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Majlis Bandaraya Subang Jaya (MBSJ) muncul juara selepas berpesta jaringan menewaskan Majlis Bandaraya Petaling Jaya (MBPJ) dengan keputusan 8-0 di Stadium Majlis Perbandaran Ampang Jaya (MPAJ) hujung minggu lalu.

MBSJ tidak menunggu lama untuk membuka tirai jaringan menerusi penyerang sensasi bola sepak wanita negara, Intan Sarah Anisah Zulgaflil, pada awal minit kedua dan pada minit ke-21, Intan Serah terus mencetak gol kedua sebelum menuju ke bilik persalinan.

Masuk babak kedua perlawanan, MBSJ terus menambah derita kepada MBPJ selepas menjaringkan enam lagi jaringan, dua gol daripada Afrina Zahar -pada minit ke-39 dan 65, Dian Aqilah dan Lee Xin Yi masing-masing mencetak satu jaringan sebelum Intan Serah melengkapkan hatrik pada minit ke-56 dan terus menutup peluang buat MBPJ selepas dia mencetak gol keempat peibadinya pada minit ke-61.

MBSJ dinobatkan selaku juara sulung Piala Sumbangsih Wanita 2025.

STADIUM ASTRO ONLINE

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Subang Racquet & Golf Centre faces demolition amid plans for high-rise apartments



The Subang Racquet & Golf Centre is set to make way for a proposed high-rise apartment project, with residents voicing concern over potential congestion and strain on local infrastructure—even as formal plans have yet to be submitted to the city council. — Instagram pic, April 15, 2025



Sandru Narayanan



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KUALA LUMPUR — The Subang Racquet and Golf Centre is expected to be demolished and redeveloped into a high-rise apartment complex in the coming months.

The six-acre plot—located approximately 650 metres from the Nu Empire Shopping Gallery and 950 metres from Subang Parade—was reportedly sold by Sime Darby Property Berhad to LTS Capital Sdn Bhd last year for the purpose of this development.

However, the proposal for the multi-million ringgit project has yet to be submitted to or approved by the Subang Jaya City Council (MPSJ).

According to a source, several residents' groups in Subang Jaya have expressed dissatisfaction with the proposed development, citing concerns over increased congestion and other negative implications.

"The developers are currently engaging with local residents and stakeholders to gather feedback on the project.

"It seems that several residents' groups are unhappy with the idea of a new commercial development, as they believe it would lead to unnecessary congestion and place further strain on the existing infrastructure.

"There's only one main road providing access to the area, and there are already too many transit-oriented developments in Subang Jaya.

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The source noted the project could still be approved, as a recent closed-door meeting saw low turnout from residents, with only four of 13 invited groups attending. — Instagram pic, April 15, 2025

"As this is a commercial development, only a plot ratio of 1:4 is allowed. However, if the developers are aiming for a higher ratio—such as 1:6, which is becoming increasingly common—they would need to initiate discussions with residents and the relevant government agencies to assess the feasibility.

"No formal proposal has been submitted to MPSJ yet, but it may happen soon," the source said.

At the same time, the source noted there is still a strong possibility the project could gain approval, as not all residential groups are opposed to it.

It is understood that a recent closed-door meeting was held to gather residents' views on the proposed development.

Thirteen groups were invited, but only four attended.

"Even from a commercial standpoint, the project may not be viable. It could add more pressure to existing businesses in the area—many of which are already struggling, such as Subang Parade, AEON Big Subang, and several others.

"Only Sunway Pyramid seems to be thriving. There is also a lack of unity among the residents' groups. If resistance remains weak, the project stands a strong chance of being approved by MPSJ.

"The fate of the project will ultimately be decided in the coming months," the source added. — April 15, 2025

State expedites diesel storage approvals to support businesses amid gas supply cut

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A view of the crater left behind by the April 1 gas pipeline fire, as seen in Putra Heights, Subang Jaya on April 12, 2025. — Picture by HARUN TAJUDIN/MEDIA SELANGOR

By Danial Dzulkifly

SHAH ALAM, April 16 — The Selangor government is expediting local authority approvals for businesses to store diesel on site to cushion the impact of the gas supply disruption after the April 1 Putra Heights pipeline explosion.

State executive councillor for investment, trade and mobility Ng Sze Han said the initiative is one of several urgent steps being taken to support companies, particularly those dependent on cold storage, in keeping raw materials intact and maintaining operations.

"We are also in constant communication with PetGas (Petronas Gas Bhd) and other stakeholders to accelerate the full restoration of gas supply," he told *Media Selangor* during Invest Selangor's Aidilfitri Business Networking 2025 event held at the MBSA Convention Centre here yesterday.

Ng, who chaired a stakeholder engagement session on April 9, said the meeting gathered representatives from the state administration, the Energy Commission, the Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers (FMM), PetGas, pipeline operator Gas Malaysia Bhd, and impacted industry players.

Yesterday, he said he is constantly engaging with industry players and FMM's affected members to find the best way forward.

The blast on April 1 disrupted the Segamat-Kapar sector of the Peninsular Gas Utilisation pipeline, a critical transmission route supplying gas to industrial zones in Selangor.

As a result, affected manufacturers have been forced to scale back production or switch to more expensive alternatives, such as diesel or fuel oil.

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State executive councillor for investment, trade, and mobility Ng Sze Han delivers his speech during the Brazil x Malaysia Bilateral Semiconductor Industry Development programme at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel in Puchong on April 10, 2025. — Picture by HARUN TAJUDIN/MEDIA SELANGOR

In a report published on Monday by *The Edge*, Ng acknowledged the economic impact of the incident is still being assessed, but confirmed certain sectors are already suffering.

While the state government's priority remains the welfare of displaced residents, Ng said efforts are also underway to ensure the swift recovery of the industrial ecosystem.

Industries such as steel manufacturing, rubber gloves, food and beverage, and pharmaceuticals are among the most reliant on liquefied natural gas.

While some operations, such as those using boilers, can temporarily shift to alternative fuels, others that rely directly on gas for key processes like melting or heating have no immediate substitute.

The Energy Commission is currently prioritising gas supply to essential services, including power generation, hospitals, food processing, and pharmaceuticals.

Industry players, however, continue to contend with reduced gas pressure and partial shutdowns.



Speaker Dewan Negeri Selangor Lau Weng San menunjukkan laporan kaji selidik isu infrastruktur berkaitan pelepasan di Selangor ketika sidang media di Wisma Dewan Negeri Selangor, Shah Alam pada 15 April 2025. Foto AHMAD ZAKKI JILAN/MEDIA SELANGOR

Meanwhile, Selangor State Legislative Assembly Speaker Lau Weng San indicated that the upcoming assembly sitting, expected in July, will include a debate on the incident, especially on the need for buffer zones between industrial infrastructure and residential areas.

"The matter is still under investigation, and I am certain the executive will carry out their duties to resolve the problem.

"The legislative will definitely discuss and debate this issue, and I hope there will be more vigorous debate, especially on proposals to establish safer routes and buffer zones.

"All developments within each local council are subject to the local plan. Therefore, the debate should focus on the buffer zone distance outlined in the plan. In this case (Putra Heights), under the MBSJ (Subang Jaya City Council)," he said in a press conference yesterday.

He added that future development plans, especially those under local authorities like MBSJ, must place greater emphasis on safety, particularly in high-risk industrial areas.

The Putra Heights blast on the second day of Aidilfitri triggered a massive blaze, with flames reaching over 30m high and temperatures soaring to 1,000°C.

The fire took nearly eight hours to extinguish.

The incident affected 219 homes — 81 destroyed and another 81 damaged — and impacted 1,254 residents from 308 families.



A victim of the April 1 Putra Heights gas pipeline explosion shows Media Selangor a screenshot of the resulting inferno that day, when met at the Putra Heights Mosque temporary relief centre in Subang Jaya, on April 10, 2025. — Picture by FIKRI YUSOF/MEDIA SELANGOR

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Insiden Putra Heights bakal hangatkan Sidang DUN Selangor

Kosmo 16/4

SHAH ALAM - Sidang Dewan Undangan Negeri (DUN) Selangor yang dijadualkan pada Julai ini dijangka panas dengan isu tragedi letupan dan kebakaran paip gas di Putra Heights, Subang Jaya.

Speaker DUN Selangor, Lau Weng San berkata, beliau menjangkakan ramai Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri (ADUN) yang akan membahaskan mengenai tragedi itu bagi mencari jalan penyelesaian supaya tidak berulang pada masa akan datang.

"Saya berharap perbincangan yang lebih rancak mengenai isu ini pada sidang DUN akan datang.

"ADUN boleh bertanyakan soalan dan cadangan mereka mengenai insiden itu seperti keperluan untuk melihat semula pembinaan bangunan atau infrastruktur di kawasan berdekatan laluan paip gas," katanya pada sidang akhbar di Wisma Dewan Negeri, di sini semalam.

Sehubungan itu, Weng San meminta Majlis Bandaraya Subang Jaya dan Jabatan Perancangan Bandar dan Desa bersedia dengan jawapan yang bakal ditanya oleh ADUN.

Kosmo! sebelum ini melaporkan letupan dan kebakaran saluran paip gas di Jalan Putra Harmoni, Putra Heights pada 1 April lalu menyebabkan sebanyak 437 kediaman terkesan dengan 81 daripadanya musnah sepenuhnya.

Letupan itu turut menyebabkan terbentuk kawah sedalam lapan meter selain 467 buah keluarga terkesan. Laporan penuh siasatan mengenai tragedi dahsyat itu dijangka akan siap seawal pertengahan Mei ini.

KOSMO

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Lagi tali barut counter setting ditahan SPRM

- Tiga anggota imigresen direman
- Wang tunai, barang kemas dirampas

Oleh ABDUL RASHID ABDUL RAHMAN

KUANTAN – Tiga anggota imigresen ditahan selepas disyaki bersekongkol dalam kegiatan membawa masuk warga asing tanpa melalui pemeriksaan di Lapangan Terbang Antarabangsa Kuala Lumpur (KLIA) Terminal 1 dan Terminal 2 (KLIA2) di Sepang, Selangor.

Difahamkan, kegiatan sindiket yang bermula sejak 2021 hingga 2024 itu melibatkan habuan wang tunai lebih RM10 juta yang turut diagihkan kepada penjawat awam terlibat.

Kakitangan imigresen itu dipercayai menjadi tali barut bagi melepaskan warga asing yang tiba di negara ini tanpa melalui prosedur ditetapkan menerusi modus operandi counter setting di KLIA1 dan KLIA2.

Ketiga-tiga anggota imigresen Gred KP2 yang berusia dalam lingkungan 40-an itu ditahan reman selama tujuh hari sehingga 21 April ini.

Perintah reman dikeluarkan Majistret Nor Izzati Zakaria di Mahkamah Majistret di sini selepas permohonan dibuat Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) semalam.

Tangkapan ke atas dua lelaki



PEGAWAI SPRM membawa tiga anggota imigresen untuk permohonan perintah reman di Mahkamah Majistret Kuantan semalam.

dan seorang wanita itu dibuat secara berasingan di Kuala Lumpur, Negeri Sembilan dan Johor kelmarin.

Selain tangkapan, pihak SPRM turut merampas sejumlah barang kemas, wang tunai dan simpanan di dalam akaun bank masing-masing.

Sementara itu, Pengarah SPRM Pahang, Mohd. Shukor Mahmud mengesahkan penahanan ketiga-tiga suspek dan memberitahu, kes tersebut disiasat mengikut Seksyen 17(a) Akta SPRM 2009.

Sebelum ini Kosmo! melaporkan SPRM membongkar kegiatan penyeludupan warga asing selepas menahan beberapa penguat kuasa sebuah agensi kerajaan yang menjadi tali barut sindiket.

Kegiatan itu dilakukan di pintu masuk negara dan warga asing yang disenaraikan tidak perlu melalui pemeriksaan pasukan keselamatan.

Antara warga asing yang sering dibawa masuk menerusi modus operandi counter setting di lapangan terbang utama adalah

Myanmar, Bangladesh, Indonesia, India, Pakistan dan juga Nepal.

Kegiatan haram tersebut terbongkar selepas 11 individu berusia dalam lingkungan 20 hingga 50-an termasuk empat penguat kuasa ditangkap di sekitar Lembah Klang, Pulau Pinang dan Kelantan pada tahun lalu menerusi 'Op Pump'.

Sindiket dipercayai meraih keuntungan jutaan ringgit. Sisatan mengesan terdapat kemasukan wang lebih RM4 juta sejak tahun 2022 hingga 2024.



KOSMO

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City council presents aid to children, adults at Petaling Jaya mosque 16/4 str.

PETALING Jaya City Council (MBPJ) provided aid to the underprivileged, both children and adults.

Petaling Jaya mayor Mohamad Zahri Samingon presented RM200 each to 25 underprivileged children and the hardcore poor during an event at Masjid Dato' Haji Kamaruddin in Section 51A, Petaling Jaya, Selangor.

"The contribution was to help them with preparations for Hari Raya Aidilfitri," MBPJ's Corporate Communications Unit said in a media statement.

"This programme also



functions as a platform to strengthen the relationship between MBPJ and the local community.

"This was part of several welfare initiatives that the council had been carrying out throughout Ramadan.

"MBPJ previously reached out to several target groups through

programmes such as presenting donations to the elderly and persons with disabilities, providing food baskets and organising spiritual talks for MBPJ staff," the statement added.

Mohamad Zahri also presented a contribution of RM2,000 to the mosque's administrator Farizuddin Aman to support its welfare efforts and community development.

Others present at the event were Petaling Jaya deputy mayor Aznan Hassan, MBPJ councillor Mohamed Hamka Mohamed Jumah and department heads.



(Seated second row from left) Mohamed Hamka, Farizuddin, Mohamad Zahri and Aznan with some of the recipients at Masjid Dato' Haji Kamaruddin.

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DBKL gets tough on illegal foreign traders ^{12/14}

ENFORCEMENT against illegal foreign traders in Kuala Lumpur has been stepped up following public concerns about the proliferation of such businesses.

Between April 1 and 13, six raids were conducted by Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) at hotspots.

These included Jalan Leboh Pudu and Jalan Tun Tan Siew Sin.

Several roadside traders selling food and beverages in front of the PETRONAS Twin Towers and Pavilion Kuala Lumpur were also in the area covered by the DBKL operations.

In media statements, City Hall said its enforcement officers were continuously monitoring businesses operating without a licence, especially by foreigners.

"DBKL will step up inspection at hotspots to ensure all business activities comply with regulations.

"Those with information about businesses being operated by foreigners are encouraged to submit the details at aduakl.dbkl.gov.my," it said.



DBKL enforcement personnel confiscating items from a roadside trader operating illegally in front of the PETRONAS Twin Towers.

During an operation on April 12 in Jalan Leboh Pudu and Jalan Tun Tan Siew Sin, DBKL made 16 asset seizures.

DBKL had also conducted operations in Jalan Petaling, Jalan P. Ramlee and Masjid Jamek, and carried out 19 asset

seizures involving mostly traders selling food and beverages.

A similar action was taken during an operation on April 1 at Jalan Silang, Jalan Bukit Bintang and Jalan Khoo Teok Ee involving nine traders.



Three premises were ordered to close during a joint operation by DBKL and Immigration Department. — Courtesy photos

All items seized during these operations were sent to DBKL storage in Taman Miharja, Cheras, for documentation purposes.

Separately, DBKL in collaboration with Home Affairs Ministry and the Immigration Department conducted an operation on April 9 in Segambut.

"Four foreigners were brought

to the Kuala Lumpur Immigration headquarters for documentation and records.

"Several items were also seized and taken to the Home Ministry building in Kuala Lumpur," said DBKL.

In addition, the local authority issued three compounds and ordered three premises to cease operations.

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Planetary Health Matters

By Jemilah Mahmood

MOST of us know that plastic pollution is a major problem. We see it on our streets, in our rivers, on our beaches, and even in the stomachs of marine life. We read about the worrying effects of microplastics on human and planetary wellbeing.

But many of us are less aware that governments worldwide have been negotiating a global plastics treaty to tackle this crisis. This treaty could change the way plastics are produced, used, and disposed of across the world. However, progress has not been as fast as many have hoped, and corporate interests have led to some foot-dragging at the bargaining table.

In response to the growing plastic pollution crisis, governments agreed in 2022 to develop a legally binding treaty under the auspices of the United Nations Environment Programme. The 2022 United Nations Environment Assembly Resolution on ending plastic pollution includes a reference to the development of an international binding instrument which addresses the full lifecycle of plastic. Achieving this means setting legally binding global reduction targets on plastic production, ensuring safer alternatives, and reducing the amount of plastic that ends up polluting our planet.

When negotiators gathered in Busan in South Korea late last year for the fifth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC-5) on the Global Plastics Treaty, there was hope that real progress would be made in tackling one of the planet's most pressing crises. But INC-5 ended in deadlock, with vested interests watering down ambitions and preventing the approval of the agreement. Now, as we head towards the crucial resumed session INC-5.2 – which is a make-or-break moment – we must face an uncomfortable truth: plastic pollution is not just an environmental issue, it is a symptom of a deeper crisis of human behaviour, economic greed, and political inertia.

We live in a world where plastic has become so embedded in our daily lives that we barely notice it. From the moment we wake up and squeeze out toothpaste from a plastic tube to the coffee we sip from a takeaway cup with a plastic lid, we participate in an unsustainable system designed for convenience at the expense of planetary health. Every minute, the equivalent of a truckload of plastic enters the ocean. Microplastics now contaminate the air we breathe, the water we drink, and are found in our bloodstreams, brains, lungs, and even in unborn babies.

The science is unequivocal: the overproduction of plastics is fuelling a planetary crisis. The fossil fuels driving climate change are the same ones feeding plastic production. And despite the glossy promises of recycling, globally only around 9% of plastics are recycled. The rest ends up in landfills, incinerators, fields, rivers, oceans, and our food. But we act as though this crisis belongs to someone else – as if governments, corporations, or scientists will step in and fix it. And while



Globally only around 9% of plastics are recycled. The rest ends up in landfills, incinerators, fields, rivers, oceans, and our food. Only an enforceable, effective global treaty on the production of plastics can begin to reduce such pollution. – AFP Relaxnews

We're drowning in plastic

And the only thing that could save us is an effective global plastics treaty.

the reality is that it is their responsibility, they won't act unless they're pushed.

Why was it difficult to conclude the negotiations at INC-5? It was in large part because the same industries that profit from plastics are using their influence to block an ambitious, legally binding treaty. They argue that voluntary commitments and national-level regulations are enough, and that many of the issues which the treaty sets out to address are already covered by existing international agreements. But we have seen this play out before, whether with climate change, tobacco control, or hazardous chemicals. Without an enforceable, global agreement that tackles plastics from production to disposal – an "end-to-end" treaty – the crisis will only deepen.

Rich nations, particularly those hosting powerful petrochemical companies and petro-states, are resisting regulations that would curb plastic production. Meanwhile, developing nations, many of which bear the brunt of the plastic crisis, struggle with inadequate waste management systems. The solution cannot be a piecemeal approach where only certain types of plastic are banned or where responsibility is shifted onto consumers through ineffective recycling campaigns. We need a globally implementable commitment to cut plastic production at its source.

History has shown that when people

demand action, governments respond. The Montreal Protocol of 1987, which successfully phased out ozone-depleting substances, was made possible by public and scientific pressure. The Paris Agreement on Climate Change of 2015, while imperfect, exists because millions of people took to the streets demanding climate action. The plastics crisis demands the same level of urgency and mobilisation.

Governments will not act boldly unless we force them to. Industry lobbyists and their public relations experts will not back down unless their influence is outweighed by public pressure. We must call on our governments to support a treaty that:

- > Caps and phases down plastic production, rather than just addresses the waste aspect of the lifecycle of plastics.

- > Holds corporations accountable for their role in plastic pollution, including through taking responsibility to clean up after themselves.

- > Bans harmful chemicals in plastic production.

- > Ensures a just transition for workers in the informal sector and the entire plastic value chain.

- > Provides funding and technology transfer for low-income nations to build sustainable waste management systems, including manufacturing plastic alternatives from agricultural waste.

This is not just a battle for policymakers

in negotiation rooms. It is a battle for all of us. As individuals, we can reduce our plastic use, support businesses that are plastic-free, and educate those around us. But more importantly, we must pressure our governments to stand on the right side of history at INC-5.2 in August. Write to your representatives, join campaigns, and raise your voice on social media.

The industries profiting from plastic pollution are counting on public apathy. We must prove them wrong. We are already seeing wooden toothbrushes in the market and restaurants that no longer provide drinking straws. Demand creates supply and we need to demand more from the industry.

A united approach to tackling plastics pollution is within reach – but only if we demand it. The stalemate of INC-5 should not discourage us; it should fuel our determination. The planet cannot afford another weak compromise. This time let's get the treaty we need across the finish line.

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Tarikh:

Obstructive practices in Brickfields

Repairs on tactile paths meaningless without proper enforcement, say stakeholders

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REPAIRING broken tactile paving blocks to help the visually impaired walk safely in Brickfields, Kuala Lumpur, is a half measure, says stakeholders.

The ongoing work will amount to naught if nothing is done to stop people from blocking these paths.

While the repairs are welcomed, the blind community wants Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) to tackle the issue of illegal stalls and illegally parked motorcycles and cars blocking these walkways.

These obstructions are not just inconveniences – they are the very reason the tactile paths keep breaking in the first place, said Malaysian Association for the Blind (MAB) chief executive officer Datuk George Thomas.

"What is the point of fixing them if they are going to be damaged all over again next week?" he said.

DBKL began works to repair the tiles in February following repeated complaints from the sight-impaired community.

However, Thomas said sustainability – not just surface-level repairs – was key.

"The only way this is going to work is to clear the walkways," he emphasised.

Brickfields, proclaimed as Malaysia's "blind-friendly" township, has in recent times struggled with accessibility, which stakeholders claim is due to weak enforcement and unchecked urban clutter.

Tactile paths designed to guide the visually impaired often lead nowhere, or worse, into danger.

"Fixing the tiles is one thing, but if there is no follow-through, we are just going in circles," said Sharifah Aminah, a visually-im-



Motorcycles parked on tactile paving in Brickfields blocked the path for visually-impaired pedestrians.



Thomas says the obstructions are inconvenient and the reason the tactile paths keep breaking.

paired resident.

"I have always prided myself on being able to navigate Brickfields with just my walking stick, guided by the tactile blocks.

"But the township has become a dangerous place for people like me."

Sharifah complained that the tactile guides were frequently blocked, damaged or rendered unusable.

Her experience reflects the broader concerns of the blind community, who say that without firm and consistent enforcement, DBKL's repairs will be short-lived.

In response, DBKL has kickstarted efforts to make Brickfields safer under the CHASE City agenda, championed by Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Federal Territories) Datuk Seri Dr

Zaliha Mustafa.

CHASE City represents Dr Zaliha's vision to transform all Federal Territories, including Kuala Lumpur, into Clean, Healthy, Advanced, Safe and Eco-Friendly cities.

Brickfields Rukun Tetanga chairman SKK Naidu, who participated in a work retreat with DBKL officers, said they were working towards transforming Brickfields into a safer, vibrant, inclusive and sustainable city.

"We have repeatedly urged DBKL to re-examine its licensing policies in areas like Brickfields,



Visually-impaired pedestrians wading along a damaged tactile path in Brickfields, Kuala Lumpur. — Photos: LOW LAY PHON/The Star

where the situation is spiralling out of control with more stalls mushrooming every month.

"There have been many accidents and close calls involving the visually impaired bumping into parked cars, motorcycles, stalls and even trolleys on the walkways.

"The situation is deteriorating and must be urgently addressed," said Naidu.

StarMetro had on March 12, reported that stakeholders demand urgent action to ensure

safe, accessible public spaces after a blind woman was injured after tripping over a trolley left on a pedestrian walkway.

Last August, Housing and Local Government Minister Nga Kor Ming informed Parliament of a nationwide crackdown on obstructions along walkways.

However, in Kuala Lumpur, enforcement has done little to halt the proliferation of both illegal and licensed stalls encroaching on pedestrian walkways.

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Tarikh:.....

Selangor woos China tourists

Sales mission to four Chinese cities aims for 25% more arrivals this year

SELANGOR is targeting a 25% increase in tourist arrivals from China as part of its Visit Selangor Year 2025 (VSY2025) campaign.

A new video tailored for the Chinese market was launched during a Tourism Selangor sales mission to Kunming, Chengdu, Qingdao and Zhengzhou.

The promotional video showcased the state's diverse tourism experiences, focusing on its cultural, natural and culinary offerings.

"China remains Selangor's leading international tourist source."

"We recorded 352,001 Chinese visitors in 2023 and 384,811 arrivals by September 2024."

"Popular destinations include Petaling and Hulu Langat districts, known for their vibrant attractions, shopping hubs, nature retreats and cultural heritage," said Tourism Selangor in a media statement.



Chua (fifth from right) with the Malaysia Inbound Chinese Association delegation in Kunming, China.

Chinese visitors can watch the VSY2025 video through social media platforms such as Weibo, Xiaohongshu

and Facebook.

Tourism Selangor chief executive officer Chua Yee Ling said that during the sales mission,

the agency engaged with over 200 buyers and 60 Malaysian sellers in each city.

It also facilitated business-to-

business meetings, government-to-government discussions, media collaborations, and networking sessions.

"We anticipate a significant increase of up to 25% in tourist arrivals this year."

"To further strengthen ties with China's travel industry, a series of familiarisation trips will be organised throughout 2025."

"These will allow travel agents to experience Selangor's unique attractions firsthand and develop exclusive travel packages," she said.

Chua said the sales mission reaffirmed China's commitment to making Selangor a must-visit destination for Chinese tourists.

"By leveraging joint marketing campaigns, digital promotions and exclusive travel offerings, Selangor aims to solidify its position as a top travel destination while setting the stage for Visit Malaysia 2026."

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THE gas pipeline explosion in Putra Heights on April 1 has raised pressing legal questions about preparedness, accountability structures and regulatory safeguards in Malaysia when industrial disasters occur.

With over 227 houses and 365 vehicles affected, and 87 homes reportedly written off as total losses, victims now face a long, complex journey towards compensation and recovery.

It is commonly assumed that homeowners can recover compensation through fire insurance policies. But this is only possible if adequate home fire insurance has been purchased beforehand.

While fire insurance is generally a prerequisite for mortgaged homes, owners of older, fully-paid properties may lack sufficient or any coverage, leaving them to bear the loss themselves.

Even where fire insurance exists, it typically covers only structural damage and fixed fittings. High-value movable items such as laptops, mobile devices and entertainment systems, often uninsured, may be excluded. Meanwhile, items of sentimental value are irreplaceable.

For vehicles, owners who opted only for basic "third-party" insurance – common for older vehicles, motorcycles and commercial vehicles – are unlikely to be covered for fire-related damage. This potentially leaves many without financial recourse.

The explosion and subsequent suspension of gas supply in the area also disrupted operations at an estimated 200 nearby factories, including food manufacturers and metal processing facilities. In legal terms, these are examples of "pure economic loss" – financial losses that arise not from injury or physical damage but the indirect consequences of the incident.

Under current Malaysian law, such losses are generally non-recoverable. The 2018 Federal Court decision in *Tenaga Nasional Berhad v Batu Kemas Industri &*

Legal recourse for victims of gas pipeline explosion



Critical issues: Houses damaged in the gas pipeline fire, which has raised pressing legal questions about preparedness, accountability structures and regulatory safeguards in Malaysia when industrial disasters occur. — MUHAMAD SHAHRIL ROSLI/The Star

Anor clarified that even if negligence is established, damages for pure economic loss may not be claimable. This significantly restricts legal remedies for the affected industries, and raises questions about whether our existing laws adequately reflect the economic inter-dependencies of modern industrial zones.

Public scrutiny has turned to the roles played by the pipeline owner, the Energy Commission

(EC) and the local authority. Several key statutes govern these parties' responsibilities – the Gas Supply Act 1993 (Act 501), as amended in 2016; the Gas Supply Regulations 1997 (P.U.(A) 287); the Energy Commission Act 2001 (Act 610); and the Street, Drainage and Building Act 1974 (Act 133).

As the licensed gas transporter in the affected area, the pipeline owner is responsible for the safety and maintenance of gas instal-

lations under the Gas Supply Regulations 1997. To date, there is no indication if the pipeline owner failed in these responsibilities.

The EC's duties, as outlined in Section 4(1) of Act 501, includes the mandate "to protect the public from dangers arising from the distribution of gas through pipelines".

Meanwhile, the local authority's responsibilities under Act 133

include the reported issuance of a permit for excavation works in the area prior to the incident.

However, statutory immunities complicate any imposition of liability. The EC is protected from certain legal actions under Section 37 of Act 501, while the local authority is protected under Section 95(2) of Act 133, as explained by the 2006 Federal Court case of *Majlis Perbandaran Ampang Jaya v Steven Phoa Cheng Loon*. These protections may limit the availability of legal recourse against the public authorities involved.

While contractor negligence remains a possibility, it must be emphasised that legal liability cannot be determined until investigations are completed. Even if such negligence is established, questions remain about whether the contractor would have the financial resources or insurance coverage to compensate victims on this scale.

This underscores the importance of mandatory liability insurance and stringent regulatory controls for high-risk works near critical infrastructure.

The Putra Heights explosion is a sobering reminder that as Malaysia advances its infrastructure and industrial capacity, our legal and regulatory systems must keep pace. Strengthening protections, closing insurance gaps and ensuring accountability are no longer optional; they are essential to safeguarding lives and livelihoods.

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Rasuah lebih RM10 juta: Tiga anggota Imigresen KLIA direman

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KUANTAN - Tiga anggota Jabatan Imigresen yang bertugas di Lapangan Terbang Antarabangsa Kuala Lumpur (KLIA) direman tujuh hari bermula Selasa bagi membantu siasatan berhubung kes rasuah membabitkan lebih RM10 juta.

Perintah reman terhadap ketiga-tiga suspek yang berusia dalam lingkungan 40-an itu dikeluarkan oleh

Majistret Nor Izzati Zakaria selepas permohonan dibuat oleh Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM).

Ketiga-tiga suspek yang berjawatan Gred KP2, ditahan dalam satu operasi serentak sekitar Kuala Lumpur, Nilai dan Johor Bahru, pada Isnin lalu.

Penahanan itu hasil siasatan terhadap kegiatan sindiket membawa masuk warga asing tanpa melalui pro-

ses pemeriksaan sah di pintu masuk negara yang dipercayai aktif sejak 2021 hingga 2024.

Sementara itu, Pengarah SPRM Negeri Pahang, Mohd Shukor Mahmud mengesahkan penahanan tersebut.

Katanya, siasatan lanjut sedang dijalankan bagi mengenal pasti penglibatan individu lain dalam sindiket berkenaan.

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Pemimpin kanan Bersatu direman kes rasuah projek tambak laut RM44 juta

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MELAKA - Seorang pemimpin kanan Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (Bersatu) bergelar Datuk Seri direman enam hari bermula Selasa bagi membantu siasatan menerima suapan projek tambak laut di Melaka bernilai RM44 juta.

Perintah reman sehingga Ahad ini dikeluarkan oleh Majistret Sharda Shienha Mohd Suleiman terhadap suspek berusia 61 tahun itu selepas membenarkan permohonan Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM).

Individu yang juga merupakan pengarah sebuah syarikat itu direman bagi membantu siasatan mengikut Seksyen 16 (a)(B) Akta Suruhanjaya Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) 2009.

Terdahulu, lelaki berkenaan tiba di Mahkamah Melaka dengan berpakaian lokap SPRM pada jam 9 pagi dengan menaiki kenderaan khas SPRM.

Sumber berkata, suspek ditahan di pejabat SPRM Melaka, jam 4.55 pada petang Isnin berhubung projek tambakan laut di Kota Laksamana membabitkan nilai itu sejak lima tahun.

Menurut sumber, suspek yang juga bekas Timbalan Speaker Dewan Negara didakwa menerima rasuah berbentuk harta membabitkan empat kenderaan mewah sebagai timbal balik projek berkenaan.

Sementara itu, Pengarah SPRM Melaka, Adi Supian Shafie ketika dihubungi mengesahkan tangkapan tersebut.

SINAR HARIAN
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Kg. Kuala Sungai Baru masih sunyi selepas 15 hari tragedi gas

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SUBANG JAYA: Suasana Kampung Kuala Sungai Baru masih lagi sunyi tanpa aktiviti penduduk selepas 15 hari tragedi letupan paip gas di Putra Heights di sini.

Jika sebelum ini kawasan berkenaan sibuk dengan pelbagai aktiviti, namun keadaan sama sekali berubah selepas terdapat sekatan di laluan utama masuk ke kawasan kampung itu.

Tinjauan wartawan *Utusan Malaysia* di kawasan sekitar Jalan Kempas, Kampung Tengah Batu 13 mendapati ada rumah penduduk masih kosong tidak berpenghuni.

Malah, sepanjang tinjauan menaiki motosikal kira-kira 30 minit di sekitar kawasan tersebut hanya berselisih tidak sampai 10 orang.

Lebih 10 premis perniagaan terdiri kedai runcit, gerai makanan dan bengkel-bengkel kenderaan juga masih ditutup.

Dalam pada itu, terdapat beberapa kenderaan yang rosak dan cair disebabkan oleh kebakaran dibiarkan ter bengkalai di pinggir jalan.

Selain itu, kebanyakan pokok dan tanaman di sekitar kawasan kampung juga telah layu dan musnah akibat haba panas.

Dalam pada itu, terdapat lebih tiga pos kawalan pihak berkuasa bagi memastikan tiada



PIHAK berkuasa membuat sekatan di laluan utama masuk ke Kampung Kuala Sungai Baru, Subang Jaya, semalam.

pergerakan keluar masuk oleh orang luar selain penduduk setempat.

Mereka yang ingin masuk ke kampung berkenaan perlu melalui pos kawalan yang hanya membenarkan mereka mempunyai pas khas.

Pas berkenaan hanya diberikan pihak berkuasa kepada penduduk dan petugas-petugas yang terlibat dalam operasi di kawasan itu.

Terdahulu, peniaga di Kampung Kuala Sungai Baru, di sini buntu apabila keadaan premis perniagaan mereka lengang sekali gus menjejaskan hasil pendapatan harian mereka.

Keadaan ini berlaku susulan laluan utama ke kawasan perniagaan mereka ditutup bagi pihak berkuasa menjalankan siasatan di kawasan letupan paip gas di Putra Heights pada 1 April lalu.

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Putra Heights: Tuntutan insurans perlu perlindungan tambahan

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PETALING JAYA: Tuntutan insurans kerosakan harta akibat letupan paip gas di Putra Heights hanya boleh dibuat oleh pemilik rumah yang dilindungi di bawah Insurans Pemilik Rumah atau Insurans Isi Rumah, dengan syarat polisi tersebut diambil bersama perlindungan tambahan yang bersesuaian.

Menurut Persatuan Insurans Am Malaysia (PIAM), ramai pemilik rumah tidak menyedari bahawa tidak semua polisi insurans secara automatik meliputi kerosakan akibat letupan paip gas domestik.

Katanya, kekeliruan tersebut

menyebabkan segelintir pemegang polisi beranggapan mereka dilindungi, sedangkan perlindungan sebenar hanya diberikan bergantung kepada jenis polisi dan tambahan yang dipilih.

"Kebanyakan polisi insurans rumah dan isi rumah standard di Malaysia memberikan perlindungan untuk kerosakan akibat letupan.

"Namun, pelanggan perlu mengesahkan dengan syarikat insurans mereka atau membaca penyataan pendedahan produk untuk memahami dengan lebih jelas apa yang dilindungi. Pampasan pula biasanya berdasarkan kos pembinaan semula," katanya kepada *Utusan Malaysia*.

Pada 2 April lalu, akhbar ini

melaporkan, mangsa insiden letupan paip gas di Putra Heights yang mengalami kemusnahan harta benda dan kecederaan berhak menuntut pampasan daripada pihak yang terbukti cuai dalam insiden tersebut.

Pensyarah Undang-undang Fakulti Syariah dan Undang-undang, Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM), Prof. Madya Dr. Muzaffar Syah Mallow berkata, pemilik harta yang terjejas boleh mengambil tindakan terhadap pihak yang menyebabkan kerugian.

PIAM menambah, kebanyakan polisi insurans menetapkan tempoh tertentu untuk notifikasi tuntutan antara tujuh hingga 14 hari selepas kejadian berlaku.

Namun, bagi insiden berskala besar seperti letupan paip gas, beberapa syarikat insurans mungkin menawarkan kelonggaran tertakluk kepada terma dan syarat polisi masing-masing.

Menurut PIAM, tuntutan insurans mangsa tragedi telah mula diproses seawal 13 hari selepas kejadian.

"Industri insurans am telah mengambil pendekatan proaktif dalam mempercepatkan proses tuntutan bagi meringankan beban mangsa yang terkesan.

"Antara inisiatif dilaksanakan termasuk menunda kenderaan yang rosak ke bengkel panel terdekat dan menyediakan kenderaan gantian kepada pelanggan yang memiliki perlindungan

komprehensif," katanya.

Selain itu, proses tuntutan dijalankan secara terus di lokasi kejadian, dengan bayaran pendahuluan disalurkan kepada mangsa sementara penilaian penuh kerosakan sedang dilaksanakan oleh pihak penilai.

PIAM berkata, tragedi itu harus menjadi pengajaran kepada masyarakat mengenai pentingnya perlindungan insurans yang mencukupi.

"Insiden di Putra Heights adalah peringatan bahawa bencana boleh berlaku bila-bila masa, dan persediaan awal termasuk memiliki perlindungan insurans mencukupi membantu meminimumkan kesan yang ditanggung oleh mangsa," katanya.

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Larang kenderaan berat pada waktu puncak di lebuhraya

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PERSATUAN Pengguna Pulau Pinang (CAP) mengulangi gesaan untuk mengenakan larangan terhadap kenderaan berat pada waktu puncak.

Kerajaan mewartakan larangan terhadap lori di lebuhraya untuk pergi dan balik dari Kuala Lumpur pada waktu puncak, mulai 19 Februari, lalu. Peraturan ini bagi melancarkan aliran trafik di Lembah Klang dengan mengalihkan kenderaan berat yang bergerak perlahan pada waktu puncak.

Pada 20 Februari lalu, Ketua Pegawai Operasi Lebuhraya, ASP Amir Che Ya menyatakan melalui peraturan baharu ini mendapati laluan kenderaan di sepanjang lebuhraya di Lembah Klang lancar berbanding kebiasaannya sesak.

Pada Julai 2024, CAP menggesa Jabatan Pengangkutan Jalan (JPJ) supaya melaksanakan larangan terhadap kenderaan berat pada waktu puncak bagi mengurangkan kesesakan lalu lintas di Jalan Masjid Negeri dan Jalan Scotland di Pulau Pinang khususnya pada waktu pagi dan petang.

Jika larangan terhadap kenderaan berat pada waktu puncak di Lembah Klang menunjukkan hasil yang positif, adalah wajar untuk mempertimbangkan untuk melaksanakannya di Pulau Pinang dan juga di negeri lain.

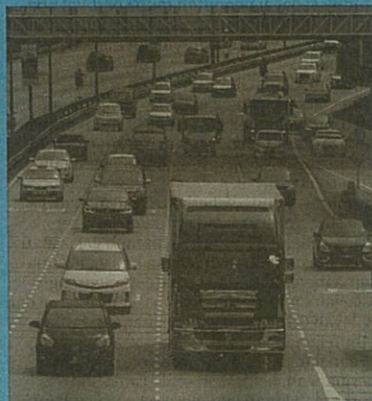
Faedahnya adalah jelas iaitu bagi memastikan aliran trafik lancar, kesesakan lalu lintas lebih sedikit, mengurangkan tekanan dan potensi mengurangkan pencemaran.

Ia juga menggalakkan perancangan logistik dan pengangkutan barangan yang lebih cekap dan memastikan barang dihantar pada waktu luar puncak apabila jalan raya kurang sibuk.

CAP menggesa Kementerian Pengangkutan supaya tidak melengahkan dan melaksanakan larangan kenderaan berat pada waktu puncak.

MOHIDEEN ABDUL KADER

Presiden Persatuan Pengguna Pulau Pinang (CAP)



PERTIMBANGKAN larangan terhadap kenderaan berat pada waktu puncak di negeri-negeri lain jika ia berjaya menunjukkan impak positif di Lembah Klang.

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Jasa Pak Lah naikkan gaji penjawat awam hingga 35%

PETALING JAYA: Kongres Kesatuan Pekerja Dalam Perkhidmatan Awam (CUEPACS) mengenang jasa Perdana Menteri Kelima, Allahyarham Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi yang pernah menaikkan gaji lebih sejuta penjawat awam sehingga 35 peratus pada 1 Julai 2007.

Presiden CUEPACS, Datuk Dr. Adnan Mat berkata, ketika itu, kumpulan sokongan menikmati kenaikan tertinggi sebanyak 35 peratus, manakala kumpulan tertinggi menerima kenaikan sebanyak 7.5 peratus.

"CUEPACS merakamkan setinggi-tinggi penghargaan dan ucapan terima kasih terhadap jasa dan sumbangan beliau yang amat besar kepada penjawat awam semasa memegang jawatan sebagai Perdana Menteri Malaysia kelima.

"Selain itu, antara pencapaian utama beliau yang amat dihargai oleh warga perkhidmatan awam adalah lanjutan umur persaraan wajib.

"Pada Mei 2008, kerajaan melanjutkan umur persaraan wajib penjawat awam daripada 56 kepada 58 tahun, berkuat kuasa 1 Julai 2008. Langkah ini diambil setelah mengambil kira jangka hayat rakyat Malaysia dan memastikan peluang pekerjaan bagi graduan baru tidak terjejas," katanya dalam kenyataan di sini, semalam.

Menurut Adnan, Pak Lah turut memperkenalkan sistem kenaikan pangkat secara khas untuk Penyandang (KUP) bagi memberi peluang kepada penjawat awam yang telah lama berkhidmat menikmati kenaikan pangkat tanpa perlu menunggu kekosongan jawatan.

Katanya lagi, CUEPACS mengenang Allahyarham sebagai seorang pemimpin berjiwa besar, penyabar dan sentiasa mendengar keluhan kesah penjawat awam.

"Sumbangan beliau bawa perubahan besar dalam meningkatkan kesejahteraan dan motivasi penjawat awam di seluruh negara," katanya.

UTUSAN MALAYSIA
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Strategi rundingan, diplomasi beri kelebihan Malaysia hadapi isu tarif



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Pentadbiran Presiden Amerika Syarikat (AS), Donald Trump membuat pusingan U dengan menangguhkan pelaksanaan tarif selama 90 hari untuk membolehkan proses rundingan antara Washington dengan negara disenaraikan.

Ini memberikan ruang kepada negara terkecas termasuk Malaysia, apatah lagi Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim sendiri menegaskan Malaysia tidak bercadang mengenakan tarif balas, tetapi memilih kaedah rundingan dengan AS bagi mencapai penyelesaian perdagangan adil dan ber-sifat 'menang-menang'.

Dalam konteks ini, Kementerian Pelaburan, Perdagangan dan Industri (MITI) diterajui Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz menjadi petugas 'barisan hadapan' mempunyai keupayaan untuk berunding bagi pihak negara.

Tengku Zafrul bakal mengetuai delegasi Malaysia ke Washington untuk bertemu dan berunding dengan wakil perdagangan AS, terutama Pejabat Perwakilan Perdagangan Amerika (USTR).

Rundingan pengecualian atau pengurangan tarif bukan sahaja bergantung pada logik ekonomi, bahkan kemahiran diplomasi dan pembentukan naratif.

Justeru, MITI perlu mempromosikan naratif Malaysia rakan kongsi boleh dipercayai dan boleh di-harapkan, sekali gus mengulangi komitmen terha-

dap perdagangan berasaskan peraturan dan menekankan kepentingan strategik Malaysia di rantau Indo-Pasifik serta pintu gerbang rantau ASEAN.

Dengan ini, Malaysia boleh memposisikan negara sebagai aktor konstruktif di Indo-Pasifik yang melayakkannya untuk mendapat pelepasan tarif, bukannya dikenakan penalti.

Manfaatkan isu ketidakselarasan fakta

Malaysia berpeluang mendapatkan kelebihan di meja rundingan sekiranya mampu memanfaatkan isu ketidakselarasan fakta berkaitan tarif. Dakwaan pentadbiran AS bahawa Malaysia mengenakan tarif 47 peratus jauh menyimpang daripada realiti memandang purata tarif sebenar dikenakan adalah sekitar 5.6 peratus.

Kedudukan sebagai Pengerusi ASEAN 2025 juga memberikan Malaysia pengaruh dan kelebihan di meja rundingan kerana pandangan serta tindak balas bersama negara anggota dapat diselaraskan.

Bagi mendapatkan kesepakatan ASEAN, Perdana Menteri mengadakan perbincangan menerusi per-bualan telefon bersama pimpinan negara ASEAN antaranya Indonesia, Filipina, Brunei, Singapura dan Vietnam.

Melalui Mesyuarat Khas Menteri-Menteri Ekonomi ASEAN (AEM) baru-baru ini, ASEAN mengambil beberapa pendirian termasuk menolak kaedah pengiraan dan tarif timbal balas AS, menekankan rundingan konstruktif serta menubuhkan Pasukan Putugas Khas Geoekonomi ASEAN sebagai platform baharu menangani cabaran ekonomi global.

Kepengerusian ASEAN memberikan ruang kepada Malaysia mengangkat isu tarif secara kolektif dan menggerakkan solidariti dalam mempertahankan perdagangan bebas serta terbuka.

Hakikatnya, peranan MITI penting dalam memperkukuhkan koordinasi dan mendapatkan pandangan pelbagai aktor dan pemegang taruh.

Dalam konteks ini, MITI berperanan sebagai sekretariat Pusat Tindakan Geoekonomi Nasional (NGCC) dipengerusikan Perdana Menteri, berfungsi membangunkan strategi komprehensif untuk mengurangkan potensi impak kenaikan tarif.

MITI juga mendengar suara pelbagai pemegang taruh. Melalui pembentukan Pasukan Putugas Khas, MITI mengambil kira pandangan daripada pelbagai kementerian, agensi kerajaan dan pihak industri.

Sebenarnya, Malaysia tidak asing dengan pengalaman berunding dengan kuasa besar. Kejayaan rundingan semula projek Inisiatif Jalur dan Laluan (BRI) seperti Laluan Rel Pantai Timur (ECRL) dan Bandar Malaysia pada 2019, sekali gus berjaya mencapai penyelesaian mengimbangi kepentingan ekonomi negara dengan keperluan memelihara hubungan diplomatik dengan Beijing.

Pendekatan berunding dan diplomasi membawa kepada penyelesaian 'menang-menang' terbukti berkesan dan boleh dijadikan panduan untuk menghadapi tekanan tarif dari AS.

Realitinya, keupayaan negara berunding dan membentuk koordinasi serta kolaborasi secara konstruktif adalah aset tidak ternilai bagi menghadapi kenaikan tarif AS dan ketidaktentuan ekonomi global.

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3 pegawai imigresen ditahan

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Kuantan: Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) menahan tiga pegawai Jabatan Imigresen (Imigresen) kelmarin kerana disyaki menjadi sebahagian daripada sindiket membawa masuk warga asing di Lapangan Terbang Antarabangsa Kuala Lumpur (KLIA), membabitkan rasuah melebihi RM10 juta.

Tiga individu, termasuk seorang wanita berusia 40-an itu ditahan secara berasingan di Kuala Lumpur; Nilai, Negeri Sembilan dan Johor Bahru, Johor.

Menurut sumber, sindiket dipercayai membawa masuk warga asing tanpa melalui pemeriksaan pihak berkuasa di pintu masuk negara bermula 2021 hingga 2024.

"Sindiket ini dipercayai meraih wang rasuah jutaan ringgit yang turut diagihkan kepada anggota imigresen yang lain.

"Mereka menjadi tali barut bagi melepaskan kumpulan warga asing yang tiba tanpa melalui prosedur ditetapkan menerusi modus operandi *counter setting* di Terminal 1 dan 2 KLIA," menurut sumber itu.

BERITA HARIAN

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Kerani rugi RM1.06j kes tipu pelaburan

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Kuantan: Seorang kerani wanita berusia 56 tahun kerugian RM1.06 juta selepas terpedaya dengan pelaburan tidak wujud melalui Facebook.

Ketua Polis Pahang, Datuk Seri Yahaya Othman, berkata berdasarkan laporan kelmarin, mangsa melihat satu iklan pelaburan saham di media sosial berkenaan pada 17 Disember tahun lalu.

Katanya, mangsa berminat dan menekan pautan iklan sebelum menerima mesej melalui aplikasi WhatsApp daripada suspek.

"Suspek mengarahkan mangsa memuat turun satu aplikasi pelaburan dikenali sebagai Quantum yang kononnya membolehkan wang dilabur dalam saham tempatan dan Amerika Syarikat.

"Mangsa kemudian dihubungi oleh nombor WhatsApp lain yang mendakwa sebagai khidmat pelanggan dan diarahkan membuat pindahan wang kepada beberapa akaun bank bagi tujuan pelaburan.

"Antara 12 Februari hingga 26 Mac lalu, mangsa melakukan 18 transaksi kepada tujuh akaun bank berbeza membabitkan jumlah keseluruhan RM1,068,600," katanya.

Sumber kewangan mangsa adalah wang simpanan peribadi, pengeluaran Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja (KWSP) serta pinjaman bank untuk membuat pelaburan itu.

RASUAH LEBIH RM10 JUTA BERI PELEPASAN WARGA ASING DI KLIA

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Tiga pegawai JIM tali barut sindiket ditahan

Kuantan: Tiga pegawai Jabatan Imigresen Malaysia (JIM) ditahan Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) kelmarin selepas disyaki menjadi sebahagian daripada sindiket membawa masuk warga asing di Lapangan Terbang Antarabangsa Kuala Lumpur (KLIA) membabitkan rasuah melebihi RM10 juta.

Tiga individu termasuk seorang wanita berusia 40-an itu ditahan secara berasingan di Kuala Lumpur, Nilai, Negeri Sembilan dan Johor Bahru, Johor, kelmarin.

Menurut sumber, sindiket dipercayai membawa masuk warga asing tanpa melalui pemeriksaan pihak berkuasa di pintu masuk negara bermula 2021 hingga 2024.

"Sindiket" dipercayai

meraih rasuah jutaan ringgit yang turut diagihkan kepada anggota imigresen lain.

"Mereka menjadi tali barut bagi melepaskan kumpulan warga asing yang tiba tanpa melalui prosedur ditetapkan menerusi modus operandi counter setting di KLIA 1 dan 2," kata sumber itu.

Susulan penahanan itu, tiga pegawai itu direman selama tujuh hari sehingga 21 April ini bagi membantu siasatan.

Perintah reman dikeluarkan Majistret Nor Izzati Zakaria selepas permohonan dibuat oleh SPRM.

Sementara itu, Pengarah SPRM negeri, Mohd Shukor Mahmud mengesahkan penahanan itu dan kes disiasat mengikut Seksyen 17(a) Akta SPRM 2009.



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Negara hilang^{14/4} pemimpin^{16/4} penuh integriti

Johor Bahru: Menteri Besar Datuk Onn Hafiz Ghazi menzahirkan rasa duka atas pemergian mantan Perdana Menteri Malaysia Kelima, Allahyarham Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, yang menghembuskan nafas terakhir, kelmarin.

Onn Hafiz menyifatkan Malaysia kehilangan pemimpin yang memimpin dengan penuh integriti, keikhlasan dan visi yang mendalam untuk kemajuan negara.

"Jasa Allahyarham Pak Lah akan terus dikenang dan dihargai.

"Salam takziah kepada seluruh ahli keluarga Allahyarham dan semoga Allah SWT menempatkan roh Allahyarham dalam kalangan orang-orang yang beriman," katanya pada hantaran di media sosial.

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Malaysia mencatat pertumbuhan ekonomi yang mem-berangsangkan hampir enam peratus setahun dalam tempoh kepimpinan Perdana Menteri kelima, Allahyarham Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, dari tahun 2003 hingga 2008.

Dikenali dengan gelaran Mr Clean dan mesra di-panggil Pak Lah, Allahya-rham mengemudi ekonomi negara dengan pendekatan yang sederhana namun penuh wawasan.

Walaupun tempoh pemerintahan agaknya singkat, kesan yang ditinggal-kan Allahyarham terhadap landskap ekonomi negara amat ketara.

Di tengah-tengah peralih-an ekonomi global, Allah-yarham menumpukan ke-pada pembangunan berasaskan pengetahuan, inovasi dan nilai, sekali gus meletakkan asas kukuh bagi pertumbuhan masa depan yang inklusif dan mampan.

Di bawah pimpinannya, rakyat menyaksikan pelbagai pencapaian ekonomi yang luar biasa seperti pendapatan per kapita meningkat sebanyak 8.5 peratus setahun daripada RM15,819 pada tahun 2003 kepada RM25,816 menjelang 2008.

Malah, kadar inflasi juga kekal terkawal sekitar 2.8 peratus setahun manakala kadar pengangguran sekitar 3.7 peratus pada 2008.

Pelaburan swasta meningkat pada kadar 17.1 pe-

EKONOMI MENINGKAT 6 PERATUS

Pak Lah tumpu kepada pembangunan berasaskan pengetahuan, inovasi dan nilai



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ratus setahun daripada RM33.8 bilion kepada RM79.8 bilion, sementara eksport barangan mencatat pertumbuhan kukuh 8.9 peratus setahun.

Jumlah dagangan negara juga melepasi paras RM1 trilion sejak 2006, satu pencapaian yang menandakan Malaysia semakin terserlah di persada ekonomi antarabangsa.

Pada tahun 2008, lebihan akaun semasa dalam im-bangan pembayaran negara mencatat RM130 bilion atau 17.5 peratus daripada KDNK sementara defisit fiskal berjaya dikurangkan daripada lima peratus ke-

pada 3.2 peratus.

Rizab antarabangsa juga menunjukkan peningkatan kukuh kepada RM316.8 bilion, mencerminkan keyakinan pelabur terhadap dasar kerajaan.

Dalam usaha memastikan pembangunan lebih seimbang antara wilayah, pentadbiran Allahyarham memperkenalkan pelbagai inisiatif utama seperti pelancaran Iskandar Malaysia (Wilayah Pembangunan Selatan Johor), Wilayah Ekonomi Pantai Timur (ECER), Wilayah Ekonomi Koridor Utara (NCER), Koridor Pembangunan Sabah (SDC) dan Koridor Tenaga Diperbaharui Sarawak (Score) memperkasa wilayah serta membuka peluang di kawasan bandar dan luar bandar.

Langkah dasar yang berani dan berpandangan jauh turut mewarnai pentadbiran Abdullah dengan antaranya pemansuhan tambatan ringgit kepada dolar AS serta pelaburan dalam sektor strategik seperti bioteknologi, biofuel dan pertanian moden.

Usaha membina Malaysia sebagai hab global halal juga memperkukuh

identiti ekonomi negara di peringkat antarabangsa.

Selain itu, keutamaan turut diberikan kepada pembangunan modal insan, transformasi syarikat berkaitan kerajaan (GLC), pemerkasaan sektor awam, pencegahan rasuah, pelaksanaan tender terbuka dan urus tadbir yang lebih telus, yang mana semua itu menjadi asas kepada keyakinan rakyat serta pelabur.

Pentadbiran Abdullah turut memperkenalkan pelbagai langkah proaktif bagi merangsang sektor swasta, termasuk pengurangan cukai korporat, pelaksanaan inisiatif pembiayaan swasta (PFI), liberalisasi sektor kewangan Islam serta insentif cukai untuk pelaburan hartanah dan kemudahan pemilikan warga asing.

Penggabungan konglomerat perladangan terbesar negara di bawah Permodalan Nasional Bhd (PNB) yang melahirkan Sime Darby Bhd dengan modal pasaran melebihi RM65 bilion juga antara legasi penting dalam memperkukuh daya saing syarikat berkaitan kerajaan di peringkat global.

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PELABURAN TAK WUJUD

Kerani wanita kerugian RM1.06j

Kuantan: Kerani wanita berusia 56 tahun kerugian RM1.06 juta selepas terpedaya dengan pelaburan tidak wujud melalui Facebook (FB).

Ketua Polis Pahang, Datuk Seri Yahaya Othman berkata, berdasarkan laporan kelmarin, mangsa melihat iklan pelaburan saham di FB pada 17 Disember lalu.

Katanya, mangsa berniat dan menekan pautan iklan sebelum menerima mesej melalui aplikasi WhatsApp daripada suspek.

"Suspek kemudian mengarahkan mangsa memuat turun satu aplikasi pelaburan dikenali sebagai Quantum yang kononnya membolehkan pelaburan dalam saham tempatan dan Amerika Syarikat.

"Mangsa kemudian dihubungi oleh nombor WhatsApp lain yang mendakwa sebagai pegawai khidmat pelanggan dan diarahkan membuat pindahan wang kepada beberapa akaun bank bagi tujuan pelaburan.

"Antara 12 Februari hingga 26 Mac lalu, mangsa melakukan sebanyak 18 transaksi kepada tujuh akaun bank berbeza membabitkan jumlah keseluruhan

RM1,068,600.

"Mangsa hanya menerima pulangan RM20,000 sebelum menyedari ditipu. Sumber kewangan mangsa adalah wang simpanan peribadi, pengeluaran Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja (KWSP) serta pinjaman bank untuk membuat pelaburan itu.

"Kes terbabit disiasat mengikut Seksyen 420 Kanun Keseksaan," katanya dalam kenyataan semalam.

Yahaya menasihatkan orang ramai supaya membuat semakan sebelum membuat sebarang pelaburan atas talian bagi mengelak menjadi mangsa penipuan.

"Orang ramai juga dinasihatkan sekiranya ada menerima panggilan yang meragukan untuk segera membuat semakan dengan polis atau agensi kerajaan berkenaan bagi mengelakkan menjadi mangsa penipuan.

"Orang ramai juga diingatkan supaya membuat semakan nombor akaun dan nombor telefon yang diterima di pautar <https://semakmule.mp.gov.my> terlebih dulu sebelum membuat sebarang transaksi," katanya.



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Nilai integriti diangkat tinggi

Pemergian Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi meninggalkan kesan mendalam kepada negara, khususnya dalam mengenang sumbangan Allahyarham terhadap kepemimpinan yang bertekankan nilai, integriti dan pendekatan berhemah.

Memegang tampuk pemerintahan selama enam tahun, Allahyarham yang dikenali mesra sebagai Pak Lah memperkenalkan slogan ikonik Cemerlang, Gemilang, Terbilang yang bukan hanya menjadi lambang pentadbirannya, malah turut mencerminkan aspirasi Allahyarham terhadap kemajuan negara dalam segenap bidang — pendidikan, teknologi, sains, pertanian dan pembangunan insan.

"Apabila kita mencapai tahap cemerlang, gemilang dan terbilang, walau sekecil mana pun bilangan kita, walau sebesar mana pun perhimpunan, walau di bumi mana kita berada, walau di bawah langit mana kita bernaung, kehadiran kita dirasai dan diberi penghormatan," demikian petikan ucapan beliau kepada Perhimpunan Agung Umno ke-56 pada 2005.

Tidak amalkan pendekatan keras atau populis, Abdullah memilih jalan membangunkan negara melalui kekuatan modal insan yang menekankan pendidikan, etika dan minda progresif

sebagai kunci masa depan negara dan atas sumbangan itu, Allahyarham diangkat sebagai Bapa Pembangunan Modal Insan.

Di bawah pentadbiran Perdana Menteri kelima itu, institusi pengajian tinggi dan kolej swasta berkembang pesat, manakala sekolah dan pusat latihan perguruan diperhebat.

Allahyarham percaya bahawa generasi muda yang dibekalkan kemahiran serta nilai murni menjadi aset negara dalam dunia yang semakin kompetitif.

Hal ini sekali gus menghindarkan Malaysia daripada dilabel sebagai negara yang memiliki 'infrastruktur kelas pertama', tetapi 'mentaliti kelas ketiga'.

Allahyarham juga terkenal dengan pendekatan bersederhana, terbuka dan

memilih mentadbir dengan gaya tersendiri — tenang dan penuh hikmah.

"Jangan bekerja untuk saya, tetapi mari bekerja bersama saya," itu antara kata-kata keramat diucapkan Pak Lah pada awal pentadbirannya yang jelas mahu rakyat, pemimpin masyarakat dan pemimpin politik bekerja bersama beliau membangunkan negara.

Mengulas 'gaya' pentadbiran Allahyarham, bekas Menteri Luar Tan Sri Syed Hamid Albar berkata, Abdullah tidak menggunakan pendekatan 'menekan', sebaliknya memberi ruang kepada pemimpin dan rakyat menyerahkan potensi mereka dalam membangunkan negara.

"Itu maksud cemerlang. Apabila rakyat tunjukkan kecemerlangan bersama

pemimpin, dari situ lahir gemilang apabila negara maju ke hadapan dan akhirnya terbilang apabila kejayaan itu menjadikan negara masyhur. Semua ini ada makna tersendiri dan moto ini untuk memberi motivasi kepada rakyat agar dapat dirangsang ke arah dimajukan," katanya.

Timbalan Menteri Kerja Raya Datuk Seri Ahmad Maslan berkata, penekanan kepada pembangunan modal insan yang dititikberatkan sepanjang pentadbiran Abdullah ialah perkara wajar dikenang.

"Dalam usaha membangunkan sesebuah negara, yang utama bukanlah mesin, bangunan, jalan raya atau prasarana semata-mata, tetapi insan itu sendiri. Bukan modal wang menjadi keutamaan, sebaliknya modal insan, iaitu nilai peribadi, sahsiah dan karakter yang membentuk jiwa negara.

"Itu yang sering ditekankan Allahyarham sepanjang kepemimpinannya bahawa hanya dengan modal insan berkualiti baru negara mampu mencapai tahap cemerlang, gemilang dan terbilang," katanya.

"Apabila kita capai tahap cemerlang, gemilang dan terbilang, walau sekecil manapun bilangan kita, walau sebesar manapun perhimpunan, walau di bumi mana kita berada, walau di bawah langit mana kita bernaung, kehadiran kita dirasai dan diberi penghormatan"

Abdullah Ahmad Badawi

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Hanya sah jika dilakukan secara berkekalan

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Bersama
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Wakaf suatu dedikasi harta dengan menahan harta itu daripada sebarang pemindahan pemilikan dan manfaatnya disalurkan bagi tujuan kebajikan



l-waqf sinonim dengan al-habs yang bermaksud penahanan, al-man bererti larangan serta al-tasbil iaitu menyalurkan pada jalan Allah.

Jumhur fuqaha mendefinisikan wakaf sebagai suatu dedikasi harta dengan menahan harta itu daripada sebarang pemindahan pemilikan dan manfaatnya disalurkan bertujuan mendekatkan diri kepada Allah SWT.

Pensyariatan wakaf adalah selaras dengan firman Allah SWT bermaksud: "Kamu tidak sekali-kali akan dapat mencapai (hakikat) kebajikan dan kebaktian (yang sempurna) sebelum kamu dermakan sebahagian daripada apa yang kamu sayangi. Dan sesuatu apa jua yang kamu dermakan maka sesungguhnya Allah mengetahuinya." (Surah al-Imran ayat 92)

Pada Surah al-Imran ayat 155 pula bermaksud: "Dan apa saja kebajikan yang mereka kerjakan, maka sekali-kali mereka tidak dihalanginya (menerima pahala) dan Allah Maha Mengetahui orang yang bertakwa."

Frasa 'sesuatu apa jua yang kamu dermakan' dan 'apa sahaja kebajikan' dalam ayat di atas bererti segala bentuk kebaikan untuk mendekatkan diri kepada Allah SWT termasuk amalan wakaf.

Prinsip wakaf

Fuqaha mendefinisikan wakaf berserta prinsipnya seperti berikut: "Menahan sesuatu harta yang boleh digunakan tanpa susut fizikalnya dengan cara menyerahkan hak miliknya kepada seorang pengguna yang harus dan wujud."

Frasa 'tanpa susut fizikalnya' di dalam pentakrifan wakaf manifestasi amalan wakaf hendaklah berterusan seperti yang termaktub di dalam hadis di bawah:

Maksudnya: "Apabila seseorang manusia mati, segala amalannya akan terputus kecuali daripada tiga sumber iaitu sedekah jariah, ilmu yang boleh dimanfaatkan dan anak soleh yang sering mendoakannya." (Hadis Muslim No 1255)



MEWAKAFKAN harta termasuk tanah untuk dijadikan masjid atau apa sahaja untuk kegunaan umat Islam adalah amal jariah. - Gambar hiasan

Maksudnya: "Daripada Nafi' daripada Ibn Umar beliau menyebut bagaimana Umar RA telah memperoleh tanah di bumi Khaybar. Beliau lalu bertanya kepada Rasulullah SAW, 'Wahai Rasulullah, saya telah memperoleh tanah di bumi Khaibar yang nilainya tinggi dan tidak pernah saya peroleh yang lebih tinggi nilai daripadanya. Apakah yang tuan nak saya lakukannya?' Rasulullah SAW bersabda, 'Kalau kamu mahu, bekukan sumbernya dan bersedekah dengannya.' Lalu Umar menyedekahkan tanah itu kepada fakir miskin, kaum keluarganya, untuk memerdekakan hamba, tetamu dan dana orang musafir. Tanah itu tidak boleh dijual, dihibah atau dijadikan pusaka. Tetapi ia boleh digunakan dengan cara yang munasabah oleh pihak yang menguruskannya. Contohnya, memakan harta itu tanpa menjadikannya sebagai sumber harta." (Hadis al-Bukhari No 2587)

Hadis di atas menggariskan prinsip utama yang mendasari konsep wakaf, iaitu 'sedekah jariah' (amalan yang berterusan), 'tidak boleh dijual, dihibah dan diwarisi'. Perwakafan oleh Saidina Umar berupa sebuah ladang kurma di Khaibar yang turut menjana hasil pertanian adalah suatu manifestasi berhubung pensyariatan wakaf dan

menggariskan prinsip utama yang mendasari konsep wakaf.

Berdasarkan hadis Ibn Umar, jumhur fuqaha iaitu mazhab Hanafi, mazhab Syafii dan mazhab Hanbali berpandangan bahawa wakaf hanya sah dilakukan secara berkekalan (ta'bid). Justeru, sesuatu wakaf itu tidak sah jika dilakukan secara bertempoh (ta'qit), seperti berikut:

i. Imam Muhammad bin Hasan Al-Shaibani daripada mazhab Hanafi menyatakan wakaf hendaklah kekal (ta'bid). Beliau menegaskan bahawa kekal adalah salah satu syarat sah wakaf. Ini kerana amalan wakaf dianggap sebagai satu sedekah jariah yang berterusan. Maka, sedekah jariah tidak boleh dibatasi dengan tempoh masa yang tertentu.

Justeru, wajib bagi pewakaf untuk menyatakan kekal di dalam sighth wakaf sama ada ia merangkumi lafaz dan makna ataupun cukup pada makna sahaja.

ii. Mazhab Syafii mensyaratkan kekal secara mutlak pada wakaf dan ia adalah tidak sah jika dilakukan secara bertempoh. Al-Shirazi menyatakan wakaf hendaklah dilakukan secara berkekalan kerana ia dianggap sebagai membelanjakan harta untuk kebaikan kerana Allah SWT. Harta yang diwakafkan hendaklah disalurkan kepada

penerima wakaf (mauquf alaihi) yang tidak terputus seperti golongan fakir, miskin, dan penuntut ilmu.

iii. Mazhab Hanbali turut menyatakan wakaf hendaklah dilakukan secara kekal dan tidak dibenarkan untuk melakukan sebarang transaksi terhadap harta yang diwakafkan. Harta wakaf juga tidak boleh dikembalikan (ruju' al-waqf) kepada pewakaf selepas termeterai akad wakaf.

iv. Ulama kontemporari yang bersetuju dengan pendapat Ibn Qudamah menyatakan beliau lebih cenderung kepada mazhab Hanafi yang menyatakan wakaf tidak sah jika dilakukan secara bertempoh. Al-Raisuni juga menyatakan wakaf hendaklah dilakukan secara kekal kerana ia dianggap sedekah jariah (yang berterusan).

Kesimpulannya pensyariatan wakaf bersumberkan daripada al-Quran dan sunah Nabi SAW. Terdapat beberapa jenis wakaf iaitu wakaf khayri, wakaf ahli, wakaf mushtarak, dan wakaf tunai. Justeru, pengurusan wakaf perlulah menepati perundangan wakaf, hukum-hukum wakaf serta garis panduan tadbir urus syariah.

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MUHD Faizal Afendi menunjukkan alat ganti kenderaan di bengkelnya yang cair disebabkan bahang panas insiden letupan paip gas awal April lalu.

Peniaga buntu perniagaan terjejas, tiada bantuan ^{um} 16/4

SUBANG JAYA: Peniaga di Kampung Kuala Sungai Baru di sini, buntu apabila perniagaan mereka lengang sekali gus menjejaskan pendapatan harian.

Keadaan berlaku susulan laluan utama ke kawasan perniagaan mereka ditutup bagi pihak berkuasa menjalankan siasatan di kawasan letupan paip gas di Putra Heights pada 1 April lalu.

Menurut pemilik bengkel kereta, Muhd Faizal Afendi, 38, penutupan jalan utama memberi impak kepada perniagaannya dan keuntungan jangka masa panjang.

Katanya, sebelum ini purata dia boleh mencatat keuntungan lebih RM2,500 sehari,

namun selepas kejadian ia mula mengalami kerugian.

"Bengkel saya telah mengalami kerugian sebanyak RM60,000 akibat penutupan jalan selepas letupan berlaku," katanya ditemui di bengkel miliknya, semalam.

Faizal berkata, sehingga semalam pemilik premis perniagaan yang terjejas tidak menerima sebarang bantuan daripada mana-mana pihak.

"Belum ada bantuan kewangan yang ditawarkan untuk peniaga dan pemilik perniagaan yang terjejas.

"Saya berharap kawasan penutupan jalan raya boleh dikecilkan supaya pelanggan luar boleh akses ke sini," katanya.

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RULER: ISSUES BEING HIJACKED, UNITY AT RISK

Desperate individuals sowing discord among fellow citizens, says Perak sultan

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SULTAN of Perak Sultan Nazrin Muizzuddin Shah has expressed deep concern over the growing tendency among Malaysians to exploit racial and religious issues for personal or political gain, warning that such actions threaten the nation's unity.

Referring to the recent relocation of the Dewi Sri Pathrakaliyaman Temple in Kuala Lumpur, a move made to facilitate the construction of a mosque, Sultan Nazrin lamented that what was resolved peacefully through dialogue has now been sensationalised in a manner that risks disrupting harmony.

"Regrettably, as a nation, we appear to be drifting further from unity," he said.

"Although a longstanding im-

passe spanning over a decade was ultimately resolved through dialogue and mutual understanding among the involved parties, certain quarters persist in sensationalising the issue."

Sultan Nazrin said this at the opening of the 15th Term of the Perak State Legislative Assembly at Bangunan Perak Darul Ridzuan here yesterday.

Present was Raja Permaisuri Perak Tuanku Zara Salim.

Sultan Nazrin said what should have been seen as a triumph of negotiation and coexistence was now being manipulated for ulterior motives.

"What had been settled amicably is now being stirred, debated, and politicised in ways that unsettle public sentiment."

"At times, minor and localised matters relating to religion and ethnicity are deliberately magnified — manipulated to the extent that they risk igniting

wider tensions.

"Issues of race and religion are increasingly sensationalised, often hijacked by desperate individuals seeking recognition as champions of their own community or faith — even if such actions sow discord and provoke animosity among fellow citizens."

Malaysia, he said, was still struggling to discover a workable model to manage disputes in its diverse society in a fair, just and effective manner.

"We are facing the challenge of finding a 'magic spell', a successful formula to manage disputes in our diverse society in a fair, just, and effective manner."

"We are still groping in the dark, searching for the right approach to help all parties understand one another, to encourage rationality, and to view matters through the lens of unity and harmony, based on the values of hu-

manity that cherish peace."

He expressed sadness over the rise of hate-driven politics, warning that it could steer the nation toward a bleak and divided future.

"It is deeply saddening that hate-driven politics have become a preferred choice, and there are concerns that the nation may face a future where its people are divided, harbouring hatred and animosity towards each other."

"The seeds of hatred are being sown across the nation, eroding our moral compass and diminishing our empathy when dealing with those who hold differing views."

He also observed a worrying increase in political slander and personal attacks.

"It is apparent that the culture of slander is becoming more rampant, with a growing acceptance of actions that seek to demean

and disgrace political opponents.

"The values of human decency and humanity seem to be fading away, and the truth itself appears to have lost its value and significance."

He also drew attention to a sector that demonstrates without fanfare the true spirit of Malaysian unity — the nation's health service.

"Beyond its explicit role of delivering healthcare and medical treatment, the health service plays an implied, often unspoken role — one that fosters unity across our diverse society; that manifests naturally, bridging the varied backgrounds of Malaysians — of different ethnicities, faiths, cultures, languages and social standing."

"In our hospitals, we have never heard of a doctor refusing to treat a patient because of different religion, race, or economic status."



Sultan of Perak Sultan Nazrin Muizzuddin Shah speaking at the opening of the 15th Term of the Perak State Legislative Assembly at Bangunan Perak Darul Ridzuan in Ipoh yesterday. With him is Raja Permaisuri Perak Tuanku Zara Salim. BERNAMA PIC

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'Malaysia can no longer ignore environmental crisis'

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IPOH: Malaysia is facing an environmental crisis that can no longer be ignored, warned Sultan of Perak Sultan Nazrin Muizzuddin Shah, who raised the alarm over the nation's worsening plastic pollution and illegal e-waste dumping.

Sultan Nazrin lamented over Malaysia's disturbing emergence as a key global destination for e-waste dumping, revealing that many processing factories operate illegally, often hidden in plain sight.

"These waste trafficking syndicates employ tactics such as falsifying documents and misrepresenting cargo.

"Illegal e-waste premises en-

gage in uncontrolled waste processing, leading to air, soil and water pollution," he said at the opening of the 15th Term of the Perak State Legislative Assembly at Bangunan Perak Darul Ridzuan here yesterday.

He said the influx of e-waste required serious attention, as it contains toxic and hazardous materials.

"Improper disposal of such toxic waste poses significant risks to the environment and negatively impacts human health.

"Operating an e-waste processing factory without a permit is a criminal offence.

"E-waste criminals, driven by narrow interests to profit, clearly

disregard the detrimental effects on the ecosystem," he said.

Sultan Nazrin remarked on the Feb 15 incident where RML3 billion worth of goods were seized in a raid by authorities on an illegal e-waste processing factory in Sungai Siput.

He said the incident raised serious questions about how various authorities overlooked the presence of a large factory prominently operating illegally in an open area.

"This incident should serve as a wake-up call for all relevant authorities to intensify their monitoring efforts and enforce integrated, swift, and firm action."

He added that the accumulation of plastic in our rivers and oceans now covers 40 per cent of the ocean's surface — a global crisis that must be addressed urgently.

"This issue not only has a detrimental impact on the environment but also threatens the survival of marine life, which in turn poses a risk to food security.

"If immediate and effective control measures are not implemented, researchers predict that by 2050, the amount of plastic waste in our oceans will surpass the fish population."

Sultan Nazrin said Malaysia, though a relatively small country, was unfortunately ranked as one

of the top five countries globally guilty for mismanaging plastic trash.

"Each Malaysian indiscriminately disposes an average of 2.4kg of plastic annually.

"According to the United Kingdom-based Utility Bidder, Malaysia contributes to ocean pollution with 2.29kg of plastic per capita annually.

"The 'user pays principle' imposed on businesses to reduce plastic usage has proven ineffective."

Sultan Nazrin said stricter measures need to be introduced and implemented earnestly to tackle this growing environmental challenge.

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