



PENGURUSAN PEMANTAUAN KERATAN AKHBAR MBSJ
TARIKH: 22 JULAI 2024 (ISNIN)

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MBSJ hantar 326,646 notis nilaian baharu, terima 2,492 bantahan takat 15 Julai

by Sheeda Fathil · July 20, 2024 9:15 am



SHAH ALAM, 19 JULAI : Majlis Bandaraya Subang Jaya (MBSJ) menghantar sebanyak 326,646 notis makluman senarai nilaian baharu kepada semua pemilik hartanah di kawasan terbabit.

Bahagian Komunikasi Korporat MBSJ memaklumkan daripada jumlah itu pihaknya menerima sejumlah 2,492 bantahan secara dalam talian daripada pemilik harta setakat 15 Julai lalu.

"Bantahan yang dikemukakan ini akan disemak mengikut Seksyen 142, Akta Kerajaan Tempatan 1976 (Akta 171). MBSJ juga akan membuat proses semakan senarai nilaian bermula 16 Ogos ini.

"Alasan bantahan yang dikemukakan oleh pemilik harta akan disiasat dengan teliti dan didengar dalam Mesyuarat Pendengaran Bantahan kelak," maklumnya menerusi kenyataan.

Jelas MBSJ, bantahan tertinggi diterima daripada pemegang harta di Subang Jaya/USJ iaitu seramai 751 orang, diikuti Bandar Putra Permai (574), Puchong (402), Kinrara (301), Seri Kembangan (210), Putra Heights (145) dan Subang Hi-Tech (109).

Kaunter semakan senarai nilaian baharu dibuka sehingga 2 Ogos di Laman Kenanga, Aras 1, Majlis Bandaraya Subang Jaya, Persiaran Perpaduan, USJ 5, 47610 Subang Jaya.

Bantahan terhadap nilaian boleh dilakukan secara dalam talian melalui laman web MBSJ atau terus ke pautan <https://bantahan.mbsj.gov.my> sebelum atau selewat-lewatnya pada 2 Ogos ini.

Orang ramai juga boleh menghubungi Jabatan Penilaian dan Pengurusan Harta MBSJ di talian 03-8026 3115, 03-8026 4345, 03-8026 7428 dan 03-8026 4340 untuk maklumat lanjut.

Pada 30 Mei, Dato' Menteri Besar Dato' Seri Amirudin Shari menjelaskan proses penilaian baharu yang dijalankan pihak berkuasa tempatan penting demi memastikan keberkesanan perancangan bandar.

SELANGORKINI ONLINE

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Hanya 23 peratus kemuka bantahan nilai baharu MBSJ

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SUBANG JAYA - Hanya 23 peratus pemilik hartanah di kawasan pentadbiran Majlis Bandaraya Subang Jaya (MBSJ) telah mengemukakan bantahan senarai nilai baharu.

Bahagian Komunikasi Korporat MBSJ dalam satu kenyataan memaklumkan, pihaknya telah mengedar sebanyak 326,646 notis bagi memaklumkan senarai nilai baharu yang akan berkuat kuasa mulai 1 Januari depan.

Menurutnya, sehingga 15 Julai lalu, sebanyak 2,492 jumlah bantahan secara dalam talian telah diterima.

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NOTIS SENARAI NILAI BAHARU MAJLIS BANDARAYA SUBANG JAYA
14 JULAI 2024 (0944MS)

Untuk makluman, Majlis Bandaraya Subang Jaya (MBSJ) telah mengedarkan sebanyak 326,646 Notis Senarai Nilai Baharu kepada semua pemilik hartanah bagi memaklumkan mengenai Senarai Nilai Baharu yang akan berkuat kuasa mulai 1 Januari 2025.

Sehingga 15 Julai 2024, MBSJ telah menerima sejumlah 2,492 bantahan secara dalam talian daripada pemilik harta dan hartanah yang dikemukakan oleh pemilik harta akan dibuat bantahan melalui laman web MBSJ atau pautan https://bantahan.mbsj.gov.my. Bantahan ini akan dipaparkan dalam Senarai Nilai Baharu yang akan dikeluarkan pada 15 Ogos 2024. Bantahan bantahan yang dikemukakan oleh pemilik harta akan dipaparkan dalam Senarai Nilai Baharu yang akan dikeluarkan pada 15 Ogos 2024.

NO.	ZON	Jumlah Bantahan (sehingga 15 Julai 2024)
1	BP 1 (Subang Jaya USJ)	751
2	BP 2 (Subang Hi-Tech)	109
3	BP 3 (Putra Heights)	145
4	BP 4 (Kinrara)	301
5	BP 5 (Seri Kembangan)	210
6	BP 6 (Bandar Putra Permai)	574
7	BP 7 (Bandar Puchong)	574
Jumlah Bantahan (sehingga 15 Julai 2024)		2,492

Kemudian Senarai Nilai Baharu akan dibuat sehingga 2 Ogos 2024 bertempat di Laman Kenanga, Aras 1, Majlis Bandaraya Subang Jaya, Persiaran Perpaduan, USJ 5, 47610 Subang Jaya. Bantahan ini akan dipaparkan dalam Senarai Nilai Baharu yang akan dikeluarkan pada 15 Ogos 2024.

Kenyataan media senarai nilai baharu MBSJ.

"Kawasan Subang Jaya dan USJ mencatat jumlah tertinggi sebanyak 751 bantahan diikuti Bandar Putra Permai dengan 574 dan Puchong 402.

"Ia diikuti Kinrara 301 bantahan, Seri Kembangan (210), Putra Heights (145) dan Subang Hi-Tech (109)," katanya menerusi kenyataan pada Jumaat.

Katanya, pemilik hartanah boleh terus mengemukakan bantahan melalui laman web MBSJ atau pautan https://bantahan.mbsj.gov.my selewat-lewatnya 2 Ogos ini.

Ujarinya, bantahan dikemukakan oleh pemilik harta ini akan disemak bermula berdasarkan alasan bantahan yang dinyatakan dalam Seksyen 142, Akta Kerajaan Tempatan 1976 (Akta 171) bermula 16 Ogos ini.

"Alasan bantahan yang dikemukakan oleh pemilik harta akan disiasat dengan teliti dan didengar dalam Mesyuarat Pendengaran Bantahan," katanya.

MBSJ turut memaklumkan, kaunter semakan senarai nilai baharu dibuka sehingga 2 Ogos bertempat di Laman Kenanga, Aras 1, MBSJ Persiaran Perpaduan.

Sebarang pertanyaan berkenaan senarai nilai baharu MBSJ boleh menghubungi

Jabatan Penilaian dan Pengurusan Harta MBSJ di talian 03-80263115, 03-80264345, 03-80267428 dan 03-80264340.

SINAR HARIAN ONLINE
TARIKH: 22 JULAI 2024

Longer flood wall for Kinrara monsoon drain

By VIJENTHI NAIR



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"Because of the area's location next to a monsoon drain that bends downstream, there is a tendency for water to rise rapidly during heavy rain and overflow.

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The city council acknowledged that they had received complaints from Taman Puchong Intan Phase 2 residents who were unhappy with the new strata development having direct access to Jalan Intan 2/1, citing concerns such as congestion, security and parking.

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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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VEHICLE SERVICE

Shah Alam City Council (MBSA) added 11 new locations to its list of medical centres accessible via its free community vehicles for people with disabilities 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.

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By CY LEE
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RAMPANT vandalism of infrastructure at public spaces is not only eroding their functionality but also escalating maintenance costs, says Kampung Tunku assemblyman Lim Yi Wei.

"Recent cases of vandalism at a park along Jalan SS2/61 and a pedestrian bridge near the Seri Setia KTM Station not only compromises public safety but also wastes taxpayers' funds.

"Bollards newly installed by Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) to prevent motorcycles from entering certain areas, were forcibly removed to create openings," Lim said after a press briefing on a newly upgraded park along Jalan SS2/25 in Petaling Jaya, Selangor.

"These measures are not implemented arbitrarily but are in place to ensure the safety and well-being of all users."

The continuance of such behaviour only reduces the effectiveness of taxpayer resources, she added.

"If we, as a community, are serious about improving the area and want the government to invest in facilities, we also

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SS2 residents checking out the upgraded park on Jalan SS2/25. The works cost RM60,000. — KAMARUL ARIFFIN/The Star

have to take care of them," said Lim.

SS2 Selatan Residents Association chairman Ching Leng Chu said residents would always benefit from upgraded facilities but tended to take things for granted.

"We are happy when we have upgraded facilities, but maintaining the facilities in good condition is tough.

"The responsibility falls on both the local council and residents," he said.

"It is irresponsible residents

who make it difficult but the residents association is trying to inculcate some sense of civic-mindedness in people," he added.

Meanwhile, Lim said the newly upgraded park at Jalan SS2/25 was completed following almost two months of work carried out by MBPJ at a cost of RM60,000.

Along with new rubber mats for the playground, an additional walkway and two picnic tables were added.

MBPJ Zone 8 councillor Loh Y Lun said other recent upgrades to parks over the past six months included walkways at SS2/43 and SS2/53, and improvements to the basketball court at SS2/18.

Upcoming projects include a new walkway for SS2/48 and improvements to the basketball court at SS2/6.

"Additional requests will be made for budget allocations to further improve park conditions," he added.

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DRT SERVICE EXPANSION

Selangor Mobility Demand Responsive-Transit (DRT) service now covers Ampang Jaya, Bandar Baru Ampang, Pandan Jaya, Pandan Indah, Maluri and Taman Keramat AU5. The van connects users to transport hubs such as LRT Ampang, LRT Pandan Jaya, LRT Pandan Indah and LRT Cempaka. Passengers can book via the Kumpool app.

BUDGET FEEDBACK

> Public can give views on Kuala Lumpur City Hall's (DBKL) 2025 budget on July 27 at Dewan Serbaguna Jinjang Utara for Kepong. For details, call 03-2617 9000.

> 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

CAR DISPOSAL

Ampang Jaya City Council (MPAJ) is providing free car disposal services in its area. Those who wish to scrap their cars must transfer ownership of the vehicle to the council president. For details, visit intranet.mpaj.gov.my/spmkm, write to penguatkuasa@mpaj.gov.my, call 03-4285 7024 (Enforcement Department) or visit Menara MPAJ or its depots in Taman Putra Sulaiman or Taman Melawati.

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Abandoned stalls in Bukit OUG an eyesore

Residents want broken canopies, furniture removed from Jalan 4/155

By BAVANI M
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DISUSED stalls with torn, fraying canopies and broken furniture are a visual and environmental blight on Jalan 4/155 in Bukit OUG, Kuala Lumpur.

These remnants from former roadside traders have been left neglected, much to local residents' dismay.

The area, surrounded by high-rises including Kampung Muihbbah People's Housing Project (PPR) and Kompleks Komuniti Muihbbah, once bustling with activity, especially during the height of the Covid-19 pandemic.

However, residents say that after the movement control order was lifted, the traders abandoned them.

"Some items, like tables and chairs, have been padlocked to a lamp post, and they have been there for more than a year.

"It is possible the owners are using the space as personal storage," said Fauziah Ramlan, 60, from Kampung Muihbbah PPR.

"They stick out like a sore thumb and obstruct the walk path," she added.

A resident from Platinum OUG Residence, who only wished to be identified as Sim, voiced concern over the area becoming a hangout for undesirable activities.

"I see people there late at night.

"If the items are abandoned, why not remove them?

"Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) owns the community hall



Stalls with torn canopies, bent frames and broken tables along Jalan 4/155 in Bukit OUG, Kuala Lumpur. Roadside traders abandoned them after the MCO was lifted. — AZLINA ABDULLAH/The Star

there and I am sure they are aware of the condition of the area," Sim added.

On a recent visit, *StarMetro* found several canopies with torn fabrics and structures in disrepair, with bent and tangled metal frames.

Underneath, makeshift tables and plastic chairs were scattered amid rubbish including plastic bags and debris.

Further down, in front of the community hall, stacks of plastic chairs and a few small tables were left by the sidewalk.

These items were padlocked to a metal pole, presumably to prevent theft.

When contacted, a DBKL enforcement officer from the Seputeh branch office said the team regularly conducted operations to clear traders who obstruct public walkways.

"We will look into this matter, but we hope that residents facing similar issues can lodge a report with ADU@KL at adukl.dbkl.gov.my."

The officer said owners of those items could be issued com-

plaint notices under Section 46 (1) of the Street, Drainage, and Buildings Act 1974 for leaving items in public spaces.

"We will issue a notice and the owners will be given a week to clear the area.

"If they refuse, all the items will be brought to the Cheras depot.

"After a certain grace period, the items will be auctioned off," the officer said, adding that items belonging to foreigners would not be returned.

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Toilets for people with disabilities



This visual is human-created, AI-aided

1. Toilets should not be smaller than 1.6m X 2m. It must have space for wheelchair to manoeuvre.



2. Toilet sign must be visible. Use internationally adopted symbol only.

3. The doors should either slide or open outwards.

4. Floor should not be slippery.



5. Knee space clearance under the basins.

6. Big mirrors.

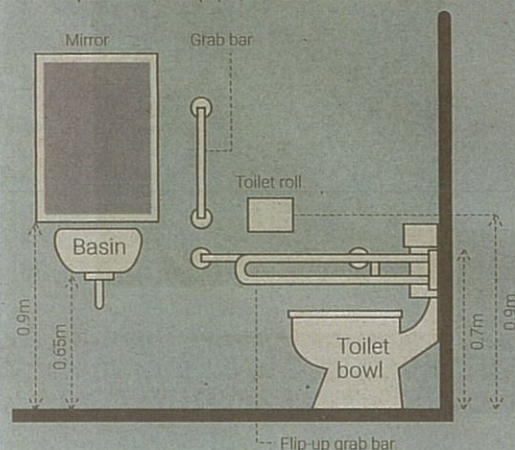
7. Door locks and taps should not be the type that requires pinching, tight grasping and fine finger control.



8. Emergency call button a must.

9. Doors can be opened from outside in case of emergency.

10. Standardise layout and fixtures for people with visual impairment to find paper, sink and lever to flush the toilet.



Source: Wapenang

The Star graphics



Hemavathy says the flip-up grab bar (the metal rails beside the toilet bowl) is a crucial feature in toilets for people with disabilities. — Photos: YAP CHEE HONG, MUHAMAD SHAHRIL ROSLI/The Star

Deprived of basic amenities

Wheelchair-users frustrated by locked, cluttered and non-functional toilets in the Klang Valley

By BAVANI M
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IMAGINE being stuck in a toilet for 30 minutes.

This happened to Hemavathy Muniandy when she went to a restroom while dining at a popular restaurant in Rawang, Selangor.

She was trapped inside the disabled toilet for 30 minutes before her mother came to her rescue.

The 25-year-old wheelchair-user could not move from her wheelchair to the toilet bowl as there was no space to manoeuvre.

"It was a situation of being caught between a rock and a hard place.

"I had locked the toilet door but left my phone with my mother.

"It was only when I was inside that I realised my predicament.

"When I was rescued from my embarrassing situation, my dignity was hurt but seeing my mother cry for me hurt even more," she said.

And that was not the first time that Hemavathy was trapped in such a mortifying situation.

The Selangor Paralympic Games athlete often goes for team-building and training sessions at various venues in the Klang Valley.

Some of these places do not have facilities for people with disabilities.

"I was at a resort in Semenyih for a team-building session for athletes with disabilities, and I fell twice while trying to use the toilet because there was no such facility for the disabled," said Hemavathy.

"The second fall resulted in a fractured finger.

"I scolded my coach for not



This toilet at the DBKL-owned Kompleks Tun Sambanthan is not built to specification as the hand rails and toilet bowl are too close, making it a challenge to manoeuvre a wheelchair.

checking out the place beforehand," she said.

Gurdip Kaur, 63, who has been using a wheelchair for 30 years, said she detested having to rely on others for help.

"I have accepted my condition and I have come to terms with the fact that I will never walk again," she said.

"What I will not accept is disabled toilets not built for our needs and able-bodied people using the facilities meant for us."

She advises those building toilets for people with disabilities to consult professionals to ensure guidelines and specifications are met.

"Toilets for the disabled require added features so that we can use them safely and with ease.

"We need space to manoeuvre the wheelchair in the toilet," said Gurdip.

"Handrails are crucial as we need them for support while transferring ourselves onto the toilet.

"I have lost the ability to walk,

so my independence is the only thing I have.

"A simple handrail built to specifications will enable me to do things independently and prevent me from falling.

"Even the sinks should be strategically placed near the toilet for us to wash our hands before we move back to the wheelchair without spreading germs," Gurdip pointed out.

Toilets used for storage

Another pet peeve among people with disabilities is when their toilets are locked or turned into storage rooms.

"Seven out of 10 toilets I have been to were either turned into storage rooms, or they were locked.

"When I enter the toilet, I have to manoeuvre my wheelchair to avoid pails, brooms, mops and even storage boxes.

"What is supposed to be a 10-minute routine will take 30 minutes because I have to spend

Not built to specs, misuse by the able-bodied among issues

DOZENS of toilets in the Klang Valley meant for people with disabilities (PwD) are not built to standard.

And many of those that were initially up to specification, have been vandalised or broken.

In some locations, repeated vandalism led building managements to permanently close these facilities and turn them into storage rooms.

Visits by *StarMetro* to public parks, train stations, MRT and LRT stations as well as other transportation hubs in the city discovered numerous issues.

Many toilets were missing seats or handrails, or were simply not constructed to specifications.

Some had water leaking from the hand bidet, causing the floor to be wet and slippery.

One toilet in the KL Sentral transportation hub had a door so rusty that an able-bodied person found it difficult to open, so it would have been harder for a wheelchair-user.

Some disabled toilets were locked up due to constant breakdowns.

Cleaners who spoke to *StarMetro* expressed their deep frustration over the situation.

At a public toilet in Bukit Jalil Stadium, a cleaner complained about how such toilets had the tendency to break down twice a month like clockwork, because of able-bodied folk misusing them.

"The hand bidet just keeps breaking or leaking, causing water to pool around the cubicle all the time," she said, pointing to a broken bidet.

"I have no idea why people don't value public assets."

There were two public toilets at the Bukit Jalil Recreational Park in Kuala Lumpur, with one disabled toilet but it was closed and the PwD signage had been removed.

"We could not cope with the frequent vandalism, so it is permanently closed," a cleaner there said.

Many of the toilets in the

train, MRT and LRT stations seem regular but would not have been acceptable to people with disabilities.

Many were in a state of disrepair and not up to standard.

At the MRT Phileo Damansara, water leaked from the bidet and there was a mop in the facility.

At the Rawang KTM station, the toilet was locked.

StarMetro accompanied a wheelchair-user and upon seeing the person with disability, the station staff was quick to provide the key when requested.

Inside, the toilet was spacious but the handrail was too far from the toilet bowl and the flip bar was broken.

At the public toilet on Jalan Perdana in Kuala Lumpur, the toilet had been turned into a mini storage room with brooms, mops and brushes left inside.

And the space was small, making it difficult for a person in a wheelchair to navigate.

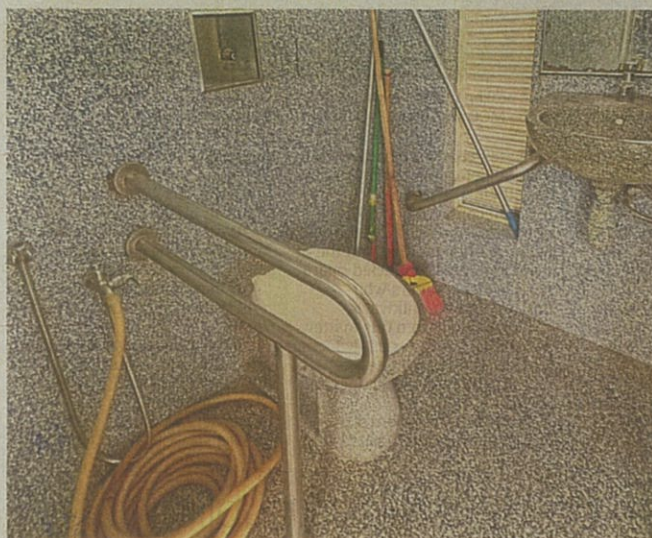
— By BAVANI M and KAVITHA SIVAJI



A worker at the Bukit Jalil Stadium says the features in toilets for people with disabilities often break down because of misuse by able-bodied folk.



A vending machine hindering wheelchair-users' access to the toilet in Kompleks Tun Sambanthan, Brickfields. The toilet door and signage don't meet the requirements.



Above: Gurdip (left) and Francis have had their share of lavatory woes.

Left: Brooms, a hose and mops make a public toilet an obstacle course for wheelchair-users.

time moving those items just to use the toilet," said Gurdip.

Hemavathy recounted how challenging it was to get to the disabled toilet at a KTM station because the path was lined with potted plants.

"Inside the toilet, there were artificial flowers on the walls and photos of old trains. They even decorated the toilet bowl!"

"But the grab bar, the one that can flip up and down, was wobbly and needed to be repaired."

"A working grab bar must be able to flip up to enable me to transfer from my wheelchair to the toilet bowl. Without it, the toilet is useless," she said, adding that there was also no toilet paper there.

Independent Living and Training Centre Malaysia president G. Francis Siva has his own share of toilet woes.

The 64-year-old quadriplegic said it was very stressful for a wheelchair-user to find the toilet not working properly.

"I needed to use the toilet badly and stopped at the rest area near the Subang toll booth.



Jacob says hundreds of disabled toilets are not up to standard.

"It was a horrible experience as the water pressure was low and water was leaking. It was very embarrassing for me," he said.

Francis said many places, such as clinics, hospitals, train stations, restaurants and rest areas, lacked basic facilities for people with disabilities.

He recounted how several years ago, he led a group of people with disabilities to protest the absence of a functional toilet at the Rawang KTM station.

"The toilet was locked up. I was so furious. Why lock the toilet? What are we supposed to do when we absolutely need to use a toilet?" Francis asked.

"When the station staff finally opened the door, which had been locked for months, we found the toilet was being used as a store-room," he added.

Hemavathy said, "Once, I waited 30 minutes for someone to unlock the toilet in Batu Caves (at the temple grounds)."

"At first the management had no idea who was holding the key, so they had to find the person with the key."

"When they found the key and unlocked the toilet, I had another battle trying to use it."

Another matter that upsets the community is when able-bodied folk use toilets meant for people with disabilities.

"I had an emergency situation and had to wait for over 30 minutes to use the toilet," said Francis.

"When the door finally opened, it was a family of five — a mother with her young children — who were using it," he said.

There have even been cases of people misusing disabled toilets.

"It is an open secret — disabled toilets are often used by couples to have sex!" Gurdip said, adding that able-bodied people using a disabled toilet must be punished.

Senator Isaijah Jacob, who is a person with disability, said it was time for the government to take a serious look at the plight of the community to protect their welfare and dignity.

People with disabilities need legal protection as they have the right to be safe and not be discriminated due to their condition, he said.

Regarding disabled toilets, Jacob said developers were legally bound to ensure that basic facilities were in place.

"Developers must provide the right infrastructure for people with disabilities, for instance, in building construction."

"I have seen hundreds of disabled toilets that are of sub-par standard. It is time for developers to provide the best facilities," he said, adding that he would raise the matter in Parliament.

He said fundamental rights of the community had to be protected.

"This includes ensuring legal action is taken against anyone not adhering to the rules."

"For instance, local authorities like Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) are empowered to take action against roadside hawkers or private vehicle owners who obstruct public walkways, putting people with disabilities at risk."

"We have seen and heard enough about visually impaired people getting injured by walking into stalls, motorcycles and cars."

"The laws, like the Street, Drainage and Building Act 1974, are in place; they just need to be enforced and I am going to make sure that it is," Jacob said.



'5.8% growth exceeded projections'

PM thanks all Malaysians for country's 'extraordinary' achievement

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PETALING JAYA: Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has expressed his appreciation to all Malaysians for the country's "extraordinary" achievement in attaining 5.8% economic growth in the second quarter of 2024 (Q2 2024).

The Prime Minister also thanked all workers, professionals and investors for the achievement.

"Within the Madani economy framework, we promise better job opportunities, training and technology transfers towards digitalisation and energy transition.

"Alhamdulillah, we broke the wall of anxiety by recording an amazing economic growth of 5.8% in the second quarter of this year.

"This exceeds the target or projection by all parties.

"Thank you to the people, workers, professionals and investors.

"This will allow us to rise as a strong nation and I am confident that with our cooperation and focus on economic development, we will succeed," said the Tambun MP in a video posted on social media yesterday.

In the video caption, Anwar also reiterated his gratitude to all for their support.

"With utmost humility, I express my sincere gratitude to the people, my deepest appreciation to the workforce, whether in the government or private sector, my heartfelt thanks to the professionals, and my gratitude to the investors who continue to have faith in the direction of the Madani economy," he added.

On Friday, the Statistics Department esti-

mated that Malaysia's economy would expand by 5.8% in Q2 2024, up from 4.2% in the previous quarter and the highest since Q4 2022's 7.4%.

For the first half of 2024, Malaysia's gross domestic product increased by 5%, up from 4.1% a year ago.

It noted that the economic growth was spurred by improvements in all sectors during the quarter, particularly the services, manufacturing and agriculture sectors.

"Malaysia's economy is expected to continue its growth momentum, supported by domestic and export-driven factors, with a positive outlook for the remainder of the year," said the department's chief statistician Datuk Seri Mohd Uzir Mahidin.

He said the services sector drove economic performance for the quarter, with most key sectors showing better growth than the previous quarter.

The services sector expanded by 5.6%, driven by growth in wholesale and retail trade, transportation and storage as well as finance and insurance.

The manufacturing sector grew by 4.7%, supported by non-metallic mineral products, basic metal and fabricated metal products, petroleum, chemical, rubber and plastic products as well as transport equipment.

The agriculture sector grew by 7.1%, largely due to the oil palm and livestock sub-sectors.

The mining and quarrying sector increased to 3.3%, contributed by higher natural gas production.

The construction sector registered the strongest growth at 17.2%, with positive performance across all sub-sectors, particularly in civil engineering and specialised construction activities.

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Heartfelt pledge:
Attendees reciting the Rukun Negara during the launch of National Day and Malaysia Day campaign in Cyberjaya.
— IZZRAFIQ ALIAS/The Star



'Let the Jalur Gemilang soar'

Anwar calls on Malaysian pride and highlights unity

CYBERJAYA: Fly the Jalur Gemilang at your homes and offices to boost the spirit of independence, the Prime Minister has urged Malaysians.

Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said he hopes everyone will support this mission in line with this year's National Day and Malaysia Day campaign themed "Malaysia Madani: Jiwa Merdeka".

"This is not about race, party, status, or occupation; it's about identity, dignity, and pride. When a country gains independence, its flag is flown widely across the nation, displayed at every stall, house, school, mosque, temple, church and every department.

"So make sure we turn this year into one that showcases the pride of our people and our country,"

he said when launching the National Month and Fly the Jalur Gemilang 2024 campaign here yesterday, Bernama reported.

Also present were Cabinet and Komuniti Madani members.

To ensure the success of this mission, Anwar said that monitoring will be conducted at all levels, including departmental by Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Mohd Zuki Ali, ministers in their respective ministries, Komuniti Madani, state governments, and religious and community leaders across Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak.

At the same time, he also expressed hope that the private sector would join the government in making the mission to fly the Jalur Gemilang for the campaign

a success.

"Their job is to do business and make profit. I wish to remind them that if the country is not peaceful, the country does not profit. Without the sacrifices of the police, the military and security forces at the borders, there would be no new investments.

"So, show your support by standing with the people and the country, and fly the Jalur Gemilang," he added.

Additionally, the Prime Minister urged the people to reflect on the history of the struggles of past leaders and citizens who were united and willing to sacrifice everything they had to achieve the nation's independence.

For this purpose, Anwar emphasised that the people must

always nurture unity and maintain harmony as it is the main pillar of Malaysia's wellbeing.

"This is why the theme 'Malaysia Madani: Jiwa Merdeka' is stressed. If our spirit and enthusiasm are not nurtured, they will fade. What guarantees the greatness of Malaysia's identity is our spirit," he said.

The government, he added, continuously intensifies various unity programmes while reminding the people that the country could not have achieved independence without the strength and unity of all parties.

The 67th National Day celebration on Aug 31 will be held in Putrajaya while the Malaysia Day celebration will take place in Sabah on Sept 16.

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No room for corrupt officers

Throw away uniform and leave, says Immigration DG

By FARIK ZOLKEPLI
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PUTRAJAYA: Saying there is no room for officers who are in cahoots with syndicates and not upholding integrity, Immigration director-general Datuk Ruslin Jusoh wants these officers to "throw away the uniform and leave".

This was the warning issued by the Immigration chief and, to prove that the department "means business" in dealing with errant officers, it has since last year taken disciplinary action against 96 officers and terminated the employment of five.

The department also suspended 31 officers after they were charged in court for various offences.

"We will not compromise and will act against officers who abuse

their authority or are involved in corruption.

"I don't deny there are those who are involved in corruption. In fact, I have had people reporting the matter directly to me.

"I always remind my officers and personnel to honour the uniform that they wear. If you don't have integrity, throw away the uniform and leave," he said in an interview recently, in conjunction with the 102nd Immigration Day celebration, which will be held today.

Ruslin emphasised the importance of taking action against irresponsible officers and for the public to be aware that the department is serious in dealing with such issues.

He said while an Immigration officer has certain authority, it must not be abused.

"Our duty is to safeguard the



Shut it down: Ruslin (centre) posing with posters by SHUT, a non-governmental organisation that advocates prevention against human trafficking, during the Immigration's 'Meet the Customers Day'. — KAMARUL ARIFFIN/The Star

country and not to be in cahoots with criminal syndicates or cartels," he said.

Ruslin said he even received reports alleging certain officers having close ties with certain parties including foreign workers agents.

"Each complaint will be investigated. I will not let them escape punishment. If the complaint is proven valid, we will refer the matter to the relevant authorities.

For example, if it involves bribery or corruption, we will refer the case to the Malaysian Anti-

Corruption Commission," he said.

Ruslin said the department's contribution to the nation is not limited to security and enforcement but also economic growth.

The department is the third highest revenue collection agency after the Internal Revenue Board and the Customs Department.

"A total of RM5.59bil was collected last year from foreign workers' levies and payments for passes and passports," he said.

He said one of the department's priority area is to facilitate the entrance of foreign investors into

Malaysia, and this is done by expediting the processing and issuance of passes and cutting red tape.

On the Immigration Day celebration, Ruslin said it was to honour the contributions of Immigration officers in safeguarding the nation's sovereignty.

This year's celebration, themed "Imigresen Perkasa Di Persada Dunia (Immigration Excels at the World Stage)", will be held at Dataran Pahlawan and officiated by Home Minister Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution Ismail.

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S'gor Felda settlers enjoying golden melon 'gold rush'

CYBERJAYA: Hard work pays off, and it has proven true for settlers of Felda Sungai Tengi Selatan, Hulu Selangor.

Their harvest of golden melons is now available on the shelves of several branches of big supermarkets and wholesale markets in the country.

Project coordinator Suhairi Hussin, 36, said what made them prouder was that their harvest – a result from a fertigation project that has been carried out since May last year – met the conditions and quality set by supermarkets.

He said the project was carried out to increase the income of settlers.

According to him, the project has enabled 139 Felda settlers in Sungai Tengi Selatan to earn dividends of up to RM3,000 per person.

"We cultivate golden melon plants in 33 greenhouses that are developed at a site, covering more than 4ha, using air-hydro watering system technology and with seeds brought in from Thailand.

"The golden melon was selected for the project because of its high demand in supermarkets, but there are many who cultivate it on a large scale.

"The waiting period for the crop to bear fruit is also not too long, which is around 65 days.

"This allows us to harvest the fruit four times a year," he said when met at the launch of the National Month and the Fly Jalur Gemilang event here yesterday, Bernama reported.

Suhairi added that each greenhouse had about 2,400 golden fruit plants, producing between 1.5 and two tonnes of fruits that are sold at a farm price of between RM6 and RM8 per kg.

The market price can even reach more than RM10 per kg, he said, adding that the fruit had a sweeter taste and was more crunchy than honeydew melon.

He said they were initially sceptical about meeting the supermarkets' requirements.

"One of the conditions is that we need to supply two tonnes of fruit.

"It was a bit scary for us, with careful planning, we managed to harvest the fruit every week so there is always supply," Suhairi said.

The golden melon fertigation project is managed by 14 settlers, aged between 21 and 30.

Following the success of the project, he said they were now aiming for the overseas market, with Singapore in their sights for next year.

"To realise this, we need to have five more greenhouses. Many people see farming only as a tiring job.

"If done seriously with meticulous planning and with the right knowledge, as well as using modern equipment, it brings good income and is worth every drop of sweat," he added.

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Air Selangor syarikat terbaik kategori Perkhidmatan Air



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CSR Malaysia
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SHAH ALAM - Pengurusan Air Selangor Sdn Bhd (Air Selangor) diiktiraf sebagai syarikat terbaik dalam kategori Perkhidmatan Air pada majlis Anugerah Kelestarian dan Tanggungjawab Sosial Korporat (CSR) Malaysia 2024.

Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif Air Selangor, Adam Saffian Ghazali berkata, anugerah pengurusan komuniti yang diperolehi itu merupakan satu penghormatan terhadap komitmen dalam memacu perubahan positif kepada komuniti akar umbi di sekitar Selangor, Kuala Lumpur dan Putrajaya.

Katanya, ia selari dengan janji jenama Air Selangor memastikan setiap titis bermakna untuk 9.3 juta pengguna.

"Di bawah inisiatif Tanggungjawab Sosial Korporat (CSR) Sesama Mara, Air Selangor telah melaksanakan tiga program utama iaitu *Box of Hope*, Sambutan Perayaan untuk Golongan Kurang Berkemampuan (Festive CSR)

dan Pemerkasaan Pembelajaran Dalam Talian serta disokong oleh program sukarelawan kakitangan *Hydro Heroes*," jelasnya dalam kenyataan pada Jumaat.

Tambah Adam Saffian, program perintis *Box of Hope* memberi impak besar kepada komuniti yang mana sebanyak 5,775 keluarga telah menerima manfaat sejak dilancarkan pada 2020.

Menurutnya, Air Selangor juga mengambil pendekatan proaktif dengan menyalurkan sumbangan ke rumah kebajikan semasa musim perayaan.

"Sejak 2021, Air Selangor mengagihkan bekalan bantuan kepada 3,746 penerima di 54 rumah kebajikan sekitar Selangor, Kuala Lumpur dan Putrajaya.

"Kami turut menyediakan akses kepada kursus pendidikan interaktif melalui Pemerkasaan Pembelajaran Dalam Talian kepada pelajar golongan B40 untuk terus menerima pendidikan berkualiti," ujarnya.

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Tarikh: 22 JUL 2024 ..

Pamer kemegahan, kibar Jalur Gemilang

PM gesa semua rakyat jayakan misi itu seiring tema HKHM 2024 iaitu Malaysia Madani: Jiwa Merdeka

CYBERJAYA

Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim menggesa semua lapisan rakyat termasuk sektor swasta untuk mengangkat semangat kemerdekaan dengan mengibarkan Jalur Gemilang di premis kediaman dan pejabat masing-masing.

Anwar berharap semua rakyat dapat menjayakan misi tersebut, seiring tema sambutan Hari Kebangsaan dan Hari Malaysia (HKHM) tahun ini iaitu Malaysia Madani: Jiwa Merdeka.

"Ini bukan isu kaum, parti, kedudukan atau pekerjaan. Ini soal jati diri, maruah dan harga diri. Ini satu negara, bila merdeka kibar Bendera meluas di seluruh negara, dipasang di setiap gerai warung dan rumah, pondok, setiap sekolah, masjid, kuil, gereja serta setiap jabatan.

"Jadi, pastikan kita jadikan tahun ini sebagai tahun yang mempamerkan kemegahan rakyat dan negara kita," katanya ketika berucap pada Majlis Pelancaran Bulan Kebangsaan dan Kibar Jalur Gemilang 2024 di sini pada Ahad.

Bagi menjayakan misi tersebut, Anwar berkata, pemantauan akan dilaksanakan di semua peringkat termasuk pe-



Anwar menyempurnakan Majlis Pelancaran Bulan Kebangsaan dan Kibar Jalur Gemilang 2024 di Cyberjaya pada Ahad.

ringkat jabatan oleh Ketua Setiausaha Negara, Tan Sri Mohd Zuki Ali; menteri di Kementerian masing-masing, Komuniti Madani, kerajaan negeri, pemimpin agama dan masyarakat di seluruh Semenanjung, Sabah serta Sarawak.

Pada masa sama, beliau berharap agar pihak swasta dapat bersama-sama dengan kerajaan menjayakan misi mengibarkan Jalur Gemilang sempena HKHM 2024.

"Kerja mereka berniaga, catat keuntungan. Saya nak beritahu kalau negara tidak aman, negara tidak untung. Kalau tiada pengorbanan polis, tentera, pasukan keselamatan di perbatasan, tidak ada pelaburan baharu.

"Jadi, tunjukkanlah dukungan kamu termasuk swasta untuk bersama rakyat dan negara, kibarkan Jalur Gemilang. Saya harap mesej ini jelas," kata

beliau.

Selain itu, Perdana Menteri juga mengajak rakyat mengimbu kembali sejarah perjuangan tokoh dan rakyat terdahulu yang bersatu hati serta sanggup mengorbankan apa sahaja dimiliki demi meraih kemerdekaan negara.

Bagi tujuan itu, Anwar berkata, rakyat perlu sentiasa memupuk perpaduan dan mengekalkan kekuatan yang menjadi tonggak utama kesejahteraan di Malaysia.

"Sebab itu ditekankan dalam tema Malaysia Madani: Jiwa Merdeka, kalau jiwa dan semangat tidak digilap, ia akan pudar dan yang menjamin hebat jati diri Malaysia ialah jiwa kita," katanya.

Sambutan Hari Kebangsaan ke-67 pada 31 Ogos ini akan diadakan di Putrajaya, manakala sambutan Hari Malaysia berlangsung di Sabah. - Bernama

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Tangani masalah beli kenderaan di luar kemampuan

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SHAH ALAM – Bayaran deposit pinjaman bank sebanyak 10 peratus bagi pembelian kenderaan dapat menangani isu kereta terpaksa dilelong kerana gagal melunaskan ansuran bulanan.

Pakar Kewangan,

Shamsuddin Kadir berkata, tempoh pinjaman juga wajar disingkatkan daripada sembilan tahun ke tujuh tahun untuk memastikan pembeli tidak memilih kereta lebih besar yang di luar kemampuan mereka.

"Kalau pembeli sudah bayar wang pendahuluan 10 peratus dan mereka telah membayar ansuran bulanan pinjaman dengan baik dalam tempoh tertentu, bank pun ada budi bicara dan tidaklah terlalu tegas untuk lelong kereta mereka.

"Tempoh pinjaman juga perlu dipendekkan ke lima atau tujuh tahun. Ini kerana bila dibuat sembilan tahun, orang akan ambil kereta yang dia tak mampu nak bayar. Dia akan ambil kereta yang

lebih besar," katanya kepada *Sinar Harian*.

Sebelum ini timbul dakwaan berhubung peningkatan jumlah kereta lelong pada tahap menggerunkan apabila beribu-ribu unit sebulan kereta ditarik oleh bank.

Ia termasuk kenderaan model baharu dengan majoriti kereta yang terpaksa dilelong berikutan adalah milik pembeli yang membuat pinjaman penuh.

Pada 12 Julai lalu, *Sinar Harian* melaporkan jualan kereta dijangka menurun susulan ura-ura penghapusan pinjaman pe-



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nuh terhadap pembelian kenderaan.

Bagaimanapun Shamsuddin berkata, pinjaman penuh bukanlah sebab utama pembeli gagal melunaskan ansuran bulanan tetapi disebabkan mereka salah urus pendapatan.

Menurutnya, bank tidak akan memberikan pinjaman kepada individu yang tidak mampu untuk membuat bayaran balik.

"Kalau pendapatan mereka dikira tak mampu untuk buat bayaran balik, bank tak akan luluskan pinjaman," ujarnya.

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GAMBAR fail menunjukkan aktiviti penyemburan kabut dilakukan di kawasan kejiranan bagi mencegah pembiakan nyamuk.

Kes demam denggi makin berkurang

PUTRAJAYA - Jumlah kes demam denggi pada Minggu Epidemiologi ke-28 tahun 2024 dilaporkan sebanyak 2,373 kes berbanding 2,805 kes pada minggu sebelumnya.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr. Muhammad Radzi Abu Hassan berkata, pada masa sama, tiada kematian direkodkan akibat komplikasi demam denggi pada Minggu Epidemiologi tersebut.

"Kumulatif kes demam denggi yang dilaporkan sehingga Minggu Epidemiologi ke-28 adalah sebanyak 80,441 kes berbanding 63,966 kes bagi tempoh sama tahun 2023.

"Manakala terdapat 65 kematian akibat komplikasi demam denggi telah dilaporkan berbanding 45 kematian bagi tempoh sama pada tahun 2023," katanya semalam.

Jelasnya, bilangan lokaliti hot spot dilaporkan pada minggu berkenaan juga ialah sebanyak 100 lokaliti berbanding

86 lokaliti pada minggu sebelumnya.

"Daripada 100 lokaliti yang dilaporkan, 74 lokaliti di Selangor, manakala enam lokaliti masing-masing di Negeri Sembilan, Perak, Kuala Lumpur dan Putrajaya.

"Selain itu, empat lokaliti direkodkan di Kedah, Pulau Pinang (2) serta masing-masing satu di Sarawak dan Sabah," jelasnya.

Sementara itu, bagi surveilan chikungunya pula, terdapat tujuh kes direkodkan pada Minggu Epidemiologi ke-28.

"Jumlah kumulatif kes chikungunya sehingga kini adalah 54 kes selain tiada wabak Chikungunya dilaporkan pada Minggu Epidemiologi ke-28.

"Bagi surveilan zika, sebanyak 1,437 sampel darah, lapan sampel urin dan tiga sampel cecair serebrospinal telah dijalankan saringan zika dan hasil kesemuanya adalah negatif," katanya.

KOSMO

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Tarikh:



ANWAR beramah mesra bersama tetamu yang hadir selepas melancarkan Bulan Kebangsaan dan Kibar Jalur Gemilang 2024 di Cyber Event Hall.

'Tunjukkan kamu miliki Jiwa Merdeka'

PM arah semua pihak kibarkan Jalur Gemilang sepanjang Bulan Kebangsaan

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Cyberjaya

Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim mengarahkan semua pihak termasuk sektor awam dan swasta mengibarkan Jalur Gemilang di premis masing-masing sepanjang tempoh sambutan bulan kebangsaan.

Perdana Menteri berkata, langkah itu sebagai tanda taat setia, peng-

orbanan dan mendukung semangat kemerdekaan yang diperolehi sejak 67 tahun lalu.

"Mulai hari ini, Komuniti Madani, setiap jabatan, setiap rakyat, setiap kedai, warung, kaya miskin, kota dan desa, kita nak pastikan tunjukkan bahawa kamu itu bersama Jiwa Merdeka, hebatkan Malaysia."

"Saya percaya kita bagi mesej yang jelas, apa yang sukarnya, orang dulu korban segalanya, ibu di kampung keluaran rantai dan perhiasan mereka jadi tabung untuk perjuangan (memerdekakan negara)," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian ketika berucap pada Majlis Pelancaran Bulan Kebangsaan dan Kibar Jalur Gemilang 2024 di sini, semalam.

Turut hadir Menteri Ko-



Kita tak minta cincin, tak minta jam, yang saya minta kibarkan Jalur Gemilang"

Anwar

munikasi Fahmi Fadzil, Menteri Besar Selangor Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari dan Ketua Setiausaha Negara Tan Sri Mohd Zuki Ali.

Anwar berkata, sambutan Hari Kebangsaan kali ini bertemakan Malaysia Madani, Jiwa Merdeka harus dijadikan sebagai tahun yang mempamerkan kemegahan rakyat dan negara.

Kata beliau, sambutan tahun ini juga akan menjadi petanda baharu untuk berkongsi matlamat yang sa-

ma mengangkat Malaysia sebagai negara gemilang.

"(Orang) dahulu bagi cincin untuk perjuangan, sekarang kita tak sanggup, kena ingat supaya jangan ada keterlanjuran, kita tak minta cincin, tak minta jam, yang saya minta kibarkan Jalur Gemilang."

"Kalau (ada) orang yang enggan, kirim salam kepada mereka, ini bukan isu kaum, bukan isu parti, bukan isu kedudukan atau pekerjaan, ini soal jati diri, maruah, harga diri, ini satu negara bila merdeka, kibaran bendera itu (harus) meluas di seluruh negara," katanya.

Perdana Menteri berkata, di peringkat sektor awam termasuk jabatan serta agensi, Ketua Setiausaha Negara akan memastikan setiap premis kerajaan mengibarkan Jalur Gemilang.

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Tiada pembayaran bulanan dan pinjaman puluhan ribu ringgit boleh diluluskan dalam tempoh satu jam.

Itu janji manis ditawarkan menerusi beberapa iklan media sosial dihasilkan oleh individu yang mengaku sebagai wakil syarikat pemberi pinjaman kredit komuniti.

Pemerhatian Harian Metro mendapati syarat setiap syarikat yang menawarkan skim pinjaman itu adalah serupa iaitu peminjam wajib memiliki wang di dalam akaun Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja (KWSP) dan berusia antara 53 hingga 55 tahun.

Peminjam perlu menyerahkan penyata kewangan akaun KWSP kepada ejen syarikat kononnya untuk membuat semakan bagi menentukan jumlah pinjaman yang layak diberikan.

Selain itu, peminjam perlu membayar jumlah dipinjamkan secara 'lump sum' apabila wang persaraan daripada akaun KWSP mereka dapat dikeluarkan.

Salah seorang ejen syarikat terbabit berkata, peminjam akan dikenakan faedah bermula lima peratus dan ke atas bergantung kepada jumlah pinjaman serta tempoh matang akaun KWSP mereka.

"Dokumen diperlukan hanya salinan kad pengenalan dan penyata kewangan terbaru KWSP untuk kami membuat semakan."

"Encik juga tidak perlu bayar sehingga cukup syarat untuk buat pengeluaran daripada akaun KWSP."

"Pinjaman ini sudah lama, kami syarikat berdaftar, kami memiliki pejabat tetap, jadi encik tidak perlu risau," katanya ketika di-

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PEMINJAM hanya akan dikenakan faedah bermula lima peratus dan ke atas bergantung kepada jumlah pinjaman serta tempoh matang akaun KWSP mereka.

hubungi wartawan Harian Metro.

Ketika ditanya adakah syarikat itu sebenarnya berselindung di sebalik kegiatan ceti haram, ejen berkenaan dengan tegas menafikannya dan mendakwa mereka syarikat kredit komuniti berdaftar.

Katanya, syarikat terbabit sekadar memberi pinjaman berdasarkan jumlah wang simpanan di dalam akaun peminjam dan tidak menyentuh wang yang berada di dalam simpanan pihak KWSP.

Bagaimanapun ketika ditanya mengenai kaedah pembayaran balik, ejen terbabit berkata, peminjam

perlu menandatangani beberapa dokumen yang akan disetorkan namun tidak menjelaskannya secara terperinci.

Sementara itu, jurucakap KWSP ketika dihubungi berkata, pihaknya tidak pernah mengiktiraf sebarang skim pinjaman sedemikian.

"Skim pinjaman seperti ini tidak diiktiraf oleh KWSP dan pihak kami sentiasa memantau serta mengawasi aktiviti penipuan atau pihak ketiga yang cuba mengambil kesempatan terhadap ahli."

"KWSP juga aktif dalam memberi kesedaran dan peringatan kepada ahli

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Jurucakap KWSP

supaya tidak terpengaruh dengan taktik-taktik penipuan, khususnya di laman media sosial.

"Pihak kami sering memfailkan aduan kepada Suruhanjaya Komunikasi dan Multimedia (SKMM) bagi iklan-iklan palsu yang tidak diiktiraf oleh KWSP."

Justeru orang ramai dinasihatkan supaya tidak mudah terpedaya dengan tawaran atau skim pinjaman yang mungkin menjurus ke arah penipuan.

Sebarang aduan atau pertanyaan boleh diajukan melalui laman web KWSI atau media sosial rasmi agensi itu bagi mendapatkan maklumat yang sahih

Semak dengan badan berkaitan: Ramli

Kuala Lumpur: Orang ramai dinasihatkan tidak terlalu teruja dan membuat semakan dengan badan berkaitan terlebih dulu sebelum membuat sebarang pinjaman kewangan.

Pengarah Jabatan Siasatan Jenayah Komersial (JSJK) Bukit Aman, Datuk Seri Ramli Mohamed Yoosuf berkata, semakan mendapati setakat ini tiada aduan dibuat membabitkan skim pinjaman itu.

Bagaimanapun katanya, orang ramai diingatkan supaya berhati-hati dan tidak gopoh membuat pinjaman walaupun terdesak bagi mengelak ditipu

penjenayah.

"Pertama sekali buat pengesahan dengan agensi berkaitan, dalam perkara ini KWSP. Jangan tergopoh-gapah tekan pautan pinjaman dalam talian."

"Tidak sukar pun, boleh semak dalam laman web atau buat panggilan telefon secara terus untuk dapatkan pengesahan sama ada wujud atau tidak tawaran sedemikian," katanya ketika dihubungi Harian Metro baru-baru ini.

Agensi berkaitan juga harus memantau dan membuat hebahan kepada orang ramai berhubung pinjaman yang menggunakan nama mereka.

HARIAN METRO

Tarikh:2...2...JUL...2024

Kaedah elak penyelewengan di pintu masuk negara

Tempoh tugas pegawai Imigresen disingkat setahun

Jabatan mahu pastikan tiada anggota terbabit salah guna kuasa

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Putrajaya: Jabatan Imigresen Malaysia kini menyingkatkan tempoh pusingan penugasan kakitangan dan pegawai di bahagian berisiko terdedah kepada tawaran rasuah, salah guna kuasa serta penyelewengan kepada setahun, dalam usaha memastikan integriti perkhidmatannya.

Ketua Pengarah Imigresen, Datuk Ruslin Jusoh, berkata pihaknya sentiasa berusaha secara berterusan menambah baik prosedur operasi standard (SOP) pengoperasian dan bertindak tegas bagi memastikan tiada anggota dan pegawainya terbabit salah guna kuasa dan rasuah.

Beliau tidak menafikan ada anggota dan pegawainya yang terbabit dalam salah laku dan rasuah, malah mengakui pernah menerima aduan berhubung perkara itu secara langsung.

Katanya, antara usaha dilakukan bagi memastikan tiada pegawai Imigresen terdedah kepada jenayah dan salah laku itu adalah dengan melaksanakan pusingan kerja.

"Di Imigresen, kita buat pusingan kerja maksimum tiga tahun sebab tugas kritikal, (namun) ada yang saya 'rotate' (pusingan kerja) dalam masa setahun.

"Mereka yang berada di pintu masuk atau bahagian penguatkuasaan, terdedah kepada tawaran ra-

suah, salah guna kuasa, penyelewengan dan aktiviti lain, jadi kita selalu tukar mereka kerana tidak mahu pegawai ini berakar umbi, dah jadi pokok dan mula mele-

"Setiap tindakan yang diambil adalah supaya masyarakat tahu Imigresen serius menangani isu terbabit. Saya tak mahu pegawai kita dilihat rakyat sebagai teruk, kita perlu ada nilai yang lebih tinggi tapi disebabkan nila setitik menjejaskan Imigresen," katanya dalam pertemuan dengan media di sini.

Tegas jaga integriti

Ruslin menggesa mana-mana kakitangan atau pegawai yang tiada integriti meninggalkan jabatan itu kerana ramai lagi di luar sana yang sedia menyertai

perkhidmatan Imigresen.

Katanya, ketegasan pihaknya dalam menjaga integriti terbukti dengan tindakan tatatertib diam-bil terhadap 96 kakitangannya sepanjang tahun lalu hingga kini, selain lima sudah dikenakan hukuman buang kerja dalam tempoh sama. Selain tindakan tatatertib, Imigresen turut mengeluarkan perintah tahan kerja terhadap 31 pegawai kerana berdepan pertuduhan di mahkamah sepanjang tempoh berkenaan.

"Satu sahaja peringatan saya. Kita perlu menjaga uniform (amanah dan tanggungjawab) yang kita pakai, hormat uniform yang kita pakai, kalau awak tak ada integriti, buang sahaja uniform (berhenti), jangan duduk di Imigresen.

"Sebagai pegawai imigresen, kita ada kuasa, ingatlah kuasa

yang kita ada ini jangan disalah guna, sepatutnya kita menguatkuasakan undang-undang, menjaga kestabilan negara, (bukan) bersekongkol dengan sindiket, kartel dan sebagainya," katanya.

Ruslin berkata, pihaknya ada menerima aduan terdapat pegawai Imigresen terbabit dengan 'ejen' pekerjaan dan sebagainya.

Tegasnya, setiap aduan yang diterima akan disiasat dengan rapi berdasarkan bukti.

"Saya tak akan melepaskan mereka, sebaliknya buat siasatan rapi. Sekarang ada tiga siasatan yang sedang saya buat tetapi dua didapati tidak berasas, satu lagi kita teruskan lagi siasatan.

"Hakikatnya ada tindakan yang kita ambil. Saya tak lepas atau tak akan biarkan, sebaliknya arahkan unit integriti, buka fail siasatan, panggil orang ini, dapatkan rekod, kamera litar tertutup (CCTV) dan sebagainya," katanya.



Imigresen selalu membuat pertukaran kakitangan di pintu masuk elak salah guna kuasa.

(Foto hiasan)



Ruslin Jusoh

BERITA HARIAN
Tarikh.....2.7.JUL.2024....

3,200 Jemaah haji Selangor belum menuntut insentif RM1,000

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SEPANG: Seramai 3,200 jemaah haji muassasah dari negeri ini belum menuntut insentif bantuan tunai RM1,000 yang disediakan oleh kerajaan negeri kepada mereka.

Exco kerajaan negeri, Borhan Aman Shah berkata, mereka merupakan lebih daripada separuh jemaah yang belum memohon skim khas ditawarkan itu dan layak menuntut bantuan tersebut walaupun sudah selesai mengerjakan rukun Islam kelima itu.

"Meskipun jemaah terabit memang mampu dari segi kewangan tetapi ini hak anda terima peruntukan disumbang-

kan kerajaan Selangor," katanya ketika ditemui *Utusan Malaysia* selepas hadir menyaksikan penyampaian zakat korporat Permodalan Negeri Selangor Berhad kepada 168 penerima di Tanjung Sepat, di sini, semalam.

Kerajaan negeri menerusi Menteri Besar Selangor Pembedaan menyalurkan insentif itu yang dibuka sejak 6 Mei lalu yang melibatkan peruntukan keseluruhan RM6 juta.

Mengulas lanjut, Borhan mendedahkan bahawa setakat ini hanya 2,800 jemaah negeri itu yang sudah pun memohon dan menerima insentif berkenaan.

"Ada baki lagi 3,200 orang dan mereka kemungkinan besar tidak tahu mengenai skim ini selain barang kali ada serba salah kerana anggap mereka berkemampuan," jelasnya.

Justeru, kerajaan negeri melanjutkan permohonan itu sehingga 23 Ogos depan dan cuma mendaftar dengan membawa surat jadual penerbangan haji yang tertera kod Muassasah.

Ujar beliau lagi, amaun bantuan kali ini juga dinaikkan daripada RM500 pada tahun lepas kepada RM1,000 kerana sedar ada jemaah yang tiada pendapatan tetap atau gaji kecil.

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35 peratus

PETALING JAYA: Kongres Kesatuan Pekerja-pekerja Dalam Perkhidmatan Awam (CUEPACS) mengharap kenaikan gaji kakitangan penjawat awam sebanyak 30 hingga 35 peratus sesuai dengan pertumbuhan ekonomi dan kenaikan kos sara hidup ketika ini.

Setiausaha Agung CUEPACS, Abdul Rahman Mohd. Nordin berkata, peratusan kenaikan gaji penjawat awam harus signifikan terutama mengambil kira penjawat awam Gred 41 dan ke bawah.

Menurut beliau, kenaikan gaji itu perlu melihat dengan keadaan semasa terutama membabitkan tekanan kos sara hidup yang tinggi.

"Kami juga mahu kerajaan memfokuskan kepada penjawat awam yang baru memulakan kerjaya, terutama yang berusia 25 hingga 48 tahun, yang berdepan dengan beban kewangan seperti menanggung keperluan anak dan membeli rumah.

"Bagi mereka yang sudah Gred 41 dan ke atas mungkin tidak terlalu terbeban dengan kos sara hidup tetapi kos hidup kini semakin meningkat, terutama dalam pembelian rumah dan keperluan harian.

"Kos rumah yang dahulu berharga RM50,000 kini mencecah RM300,000, dan perbelanjaan lain seperti menghantar anak ke pusat jagaan juga semakin tinggi," katanya ketika dihubungi *Utusan Malaysia*.

Kata beliau, jika gaji masih rendah, contohnya sekitar RM2,000, ia tidak mencukupi untuk menampung kos hidup ketika ini, terutama bagi mereka yang terpaksa bekerja lebih masa atau mempunyai tanggungan keluarga.

Terdahulu, akhbar ini melaporkan, kenaikan gaji penjawat awam kumpulan rendah dilaporkan akan mencecah 20 hingga 40 peratus walaupun pengumuman hanya melibatkan kadar kenaikan lebih 13 peratus.

UTUSAN MALAYSIA
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NATIONAL MONTH CELEBRATION

PM: EVERYONE SHOULD FLY THE JALUR GEMILANG

Show that you are one with 'Spirit of Independence', says Anwar

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Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim speaking at the launch of the National Month and Fly the Jalur Gemilang campaign in Cyberjaya yesterday. PIC BY AIZUDDIN SAAD

PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim wants all quarters, including those in the private sector, to fly the Jalur Gemilang on their premises to mark the National Month.

He said this would show the people's loyalty and sacrifice in upholding the spirit of the country's independence for the past 67 years.

"From today, the Madani community, every department, every citizen, restaurants and stalls, the poor, the rich and those in cities or rural areas must demonstrate that you are one with the 'Spirit of Independence' in glorifying Malaysia."

"(With this), I believe we can send a clear message about how difficult it was for the people back then, who had to sacrifice everything (to gain independence)."

"This included our great grandmothers and mothers, who had to pawn their belongings to fund the struggle," he said at the launch of the National Month and Fly the Jalur Gemilang campaign yesterday.

Present were Communications Minister Fahmi Fadzil, Home Minister Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution Ismail, Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad, Minister in Prime Minister's Department (Religious Affairs) Datuk Dr Mohd Na'im Mokhtar, Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Razarudin Husain and Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari.

Themed "Malaysia Madani: Jiwa Merdeka", Anwar said the National Day celebration this year must showcase the nation and people's pride in celebrating the month.

He said this year's celebration should serve as a new mark for the people to elevate Malaysia as a glorious country.

"We are not asking for (people to pawn their) rings or watches, like what was done by our an-

cestors (in the struggle to gain independence) What I am asking for is (for Malaysians) to fly the Jalur Gemilang. If there are those who refuse, send my regards to them."

"This is not an issue of race, party, position or occupation, but rather a matter of identity, dignity and self-worth. This is a nation that, upon gaining independence, should see the flag flown all across the country."

Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Zuki Ali, he said, would monitor all government departments to ensure they flew the Jalur Gemilang.

"For the private sector, its contribution is significant and cannot be underestimated, but sometimes it considers the matter as trivial."

"(But) I want to tell them that if this country is not peaceful, their businesses will not be profitable."

"Without the sacrifices of the police and military at the borders, there would be no new investments. So, show your support and commitment."

Anwar also reminded the youth to understand the true meaning of the country's independence.

He said the people had given their blood, sweat, tears, and made sacrifices to achieve independence.

"But not all generations are asked to do the same. We are not asking for sacrifices of blood as that (security aspects of the country) has been delegated to the security forces at the borders and the seas."

"It also does not affect our lives in cities, villages, and rural areas."

"(And) this is why Malaysia Madani is meant to fulfil the 'Spirit of Independence' as there

is no meaning to independence if the leadership we choose is no different from colonisers who use power to plunder the country's wealth."

The National Day celebration this year will take place in Putrajaya for the second time under the Madani government, while Malaysia Day will be celebrated in Sabah.

This will be the sixth time the National Day celebration is hosted in Putrajaya.

Meanwhile, Anwar said Malaysia would decide on its next course of action following the recent International Court of Justice (ICJ) ruling, which declared Israel's continued presence in the Palestinian territories illegal.

He said the cabinet, during its meeting on Wednesday, would decide on the steps to respond to the ICJ ruling against Israel.

"Malaysia undoubtedly supports the ICJ decision, which is based on clear facts regarding Israel's ongoing violence and brutality."

"Therefore, we will deliberate on proposals regarding the impact of this decision and at the cabinet meeting this Wednesday, we will make a final decision on the steps we will take to align with the ICJ's decision to condemn and act against Israel."

On Friday, the ICJ, which is the United Nations' top court, said Israel's decades-long occupation of Palestinian territories was illegal and needed to end as soon as possible.

Page 1 pic: People flying the national flag at the launch of the National Month and Fly the Jalur Gemilang campaign in Cyberjaya yesterday.

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