



PENGURUSAN PEMANTAUAN KERATAN AKHBAR MBSJ
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Tindakan padam mural untuk selaraskan standard - DBKL

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KUALA LUMPUR - Tindakan Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL) memadam lukisan mural di beberapa hentian bas dan kios mencetuskan pelbagai reaksi dalam kalangan masyarakat.

Menurut kenyataan dikeluarkan DBKL, langkah itu diambil sebagai sebahagian usaha mengindahkan 21 hentian bas dan kios menjelang Mesyuarat Kepengerusian ASEAN 2025.

"Setakat ini sebanyak 18 hentian bas diselenggara dengan kerja mengecat dan membaik pulih bagi meningkatkan keselesaan pengguna.

"Semua hentian bas dan kios dicat dengan warna kelabu gelap selaras dengan standard DBKL," menurut kenyataan itu pada Rabu.

Mengulas lanjut, DBKL turut menjelaskan mural dilukis tanpa kebenaran rasmi menyebabkan pihaknya terpaksa memadam lukisan tersebut mengikut prosedur penyelenggaraan ditetapkan.

SINAR HARIAN

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Ketua yang baik dapat menghimpunkan kakitangannya

NYALA
RASA

Oleh
Mohd. Azam Ahmad



PADA suatu petang, terlihat seekor ibu ayam bersama-sama dengan anaknya dalam sebuah reban. Anak-anak ayam itu baru dua hari menetas. Anak-anak ayam itu sedang berkeliaran di sisi ibunya. Bagaimanapun, ibu ayam sentiasa menarik anak-anaknya dengan paruh untuk dihipunkan di bawah perutnya.

Tindakan itu untuk menghangatkan anak-anaknya agar tubuh menjadi segar dan kuat. Di hujung reban pula, terlihat pokok-pokok buluh dengan anak-anak pokok buluh dan rebung tumbuh rapat-rapat di sekeliling pokok buluh yang lebih besar. Di sebelah rumpun buluh itu, terlihat rumpun serai yang tumbuh merimbun dalam rumpun dan padat antara satu sama lain.

Kejadian pada kehidupan ayam, buluh dan serai memberikan pengajaran berharga kepada manusia, iaitu kehidupan ini semestinya berada dalam satu himpunan yang padu. Sementara itu, induk atau ketua pula menjadi paksi untuk anak-anak, anak buah, ahli atau seumpamanya untuk berhimpunan atau berkumpul.

Gambaran kehidupan ayam, buluh dan serai menyinggung kebijaksanaan manusia. Sesungguhnya, seorang ketua itu mempunyai peranan besar untuk menghimpun ahli atau anak buah dalam kumpulan



Andai ketua itu pula gagal menghimpunkan anak buah atau ahlinya dalam satu pasukan dengan semangat ultrisme, nescaya ketua itu akan sukar melaksanakan strategi untuk kemajuan."

yang padu, juga disebutkan sebagai jemaah.

Hal ini jelas disebutkan dalam hadis Nabi Muhammad SAW yang bermaksud: "Wajiblah kamu bersama-sama dengan jemaah dan berwaspadalah kamu terhadap perpecahan" (HR: at-Tirmidzi).

Sehubungan dengan ini, seorang ketua hendaklah mempunyai kewibawaan tinggi bagi memastikan anak buah dapat bersama-sama dalam kumpulan yang diterajui. Kejayaan menghimpunkan anak buah dalam kumpulan atau jemaah akan membawa kekuatan. Jika tidak, akan berlaku perpecahan yang akan mengundang pelbagai konflik sehingga boleh menggugat kemajuan dan kejayaan.

Kewibawaan ilmu dan pengalaman menjadi asas bagi seorang ketua itu dilihat berupaya memimpin. Bagaimanapun, seorang ketua

itu mesti tahu anak buahnya bukannya tidak berilmu dan berpengalaman.

Sehubungan dengan ini, seorang ketua itu hendaklah mengambil sikap sederhana dalam memimpin agar anak buah gembira untuk berada dalam kumpulan atau jemaah.

Justeru, sikap ketua itu hendaklah umpama padi, 'makin berisi, makin merunduk'. Sikap ketua sebegini amat penting dalam membina keserasian dengan anak buah. Malah, ketua itu dapat bersama-sama dengan anak buah untuk bersedia berkongsi, belajar ilmu, pengetahuan dan pengalaman yang dimiliki dalam kumpulannya.

Sikap ketua yang sedia berkongsi dan belajar itu akan meningkatkan karisma diri, apatah lagi jika menghindari sifat ego dan sombong. Ketua juga hendaklah menghindari sikap sebagai seorang yang serba tahu atau tahu semua hal. Sebaliknya, ketua itu hendaklah sentiasa bersedia mendengar dengan baik dan menampilkan sikap rasa ingin tahu.

Lantaran itu, anak buah akan berasa lebih selesa serta bersedia untuk berkongsi pandangan dan idea. Kepelbagaian ilmu, pengetahuan serta pengalaman tidak patut dilihat sebagai ancaman tetapi keistimewaan dan kekuatan kumpulan sekali gus membantu membuat keputusan, tindakan yang tepat lagi bersifat inklusif.

Seorang ketua tidak mampu untuk meneladani satu persatu urusan dan tugas yang ada. Ketua juga tidak cukup dengan tenaganya untuk menyantuni

setiap anak buah yang datang dengan pelbagai isu. Oleh itu, keupayaan seorang ketua menghimpunkan tenaga dalam kalangan anak buah amat penting. Ini kerana tenaga mereka dapat 'dieksploitasi' bagi memastikan setiap urusan mahupun tugas dilaksanakan dengan baik seperti yang dirancang.

Nilai dalam diri yang positif seperti patriotisme, kesungguhan, keinsafan dan kesabaran terhadap amanah akan membakar nyala rasa setiap anak buah terhadap iltizam dan komitmen pada amanah. Ini amat penting kerana anak buah bukan sekadar tahu akan amanah tetapi mengimani amanah itu. Mereka sedar mengkhianati amanah itu dosa. Mereka sedar amanah itu lebih besar daripada jawatan dan pangkat.

Keupayaan ketua menghimpunkan tenaga fizikal dan yang lahir daripada nilai dalam diri anak buah membolehkan mereka fokus tanggungjawab perancangan. Ketua itu akan mempunyai kesempatan untuk merencana dasar dan polisi yang terbaik bagi memastikan setiap urusan dan tugas membawa kemajuan dapat digerakkan. Malah, urusan dan tugas yang dirancang dapat dikomunikasikan dengan jelas kepada anak buah untuk membina kefahaman yang jitu. Hal ini akan menjadikan dasar dan polisi ketua itu sebagai nilai yang dikongsi bersama-sama selain mempengaruhi gaya bekerja yang konstruktif.

Apabila menghimpunkan tenaga dalam kalangan anak buah, seorang ketua itu tidak boleh bersikap menyendiri. Ketua itu mesti berani

berhadapan dengan anak buah bagi menyatakan cabaran, kelemahan dan ancaman yang ada dalam organisasi.

Kesediaan ketua menerima dan berkongsi kerentanan dalam kepemimpinannya akan mendorong anak buah untuk bersedia mencurahkan tenaga juga kesungguhan untuk bersama-sama memikul tanggungjawab dan amanah. Dalam hal ini, ketua itu perlu sentiasa berjanji muka dan ramah-tamah dengan anak buah bagi merapatkan serta membina keserasian.

SEIRING, SEJALAN

Bagi memastikan setiap organisasi itu mampu bergerak dengan baik, setiap anak buah atau ahlinya mesti dapat dihipunkan sebagai satu jemaah. Sekiranya, ketua itu mampu membawa setiap anak buah atau ahlinya dalam sebuah pasukan dan setiap ahli kumpulan itu pula setia, sekata serta melangkah seadegap, nescaya semua kelebihan yang ada akan membawa kekuatan yang luar biasa.

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Hal ini kerana keistimewaan yang ada pada ketua dan anak buah itu sukar untuk dimanfaatkan disebabkan pasukan tersebut tidak memiliki kesetiakawanan dan kesatuan yang rapuh kerana bibit perpecahan.

DR. Mohd. Azam Ahmad ialah Timbalan Ketua Pengarah Pendidikan (Sektor Pembangunan Profesionalisme).

SEORANG pemimpin yang baik akan berjaya mengumpulkan kakitangannya serta berkongsi matlamat sama. - GAMBAR HIASAN



Warga emas didakwa minta RM20,000 bantu selesai kes polis

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JOHOR BAHRU: Seorang warga emas didakwa di Mahkamah Sesyen di sini semalam atas pertuduhan meminta rasuah berjumlah RM20,000 daripada seorang lelaki dengan mendakwa mampu menyelesaikan kes polis milik mangsa, dua tahun lalu.

Bagaimanapun, Lui Hoh Yew, 67, mengaku tidak bersalah selepas pertuduhan dibacakan di hadapan Hakim, Datuk Ahmad Kamal Arifin Ismail.

Berdasarkan kertas pertuduhan, Hoh Yew yang tidak bekerja didakwa menipu seorang lelaki dengan meminta rasuah RM20,000 bagi menyelesaikan kes polis melibatkan mangsa yang berdepan dakwaan di bawah Seksyen 29AA(1) Akta Pemberi Pinjaman Wang 1951 di rumah kediaman mangsa di Taman Mutiara Rini, Skudai antara pukul 11 malam hingga 12 tengah malam, 8 Mei 2023.

Dia didakwa di bawah Seksyen 420 Kanun Keseksaan yang memperuntukkan hukuman penjara tidak kurang satu tahun dan tidak lebih 10 tahun dengan sebat dan boleh dikenakan denda, jika sabit kesalahan.

Pendakwaan kes dikendalikan Pegawai Pendakwa Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM), Alice Voon Mei Ling.

Peguam bela tertuduh, K. Bharathi memberitahu mahkamah, tertuduh dan isterinya tidak bekerja dengan wang belanja harian mereka diberi oleh anak pasangan itu yang berusia 35 tahun.

"Tertuduh juga mempunyai penyakit darah tinggi dan kolesterol," katanya sambil memberitahu tertuduh hanya mampu membayar jaminan berjumlah RM7,000.

Mahkamah kemudian menetapkan jamin sebanyak RM10,000 dengan seorang penjamin warga tempatan dan menetapkan 22 April depan sebagai tarikh sebutan semula kes.

Minta suapan gelang emas, sarjan polis mengaku tidak bersalah

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KUANTAN: Seorang anggota polis berpangkat sarjan mengaku tidak bersalah atas pertuduhan meminta suapan seutas gelang emas daripada seorang wanita sebagai dorongan untuk tidak mengambil tindakan undang-undang berkaitan kes pukul, dua tahun lalu.

Mohd. Khairi Aswadi Mohamad, 46, membuat penga-

kuan terbabit di hadapan Hakim, Sazlina Safie ketika dihadapkan ke Mahkamah Sesyen di sini semalam.

Mengikut kertas pertuduhan, Mohd. Khairi Aswadi didakwa meminta suapan itu daripada seorang wanita berusia 39 tahun di sebuah premis makanan segera di Taman Chengal, Temerloh, sekitar

pukul 2 petang pada 15 April 2023.

Suapan tersebut didakwa sebagai dorongan agar tidak mengambil tindakan ke atas wanita berkenaan yang disiasat berkaitan kes pukul. Berikutan itu, tertuduh didakwa mengikut Seksyen 16(a)(B) Akta Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia 2009

(Akta 694) dan boleh dihukum di bawah Seksyen 24(1) akta sama.

Jika sabit kesalahan, tertuduh boleh dikenakan hukuman penjara maksimum 20 tahun dan denda tidak kurang daripada lima kali ganda nilai suapan atau RM10,000, mengikut mana-mana yang lebih tinggi.

UTUSAN MALAYSIA

Tarikh: 20 MAR 2025.....

Lelaki rugi RM500K tertipu skim pelaburan saham di TikTok

Johor Bahru: Seorang lelaki kerugian lebih RM500,000 selepas mendakwa menjadi mangsa penipuan skim pelaburan saham tidak wujud dipromosikan di aplikasi TikTok.

Mangsa berusia 49 tahun mendakwa tertarik dengan iklan yang dilihat pada Oktober 2023 sebelum berhubung dengan seorang individu dikenali sebagai Alicia Goh melalui aplikasi WhatsApp.

Ketua Polis Daerah Johor Bahru Utara Asisten Komisioner Balveer Singh Mahindar Singh berkata,



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Balveer Singh

mangsa kemudian dimasukkan ke dalam kumpulan WhatsApp dan diminta memuat turun satu aplikasi untuk melihat keun-

tungan pelaburan.

"Teruja dengan paparan keuntungan berjumlah lebih \$AS1.1 juta, mangsa melakukan 10 transaksi ke lima akaun bank antara 8 November tahun lalu hingga 3 Januari lalu dengan jumlah keseluruhan modal RM539,647.

"Namun, ketika cuba mengeluarkan keuntungan, mangsa diminta membuat bayaran tambahan sekali gus menyedari ditipu lalu membuat laporan polis, semalam (kemarin)," katanya menerusi kenyataan, semalam.

Caruman wajib Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja (KWSP) untuk pekerja asing akan memberi manfaat kepada ekonomi Malaysia dalam jangka panjang berikutan majikan akan lebih cenderung untuk menggaji lebih ramai bakat tempatan apabila kos meningkat.

Walaupun kos operasi akan menjadi lebih tinggi, ia memberikan manfaat untuk memupuk amalan perniagaan mampan dalam kalangan industri tempatan.

Presiden Persekutuan Majikan-Majikan Malaysia (MEF) Datuk Syed Hussain Syed Husman berkata, industri seperti pembuatan, pembinaan dan perlombongan yang banyak bergantung kepada pekerja asing, dijangka meneroka alternatif seperti automasi dan memberikan lebih banyak tumpuan kepada bakat tempatan.

"Kos tambahan ini akan memberi kesan kepada daya saing (dan) sebahagian perniagaan akan melepaskan kos ini kepada pengguna. Jika tidak, mereka akan menghadapi margin keuntungan yang lebih terhad dalam keadaan margin yang sedia kecil," katanya kepada Bernama menerusi temu bual, semalam.

Sehubungan itu, beliau menegaskan bahawa pelaksanaan kadar caruman KWSP oleh kerajaan adalah peluang untuk majikan menggaji lebih banyak bakat tempatan memandangkan kos membayar gaji pekerja asing yang semakin meningkat.

Sektor swasta menyambut baik kadar caruman KWSP sebanyak dua peratus oleh majikan dan pekerja asing bermula Mac tahun ini memandangkan ia antara lain akan menambah baik pengkalan pekerja dan meningkatkan kesetiaan.

Syed Hussain berkata, majikan perlu mengemaskini sistem senarai gaji dan



PELAKSANAAN kadar caruman KWSP oleh kerajaan adalah peluang untuk majikan menggaji lebih banyak bakat tempatan.

CARUMAN WAJIB KWSP UNTUK PEKERJA ASING

MAJIKAN LEBIH CENDERUNG AMBIL BAKAT TEMPATAN

memastikan pematuhan terhadap peraturan KWSP, yang mungkin menambah situasi yang kompleks dalam pentadbiran terutama bagi syarikat yang menggaji sejumlah besar pekerja asing.

Beliau berkata, isu pekerja tempatan yang enggan berkhidmat dalam pekerjaan tertentu perlu diselesaikan segera bagi menangani kekurangan tenaga buruh.

Beliau mencadangkan agar majikan menambah baik dan menyediakan program latihan untuk pe-

kerja tempatan dalam industri yang banyak bergantung kepada buruh asing dan dalam proses meningkatkan kebolehpasaran mereka.

Sementara itu, Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif FGV Holdings Bhd (FGV) Fakhrunniam Othman berkata, sumbangan dua peratus adalah tanggungjawab majikan untuk meningkatkan kesejahteraan tenaga kerja di samping memastikan layanan

yang adil dan beretika kepada semua pekerja sama ada pekerja tempatan mahupun migran.

Beliau berkata, walaupun langkah ini akan meningkatkan kos operasi, FGV yang menggaji sejumlah besar pekerja asing terutamanya dalam sektor perladangan komited untuk mematuhi peraturan kerajaan dan akan mengambil langkah proaktif untuk memastikan peralihan yang

lancar.

"Kami melihatnya sebagai antara komitmen meluas untuk memupuk amalan perniagaan yang mampan, memperkukuh dedikasi kami terhadap daya tahan industri jangka panjang," katanya.

Penganalisis berkata, pendekatan Malaysia seiring dengan beberapa negara yang mempunyai sistem pencen wajib dan skim simpanan wajib bagi menyokong simpanan persaraan pekerja asing seperti Kanada, Jepun, Singapura dan Hong Kong.

Pendekatan Malaysia seiring dengan beberapa negara lain

Jumlah kerugian akibat ^{HM} banjir 2024 cecah RM933.4j

Kuala Lumpur: Jumlah keseluruhan kerugian akibat banjir pada 2024 dianggarkan RM933.4 juta, meningkat daripada RM755.4 juta pada 2023, bersamaan 0.05 peratus Keluaran Dalam Negara Kasar (KDNK) nominal berbanding 0.04 peratus pada tahun sebelumnya.

Ketua Perangkawan Malaysia Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin (*gambar*) berkata, kerugian terbesar dicatatkan dalam sektor kediaman, meningkat RM372.2 juta berbanding RM168.3 juta pada 2023, diikuti aset awam dan infrastruktur RM303.4 juta berbanding RM380.7 juta pada 2023.

"Kerugian dalam sektor pertanian turut meningkat kepada RM185.2 juta berbanding RM120.6 juta pada 2023 manakala premis perniagaan mencatatkan kerugian RM54.1 juta berbanding RM53.2 juta pada tahun sebelumnya.

"Bagi kerosakan kenderaan, ia mencatatkan kerugian RM17.3 juta berbanding RM22.3 juta pada 2023, manakala sektor pembuatan merekodkan kerugian paling kecil, iaitu RM1.2 juta berbanding RM10.3 juta



pada 2023," katanya dalam kenyataan, semalam.

Mohd Uzir berkata, dari segi tempat kediaman, Kelantan mencatatkan kerugian terbesar iaitu RM139 juta, diikuti Terengganu RM103.1 juta dan Kedah RM54 juta.

"Di Kelantan, daerah paling terjejas ialah Pasir Mas dengan kerugian RM46.2 juta diikuti Tumpat RM31.7 juta dan Kota Bharu RM19.2 juta manakala di Terengganu, Besut merekodkan kerugian tertinggi bagi tempat kediaman berjumlah RM38.4 juta, diikuti Setiu RM16.1 juta dan Kemaman RM14.2 juta.

"Di Kedah, Kota Setar dan Kubang Pasu mencatatkan kerugian tertinggi, masing-masing RM22 juta dan RM9.4 ju-

ta, diikuti Baling dengan RM6.9 juta," katanya.

Katanya, Kelantan menanggung kerugian premis perniagaan terbesar berjumlah RM27.1 juta, diikuti Terengganu RM16.4 juta dan Kedah RM4.3 juta.

"Di Kelantan, Pasir Mas dan Kota Bharu mengalami impak kewangan paling ketara, masing-masing dengan kerugian RM9.8 juta, sementara Tumpat mencatatkan kerugian RM5 juta manakala di Terengganu, Besut merekodkan kerugian tertinggi RM6.4 juta, diikuti Setiu RM2.9 juta dan Dungun RM1.9 juta.

"Di Kedah, Kota Setar merekodkan kerugian tertinggi sebanyak RM2.8 juta, diikuti Baling dan Pokok Sena, masing-masing RM0.8 juta dan RM0.4 juta," katanya.

Beliau berkata, Terengganu mencatatkan kerugian kerosakan kenderaan tertinggi berjumlah RM5.8 juta diikuti Kelantan RM4 juta dan Kedah RM2.1 juta dengan daerah paling terjejas ialah Besut RM1.4 juta, diikuti Kemaman RM1 juta dan Dungun RM0.8 juta.

Pengurus kerugian RM766,788 ^{HM 2013} akibat pelaburan emas tak wujud

Kuantan: Seorang pengurus syarikat di daerah ini kerugian RM766,788 selepas terpedaya dengan pelaburan emas tidak wujud secara dalam talian.

Ketua Polis Pahang, Datuk Seri Yahaya Othman, berkata berdasarkan laporan diterima kelmarin, lelaki berusia 34 tahun berkenalan dengan seorang wanita di Facebook menggunakan nama 'Celeste Yee' pada 6 Februari lalu.

Katanya, mangsa kemudian ditawarkan untuk menyertai pelaburan emas

melalui satu laman sesawang yang diberikan suspek dengan menjanjikan keuntungan dalam tempoh singkat.

"Pada peringkat awal, mangsa melabur RM5,000 dan menerima pulangan berjumlah RM5,700. Dalam tempoh 12 Februari hingga 16 Mac lalu, mangsa melakukan 37 transaksi kepada lima akaun bank berbeza berjumlah RM766,788 tetapi gagal mengeluarkan modal serta keuntungan yang dijanjikan.

"Siasatan mendapati sumber kewangan dari-

pada wang simpanan mangsa, pinjaman daripada ibu dan bank. Kes terbabit disiasat mengikut Seksyen 420 Kanun Keseksaan," katanya dalam kenyataan semalam.

Susulan kes itu, Yahaya menasihati orang ramai supaya lebih berhati-hati dengan tawaran pelaburan yang menjanjikan pulangan luar biasa.

"Sebaiknya, orang ramai menyemak kesahihan mana-mana syarikat pelaburan melalui pihak berkuasa berkaitan sebelum membuat pelaburan," katanya.

Lima kena denda RM3,000 seorang jual sijil kelahiran ^{KOSMO 20/3}

PUTRAJAYA – Lima individu masing-masing didenda RM3,000 oleh Mahkamah Majistret di sini, kerana mengemukakan maklumat palsu ketika membuat pendaftaran kelahiran lima bayi di Jabatan Pendaftaran Negara (JPN) Putrajaya.

Tertuduh, Tan Eek Ming, 44, dua ahli perniagaan iaitu Leong Hon Ming, 52, dan Khor Wooli Huat, 48, serta dua suri rumah iaitu Beh Chui See, 31, dan R. Nishanthi, 37, mengaku bersalah sebaik pertuduhan dibacakan jurubahasa di hadapan Majistret Irza Zulaikha Rohanuddin.

Mahkamah turut memerintahkan semua tertuduh dipenjara tiga bulan jika gagal membayar denda. Semua tertuduh membayar denda itu.

Mengikut pertuduhan, mereka didakwa mengemukakan maklumat palsu semasa membuat Permohonan Pendaftaran Kelahiran menggunakan Borang Daftar Kelahiran.

Kesalahan itu didakwa dilakukan di Kaunter Bahagian Kelahiran, Kematian dan Anak Angkat JPN di sini, pada pukul 8 pagi hingga 5 petang antara 26 Mei 2023 hingga 11 Oktober 2024.

Mengikut fakta kes, pegawai pendaftaran selaku pengadu bersama sepasukan anggota penguatkuasa JPN Putrajaya menahan semua tertuduh di depan pintu masuk utama Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia



PIHAK berkuasa membawa lima tertuduh yang didenda RM3,000 seorang selepas mengaku bersalah terlibat dalam kes menjual sijil kelahiran dengan memasukkan maklumat palsu di Mahkamah Majistret Putrajaya semalam.

(SPRM) Shah Alam pada pukul 1.30 tengah hari 16 Mac lalu.

Hasil siasatan mendapati, semua tertuduh mengemukakan maklumat palsu semasa membuat permohonan kelahiran atas

nama lima bayi sehingga terkeluar sijil lahir dengan nombor daftar.

Sebelum ini, *Kosmo!* melaporkan pegawai perubatan bergelar Datuk Seri antara 16 individu ditahan SPRM kerana disyaki

terbabit sindiket pendaftaran lewat kelahiran bertaraf bukan warganegara kepada warganegara selain pendaftaran kelahiran menggunakan dokumen sokongan palsu.

Difahamkan jumlah bayaran rasuah yang diterima adalah antara RM2,000 hingga RM6,000 bagi setiap kes.

Kesemuanya ditahan di sekitar Lembah Klang dan Johor.

KOSMO

20 MAR 2025

Tarikh:

Orang Melayu tidak akan hilang tempat di bandar

- Nilai pampasan tanah berdasarkan harga pasaran
- Projek pembaharuan kediaman menerusi rundingan

Oleh ZULKIFLI MANZOR

PETALING JAYA – Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim sekali lagi menegaskan bahawa Rang Undang-Undang (RUU) Pembaharuan Semula Bandar (PSB) tidak akan menyebabkan orang Melayu dan bumiputera hilang tempat di bandar.

Setiausaha Akhbar Kanan kepada Perdana Menteri, Tunku Nashrul Abaidah berkata, Perdana Menteri menegaskan nilai pampasan hartanah yang akan diberikan adalah berdasarkan kepada nilai pasaran masa hadapan sekali gus membantu pemilik asal memiliki semula rumah yang telah diperbaharui.

Menurutnya, Anwar memaklumkan antara prinsip utama RUU PSB adalah projek pembaharuan kediaman mesti dijalankan menerusi perundingan dengan pemilik untuk mendapatkan persetujuan menyertai projek.

"Selepas persetujuan, pemilik akan menerima semula hartanah berkenaan yang telah diperbaharui, pampasan, manfaat sara hidup serta beberapa manfaat lain semasa peringkat pembinaan dan selepas pembinaan diselesaikan.

"Perdana Menteri menegaskan RUU PSB ini akan memastikan rumah yang telah diperbaharui diberikan kepada pemilik



ANWAR menegaskan nilai pampasan hartanah yang akan diberikan berdasarkan kepada nilai pasaran masa depan bagi membantu pemilik asal memiliki semula rumah yang telah diperbaharui. - GAMBAR FAIL

asal supaya mereka dapat kembali menghuni di atas tapak asal yang telah dibangunkan," katanya pada sidang akhbar harian Pejabat Perdana Menteri (PMO) semalam.

Tunku Nashrul berkata, Perdana Menteri menjelaskan, bahawa RUU PSB berbeza berbanding situasi semasa apabila pampasan diputuskan oleh perunding atau mahkamah berdasarkan nilai semasa.

Menurutnya, situasi semasa

tersebut yang menyebabkan pemilik tidak mampu memiliki rumah baharu kerana harganya jauh lebih tinggi daripada pampasan.

Katanya, RUU PSB juga akan memastikan pelbagai bentuk pampasan atau manfaat diberi kepada pemilik antaranya bayaran sewaan kediaman transit, bayaran ex-gratia renovasi hartanah sedia ada dan bayaran lain bagi membantu sara hidup sepanjang tempoh pembinaan.

Justeru, kata Tunku Nashrul, Anwar menegaskan tidak benar persepsi mengatakan undang-undang PSB akan menyebabkan orang Melayu dan bumiputera hilang tempat di bandar.

Kata beliau, RUU PSB sebaliknya digubal untuk melindungi hak pemilik dengan memastikan pampasan yang adil dan jauh lebih tinggi berbanding sekarang untuk melindungi hak dan mengangkat martabat rakyat terutama orang Melayu di bandar.

KOSMO
20 MAR 2025

Tarikh:

Malaysia rugi RM933.4 juta akibat banjir tahun lalu

KOSMO 20/3

PETALING JAYA – Negara mencatatkan anggaran keseluruhan kerugian akibat banjir pada tahun lalu bernilai RM933.4 juta berbanding RM755.4 juta pada 2023 dengan Kelantan, Kedah dan Terengganu paling terjejas.

Ketua Perangkawan Malaysia, Datuk Seri Dr. Mohd. Uzir Mahidin berkata, jumlah tersebut bersamaan 0.05 peratus daripada Keluaran Dalam Negara Kasar (KDNK) nominal berbanding 2023 sebanyak 0.04 peratus.

Mohd. Uzir berkata, kerugian terbesar dicatatkan bagi tempat kediaman, melonjak kepada RM372.2 juta (2023: RM168.3 juta), diikuti aset awam dan infrastruktur sebanyak RM303.4 juta (2023: RM380.7 juta).

Ujarnya, kerugian dalam sektor pertanian turut meningkat kepada RM185.2 juta (2023: RM120.6 juta), manakala premis perniagaan mencatatkan kerugian sebanyak RM54.1 juta (2023: RM53.2 juta).

"Sementara itu, kerosakan kenderaan berjumlah RM17.3 juta (2023: RM22.3 juta), manakala sektor pembuatan mencatatkan kerugian paling kecil iaitu RM1.2 juta (2023: RM10.3 juta)," katanya dalam kenyataan semalam.

Dalam pada itu, Mohd. Uzir berkata, dari segi tempat kediaman, Kelantan mencatatkan kerugian terbesar sebanyak RM139.0 juta, diikuti Terengganu dengan RM103.1 juta dan Kedah



GAMBAR bertarikh 4 Disember 2024 menunjukkan harta benda penduduk yang musnah dilanda banjir di Kampung Jubakar Pantai, Tumpat.

RM54.0 juta.

Katanya, di Kelantan, daerah paling terjejas ialah Pasir Mas dengan kerugian berjumlah RM46.2 juta, diikuti Tumpat (RM31.7 juta) dan Kota Bharu (RM19.2 juta).

"Sementara itu, di Terengganu, Besut merekodkan kerugian tertinggi bagi tempat kediaman berjumlah RM38.4 juta, diikuti Setiu (RM16.1 juta) dan Kemaman (RM14.2 juta).

"Di Kedah, Kota Setar dan Kubang Pasu mencatatkan kerugian tertinggi masing-masing RM22 juta dan RM9.4 juta, diikuti Baling dengan RM6.9 juta," ujarnya.

Menurut beliau, Kelantan

menanggung kerugian premis perniagaan terbesar berjumlah RM27.1 juta, diikuti Terengganu sebanyak RM16.4 juta dan Kedah sebanyak RM4.3 juta.

"Di Kelantan, Pasir Mas dan Kota Bharu mengalami impak kewangan yang paling ketara, masing-masing dengan kerugian RM9.8 juta, manakala Tumpat mencatatkan kerugian RM5 juta.

"Diikuti di Terengganu, Besut merekodkan kerugian tertinggi sebanyak RM6.4 juta, diikuti Setiu (RM2.9 juta) dan Dungun (RM1.9 juta).

"Selain itu, di Kedah, Kota Setar merekodkan kerugian tertinggi sebanyak RM2.8 juta, diikuti Baling dan Pokok Sena yang

masing-masing sebanyak RM0.8 juta dan RM0.4 juta," kata beliau.

Mengulas lanjut, Mohd. Uzir berkata, Terengganu mencatatkan kerugian kerosakan kenderaan tertinggi berjumlah RM5.8 juta diikuti dengan Kelantan sebanyak RM4 juta dan Kedah RM2.1 juta.

Ujar beliau, di Terengganu, daerah yang paling terjejas ialah Besut (RM1.4 juta), diikuti dengan Kemaman (RM1 juta) dan Dungun (RM0.8 juta).

"Bagi Kelantan, Tumpat merekodkan kerugian kenderaan tertinggi berjumlah RM1.8 juta, di-

ikuti Pasir Mas (RM1 juta) dan Kota Bharu (RM0.5 juta).

Sementara itu, di Kedah, penduduk di Kota Setar mengalami kerugian tertinggi sebanyak RM0.9 juta, diikuti Pokok Sena (RM0.5 juta) dan Baling (RM0.3 juta)," katanya.

Bagi sektor pembuatan, katanya, Kelantan mencatatkan kerugian sebanyak RM1.1 juta, dengan Pasir Mas mengalami impak tertinggi berjumlah RM1 juta.

"Pasir Puteh dan Tumpat merekodkan kerugian lebih rendah, masing-masing di bawah RM100,000," tambahnya.

AWAS SCAM



RM140,000 melayang ditipu 'polis'

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TANGKAK – Seorang ejen produk kecantikan 'terduduk' selepas RM140,000 miliknya lesap diperdaya scammer menyamar sebagai anggota polis yang mendakwa terlibat dalam kes penipuan pelaburan saham.

Menurut Ketua Polis Daerah Tangkak, Superintendan Roslan Mohd Talib, pihak polis menerima laporan kejadian tersebut dari wanita warga tempatan berusia 49 tahun semalam.

"Mangsa dihubungi suspek melalui telefon yang menyamar sebagai anggota polis beberapa hari lalu dan memberitahu wanita berkenaan terlibat dalam kes penipuan pelaburan saham.

"Suspek mengugut mangsa dengan memberitahu akaun bank miliknya akan dibekukan bagi tujuan siasatan.

"Mangsa yang mempercayainya kemudian melakukan enam transaksi ke dalam empat akaun yang berbeza disyaki *mule account* seperti mana diarahkan suspek," katanya dalam satu kenyataan di sini.

Roslan berkata, menyedari dirinya sudah terjatut dengan sindiket penipuan itu tampil membuat laporan polis dan mengalami kerugian RM140,000.

Kes disiasat bawah Seksyen 420 Kanun Keseksaan, jika sabit kesalahan boleh dikenakan hukuman penjara sehingga 10 tahun dan boleh disebat serta didenda.

KOSMO

20 MAR 2025

Tarikh:

Caruman KWSP pekerja asing beri manfaat ekonomi negara

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Kuala Lumpur: Caruman wajib Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja (KWSP) untuk pekerja asing akan memberi manfaat kepada ekonomi Malaysia dalam jangka panjang berikutan majikan akan lebih cenderung untuk menggaji lebih ramai bakat tempatan apabila kos meningkat.

Walaupun kos operasi akan menjadi lebih tinggi, ia memberikan manfaat untuk memupuk amalan perniagaan mampan dalam kalangan industri tempatan.

Presiden Persekutuan Majikan-Majikan Malaysia (MEF), Datuk Syed Hussain Syed Husman, berkata industri seperti pembuatan, pembinaan dan perladangan yang banyak bergantung kepada pekerja asing dijangka meneroka alternatif seperti automasi dan memberikan lebih banyak tumpuan kepada

bakat tempatan.

"Kos tambahan ini akan memberi kesan kepada daya saing dan sebahagian perniagaan akan melepaskan kos ini kepada pengguna. Jika tidak, mereka akan menghadapi margin keuntungan yang lebih terhad dalam keadaan margin yang sedia kecil," katanya kepada **BERNAMA** menerusi temu bual, semalam.

Sehubungan itu, beliau menegaskan pelaksanaan kadar caruman KWSP oleh kerajaan adalah peluang untuk majikan menggaji lebih banyak bakat tempatan memandangkan kos membayar gaji pekerja asing yang semakin meningkat.

Sektor swasta menyambut baik kadar caruman KWSP sebanyak dua peratus oleh majikan dan pekerja asing bermula Mac tahun ini memandangkan ia antara lain akan menambah baik pengekalan pekerja dan

meningkatkan kesetiaan.

Syed Hussain berkata, majikan perlu mengemas kini sistem senarai gaji dan memastikan pematuhan terhadap peraturan KWSP yang mungkin menambah situasi yang kompleks dalam pentadbiran terutama bagi syarikat yang menggaji sejumlah besar pekerja asing.

Beliau berkata, isu pekerja tempatan yang enggan berkhidmat dalam pekerjaan tertentu perlu diselesaikan segera bagi menangani kekurangan tenaga buruh.

Beliau mencadangkan agar majikan menambah baik dan menyediakan program latihan untuk pekerja tempatan dalam industri yang banyak bergantung kepada buruh asing dan dalam proses meningkatkan kebolehpasaran mereka.

Sementara itu, Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif FGV Holdings Bhd



(FGV) Fakhrunniam Othman berkata sumbangan dua peratus adalah tanggungjawab majikan untuk meningkatkan kesejahteraan tenaga kerja di samping memastikan layanan yang adil dan beretika kepada semua pekerja sama ada pekerja tempatan mahupun migran.

Beliau berkata walaupun langkah ini akan meningkatkan kos operasi, FGV yang menggaji sejumlah besar pekerja asing te-

rutamanya dalam sektor perladangan komited untuk mematuhi peraturan kerajaan dan akan mengambil langkah proaktif untuk memastikan peralihan yang lancar.

"Kami melihatnya sebagai antara komitmen meluas untuk memupuk amalan perniagaan yang mampan, memperkukuh dedikasi kami terhadap daya tahan industri jangka panjang," katanya.

15 pesara terpedaya skim SILEGX

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Sindiket aktif perangkap mangsa melalui Facebook, TikTok babit kerugian RM41.5j

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Kuala Lumpur: Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM) membuka 46 kertas siasatan berkait skim penipuan pelaburan SILEGX yang setakat ini membabitkan kerugian mencecah RM41.5 juta di seluruh negara.

Pengarah Jabatan Siasatan Jenayah Komersial (JSJK) Bukit Aman, Datuk Seri Ramli Mohamed Yoosuf, berkata siasatan mendapati sindiket ini aktif mempromosi skim pelaburan mata wang kripto serta saham melalui TikTok dan Facebook.

"Daripada keseluruhan 46 mangsa yang tampil membuat aduan kepada polis, golongan pesara paling ramai setakat ini

dengan 15 orang.

"Turut menjadi mangsa 12 ahli perniagaan, tiga guru, dua jurutera dan masing-masing seorang membabitkan pegawai bank, akauntan, doktor, suri rumah dan 10 pekerja swasta pelbagai bidang," katanya di sini, semalam.

Terpedaya iklan di Facebook

Ramli berkata, antara mangsa terbaru diperdaya sindiket ialah tiga pesara termasuk dua wanita dengan kerugian keseluruhan mencecah RM9.38 juta.

"Seorang mangsa iaitu lelaki berusia 71 tahun memaklumkan melihat iklan pelaburan kripto melalui Facebook. Pengadu tertarik dengan iklan itu dan menghubungi nombor WhatsApp dipaparkan.

"Seterusnya, pengadu dimasukkan ke kumpulan WhatsApp dan diterangkan berkenaan pelaburan saham dan pelaburan mata wang kripto platform silegx.com.

"Pengadu kemudian mendaftar akaun di platform itu dan membuat 42 kali transaksi pindahan wang ke lapan akaun bank atas nama syarikat ber-

beza dengan keseluruhan pindahan RM5 juta," katanya.

Ramli berkata, pada awal Mac lalu, pengadu dimaklumkan kononnya SILEGX mempunyai masalah dan pelabur dikehendaki mengeluarkan wang daripada akaun atau berdepan risiko ia dibekukan.

"Ketika itu, pengadu mendapati pelaburannya menjana keuntungan sehingga AS\$205,463,456 (RM1 bilion), walaupun angka itu hanyalah paparan secara dalam talian dan tidak dapat dipastikan kesahihan.

"Namun apabila hendak mengeluarkan wang keuntungan, pengadu diarah membuat bayaran yuran proses AS\$230,000 (RM1.01 juta). Pengadu mula curiga dan membuat laporan polis," katanya.

Ramli berkata, siasatan lanjut mendapati sejumlah 39 akaun bank dikesan digunakan skim pelaburan ini untuk menerima wang dari mangsa, dengan 37 akaun bank didaftarkan atas nama syarikat dan dua lagi atas nama perniagaan.

Siasatan dijalankan mengikut Seksyen 420 Kanun Keseksaan.



Ramli menunjukkan peralatan elektronik yang dirampas pada sidang media di Kuala Lumpur, semalam. (Foto Hazreen Mohamad/BH)

Lahirkan tenaga kerja tempatan lebih mampan ^{BH 2013} ganti pekerja asing

Malaysia bukan lagi destinasi utama pekerja Indonesia atau dalam lain perkataan, negara ini tidak lagi dianggap 'surga' kepada warga seberang untuk mencari rezeki hingga ada yang sanggup masuk secara haram, sekali gus bergelar pendatang tanpa izin (PATI). Itulah hakikat yang tidak boleh dinafikan apabila angka tenaga kerja Indonesia (TKI) berdaftar menyusut lebih separuh dalam tempoh beberapa tahun seperti diakui Duta Besarinya, Datuk Hermono dalam wawancara eksklusif BH, kelmarin.

Penguatkuasaan ketat dan sekatan pengambilan pekerja asing menjadi antara faktor utama hingga selepas pandemik, bilangan warga Indonesia tinggal di negara ini dianggarkan 1.5 juta, termasuk 585,000 pekerja berdaftar. Jumlah itu jauh lebih kecil berbanding statistik sebelum COVID-19, iaitu 1.13 juta rakyat Indonesia dengan dokumen lengkap dan 1.5 juta PATI. Secara tidak langsung, ini bermakna dasar ketat kemasukan pekerja asing dan penguatkuasaan terhadap PATI berada di landasan betul.

Bagaimanapun, ia menimbulkan persoalan apakah rakyat kita terutama generasi muda benar-benar bersedia mengisi kekosongan ini selepas sekian lama bergantung kepada buruh luar untuk memenuhi pekerjaan 3D (kotor, bahaya dan sukar), termasuk perladangan, pertanian, pembinaan dan perkilangan.

Realitinya, generasi muda enggan menyertai sektor ini kerana stigma terhadap pekerjaan 3D masih tebal dalam pemikiran masyarakat. Tawaran gaji rendah, keadaan kerja bukan sahaja tidak menarik, bahkan menuntut kudrat manusia yang tinggi menyebabkan ramai mencari rezeki di sektor lain, termasuk terbabit dalam ekonomi gig. Jika tidak ditangani segera, kita berisiko mengalami kekurangan tenaga kerja yang boleh menjejaskan kelangsungan sektor kritikal ini.

Penyelesaian kepada isu ini bukan sekadar menutup pintu kepada pekerja asing atau beralih ke pekerja asing dari negara lain seperti Bangladesh dan Nepal, sebaliknya bagaimana mencari jalan untuk memastikan pekerjaan 3D lebih menarik bagi warga tempatan. Kita yakin teknologi moden terutama Revolusi Industri 4.0 (IR4.0) memberikan peluang kepada negara untuk merombak sektor ini supaya lebih mampan.

Dalam sektor perladangan misalnya, penggunaan dron untuk penyemburan racun dan pemantauan tanaman boleh mengurangkan kebergantungan kepada tenaga buruh kasar. Industri pembinaan pula boleh menerapkan teknologi automasi dan robotik bagi menggantikan kerja berat. Dalam hal ini, generasi muda boleh mengisi peluang pekerjaan dalam sektor 3D lebih berdaya saing dan selari dengan aspirasi tenaga kerja tempatan yang mahukan pekerjaan lebih bermaruah serta berskala gaji lebih tinggi.

Hakikatnya realiti yang berlaku dalam tenaga kerja asing di negara ini, memberi peluang kepada kita untuk memperbetulkan kembali pembangunan negara dengan mengurangkan kebergantungan kepada pekerja asing. Langkah ini bukan sahaja memastikan daya tahan ekonomi, malah membantu dalam mengurangkan kebocoran wang negara akibat aliran keluar gaji pekerja asing. Dengan inovasi, gaji kompetitif serta perubahan minda terhadap pekerjaan 3D, Malaysia boleh membina tenaga kerja tempatan lebih mampan, terutama dalam kalangan generasi muda.

Henti normalisasi 'letak sekejap' di petak OKU

8H 20/3

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Petak khas meletakkan kenderaan orang kurang upaya (OKU) disediakan bagi memudahkan pergerakan golongan ini, namun terdapat segelintir individu tidak bertanggungjawab mengambil kesempatan dengan alasan 'sekadar sekejap sahaja'.

Sikap ini bukan sahaja mencerminkan kurangnya kesedaran sivik, tetapi menzalimi OKU yang benar-benar memerlukan kemudahan berkenaan.

Kajian dijalankan sekumpulan pelajar Jabatan Komunikasi, Universiti Selangor (UNISEL) mendapati, penyalahgunaan petak meletak kenderaan OKU masih berleluasa.

Kajian ke atas 176 responden menunjukkan, 62 peratus daripada mereka pernah melihat petak khas itu digunakan individu tidak layak, manakala 38 peratus mengakui pernah menggunakan petak berkenaan tanpa kebenaran.

Alasan utama diberikan termasuk kekurangan tempat letak kereta biasa (45 peratus), tergesa-gesa untuk akses lebih dekat (30 peratus) dan beranggapan tindakan mereka tidak salah selagi tiada pengguna OKU di lokasi berkenaan (25 peratus).

Tindakan ini mencerminkan sikap mementingkan diri sendiri yang perlu dibendung. Ini bukan sekadar isu kurang empati, tetapi mencerminkan kegagalan masyarakat memahami keperluan sebenar golongan OKU.

Bagi menangani isu ini, tindakan lebih tegas perlu diambil bagi memastikan petak khas ini digunakan golongan OKU.

Antara cadangan penyelesaian termasuk:

- Kempen kesedaran melalui media massa dan sosial

Pendedahan melalui video, poster dan kempen dalam talian boleh meningkatkan kesedaran masyarakat mengenai kepentingan petak letak kenderaan OKU.

- Penguatkuasaan kompaun lebih tinggi
Denda sedia ada mungkin tidak cukup berkesan, mungkin hukuman lebih berat patut dikenakan sebagai langkah pencegahan.

- Papan tanda lebih jelas
Mesej lebih besar dan jelas perlu dipasang bagi mengingatkan pemandu normal tidak sewenang-wenangnya menggunakan petak khas untuk OKU.

- Sekatan akses dengan palang automatik

Penggunaan sistem automatik yang hanya boleh diakses pemegang kad OKU boleh mengurangkan penyalahgunaan parkir ini.

Penyalahgunaan petak OKU bukan sahaja mencerminkan sikap tidak peduli, tetapi satu bentuk penindasan terhadap hak mereka yang memerlukan.

Kesedaran dan empati harus dijadikan keutamaan dalam membentuk sebuah masyarakat bertamadun dan bertanggungjawab.



Perpustakaan perlu sedia ruang, aktiviti tingkat kesihatan mental

BH 20/3

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Dalam dunia penuh cabaran dan tekanan, isu kesihatan mental perlu diberi perhatian serius. Kesihatan mental yang baik bukan sahaja mempengaruhi kesejahteraan, bahkan menyumbang kepada produktiviti, hubungan sosial sihat serta kualiti hidup lebih baik.

Dalam hal ini, perpustakaan bukan sekadar pusat ilmu dan rujukan, malah berperanan sebagai ruang sokongan bagi individu yang memerlukan ketenangan, refleksi diri serta keseimbangan emosi.

Persekitaran perpustakaan yang sunyi, teratur dan nyaman menawarkan tempat sesuai untuk individu yang ingin mengurangkan tekanan, terutama pelajar, pekerja dan sesiapa sahaja yang berdepan cabaran kehidupan.

Ruang disediakan membolehkan mereka mencari ketenangan, berehat sejenak daripada kesibukan serta terlibat dalam aktiviti yang dapat mengurangkan tekanan.

Kajian menunjukkan suasana tenang dan tersusun mampu memberikan kesan positif terhadap kesihatan mental, mengurangkan kegelisahan serta meningkatkan daya tumpuan dan kreativiti.

Antara konsep yang semakin mendapat perhatian dalam perpustakaan ialah biblioterapi, iaitu penggunaan bahan bacaan sebagai alat terapi bagi

membantu dalam memahami dan menguruskan emosi dengan lebih baik.

Perpustakaan menyediakan pelbagai bahan bacaan khas berkaitan kesihatan mental merangkumi topik pengurusan stres, kecerdasan emosi, strategi mengatasi kebimbangan serta pengalaman individu berjaya mengharungi cabaran mental.

Kisah mencerminkan pengalaman peribadi individu lain juga memberi perspektif baharu dan sokongan emosi kepada pembaca, selain membina empati serta pemahaman lebih mendalam mengenai isu kesihatan mental.

Pusat penganjuran pelbagai program

Perpustakaan turut berperanan sebagai pusat penganjuran pelbagai program sokongan mental yang memberi manfaat kepada masyarakat. Antaranya, sesi bercerita dan perkongsian pengalaman yang berfungsi sebagai ruang selamat untuk individu meluahkan perasaan dalam persekitaran menyokong.

Aktiviti ini bukan sahaja menggalakkan komunikasi terbuka mengenai kesihatan mental, bahkan mengurangkan stigma terhadap isu ini dalam kalangan masyarakat.

Perpustakaan juga boleh menganjurkan bengkel pengurusan stres dikendalikan pakar psikologi

dan kaunseling. Ia boleh membabitkan teknik relaksasi seperti pernafasan dalam, latihan kesedaran minda dan teknik kognitif untuk mengatasi tekanan.

Kelab membaca turut menjadi platform penting bagi menggalakkan perbincangan sihat mengenai buku inspirasi menyentuh isu kesihatan mental dan kesejahteraan diri. Melalui sesi ini, peserta dapat berkongsi pandangan, mendapatkan inspirasi daripada kisah dibaca serta membentuk rangkaian sokongan sosial lebih kukuh.

Perpustakaan juga menyediakan akses kepada pelbagai sumber digital bagi menyokong kesejahteraan mental masyarakat. Sumber ini merangkumi e-buku berkaitan kesihatan mental, rancangan audio digital atau siri motivasi dalam talian serta platform interaktif yang membolehkan individu mendapatkan maklumat dan bimbingan mengenai kesihatan mental tanpa perlu hadir.

Ia juga menjadi tempat pertemuan komuniti, terutama bagi individu mengalami kesunyian atau mencari sokongan sosial. Dengan menganjurkan aktiviti berkumpulan seperti sesi meditasi dan kesedaran minda, perpustakaan membantu masyarakat mendapatkan keseimbangan mental, membina hubungan lebih erat serta menggalakkan gaya hidup lebih sihat dari segi emosi dan psikologi.

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PM assures fair compensation under URA amid displacement fears

PETALING JAYA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has moved to quash fears that the proposed Urban Renewal Act (URA) will drive Malays and Bumiputera communities out of prime city areas.

He stressed that the law would prioritise fairness and protect homeowners from displacement.

Anwar said the new Act would ensure that homeowners receive fair compensation if their properties are demolished for redevelopment projects.

He added that current homeowners would be allocated a unit within any redevelopment project undertaken by developers.

"The compensation homeowners receive will be based on the future market value of their property, enabling them to regain property ownership in the newly developed project," Anwar said in a statement read by his senior press secretary Tunku Nashrul Abaidah.

Anwar added that under the current system, compensation is based on the property's present value, often leaving homeowners unable to afford a new unit within the redevelopment.

"In addition to higher compensation, the Act will also ensure various forms of support for homeowners, including transit housing rental payments, ex-gratia payments for renovations and other financial assistance to help sustain their livelihoods throughout the construction period. The proposed Act will also emphasise the principles of social justice, which form the foundation of the Madani vision."

Anwar asserted that critics have no basis for claiming that the Act would displace Malays and Bumiputera communities from the city or that the proposed law would solely benefit developers.

The proposed legislation is expected to be tabled in Parliament in July. — **BY IKHWAN ZULKAFLEE**

Concerns over proposed redevelopment projects

► New mortgage payments, higher costs, lowering of homeowner consent threshold for renewal of urban properties among grievances of residents

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PETALING JAYA: The burden of a new mortgage could be a deal-breaker causing homeowners to oppose the proposed Urban Redevelopment Act (URA), although it aims to improve the quality of life of residents in identified areas, among others, through redevelopment projects.

One such location is Taman Pusat Kepong, one of over a hundred sites identified by the Town and Country Planning Department and Kuala Lumpur City Hall as suitable for urban renewal within the capital city.

Vimala Vetiperiannan, a homeowner in the area, expressed her concerns, saying that her family has only two years left on their housing loan.

"I don't want to spend another 20-odd years repaying the loan. Plus, it's not like we are living in a hazardous place. It's comfortable for my family and we get along well with our neighbours," the 45-year-old housewife told *theSun* when met in Taman Pusat Kepong on Tuesday.

She said the apartment where she lives with her husband and two children cost them only RM80,000 when they bought it in 2000.

"If our flat is torn down to make way for a new building, I imagine the price will skyrocket."

Another resident, Chong Tan Koon, 78, said although the apartment where he lives with his wife and children is old, he wouldn't trade it for a new one — especially if it means that his family would have to apply for a new mortgage.

"There's hardly any crime in the area, and my family has lived here for over 20 years. I just don't see the benefits for me or my family from this proposed Act."

He said in recent years there has, however, been an influx of foreigners renting flats in the surrounding areas.

Checks by *theSun* found that the rent for a basic three-bedroom unit at Greenview Apartment, one of the oldest apartment blocks in the area, is about RM900 per month.

Meanwhile, Taman Pusat Kepong Residents Association committee member

Ng Be Pak, 62, said while the area may need a new recreational park, new housing projects are unnecessary.

"Yes, it is congested here, and even the public field behind the association's building has been turned into a private car park. However, I respectfully reject the idea of tearing down the building to construct a new one."

The URA, proposed by Housing and Local Government Minister Nga Kor Ming, seeks to lower the homeowner consent threshold for urban renewal projects from the current 100% to 80%.

The ministry has identified 534 potential redevelopment sites in Peninsular Malaysia, including 139 within Kuala Lumpur, covering 13.4% of the city's total area, with a combined gross development value of RM355.3 billion.

Set to be tabled in the next Parliament session in July, the URA has sparked heated debates among property developers and homeowners, with key concerns revolving around the percentage of Bumiputera ownership and the "en bloc" sale of entire strata developments.

This has raised fears of potential displacement, particularly among lower-income house owners.

One of the most contentious issues surrounding the URA is the consent threshold, with critics arguing that it may disproportionately affect Malay communities and lower- to middle-income urban groups (B40 and M40).

Mounting bazaar waste triggers environmental risks

Rotting food at landfills emits dangerous levels of methane that contributes to climate change, produces leachate that contaminates groundwater: Academic

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PETALING JAYA: A mounting waste crisis at local bazaars is not only overwhelming landfills but also accelerating climate change, as rotting food releases methane, a greenhouse gas 25 times more potent than carbon dioxide.

Malaysia generates about 17,000 tonnes of food waste daily, with that number surging by an additional 3,000 tonnes during Ramadan, according to the Solid Waste and Public Cleansing Management Corporation.

Experts warn that much of this waste ends up in landfills without proper treatment, emitting dangerous levels of methane into the atmosphere.

Universiti Teknologi Mara School of Civil Engineering assoc prof Dr Marfiah Ab Wahid cautioned that methane emissions from decomposing organic waste are a significant contributor to climate change, trapping heat far more effectively than carbon dioxide.

"This isn't just about overflowing landfills, it's about accelerating global warming."

"Methane is a major driver of climate change, and as more waste piles up, the problem will only get worse," she said.

The environmental risks extend beyond the atmosphere. Marfiah warned that decomposing food waste produces leachate, a toxic liquid that seeps into the soil and contaminates groundwater.

The resulting pollution can trigger eutrophication, a process that depletes oxygen in water bodies, suffocating aquatic life and threatening human water sources.

She added that improper waste management fosters pest infestations, raising public health concerns.

"Accumulated waste attracts pests and rodents, increasing the risk of diseases like dysentery and cholera."

"Blocked drainage systems from waste buildup can also lead to severe urban flooding."



Marfiah said excessive landfill waste also releases other toxic gases, such as ammonia, further exacerbating air pollution and respiratory health risks. — ADAM AMIR HAMZAH/THESUN

Beyond methane emissions, excessive landfill waste releases other toxic gases, including ammonia and hydrogen sulfide, further exacerbating air pollution and respiratory health risks.

Marfiah underscored the urgent need for intervention, outlining waste management strategies that could curb methane emissions at the source.

She emphasised that local authorities must prioritise source separation, enforce regulations on single-use plastics, and encourage responsible waste disposal at bazaars.

"Vendors and visitors must separate food waste from recyclables, and municipal councils should provide labeled bins while incorporating waste management guidelines into rental agreements," she said.

She also urged authorities to reduce reliance on single-use plastics by implementing clear regulations or offering incentives for biodegradable packaging.

Additionally, she said better portion control and inventory management among vendors could prevent food overproduction and spoilage, reducing waste generation.

To mitigate methane emissions, Marfiah proposed municipal composting initiatives that divert organic waste from landfills, turning it into fertiliser instead of allowing it to rot and release methane.

"Food donation systems could also prevent edible food from becoming waste while

supporting underprivileged communities."

Public awareness campaigns, she stressed, are essential to educate bazaar visitors on sustainability and climate-friendly waste practices.

Malaysia's waste management framework falls under several laws, including the Solid Waste and Public Cleaning Management Act 2007 (Act 672), the Streets, Drainage and Building Act 1974 (Act 133), and the Local Government Act 1976 (Act 171).

However, enforcement remains inconsistent.

Marfiah noted that the Housing and Local Government Ministry is considering introducing a Littering Act to address waste mismanagement more effectively.

"If such an Act is implemented, first-time offenders could receive a warning. Repeat violations may lead to penalties, including the possibility of being blacklisted," she said.

To encourage long-term sustainability, she proposed initiatives such as reduced stall fees for vendors using biodegradable packaging, a deposit-return system where customers receive refunds for returning reusable containers, and a Green Vendor Certification to recognise businesses adopting environmentally responsible practices.

"Waste management isn't just about keeping our streets clean. It's about preventing a climate disaster. By taking action now, we can significantly cut methane emissions and create a cleaner, more sustainable future for all."

EPF move for foreign workers expected to **benefit economy**

KUALA LUMPUR: Employees Provident Fund (EPF) contributions from foreign workers will benefit Malaysia's economy in the long term as employers may favour hiring more local talent as costs increase, said Malaysian Employers Federation president Datuk Syed Hussain Syed Husman.

He said while operational costs would be higher, the move is expected to foster sustainable business practices among local industries.

He added that industries such as manufacturing, construction and plantations, which rely heavily on foreign workers, may explore alternatives such as automation and a greater focus on local talent.

"The additional cost will affect competitiveness and some businesses will pass the cost on to

► While costs may increase for employers, long-term effects would enhance worker welfare and boost talent retention

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consumers. Otherwise, they will face tighter profit margins on already thin margins."

He also said the government's imposition of EPF contributions presents an opportunity for employers to hire more local talent as the cost of employing foreign workers rises, Bernama reported.

Syed Hussain said employers will need to update payroll systems and ensure compliance with EPF regulations, which could add administrative complexity, particularly for companies with

large numbers of foreign workers.

He added that the issue of locals being unwilling to take certain jobs needs to be addressed urgently to resolve labour shortages.

Syed Hussain suggested employers enhance and provide training programmes for locals in industries that rely heavily on foreign labour to improve their employability.

The private sector has lauded the 2% EPF contribution by employers and foreign workers, introduced this month, as it is expected to improve

worker retention and build loyalty.

Sorento Capital executive director Jayden J.K. Loo said the move would provide long-term savings and financial security to foreign workers, and lead to better financial stability.

"This may lead to higher job satisfaction and lower turnover rates, reducing hiring and training costs for employers."

"However, the impact on productivity will depend on various factors, including work conditions, wages and overall employee engagement strategies," he said.

"While the contribution is a positive step, other incentives and workplace improvements would still be necessary to drive significant productivity gains," said Loo, whose company offers bathroom and kitchen solutions and Italian-designed sanitaryware for home and commercial use.

Meanwhile, FGV Holdings Bhd (FGV) CEO Fakhruddin Othman said the 2% contribution is an employer's responsibility to enhance workforce welfare while ensuring fair and ethical treatment for all employees, both local and migrant.

He said while the move would naturally increase operational costs, FGV - which employs a substantial number of foreign workers, particularly in its plantation sector - remains committed to complying with government regulations and will take proactive measures to ensure a smooth transition.

"We view this as part of our broader commitment to fostering sustainable business practices, reinforcing our dedication to long-term industry resilience," he said.

Analysts have said Malaysia's approach aligns with several countries that have mandatory pension and compulsory savings schemes to support foreign worker retirement, such as Canada, Japan, Singapore and Hong Kong.



Syed Hussain said the government's imposition of EPF contributions presents an opportunity for employers to hire more local talent as the cost of employing foreign workers rises. — SYED AZAHAR SYED OSMAN/THESUN

EPF for foreigners a boon for economy

KUALA LUMPUR: Mandatory Employees Provident Fund (EPF) contributions for foreign workers will benefit Malaysia's economy over the long term as the rising cost of migrant labour will make employers hire more local talent.

This would foster sustainable business practices among local industries, said Malaysia Employers Federation (MEF) president Datuk Syed Hussain Syed Husman.

He said industries such as manufacturing, construction and plantations, which were dependent on foreign labour, might explore alternatives like automation and a greater focus on local workers.

"The additional cost will affect competitiveness (and) some businesses will pass the cost on to consumers. Otherwise, they will

face tighter profit margins," he said yesterday.

He said EPF contributions for foreign labour was an opportunity for employers to hire more Malaysians.

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He suggested that employers that rely heavily on foreign labour provide training for locals.

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RM41m lost to fake investment scheme

KUALA LUMPUR: Police have opened 46 investigations into the SILEGX fake investment scheme involving RM41 million in losses.

Federal Commercial Crime Investigation Department director Datuk Seri Ramli Mohamed Yoosuf said the majority of victims were retirees.

"Those who have lodged reports include 15 retirees and 12 businessmen.

"The scheme used 39 bank accounts to receive money from victims.

"Of these, 37 are registered to companies, and two are registered to businesses."

He said the bank accounts had been frozen.

Ramli said the most recent cases involved three retirees who lodged reports between March 10 and March 17.

"The reports involved a combined loss of RM9.38 million.

"One victim, a 71-year-old former civil servant, said he saw an advertisement for the



Federal Commercial Crime Investigation Department director Datuk Seri Ramli Mohamed Yoosuf (centre) says the majority of victims in the SILEGX fake investment scheme are retirees. NSTP PIC BY HAZREEN MOHAMAD

scheme on Facebook."

He said these three victims made 42 transactions totalling more than RM5 million.

Meanwhile, Ramli said Bukit Aman has proposed the addition of 139 police personnel to the National Scam Response Centre (NSRC) as part of a restructuring exercise to place the centre under police leadership, supervised by the Home Ministry.

He said the NSRC is now jointly operated by the National Anti-Financial Crime Centre, police and Bank Negara.

"The restructuring will see the police take over as the lead agency for the centre," he said.

"We have also proposed appointing a police officer with the rank of senior assistant commissioner to lead the centre."

Ramli said the NSRC will relocate to the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission building within six months.

NSRC, which began operating in 2022, acts quickly on online scam cases, particularly in freezing funds, blocking transactions and advising the public.

He said NSRC's role is crucial, with similar units established in the region, including the Anti-Online Scam Centre in Bangkok and the Anti-Scam Centre in Singapore.

Up to Dec 31, 2024, NSRC had received 161,863 calls from scam victims and others seeking advice. A total of 72,523 bank accounts were flagged for suspicious transactions totalling RM50,875,415.26.

SILEGX investment scam involving RM41.5mil under probe STAR 2013

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KUALA LUMPUR: A total of 46 investigation papers have been opened in connection with the SILEGX investment scam, involving RM41.5mil in losses, says Comm Datuk Seri Ramli Mohamed Yoosuf.

The Bukit Aman Commercial Crime Investigation Department (CCID) director said the syndicate actively promoted the crypto-based scheme on social media.

"Those interested will be included in a WhatsApp or Telegram group for further explanation on the investment being offered," he told reporters at the CCID headquarters yesterday.

So far, 46 victims have lodged police reports, including 15 senior

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citizens, he said.

He said three senior citizens were among the latest victims, who lost more than RM5mil.

"One of the victims, a 71-year-old man saw an advertisement for the investment scheme on Facebook and contacted the WhatsApp number displayed.

"He was then added to a WhatsApp group before being given more explanation on the

investment scheme," he said.

After registering his account, the victim transferred RM5mil to eight bank accounts in 42 transactions, Comm Ramli said.

"In early March, the victim was informed that the platform was having trouble and they must withdraw their investments at the risk of their (investment) accounts being frozen.

"At that time, the victim saw his investment had produced almost RM1bil in profits.

"But when he wanted to make the withdrawal, he was imposed a fee of RM1.01mil. Feeling suspicious, he lodged a police report," he said.

Comm Ramli said police have detected 39 bank accounts used by the scam to receive money from victims.



Thorough investigation: Comm Ramli (second from left) showing some of the items seized in the probe at a press conference in Kuala Lumpur. — FAIHAN GHANI/The Star

Shun violent acts, uphold respect, urges Anwar

PM: Futile to speak of Islamic virtues if not practiced

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PETALING JAYA: Malaysians have to be committed to the principle of mutual respect and avoid violent acts that could threaten peace and harmony, says Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

"There is no point talking about Islam and its beauty, especially in the month of Ramadan, if it does not build internal strength and keep us away from violent acts," said the Prime Minister.

His reminder came after a recent incident involving a man who allegedly slapped a non-Muslim youth for eating in public during Ramadan at a mall in Johor Baru.

"Any action like this or similar to it needs to be stopped because it goes against the spirit of national unity and harmony."

"Issues that touch on religious, racial and national sensitivities can be avoided if all parties are committed to the principles of mutual respect while building a civilised nation," Anwar's senior press secretary Tunku Nashrul Abaidah said during the Prime Minister's Office briefing yesterday.

On Sunday, two videos of the alleged slapping incident went viral on social media.

"There is no point talking about Islam and its beauty, especially in the month of Ramadan, if it does not build internal strength and keep us away from violent acts."

Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim

The victim lodged a report on Monday and 65-year-old retiree Abdul Razak Ismail was charged in court yesterday.

Tunku Nashrul also answered questions on the Urban Renewal Bill, especially on claims that Malays and bumiputra would lose their rights if this law is implemented.

"Under the Bill, renovation can only be carried out after consent is obtained from the owner."

After an agreement has been



Upholding unity: Malaysians have to be committed to the principle of mutual respect to preserve national harmony, says Anwar. — Bernama

reached, the owner will receive compensation, living allowance and other benefits before getting back the renovated property.

"The Prime Minister emphasised that the Bill will ensure renovated houses are returned to their owners."

"The property compensation value is based on future market price, which will help them to regain the renovated house."

"At present, the compensation is decided by the consultant or the court based on current value, making the owner unable to afford new homes, which are priced significantly higher."

Tunku Nashrul gave an assurance that the Bill would guarantee a wide range of compensation and benefits for owners, including payments for temporary housing rentals, ex-gratia pay-

ments for the renovation of existing property, and allowances during the construction phase.

He said the Bill aims to protect and uphold the dignity of the people, especially Malays in urban areas, while providing a solution to the long-standing tussle between the people and developers.

The Prime Minister also hit out at critics who have been actively spreading slander with a series of outdated stories during the fasting month.

"This only shows the desperation of these parties who are trying to influence the public and a lack of real ideas to develop the country."

"The prolonged slander, which is strictly prohibited by Islam, especially in the month of Ramadan, shows their low morality," said Tunku Nashrul.



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DBKL SURVEY

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Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) is testing articulated buses on four city centre routes to assess their suitability for one month. Public can provide feedback through a survey running from now until April 30. The survey is available at shorturl.at/TFTuF

END OF BUS SERVICE

Smart Selangor bus routes SPG 3 (Cyberjaya Transport Terminal to Pekan Salak) and SPG 4 (IOI City Mall bus terminal to Taman Seroja, Bandar Baru Salak Tinggi) will end on March 31. For details, visit MPSepang's website or social media pages.

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> Subang Jaya City Council (MBSJ) service counters will be closed from March 30 to April 1. Operating hours on March 29 and April 2 to April 4 will be adjusted as stated in the official notice.

> MBSJ's EZY MBSJ 2.0 (sports), Ezypay MBSJ (swimming pool) and ECKMS (library) booking systems will be temporarily unavailable from 7pm on March 21 (Friday) to March 22 (Saturday) for maintenance.

> The children's pool at Kompleks 3K MBSJ, SS13 Subang Jaya will be closed from March 17 to March 23, while the adult pool remains open as usual.

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No graffiti please, DBKL warns artists

Authority welcomes mural collab on public facilities but says permits must be sought

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KUALA Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) is warning artists in the capital city to obtain a permit before putting their artwork on public facilities.

DBKL said although the artists' efforts at beautifying public spaces were appreciated, such works must be vetted to ensure they were suitable.

"We welcome proposals from any party who wants to contribute to beautification efforts in a planned manner," City Hall said in a statement.

This announcement follows recent social media discussions about murals at bus stops and kiosks being removed by DBKL lately.

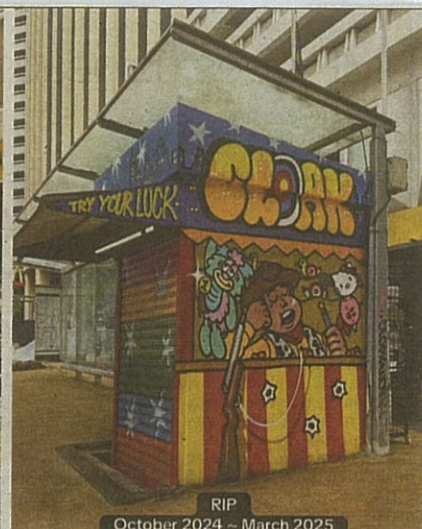
One artist known as "cloakwork" on social media, posted photos showing several bus stops before and after the murals were painted.

The artworks were found at two bus stops in Jalan Raja Chulan and one in Jalan Sultan Azlan Shah. All three have been painted over.

In the caption of his social media post, he said that many bus stops in the city centre were



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Photos on cloakwork's Instagram page show a bus stop in Kuala Lumpur before (left) and after the murals were painted. The artwork has been removed.

in poor condition and only a handful still remained.

He wrote: "One day, as I passed by one of these stops, I thought, why not use my skills to give them a makeover to brighten up the area?"

On the removal, he said, "Instead of spending money removing my artworks which pose no harm, why not fix the potholes around the city?"

Checks on the account found

that the artist had done plenty of murals in and around Kuala Lumpur.

DBKL in response said the murals in Jalan Raja Chulan and Jalan Sultan Azlan Shah were removed because they were made without approval.

It added that the bus stop at Jalan Sultan Azlan Shah was slated for demolition.

City Hall also announced it was in the midst of upgrading 21

bus stops and kiosks throughout the capital, as part of an effort to welcome visitors amid the Asean Summit, which is being chaired by Malaysia.

"To date, 18 stops have been spruced up, which included repainting, structure repairs and roof replacement.

"All bus stops and kiosks have been painted dark grey, which is the standard colour for DBKL," it added.

MBDK: More Klang homes found breeding mosquitoes

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HOMEOWNERS in Klang are advised to remain vigilant as the number of Aedes mosquito breeding sites discovered within residential premises is on the rise.

This poses a significant threat due to the insect's role in spreading dengue fever.

Klang Royal City Council (MBDK) Health Department director Azmi Muji said recent inspections revealed a worrying trend.

"Our health inspectors identified 501 Aedes mosquito breeding sites inside residential homes from Jan 1 to March 16 this year," he said after the home inspections.

"Checks have revealed mosquito larvae in various places, including water dispenser trays, toothbrush holders, ornamental bamboo plant containers, and

flower pot trays."

Azmi said the most common breeding grounds were toothbrush holders in bathrooms and ornamental bamboo plant containers in living rooms, where the temperature is ideal for mosquito breeding.

"If water in these containers is not drained at least once a week, there is a greater chance for Aedes mosquitoes to breed."

As of March 16, Klang recorded 1,198 dengue cases with one fatality for 2025.

This is a drop compared to the corresponding period last year, which saw 2,903 dengue cases and one death.

For the whole of 2024, Klang reported 8,202 dengue cases and three deaths.

"Currently, we have two hotspots - Taman Perindustrian Pulau Indah (Jalan Perigi Nenas 8/1 to 8/6) with 11 dengue cases, and Taman Klang Jaya (Jalan

Serunai 14 and 15) with five cases," said Azmi.

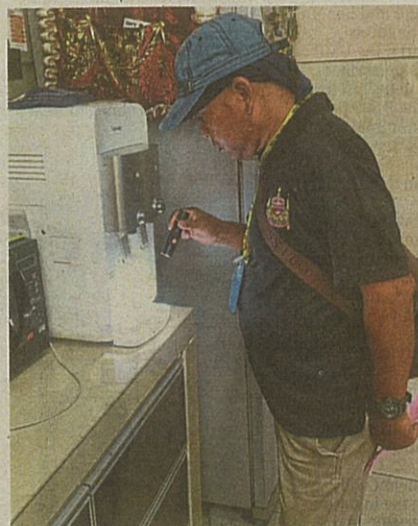
"We are encouraging residents to do their part by spraying insecticide in dark corners around the house," he said.

He also suggested applying insect repellent regularly and wearing long-sleeved tops and long trousers.

In the 11 Klang constituencies, Kota Kemuning reported 239 cases so far this year. Other areas with reported cases are Sentosa (224), Port Klang (189), Sementa (126), Selat Klang (115), Bandar Baru Klang (93), Pandamaran (76), Meru (65), Sungai Kandis (51), Batu Tiga (10) and Kota Anggerik (10).

Azmi said community involvement was important to break the transmission chain.

He reminded residents to spend 10 minutes each week checking their homes for mosquito breeding sites.



MBDK health inspector checking a water dispenser tray for mosquito larvae. — Courtesy photo

Keeping it clean, sustainable at Ramadan bazaars

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Food waste reduction, cashless payment, awards for traders among MBPJ's initiatives

PETALING Jaya City Council (MBPJ) is pushing for clean and sustainability practices at Ramadan bazaars via efforts such as food waste reduction and digital coupons.

Excess food and beverages are collected and distributed to the needy under MBPJ's "Bakul Bahagiannya Ramadan @ PJ 2025".

At the Kelana Jaya Ramadan bazaar, Tengku Permaisuri Selangor Tengku Permaisuri Norashikin presented food baskets to 30 underprivileged recipients as part of the MBPJ programme.

With her were Selangor Women's Welfare and Charity Organisation (Pekawanis) president Datin Seri Masdiana Muhammad, who is also the wife of Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari.

"The programme, done in collaboration with micro-entrepreneurs, hotel operators and corporate companies, aims to reduce food waste by distributing food and beverage donations to mosques, orphanages and communities in need," MBPJ said in a media statement.

It partnered with Eco Lestari to reduce food waste and increase the recycling rate.

Among the initiatives were a food waste segregation effort and used cooking oil collection programme with cash prizes as incentives.

As of March 10, 512kg of food waste were collected and processed into organic fertiliser, while 511.5kg of cooking oil were successfully recycled.

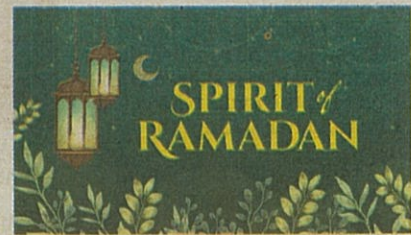
MBPJ has offered 1,260 trading lots across 18 Ramadan bazaar locations in the city this year.

Close to 100 MBPJ personnel are stationed at all its Ramadan bazaars to monitor aspects such as cleanliness, safety and compliance with guidelines.

"To encourage digital transactions, MBPJ allocated RM30,000 worth of Platform Selangor (PLATS) digital coupons in collaboration with Menteri Besar Selangor Incorporated.

"Each coupon worth RM15 can be redeemed at six selected Ramadan bazaars to promote cashless payments.

"As an appreciation to traders who



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adhere to the concept of a conducive and sustainable bazaar, MBPJ is introducing the 'Happy and Sustainable' Micro Entrepreneur Award 2025.

"They will be judged based on criteria such as cleanliness, digitalisation efforts and environment.

"Twenty outstanding traders will receive a cash prize of RM500 each and get the privilege of selecting their stall numbers at next year's Ramadan bazaar.

"We are also encouraging the gig economy by providing a space for vendors to expand their customer reach through PLATS and food delivery platforms.

"This not only helps vendors increase their income but also provides convenience for users to purchase *buka puasa* meals online," the city council stated.

Also present were Petaling Jaya mayor Mohamad Zahri Samingon, Domestic Trade and Cost of Living Ministry Selangor director Mohd Zuhairi Mat Radey as well as Selangor executive council members Mohammad Fahmi Ngah and Jamaliah Jamaluddin, who are also the assemblymen for Seri Setia and Bandar Utama respectively.



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MBPJ shares festive joy with underprivileged

Petaling Jaya mayor Mohamad Zahri Samington presenting RM300 donations to 100 city folk in conjunction with Ramadan. The recipients comprise senior citizens and people with disabilities from the B40 group, identified by Petaling Jaya City Council from the national e-Kasih database.

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Tarikh:

Three children picking out their festive outfits at the 'Jom Beli Baju Raya' event in Shah Alam.



MBSA sponsors festive shopping trip for underprivileged children

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A GROUP of 50 underprivileged children received new sets of clothes to welcome Hari Raya Aidilfitri, courtesy of Shah Alam City Council (MBSA).

The "Jom Beli Baju Raya" programme gifted each recipient a full set of either *baju melayu* or *baju kurung* worth RM200 from a boutique in Eco Ardence township in Setia Alam, Selangor.

The children aged seven to 17 comprised those from Orang Asli communities, a *tahfiz* academy and underprivileged recipients nominated by Selangor Development Office (ICU Selangor).

"This programme is part of MBSA's continuous commitment to strengthen ties between urban folk and underprivileged communities, especially the Orang Asli and B40 groups," MBSA Corporate and Public Relations Department director

Mohd Azhar Mohd Sharif said in a media statement.

"Through this programme, we hope that the recipients will have the opportunity to experience the joy of preparing for Aidilfitri, while helping to foster a spirit of inclusivity, love and unity among the community."

Mohd Azhar said MBSA hoped the contribution would also promote awareness of social responsibility among Shah Alam residents to help those in need.

The programme is in line with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) too, namely No Poverty (SDG 1) and Sustainable Cities and Communities (SDG 11).

Present at the event were MBSA representatives and Khatam boutique operations head Saiful Ridhwan Zulkepli.

Content is king in Gen Z travel trends

Group reshapes and drives tourism using social media, say tourism players

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PETALING JAYA: Consistent and tailored content creation is the new gold for tourism operators to maintain engagement with Gen Z, as this group reshapes tourism with a new wave of travel patterns, say tourism players.

They said the new focus is unprecedented because tech-savvy Gen Z, who will have greater spending power in the next five to 10 years, is leveraging social media platforms to seek out experiences that appeal to them.

"Platforms like TikTok, Instagram and Xiaohongshu are leading this transformation, turning once-overlooked places into must-visit destinations overnight," said Datuk Tan Kok Liang, president of the Malaysia Tourism Federation.

He said Gen Z travellers are reshaping travel norms with their quest for authenticity, sustainability and unique experiences.

"Gen Z travellers are budget-conscious but willing to invest in experiences that offer personal growth and wellness. They favour solo travel and 'slow travel', and spending more time in one location," he said in an interview.

Tan said Gen Z is increasingly drawn to lesser-known destinations.

"There's a noticeable trend towards exploring less-crowded spots. Nature and adventure travel, including eco-tourism destinations, are becoming increasingly popular among them."

"Furthermore, some digital nomad-friendly areas are thriving due to their connectivity and vibrant co-working environments," he added.



Embracing the changes: (From left) Tan, Wong and Koh recognise the power that Gen Z travellers hold, their spending power as well as their quest for unique experiences, innovation and customisation.

Tan acknowledged that businesses are adapting by using social media to engage this demographic.

"Companies are investing in producing TikTok reels, Instagram shorts and Xiaohongshu videos to create a sense of FOMO (fear of missing out)."

"Collaborations with micro-influencers and interactive content like polls and Q&A sessions are common strategies."

"AI-driven tools are also assisting in crafting personalised itineraries for Gen Z travellers," he said.

As young travellers continue to reshape the tourism industry, Tan said staying ahead of these changes and leveraging social media effectively are essential to connecting with this dynamic generation.

Malaysia Association of Tour and Travel Agents (MATTA) president Nigel Wong said operators'

ability to target specific audiences makes social media indispensable to engaging this demographic.

"Social media platforms are key to targeting Gen Z, who will have greater spending power in the next five to 10 years," he said.

Travel companies, said Wong, are adapting by investing in content creation, either through in-house talent or hiring influencers.

"There's no one-size-fits-all approach; they must tailor their content to the platform and audience."

"Innovation is essential and many businesses are developing new offerings to meet the demands of younger travellers."

Wong noted that younger travellers prefer smaller group trips and authentic experiences in the post-pandemic era.

"They want to feel that they've contributed to local communities. There's a rising demand for experiences that connect them with culture, history and heritage."

Wong also noted the ease of integrating booking systems with social media content.

"It's now straightforward for businesses to link content with booking engines; even smaller companies can leverage social media without significant investment. All you need is a good mobile phone camera and basic knowledge of tools like Canva to create professional content."

As the travel industry evolves, Wong stressed the need for consistent and tailored content to maintain engagement with Gen Z. "Almost all our members see the benefits and have started their initiatives."

"This is a long-term investment for tour operators, essential for staying relevant in a rapidly-changing market," he said.

Malaysia Cruise Industry Association president Datuk Seri Koh Yock Heng said the influence of Gen Z is becoming more pro-

nounced, even in the cruise industry.

"Gen Z travellers are enthusiastic about planning their trips. They see it as a challenge and enjoy the journey."

The Apple Vacations group managing director said free independent travel (FIT) is a preferred style for this group as it goes in search of influencer-recommended hotspots or trendy check-in locations.

"Customisation and personalisation are keys for this group, whether they are travelling solo or planning family holidays," he said, adding that younger travellers often take the lead in organising family trips.

As tour operators and companies adapt by setting trends in product offerings, Koh said social media has become a primary marketing tool.

"To remain relevant, we must embrace and lead these changes, offering new experiences and destinations that resonate with this dynamic generation," he said.

Meanwhile, Lexis Hibiscus Port Dickson will be offering a special hotel rate from tomorrow until April 6, in conjunction with its 10th anniversary this year.

Its head of digital optimisation and media relations Sarah Lee said over the past decade, the resort is honoured to serve as a destination of choice for Malaysians from all walks of life seeking a serene escape and memorable family vacations by the sea.

"We would like to express our gratitude for the unwavering trust and support over the years."

"It has been a privilege to be part of your stories, and now, it is time to give back."