokok berusia atau berisiko tinggi. Pelan ini dijangka siap pada Julai ini.

Bukan DBKL sahaja tetapi semua PBT di seluruh negara perlu menjadikan insiden ini sebagai iktibar. Segera memantau pokok-pokok yang ditanam di kawasan perbandaran, mungkin ada yang sudah tua dan berisiko untuk tumbang.

Jangan pula bila sudah ada yang menjadi mangsa, baru nak bertindak kerana langkah pencegahan sepatutnya bermula daripada awal lagi.

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SINAR HARIAN

Tarikh:1.5...MAY...2024....

Penduduk Malaysia cecah 34 juta pada suku pertama 2024

PUTRAJAYA - Penduduk Malaysia pada suku tahun pertama 2024 (ST1 2024) dianggarkan berjumlah 34 juta, meningkat 2.3 peratus berbanding suku tahun pertama 2023 (ST1 2023) iaitu seramai 33.2 juta penduduk, menurut laporan perangkaan demografi bagi ST1 2024 yang dikeluarkan oleh Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia (DOSM).

Jumlah penduduk terbabit merangkumi 30.6 juta (90 peratus)

warganegara dan 3.4 juta (10 peratus) bukan warganegara.

Ketua Perangkawan, Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin dalam kenyataan pada Selasa berkata, penduduk lelaki meningkat kepada 17.8 juta pada ST1 2024 daripada 17.4 juta (ST1 2023) manakala perempuan meningkat kepada 16.1 juta daripada 15.8 juta bagi tempoh sama.

"Secara keseluruhan, nisbah jantina penduduk adalah 111 lelaki

bagi setiap 100 perempuan, manakala nisbah jantina bagi penduduk warganegara adalah 103 lelaki bagi setiap 100 perempuan," katanya.

Menurut Mohd Uzir, penduduk Melayu menyumbang 57.9 peratus (17.7 juta) daripada jumlah penduduk pada ST1 2024 (ST1 2023: 17.6 juta) manakala penduduk Cina, bumiputera lain dan India masing-masing kekal pada 22.6 peratus, 12.2 peratus dan 6.6 peratus.

Pada ST1 2024 juga, beliau menyatakan jumlah kelahiran hidup merekodkan penurunan sebanyak 9.4 peratus atau 106,386 kelahiran berbanding 117,413 kelahiran pada ST1 2023.

Selangor mencatatkan bilangan kelahiran hidup tertinggi iaitu 19,951 kelahiran (18.8 peratus) manakala jumlah terendah dicatatkan oleh Wilayah Persekutuan Labuan dengan 323 kelahiran. - Bernama



MOHD UZIR

SINAR HARIAN

Tarikh: ...15 MAY 2024...

Petaling rekod fakir, miskin tertinggi

SHAH ALAM - Seramai 12,095 asnaf fakir dan miskin di Petaling tergolong dalam kalangan fakir dan miskin, sekali gus mencatatkan jumlah tertinggi di negeri ini.

Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif Lembaga Zakat Selangor (LZS), Mohd Sabirin Mohd Sarbini berkata, seramai 4,196 fakir dan 7,899 miskin direkodkan LZS di daerah itu tahun lalu.

Menurutnya, Klang pula menjadi daerah kedua tertinggi iaitu seramai 11,477 orang dan diikuti Hulu Langat merekodkan 9,671 orang.

"Jumlah keseluruhan fakir dan miskin berdaftar dengan LZS pula seramai 65,704 penerima.

"Kami mendapati kemiskinan di negeri ini umumnya tertumpu di kawasan bandar iaitu di Petaling, Klang dan Hulu Langat," katanya ketika ditemui ketika Majlis Gemerlapan Rakan Strategik Zakat Selangor (GRASIAZ) di sini pada Selasa.

Hadir sama Pengerusi LZS, Tan Sri Syed Anwar Jamalullail.

Mohd Sabirin berkata, LZS sentiasa berusaha mencari kaedah menangani kemiskinan terutama di kawasan bandar.

"Kita mencari pelbagai pendekatan dan formula bersesuaian atau setidak-tidaknya kemiskinan bandar bagi generasi kedua ini dapat kita noktah melalui pendidikan atau platform lain bersesuaian," jelasnya.

Dalam pada itu, katanya, LZS sedang giat mengesan 1.5 juta penduduk Islam yang layak menunaikan zakat, namun masih gagal berbuat demikian.

Jelasnya, pelbagai platform disediakan LZS termasuk dakwah bertujuan memberi kesedaran kepada mereka yang tidak menerima maklumat atau belum bersedia menunaikan tanggungjawab menunaikan zakat.

SINAR HARIAN
15 MAY 2024
Tarikh:



PERMOHONAN pengeluaran wang daripada Akaun Fleksibel boleh dilakukan menerusi aplikasi KWSP i-Akaun.

Ada pencarum berjaya dapat duit dalam tempoh tiga hari

PETALING JAYA – Ada pencarum Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja (KWSP) yang membuat permohonan pengeluaran simpanan mereka daripada Akaun Fleksibel telah mula menerima pengkreditan ke akaun bank peribadi masing-masing sejak pagi semalam.

Tinjauan Kosmo! di media sosial mendapati, pencarum yang berjaya, meluahkan rasa syukur selepas proses pengkreditan

berjaya dalam tempoh tiga hari sahaja.

Seorang pencarum yang dikenali sebagai Amirul Syafiz berkata, pengeluaran wang daripada akaun baharu itu telah berjaya.

"Alhamdulillah, duit sudah masuk, walaupun nilai tidak sebesar mana, bagi saya sangat membantu dalam keadaan sekarang," katanya.

Dalam pada itu, hasil perkongsian beberapa pencarum

memaklumkan, wang yang dikeluarkan itu sudah habis digunakan untuk membeli barang keperluan.

Ada pencarum juga yang menggunakan duit berkenaan untuk membayar hutang lama.

"Berjaya keluarkan RM200 pagi ini (semalam), selesai membeli barang basah di pasar tadi. Alhamdulillah rezeki duit masuk awal," kata pencarum yang dikenali sebagai Ayuni.

KOSMO

Tarikh: 15 MAY 2024

Meningkat 2.3 peratus berbanding suku tahun pertama 2023 seramai 33.2 juta

Penduduk Malaysia 34 juta orang

Oleh ZULKIFLI MANZOR

PETALING JAYA – Penduduk Malaysia sehingga suku pertama tahun ini dianggarkan seramai 34 juta iaitu peningkatan 2.3 peratus berbanding suku tahun pertama 2023 seramai 33.2 juta.

Ketua Perangkaan Malaysia, Datuk Seri Dr. Mohd. Uzir Mahidin berkata, peningkatan itu disumbangkan oleh pertambahan semula jadi yang positif bagi warganegara dan juga pertambahan bukan warganegara.

"Jumlah penduduk ini merangkumi 30.6 juta (90 peratus) warganegara dan 3.4 juta (10 peratus) bukan warganegara. Penduduk lelaki meningkat kepada 17.8 juta daripada 17.4 juta pada suku tahun pertama 2023 dan perempuan meningkat kepada 16.1 juta daripada 15.8 juta bagi tempoh yang sama.

"Secara keseluruhan, nisbah jantina penduduk adalah 111 lelaki bagi setiap 100 perempuan, manakala nisbah jantina bagi penduduk warganegara adalah 103 lelaki bagi setiap 100 perempuan.



JUMLAH penduduk lelaki di negara ini meningkat kepada 17.8 juta berbanding 17.4 juta pada suku pertama tahun lepas. – GAMBAR HIASAN

puan.

"Melayu menyumbang 57.9 peratus (17.7 juta) daripada jumlah tersebut, manakala Cina, India dan bumiputera lain (ma-

sing-masing) kekal kepada 22.6 peratus, 6.6 peratus dan 12.2 peratus," katanya dalam satu kenyataan semalam.

Beliau mengulas laporan

Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia berkaitan Perangkaan Demografi yang memaparkan data penduduk, kelahiran hidup dan kematian bagi suku tahun pertama

2024.

Mohd. Uzir berkata, penduduk umur muda (0 hingga 14 tahun) dan umur bekerja (15 - 64 tahun) masing-masing meningkat daripada 7.5 juta dan 23.2 juta kepada 7.7 juta dan 23.8 juta pada suku tahun pertama 2024.

Menurut beliau, komposisi penduduk umur tua berusia lebih 65 tahun pula kekal pada 2.5 juta.

Sementara itu, katanya, jumlah kelahiran di Malaysia sehingga suku tahun pertama 2024 merekodkan penurunan sebanyak 9.4 peratus iaitu 106,386 kelahiran berbanding 117,413 kelahiran pada suku tahun pertama 2023.

Kata beliau, secara purata seorang bayi dilahirkan pada setiap minit, 49 bayi bagi setiap jam dan 1,182 bayi dilahirkan sehari pada suku tahun pertama 2024.

Jelas beliau, secara purata satu kematian direkodkan pada setiap dua minit, manakala 22 kematian direkodkan setiap jam dan 533 kematian sehari di negara ini.

KOSMO

Tarikh: 15 MAY 2024

Koperal, sarjan direman 7 hari kes terima rasuah RM2,500



PENGUAT KUASA SPRM membawa dua suspek kes suapan RM2,500 untuk permohonan reman di Mahkamah Majistret Melaka semalam.

MELAKA – Seorang sarjan dan koperal direman tujuh hari bermula semalam bagi membantu siasatan selepas dipercayai menerima suapan berjumlah RM2,500 daripada seorang kontraktor, kelmarin.

Perintah reman sehingga 20 Mei ini dikeluarkan Majistret Mazana Sinin terhadap kedua-dua suspek lelaki berusia 37 dan 58 tahun itu.

Suspek tiba di Kompleks Mahkamah Ayer Keroh di sini, kira-kira pukul 9.10 pagi semalam dengan memakai pakaian lokap Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM).

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Difahamkan, kedua-dua suspek menerima suapan tersebut sebagai dorongan untuk tidak mengambil tindakan undang-undang terhadap dua pekerja kontraktor berkenaan kerana tidak memiliki dokumen perjalanan yang sah.”

Kesemua suspek ditahan kira-kira pukul 11.30 malam kelmarin di Jasin.

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Pengarah SPRM Melaka, Adi Supian Shafie mengesahkan kes disiasat mengikut Seksyen 17 (a) Akta SPRM 2009 dan sabit kesalahan boleh didenda lima kali nilai suapan atau RM10,000 yang mana lebih tinggi dan penjara tidak melebihi 20 tahun.

KOSMO

Tarikh: **15 MAY 2024**

Jumlah penduduk suku tahun pertama naik 2.3 peratus

Kuala Lumpur: Penduduk Malaysia pada suku tahun pertama 2024, dianggarkan 34 juta, meningkat 2.3 peratus berbanding suku tahun pertama 2023, iaitu hanya 33.2 juta.

Ketua Perangkawan Malaysia, Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin, berkata jumlah itu berdasarkan hasil laporan berkaitan Perangkaan Demografi yang memaparkan data penduduk, kelahiran hidup dan kematian bagi suku tahun pertama 2024.

Beliau berkata, peningkatan penduduk negara disumbangkan oleh pertambahan semula jadi yang positif bagi warganegara dan juga pertambahan penduduk bukan warganegara.

Katanya, jumlah penduduk itu merangkumi 30.6 juta (90 peratus) warganegara dan 3.4 juta (10 peratus) bukan warganegara.

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"Penduduk Cina, India dan Bumiputera lain kekal kepada masing-masing 22.6 peratus; 6.6 peratus dan 12.2 peratus," katanya dalam kenyataan semalam.

Mohd Uzir berkata, Bumiputera Sabah merangkumi Kadazan/Dusun pula 2.1 peratus; Bajau (1.8 peratus), Murut (0.3 peratus), manakala Bumiputera Sarawak merangkumi Iban (2.4 peratus), Bidayuh (0.7 peratus) dan Melanau (0.4 peratus).

Dalam pada itu, Mohd Uzir berkata, jumlah kelahiran hidup



Penduduk lelaki meningkat kepada 17.8 juta, manakala perempuan meningkat kepada 16.1 juta.

(Foto hiasan)

merekodkan penurunan 9.4 peratus (106,386 kelahiran) berbanding 117,413 kelahiran pada suku tahun pertama 2023.

"Secara purata seorang bayi dilahirkan pada setiap minit, 49 bayi bagi setiap jam dan 1,182 bayi dilahirkan sehari pada suku tahun pertama 2024.

"Bayi lelaki melebihi bayi perempuan dengan 54,747 kelahiran berbanding 51,639 kelahiran," katanya.

Mengulas lanjut, Mohd Uzir berkata, sebanyak 47,964 kematian direkodkan pada suku tahun pertama 2024, penurunan sebanyak 1.5 peratus berbanding suku tahun pertama 2023 (48,693 kematian).

Katanya, secara purata, satu kematian direkodkan pada setiap dua minit, manakala 22 kematian direkodkan setiap jam dan 533 kematian sehari pada suku tahun pertama 2024.

BERITA HARIAN
Tarikh... 15 MAY 2024

Generasi Z mahir digital jamin sektor awam kalis cabaran

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Mesej jelas Perdana Menteri pada sesi dialog bersama Persatuan Perkhidmatan Tadrib dan Diplomatik (PPTD) ketika menyentuh perkembangan terkini Sistem Saran Perkhidmatan Awam (SSPA) perlu diberikan perhatian penjawat awam.

Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim mengingatkan individu malas dan prestasi lemah tidak harus diberikan kenaikan pangkat meskipun sudah lama berkhidmat, sekali gus menzahirkan hasrat beliau bahawa umur serta tempoh perkhidmatan bukanlah kriteria utama untuk menerima kenai-

kan atau ganjaran.

Dalam ekosistem perkhidmatan awam kini, wujud pelbagai generasi umur silih berganti. Perbezaan generasi harus dilihat menerusi kaca mata perkongsian pandangan, bukan persaingan pengalaman meskipun kekuatan dan kelemahan semanganya wujud.

Sekiranya kepelbagaian ini tidak diraikan sebaiknya, akan wujud jurang generasi akan menatijahkan impak negatif terhadap perkhidmatan awam.

Pastinya peralihan dari satu generasi ke generasi baharu dipengaruhi pelbagai faktor, justeru mewujudkan perbezaan karakter dan nilai individu dalam sesebuah generasi.

Majoriti generasi *Baby Boomers* lahir sebelum 1964 sudah mencapai umur persaraan wajib dalam perkhidmatan. Kini, generasi meneruskan legasi perkhidmatan awam ialah generasi X, generasi Y atau Millennials dan paling baharu generasi Z lahir bermula 1997 hingga 2012 berdasarkan tafsiran Beresford Research.

Menurut data Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia (DOSM), generasi Z meletakkan posisi mereka me-

lebihi 26 peratus populasi rakyat Malaysia dan kini sedang mengorak langkah memasuki dunia pekerjaan baik di sektor awam mahu pun swasta.

Memahami keunikan sesebuah generasi dilihat penting agar perjalanan organisasi dapat dipacu secara dinamik dan harmoni.

Selaras era digitalisasi, tidak dinafikan kewujudan generasi Z dalam sektor awam antara pemangkin ke arah pendigitalan perkhidmatan awam. Ini kerana mereka lebih celik teknologi seiring kewujudan kecerdasan buatan (AI), keupayaan pembelajaran mesin dan pengkomputeran awam.

Menurut kajian Dell Technologies, 80 peratus daripada 15,105 responden pelbagai negara yang terdiri daripada generasi Z menzahirkan semangat tinggi untuk bekerja dengan persekitaran menyokong perkembangan teknologi terkini.

Motivasi tinggi dan peluang ditawarkan generasi Z harus dimanfaatkan agar usaha digitalisasi perkhidmatan awam dapat bergerak lebih tangkas.

Kewujudan pelbagai platform media sosial semestinya sentiasa menjadi ruang hangat apabila berlaku pelbagai salah laku dan ketirisan membabitkan golongan itu.

Namun, arus deras dibawa media sosial hari ini seharusnya dijadikan ruang terbaik oleh perkhidmatan awam dalam mempromosikan dasar program serta inisiatif kerajaan kepada rakyat.

Anjakan proses kerja baharu

Ini satu anjakan proses kerja baharu dan memerlukan kesediaan penjawat awam mendatangi rakyat dengan pendekatan terkini. Generasi Z diyakini berpotensi menjadi pemacu utama kerana dibesarkan seiring kewujudan internet dan perkembangan digital terutama media sosial.

Dengan promosi baik dan kaedah maklum balas kreatif melalui media sosial dan digital, pastinya mesej penting dapat disampaikan dengan lebih je-

las kepada rakyat.

Menurut kajian Celik Kewangan 2023 oleh RinggitPlus, 48 peratus generasi Z di Malaysia memulakan usaha pelaburan sejak awal demi menjamin simpanan masa hadapan lebih baik.

Situasi ini pastinya sehaluan dengan usaha kerajaan apabila pada awal tahun lalu mengumumkan skim pencen akan dinilai semula bagi penjawat awam lantikan baharu.

Pelbagai alternatif cadangan dibahaskan untuk mencari solusi terbaik dalam memastikan bebanan pembayaran pencen dapat dikurangkan. Terkini, Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Awam (KWSP) memperkenalkan Akaun 3, iaitu Akaun Fleksibel yang membenarkan pengeluaran jangka masa pendek dan kecemasan di samping mengekalkan akaun persaraan untuk kegunaan hari tua.

Pelaksanaan ini memberikan pilihan kepada penjawat awam terutama kepada generasi Z untuk mengambil kira caruman KWSP sebagai pilihan utama, seterusnya dapat membuka lembaran baharu bagi sistem persaraan perkhidmatan awam pada masa akan datang.

Penjawat awam sebagai jentera utama kerajaan dilihat perlu melitigandakan peranan dan usaha mengikut tanggungjawab diamanahkan selaras dengan semangat Islah sering dilaungkan Perdana Menteri.

Anjakan daripada cara bekerja lapuk harus disegarkan dengan pendekatan terkini sesuai dengan peredaran zaman. Sinergi antara penjawat awam senior dengan mereka lebih muda seperti generasi Z harus diperkasakan agar kualiti perkhidmatan awam sentiasa berpaksaan rakyat dan kalis cabaran masa hadapan.

Persekitaran kehidupan mungkin mempengaruhi cara berfikir dan gaya bertindak generasi Z seharusnya diraikan dengan bimbingan dan bukan kecemasan kerana mereka pewaris bakal meneruskan legasi kepimpinan negara.

BERITA HARIAN
Tarikh.....1.5 MAY 2024.....

Wang KWSP tidak patut jadi 'penyelamat' selamanya

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SEJAK kelmarin, ribuan pencarum menyerbu pejabat-pejabat Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja (KWSP) di seluruh negara untuk memindahkan wang caruman mereka daripada Akaun Sejahtera ke Akaun Fleksibel. Walaupun boleh dilakukan secara dalam talian tetapi ramai yang memilih untuk terus ke kaunter.

Pencarum memberitahu, pemindahan itu dilakukan kerana mereka memerlukan wang itu untuk pelbagai tujuan. Ada yang memberi alasan untuk perbelanjaan anak di institusi pengajian tinggi, ada mahu membayar hutang tertunggak dan ada juga untuk tujuan persiapan masuk rumah baharu.

Tidak ramai yang menyimpan untuk mudah dikeluarkan jika berlaku kecemasan walaupun itu adalah matlamat utama pengenalan akaun itu.

Mereka juga mengakui jumlah yang boleh dipindahkan tidak besar tetapi sekurang-kurangnya mampu mengurangkan sedikit bebanan mereka walaupun untuk seketika.

Dianggarkan RM25 bilion akan masuk ke akaun fleksibel pada tahun pertama berasaskan corak pengeluaran daripada skim-skim sebelum ini dan akan berkurangan kepada RM4 bilion hingga RM5 bilion setahun selepas itu.

Persoalan yang timbul apabila melihat jumlah pencarum yang menyerbu kaunter KWSP itu ialah apakah ramai pencarum yang memang benar-benar memerlukan wang atau mereka hanya mengambil kesempatan kerana adanya peluang untuk mengeluarkan wang simpanan.

Apa yang dibimbangkan ialah ada yang berhasrat membeli benda yang tidak perlu. Sudah ada perbualan di media sosial tentang hasrat menukar telefon baharu.

Memang benar wang itu adalah hak pencarum tetapi tujuan akaun itu diwujudkan dan tujuan asas caruman KWSP ialah simpanan hari tua. Dengan 'nilai' wang yang semakin mengecil, setengah juta ringgit dalam masa 20 tahun akan datang tidak akan sama dengan nilainya pada hari ini.

i-Lestari, i-Sinar dan i-Citra sudah cukup menyusutkan simpanan sebelum ini. Simpanan KWSP tidak wajar terus dijadikan 'penyelamat' untuk akibat kegagalan pencarum mengawal perbelanjaan. Sepatutnya, dengan kadar dividen menarik yang diberikan oleh KWSP sejak beberapa tahun kebelakangan ini, pencarum menambah simpanan.

Nasib baik kerajaan naikkan kadar caruman akaun persaraan (Akaun 1) daripada 70 peratus kepada 75 peratus. Kalau naik hingga 80 peratus lagi bagus. Pencarum akan berterima kasih apabila mencecah usia 55 kelak.

Sudah tiba masanya untuk setiap seorang daripada 16 juta pencarum KWSP mengawal perbelanjaan terutama mereka yang tergolong dalam kelompok B40 dan M40 serta orang muda. Dalam keadaan yang mencabar hari ini, berjimat adalah segala-galanya. Elak menambah hutang.

Mengikut Jabatan Insolvency, lebih 31,000 belia di bawah usia 35 tahun didaftarkan sebagai mufliis sehingga Mei tahun lalu. Kebanyakannya kerana berhutang untuk tayang hidup mewah. Kemudian tidak mampu bayar. Hutang tertunggak adalah petanda seseorang itu sudah berbelanja melebihi daripada apa yang dia mampu. Ukur baju di badan sendiri.

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UTUSAN MALAYSIA

Tarikh: 15 MAY 2024

Silibus AI: Jangan tunggu 2027, mulakan serta-merta

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PETALING JAYA: Kementerian Pendidikan (KPM) tidak boleh menunggu sehingga pengenalan Kurikulum Persekolahan 2027 untuk memperkenalkan silibus Kecerdasan Buatan (AI) di peringkat sekolah.

Bercakap kepada *Utusan Malaysia*, Pensyarah Kanan Pusat Kajian Keperbagaian Pendidikan Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), Dr. Anuar Ahmad berkata, pendidikan dalam bidang AI sepatutnya dimulakan segera tanpa perlu menunggu sehingga 2027.

Menurut beliau, semakin lambat generasi muda Malaysia didedahkan kepada AI, semakin jauh lagi mereka akan ketinggalan dalam menguasai teknologi masa

depan itu.

"Perkembangan teknologi AI sangat pesat. Semakin lambat kita bermula, semakin jauh anak-anak kita ketinggalan dalam penguasaan AI berbanding negara lain," katanya.

Kata beliau, tempoh tiga tahun itu bukan sahaja akan menjadi sia-sia tetapi juga kritikal kerana teknologi AI ini terlalu pesat dan sektor pendidikan harus memulakannya serta-merta.

Isnin lalu, akhbar ini melaporkan, Malaysia masih lagi jauh ketinggalan berbanding negara-negara maju seperti China, Amerika Syarikat dan Eropah yang memberi peruntukan besar dalam mengembangkan AI di negara masing-masing sejak dua tahun lalu.

Pensyarah Kanan Seksyen Keselamatan Siber, Institut Teknolo-

gi Maklumat Malaysia (MIIT) dan Universiti Kuala Lumpur (UniKL), Dr. Shafiza Mohd, Shariff berkata, bagi menyusuri negara-negara maju mengembangkan AI, kerajaan perlu melabur lebih banyak dalam mempertingkatkan penggunaan sistem awan (cloud) dan memori Nvidia.

"Untuk penggunaan biasa AI, capaian internet di Malaysia masih memadai. Tetapi untuk pembangunan dan penciptaan algoritma AI atau GPT, Malaysia masih jauh ketinggalan," katanya.

Dalam pada itu, Timbalan Naib Canselor (Akademik dan Antarabangsa) Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) yang juga Profesor dalam bidang komputeran, Prof. Dr. Shafry Rahim berkata, pakar dalam bidang teknologi AI masih lagi kurang di Malaysia.

Menurut beliau, pakar dalam membangunkan algoritma yang cerdas dan Large Language Model (LLM) untuk negara juga masih lagi tidak banyak di Malaysia.

Kata Shafy, disebabkan perkara itu, penyelesaian masalah kompleks dalam mengaplikasikan AI sebagai pengantara melibatkan beberapa bidang kritikal seperti ketahanan makanan, pertahanan dan keselamatan negara, sukar untuk dilakukan.

Beliau berkata, kerajaan kini dalam proses reformasi untuk menambah baik pendidikan rendah dan tinggi ke arah bidang termaju itu.

Katanya, pelan tindakan telah disediakan dan Kementerian Sumber Manusia (KSM) perlu melatih pakar dalam bidang ini dalam kadar segera.

UTUSAN MALAYSIA
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Maklumat, sasaran basmi rasuah mesti boleh diakses orang awam

PETALING JAYA: Transparency International Malaysia (TI-M) menggesa Bahagian Perancangan Tadbir Urus Negara (NGPD) Suruhanjaya Pencegah Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) bekerjasama dengan agensi kerajaan dan organisasi masyarakat sivil bagi menangani rasuah di Malaysia.

President TI-M, Dr. Muhammad Moham berkata, papan muka (dashboard) yang boleh diakses umum dengan garis

dasar, sasaran dan tonggak boleh ukur diperbaharui secara berkala tetap perlu disediakan.

Beliau berkata, apabila setiap kemajuan inisiatif boleh diakses dan dilihat oleh masyarakat, persepsi orang ramai terhadap komitmen kerajaan untuk membasmi rasuah akan menjadi lebih baik.

"Sekaligus, ia akan memberi kesan positif kepada Indeks Persepsi Rasuah (CPI) negara

dalam jangka yang panjang," katanya dalam kenyataan.

Mengulas lanjut, Mohan berkata, untuk memastikan ketelusan strategi yang dilaksanakan, adalah penting bagi agensi bertanggungjawab dalam penyampaian setiap strategi, tidak menjadi satu-satunya pihak yang memantau dan melaporkan kemajuan strategi mereka.

Sebaliknya, tugas itu per-

lu dikongsi bersama pihak luar dan bebas, organisasi berasaskan komuniti, Majlis Peguam, badan piawaian dan akademik bagi memastikan pelaksanaan strategi telus dan berintegriti.

"Ia juga dapat menghalang sebarang dakwaan oleh mana-mana pihak berkaitan keberkesanan penyampaian strategi yang dilihat tanpa ada penelitian atas pelaksanaannya," katanya.

UTUSAN MALAYSIA

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Tiga juta penduduk Lembah Klang alami gangguan bekalan air 5 Jun

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SHAH ALAM: Kira-kira tiga juta penduduk Lembah Klang akan menghadapi gangguan bekalan air berjadual berikutan kerja-kerja penyelenggaraan aset di Loji Rawatan Air (LRA) Sungai Selangor Fasa 1 pada 5 Jun depan.

Syarikat Pengurusan Air Selangor Sdn. Bhd. (Air Selangor) berkata, kawasan yang terlibat adalah Kuala Lumpur, Petaling, Gombak, Klang, Shah Alam, Kuala Selangor dan Hulu Selangor.

Kerja-kerja penyelenggaraan

kali kedua selepas yang pertama pada 2021 itu akan bermula pukul 9 pagi, 5 Jun dan dijangka siap pada pukul 7 malam hari yang sama tetapi bekalan dijangka pulih secara berperingkat bermula pukul 3 pagi 6 Jun hingga 3 pagi pada 7 Jun.

Kira-kira 660 kawasan perumahan, perindustrian dan institusi pendidikan tinggi akan terjejas termasuk di Sungai Buloh, Damansara, Subang, Bangsar, Segambut, Pusat Bandar Kuala Lumpur, Kapar dan Meru.

Kawasan lain yang turut terjejas adalah Universiti Malaya (UM), Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) kampus induk Shah

Alam, Sungai Buloh dan Puncak Alam, Hulu Klang, Selayang, Rawang, Puncak Alam, Ijok, Jeram, Saujana Utama, Tanjong Karang, Permatang, Bukit Malawati dan Bukit Badong.

Syarikat konsesi air berkenaan memaklumkan, tempoh masa pemulihan bekalan bergantung kepada kawasan seperti jarak lokasi premis pengguna dan tekanan pada sistem agihan bekalan.

Menurut Air Selangor, lori-lori tangki air akan digerakkan ke kawasan-kawasan terjejas dengan mengutamakan premis-premis kritikal seperti hospital, klinik, pusat dialisis dan upac-

ra pengebumian.

"Justeru, Air Selangor ingin menasihatkan para pelanggan yang terjejas untuk menyimpan bekalan air secukupnya dan menggunakan air secara berhemah sepanjang tempoh gangguan bekalan air berjadual itu.

"Bagi pelanggan komersial pula, bekalan air terawat boleh dibeli di mana-mana kaunter khidmat pelanggan Air Selangor di wilayah yang terjejas. Bagi tujuan itu, pelanggan komersial boleh menggunakan lori tangki air masing-masing di empat stesen pengisian air yang akan dibuka di Braemar Estet (wilayah Hulu Langat), Taman

Gemilang Dengkil, Pekan Salak (wilayah Sepang) dan Taman Banting Baru (wilayah Kuala Langat)," jelasnya.

Berdasarkan semakan *Utusan Malaysia*, gangguan tersebut adalah yang pertama berlaku pada tahun ini. Kali terakhir gangguan melibatkan skala besar adalah pada Oktober 2021.

Gangguan tersebut juga berlaku di lima daerah iaitu Petaling, Klang, Gombak, Hulu Selangor, Kuala Langat dan Kuala Selangor, akibat kerja-kerja penyelenggaraan LRA SSPI yang menyebabkan penduduk terpaksa bekalan air selama hampir tiga hari.

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Taburan hujan kurang mulai Jumaat hingga ^{UM} 15 September

PETALING JAYA: Malaysia bakal masuk ke fasa monsun barat daya bermula Jumaat ini sehingga September depan yang dijangka menyebabkan kurangnya pembentukan awam sekali gus membawa kepada taburan hujan lebih rendah.

Ketua Pengarah Jabatan Meteorologi Malaysia (Met-Malaysia), Muhammad Helmi Abdullah berkata, sepanjang monsun barat daya, angin bertiup secara konsisten ke arah barat daya dengan kelembapan udara rendah dan keadaan atmosfera lebih stabil.

Katanya, kebanyakan tempat di seluruh negara akan mengalami bilangan hari tanpa hujan lebih banyak berbanding hari hujan.

"Bagaimanapun, hujan lebat berserta angin kencang dan petir berikutan fenomena garis badai masih boleh berlaku di pantai barat Semenanjung, utara Sarawak dan barat Sabah terutama pada awal pagi.

Mengulas lanjut, Muhammad Helmi berkata, dalam tempoh monsun barat daya, fenomena jerebu boleh berlaku sekiranya pembakaran terbuka tidak terkawal terutama dari Julai hingga September.

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TENAGA kerja awam yang diberi kadar gaji yang baik dan wajar ialah tulang belakang perkhidmatan awam. - UTUSAN/AFIQ RAZALI

Tingkat gaji penjawat awam pelaburan masa depan

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SAUDARA PENGARANG

PERDANA Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim ketika berucap sempena sambutan Hari Pekerja 1 Mei lalu mengumumkan peningkatan signifikan dalam gaji penjawat awam iaitu melebihi 13 peratus. Pengumuman ini, yang merupakan sebahagian daripada dampak awal Sistem Sarana Perkhidmatan Awam (SSPA) baharu berpotensi memberikan manfaat besar kepada ekonomi negara dalam jangka masa pendek dan panjang.

Kesan segera daripada kenaikan gaji kira-kira 1.5 juta penjawat awam adalah peningkatan permintaan domestik. Apabila penjawat awam mempunyai lebih banyak lebihan pendapatan, perbelanjaan pengguna dijangka meningkat sekali gus merangsang perniagaan dan perkhidmatan tempatan.

Peningkatan kuasa beli ini bukan hanya berita baik untuk sektor peruncitan bahkan kepada bidang perusahaan secara umum kerana bakal menyumbang kepada pewujudan pekerjaan dan memupuk persekitaran ekonomi yang bertenaga.

Ia juga dijangka memberi kesan domino kepada sektor swasta untuk turut menawarkan kadar gaji yang lebih menarik dan lumayan. Menteri Sumber Manusia turut memberi isyarat berkenaan hal ini melalui Dasar Gaji Progresif. Senario ini pastinya akan memikat tenaga kerja berkemahiran tinggi dalam negara dan menjadi tarikan kepada syarikat multinasional yang berhasrat untuk melabur atau meluaskan operasi ke Malaysia.

Pentadbiran Perdana Menteri turut menyusun langkah pengumuman dengan komitmen untuk terus memantau kadar inflasi bagi memastikan kenaikan gaji adalah mampan dan tidak membawa kepada kemaruhan ekonomi (*economic overheating*).

Selari dengan Laporan Tinjauan Semula Ekonomi 2023 (EMR 2023) oleh Bank Negara yang mendedahkan kadar inflasi sederhana pada 2024 iaitu antara 2 hingga 3.5 peratus iaitu antara kadar yang terendah di Asia,

pendekatan berhati-hati ini mencerminkan komitmen kerajaan yang lebih luas terhadap tanggungjawab fiskal dan kestabilan ekonomi, yang penting untuk mengekalkan keyakinan pelabur dan menempatkan Malaysia sebagai destinasi yang baik untuk aktiviti ekonomi global.

Tenaga kerja awam yang diberi kadar gaji yang baik dan wajar ialah tulang belakang perkhidmatan awam cekap selain menunjukkan komitmen kerajaan untuk melaksanakan ganjaran kerja kompetitif untuk menarik dan mengekalkan bakat terbaik dalam sektor awam. Peningkatan pendapatan seharusnya berkait langsung dengan peningkatan produktiviti.

Ketua Setiausaha Negara, Tan Sri Zuki Ali dalam ucapan amanat beliau awal tahun ini turut menyeru supaya penjawat awam melaksanakan tugas setimpal dengan ganjaran yang diterima.

Perkara ini semestinya dapat direalisasikan kerana melalui peningkatan gaji, taraf hidup penjawat awam akan dipertingkatkan, dorongan kerja akan menguat seterusnya diterjemahkan dalam penyampaian perkhidmatan yang berkualiti.

Maka, dengan melabur dalam penjawat awamnya bermakna Malaysia melabur dalam masa depannya. Pendekatan kerajaan mutakhir melampaui sekadar angka 13 peratus atau minimum RM2000 adalah tentang mengiktiraf sumbangan yang tak ternilai dari pekerja perkhidmatan awam kepada kemajuan negara.

SSPA iaitu gelombang pembaharuan perkhidmatan awam yang lebih sekadar penambahbaikan kadar gaji, turut akan diumumkan tidak lama lagi adalah satu bukti bahawa kerajaan percaya Malaysia yang makmur dibina atas asas tenaga kerja awam yang kuat, bermotivasi dan merasa dihargai.

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UPROOTED TREES

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'REVIEW TREE-CARE POLICY'

Malaysia should learn from Singapore, HK in drafting regulations, say experts

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EXPERTS believe there is an urgent need to review the tree-care policy in Malaysia to prevent possible fatalities caused by uprooted trees.

They suggested that Malaysia take a leaf from Singapore and Hong Kong in drafting clear code regulations in tree management instead of mere guidelines.

Malaysian Society of Arborists president Mohd Zailani Jamil said the May 7 incident where a man died after a tree fell on his car in Jalan Sultan Ismail underscored the need to have proper regulations.

"While the authorities encourage us to plant more trees, not enough attention is given to tree care. We need to get it right the first time instead of referring to arborists only when it is too late."

Zailani said there was an acute shortage of arborists in Malaysia.

He said there are 150 International Society of Arboriculture-certified arborists in the country compared with 400 in Singapore.

He said policies must also be in place to ensure that only certified arborists are allowed to manage trees.

"An arborist should be able to care for an average of 70 to 80 healthy trees, while sick ones need extra attention. However, in



Kuala Lumpur City Hall workers removing an uprooted tree from Jalan Pinang on Monday. BERNAMA PIC

Kuala Lumpur alone, there are easily more than 100,000 trees, and we're only talking about the ones in public areas," he said.

Botany expert Dr Saw Leng Guan warned that incidents of uprooted trees would continue unless clear regulation codes are implemented.

He said the existing guidelines under the National Landscape Department were insufficient.

"We need clear code regulations so that those responsible for tree management will have to adhere to what is set out.

"What is happening in many cases is the absence of arborists to advise on how to treat trees to

cater to urbanisation."

Saw noted that the way trees were managed now, particularly big trees, would lead to even more problems.

He said problems began when old trees, for example, were deprived of water and nutrients due to the building of pavements, walkways and sidewalks.

"Above ground, everything looks fine. But underground, we cannot see what is happening.

"We don't realise these old trees can't get enough water, nutrients and even oxygen.

"Over time, its primary and secondary roots may no longer be strong enough to support it and it

will eventually come crashing down. While we prioritise urbanisation, there must be balance."

On the tree that fell on Jalan Sultan Ismail on May 7, Saw said based on images, there was little green space around the tree for it to get enough water, nutrients and oxygen.

"It was surrounded by cemented pavement and roads.

"Over time, this particular tree began to wither, leading to the incident," he said.

Page 1 pic: Forestry Department staff pruning a tree at Taman Eko Rimba Telok Arong in Mersing, Johor, in 2021.

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MEN OUTNUMBERING WOMEN

Malaysia's population now stands at 34 million

KUALA LUMPUR: The Malaysian population is now at 34 million, with the male population continuing to outnumber females.

In fact, said Department of Statistics Malaysia chief statistician Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin, the male population increased by 100,000 more than the female population in the first quarter of the year.

The male population has risen to 17.8 million from 17.4 million, while the female population has increased to 16.1 million from 15.8 million.

Uzir said there were 111 men for every 100 women.

He said 90 per cent of the 34 million population were citizens, with the remainder being non-citizens.

Uzir also reported an increase in Malaysia's young and working-age populations, with those aged zero to 14 rising from 7.5 million to 7.7 million, and those aged 15 to 64 increasing from 23.2 million to 23.8 million. He said the number of seniors aged 65 and older remained steady at 2.5 million.

"In Sabah, the Kadazandusun make up 2.1 per cent of the na-

tional population, Bajau at 1.8 per cent and Murut at 0.3 per cent.

"In Sarawak, Ibans accounted for 2.4 per cent of the national population, Bidayuh at 0.7 per cent and Melanau at 0.4 per cent."

However, he said there was a 9.4 per cent decline in the number of births in the first quarter of the year, at 106,386.

The majority of births were recorded in Selangor, while Labuan recorded the lowest.

Malays accounted for the most births at 68.8 per cent, up from 67.6 per cent the previous year while birth rates among Chinese and Indians decreased.

The number of deaths has decreased by 1.5 per cent compared with the previous year.

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OpenAI to unveil enhanced AI model as rivalry heats up

➤ GPT-4o boasts realistic voice conversation capabilities and can engage across text and image formats

SAN FRANCISCO: ChatGPT maker OpenAI said on Monday it would release a new AI model called GPT-4o, capable of realistic voice conversation and able to interact across text and image, its latest move to stay ahead in a race to dominate the emerging technology.

New audio capabilities enable users to speak to ChatGPT and obtain real-time responses with no delay, as well as interrupt ChatGPT while it is speaking, both hallmarks of realistic conversations that AI voice assistants have found challenging, the OpenAI researchers showed at a livestream event.

"It feels like AI from the movies – talking to a computer has never felt really natural for me; now it does," OpenAI CEO Sam Altman wrote in a blog post.

Microsoft-backed OpenAI faces growing competition and pressure to expand the user base of ChatGPT, its popular chatbot product that wowed the world with its ability to produce human-like written content and top-notch software code.

At the livestream event, OpenAI researchers showed off ChatGPT's new voice assistant capabilities. In one demo, ChatGPT

used its vision and voice capabilities to talk a researcher through solving a math equation on a sheet of paper.

In another demo, researchers showed the GPT-4o model's capability of real-time language translation.

OpenAI's demonstrations verged on science fiction, with ChatGPT and its interlocutor at one point engaging in coquettish banter. The OpenAI researcher told the chatbot he was in a great mood because he was demonstrating "how useful and amazing you are."

ChatGPT responded: "Oh stop it! You're making me blush!"

Altman posted on X after the demo, "her," in what appeared to be a reference to the so-named 2013 film by Spike Jonze about a man falling in love with his AI assistant, voiced by Scarlett Johansson.

OpenAI's chief technology officer Mira Murati said at the event that the new model would be offered for free because it is more cost-effective than the company's previous models. Paid users of GPT-4o will have greater capacity limits than the company's free users,

she said. The GPT-4o model will be available in ChatGPT over the next few weeks, the company said.

In addition, free ChatGPT users now have access to a "browse" feature that enables ChatGPT to display up-to-date information from the web, Murati told Reuters after the event. The company does not intend to make money off free users through selling ads, Murati said.

Shortly after launching in late 2022, ChatGPT was called the fastest application ever to reach 100 million monthly active users. However, worldwide traffic to ChatGPT's website has been on a roller-coaster ride in the past year and is only now returning to its May 2023 peak, according to analytics firm Similarweb.

OpenAI made the announcements a day before Alphabet is scheduled to hold its annual Google developers' conference, where it is expected to show off its own new AI-related features. Reuters reported last week that OpenAI planned to announce an AI-powered search product, citing sources. However the company decided to delay the search product announcement, according to one source familiar with the matter.

Shares of Alphabet were down 0.4% on Monday afternoon, after falling nearly 3% earlier in the day. Microsoft shares were down 0.2%. - Reuters

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Ringgit gains against dollar for third day ahead of US data

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THE ringgit ended higher yesterday against the American dollar for the third consecutive day ahead of US producer price index (PPI) data due last night.

At 6pm, the ringgit rose to 4.7160/7190 versus the greenback from Monday's close of 4.7270/7320.

Bank Muamalat Malaysia Bhd chief economist Dr Mohd Afzanizam Abdul Rashid noted that since the conclusion of the US Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting on May 1, the ringgit has staged a commendable performance as the odds for another US rate hike look dim.

"Further, weaknesses in the US labour market recently led to renewed hopes for a rate cut to occur, lending further support to other emerging market currencies, including ringgit.

"However, the situation is still fluid as US Federal Reserve (Fed) officials are still concerned about the trajectory of the disinflationary trend (toward) the two per cent target," he told Bernama.

The ringgit traded higher at the close against a basket of major currencies.

It appreciated versus the Japanese yen to 3.0161/0182 from Monday's close of 3.0325/0359, improved vis-a-vis the British pound to 5.9158/9195 from 5.9215/9278 and gained against the euro to 5.0900/0932 from 5.0967/1020 previously.

The local note also traded mostly higher against Asean currencies.

It gained against the Singapore dollar to 3.4848/4873 from 3.4919/4959 at Monday's close, inched up vis-a-vis the Indonesian rupiah to 292.7/293.3 from 293.9/294.4 and was firmer against the Philippine peso at 8.15/8.16 from 8.17/8.18 previously.

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Less rain expected in southwest monsoon

PETALING JAYA: The southwest monsoon is expected to start on Friday and last until September, according to the Meteorological Department (MetMalaysia).

Its director-general Muhammad Helmi Abdullah said steady winds from the southwest would provide lower humidity and more stable atmospheric conditions as a result of the monsoon.

"During the period, there would usually be few rain clouds due to the shift in weather patterns, resulting in less rainfall. The monsoon is likely to lead to a predominant number of dry days compared with rainy days across the country," he said in statement yesterday.

However, it does not completely rule out the chance of heavy rain, severe winds, and thunderstorms.

Muhammad Helmi also said haze would be a concern between July and September, if open burning is not properly controlled.

"The Meteorological Department advises against any open burning to reduce the effects of haze and environmental pollution. The public is also advised to use water wisely throughout this period," he said.

The public can visit MetMalaysia website, myCuaca mobile app, its official social media channels, or contact its hotline at 1-300-22-1638 for any further information. - Bernama

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Malaysian population at 34m in first quarter

PUTRAJAYA: Malaysia's population in the first quarter of 2024 was estimated at 34 million, an increase of 2.3% as compared with 33.2 million recorded in the same period of 2023, according to a Demographic Statistics report.

Statistics Malaysia Department (DOSM) chief statistician Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin said in a statement yesterday the total population comprised 90% or 30.6 million citizens and 10% or 3.4 million non-citizens.

He said the country's male population increased to 17.8 million from 17.4 million in the first quarter of 2023, and females rose to 16.1 million from 15.8 million in the same period.

"The overall sex ratio of population was 111 males per 100 females while sex ratio for citizens was 103 males per 100 females," he said.

He added that Malay accounted 57.9% (17.7 million) of the population in the first quarter 2024 (Q1 2023: 17.6 million), while Chinese, Indians and other Bumiputeras remained at 22.6%, 6.6% and 12.2%, respectively.

Mohd Uzir said the number of live births in the first quarter of 2024 recorded a decrease of 9.4% or 106,386 births as compared with 117,413 births recorded in the same period of the previous year.

Selangor recorded the highest live births with 19,951 (18.8%) while Labuan recorded the lowest at 323 (0.3%).

A total of 47,964 deaths were recorded in the first quarter of 2024, with Selangor recording the highest at 7,730, while Putrajaya recorded the lowest with 68 deaths. – Bernama

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Move to ensure safety at landslide site

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SHAH ALAM: The Selangor state government is coordinating and taking immediate measures at the landslide area at Jalan Sungai Lalang, Semenyih to ensure the safety of motorists in the vicinity.

State Infrastructure and Agriculture Committee chairman Izham Hashim said the early announcement of the road closure was erected at the junction heading to the landslide location, adding that the authorities, including the Selangor Public Works Department and the Kajang Municipal Council, have also identified several suggested initial actions that could be taken in the area, including opening a temporary alternative route through private land nearby.

He added that announcements regarding further developments will be made periodically.

Izham had earlier posted on Facebook stating that he had been informed of the landslide in the area, that resulted in the closure of the road from both sides yesterday evening. – Bernama

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