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By Sarawakian

Sometimes I wonder as to why we are in this state of affairs politically. There never seems to be a cease of pointless politicking and senseless statements. Malaysia is heading towards her 61st birthday on 16th September 2024. Have we ever got what we had voted for? I am beginning to doubt myself.

To be honest, many of us who have consistently looked forward for improvements since 2008 cannot be faulted for now being doubtful. Perhaps, a leopard cannot change its spots. Some characters have shown that they are just the same as those whom they have successfully vanquished.

In Subang Jaya, we continue to be left to answer for our own doings. Have we ever noticed that we still have rat infestation? We had an owl project; we had a rat bait and collection project and am sure many other efforts. Some were done just awhile before forgotten. Some ideas, rehashed. The result? Failure. The same could be said for the bicycle lane project. It seemed that once you tick the box, nothing else matters to continue improvements.

Today, we are still wondering as to why good trees felled during the LRT construction were instead replaced elsewhere. Perhaps they think that Subang Jaya from SS12, Bandar Sunway up till USJ initially do not need the replacement. So, it is best to replant elsewhere. That was what we read. Would you accept this reason? Landscaping in Subang Jaya is still not up to mark despite being a city status. For a place with many universities, world class private hospitals and a well-planned housing area, it is not wrong for us to want better in this area. Subang Jaya has been a city since 20th October 2020.

The efforts to make Subang Jaya more pedestrian friendly and connected is something still wanting. Just look at the recent improvements to the bus stops. Are these just structures devoid of bus schedules? Never mind that but are the walkways now connected to the commercial and residential walkways? Do we have better street lighting and back lane lighting? What about public toilets in the main commercial areas?

When it comes to technology, we seem to be bombarded with countless confusing apps. Did you know that even trying to use the Smart Selangor bus app or trying to find a bus schedule online is rather near impossible? The MBSJ app is totally useless as you can't get it to sync with assessment payments made online via the website. Subang Jaya deserves better. Those responsible for such apps and website should be taken to task.

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The road shoulders remain the same old same old. It is still mainly used as a pedestrian walkway. There has been no effort to create green buffer zones or improved hard and soft scapes. Bandar Sunway and parts of the CBD in Kuala Lumpur do better. We need to have a design where the road shoulder provides a buffer between the road and pedestrians and cyclists. Safety and security do not seem to be of any importance.

I am all for the local government elections. Too often now we see how indifferent are the setups when it comes to being a servant to the community. We are now seeing the same situation pre-2008 in Subang Jaya where those with authority just blame the population instead of trying to make a difference.

Did we all notice that councillors are all now trying to be more photogenic rather than providing us with an idea on what they would like to do for their kawasan and overall, with their fellow Councillors? This is what happens when we have councillors not elected but nominated by the ruling parties within the Government of the day.

In 2025, we would see a revision of our assessment taxes. What do we want for Subang Jaya? Other than the normal infrastructure and construction of facilities, we would rather have the city focused on community wellbeing in terms of planning, design AND execution.



To be honest, I still think that our voted representatives should look at the issues on the ground too when it comes to how the councillors perform. The local government head is also a nominated one. Subang Jaya has had 4 mayors since 2020. That is like one a year! Something is wrong with those who shuffle mayors or mayors to be around.

If we are not careful, we would soon see a wave of disgruntled voters coming in the next election. It would yet again show us that change is consistent with dissenting voices coming from those who are unhappy. Do not forget that automatic Undi18 provided an avenue for new opinions and voices. What is needed now is to get them to come out and vote. This is not dissimilar to what happened before when voter registration was not automatic and the time when many have coaxed and convinced even more to come out and vote.

Subang Jaya needs a reset to be relevant to the new generation. Very soon this scary Generation Alpha would come into the voting age years from now. Many of the youths and working class yearn for improvements to fit them. This is something which our current group of elected leaders have somehow forgotten. Perhaps positions and their ambition to go up higher in the political ladder have blurred their reason for being.

I would certainly no longer accept a reason from any voted representative that it is not their job to look at drains and grass or rats. I would not accept that they would say it's the job of everyone. First, show your leadership. Councillors are nominated by your party. Their attitude and zeal to serve would show.

The problem we have today is the nonchalant attitude of our elected and nominated servants. The real lords are the people who put you there. We will help if we have clarity and purpose. We have done that before. We can also change when we feel sick and tired.

If all comes to naught, perhaps when the time comes and you come around campaigning, we would just say ... Whatever Lah! and make our mark. I do not discount the possibility of even independent candidates winning.

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First KL woman mayor to push limits

Residents seek talk with Maimunah before new developments are okayed

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KUALA LUMPUR: City residents have urged newly appointed Mayor Datuk Seri Maimunah Mohd Sharif (*pic*) to engage with them before approving any new developments in Kuala Lumpur.

They stressed the importance of adhering to the density limits specified in the Kuala Lumpur Local Plan and the Kuala Lumpur Structure Plan, urging the mayor to prevent any developments that exceed these limits.

"We hope the mayor will consider our concerns before approving development orders and keep us informed throughout the process," said Kuala Lumpur Residents Action for Sustainable Development

Association chairman Tan Booi Charn.

"We want open communication, transparency and sustainable development, especially in a city that is already overdeveloped."

Save Kuala Lumpur coalition chairman Datuk M. Ali said the new mayor must bring a fresh perspective to the administration of the capital city.

"There needs to be a holistic approach to urban living and development. Dialogue and engagement with all stakeholders are essential to better understanding on-the-ground issues," he said, adding that the mayor must quickly address these challenges.

Ali also highlighted the need to restore confidence in the city's administration, which has declined in recent years.



"We need a mayor who will rebuild trust and prioritise transparency and accountability."

"I am confident that Maimunah, with her experience and background, will deliver on

these fronts," he added.

Maimunah was appointed as Kuala Lumpur's 15th Mayor, succeeding Datuk Seri Kamarulzaman Mat Salleh and making her the first woman to lead the capital city.

The announcement was made by Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Federal Territories) Dr Zaliha Mustafa in a statement yesterday.

The 63-year-old Maimunah, who previously served as the mayor of the Penang Island City Council, is also Malaysia's Special Envoy on Sustainable Urbanisation and a former executive director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme.

A town planner by training, Maimunah holds a degree from the University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology,

United Kingdom.

She began her career at the Municipal Council of Penang Island in 1985 and was promoted to Director of Planning and Development in 2003, where she was instrumental in overseeing development control for city projects and landscape development in Penang.

She also led a team in planning and implementing urban renewal projects in George Town.

In Nov 2009, Maimunah made her mark by becoming the first general manager to establish George Town World Heritage Incorporated, managing the George Town World Heritage Site, which was inscribed by Unesco in July 2008.

She later became the first woman to serve as president of the Seberang Perai Municipal Council in 2011.

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SELANGOR hopes quality data will help the state government formulate suitable policies to address the lower birth rate in the country.

Women, family empowerment, welfare and care economy committee chairman Anfaal Saari said with the national total fertility rate (TFR) having dropped from 2.1 children in 2010 to 1.6 in 2022, Selangor was concerned that this would impact the nation's socio-economic growth.

She was speaking at the launch of the Selangor State Population Seminar 2024, which was held in conjunction with World Population Day.

Anfaal encouraged the public to cooperate with the National Population and Family Development Board (LPPKN) surveyors who were carrying out the Sixth Malaysia National Population and Family Survey (KPKM-6) 2024, until Dec 31.

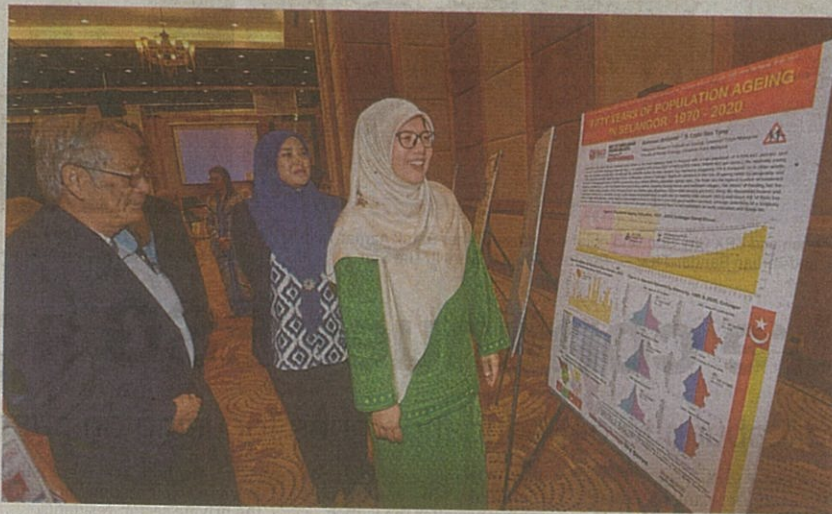
She said the data from the survey would help policymakers, academicians and research experts prepare a plan of implementation to slow the decline in fertility rate and prepare Selangor for rapid demographic changes.

"In Selangor, some 3,000 selected residential areas will be visited by the surveyors and I hope the residents will give their cooperation," she said.

Anfaal said this was the first time the state held such a seminar because it was important to understand the impact of a declining rate on the state and the policies needed to address the issue of fertility.

Selangor looking at ways to stem drop in fertility

National survey data to help state formulate suitable policies



Anfaal (right) looking at some of the data presented at the Selangor State Population Seminar 2024 in Shah Alam. — RAJA FAISAL HISHAN/The Star

The seminar, held at a hotel in Shah Alam, was a collaboration between the state government, LPPKN, state-level board and United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Malaysia.

Meanwhile, United Nations

Sexual and Reproductive Health Agency assistant representative Tengku Aira Tengku Razif said fertility and birth rates were shaped by numerous socio-economic and health factors which were often overlooked.

"Selangor, as the nation's most populous state, has the opportunity to pave the way in terms of prioritising disaggregated data collection (data that is broken down into components) to inform

inclusive policymaking.

"By gathering data from often overlooked groups like rural, indigenous and stateless communities, we can better understand their needs and find ways to improve access to essential services, including healthcare and reproductive healthcare," said Tengku Aira.

It was reported that Selangor recorded a total fertility rate of 1.5 children per woman in 2022, the fourth lowest after Sabah, Penang and Kuala Lumpur.

LPPKN research director Adzmel Mahmud had said that the main factors for a lower birth rate were the rise in the number of women at higher learning institutions, late marriage and family planning.

He said the Fifth Malaysian Population and Family Survey revealed that though 86.8% of single people in the country aged 25 to 49 want to be married, they aim for late marriage.

"Research found that men want to marry at 32 and women at 30.

"This age is higher than the first marriage ages recorded by the Statistics Department in 2021 – 29.9 years for men and 28 years for women," he said.

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DENGUE cases are surging in Selangor, driven by the hot weather, intermittent rains and a more active variant of the Aedes mosquito.

Until Aug 11, the Selangor Health Department recorded a total of 46,454 cases with 14 deaths, compared to the corresponding period last year where cases stood at 36,330 with eight deaths.

Four districts recording the highest number of cases were Petaling with 15,606 and two deaths, Hulu Langat (13,251 with six deaths), Klang (6,131 with six deaths), Kuala Selangor (829 with one death) and Sabak Bernam (108) with two deaths each.

Other districts were Sepang (2,160 with one death), Kuala Langat (1,221), Hulu Selangor (1,119), Kuala Selangor (829 with one death) and Sabak Bernam (108) (see graphic).

An average of 1,451 dengue cases have been reported in Selangor every week.

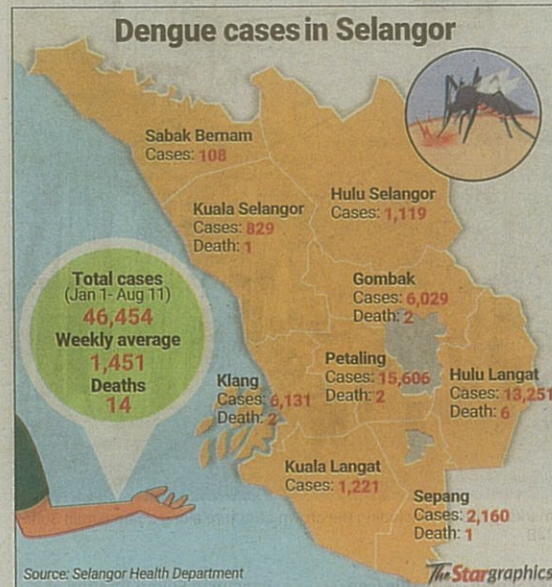
At a press conference during Subang Jaya's "Sihat Selangor Carnival", state public health and environment committee chairman Jamaliah Jamaluddin attributed the rise to changes in the environment and a more active variant of the Aedes mosquito.

Selangor Health Department spokesperson said efforts to

Selangor sees 46,454 dengue cases, 14 deaths since January

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themselves through protective clothing or by using insect repellent to help curb the spread of the disease.

Meanwhile, Klang Royal City Council (MBDK) Health Department director Azmi Muji said the city council was concentrating its efforts on cleaning up illegal dumpsites and clearing containers left in back lanes which could collect water.

He said there had been 6,131 cases with two deaths recorded in Klang city until Aug 11.

Constituencies in Klang district with dengue cases are Kota Anggerik (29), Batu Tiga (30), Pandamaran (396), Selat Klang (426), Sungai Kandis (492), Bandar Baru Klang (580), Port Klang (657), Kota Kemuning (835), Sementa (848), Meru (862) and Sentosa (976).

"Clay pot saucers used for flower pots must be checked for mosquito larvae."

"Even pails should be kept inverted when not in use," said Azmi.

"Draining dish racks of water is another simple step that all of us can take."

eradicate Aedes mosquito population through removal of stagnant water within homes and

around the compound had been intensified.

People are urged to protect

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DRT service ^{1528 Star} gaining popularity

PETALING JAYA: At only RM1 per trip, the Rapid Bus Demand Responsive Transit (DRT) van service has been gaining popularity among Klang Valley commuters who are drawn to its safe and quick direct transport to popular urban hotspots.

College student Syed Aidrus Syed Omar, 21, said that he found himself with more free time and money thanks to the punctual timing of the DRT drivers.

"I used to have to wait around 30 minutes at least to get a bus to college, but now I rarely have to wait even 10 minutes for the DRT van to pick me up.

"It's also so much cheaper compared to taking e-hailing while far less time-consuming, so I have more time daily to do whatever I want," Syed Aidrus said, adding that he has been using DRT for over a month.

Front office executive Kenneth Raj, 54, described DRT as the best mashup of the affordability of public transport but with the convenience and speed of e-hailing service.

"The interface is basically identical to e-hailing services, so it's not only easy to navigate but also gives me the freedom of scheduling my ride whenever I want at a far cheaper price," said Kenneth, who uses the DRT as part of his office commute.

Student Mirtika M. Velanthren, 19, said using the DRT has saved her a lot of money for her daily commute to university.

"It's now so much faster to travel to class, and thanks to the My50 travel pass, I basically pay nothing to travel to class or to move around with my friends," said Mirtika, who commutes from the Kelana Jaya LRT Line to the DRT.

A nearby business owner, Spencer Wee, 55, found himself spending significantly less time during his daily commute after switching over to the DRT.

"Not only is the waiting time for

the DRT van just five to 10 minutes, but it now only takes about 15 minutes to get to my office during peak hours, compared to an hour before.

Weighing in, Assoc Prof Dr Law Teik Hua of the Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) Road Safety Research Centre said the DRT service complements existing public transit systems well.

"This bridges the gap between transit hubs and key destinations by offering flexible, on-demand transportation, thus making public transit more accessible and convenient for local residents.

"This flexibility can attract more users who might otherwise rely on private vehicles for those short trips, thus reducing congestion and promoting the use of public transport," he said.

He also explained how expanding DRT further could help to address the constant traffic congestion issue faced by Klang Valley residents while also enhancing road safety.

"DRT vans are also operated by trained drivers who adhere to higher safety standards while essentially removing the complexities and distractions of personal driving, reducing the potential for distraction-related accidents," he added.

However, Malaysian Road and Transportation Safety Association president Nik Mohd Salim Nik Mohd Salleh explained how the service alone is not enough to solve the country's long-standing urban congestion issues.

"Any new future DRT routes must be based on proper surveys of population density and commuter travel frequency from highly trafficked areas using personal vehicles.

"We should also seriously consider the ease of access to public transport as a part of any future urban planning projects, rather than turning to reactive measures like DRT," he said.

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Lack of high-skilled jobs a critical issue

Semi-skilled employment on uptrend to reach 63%

ECONOMY

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PETALING JAYA: The latest employment data points to a critical issue that the authorities must pay more attention to – the lack of high-skilled jobs.

Despite the influx of investments into Malaysia, the creation of skilled jobs continue to lag behind new semi-skilled employment opportunities.

Of the 31,860 new jobs created in the second quarter of 2024 (2Q24), about 62.9% of them are semi-skilled, while only 26.7% are skilled jobs.

New skilled jobs created in 2Q24 contracted by 7.3% year-on-year (y-o-y), while new semi-skilled and low-skilled jobs increased by 2.2% and 13.3%, respectively.

The creation of skilled jobs is highly critical, considering that Malaysia struggles to exit the middle-income trap and graduates suffer from the skill-related underemployment issue in the country.

The Statistics Department reported that in 2023, 2.03 million persons in Malaysia were affected by skill-related underemployment. This represented 36.3% of employees with tertiary education.

Skill-related underemployment refers to those with tertiary education but end up working in semi-skilled and low-skilled jobs.

Based on the Statistics Department's report yesterday, the semi-skilled category was the largest contributor of jobs in 2Q24 at 62.5% or 5.6 million jobs.

In comparison with 2Q23, total semi-skilled jobs – filled and vacant jobs – increased by 1.7% y-o-y.

Overall skilled jobs also increased by 1.7% y-o-y to 2.24 million, representing 25.1% of total jobs.

Low-skilled jobs marginally declined by 0.1% y-o-y in 2Q24 to 1.11 million.

Socio-Economic Research Centre executive director Lee Heng Guie told *StarBiz* that Malaysia needs at least 45% of high-skilled workers to support the industries' transition into high value-add and technol-

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Lee Heng Guie

ogy-driven production.

"There is a time lag for the realisation of high value, high growth industries and investment to create high skill jobs, especially in the technology sector.

"Both the government and private sectors have to work in ensuring a continuous supply of talent, but also talent retention and reduce the brain drain."

Lee pointed out that the government has set aside RM2.56bil in 2024 for skills training initiatives, encompassing diverse fields such as artificial intelligence, robotics, green economy skills and 5G technology.

To address the lack of skilled jobs, the economist called for a transformational shift in economic structure.

This would entail a greater focus on sectors that are experiencing high growth and have high-skilled labour demand like technology, green energy and advanced manufacturing.

"The government can also consider tax cuts or rebates for employers who are able to prove the inclusion of future-talent-need practices," he said.

Meanwhile, Centre for Market Education (CME) chief executive officer Carmelo Ferlito said a predominance of semi-skilled jobs is "normal" for the economic structure of Malaysia.

"Skilled jobs are 44% in the European Union, so I would not be concerned with the 27% in Malaysia, which is a country still with a manufacturing and agriculture base.

"I would like to clarify also that the government does not create jobs and the government does not create a high-income nation.

"The government can, at best, create the right conditions for entrepreneurship to

flourish," he said.

Ferlito, however, called for a "serious look" at some stagnation trends in the domestic job market.

This included an increase in the loss of employment benefit applications.

In an earlier CME report, it was noted that the Social Security Organisation recorded 49,982 applications by end-2023.

This represented a 45.35% increase when compared with 34,388 applications filed in 2022.

"The situation is deteriorating further in 2024.

"In the first five months of the year, 22,315 applications were filed, against 18,026 in the same period of 2023 (an increase of 23.79%)."

Despite some of the challenges in the labour market, Malaysia has created a record number of jobs in 2Q24.

Chief Statistician Datuk Seri Mohd Uzir Mahidin said the number of jobs grew 1.5% y-o-y in 2Q24 to a total of 8.96 million.

Quarter-on-quarter, the growth was marginal at 0.2%.

He further said the growth in the number of jobs is aligned with the unemployment rate holding steady at 3.3% in 2Q24.

"The trend is foreseen to remain stable until the end of this year, subsequent to a strong domestic economy and recovering external trade.

"Looking ahead, an increase in the export performance is anticipated, along with potential investments coming into the country that will create more jobs."

In 2Q24, the rate of filled jobs rose to 97.9% or 8.77 million filled jobs.

At the same time, the vacancy rate fell slightly to 2.1%, amounting to 191,400 vacancies.

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Mass bullying a hit on self-esteem

Victims may feel they are no longer in control and suffer PTSD symptoms

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KLANG: Kryadarshni Kanapathy, a partner in a legal firm, remembers how one of its lawyers was attacked relentlessly with vulgarity and sexual abuse for sharing legal opinions on TikTok.

The woman was harassed in a live session on the popular social media platform by a group of users.

"The man and his gang of bullies made hundreds of calls to our business mobile phone, which is on 24 hours, and spewed vulgarity and threats."

"Two paralegals and an administrative staff member resigned because they could not tolerate the incessant harassment."

"To this day, that lawyer remains traumatised by the incident," said Kryadarshni.

The main bully, she said, had even put up the lawyer's photo on his live feed and made various nefarious threats against her and her family.

Another victim of these bullies

was Terrance Mikail Miranda, who was subjected to two full days of humiliation by the group.

"I didn't know them, but, curiously, they had a lot of information about me that only family members and close friends would know."

"I wonder if they were hired to tarnish my reputation," said the bistro owner.

Terrance said he may lodge a second police report about the incident soon.

"I will also be filing a defamation suit because there were just so many lies and untruths that were mentioned in the live session and a video," he fumed.

Cyberbullying came to the fore recently following the death of 30-year-old Rajeswary Appahu, a social media influencer and Hindu rights activist better known as Esha, on July 5 after she was hounded online.

Lorry driver B. Sathiskumar, 44, and psychiatric nursing home operator Shalini Periasamy, 35, were later arrested and charged with cyberbullying Rajeswary.



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

Shalini was fined only RM100, which was the maximum penalty provided for under that Act.

Sathiskumar's case is still pending in court.

Another social media entrepreneur nearly lost her life after a former business ally became aggressive towards her, if not for

her parents' timely intervention.

"The torment went on with her putting up a video in 2022 alleging that I had hired people to harm her," said the victim, who wanted to be known only as Rani, 29.

As a result, her name was sullied, and her cosmetics dealership business suffered.

"I am still struggling to bring up my business," she added.

Rani then took her case to court and agreed to go for mediation, but after spending about RM30,000, she has yet to find closure.

"I am still waiting for the public apology, as agreed by the perpetrator," she said.

According to consultant psychiatrist Datuk Dr Andrew Mohanraj, the emotional impact of being mass-bullied on social media is profound.

"When a person becomes the target of mass bullying, and after the initial attack has been instigated by the main bully, the victim's self-esteem will be rapidly eroded."

"This bombardment of negative comments can make the victim

question their value, self-worth and self-respect," said Dr Andrew, who is also the president of both the Malaysian and Selangor mental health associations.

He added that when victims feel they are no longer in control of the situation, they could develop post-traumatic stress disorder that might give rise to suicidal thoughts.

"The consequences of mass bullying leave lasting emotional scars and long-term trauma," he said.

Those suffering from mental health issues or suicidal thoughts can reach out to the Mental Health Psychosocial Support Service (03-2935 9935 or 014-322 3392); Talian Kasih (15999 or 019-261 5999 on WhatsApp); Jakim's Family, Social and Community care centre (011-1959 8214 on WhatsApp); and Befrienders Kuala Lumpur (03-7627 2929). Visit www.befrienders.org.my/ centre-in-malaysia for a complete list of numbers and operating hours, or email: sam@befrienders.org.my.

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Fight environmental crime

Tengku Mahkota of Pahang calls for full probe into ewaste sites

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PETALING JAYA: The Tengku Mahkota of Pahang has called for a transparent investigation into a case involving syndicates operating illegal electronic waste (ewaste) factories worth millions of ringgit.

Tengku Hassanal Ibrahim Alam Shah Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah expressed his gratitude and congratulations to the police team for their successful operation against these unlicensed ewaste processing facilities in Salong,

Pekan, and Bukit Ibam in Muadzam Shah, Pahang.

The team had been led by IGP Secretariat's Anti-Money Laundering (Amla) division head Comm Datuk Muhammed Hasbullah Ali.

On Tuesday, police arrested 55 people, including a man with a Datuk title, for allegedly running illegal ewaste processing operations across several states.

In Pahang, the police received a tip-off on the illegal factories from



Tengku Hassanal.

The operation also resulted in the seizure of over RM40mil in assets.

The case is being investigated under the Amla Act 2001, Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2009, National Forestry Act 1984, Environmental Quality Act 1974, Customs Act 1967 and Immigration Act 1959/63.

In a statement yesterday, Tengku Hassanal emphasised his full support for the police's efforts

to intensify and sustain their operations to eliminate illegal activities in Pahang.

Tengku Hassanal also urged other enforcement agencies, including the state's Enforcement Unit, Forestry Department, Environment Department and local authorities, to strengthen their efforts to combat environmental criminal activities.

His Royal Highness called on all parties to uphold the royal decree issued by the Sultan of Pahang to protect the state's environment, including its flora, fauna and water resources.

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Dr Zaliha yakin Maimunah dapat teruskan kesinambungan pengalaman dan sumbangan beliau untuk pimpin DBKL

Oleh MOHD IZZATUL
IZUAN TAHIR
KUALA LUMPUR

Wanita Asia pertama memegang jawatan Pengarah Eksekutif United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN-Habitat), Datuk Seri Paduka Dr Maimunah Mohd Sharif dilantik sebagai Datuk Bandar Kuala Lumpur berkuat kuasa pada Khamis.

Pelantikan Maimunah, 63, telah mendapat perkenan Yang

di-Pertuan Agong, Sultan Ibrahim selaras Subseksyen 4 (2), Akta Ibu Kota Persekutuan 1960.

Pelantikan itu menyaksikan beliau wanita pertama menerajui Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL) kali ke-15.

Menteri di Jabatan Perdana Menteri (Wilayah Persekutuan), Dr Zaliha Mustafa berkata, beliau yakin pelantikan Maimunah dapat meneruskan kesinambungan pengalaman dan sumbangan beliau untuk memimpin DBKL dengan penuh



MAIMUNAH

integriti bagi memastikan ke-mampunan pembangunan, kecemerlangan dan kemilauan berterusan ke arah Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur maju dan sejahtera.

"Setinggi-tinggi penghargaan dan ucapan terima kasih

diucapkan kepada Datuk Seri Kamarulzaman Mat Salleh atas segala sumbangan dan kepimpinan beliau sepanjang menjawat jawatan Datuk Bandar Kuala Lumpur," katanya dalam satu kenyataan pada

Rabu.

Menurut Dr Zaliha, Maimunah mempunyai pengalaman selama 39 tahun dalam perancangan bandar, penjaan semula bandar dan pembangunan yang diterajui komuniti.

Jelas beliau, Maimunah adalah individu bertanggungjawab mengembalikan kedudukan UN-Habitat sebagai peneraju pemikiran dalam perbandaran mampan selama enam tahun.

"Beliau juga pernah diberi tanggungjawab sebagai Pengerusi Bersama Secretary-General's Task Force on the Future Cities dan Pengerusi Bersama Local 2030 Coalition.

"Kini beliau dilantik sebagai

Penasihat kepada International Council for Local Environment Initiative (ICLEI)," jelas beliau.

Maimunah berkelulusan Ijazah Sarjana Muda Sains (Perancangan Bandar) dari University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology, United Kingdom sebelum melanjutkan pengajian dalam Ijazah Sarjana Sains (Perancangan Bandar) di Universiti Sains Malaysia.

Sebelum itu, beliau berkhidmat sebagai Datuk Bandar Majlis Bandaraya Pulau Pinang dan Yang Dipertua Majlis Perbandaran Seberang Perai serta pernah menjadi Presiden Persatuan Pihak Berkuasa Tempatan Malaysia (MALA).

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Timbalan Pengarah, lima penguat kuasa PBT didakwa hari ini

KUALA LUMPUR - Seorang Timbalan Pengarah dan lima penguat kuasa pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) yang disyaki melindungi premis pelacuran dan premis perniagaan menggunakan 'lesen ali baba' akan didakwa di mahkamah, pada Khamis.

Menurut sumber, pegawai kanan berkenaan bersama seorang pegawai bawahannya akan didakwa di Mahkamah Shah Alam, Selangor, atas tiga pertuduhan kerana meminta dan menerima wang rasuah daripada

premis-premis pelacuran di ibu negara.

Empat lagi anggota penguat kuasa PBT pula akan didakwa di Mahkamah Kuala Lumpur, masing-masing atas satu pertuduhan menerima rasuah bagi melindungi premis-premis perniagaan yang beroperasi menggunakan 'lesen ali baba' di ibu negara.

"Pegawai kanan PBT berkenaan akan didakwa atas tiga pertuduhan kerana meminta dan menerima rasuah berjumlah kira-kira RM130,000, manakala seorang pegawai bawahannya akan di-

tuduh atas satu pertuduhan meminta wang rasuah daripada premis-premis pelacuran.

"Sementara itu, empat penguat kuasa terbabit pula didakwa kerana menerima wang rasuah antara RM200 hingga RM800 daripada premis yang menggunakan lesen ali baba bagi melindungi mereka daripada dikenakan tindakan penguatkuasaan," katanya.

Pada awal Jun lalu, media melaporkan bahawa Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) Kuala Lumpur,

telah menahan tiga penjawat awam termasuk seorang Timbalan Pengarah dalam satu operasi khas kerana dipercayai menerima rasuah secara bulanan daripada premis urut dan pelacuran di ibu kota.

SPRM Kuala Lumpur telah menahan lapan penguat kuasa PBT pada bulan lalu kerana dipercayai menerima rasuah daripada premis-premis perniagaan yang beroperasi tanpa lesen yang sah serta menggunakan lesen ali baba.

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Cuepacs jamin penjawat awam tingkat prestasi kerja

SHAH ALAM - Kongres Kesatuan Pekerja Di Dalam Perkhidmatan Awam (Cuepacs) memberi jaminan penjawat awam akan meneruskan prestasi kerja yang baik tanpa mengambil kira pelaksanaan Sistem Saraan Perkhidmatan Awam (SSPA).

Presiden Cuepacs, Datuk Dr Adnan Mat berkata, ia berikutan terdapat perkara penting yang akan diumumkan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim pada Jumaat ini susulan kenaikan gaji penjawat awam.

"Apabila diberikan kenaikan

an gaji, sudah tentu perkhidmatan yang terbaik perlu ditunjukkan kepada orang ramai.

"Harus diingatkan bahawa SSPA baharu ini bukan berkisar kepada kenaikan gaji semata-mata tetapi ia menyeluruh dengan mengambil kira semua aspek terutama dalam meningkatkan institusi perkhidmatan awam.

"SSPA merupakan satu inisiatif yang diperkenalkan oleh kerajaan untuk memperbaharui



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dan meningkatkan kualiti sekali gus menangani isu produktiviti yang rendah, pendapatan tidak seiring dengan kos sara hidup serta kemampanan fiskal negara," katanya kepada *Sinar Harian*.

Mengulas lanjut, Adnan berharap agar semua pihak jelas mengenai komitmen penjawat awam yang sentiasa berusaha untuk mewujudkan perkhidmatan terbaik kepada masyarakat

dan ekonomi negara.

Ujar beliau, pihaknya turut berharap semua kerajaan negeri akan mengikuti langkah meningkatkan gaji penjawat awam seperti dilakukan kerajaan Persekutuan melalui pelaksanaan SSPA yang baharu.

"Berdasarkan sejarah sebelum ini, apa yang diputuskan kerajaan Pusat akan diikuti oleh kerajaan negeri.

"Cuepacs tidak melihat perkara ini sebagai suatu masalah kepada kerajaan negeri dalam melaksanakan SSPA baharu itu," tambahnya.

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**Pegawai
kanan polis
didakwa
terima
rasuah**

KANGAR - Seorang pegawai kanan polis berpangkat Asisten Superintenden mengaku tidak bersalah di Mahkamah Sesyen di sini pada Rabu, atas dua pertuduhan menerima rasuah RM12,000 pada 2019.

Tertuduh K. Poobalan, 45, membuat pengakuan itu selepas pertuduhan dibacakan di hadapan Hakim Norsalha Hamzah.

Mengikut pertuduhan pertama, Poobalan didakwa sebagai seorang penjawat awam iaitu Pegawai Penyiasat Kanan Jenayah yang

bertugas di Ibu Pejabat Polis Daerah Timur Laut, Pulau Pinang menerima untuk dirinya wang berjumlah RM6,000 daripada seorang lelaki melalui akaun Maybank milik tertuduh.

Poobalan didakwa mengetahui abang kepada lelaki terbabit mempunyai hubungan dengan kerja-kerja rasmi yang melibatkan penyiasatan satu kes jenayah dan dia dituduh berbuat demikian di Maybank Cawangan Padang Besar pada 24 April 2019.

Bagi pertuduhan kedua, dia didakwa me-

nerima wang berjumlah RM6,000 daripada individu sama melalui akaun Maybank tertuduh di lokasi sama pada 15 Mei 2019.

Poobalan dituduh mengikut Seksyen 165 Kanun Keseksaan yang memperuntukkan hukuman penjara hingga dua tahun atau denda atau kedua-duanya sekali.

Mahkamah membenarkan tertuduh diikat jamin RM10,000 dan menetapkan 4 Oktober depan untuk sebutan semula kes bagi serahan dokumen berkaitan. - *Bernama*

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Tarikh: ..1.5..AUG..2024.....

Harga diesel turun 5 sen lagi

15/8
SINAR

PUTRAJAYA - Harga runcit diesel di Semenanjung Malaysia diturunkan sebanyak 5 sen seliter, dua minggu berturut-turut.

Ini menjadikan harga baharu bahan bakar itu bagi tempoh 15 hingga 21 Ogos adalah RM3.25.

Kementerian Kewangan (MoF) menerusi kenyataan memaklumkan harga baharu itu seiring dengan penurunan harga pasaran dunia minyak ketika ini.

"Bagi harga runcit diesel di Sabah, Sarawak

dan Labuan, ia kekal pada paras RM2.15 seliter," katanya pada Rabu.

Ujar MoF, harga runcit petrol RON97 dan RON95 masing-masing dikekalkan pada paras RM3.47 serta RM2.05 seliter pada tempoh sama.

"Kerajaan akan terus memantau kesan perubahan harga minyak mentah dunia serta mengambil langkah yang bersesuaian bagi memastikan kebajikan dan kesejahteraan rakyat terus

terpelihara," ujarnya.

Pasaran minyak dijangka kekal tidak menentu dalam tempoh terdekat ini dipengaruhi beberapa faktor seperti jangkaan kemelesetan di Amerika Syarikat (AS) serta ketegangan geopolitik di Asia Barat.

Harga minyak memulakan dagangan pada minggu lalu dengan jatuh sehingga serendah AS\$75 pada Isnin, harga terendah sejak Disember 2023.

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Beri kesan positif ekonomi

Kenaikan gaji penjawat awam berpotensi memberi kesan positif kepada ekonomi tempatan melalui peningkatan kuasa beli dan perbelanjaan domestik selain menambah baik taraf kehidupan rakyat di negara ini.

Oleh FARHANA ABD KADIR
SHAH ALAM

Berita baik buat penjawat awam Jumaat ini



Laporan Sinar Harian pada Rabu.

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Koordinator Pusat Keusahawanan Mahasiswa Akademi Pembangunan PKS dan Keusahawanan Malaysia (MASMED)

Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM), Dr Mohamad Idham Md Razak berkata, peningkatan perbelanjaan itu berupaya membantu mengembangkan pelbagai sektor sekali gus menyumbang kepada peningkatan ekonomi negara.

"Apabila gaji meningkat, penjawat awam cenderung membelanjakan lebih banyak wang dalam sektor peruncitan, perkhidmatan dan perumahan. Ia akan merangsang pertumbuhan ekonomi se-

tempat.

"Peningkatan perbelanjaan ini boleh bantu perniagaan kecil dan sederhana (PKS) berkembang, mewujudkan lebih banyak peluang pekerjaan dan meningkatkan hasil cukai tempatan," katanya kepada

Sinar Harian.

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

Timbalan Pengarah Kanan (Pembangunan Kompetensi) Institut Tadbiran Awam Negara



MOHAMAD IDHAM

(Intan), Datuk Dr Haniff Zainal Abidin berkata, pengumuman tersebut dijangka menarik perhatian ramai terutama penjawat awam.

Mengulas lanjut, kata Mohamad Idham, kenaikan gaji penjawat awam bukan sahaja

memberi faedah kepada golongan itu tetapi juga sektor perniagaan dan industri swasta.

Jelasnya, tindakan itu juga akan memberi tekanan kepada sektor swasta untuk menilai semula struktur gaji dan faedah bagi mengekalkan daya saing dalam mengekalkan bakat terbaik kepada organisasi.

"Sekiranya SSPA memperkenalkan kenaikan gaji atau penambahbaikan faedah untuk penjawat awam, ia berpotensi meningkatkan kuasa beli masyarakat secara keseluruhan," katanya.

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JAS ambil tindakan
Penahanan Operasi
Kelengkapan
mengikut Seksyen
38(1)(a) AKAS

Oleh MUHAMMAD
AFHAM RAMLI
PUTRAJAYA

Lima kilang e-waste haram diarah henti operasi

Pendedahan *Sinar Harian* mengenai operasi kilang memproses sisa elektronik (e-waste) di Kawasan Perindustrian Segamat 2, Johor, membawa kepada tindakan tegas pihak berkuasa.

Menerusi laporan eksklusif pada 6 Ogos lalu, penduduk berhampiran di kawasan industri itu mengadu mengenai pencemaran bau di waktu malam sejak setahun lalu.

Laporan itu juga membongkar kegiatan beberapa kilang e-waste haram yang beroperasi melera, memproses dan melebur.

Ketua Pengarah Jabatan Alam Sekitar (JAS), Datuk Wan Abdul Latiff Wan Jaffar berkata, tindakan menghentikan operasi menerusi Penahanan Operasi Kelengkapan (POK) telah diambil ke atas lima kilang e-

waste mengikut Seksyen 38(1) (a) Akta Kualiti Alam Sekeliling (AKAS) 1974.

Menurutnya, dua kilang dikenakan tindakan pada 16 Julai, manakala tiga kilang lagi pada 12 Ogos lalu.

"JAS turut menerima 17 aduan daripada penduduk berhampiran Kawasan Perindustrian Segamat 2.

"Kita telah melakukan pemantauan berterusan dan membuat pemeriksaan di kawasan terbabit melibatkan tujuh premis yang berpotensi menyebabkan berlaku pencemaran dan siasatan mendapati lima premis telah melakukan pelanggaran terhadap Akta Kualiti Alam Sekeliling 1974," katanya.

Beliau berkata, sisa buangan yang diproses premis-premis tersebut ialah bateri litium (SW103) memabitkan sebuah kilang, aluminium dros (SW104) (2 kilang), buangan e-waste (SW110) (1 kilang) dan sebuah lagi kilang melibatkan buangan kabel yang tercemar dengan buangan terajual (SW422).

Katanya, tindakan POK bagi menghentikan pencemaran daripada terus berlaku yang seterusnya boleh mengganggu kesihatan awam.

Tegas Wan Abdul Latiff, JAS sedang melengkapkan kertas siasatan bagi tindakan perundangan ke atas premis-premis tersebut.

"Hukuman denda setiap kesalahan tidak lebih RM250,000 atau penjara tidak lebih lima tahun atau kedua-duanya mengikut Seksyen 18(1) serta Seksyen 19.

Selain itu, tindakan juga boleh diambil di bawah Seksyen 34A(6) yang membawa hukuman penjara tidak melebihi lima tahun, denda tidak kurang RM100,000 dan tidak melebihi RM1 juta.

"Seksyen 34B (1)(a) pula hukuman penjara tidak melebihi lima tahun dan boleh dikenakan denda tidak kurang RM100,000 dan tidak melebihi RM10 juta," ujarnya.

Jelas beliau, kerajaan memandang serius isu jenayah alam sekitar dan ini sudah diterjemahkan melalui pindaan



JAS mengambil tindakan tegas ke atas kilang e-waste haram di Kawasan Perindustrian Segamat 2, Johor baru-baru ini.

Akta Kualiti Alam Sekeliling (Pindaan) 2024 yang memperuntukkan hukuman yang lebih berat.

"AKAS 1974 yang dipinda dan mula berkuat kuasa pada 7 Julai 2024 telah memberi keutamaan kepada pindaan hukuman, denda dan penalti melibatkan julat kadar denda

antara RM5,000 hingga RM10 juta, selain penjara mandatori tidak melebihi lima tahun," katanya.

Tambahnya, selain itu, kadar kompaun juga ditingkatkan daripada maksimum RM2,000 kepada tidak melebihi 50 peratus daripada denda maksimum kesalahan berkaitan.



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Siasat secara telus jenayah alam sekitar – Tengku Hassanal

KUANTAN- Tengku Mahkota Pahang, Tengku Hassanal Ibrahim Alam Shah Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah menitahkan agar siasatan terhadap kilang haram yang memproses sisa elektronik (e-waste) tanpa lesen dilakukan secara telus.

Baginda menegaskan, siasatan itu juga perlu dibuat tanpa kompromi dengan mana-mana pihak.

"Saya ucapkan tahniah dan syabas kepada Pasukan AMLA PDRM yang diketuai oleh (Ketua Pasukan AMLA)

Datuk Muhammed Hasbullah Ali atas kejayaan menumpaskan kilang haram yang memproses sisa e-waste tanpa lesen khususnya di kawasan Salong, Pekan dan Bukit Ibam, Muadzam Shah.

"Saya menzahirkan sokongan penuh agar pihak PDRM mempergiatkan dan meneruskan lagi operasi-operasi membanteras aktiviti haram di Negeri Pahang," katanya dalam satu kenyataan pada Rabu.

Sebelum ini, *Sinar Harian* mendedahkan kegiatan kilang haram yang menyeludup e-waste dari negara luar sehingga menyebabkan pencemaran di

negara ini.

Pendedahan itu kemudiannya diambil tindakan oleh pihak berkuasa yang melakukan operasi besar-besaran pada 5 Ogos lalu.

Lokasi serbuan ialah Salong, Pekan dan Bukit Ibam, Pahang; Kuang, Rawang dan Bukit Tagar di Selangor; Rembau dan Gemencheh, Negeri Sembilan serta Simpang Renggam, Johor.

Tengku Hassanal turut bertitah agar agensi penguatkuasaan yang lain seperti Unit Penguatkuasaan Negeri Pahang, Jabatan Perhutanan, Jabatan Alam Sekitar

serta Pihak Berkuasa Tempatan (PBT) melakukan penguatkuasaan dengan lebih tegas.

Baginda bertitah, ia bertujuan untuk membendung kegiatan jenayah alam sekitar.

"Semua pihak perlu menjunjung titah Ke bawah Duli Paduka Baginda Sultan Pahang (Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah yang menitahkan agar khazanah berharga seperti flora dan fauna serta sumber air di Negeri Pahang," titah baginda.

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Esok hari bahagia 1.6 juta penjawat awam

Oleh NOOR HASLIZA NUSI, LUQMAN RIDHWAN MOHD. NOR dan TOREK SULONG

PETALING JAYA – Esok bakal menjadi hari bahagia buat lebih 1.6 juta penjawat awam apabila pengumuman yang ditunggu-tunggu selama ini mengenai kenaikan gaji akan dibuat Perdana Menteri di Pusat Konvensyen Antarabangsa Putrajaya (PICC).

Setiap penjawat awam sebelum ini mendapat gambaran umum peningkatan gaji masing-masing yang dijangka bermula 15 hingga 42.7 peratus, namun esok mereka sudah boleh membuat kiraan kadar gaji baharu.

Rata-rata penjawat awam yang ditemui Kosmo! menyifatkan pengumuman Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim itu pastinya akan melebarkan lagi senyuman mereka, malah yang lebih penting dapat meringankan beban kewangan dan kos sara hidup.

Di **George Town, Pulau Pinang**, seorang juruterapi pergigian, Nur Juliana Abdul Mutalib, 42, berkata, berita baik mengenai pengumuman kenaikan gaji adalah saat yang dinanti-nantikan setelah 20 tahun berkhidmat dalam sektor kerajaan.

"Kenaikan gaji baharu sememangnya diharapkan kerana dapat membantu meringankan kos sara hidup harian. Ini adalah kali kedua kenaikan gaji yang dikatakan tertinggi dalam sejarah.

"Sebelum ini saya hanya menerima bonus yang diberikan secara one off dan kali ini baru hendak merasa kenaikan gaji kali yang kedua," katanya semalam.

Ibu kepada lima anak itu memberitahu, dia merancang untuk menukar kereta lama iaitu Perodua Kelisa yang dibelinya sejak 18 tahun lalu kepada Perodua Bezza untuk memberi kesesuaian kepada ahli keluarganya.



LEBIH 1.6 juta penjawat awam kini tertunggu-tunggu berita gembira yang akan diumumkan Perdana Menteri esok. – GAMBAR HIASAN



KENAIKAN gaji penjawat awam akan diumumkan sempena Majlis Amanat Perkhidmatan Awam ke-19 di PICC, Putrajaya esok.

Katanya, tambahan duit daripada kenaikan gaji tersebut akan digunakan untuk urusan persekolahan anak-anak.

"Kami pun tidak sabar-sabar tunggu Jumaat ini (esok). Apa-apa pun jangan membazirkan selepas gaji naik," ujarnya.

Di **Ipoh, Perak**, seorang penjawat awam, Muhd. Razali Embong, 32, berharap kenaikan gaji yang diumumkan akan membantunya dalam mengharungi kehidupan seharian.

Dia yang bergaji sekitar RM2,300 sebulan berkata, kenaikan gaji tersebut adalah tepat pada waktunya.

"Saya yang bekerja di sebuah jabatan kerajaan telah melakukakan kerja tambahan pada waktu malam dengan membantu kawan berniaga burger.

"Saya ada dua tanggungan iaitu seorang isteri dan anak yang bersekolah. Isteri kerja sebagai guru taska swasta dan dia banyak membantu kewangan keluarga.

"Dengan kenaikan gaji selepas ini, saya mahu menanggung sepenuhnya keluarga ini," ujarnya.

Seorang lagi penjawat awam yang dikenali sebagai Nur Rasi-dah, 41, berkata, dia merupakan ibu tunggal yang sedang membesarkan dua anaknya yang masih

Kenaikan gaji penjawat awam

- Pada 1 Mei lalu sempena sambutan Hari Pekerja, Perdana Menteri umumkan kenaikan gaji penjawat awam lebih 13 peratus bermula 1 Disember depan
- Ia merupakan kadar tertinggi dalam sejarah perkhidmatan awam negara
- Kali terakhir kenaikan gaji diumumkan adalah sekitar 13 peratus pada 2013
- Pelarasan gaji membabitkan peruntukan mencecah lebih RM10 bilion ekoran jumlah kenaikan besar dan terbaik dalam sejarah negara
- Dengan pelarasan itu nanti, pendapatan minimum penjawat awam merangkumi gaji dan elaun tetap, perlu melebihi RM2,000 sebulan
- Awal bulan ini, Mesyuarat Jemaah Menteri mengumumkan setiap penjawat awam akan mendapat gambaran secara umum peningkatan gaji masing-masing yang dijangka 15 hingga 42.7 peratus
- Penjawat awam daripada kumpulan pelaksana dijangka menikmati kenaikan gaji menerusi Sistem Saraan Perkhidmatan Awam (SSPA) sehingga 42.7 peratus
- Perdana Menteri akan membuat perincian mekanisme pelarasan gaji pada Majlis Amanat Perdana Perkhidmatan Awam ke-19 di PICC, Putrajaya esok

bersekolah.

"Seorang anak saya bersekolah rendah, manakala kakaknya belajar di sekolah menengah. Pendapatan saya ketika ini hanya cukup-cukup makan.

"Dengan kenaikan gaji baharu, hidup kami akan lebih selesa selepas ini. Saya pun mungkin boleh membuat simpanan wang untuk masa depan kami anak beranak," tambahnya.

KOSMO
15 AUG 2024
Tarikh:

**SEMAKAN GAJI
PERKHIDMATAN
AWAM**

**Sebanyak
1.5 juta
penjawat
awam miliki
kuasa beli
lebih tinggi**

Kuala Lumpur: Semakan gaji perkhidmatan awam yang akan datang bakal menguntungkan sektor automobil kerana 1.5 juta penjawat awam akan mempunyai kuasa beli yang lebih tinggi dan lebih mudah menerima kelulusan bank, kata AmInvestment Bank.

Oleh itu, bank pelaburan itu telah menyemak ke atas jumlah volum industri (TIV) pada 2024 kepada 750,000 berbanding 740,000 sebelum ini.

"Gaji yang lebih tinggi secara automatik bermakna nisbah keberhutangan yang lebih baik dan kami percaya pembiayaan pinjaman kereta dengan senang hati akan meluluskan pemohon pinjaman baharu.

"Kami yakin Perodua serta Proton akan menikmati permintaan yang lebih besar memandangkan mereka merupakan jenama paling popular dalam kalangan penjawat awam," katanya menerusi laporan kemas kini sektor itu kelmarin sambil menambah jenama lain mungkin tidak terlalu terkesan.

Sebelum ini, Menteri Komunikasi Fahmi Fadzil memberi bayangan bahawa gaji penjawat awam akan dinaikkan sebanyak 15 peratus kepada 43 peratus menjelang penghujung tahun 2024. Butiran akhir akan diumumkan menjelang 16 Ogos depan.

AmInvestment Bank berkata penerima manfaat utama ialah MBM Resources (yang memiliki 20 peratus dalam Perodua), Sime Darby (yang menguasai Perodua sebanyak 38 peratus) dan DRB HICOM yang mempunyai 50 peratus kepentingan dalam Proton.

Ia juga menaikkan unjuran pendapatan MBM Resources bagi tahun kewangan 2024 kepada tahun kewangan 2026 masing-masing sebanyak 3.0 peratus, 5.2 peratus dan 3.7 peratus, berdasarkan jangkaan semakan gaji kakitangan awam yang bakal melonjakkan jualan kereta.

HARIAN METRO
Tarikh: 1.5 AUG 2024.....

4m 15/8 Pembantu tadbir nafi buat tuntutan palsu RM20k

Seremban: Pembantu tadbir sebuah kolej vokasional didakwa di Mahkamah Sesyen di sini, semalam atas dua pertuduhan mengemukakan tuntutan palsu bagi pembekalan barang keperluan pejabat kolej terbabit berjumlah lebih RM20,000.

Tertuduh, Foziana Isa, 41, bagaimanapun mengaku tidak bersalah bagi kedua-dua pertuduhan di hadapan Hakim Meor Sulaiman Ahmad Tarmizi selepas pertuduhan dibaca.

Mengikut pertuduhan, tertuduh sebagai pembantu tadbir menggunakan de-

ngan niat hendak memperdayakan kolej berkenaan satu dokumen iaitu Baucar Bayaran Bagi Pembekalan Barang Keperluan Pejabat bertarikh 5 Disember 2022 berjumlah RM4,757.10 yang mana tertuduh mempunyai kepentingan.

Bagi pertuduhan kedua, tertuduh melakukan kesalahan sama bagi Baucar Bayaran Bagi Pembekalan Barang Keperluan Pejabat bertarikh 6 Januari 2023 berjumlah RM17,301.50.

Perbuatan itu dilakukan pada 5 Disember 2022 dan 6 Januari 2023 di kolej berkenaan di Rembau.

Berikutan itu tertuduh

melakukan kesalahan mengikut Seksyen 18 Akta Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) 2009 dan boleh dihukum mengikut Seksyen 24(2) akta yang sama.

Jika disabitkan kesalahan tertuduh boleh dipenjara tidak melebihi 20 tahun dan didenda tidak kurang lima kali ganda jumlah nilai butir matan palsu.

Timbalan Pendakwa Raya SPRM, Mohamad Azriff Firdaus Mohamad Ali memohon jaminan sebanyak RM8,000 dikenakan dengan seorang penjamin selain suami tertuduh serta dua syarat tambahan.

Peguam Noramin Petra Norhanapiah yang mewakili tertuduh memohon jaminan RM5,000 memandangkan tertuduh dan suami menanggung enam anak berusia empat hingga 16 tahun dengan pendapatan kurang RM6,000 sebulan.

Mahkamah kemudian menetapkan jaminan sebanyak RM6,000 dan tertuduh perlu melapor diri pada Sabtu pertama setiap bulan di Pejabat SPRM Seremban sehingga kes selesai.

Sebutan semula kes ditetapkan pada 13 September depan.



FOZIANA didakwa di Mahkamah Sesyen Seremban, semalam.
- Gambar NSTP/AHMAD HASBI

Banteras rasuah perlu kerjasama semua pihak HM 11/8

Kuala Lumpur: Usaha pembanteras rasuah memerlukan kerjasama daripada semua pihak yang bertanggungjawab bagi mengelak peruntukan kerajaan yang bertujuan menjamin kelestarian penyampaian perkhidmatan kepada rakyat diseleweng.

Ketua Pesuruhjaya SPRM Tan Sri Azam Baki berkata, SPRM sentiasa komited dalam menangani kesalahan rasuah dan salah guna kuasa melalui pengukuhan tatakelola serta tadbir urus di semua peringkat.

Menurutnya, justeru, usaha pembanteras rasuah memerlukan kerjasama daripada semua pihak yang bertanggungjawab.

"Peranan auditor amat penting dalam merungkai kepincangan dalam akaun dan rekod kewangan yang dimanipulasi untuk menyembunyikan jenayah kewangan.

"Akauntan pula ber-

tanggungjawab sebagai *gate keeper* kepada maklumat kewangan sesebuah organisasi, memantau aliran kewangan syarikat, menasihati pihak penguurusan mengenai operasi kewangan syarikat dan jika perlu melaporkan ketidakwajaran serta penyelewengan kepada pihak berkuasa," katanya ketika berucap merasmikan program Inisiatif Pencegahan Rasuah Melalui Pemerkasaan Amalan Perakaunan dan Pengauditan di sini, semalam.

Hadir sama Akauntan Negara Nor Yati Ahmad, Naib Canselor UiTM Prof Datuk Dr Shahrin Sahib@Sahibuddin, Timbalan Ketua Audit Negara (Kewangan) Patimah Ramuji, Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif MIA Dr Wan Ahmad Rudirman Wan Razak, Presiden MAICSA Datuk Akbar Moidunny, Timbalan Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif SSM, Rezy Izwan Ramly dan Penga-

rah Jabatan Khas Lembaga Hasil Dalam Negeri (LHDN) Datuk Akmal Johari Ismail.

Azam berkata, setiausaha syarikat perlu memastikan maklumat pemunya benefisial dimasukkan dan diserahkan kepada pendafatar selaras dengan *Guideline for the Reporting Framework for Beneficial Ownership of Legal Persons*.

"Amat menyedihkan apabila peruntukan kerajaan menjamin kelestarian penyampaian perkhidmatan kepada rakyat diseleweng pihak yang tidak bertanggungjawab," katanya.

"SPRM sentiasa memberi perhatian yang serius terhadap Laporan Ketua Audit Negara (LKAN) yang dibentangkan di Parlimen dengan pembabitatan di dalam Jawatan Kuasa Tindakan Laporan Ketua Audit Negara (JTLKAN) dan Mesyuarat Bersama Agensi Penguatkuasa dan Agensi Pusat Berhubung LKAN," katanya.

HARIAN METRO

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Maimunah wanita pertama dilantik Datuk Bandar KL

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**Pelantikan
berkuat kuasa
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Kuala Lumpur: Penasihat kepada Majlis Antarabangsa Inisiatif Alam Sekitar Tempatan (ICLEI), Datuk Seri Dr Maimunah Mohd Sharif, menjadi wanita pertama dilantik sebagai Datuk Bandar Kuala Lumpur yang baharu berkuat kuasa, hari ini.

Menteri di Jabatan Perdana Menteri (Wilayah Persekutuan) Dr Zaliha Mustafa, berkata pelantikan itu telah mendapat perkenan Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Ibrahim selaras dengan Subseksyen 4 (2), Akta Ibu Kota Persekutuan 1960, berkuat kuasa

mulai hari ini.

"Saya percaya dengan pelantikan itu, Maimunah akan dapat meneruskan kesinambungan pengalaman dan sumbangan beliau untuk memimpin Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL) dengan penuh integriti bagi memastikan kemampanan pembangunan, kecemerlangan dan kegemilangan berterusan ke arah Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur yang maju dan sejahtera.

Pengalaman luas

"Beliau berkelulusan Ijazah Sarjana Muda Sains (Perancangan Bandar) dari University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology, United Kingdom sebelum melanjutkan pengajian dalam Ijazah Sarjana Sains (Perancangan Bandar) di Universiti Sains Malaysia," katanya dalam satu kenyataan, semalam.

Menurut Dr Zaliha, Maimunah

mempunyai pengalaman yang luas, malah pernah menjadi Pengarah Eksekutif Persidangan Program Penempatan Manusia Pertubuhan Bangsa-Bangsa Bersatu (UN-Habitat) yang berpusat di Nairobi, Kenya, selama enam tahun dan menjadi satu-satunya wanita Asia pertama yang memegang jawatan terbabit.

"Sebelum itu, beliau berkhidmat sebagai Datuk Bandar Majlis Bandaraya Pulau Pinang dan Yang Dipertua Majlis Perbandaran

Seberang Perai serta pernah menjadi Presiden Persatuan Pihak Berkuasa Tempatan Malaysia (MALA).

"Dengan pengalaman selama 39 tahun dalam perancangan bandar, penjaan semula bandar dan pembangunan yang diterajui komuniti, beliau adalah individu yang bertanggungjawab mengembalikan kedudukan UN-Habitat sebagai peneraju pemikiran dalam

perbandaran mampan.

"Beliau juga pernah diberi tanggungjawab sebagai Pengerusi Bersama Secretary-General's Task Force on the Future Cities dan Pengerusi Bersama Local 2030 Coalition," katanya.

"Maimunah juga menerima pelbagai pengiktirafan seperti pengiktirafan sebagai Tokoh Perancang Bandar Malaysia oleh Kementerian Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan; Ahli Kehormat Royal Town Planner's Institute, United Kingdom; Felo Kehormat, United Cities of Local Government (UCLG) dan Ambassador of His Majesty King Charles III (King's Foundation) dalam perbandaran mampan di negara Komanwel.

"Beliau juga dianugerahkan Ijazah Kehormat Kedoktoran Alam Bina dari Universiti Islam Antarabangsa Malaysia," katanya.

Dr Zaliha turut merakamkan penghargaan dan ucapan terima kasih Datuk Seri Kamarulzaman Mat Salleh atas segala sumbangan dan kepimpinan beliau sepanjang menjawat jawatan Datuk Bandar Kuala Lumpur.



Maimunah
Mohd Sharif

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Mohd Azharuddin (tengah) menaiki van DRT pada sidang media di Petaling Jaya, semalam.

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Prasarana tambah van khidmat DRT

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300 lagi van baharu akan diterima secara berfasa penuhi permintaan

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Prasarana Malaysia Bhd (Prasarana) akan menambah 300 van baharu bagi perkhidmatan 'Demand Responsive Transit' (DRT) di bawah operasi Rapid Bus Sdn Bhd (Rapid Bus).

Presiden dan Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif Prasarana, Mohd Azharuddin Mat Sah, berkata perkhidmatan van itu beroperasi dalam radius dua kilometer dari stesen Transit Aliran Ringan (LRT) terpilih dengan pengambilan penumpang di lokasi yang ditempa melalui aplikasi.

"Van baharu itu dijangka diterima bermula Disember 2024 dengan penambahan 30 van dan selebihnya akan diterima secara berfasa sehingga bulan Jun 2025.

"Penambahan jumlah van adalah untuk menampung peningkatan permintaan bagi perkhidmatan Rapid DRT yang diperkenalkan, di mana daripada jumlah itu, sebanyak 10 van akan dilengkapi dengan ciri-ciri yang mesra Orang Kurang Upaya (OKU)," katanya pada sidang media di Petaling Jaya, semalam.

Dengan kadar tambang

RM1 bagi setiap perjalanan, perkhidmatan Rapid DRT memberi manfaat kepada pengguna merangkumi pelbagai garis usia dan latar belakang.

Azharuddin berkata, Rapid DRT menyokong perkhidmatan sedia ada Rapid Bus dan juga menjadi tonggak kesalinghubungan 'first-last mile' bagi perkhidmatan rel Rapid KL di Lembah Klang.

"Komitmen daripada pihak kerajaan dan Prasarana akan memberi kemudahan kepada pengguna pengangkutan awam dengan menggunakan inisiatif berlandaskan teknologi dan inovasi.

"Sejak diperkenalkan pada Mei 2023, hanya satu laluan sahaja yang menggunakan van ini, namun perkhidmatan Rapid DRT di Lembah Klang kini dikembangkan kepada sembilan laluan dengan 18 van," katanya.

Tambah baik khidmat

Beliau berkata, perkhidmatan ini mencatatkan purata kenaikan penumpang sebanyak 32 peratus dengan jumlah penggunaan keseluruhan seramai 126,656 orang setakat 31 Julai 2024.

"Dari segi pembayaran pula, buat masa ini hanya menggunakan Touch n Go atau My50 dan kami sedang dalam proses untuk menyediakan sistem pembayaran terbuka yang boleh digunakan di mana-mana perkhidmatan seperti rel, bas, atau DRT.

"Dari segi kos, penggunaan DRT adalah dua peratus lebih rendah daripada bas dan ini merupakan pe-

nambahbaikan kerana kami ingin mengurangkan kos kepada kerajaan," katanya.

Dalam pada itu, Azharuddin berkata, jumlah keseluruhan penumpang yang direkodkan pada Julai lalu adalah sekitar 1.2 juta orang yang terdiri daripada 950,000 menggunakan perkhidmatan Rapid Rail Sdn Bhd (Rapid Rail) dan 200,000 ke 250,000 orang menggunakan perkhidmatan bas.

"Dengan adanya penambahan 300 van, kami menjangkakan (berlaku) penambahan penumpang," katanya.

Perkhidmatan Rapid DRT di Lembah Klang adalah mengikut Laluan T757 dari LRT Alam Megah ke Seksyen 27, Shah Alam, laluan T785 dari LRT Taman Paramount ke Kampung Baiduri, dan laluan T783 dari LRT Taman Bahagia ke SS6.

Selain itu, perkhidmatan beroperasi mengikut laluan T221 dari LRT Sri Rampai ke Giant Ulu Kelang diikuti dengan laluan T774 dari LRT Glenmarie ke MSU dan Stadium Shah Alam, serta laluan T582 dari LRT Sri Petaling ke Bandar Sri Petaling.

Laluan lain pula mengikut T203 dari LRT Taman Melati ke Danau Kota, laluan T778 dari LRT USJ 21 ke One City, dan laluan T786 dari LRT Asia Jaya ke MRT Phileo Damansara.

Di Pulau Pinang pula, laluan DRT mengikut laluan T210 yang menghubungkan Farlim dan Air Itam di mana semua laluan mula beroperasi dari Mei tahun lalu.

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Tarikh...1.5...AUG...2024.....

Negara alami purata lapan gelombang haba setahun

Kuala Lumpur: Malaysia mengalami peningkatan empat kali ganda kejadian gelombang haba sejak tahun 1960-an.

Menurut satu laporan media tempatan semalam, analisis Tabung Kanak-Kanak Pertubuhan Bangsa-Bangsa Bersatu (UNICEF) mendedahkan, negara kini mengalami purata lapan gelombang haba setiap tahun, dengan setiap gelombang berlangsung kira-kira lima hari.

Ini berbanding hanya dua gelombang haba setahun dengan tempoh sehingga empat hari pada tahun 1960-an.

Analisis kajian yang diterbitkan semalam itu turut menun-

jukkan peningkatan tahap keterukan gelombang haba dengan suhu naik daripada 35 darjah Celsius melebihi purata pada 1960-an kepada 69 darjah Celsius melebihi purata bagi 2020-an.

Bagaimanapun, analisis itu tidak menyatakan suhu purata tempatan pada tahun 1960-an dan 2020-an.

Menurut definisi UNICEF, keterukan gelombang haba merujuk kepada suhu yang melebihi purata 15 hari tempatan.

Analisis turut mencatatkan, musim panas dan kering di Malaysia kini bermula lebih awal, satu trend semakin teruk akibat kejadian El Nino dan mencer-

minkan kadar perubahan iklim yang pesat.

Ini menimbulkan risiko kepada kira-kira 750,000 kanak-kanak di Malaysia yang kini tinggal di kawasan yang mengalami dua kali ganda hari dengan suhu melebihi 35 darjah Celsius, berbanding 1960-an.

Analisis itu juga mendapati, secara global kira-kira 466 juta kanak-kanak atau satu dalam lima kanak-kanak yang tinggal di kawasan yang mengalami sekurang-kurangnya dua kali ganda bilangan hari sangat panas berbanding 60 tahun lalu.

Di 16 negara, kanak-kanak kini menghadapi tambahan hari sa-

ngat panas melebihi sebulan setiap tahun berbanding enam dekad lalu.

Risiko kesihatan serius

UNICEF berkata, Afrika Barat dan Afrika Tengah menghadapi pendedahan tertinggi, dengan 123 juta kanak-kanak mengalami sehingga 212 hari sangat panas setiap tahun.

Amerika Latin dan Caribbean juga menyaksikan peningkatan yang ketara.

Dalam konteks gelombang haba, kanak-kanak di 100 negara kini mengalami dua kali ganda gelombang haba berbanding 60 tahun yang lalu.

Dalam pada itu, UNICEF memberi amaran bahawa kepanasan melampau menimbulkan risiko kesihatan serius termasuk komplikasi kehamilan, kekurangan zat makanan kanak-kanak, penyakit berkaitan haba dan masalah kesihatan mental.

Ia juga memburukkan keadaan kesihatan sedia ada dan meningkatkan masalah penyakit berjangkit.

Justeru, UNICEF menyeru semua negara anggota Perjanjian Paris termasuk Malaysia untuk mengemukakan kemas kini pelan iklim nasional, yang akan memandu tindakan iklim dalam dekad akan datang.

BERITA HARIAN

Tarikh.....1.5.AUG.2024.....

Maimunah wanita pertama jadi Datuk Bandar Kuala Lumpur

PETALING JAYA: Penasihat kepada Majlis Antarabangsa Inisiatif Alam Sekitar Tempatan (ICLEI), Datuk Seri Dr. Maimunah Mohd. Sharif menjadi wanita pertama dilantik sebagai Datuk Bandar Kuala Lumpur, berkuat kuasa, esok.

Menteri di Jabatan Perdana Menteri (Wilayah Persekutuan), Dr. Zaliha Mustafa berkata, pelantikan itu sudah mendapat perkenan Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Sultan Ibrahim.

Beliau berkata, pelantikan Maimunah itu akan dapat meneruskan kesinambungan pembangunan, kecemerlangan dan kegemilangan berterusan Kuala Lumpur.

Maimunah, 63, berkelulusan Ijazah Sarjana Muda Sains (Perancangan Bandar) dari University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology, United Kingdom sebelum melanjutkan pengajian dalam Ijazah Sarjana Sains (Perancangan Bandar) di Universiti Sains Malaysia.

Maimunah juga mempunyai pengalaman yang luas malah pernah menjadi Pengerah Eksekutif Persidangan Program Penempatan Manusia Pertubuhan Bangsa-Bangsa Bersatu (UN-Habitat) yang yang berpusat di Nairobi, Kenya, selama enam tahun.

"Sebelum itu, beliau berkh-



MAIMUNAH MOHD. SHARIF

idmat sebagai Datuk Bandar Majlis Bandaraya Pulau Pinang dan Yang Dipertua Majlis Perbandaran Seberang Perai serta pernah menjadi Presiden Persatuan Pihak Berkuasa Tempatan Malaysia (MALA).

"Dengan pengalaman selama 39 tahun dalam perancangan bandar, penjana semula bandar dan pembangunan yang diterajui komuniti, beliau adalah individu yang bertanggungjawab mengembalikan kedudukan UN-Habitat sebagai peneraju pemikiran dalam perbandaran mampan.

"Beliau juga pernah diberi tanggungjawab sebagai Pengerusi Bersama Secretary-General's Task Force on the Future Cities dan Pengerusi Bersama Local 2030 Coalition," katanya.

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Tarikh:1.5 AUG...2024....

Kenaikan gaji penjawat awam rangsang sektor hartanah

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PETALING JAYA: Jualan sektor hartanah dijangka meningkat didorong oleh pembelian hartanah jenis kediaman susulan pengumuman kenaikan gaji penjawat awam Jumaat ini.

Timbalan Ketua Pegawai Operasi (Perkhidmatan Korporat) MK Land, Nazri Tumin berkata, kesan daripada peningkatan pendapatan boleh guna dalam kalangan penjawat awam akan memberi impak positif terhadap ekonomi.

Ujarnya, sebagai pemaju hartanah, secara keseluruhan, kenaikan tersebut akan membuka lebih banyak peluang kepada rakyat untuk melibatkan diri dalam pasaran hartanah, sama ada untuk pembelian baharu atau menaik taraf kediaman sedia ada.

"Namun, adalah penting untuk kita memantau bagaimana peningkatan ini akan mempengaruhi pasaran secara keseluruhan, khususnya dalam aspek keperluan asas lain yang mungkin terkesan seperti harga makanan dan perkhidmatan.

"Ini kerana faktor kemampuan adalah antara perkara utama yang dipertimbangkan dalam menentukan harga produk kami," katanya ketika dihubungi *Utusan Malaysia*.

Bagaimanapun, beliau tidak



KENAIKAN gaji penjawat awam membolehkan mereka memiliki rumah dengan lebih mudah selain menaik taraf rumah sedia ada. - GAMBAR HIASAN

menjangkakan peningkatan pendapatan penjawat awam ini akan memberi kesan segera terhadap harga rumah dalam tempoh terdekat.

"Apa yang berkemungkinan meningkat seperti makanan, perkhidmatan dan lain-lain keperluan harian yang mungkin akan terkesan dengan perubahan dalam ekonomi ini," ujarnya.

Sementara itu, Presiden Persatuan Perundingan Hartanah Muslim Malaysia (PEHAM),

Sr. Idzwan Izuddin Shah Ishak berkata, kenaikan kakitangan awam tidak memberi kesan dari segi kenaikan harga rumah.

"Bagaimanapun, saya melihat (kenaikan) ini memberi impak positif dari segi kemampuan untuk memiliki hartanah.

"Sekiranya gaji penjawat awam naik, maka, kelayakan pinjaman juga akan meningkat. Secara tidak langsung permintaan pada hartanah meningkat di atas faktor kelayakan

pinjaman tersebut," katanya.

Perdana Menteri, Datuk Anwar Ibrahim dijangka membuat pengumuman penting mengenai Sistem Saran Perkhidmatan Awam (SSPA) pada Majlis Amanat Perdana Perkhidmatan Awam (MAPPA) ke-19, yang akan diadakan Jumaat ini.

Seramai 692,828 kakitangan kumpulan pelaksana melibatkan pegawai Gred 40 dan ke bawah bakal menikmati kenaikan pendapatan sehingga 42.7 peratus.

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MENTERI di Jabatan Perdana Menteri, Dr. Zaliha Mustafa menyatakan dalam jawapan bertulis di Parlimen pada awal Julai lalu bahawa perincian berkaitan pelaksanaan pelarasan gaji penjawat awam dijangka akan diumumkan semasa Majlis Amanat Perdana Perkhidmatan Awam (MAPPA) ke-19, Jumaat ini.

Pengumuman perincian itu kelak tentunya salah satu perkara yang ditunggu-tunggu penjawat awam terutamanya di peringkat pegawai pelaksana, yang mana gaji mereka semenjak 2012 belum mendapat penyelarasan dalam menghadapi inflasi semasa dan kos sara hidup yang meningkat tinggi pasca Covid-19. Dengan kenaikan gaji itu kelak akan dapatlah sebahagian penjawat awam di peringkat pelaksana untuk keluar dari kelompok di bawah garis kemiskinan di Malaysia.

Oleh itu, sudah agak pasti, MAPPA ke-19 nanti akan menjadi tumpuan dan dijangka mengundang kehadiran pejabat awam yang menunggu satu pakej rangsangan yang saksama terhadap pikulan tanggungjawab mereka dan seterusnya mengurangkan kerisauan menangani kelangsungan hidup yang makin mencabar.

Bagi mereka yang bukan penjawat awam, MAPPA mungkin satu perhimpunan yang agak asing. Untuk pengetahuan umum, persidangan yang mula diperkenalkan sejak 2000 ini adalah satu medan amanat khas tahunan oleh Perdana Menteri kita kepada pekerja-pekerja yang menjadi jentera kepada perkhidmatan kerajaan iaitu penjawat awam.

Seperti amanat ketua pegawai eksekutif di syarikat-syarikat besar, perjumpaan ini pastinya bertujuan menjelaskan hala tuju kepimpinan negara dan menerangkan objektif strategi utama kerajaan serta memberikan pencerahan terhadap roh dasar awam semasa yang dijanai.

Ini supaya pelbagai lapisan pegawai kerajaan dari kesemua kementerian dan jabatan kerajaan dapat berkongsi visi, nilai serta aspirasi yang dibawa oleh pucuk kepimpinan semasa negara. Seterusnya hasilnya adalah organisasi yang bersatu hati dalam melakukan



PENGUMUMAN mekanisme rasionalisasi gaji dalam Majlis Amanat Perdana Perkhidmatan Awam (MAPPA) ke-19 yang akan diadakan pada Jumaat ini pastinya menyuntik lebih ramai bakat berkualiti memasuki sektor kerajaan selain membantu Malaysia menjadi negara progresif, aman dan makmur.

MAPPA: Menanti kecemerlangan perkhidmatan awam

“Pengumuman mekanisme rasionalisasi gaji seharusnya disambut sebagai dorongan untuk terus bersinar dan kepada mereka yang bersemangat tinggi untuk terus melaksanakan kerja dengan lebih cemerlang.”

yang terbaik untuk urusan pentadbiran negara serta dalam memberikan khidmat kepada masyarakat Malaysia.

Semenjak menjadi Perdana Menteri, MAPPA ke-19 bakal menjadi platform pertama untuk Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim berucap dan menyampaikan amanat serta aspirasinya secara

terus kepada wakil-wakil keseluruhan jentera kerajaan dari pelbagai lapisan jawatan dan perkhidmatan secara khusus terutamanya untuk lebih menerapkan lagi gagasan Malaysia Madani cetusan beliau.

Sesungguhnya MAPPA, bagi sesetengah penjawat awam, merupakan satu-satunya peluang untuk bersemuka secara terus dengan kepimpinan negara serta ruang untuk berinteraksi dan mendapatkan penjelasan tuntas beberapa perkara berkaitan dasar perkhidmatan awam yang terkini.

Saban kali bila MAPPA dianjurkan, Jabatan Perkhidmatan Awam (JPA) serta jabatan di bawahnya iaitu Institut Tadbiran Awam Negara (INTAN) akan menjadi tonggak utama memastikan pengisian serta kelancaran perjalanan persidangan ini.

Antara sebab keterlibatan INTAN ialah kerana institut ini sentiasa berperanan dalam proses peningkatan keupayaan dan pembelajaran serta pemerolehan keilmuan bagi perkhidmatan awam.

Selain dari penganjuran MAPPA ke-19 ini, INTAN turut menjadualkan beberapa wacana lain sepanjang tahun ini bersama-sama beberapa menteri Kabinet bagi memastikan hasrat serta pemikiran di belakang satu-satu pelaksanaan dasar oleh kepimpinan negara dapat diselami dan difahami.

Kehadiran awam ke MAPPA dan wacana-wacana tersebut akan dapat memupuk kecaknaan mereka terhadap perkembangan isu semasa dan juga kehendak pemegang taruh yang pelbagai.

Kefahaman dan penghayatan awam yang menjadi tulang belakang pelaksanaan jentera kerajaan ini seterusnya akan membantu dalam melahirkan minda penjawat awam yang progresif serta dapat mencapai objektif penjawatan sesuatu dasar atau peraturan dengan baik. Seterusnya juga pengetahuan baharu yang diterima dapat digembleng untuk pembangunan peribadi dan organisasi bagi perkhidmatan lebih baik kepada masyarakat.

Kali terakhir MAPPA diadakan adalah pada 2022, dengan lebih 6,000 penjawat awam hadir ke Pusat Konvensyen Antarabangsa Putrajaya (PICC) dan ribuan lagi menonton siaran langsung di platform media rasmi dan media sosial.

CAPAI OBJEKTIF

Diharapkan penganjuran MAPPA ke 19 ini akan memenuhi objektifnya serta menjadi jambatan penghubung di antara kepimpinan negara dengan awam dalam membina kefahaman dan kerjasama serta kebersamaan yang tinggi untuk berusaha dengan lebih baik dalam menyampaikan perkhidmatan kepada rakyat.

Selain dari itu juga, bukti keperhatian kepimpinan negara kepada penjagaan kebajikan penjawat awam dalam bentuk pengumuman mekanisme rasionalisasi gaji di MAPPA ke-19 itu nanti seharusnya disambut sebagai dorongan kepada mereka yang bersemangat pudar untuk pulih lalu terus bersinar dan kepada mereka yang bersemangat tinggi untuk terus melaksanakan kerja dengan lebih cemerlang.

Mungkin juga nanti akan lebih ramai bakat berkualiti di luar sana akan turut tertarik memasuki perkhidmatan awam sekali gus membantu Malaysia menjadi negara progresif, aman dan makmur.

PENULIS ialah Felo Penyelidik Kanan di Unit Penyelidikan dan Konsultasi, Institut Tadbiran Awam Negara (INTAN).

Tubuh suruhanjaya khas nilai undang-undang lapuk ^{15/8} _{utusan}

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PETALING JAYA: Satu suruhanjaya khas perlu diwujudkan untuk meneliti isu-isu yang boleh timbul dalam usaha menilai semula undang-undang lapuk di negara ini.

Malah, kerajaan boleh memperkenalkan semula dana penyelidikan untuk membolehkan semakan dan penilaian undang-undang dijalankan secara berterusan.

Peguam dan pemerhati undang-undang, Nizam Bashir Abdul Kariem Bashir berkata, proses penilaian semula undang-undang lapuk tidak mungkin dapat diselesaikan dalam satu penggal pentadbiran kerajaan, sebaliknya perlu dilakukan secara berterusan.

Jelas beliau, tanpa badan khusus ini, aspek penting dalam undang-undang mungkin tidak diberi perhatian yang sewajarnya.

"Penilaian semula undang-undang melibatkan pembatalan atau pengemaskinian undang-undang memerlukan analisis mendalam.

"Ini bagi memastikan undang-undang yang masih berkuat kuasa relevan dan



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NIZAM BASHIR
ABDUL KARIEM BASHIR

berkesan dengan keadaan semasa," katanya kepada *Utusan Malaysia*.

Terdahulu, akhbar ini melaporkan kerajaan bersedia melakukan penilaian semula ke atas lebih 3,000 undang-undang lapuk yang sudah tidak relevan dengan keadaan semasa dan isu itu akan dibentangkan kepada Kabinet minggu depan.

Mengulas lanjut, Nizam Bashir berkata, negara-negara maju seperti Australia, New Zealand, dan United Kingdom (UK) menubuhkan suruhanjaya khas untuk menilai undang-undang secara berkala.

"Suruhanjaya ini juga ber-

fungsi sebagai pengawal selia dan platform untuk rundungan awam bagi memastikan masyarakat dilibatkan dan undang-undang yang diperkenalkan atau dipinda selaras dengan keperluan dan kehendak rakyat," jelasnya.

Mengenai undang-undang yang perlu diutamakan, beliau berkata, Akta Surat Kuasa Wakil 1949, Akta Wasiat 1959, Akta Pemegang Amanah 1949 dan Akta Orang Kurang Upaya 2008 adalah antara yang perlu semakan semula.

"Akta Orang Kurang Upaya 2008 perlu disemak untuk memberikan perlindungan yang lebih baik kepada golongan ini dalam pelbagai aspek kehidupan," katanya.

Sementara itu, Pensyarah Undang-undang dan Polisi, Fakulti Sains Sosial dan Kemanusiaan, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) Kampus Kuala Lumpur, Prof. Madya Dr. Muhammad Fathi Yusof berkata, perubahan struktur masyarakat menjadikan undang-undang sedia ada tidak sesuai dan memerlukan peraturan yang selaras dengan perkembangan semasa.

"Undang-undang yang memerlukan dokumen bercetak

perlu dipinda agar urusan pemakluman dan dokumentasi boleh dilakukan secara dalam talian.

"Terdapat undang-undang lama perlu dipinda kerana penggunaan istilah atau perkataan yang sudah tidak sesuai dengan konteks semasa," tambahnya.

Muhammad Fathi turut menyokong penyediaan geran penyelidikan kepada ahli akademik bagi mencadangkan semakan undang-undang yang tidak relevan.

"Sejak kemerdekaan pada 1957, sebanyak 885 akta telah diluluskan oleh Parlimen, dengan fokus utama pada akta-akta Parlimen sebelum menilai peraturan atau enakmen negeri.

"Kerajaan Persekutuan perlu fokus pada undang-undang Persekutuan manakala kerajaan negeri bertanggungjawab untuk menilai dan meminda enakmen negeri.

"Semakan perlu dilakukan terhadap akta melebihi 30 tahun serta undang-undang baru yang diperkenalkan dalam 10 hingga 15 tahun seperti Akta Pengurusan Strata 2013 yang dianggap baharu memerlukan semakan disebabkan pelbagai isu yang timbul," katanya.

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Sektor ekonomi catat 8.96j jawatan¹⁵⁷⁸ pada suku kedua 2024^{mayan}

PETALING JAYA: Jumlah jawatan dalam sektor ekonomi meningkat sebanyak 1.5 peratus dengan merekodkan 8.96 juta jawatan pada suku tahun kedua 2024 berbanding 8.83 juta suku sama tahun sebelum, menurut laporan Jabatan Perangkaan.

Ketua Perangkawan Malaysia, Datuk Seri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin berkata, peningkatan jumlah jawatan itu seiring dengan kadar pengangguran yang kekal stabil pada 3.3 peratus seperti yang direkodkan di Laporan Statistik Tenaga Buruh, Suku Tahun Kedua 2024.

"Trend ini dijangka kekal stabil sehingga akhir tahun ini, lanjutan daripada ekonomi domestik yang kukuh dan pemulihan perdagangan luar negeri.

"Melangkah ke hadapan, prestasi eksport dijangka meningkat, selari dengan potensi kemasukan pelaburan ke dalam negara ini yang akan mewujudkan lebih banyak jawatan," katanya dalam kenyataan.

Jelas beliau, bilangan jawatan diisi pada suku tahun kedua mengukuh pada kadar 1.5 peratus untuk merekodkan 8.76 juta jawatan berbanding 8.64 juta pada suku sama tahun sebelum.

"Demikian juga, bilangan kekosongan jawatan dalam sektor ekonomi adalah 191,400, meningkat sebanyak 0.8 peratus berbanding suku tahun yang sama tahun lepas (ST2 2023: 189,800).

"Untuk kadar jawatan diisi kekal tinggi pada 97.9 peratus, manakala kadar kekosongan jawatan sebanyak 2.1 peratus. Selain itu, bilangan pewujudan jawatan pada suku tahun ini juga meningkat secara perlahan sebanyak 0.5 peratus, mencatatkan 31,900 jawatan (ST2 2023: 31,700)," katanya.

Mengulas lanjut mengenai bilangan jawatan diisi, trend peningkatan yang konsisten menggambarkan perkembangan ekonomi.

Kestabilan dapat dilihat dengan jelas pada pertumbuhan tahun ke tahun yang positif bagi semua sektor.

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MAIMUNAH IS NEW KL MAYOR

She has 39 years
experience in
urban planning,
says Zaliha

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*Datuk Seri Paduka Maimunah
Mohd Sharif*

DATUK Seri Paduka Maimunah Mohd Sharif has been appointed as the new Kuala Lumpur mayor, effective today.

Maimunah, 63, is also a former Penang Island City Council mayor.

Federal Territories Minister Dr Zaliha Mustafa said His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim, King of Malaysia had consented to Maimunah's appointment under subsection 4(2) of the Federal Capital Act 1960.

She said Maimunah was not only qualified in urban planning but had also held various positions, including serving as the executive director of the United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN-Habitat) in Kenya, for six years.

Dr Zaliha said Maimunah was the first Asian woman to hold that position.

"Before that, she served as the mayor of Penang Island City Council, the president of Seberang Perai Municipal Council, and was the president of the Local Authorities Association of Malaysia," she said.

Dr Zaliha added that with 39 years of experience in urban planning and numerous na-

tional and international recognitions, Maimunah is expected to make a significant contribution to Kuala Lumpur City Hall.

"Her recognitions include being named Malaysia's Outstanding Urban Planner by the Housing and Local Government Ministry, as well as serving as an Ambassador for His Majesty King Charles III's Foundation for sustainable urbanisation in Commonwealth countries."

"I am confident that with this appointment, she will uphold her legacy of expertise and integrity in leading Kuala Lumpur City Hall. This will ensure sustainable development, excellence, and continued progress towards a thriving and advanced Federal Territory of KL," she said.

Dr Zaliha also expressed her gratitude to the outgoing KL mayor Kamarulzaman Mat Salleh for his dedicated contribution and leadership throughout his tenure.

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INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY

Only discipline, determination can overcome obesity

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OBESITY in Malaysia has become a pressing health concern and it's not something new.

The 2023 National Health and Morbidity Survey reported that over 54.4 per cent of Malaysian adults are overweight or obese.

This significant increase from 50.1 per cent in 2019 translates to roughly 11 million Malaysians.

It is also reported that over half a million civil servants in Putrajaya are obese.

The associated health and economic costs include reduced productivity, higher absenteeism rates, and greater demand for health facilities and personnel.

Both individuals and the economy are adversely affected by these trends.

The major contributors to obesity are unhealthy eating habits, lack of exercise and sedentary lifestyles. To combat this, Malaysians must change their daily routines.

Discipline and determination are crucial for these changes to be effective.

Discipline extends beyond exercise, and include portion control, mindful eating, and resisting unhealthy treats.

Even as the aroma of nasi lemak and roti canai beckons, I indulge in these delights sparing-

ly, turning them into occasional treats rather than routine habits.

Public awareness campaigns to educate people about healthy eating and active lifestyles are important, but they can only do so much. They cannot replace real action.

Government and community support, including providing adequate fitness and recreational facilities and outdoor parks, is vital, but ultimately, the responsibility lies with each person.

Addressing obesity requires collective effort from individuals to policymakers.

For those who have reached their fitness milestones, it is undoubtedly a cause for celebration. However, the journey does not end there.

Maintenance is the unsung hero in our general health and the battle against the bulge.

Just as some seniors faithfully adhere to a lifetime of medication, maintaining a healthy physique demands continual work, effort and sacrifice.

I urge all Malaysians to manage their lifestyle through exercise and a healthy diet. Your future wellbeing is in your own hands.

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT BOOST IN 13MP

Govt to focus on bus services, rail networks, and first-and-last-mile issues, says Rafizi

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A COMPREHENSIVE plan is underway to boost public transportation in Malaysia, with an emphasis on improving connectivity in the Klang Valley.

Economy Minister Rafizi Ramli yesterday said the initiatives, to be implemented in phases, would be a key focus in the 13th Malaysia Plan, to be introduced in July next year.

He said the government was targeting improvements in three key areas: bus services, rail networks, and first-and-last-mile issues.

"For a start, bus stations in Kuala Lumpur will be upgraded beginning next year, along with improvement to walkways.

"For bus services, efforts will include expanding connectivity and coverage, with more dedicated lanes in Kuala Lumpur to



The Klang Valley's rail network will be expanded to improve services and improve the passenger experience, says Economy Minister Rafizi Ramli (pic). FILE PIC



be introduced."

He said this at the Transport Ministry.

Rafizi said measures included complementing public transport network such as the mass rapid transit, light-rail transit and bus services, as well as considering the Kuala Lumpur autonomous rail transit.

He said the rail network would be expanded to improve services and improve the passenger experience, with the government considering expanding the demand-responsive transit to improve the first-and-last-mile

connectivity.

"To achieve 80 per cent railway track utilisation in the peninsula by 2030, the government, spearheaded by the Transport Ministry, has developed a phased plan to increase passenger train services in Malaysia, targeting the operation of 299 passenger trains nationwide by 2030.

"We have 68 passenger train sets and one of the ways to scale up is through leasing."

He said the National Transport Policy 2019-2030 had set a target of achieving 40 per cent public transport usage by 2030.

"To achieve this target, the Economy Ministry and Transport Ministry conducted a workshop on May 17 to identify key investments needed to boost and expand the public transport network.

"Following this, a plan is being developed, encompassing investment strategies and an implementation plan."

He said the plan was presented at the National Economic Action Council meeting on July 1.

Rafizi said the issues of low rail density and bus availability had led to car ownership rates in the Klang Valley being among the highest in the world.

In the Klang Valley, there were only 0.21 buses for every 1,000 people, he said.

"These services cover 323 routes, but only nine per cent of these routes operate at a frequency of one to 15 minutes, 63 per cent operate every 16 to 30 minutes, and 28 per cent operate at intervals of more than 30 minutes.

"For rail services, if the length of rail routes is divided by the geographical area, rail connectivity in the Klang Valley is only 7.9 metres per square kilometre compared with developed countries like the United Kingdom (67.5 metres per sq km) and Singapore (352 metres per sq km)."

Overall, only 55 per cent of the

Klang Valley was covered by rail and bus services, leaving many areas without public transport connectivity, he said.

Meanwhile, non-governmental organisations said the government should also focus on updating safety, timing and ease of use of public transport.

Malaysian Public Transport Users Association president Ajit Juhl called for the establishment of a commission to review and update public transportation regulations and policies to better serve commuters.

"Revising these regulations is more important than upgrading facilities or performing maintenance," he told the *New Straits Times*.

Transport consultant Wan Agyl Wan Hassan said the government could focus on public transport timing and frequency to prevent congestion.

Alliance of Safety Community chairman Tan Sri Lee Lam Thye called on the government to identify additional safe locations for building pedestrian walkways.

"The walkways should be more user-friendly.

"To prevent vehicles from entering these walkways, pedestrian barriers need to be installed."

He also called for the installation of escalators or lifts at sky bridges to help senior citizens with mobility issues.

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Public servants play a crucial role in upholding good governance, maintaining order and ensuring the wellbeing of the community. FILE PIC

Onus on civil servants to do better

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MOST civil servants deserve the 15 to 42.7 per cent pay increase announced by the government.

But the rakyat is waiting to see how this will translate into better service. Will there be greater commitment to serve the public more efficiently, thoroughly, swiftly and with integrity?

In the past, people faced bureaucratic delays, unfair actions, abuse of power, misconduct, failure to enforce regulations and laws, and lethargy.

There have been many cases of civil servants ignoring calls and providing inferior service, but few faced disciplinary action.

Numerous complaints have

been made about bureaucratic delays, inefficiency and poor maintenance culture.

Such dereliction of duty still persists even after action had been taken against 8,556 underperforming civil servants in 2022.

Additionally, 3,238 officials obtained a performance rating below 60 per cent a few years earlier.

While an increase in salaries is welcome, it is vital for civil servants to remember their duty.

It is essential for them to prioritise public welfare by addressing concerns, responding to complaints promptly, enforcing laws effectively and demonstrating commitment to their roles.

Public servants play a crucial role in upholding governance, maintaining order, and ensuring the wellbeing of the community.

Neglecting their duties erode public trust and confidence in government institutions.

To justify their higher salaries, civil servants must exhibit a strong work ethic, professionalism, and dedication.

By engaging the public, being responsive and demonstrating accountability, civil servants can improve community relations and enhance satisfaction.

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A person's alertness tends to be lower than usual when air pollution is higher, researchers have found. PICTURE CREDIT: ETX DAILY UP

Air pollution can affect our mood

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It has long been known that weather can have a real effect on our mood and morale.

Rainy days, for example, are most often associated with sadness, while sunny days tend to bring a smile to the face.

On the other hand, extreme temperatures, particularly hot spells, tend to increase stress and aggression, as recent scientific research has suggested.

But weather isn't the only atmospheric factor that could have an impact on our mood.



A new study published in the prestigious journal 'PLOS One' suggested that pollution could produce similar effects.

Michelle Ng, a researcher at the Department of Communication of Stanford University in California, the United States, and her team studied the known associations between exposure to air pollution and adverse effects on mental health.

The authors used statistical models and data obtained from 150 Americans over more than a year.

The researchers studied these models to determine to what extent and in what way air quality could affect the mood and alertness of people living in the US.

The results showed that individuals' alertness tends to be lower than usual when air pollution is higher.

The researchers noted that this affective sensitivity to air pollution likely varied greatly between individuals.

The authors of the research stressed the need to better integrate affect into climate adaptation policies, plans and programmes, such as developing strategies to safeguard people's mental health.

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'Rukun Negara essential to foster unity'

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► Although not included in Federal Constitution, thorough understanding would help in ensuring peace, says expert

KUALA LUMPUR: Understanding and embracing the essence of the Rukun Negara is essential for fostering strong unity within society, said Universiti Malaya Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences History Department Head Dr Abu Hanifah Haris.

He said the national philosophy is essential for maintaining unity and ensuring peace in a nation with diverse

ethnic groups, Bernama reported.

"Although the Rukun Negara is not included in the Federal Constitution, a thorough understanding of its contents can help mitigate issues that may threaten unity," he said during the Bicara Eksekutif Semarak Merdeka programme on Tuesday.

The programme, themed Semangat Patriotisme dan Perpaduan melalui Penghayatan Rukun Negara, was organised by the National Library.

Abu Hanifah, who is also a senior lecturer at the faculty, emphasised the importance for young people to gain a deeper understanding of history.

"History is a reflection of the past. While we progress, it is essential to look back to ensure we move forward safely. This underscores the importance of history in our journey towards becoming a modern and progressive nation."

"Today's generation tends to

overlook history. While we should leverage social media, we must not neglect our historical roots."

He also commented on the current history curriculum, which he considers to be at a good level in explaining various events comprehensively.

Meanwhile, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia lead researcher Prof Dr Zaid Ahmad said gaining historical knowledge should not end with formal education, but should be continually embraced to foster a sense of identity and progress.

He said historical events should be presented on various platforms as part of public education, ensuring that society remains aware of them.

The programme, one of the initiatives of the library under the National Unity Ministry, aims to encourage the public to value history, uphold noble values and strengthen unity.

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Social media platform licence rule aimed at curbing online crime

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KUALA LUMPUR: The government decision to require social media platforms to obtain a licence aims to curb criminal activities, which often exploit such platforms to target victims.

Cybersecurity expert Assoc Prof Dr M. Selvakumar from Universiti Sains Malaysia said the licensing

requirement would enable the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission to enhance its oversight and ensure social media platforms actively work to prevent illegal activities.

He said with a licensing system in place, all social media services would need to adhere to national

laws, providing users with a more effective reporting mechanism for suspicious activities.

"This decisive step demonstrates Malaysia's commitment to addressing the growing threat of cybercrime, particularly in areas such as fraud and online gambling. However, it is important to

understand that licensing alone is insufficient.

"It should be part of a comprehensive strategy that includes robust enforcement, collaboration across sectors and a flexible framework that adapts to the evolving technological landscape." - Bernama

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I am committed to ensure progress of Selangor, says MB

SHAH ALAM: Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari said he is more comfortable to continue leading the administration of the state government, despite speculation about a potential Cabinet reshuffle at the federal level.

He said his commitment, among other things, was to ensure the continuation of the state development plan, particularly focusing on the effective implementation of the ongoing First Selangor Plan.

Amirudin, who is also Gombak MP, said he

has not been informed of any plans to appoint him as a Cabinet minister.

"As a loyal PKR member, I will fulfil any responsibilities entrusted to me if I am appointed as a Cabinet minister," he said after launching the Selangor People's Tuition Programme 2024 at Dewan Raja Muda Musa on Tuesday.

Amiruddin was addressing speculation that a menteri besar from PKR might be named to the federal Cabinet.

On Monday, Anwar reportedly denied that there would be a reshuffle in the Cabinet soon.

Regarding speculation about a potential reshuffle of the state executive council, including the possible removal of two exco members, Amirudin indicated that such changes could occur, based on circumstances such as illness, death or other factors.

"Currently, I have a strong team in Selangor. We are working well together, and there is a recognised need for performance

improvements to strengthen our service, after a year in administration," he said.

Amirudin added that the rumours serve as a valuable reminder to all exco members, including himself, to diligently fulfil their promises and meet set targets.

"Just last week, during the state executive council meeting, I emphasised the need for myself and all exco members to enhance our performance in the state assembly, and to achieve our objectives." - Bernama

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