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**STADIUM CLOSURE**

Subang Jaya City Council (MBSJ)  
will close its Arena MBSJ in  
Persiaran Perpaduan from August  
to December for upgrading works.

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**COMMUNITY VEHICLES**

Shah Alam City Council (MBSA) added 11 new locations into its list of medical centres accessible via its free community vehicles designed for people with disabilities (PWD) and senior citizens. There are now 19 centres on the list. The vehicles are available every Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 5pm. Reservations can be made two weeks in advance (subject to availability) by calling 03-5522 2732 or 03-5510 5133 ext 1381 (MBSA Community Development Department).

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# Tilted retaining wall raises ire

Residents want MBPJ to fix problem, prioritise safety at Astaka field in Section 52

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A NEWLY constructed retaining wall at Astaka field in Section 52, Petaling Jaya in Selangor, has raised the ire of parkgoers as it appears to be tilting forward.

An engineer, who spoke to *StarMetro* on condition of anonymity, said there was a structural flaw in the wall's construction.

"The panelling on the wall is segmented and unevenly laid.

"How did the local authority's engineering department put out the tender for the contract?" he asked.

"Just standing next to the wall and with the naked eye, we can see that it is unstable. It could collapse.

"The overall design and construction does not look right at all," the engineer added.

The poor workmanship has also been questioned by residents living nearby who frequently exercise at the park.

They want Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) to be accountable and make sure the project is completed without



The retaining wall at the Astaka field is leaning forward slightly. (Right) Some of the bricks used to construct the retaining wall are already broken.

further issues.

"Since late March, MBPJ closed off part of the walkway for this project and part of the footpath was completely torn out.

"We didn't know there was going to be a wall, because it was not stated on the notice board that was erected," said

retiree J. Raj, 72.

The notice board states that MBPJ is carrying out slope repairs and stabilisation work behind Lorong Utara, which is scheduled to be completed by Sept 2.

The retaining wall measures just over 100m.

Malik Ismail, 38, who frequently jogs at the field, said the newly paved walkway along this stretch was also uneven.

"There are some bricks which are loose and popping out.

"One has to be careful walking and jogging here.

"If you look at some of the

manholes, only one has steel grating under it, the rest don't," he said.

Although complaints have been lodged via the MBPJ Respons Rakyat app, no action has been taken yet and the status of the matter is "under investigation".

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**DRT SERVICE EXPANSION**

Selangor Mobility Demand Responsive-Transit (DRT) service has expanded to the Ampang Jaya municipality covering Ampang Jaya, Bandar Baru Ampang, Pandan Jaya, Pandan Indah, Maluri and Taman Keramat AU5. The DRT van connects users to transport hubs such as LRT Ampang, LRT Pandan Jaya, LRT Pandan Indah and LRT Cempaka. The public can use this service by downloading the Trek app.

**BUDGET FEEDBACK**

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

> Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) is calling for public input for next year's budget. Deadline is July 21. For details, visit [www.mbpj.gov.my](http://www.mbpj.gov.my)

> Residents have until July 25 to file objections on Sepang Municipal Council's (MPSepang) new assessment tax rate for next year. Objections can be filed at MPSepang or email [penilaian@mpsepang.gov.my](mailto:penilaian@mpsepang.gov.my)

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# DBKL to repair five playgrounds <sup>8x</sup>

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PLANS are being made to repair and upgrade several children's playgrounds in Kuala Lumpur following residents' complaints.

Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL), in a statement to *StarMetro*, said the repairs would involve five playgrounds in Kepong and Segambut.

DBKL was responding to a July 9 article in *StarMetro* which reported on the faulty equipment and landscaping issues at some of these facilities.

The report also highlighted the vandalism and littering problems, which had sparked health and safety concerns among residents.

DBKL said it would build a drain to solve the water ponding issue at the playground in Suria Homes, Segambut.

"As for the equipment damaged by falling trees, replacement works will be carried out soon," it added.

Upgrading works will also be undertaken at the playground next to Taman Sri Segambut community hall.

"DBKL found that several equipment there had been vandalised by irresponsible parties.

"Upgrades will be carried out to restore the damaged equipment and ensure the playground is usable again," it said.

Over in Taman Usahawan Kepong, DBKL said a study was carried out to identify the necessary remedial measures.

"Upgrading works are expected to start in mid-August," said DBKL, but no completion date was given.



DBKL is planning to carry out upgrading works at this playground next to Taman Sri Segambut community hall. — Filepic

## KL playgrounds not safe for child's play

Rundown recreational sites left idle as residents stay away from these hazardous spaces



*StarMetro* report on July 9.

As for the Taman Jinjang Utama field, DBKL said several upgrades had been made to spruce up the facility.

These included resurfacing the basketball court and building a roof over it, as well as fencing up the area and planting grass.

Illegal eateries operating

nearby the court had also been demolished, noted City Hall.

DBKL said a meeting was held with Laman Rimbunan Mawar Residents Association to discuss the issues at their playground.

Complaints can be submitted via DBKL's website [adukl.dbkl.gov.my](http://adukl.dbkl.gov.my) or email [jlr@dbkl.gov.my](mailto:jlr@dbkl.gov.my)

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A SUM of RM20,000 has been allocated for a newly introduced legal aid fund aimed at supporting Joint Management Bodies (JMB) and Management Corporation (MC) in Subang Jaya.

The fund, from the Subang Jaya assemblyman service centre, would be used in the management of low- and medium-low-cost flats, specifically addressing overdue maintenance fees.

Subang Jaya assemblyman Michelle Ng, who announced the initiative, said it was important to ensure that the first step towards collecting maintenance fee arrears did not involve legal enforcement.

Instead, JMBs and MCs are encouraged to offer repayment schemes first to property owners facing financial difficulties.

## Special fund to help JMB, MC collect overdue maintenance fees in Subang Jaya

"Fifty to 70% of the residents in these flats are renters. While the majority of them pay their rent on time, it becomes problematic when property owners fail to uphold their obligation to pay maintenance fees," she said.

When this happens, the JMB and MC are left with no choice but to pursue legal action as permitted by the Strata Management Act 2013, she noted.

"Residents must realise their obligation to pay maintenance fees," said Ng.

"Neglecting this duty leads to poorly maintained flats and delays repairs of common property, which ultimately reduce the

property value.

"Property owners have the right to elect suitable representatives to lead the JMB or MC, at the annual general meeting, if they are dissatisfied with the services."

She highlighted the recurring problem where residents refused to pay because they believed services were inadequate, which worsened maintenance issues.

"It is a vicious cycle. If maintenance fees are not paid, service deteriorates further," she said.

"We are providing this RM20,000 fund to help JMBs and MCs in collecting overdue maintenance fees.

"This is crucial because unpaid

fees often lead to deteriorating conditions in these apartments," Ng added.

The fund covers 50% of legal fees up to a maximum of RM3,000 for a year.

Each JMB and MC can select their legal representation and must fill up an application form to access the fund.

Legal aid has been requested by 24 flats, specifically within SS12 to 19, USJ 1 to 22, PJS7, 9 and 11.

"This initiative not only ensures proper upkeep of our flats but also enhances overall living conditions and property value in Subang Jaya," Ng said.



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# Cyberbullying laws to be reviewed

Fahmi: Authorities must also look into appropriate fines that should be imposed

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** The laws concerning cyberbullying will be reviewed by the authorities, including re-examining the appropriate fine for the crime, says Communications Minister Fahmi Fadzil.

He said this was necessary to strengthen the law and ensure it would be able to serve as a deterrent.

His comments came following the maximum RM100 fine imposed on private nursing home owner Shalini Periasamy after she pleaded guilty in a Magistrate's Court here for deliberately uttering vulgarities with the intention to incite anger and disturb the peace through her TikTok account, an offence under the Minor Offences Act.

"I'm disappointed with the small fine. But I was informed by the Attorney General's Chambers that the punishment was meted out based on the evidence gathered."

"As such, we need to look again, firstly on the definition of cyberbullying, and secondly, the appropriate fine that should be meted out," he said after giving a keynote address at the KL Startup Summit 2024 here yesterday.

Fahmi also said he had



**Piqued interest:** Fahmi looking at some of the displays at the KL Startup Summit 2024 here. — Bernama

reviewed several comments, including those on TikTok by other influencers, who were not only upset with the fine but also with one of the accused's apparent lack of remorse that led to the sudden death of a person.

"This is a wrong attitude. We must work hard to strengthen the laws. I have also reviewed how the Malaysian Communications

and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) has taken action against those who post offensive comments which break the regulations on social media," he added.

Puspa Rajagopal, mother to the late social media influencer A. Rajeswary better known as Esha, agreed with the minister, saying that the RM100 fine was just a slap on the wrist which needed to

be reviewed.

"Our family is unhappy with the small fine. We lost a family member."

"I agree with the minister (Fahmi) who said the law should be reviewed," she said.

On Tuesday, two people were brought to the Sessions and Magistrate's Courts here over communication offences on

TikTok that linked to the death of Esha.

The case was touted to be the first of its kind involving a cyberbullying victim.

Esha was found dead in a condominium unit in Setapak on July 5, a day after lodging a police report at the Dang Wangi police station over threats made against her.

The first accused, lorry driver B. Sathiskumar, 44, pleaded guilty to a charge of posting lewd comments on TikTok.

He claimed trial to a second charge of posting lewd comments with the intention to outrage the modesty of Puspa on the same day.

Shalini was fined RM100 in default seven days' imprisonment for deliberately uttering vulgarities with the intention to incite anger and disturb peace through her TikTok account.

She was charged under Section 14 of the Minor Offences Act, which provides a maximum fine of RM100 upon conviction.

Magistrate S. Arunjothy imposed the fine on Shalini, 35, after she pleaded guilty to the offence.

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# TRANSFORMING WORK, SOCIAL PROTECTION IN MALAYSIA THROUGH FWA

AS Malaysian employment landscape continues to evolve, Flexible Working Arrangements (FWAs) are no longer just a trend but a transformative force reshaping how we view work and social protection.

The adoption of FWAs—ranging from flexible hours to remote work—has surged, with more than 66% of companies in Malaysia incorporating these practices post-pandemic.

Therefore, this shift necessitates a rethinking of our traditional social protection mechanisms, particularly in addressing misfortunes outside the physical workplace.

The Covid-19 pandemic was undeniably a catalyst for the widespread adoption of FWAs in Malaysia.

Companies were forced to adapt, and many found that flexible work models not only ensured business continuity but also boosted employee satisfaction and productivity.

This trend has continued, with the government amending the Employment Act in 2022 to include provisions supporting flexible work requests. This legislative change underscores a national commitment to fostering a more dynamic and inclusive workforce.

Traditionally, social protection in Malaysia has been geared towards a workforce operating



PERKESO is looking to ensure that workers under the flexible working arrangements are being protected as well, says Dr Mohammed Azman Aziz.

within fixed schedules and physical workplaces.

Benefits such as health insurance, pensions, and workplace safety and prevention measures were designed with the framework of fixed and designated workplace.

However, FWAs blur the lines between work and personal life, challenging these conventional protection models.

A growing number of workers are opting for FWAs for its apparent benefits.

Based on a survey between TalentCorp and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Malaysia, more than 60% of respondents said remote work has improved their quality of life, in particular, women who tend to assume the

caregiver role.

While conversations about FWA often fixate on the freedom of flexible hours, we overlook a crucial aspect: the trend on remote work locations or often referred to as digital nomads.

A digital nomad is an individual who harnesses the power of technology to work remotely on a freelance basis, free from the constraints of a fixed company or location.

Viewing FWAs through the lens of digital nomads underscores the need to redefine social protection and workplace policies to support a more fluid and borderless workforce, as their unique working conditions compel reformed approaches to employment benefits and protections to ensure they are not

left behind in the progressing employment landscape.

The trend of individuals moving from the gig economy to digital nomadism is becoming increasingly evident.

Although there are no unanimously agreed statistics on the gig economy yet, MYFutureJobs has mapped out that the demand for digital-related jobs is 32,885 as of June 2024.

The shift is particularly pronounced among young people, with 31% of the job placements in the sector being among those aged 25 to 29.

This demographic shift highlights the growing appeal of a flexible, location-independent work lifestyle, driven by the desire for greater autonomy and diverse professional experiences.

In Malaysia, MYFutureJobs highlighted that hotspots for digital nomads are the major states of the peninsular such as Selangor (19.1%), Johor (11.6%) and Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur (11.4%).

Although these regions serve as popular home bases due to the availability of infrastructure and internet coverage to support their work, the very essence of being a digital nomad involves constant travel.

This transient lifestyle raises crucial questions about ensuring comprehensive social security coverage for digital nomads.

How can we adapt our social protection systems to cater for their fluid work environment, especially considering the risk of accidents and other unforeseen events that occur outside traditional work environments?

Thus, a critical area that should take centre stage when it comes to protection for FWAs is the coverage for No-Fault Accidents (NFA).

As employees increasingly work from home or other remote locations, and outside traditional working hours, the risk of accidents outside the traditional workplace and time rises.

The Social Security Organisation (PERKESO) acknowledges this challenge and is exploring ways to extend a more comprehensive protection.

This includes adapting insurance products to cover incidents during remote work, commuting to co-working spaces and outside traditional working hours.

As we embrace the future of work, it is imperative that our social protection systems keep pace and by doing so, we can safeguard the wellbeing of our workforce and build a robust foundation for Malaysia's economic and social resilience.

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# Outdoor digital boards to display safety reminders

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LOCAL council-owned outdoor digital boards will be used to remind parents not to leave their children in the backseat of their vehicle.

Selangor women, family empowerment, welfare and care economy committee chairman Anfaal Saari said 11 local councils would be displaying the state government's "Children's Safety in Car" campaign messages next month.

For now, she said Selayang Municipal Council had begun to display the messages on its digital boards.

"We are getting the local councils involved as part of phase two to counter the 'forgotten baby syndrome'.

"It is a proactive step to prevent the next parent from forgetting their child in a parked car," she said.

In March, the campaign with the tagline "Where is Your Child Now?" was launched, where Anfaal distributed car stickers at government buildings as visual reminders to parents about their young children in the backseat.

On Jan 30, a five-year-old girl died after her mother accidentally left her in a parked car in Shah Alam, Selangor.

"Our campaign needs a concerted effort to reduce the likelihood of parents accidentally leaving a child in the car.

"Outdoor digital boards in and around each district will be able to spread the message to the people effectively,"

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Anfaal says 11 local councils will display the 'Children's Safety in Car' campaign messages.

said Anfaal.

She said the state would also get government agencies to display the campaign's messages on in-house TV screens in the waiting areas as well.

"We are also thinking of working with government radio channels to broadcast the campaign messages," she said.

Anfaal said there was a plan to hold a roadshow from Aug 3 to Oct 26 at Raja Tun Uda Library in Shah Alam, Sungai Besar Library in Sabak Bernam, Dewan Merdeka in Hulu Selangor, Community Club in Sepang, Dewan Hamzah in Klang, Dewan Ikhwan in Hulu Langat, 3C Complex, SS13/3 in Subang Jaya and Gombak to create awareness on the 'forgotten baby syndrome'.

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HOUSEHOLDS earning below RM5,000 a month can now apply for financial aid from the state government via *Bantuan Kehidupan Sejahtera Selangor* (Bingkas).

Previously, only households earning below RM3,000 a month were eligible to apply.

Selangor women, family empowerment, welfare and care economy committee chairman Anfaal Saari said the new requirement, which took effect this month, would aid families who were financially strapped.

"Households can apply for the annual financial aid of RM3,600 from now until Aug 15, this year through Selangor government's SELangkah App or via the website - [www.bingkasselangor.com](http://www.bingkasselangor.com)

"Successful applicants will see Bingkas aid of RM300 a month that will be given for 24 months," she said at a press conference held at the State Secretariat in Shah Alam.

She said the aid given could be used to buy basic food necessities, medicines and educational materials.

"Bingkas initiative involves an allocation of RM108mil that targets 30,000 applicants.

"It is one of the biggest financial aid programmes compared to other states," she added.

# Households earning below RM5,000 can apply for aid

New eligibility level starts this month, says S'gor exco member



Anfaal (in pink headscarf), says successful applicants will get Bingkas monthly aid of RM300 for 24 months. — KK SHAM/The Star

Anfaal said certain requirements, such as the applicant must have two dependants below the age of 18, had been

added to ensure that it would benefit the target group.

"We ensure that it benefits locals, registered Selangor vot-

ers and those who have lived here more than 10 years, or were born in the state.

"Bingkas will be able to uplift

the hardcore poor," she said.

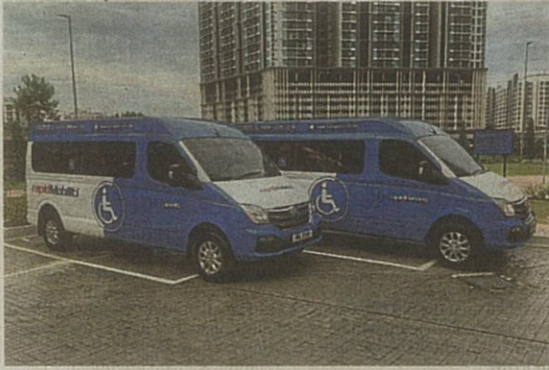
Successful applicants will receive their financial aid through Wavpay eWallet.

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## New fare of RM7 for people with disability and companion



The new fare of RM7 is for two passengers per booking, which includes one passenger with disability and one companion.

RAPID Bus Sdn Bhd (Rapid Bus) has adjusted its fare for the Rapid Mobility services in Kuala Lumpur and Penang.

The new fare of RM7 is for two passengers per booking, which includes one passenger with disability and one companion.

Rapid Mobility, an exclusive door-to-door transportation service, began operations around 2011 in Kuala Lumpur and 2016 in Penang.

Rapid KL previously charged RM5 per passenger per journey while Rapid Penang charged RM6 followed by 20sen for every 100m or 21 seconds.

This new fare adjustment will benefit existing passengers and

is expected to see additional passengers among wheelchair-users.

In line with the new fare, Rapid Bus is also introducing a cashless payment method, where Rapid Mobility passengers can make payments by scanning a QR (Quick Response) code displayed inside the vehicle.

However, passengers still have the option to pay in cash if they do not have the QR code facility.

In Klang Valley, the service covers Shah Alam, Kajang, Seri Kembangan, Cheras, Subang Jaya, Petaling Jaya, Ampang, Selayang and Kuala Lumpur, among others.

For passengers in Penang,

Rapid Mobility services are currently only available for areas on the island.

Rapid Bus chief executive officer Muhammad Yazurin Sallij stated that the new fare was cheaper and more reasonable for the service offered, and was in line with the increasing cost of living.

"The Rapid Mobility service, which now appears in a new form, becomes a corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative run by Rapid Bus.

"By using vans that have been modified with hydraulic lifts, we will ensure that the target group, especially wheelchair-users, can move around more comfortably," he said.

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GOLONGAN muda dilihat lebih cenderung untuk memanfaatkan AI ketika bekerja. - GAMBAR HIASAN

# 1/3 tak memanfaatkan AI ketika bekerja

Kosmo 18/7

**PETALING JAYA** – Sebanyak 34 peratus daripada 2,500 orang responden di negara ini menyatakan bahawa mereka tidak pernah menggunakan peralatan kecerdasan buatan (AI) ketika bekerja, berdasarkan Penyelidikan Jenama Majikan di Malaysia oleh Randstad.

10 peratus responden lagi mendakwa hanya pernah menggunakan alatan AI sekali, yang memperlihatkan jurang pendedahan ketara dalam pembangunan kemahiran AI di negara ini.

Pada masa sama, satu daripada lima pekerja di negara ini menggunakan AI setiap hari, atau

secara kerap ketika bekerja, terutamanya bagi responden berusia lebih muda dalam golongan Gen Z dan Millennial.

Di tempat kerja, 42 peratus daripada responden Gen X tidak pernah menggunakan AI dan kadar itu meningkat kepada 73 peratus bagi kumpulan Baby Boomer.

Pengarah Negara di Randstad Malaysia, Fahad Naeem berkata, teknologi AI akan terus mengubah keperluan kemahiran dan struktur tenaga kerja dan langkah melabur dalam pembangunan bakat akan membantu organisasi mengupah bakat mahir serta menarik lebih ramai untuk bekerja di Malaysia.

"Ketika kemunculan AI amat mengujakan, adalah sesuatu yang normal bagi pekerja untuk tertanya-tanya bagaimana ia akan memberi kesan kepada kerjaya mereka.

"Pendedahan awal kepada teknologi baharu boleh meningkatkan prospek kerjaya mereka sambil memupuk pembangunan kemahiran dalam organisasi.

"Dengan integrasi AI, majikan harus meningkatkan usaha menyokong pertumbuhan kemahiran pekerja mereka disebabkan kemajuan pesat dan meluas dalam teknologi ini," katanya dalam kenyataan.

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## KWSP terbitkan Polisi Pengawasan Pelaburan Mampan <sup>HM 137</sup>

**Kuala Lumpur:** Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja (KWSP) menerbitkan Polisi Pengawasan Pelaburan Mampan KWSP, menjadikannya pelabur institusi pertama di Malaysia yang menerbitkan polisi pengawasan sendiri untuk pelaburan mampan.

Polisi itu menetapkan

proses dan garis panduan yang dipatuhi oleh KWSP untuk menggalakkan amalan kemampanan yang baik dalam kalangan syarikat penerima pelaburan dan pengurus dana luaran.

Langkah pengawasan itu mengukuhkan komitmen KWSP membantu membina masa depan persaraan

lebih baik untuk rakyat Malaysia dengan nilai mampan jangka panjang.

Ia sejajar dengan Prinsip Pelaburan Bertanggungjawab (PRI) yang disokong Pertubuhan Bangsa-Bangsa Bersatu (PBB), yang mentakrifkan pengawasan sebagai pelabur institusi yang menggunakan penga-

ruh mereka untuk memaksimumkan nilai jangka panjang keseluruhan, merangkumi aset ekonomi, sosial dan alam sekitar yang penting untuk pulangan dan kepentingan pelanggan dan benefisiari.

Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif KWSP, Ahmad Zulqarnain Onn, berkata pihaknya per-

caya pelaburan mampan asas mencipta nilai jangka panjang buat Malaysia.

Beliau berkata, sebagai pelabur institusi yang bertanggungjawab, KWSP komited untuk menerajui prinsip itu dengan mempromosi dan menanamkan amalan perniagaan yang baik secara sistematik yang

menerapkan faktor Alam Sekitar, Sosial dan Tadbir Urus (ESG) ke dalam semua keputusan pelaburan.

"Komitmen ini mempercepatkan kemajuan KWSP ke arah mencapai portfolio patuh ESG sepenuhnya menjelang 2030 dan portfolio neutral iklim menjelang 2050," katanya.

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**Batu Gajah:** Garis Panduan Tadbir Urus dan Etika Kecerdasan Buatan (AI) Negara kini dalam proses pemurnian dan dijangka siap sebelum hujung tahun ini.

Ketua Pengarah Jabatan Digital Negara (JDN) Dr Fazidah Abu Bakar berkata, pihaknya sedang memperhalusi garis panduan tersebut kerana ketika ini tiada panduan khusus yang boleh dirujuk berhubung teknologi berkenaan.

"Bermakna (kami) sedang merangka panduan yang kita sekarang ini tiada kawal selia dan panduan khusus, jadi (dalam) panduan khusus itu, kita perlu lihat dari semua aspek... kerana tengok penyedia platform dan rakyat juga," katanya selepas merasmikan Digital Document Management (DDMS) 2.0 Majlis Daerah Batu Gajah di sini, semalam.

Fazidah berkata, garis panduan itu adalah berkaitan dengan etika integriti yang akan membabitkan

## Garis panduan AI siap sebelum hujung tahun



DR Fazidah

semua golongan masyarakat dan ia kini dalam perbincangan di peringkat Kementerian.

Beliau berkata demikian bagi menjawab langkah kerajaan dalam menangani isu *deepfake* yang membabitkan beberapa mangsa iaitu artis tersohor negara, Datuk Seri Siti Nurhaliza Tarudin dan Bekas Menteri

di Jabatan Perdana Menteri (Hal Ehwal Agama) Datuk Seri Dr Zulkifli Mohamad Al-Bakri baru-baru ini.

Turut hadir, Yang Dipertua Majlis Daerah Batu Gajah Mohamad Razif Ramli, Ketua Pengarah Arkib Negara Malaysia (ANM) Datuk Jaafar Sidek Abdul Rahman dan Pengarah ANM Perak Shahida Mohamad Salleh.

Sementara itu, Mohamad Razif berkata, Majlis Daerah Batu Gajah adalah Pihak Berkuasa Tempatan (PBT) pertama di Perak menggunakan sistem DDMS dan yang ketiga di Malaysia dalam usaha menyahut saranan kerajaan untuk mendigitalisasikan perkhidmatan.

"Pada 17 April lalu, sistem DDMS diaplikasikan sepenuhnya di Majlis Daerah Batu Gajah," katanya.

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# Tiada kompromi penguat kuasa lindungi pendatang 18/7 BH

**Putrajaya:** Kerajaan tidak sekali berkompromi dengan mana-mana penguat kuasa pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) yang terbabit dalam salah guna kuasa melindungi warga asing.

Menteri di Jabatan Perdana Menteri (Wilayah Persekutuan), Dr Zaliha Mustafa, berkata pihaknya akan memberikan kerjasama sepenuhnya kepada Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) bagi menyiasat perkara itu.

"Kita tidak akan melindungi mana-mana pihak, siapa sahaja kita akan ambil tindakan. Kita pun ada juga jawatankuasa atau unit khusus untuk melihat dari sudut disiplin dan sebagainya (jika penguat kuasa) langgar tata kelola dan urus tadbir yang baik."

"Kita akan beri kerjasama se-

## Operasi khas SPRM tahan PBT 'wayang'

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penuhnya kepada agensi penguat kuasa. Jika benar berlaku apa-apa dan ada penemuan tertentu, kita serahkan sepenuhnya kepada SPRM," katanya selepas menyempurnakan Majlis Penyerahan Bendera Kontinjen Wilayah Persekutuan ke SUKMA Ke-21 Sarawak, semalam.

Media kelmarin melaporkan SPRM akan melancarkan operasi besar-besaran bagi menahan anggota penguat kuasa PBT

yang melindungi premis perniagaan warga asing.

Timbalan Ketua Pesuruhjaya SPRM, Datuk Seri Ahmad Khusairi Yahaya dilaporkan berkata, pihaknya akan menjalankan operasi terbabit di sekitar ibu negara.

Difahamkan, SPRM turut menyasarkan warga tempatan yang 'mengalibabakan' lesen perniagaan kepada warga asing.

Dr Zaliha berkata, tindakan yang diambil SPRM itu seharusnya mencetuskan kesedaran kepada penguat kuasa PBT serta agensi kerajaan yang lain.

"Ini adalah 'wake up call' bukannya sahaja di Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL), malah di semua PBT dan mungkin di agensi-agensi lain juga," katanya.

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# 8 disyaki sogok penguat kuasa

Lima warga tempatan antara didakwa lindungi aktiviti perniagaan warga asing

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**Kuala Lumpur:** Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) Kuala Lumpur menahan lima warga tempatan, dua warga asing dan seorang pemastautin tetap (PR) kerana disyaki menyogok penguat kuasa sebagai balasan melindungi aktiviti perniagaan warga asing yang menggunakan lesen Ali Baba, di sini semalam.

Kesemua suspek membabitkan enam lelaki dan dua wanita berusia lingkungan 30 hingga 50-an ditahan dalam operasi khas Op Star dijalankan SPRM yang turut mendapat kerjasama Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL).

Operasi selama tiga jam bermula

la jam 11.30 pagi itu diadakan bersama pegawai dan anggota SPRM Kuala Lumpur serta DBKL yang turut mengeluarkan kompaun atas kesalahan dilakukan premis diperiksa.

Tindakan diambil susulan pendedahan eksklusif *Harian Metro* bermula 7 Jun lalu di muka depan bertajuk, *Wang Ekspres* dan satu lagi, *Ali Baba kebal* yang disiarkan pada Selasa lalu, mendedahkan warga asing mendominasi perniagaan di Lembah Klang dan berselindung di sebalik lesen warga tempatan.

Antara premis yang diperiksa dalam operasi ini membabitkan premis menjalankan perniagaan kedai runcit, kedai pakaian, kedai aksesori telefon, kedai makan dan kedai gunting rambut.

Menurut sumber, hasil risikan Bahagian Perisikan SPRM sejak enam bulan lalu mendapati, kesemua suspek yang bertindak sebagai penjaga premis ini membayar sejumlah wang rasuah antara RM200 hingga RM1,000 kepada beberapa penguat kuasa pihak berkuasa tempatan bagi membolehkan aktiviti perniagaan mereka beroperasi tanpa dikenakan tindakan undang-undang.

"Premis perniagaan dijalankan

kan warga asing ini bukan sahaja beroperasi dengan menggunakan lesen Ali Baba, iaitu lesen milik warga tempatan, namun turut menggajikan pendatang asing tanpa izin (PATTI) yang mana jelas menyalahi undang-undang.

"Selain itu, ada premis ini dikesan menyalahgunakan lesen dengan menjalankan aktiviti perniagaan berbeza dengan aktiviti lesen yang diberi," katanya.

## Bocor maklumat operasi

Sumber berkata, wang rasuah berkenaan juga sebagai balasan bagi membocorkan sebarang maklumat operasi penguatkuasaan kepada mereka.

Sementara itu, Pengarah SPRM Kuala Lumpur, Datuk Mohamad Fauzi Husin, ketika dihubungi mengesahkan tangkapan terhadap kesemua suspek dan kes disiasat mengikut Seksyen 17(b) Akta SPRM 2009.

Katanya, kesemua suspek akan dibawa ke Mahkamah Sesyen Kuala Lumpur, hari ini bagi proses pertuduhan.

Wartawan yang turut mengikut operasi terbabit mendapati, satu penjaga premis memiliki lebih daripada empat premis menjalankan perniagaan kedai makan, ke-



Orang tengah yang disoal siasat oleh penguat kuasa DBKL dipercayai memberikan rasuah pada Operasi Khas SPRM dan DBKL.

(Foto Genes Gulitah/BH)

dai runcit, kedai gunting rambut dan kedai pakaian.

Sementara itu, Pengarah Jabatan Penguatkuasaan (JPK) DBKL, Mohd Muzammer Jamaluddin, berkata operasi ini dijalankan bersama dengan SPRM Kuala Lumpur bertujuan mendapatkan maklumat serta mengenal pasti aktiviti perniagaan

yang dimiliki atau dikendalikan warga asing.

"Pada masa sama, JPK DBKL turut melaksanakan tindakan khas ke atas aktiviti perniagaan warga asing melalui rondaan secara harian," katanya ketika ditemui pada Op Star dijalankan di Jalan Padang, Bukit Bintang, di sini semalam.

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UNDER EVALUATION

## New method for civil servants' appointment

**KUALA LUMPUR:** The government is studying a new method for the permanent appointment of civil servants to ensure a more sustainable national financial management, said Minister in Prime Minister's Department (Federal Territories) Dr Zaliha Mustafa.

The result of the study, she said, will be presented to the cabinet for further consideration and approval.

"The proposal to implement the initiative for permanent appointments is currently in the study phase.

"This is to determine the best strategies that adhere to the 'no less favourable' principles than the existing pension scheme," she said in a parliamentary written reply, on behalf of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

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# Attempt to offer bribe to raiding team 'thwarted' 15

**KUALA LUMPUR:** City Hall and the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) conducted joint operations to uncover foreign-owned "Ali Baba" businesses yesterday.

Thirty officers from the agencies conducted inspections in Jalan Imbi and Bukit Bintang.

During these checks, one premises caretaker offered to "treat" City Hall enforcement officers if they turned a blind eye to the operations.

The caretaker, however, stopped when he realised he was being watched by reporters shadowing the raid party.

"There was an attempt (to offer a bribe), but if you all (media members) had not here, (it might have been) done," said City Hall enforcement director Mohd Muzammer Jamaluddin.

When asked about instances where enforcement officers were approached or bribes were of-



Mohd Muzammer Jamaluddin

fered, he said the response should come from MACC.

However, he said, City Hall would never compromise with any external or internal parties, especially its enforcement officers, involved in corruption related to abuse of power or misconduct.

Muzammer said during the operation, 20 businesses were inspected and 14 compound no-

tices were issued to premises owners and licence-holders.

They were fined for employing foreigners without valid work permits.

"However, we did uncover cases of permit misuse, including one where a person was married to a Malaysian but operated a business seemingly 100 per cent dominated by foreigners."

"All premises were licensed. Regarding 'Ali Baba' businesses, we cannot confirm the extent of these operations as we're only checking if the licence is valid."

He said City Hall's enforcement department conducted daily patrols and special operations targeting businesses involving foreign nationals, which serve as key performance indicators for the department.

"We have planned 24 operations targeting foreign-run businesses and 24 focusing on foreign hawkers for this year."

"From 2023 to May 2024, we issued 3,588 compound notices and conducted 4,080 confiscation actions against hawkers."

"Also, 343 premises and restaurants were closed."

On a related matter, he said he did not rule out the possibility of foreigners exploiting homeless people or Malaysians to apply for business licences while operating the businesses themselves.

He said there were instances where foreigners had provided housing to homeless people or residents and called them only when there were inspections.

"The caretaker may ask a homeless person to sit next to him. In return, the homeless person gets RM400 to RM500 (per month)."

"Or the caretaker may give the homeless person a house (near the shoplots), and when enforcement officers came, the homeless person would be called down."

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The government will introduce a new law to govern federal statutory bodies and their subsidiaries. FILE PIC

PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY

## 7 INITIATIVES TO BOOST GOVERNANCE

This includes a Freedom of Information Bill to provide public with access to info from public and govt bodies

KUALA LUMPUR

**A** NEW law to govern federal statutory bodies (BBP) and their subsidiaries will be introduced, said the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) yesterday.

This was among seven initiatives the government was taking to strengthen governance and legal reform to boost public service delivery.

The legislation aimed to strengthen the legal governance of these bodies, emphasising aspects such as loans, investments and establishment of subsidiaries, the PMO said.

It added the decision was reached during a recent meeting of the Special Cabinet Committee on National Governance, chaired by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

The meeting decided to form a task force under the Enforcement Agency Integrity Commission to

implement the recommendations of the Committee on Review of Deaths in Custody.

The PMO said the new law relates to aspects of enhancing legislation, standard operating procedures, and infrastructure to be scrutinised by regulatory entities and implemented by enforcement agencies under their jurisdiction.

The meeting decided on the drafting of the Freedom of Information Bill to provide the public with access to information from public and government bodies, it said.

It added that this was to improve public service delivery through citizen involvement in the policy-making process in line with the National Anti-Corruption Strategies (NACS).

It said the Government Procurement Bill would be prepared to establish a mechanism for complaints and objections.

Other initiatives were the issuance of guidelines on the management and governance of federal statutory bodies by the Implementation Coordination Unit (ICU) of the Prime Minister's Department on April 30, and the directive from the prime minister regarding the governance of government-linked companies and companies limited by guarantee that was issued on May 20.

In addition, a guideline on the support by administrative personnel in government affairs was

introduced on May 21 to ensure endorsement letters were not misused.

The PMO said: "This guideline serves as a reminder regarding Subsection 23 (1) of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2009, which prohibits the use of one's position or office for any form of gratification whether for personal interests, those of family members or associates."

The statement said that since the launch of the NACS on May 7, 60 national sub-strategies had been introduced, demonstrating the government's determination and commitment to fight corruption.

"In line with the national aspiration to build Malaysia Madani, our goal is to ensure the well-being and prosperity of the people are protected and free of corruption."

"The NACS stresses on education, which serves as a core effort to cultivate values that prevent individuals from falling prey to corruption."

It said this involved the improvement to the Integrity and Anti-Corruption Course and ensuring it was conducted at all educational institutions and technical and vocational education and training institutions.

It said the NACS suggested leveraging the Corporate Integrity System Malaysia to promote good governance in the private sector. **Bernama**

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6-MONTH LONG SURVEILLANCE

# 8 HELD IN 'ALI BABA' RAIDS

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MACC, City Hall  
conduct joint  
op targeting  
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businesses in KL

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**A** CRACKDOWN on foreign-owned "Ali Baba" businesses has begun, with the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) arresting eight people in an operation conducted with Kuala Lumpur City Hall.

Months of surveillance and intelligence gathering by the anti-graft agency showed that several business caretakers were making monthly "contributions" to law enforcement personnel to turn a blind eye to their illegal operations.

The caretakers were also tipped off about raids.

Dubbed Op Star, yesterday's operation was to identify and detain these caretakers. Six men and two women were detained, of whom five were Malaysians and the others were two foreigners and a permanent resident.



Kuala Lumpur City Hall personnel questioning a man during the joint operation yesterday. PIC BY GENES GULITAH

They were detained on suspicion of bribing law enforcement officers in return for protection for their businesses involving foreigners using "Ali Baba" licences.

Among the premises inspected were sundry shops, clothing shops, telephone accessory shops, restaurants and barbers.

Sources said during the six-month-long surveillance, the MACC found that the suspects had acted as caretakers of these premises.

"They had paid bribes ranging

from RM200 to RM1,000 monthly to enforcement personnel to enable their businesses to continue.

"These businesses also employ undocumented immigrants."

It was learnt that some of these premises were running businesses that differed from the business declared on their licence application forms.

Kuala Lumpur MACC director Datuk Mohamad Fauzi Husin said: "These suspects will be taken to the Sessions Court tomorrow (today) to be charged."

On Monday, it was reported that "Ali Baba" businesses run by foreigners were popping up nationwide like "mushrooms after rain".

Enforcement efforts had not deterred them, sources said.

The sources added that the enforcement actions were just acts put on by enforcement personnel.

The MACC surveillance revealed that illegal activities in big cities were being protected by these personnel, they said.

The "protection" covered small businesses, including hawkers and shops monopolised by foreigners, the sources said.

MACC Deputy Chief Commissioner (operations) Datuk Seri Ahmad Khusairi Yahaya had said the issue of giving and receiving bribes involving premises owners to law enforcement personnel would be made public through two operations in Kuala Lumpur.

"While the MACC has limited strength and budget to monitor and act on illegal activities, it is hoped that through these operations, the local authorities will take drastic measures to curb operations involving foreign-run businesses."

Khusairi had added that the MACC expected to make dozens of arrests involving foreigners, Malaysian licence holders and enforcement officers.

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# Nga: M'sia committed to UN SDGs

Country also looking at prioritising its citizens' well-being and bridging gaps

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Malaysia is committed to achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and prioritising the well-being of its citizens, says Nga Kor Ming (*pic*).

The Housing and Local Government Minister, in delivering the National Statement at the High-Level Political Forum in conjunction with the United Nations General Assembly (UN) in New York, emphasised Malaysia's commitment to speeding up the implementation of the SDGs through a

strategic and innovative approach planned and led by relevant ministries.

"The UN SDGs are in line with the Malaysia Madani economy framework spearheaded by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and aimed at enhancing the people's quality of life through economic restructuring.

"We must bridge the gap between the rich and the poor in



our cities. We cannot allow segregation where one part of the city is occupied by the less privileged and another by the wealthy," he said in a statement issued by his ministry, Bernama reported.

The two-day forum, themed Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda and Eradicating Poverty in Times of Multiple Crises, commenced on July 16 and served as a platform to

monitor progress towards and achievements of sustainable development goals. It was attended by 153 heads of state and 17 international organisations.

During the gathering, Nga also highlighted the government's objectives under the Madani Economy framework to empower and accelerate the country's economic transformation, boost trade activities and enhance productivity.

"We aim to achieve the goal of zero poverty by 2025," he said.

Since February last year, the

government has implemented the People's Income Initiative to support the poor in generating sustainable income rather than relying solely on direct cash assistance.

Nga also urged all UN member states to support a ceasefire in conflict zones.

"There can be no sustainable development or prosperity without peace. We must unite to save lives affected by war before we can discuss global sustainable development," he added.

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THE Malaysian education system has undergone many changes since independence from the British in 1957. It was designed to unify what was described as an otherwise fragmented population and create a single Malaysian identity through assimilation.

Malaysia has been pushing to build a more knowledge-based economy rooted in creativity and innovation for years now.

This analysis explores Malaysia's journey into broad-based reforms, its role in nurturing innovation and creativity through assessing some key initiatives reflecting the above followed by cases whereby Malaysians have been performing well.

Unity was also one of the main purposes of education after independence. Following 1956, the *Razak Report* laid out the foundation for national education.

However, rote learning was predominant in the system; it felt more mechanised and did little to encourage critical thinking or creativity.

Beginning in the late 20th and early 21st centuries, there was a strong push for innovation and creativity. To compete in the globalised world, the government started restructuring the education sector.

The vision was to transform Malaysia into a developed country by the year 2020. One of the key enablers was education, which paved the way for this vision to become a reality.

The government first introduced the Smart School programme in 1997, aiming to enhance teaching and learning through increased use of technology and to foster a culture of innovation among students.

This initiative employed Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) to support curriculum delivery in schools, thereby engaging children with their learning more interactively.

The basis for improvement in national education was identified through strategies as outlined in its 2006-2010 National Education Blueprint.

This blueprint focused on fostering higher-order thinking, particularly in critical and creative areas, rather than relying on rote learning.

The plan introduced new science and technology classes that incorporate

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project-based learning to help students learn by doing, think creatively, collaborate with peers in finding solutions to real-life challenges.

Malaysia places a major focus on innovation through higher education, establishing research universities such as University Malaya and Universiti Teknologi Malaysia. These institutions serve as catalysts for today's research culture.

The government has pledged to highlight STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education to support and encourage a new generation of innovators. Programmes such as STEM aim to elicit interest and proficiency in students. In schools, STEM labs are installed, and regular training is provided to staff on integrating more interactive and inquiry-based learning.

The Maker Movement, a push for a more DIY-style of learning that promotes personal expression through building and tinkering, is also being embraced in Malaysian schools.

Labs are being set up for students to create, experiment, and innovate. These initiatives provide students with avenues to creatively engage, facilitated by partnerships between state governments and industry players making such opportunities available.

Additionally, there has been a growing emphasis on entrepreneurship education in Malaysia, with classes and programmes at every level, teaching students how to create opportunities rather than simply expecting them from others.

The Education Ministry has teamed up with outfits such as the Malaysian Global Innovation and Creativity Centre, to infuse an entrepreneurial spirit in students. These steps are necessary in forming an autonomous and proven creative class, less dependent on traditional employment opportunities.

The government is intensifying efforts with more innovative ideas to enhance the education system for the future.

One of the latest projects is the implementation of a Dual Language Programme (DLP) for Science and Mathematics in English.

This initiative has increased the reliance on digital foreign language training for English-learning students and promoted the widespread use of non-English science textbooks, which are predominantly in English.

DLP tempered by critical and analytical ability ultimately enhances cognitive agility and innovation as students are exposed to ideas that foster sophistication asynchronously.

In a more recent initiative, the Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation (Mdec) has begun collaborating with higher learning institutions to integrate digital skills into their syllabus.

Mdec-funded initiatives, such as the Digital Maker Movement, have sparked young minds to delve into coding, explore robotics and engage in digital fabrication.

As part of this effort, starting from an early age, including preschool, the government has ensured that all students have access to designer spaces and digital labs, fostering comfort with technology tools and fostering innovation from a young age.

In addition, the government has emphasised the development of higher-order thinking skills as a top priority, promoting the cultivation of the HOTS (Higher Order Thinking Skills) Initiative.

This programme evidently alters the instruction methodology used by teachers, encouraging students not only to memorise but also to delve deeper into analysing, evaluating and creating.

HOTS is also incorporated into the national curriculum, and teachers are

trained to set higher-order thinking lessons to help students think critically and solve problems creatively.

Simultaneously, the government has set in motion an innovative-based 21st Century Learning or PAK21 initiative – aimed at cultivating a holistic environment for education and knowledge transfer, where collaborative learning emphasises on teamwork, communication as well as creativity.

This will involve reshaping the nature of classrooms to be designed for greater collaboration and project-based work on real world problems, demanding creativity.

Offering government-funded professional development options for teachers has been a significant area of investment, with initiatives such as the School Improvement Specialist Coaches programme delivering training and support to educators nationwide.

This scheme equips teachers with novel teaching methods that integrate creativity into their classrooms.

In summary, the evolution of the Malaysian education system serves as a comprehensive example of efforts to adapt traditional practices to meet contemporary global demands.

Malaysia has made significant strides in fostering innovation and creativity among its students through various reforms and initiatives.

Despite the hurdles to overcome, Malaysia has remained steadfast and increasingly committed.

It is well-focused and strategically positioned to achieve its vision of becoming a knowledge-based, innovation-driven economy through targeted investments in key areas.

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*"Malaysia is well focused and strategised to achieve its vision of a knowledge based and innovation-driven economy by making focused investments in the right areas."*

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# S'gor aims to be **RM500b** economy within 2-3 years

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► First state in Malaysia to achieve value above RM400b but do not be complacent, says MB

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**PETALING JAYA:** Selangor aims to expand its economy to RM500 billion within the next two to three years, up from RM400 billion currently, said Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari.

Amirudin said the value of Selangor's economy has hit RM406.1 billion, the first state in Malaysia to have an economy cross the RM400 billion mark.

"Yet again, Selangor's position as a key cog in the national economic wheel was exemplified as we managed to surpass the national economic growth in 2023 at 5.4% compared to 3.6%," he said in his speech at Invest Selangor's silver jubilee celebration.

Despite this success, Amirudin stressed the importance of not becoming complacent and emphasised the need to look beyond current achievements to build a RM500 billion economy.

"That is the primary reason we have to look beyond Selangor's borders, not be wholly content with a RM400 billion economy, but find

ways to build a RM500 billion economy in the coming two to three years," he explained.

To go about achieving the RM500 billion target, he called for a reinvigoration of Selangor's manufacturing sector to support regional expansion in Southeast Asia and beyond.

"Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has recently committed to Malaysia exploring a partnership with the BRICS economies in addition to our long-standing relationship with China.

"Brazil, Russia, India, South Africa represent new opportunities and areas of growth as markets for you to sell your products and use the goods and services manufactured in Selangor," he said.

He also said that this is crucial at a time when traditional Europe is at a crossroads socially and economically, and instead of being wary or afraid, this should be seen as an opportunity for companies that are already present in Selangor.

Besides plans like having a stake in developing the Third Port in Carey Island, Amirudin said he has tasked agencies in the state to double down on moving up the value

chain in semiconductors due to the uncertainty in both China and Vietnam.

"Similarly, Selangor is committed to working in not only meeting present but future ESG standards," he said.

Amirudin noted that while services and manufacturing remain crucial, contributing 32.6% and 26.7% respectively to Selangor's economy, as well as adapting to the rapidly changing economic landscape is essential.

"I do not need to remind you of the rapidly changing economic framework, or the fluid nature of new jobs coming into the market as companies begin to dive deeper into automation," he said.

He said as of the end of June, 33.7% of the main projects and initiatives have been completed, while the remaining 66% are at stages of implementation with key areas like the Integrated Development Region in South Selangor or IDRIS, Sabak Bernam Development Area, or the new Shah Alam Sports Complex.

"The First Selangor Plan doesn't only include the main areas the Selangor state government aims to implement, but represents a close-working relationship with the private sector through an inclusive approach so that when your plans are included as part of the state's economic plan, it will improve the processes when you engage with state or local government agencies at various stages," he said.

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