



**PENGURUSAN PEMANTAUAN KERATAN AKHBAR MBSJ**  
**TARIKH: 22 OGOS 2024 (KHAMIS)**

**MEDIA ELEKTRONIK (AKHBAR ONLINE / TELEVISYEN / RADIO)**

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## Aduan MBSJ menerusi WhatsApp

**SHAH ALAM** - Orang awam boleh melaporkan sebarang aduan atau laporan secara terus kepada jabatan dalaman Majlis Bandaraya Subang Jaya (MBSJ) menerusi WhatsApp.

Pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) itu menerusi Facebook memaklumkan perkhidmatan itu beroperasi pada hari bekerja antara 8 pagi hingga 5 petang.

"Bermula pada 19 Ogos komuniti bandar raya dan orang ramai boleh menghubungi jabatan dalaman MBSJ secara terus melalui aplikasi WhatsApp dengan menghantar mesej pada nombor yang tertera," katanya pada 19 Ogos.

Memetik laporan The Star baru-baru ini, Datuk Bandar Subang Jaya Dato' Amirul Azizan Abd Rahim mahu mewujudkan saluran WhatsApp bagi memudahkan orang ramai melapor aduan secara terus kepada jabatannya.

"Ia akan berfungsi untuk menghubungkan penduduk dengan lebih cepat kepada PBT. Penduduk perlu mengambil gambar dan menghantar lokasi tepat melalui WhatsApp bagi membolehkan MBSJ membuat tindakan susulan," katanya.

Orang ramai boleh semak senarai talian aduan di [www.facebook.com/MBSSubangJaya/posts/518903307169792](https://www.facebook.com/MBSSubangJaya/posts/518903307169792)



## Tangani masalah kucing terbiar

**KLANG** - Majlis Bandaraya Diraja Klang (MBDK) membuka Taman Kucing di Bandar Bukit Raja yang pertama di daerah itu yang menelan kos kira-kira RM800,000.

Datuk Bandar Klang Datin Paduka Noraini Roslan memberitahu pembinaan taman seluas 200 ekar itu turut mendapat kerjasama Sime Darby Property.

"Kewujudan taman kucing pertama di daerah ini bagi menangani isu ka-

cau ganggu yang berlaku disebabkan populasi kucing terbiar yang semakin meningkat ketika ini.



"Justeru, kami berbesar hati menjalin usaha sama Sime Darby Property bagi mewujudkan taman ini sekali gus menjadikannya tempat selamat dan penuh kasih sayang untuk kucing," katanya.

Beliau menyampaikan sembah ucapan perasmian Taman Kucing di Bandar Bukit Raja di sini pada 18 Ogos yang

disempurnakan Duli Yang Maha Mulia Tengku Permaisuri Selangor Tengku Permaisuri Hajah Norashikin.

Menurut Noraini, taman yang mampu memuatkan 150 kucing itu turut dilengkapi bilik pemencilan, bilik rawatan, rumah kucing, kawasan bermain, kamera litar tertutup dan pejabat urusan.

Beliau menambah orang awam juga dipelawa memberi sumbangan sama ada dalam bentuk makanan atau pasir bagi membantu MBDK memelihara haiwan itu.

## Pelawa orang awam ambil kucing angkat

**KLANG** - Orang ramai yang berminat mengambil kucing angkat untuk dipelihara boleh ke Taman Kucing Klang di Bandar Bukit Raja di sini.

Datuk Bandarnya Datin Paduka Noraini Roslan menjelaskan inisiatif Majlis Bandaraya Diraja Klang (MBDK) itu bertujuan mengurangkan populasi dan menyelamatkan kucing jalanan.

"MBDK dengan kerjasama Sime Darby Property mewujudkan taman kucing kerana mahu menyelamatkan kucing jalanan sekali gus memberi peluang kepada orang awam mengambil kucing untuk dipelihara.

"Pengunjung yang berminat mengambil kucing di sini untuk dipelihara akan diberi kucing yang telah dirawat, benar-benar sihat dan dimandul serta divaksinasi," katanya pada 18 Ogos.



## MBPJ edar 2,000 Jalur Gemilang

**PETALING JAYA** - Majlis Bandaraya Petaling Jaya (MBPJ) mengedar kira-kira 2,000 Jalur Gemilang percuma kepada orang ramai sempena sambutan Bulan Kemerdekaan.

Datuk Bandar Petaling Jaya Mohamad Zahri Samingon memberitahu edaran menerusi ahli majlis itu bertujuan menggalakkan setiap premis dipasang bendera kebangsaan.

"Kita edar 2,000 bendera percuma kepada semua ahli majlis dan mereka akan serahkan kepada penduduk di kawasan masing-masing. Ini bagi menggalakkan semua premis kibar Jalur Gemilang.

"Tahun ini juga kita ada 23 acara bagi menyemarakkan bulan kemerdekaan, antaranya seperti pertandingan sajak dan pertandingan lagu patriotik," katanya pada 18 Ogos.

## Serbu tiga premis warga asing

**SHAH ALAM** - Majlis Perbandaran Selayang (MPS) menyerbu tiga premis kendalian warga asing yang beroperasi tanpa lesen di sekitar Wangsa Permai pada 14 Ogos.

Menurut kenyataan Bahagian Perhubungan Awam Jabatan Korporatnya, tujuh kompaun dikeluarkan selain sitaan pelbagai barangan termasuk produk makanan dari negara luar.

"Berdasarkan hasil risikan, tiga premis ini disyaki beroperasi tanpa kelulusan dan dikendalikan oleh warga asing menggunakan lesen milik warga tempatan.

"Premis ini menyasarkan pelanggan warga mereka sendiri dengan menjual makanan dan barangan runcit dari negara asal selain mengubah suai menjadikan karaoke khas serta perniagaan kedai makan tanpa kelulusan," kata kenyataan.



## Turapan kurang risiko kemalangan

**SHAH ALAM** - Penurapan jalan rosak di persiaran Bandar Rinchling, Semenyih pada tahun lalu mengurangkan kadar nahas di kawasan itu, kata Ahli Majlis Perbandaran Kajang (MPKJ) Zon 22.

Mohd Zulkifli Ridzwan memberitahu Insiatif melalui Projek Turapan Mega itu bukan sahaja memanfaatkan penduduk meliputi lebih 2,000 kediaman, malah pengguna dari luar Semenyih.

"Jalan itu antara laluan utama menghubungkan bandar Rinchling dan bandar Ecohill, jadi memang sibuk. Sebelum diturap, banyak lubang yang sering menyebabkan nahas terutama waktu malam.

"Kadangkala lampu rosak dan jalan gelap. Jadi, motosikal paling berisiko

kerana tidak nampak lubang. Selepas diturap, jarang dengar berlaku kemalangan,"katanya kepada Selangorkini.

Pekerja swasta, Aliah Shari, 35, yang kerap menggunakan laluan berkenaan untuk berulang-alik dari tempat kerja di Semenyih ke rumahnya di Serdang mengakui banyak nahas motor sebelum ini.

"Bila pulang waktu malam, kadang-kadang terlanggar lubang kerana jalan gelap. Banyak juga lihat kemalangan terutama motosikal. Selepas diturap, memang lancar perjalanan.

"Jadi, projek baik jalan seperti ini wa-



jar diteruskan kerana manfaatnya besar untuk pengguna jalan raya,"katanya.

Pada tahun lalu, Kerajaan Selangor membelanjakan kira-kira RM50 juta untuk menjayakan Projek Turapan Mega sepanjang 94.9 kilometer meliputi penyelenggaraan dan pelebaran laluan secara menyeluruh di negeri ini.

Baru-baru ini, EXCO Infrastruktur Ir Izham Hashim berkata projek sama diteruskan tahun ini melibatkan dana RM20 juta meliputi semua laluan termasuk jalan negeri, pihak berkuasa tempatan dan kampung.

## Waspada fenomena air pasang besar

**SHAH ALAM** - Orang ramal diminta bersedia dan peka dengan fenomena air pasang besar yang diramal berlaku di stesen Pelabuhan Klang selama tujuh hari sehingga 26 Ogos.

Menerusi Infografik Jawatankuasa Pengurusan Bencana Daerah Klang di laman sosial, bacaan paras air laut dijangka mencatatkan sehingga 5.5 meter pada pagi Khamis 22 Ogos dan Jumaat 23 Ogos.

Ribut petir turut diramal pada sebelah malam sepanjang dua hari berkenaan. Cuaca sama dijangka berlaku pada sebelah pagi mulai Sabtu 24 Ogos hingga Isnin 26 Ogos.

Untuk bantuan dan maklumat lanjut boleh menghubungi talian kecemasan 999 atau Pusat Operasi Bencana Daerah Klang di talian 03-3371 6700 atau Whatsapp 010-973 1963.



## Raja Muda dilantik Pro Canselor UPM

**SHAH ALAM** - Duli Yang Maha Mulia Sultan Selangor berkenan melantik semula Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Raja Muda Selangor sebagai Pro Canselor Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM).

Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah Alhaj selaku Tuanku Canselor universiti berkenaan melantik Tengku Amir Shah untuk tempoh tiga tahun berkuat kuasa 18 Oktober 2024 hingga 17 Oktober 2027.

"Turut dilantik semula sebagai Pro Canselor adalah Profesor Emeritus Dato' Dr Ir Muhamad Zohadle Bardale.

"Dalam majlis sama Baginda berkenan melantik mantan Menteri Tenaga, Teknologi Hijau dan Air Tan Sri Peter Chin Fah Kui sebagai Pro Canselor UPM yang baharu," tulis Selangor Royal Office di Facebook.

Majlis berlangsung di Istana Bukit Kayaangan, di sini pada 20 Ogos. Turut hadir Menteri Pendidikan Tinggi Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abdul Kadir dan Naib Canselor UPM Dato' Profesor Dr Ahmad Farhan Mohd Sadullah.

## Tindakan jika sorok salah laku

**PUTRAJAYA** - Mana-mana ketua jabatan yang gagal melapor salah laku pegawai bawahan berdepan tindakan tatatertib seterusnya menjejaskan peluang kenaikan pangkat, kata perdana menteri.

Menurut Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, mereka bertanggungjawab memperkukuh integriti dan tatakelola dalam Sistem Saraan Perkhidmatan Awam (SSPA) menggantikan Skim

Saraan Malaysia.

Beliau memberitahu ketua jabatan perlu melaksanakan pusingan kerja (job rotation) secara berterusan bagi mengelak berlaku kes salah laku dalam kalangan pegawai awam.

"Ada guru besar, ketua jabatan mahu jaga imej jabatan dan sekolah, budak (murid) didera separuh mati tidak dilaporkan kepada polis.

"Ada ketua jabatan tahu pegawai mempunyai kekayaan yang lebih, tidak dilaporkan. Maka kalau itu terbukti tidak dilaporkan, ketua jabatan tidak akan dinaikkan pangkat," katanya.

Beliau memberi amaran sedemikian selain pembaharuan lain SSPA dalam Majlis Amanat Perdana Perkhidmatan Awam (MAPPA) ke-19 di sini pada 16 Ogos.

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# Kenaikan kadar gaji sehingga 15 peratus

Oleh **NORRASYIDAH ARSHAD**

**PUTRAJAYA** - Perdana Menteri Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim mengumumkan kadar baharu gaji penjawat awam yang meningkat sehingga 15 peratus, pertambahan terbesar dalam sejarah tanah air.

Beliau yang juga menteri kewangan memberitahu kenaikan secara berperingkat itu berkuat kuasa 1 Disember untuk fasa pertama manakala fasa kedua pada 1 Januari 2026.

Katanya, julat peningkatan antara 16.8 hingga 42.7 peratus selepas mengambil kira pergerakan gaji tahunan pada 2025 dan kenaikan gaji fasa dua.

Kenaikan seperti berikut:

- 15 peratus untuk kumpulan pelaksana, pengurusan dan profesional (lapan peratus pada fasa satu dan

tujuh peratus fasa dua)

- tujuh peratus untuk kumpulan pengurusan tertinggi (empat peratus pada fasa satu dan tiga peratus fasa dua)

Anwar yang juga menteri kewangan menjelaskan kerajaan tidak mahu sewenang-wenangnya memberi layanan sama kepada semua kakitangan dalam aspek ganjaran dan pengiktirafan.

"Siapa yang cemerlang, akan dapat ganjaran, siapa gagal mempamer prestasi yang baik, akan dikenakan tindakan.

"Mesejnya jelas supaya penjawat awam yang tidak menunjukkan prestasi kerja baik, culas, tidak hadir ke pejabat tanpa kelulusan ketua jabatan tidak diberi ganjaran," katanya.

Pengumuman dibuat dalam Majlis Amanat Perdana Perkhidmatan Awam ke-19 di Putrajaya pada 16 Ogos melalui Sistem Saraan Perkhidmatan Awam

(SSPA) menggantikan Skim Saraan Malaysia (SSM).

Anwar juga menegaskan langkah berkenaan sebagai tanda keprihatinan kerajaan terhadap penjawat awam selepas 12 tahun tidak semakan kenaikan gaji.

Perbaharuan lain antaranya:

- kelayakan minimum Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) atau setara
- galak penugasan berbilang (multi-tasking) dan kemahiran berbilang (multiskilling)
- perkhidmatan tidak relevan, bertindih dan terpendil dipindah kepada skim lain
- seragam dan kelaskan semula gred jawatan ikut keperluan semasa
- audit perjawatan bagi kenal pasti ketidakseimbangan di kementerian dan agensi
- amalan kongsi sumber perwakilan di luar negara dalam bidang sama

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Selangor ikut kaedah persekutuan

# Dana tambahan kenaikan gaji

Oleh SITI ROHAIZAH ZAINAL

**SABAK BERNAM** - Kerajaan Selangor akan menyedilkan peruntukan tambahan bagi membiayai kenaikan gaji penjawat awam negeri ini yang akan diumumkan dalam masa terdekat.

Dato' Menteri Besar Dato' Seri Amirudin Shari menjelaskan pentadbirannya juga mengikut kaedah sama yang dilakukan kerajaan persekutuan berkuat kuasa Disember tahun ini.

"Kita sedang kira impaknya tetapi bersedia dengan kemungkinan itu

(pelarasan gaji) dan mungkin peruntukan tambahan diperlukan untuk membiayai peningkatan tersebut.

"Perkara ini (kenaikan) akan diumumkan setelah siap (kertas kerja) dan dibuat (kuat kuasa) pada Disember dengan kadar dan kaedah sama mengikut persekutuan," katanya.

Beliau ditanya selepas merasmikan program publisiti dan penyertaan awam draf rancangan tempatan Majlis Daerah Sabak Bernam Selangor 2035 (Penggantian) di sini pada 20 Ogos.

Pada 16 Ogos, perdana menteri

mengumumkan pelarasan gaji sebanyak 15 peratus kepada pegawai kumpulan pelaksana dan pengurusan dan profesional secara berfasa bermula 1 Disember 2024.

Menurut Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, kumpulan pengurusan tertinggi pula menerima kenaikan tujuh peratus, juga dibayar secara berfasa dengan bayaran kedua pada 1 Januari 2026.

Kali terakhir kenaikan gaji penjawat awam sekitar 13 peratus pada 2013, yang juga melibatkan pesara dengan kadar ditentukan mengikut kenaikan gaji akhir.

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## Edar 60,000 bendera kepada PBT

**SHAH ALAM** - Sebanyak 60,000 Jalur Gemilang disediakan kepada semua pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) bagi menyemarakkan sambutan Bulan Kebangsaan, kata EXCO Perpaduan Datuk Rizam Ismail.

Beliau memberitahu semua PBT yang menerima 5,000 bendera itu setiap satu akan mengedarnya kepada segenap lapisan masyarakat sekali gus menyemarakkan semangat patriotik orang ramai.

"Saya juga melihat banyak premis dan syarikat menjalankan program sempena Bulan Kemerdekaan. Kita memang menggalakkan mereka mengadakan acara sebegini," katanya pada 18 Ogos.

Kempen Kibar Jalur Gemilang 2024 dilancarkan Perdana Menteri Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim pada 21 Julai untuk menyuburkan semangat patriotisme dan cintakan negara dalam kalangan rakyat.

Sambutan Hari Kebangsaan ke-67 bertema Malaysia Madani: Jiwa Merdeka dijadual berlangsung di Putrajaya pada 31 Ogos manakala sambutan Hari Malaysia di Kota Kinabalu, Sabah.

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## Berlapang dada terima teguran

**SABAK BERNAM** - Penjawat awam negeri ini perlu berlapang dada menerima teguran daripada mana-mana pihak bagi memastikan pelaksanaan tadbir urus yang lebih baik.

Dato' Menteri Besar Dato' Seri Amirudin Shari berkata teguran itu akan menjadikan kerajaan sedia ada lebih kemas, selain terus relevan dan berjaya untuk jangka masa panjang.

"Tegurlah, katalah apa pun. Kita kini jelas berada pada sasaran dan landasan yang betul, cuma perlu diperkemas lagi (tadbir urus) selain menjelaskan pelaksanaan perkhidmatan.

"Pasukan saya dan penjawat awam kena terima dan hadam semula dengan hati terbuka dan melaksanakan pembaikan. Ini 'resipi' untuk terus berjaya dan relevan pada hari ini dan akan datang," katanya pada 20 Ogos.

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# Shah Alam B40 enjoys free meals from city council

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SHAH Alam City Council (MBSA) provided free meals to 300 people as part of its broader efforts to help underprivileged communities ahead of National Day.

This is the second edition of its initiative in the Selangor capital, with the first programme taking place in May at Medan Selera Prima 2.

The aim of the initiative is to help ease the cost of living of workers, civil servants and students in its jurisdiction, by giving out meals worth RM10.

Acting deputy mayor Madiyan Baweh said the initiative was part of its strategy to assist the B40 group.

"While we recognise that providing free meals may not create a long-term impact, every bit of help matters.

"We are committed to doing



what we can to support the community," he said.

Madiyan said MBSA had plans to expand the initiative to other areas.

The next event is scheduled to be held at Jalan Kebun in Section 30 before the end of the year.

"We work closely with stalls under MBSA to ensure that both the community and business owners gain from these events," said Madiyan.

The programme also aligns with United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly No Poverty (SDG 1) and Sustainable Cities and Communities (SDG 11).

"It is important for us to follow



Madiyan (second from left) serving free meals to one of the 300 individuals registered for the MBSA event. — Courtesy photo

the SDGs and make a difference by adhering to these goals.

"We plan to organise more events centred around these objectives," added Madiyan.

Several individuals who received the free meals

expressed their appreciation.

Jalina Zainol, 34, said eating out had become so expensive, especially in the city.

"Even a small relief like this helps reduce our daily burden," she said.

Zulkifli Mohd Ariffin, 41, echoed the sentiment, adding, "I hope MBSA continues to organise more of such programmes in the future."

At the event, MBSA also distributed the Jalur Gemilang.

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# Jinjang folk seeking transparency over allotment of housing units

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A GROUP of disgruntled residents submitted a memorandum urging Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) to disclose the list of recipients getting free units at a low-cost housing project in Jinjang Selatan Tambahan, Kepong.

The units are part of a 35-storey block serving as alternative housing for squatters and long-house residents in the area.

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Ameer: Jinjang Selatan Tambahan residents want a meeting with the mayor to iron out the issues.

recipients' names to ensure transparency," he said when met.

Ameer said the Jinjang Selatan Tambahan area had several shoplots, which had been home to 560 temporary occupational licence (TOL) holders.

He said out of this figure, 220 were first-generation settlers who were promised free units at the low-cost housing project.

He added that 340 second-generation settlers were promised



## Shocked over eviction notice

Jinjang Selatan Tambahan shopowners have three months to make way for development

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SHOCKED THAT 340 Jinjang Selatan Tambahan shopowners were told to be given a month's notice to vacate their premises, a group of residents held a peaceful protest before handing over the memorandum at DBKL's headquarters in Jalan Raja Laut, Kuala Lumpur, yesterday.

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There is a concern that the area will be turned into a high-end residential development, which will displace the existing residents and businesses.

Following protests at the site, the developer, a joint venture between DBKL and a private developer, has agreed to extend the deadline for the relocation of the shopowners to three months.

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StarMetro report on Dec 1, 2023.

units priced at RM200,000.

Ameer said the project for first-generation squatters was 80% completed but the building to accommodate second-generation settlers had yet to start.

"We are seeking a meeting with mayor Datuk Seri Maimunah Mohd Sharif to iron out the issues," he added.

The Jinjang Selatan Tambahan settlement started

in 1969.

The TOL subsequently issued by DBKL expired in 1996.

It was reported that in 2004, residents' application for renewal of the TOL was rejected but they continued to pay assessment tax until 2006.

In 2007, DBKL approved a mixed development project at the site.

In a StarMetro report last

year, shopowners received a notice to vacate, along with a promise that they would receive RM5,000 compensation and RM5,000 vouchers to buy a property worth at least RM300,000 at the mixed development project.

However, the shopowners have received multiple extensions.

DBKL, in a statement, said the alternative housing project was 88% completed and was expected to be ready by year end.

It said balloting sessions, involving 237 first-generation families, were held on June 29 and 30 as well as July 13 and 14.

An affordable housing project would also be built at the site but it was pending certain approvals, the statement read.

DBKL said discussions had been ongoing with residents since 2019.

"Residents are allowed to stay put in Jinjang Selatan Tambahan and will only be required to move once the replacement project is completed," it said.

As for the shopowners, DBKL said they could wait until the end of the year to vacate.

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A restaurant operator encroaching onto a walking path by placing table and chairs near a tactile path. — Photos: LOW BOON TAT/The Star

(Left) A stall in Brickfields jutting onto the pedestrian path that has tactile guides for the visually impaired.

# Brickfields tactile paths still blocked

Despite crackdown, various obstructions hindering people with visual impairment

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A RECENT check in Brickfields, Kuala Lumpur, reveals that the needs of the visually impaired are still being ignored despite a nationwide crackdown on traders operating on pedestrian walkways and near staircases.

Even tactile blocks, essential for people with visual impairment to navigate busy streets, remain obstructed by traders.

Malaysian Association for the Blind (MAB) chief executive officer Datuk George Thomas said there were 180 people with visual impairment living in Brickfields and an additional 300 working there.

"Their lives are constantly at risk, not only because of some buildings' non-compliance with the MS1184 guidelines but also various obstacles throughout the area," he said.

MS1184 refers to the

Malaysian standard for universal design and accessibility code of practice for built environment, which ensures that public premises include design elements such as ramps, tactile indicators and accessible restrooms for people with disabilities.

"At the very least, the authorities should keep vendors off walkways with tactile blocks.

"Tactile blocks are vital for the blind community to navigate in the area," said Thomas.

Marlon Liew, who is visually impaired, recounted struggling to find his way around Brickfields during a downpour.

"It was raining heavily one morning, and I struggled to move safely in Brickfields because there were pools of water and many obstructions," said Liew.

"If it wasn't the motorcycles in my way, it was tables and chairs set up by restaurant and stall operators," he said.

Brickfields Rukun Tetangga

chairman SKK Naidu said he was dismayed over traders' indifference to the needs of people with visual impairment.

"Traders are causing an inconvenience to the blind community.

"It is a blatant disregard for the dignity and safety of those relying on these pathways to navigate their way," he said.

During a visit on Tuesday, *StarMetro* noticed an increase in the number of obstructions such as tables and chairs on walkways, compared to a visit there in June.

One roadside stall had even placed tables on the tactile path.

On Aug 1, Housing and Local Government Minister Nga Kor Ming, during a Parliament sitting, talked about a nationwide crackdown by local authorities to address the issue of obstructions on walkways.

Nga said that as of June 30, a total of 879 public complaints

were received and 1,047 enforcement operations were carried out against traders unlawfully occupying five-foot ways and other public areas.

These efforts resulted in the issuance of 1,720 notices, 7,891 compounds and 339 seizures nationwide.

He said local authorities were stepping up enforcement to curb the misuse of public facilities as well as increasing periodic patrols and monitoring.

Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL), in a statement, stated that traders operating on pedestrian walkways would be relocated to hawker centres or suitable areas.

DBKL also said such traders held valid licences either under the Kuala Lumpur Madani licensing programme or static roadside stall licences.

Local authority by-laws on licensing stipulates that hawkers are not allowed to trade on

public walkways without permission.

Those doing so can be fined up to RM1,000 under Section 46 (1) (d) of the Street, Drainage and Building Act 1974.

Under the Act, the local authority is empowered to arrest without a warrant any person for placing an obstruction, such as goods or items, in any public place.

If convicted, the individual can be fined RM500 and up to RM1,000 for repeat offences.

In a series of reports in June, *StarMetro* highlighted Kuala Lumpur residents' call for a ban on roadside traders operating on pedestrian walkways, particularly those with tactile blocks.



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AN INITIATIVE is underway in the Bukit Gasing neighbourhood in Petaling Jaya, Selangor to equip residents with life-saving skills.

Training sessions on how to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the use of automated external defibrillators (AED) drew enthusiastic participation from all age groups.

Led by Bukit Gasing assemblyman Rajiv Rishyakaran, the initiative highlighted the importance of such programmes to train residents to be prepared for emergency situations.

"CPR and AED are skills that people want to learn, which is obvious from the turnout," he said in reference to the 50 participants, with ages ranging from 18 to 72 at the programme.

This training session, he said, was part of a series of events that had been carried out over the past five years.

Selangor Community Health Volunteers (Suka) coordinator for Bukit Gasing, Dr Subatra Jayaraj emphasised the programme's importance.

"It is important for laypersons to be trained in CPR and know how to use an AED as part of their basic life response," she said.

The training sessions, backed by Suka, is aimed at enhancing health awareness in the community.

The training itself was comprehensive and combined theoretical knowledge with practical application.

"The first half is just theory with a question-and-answer session to dispel misconceptions," she said.

# PJ folk get hands-on training to save lives

Some 50 participants learn how to respond in emergencies



Participants gathering around the trainer for a practical lesson on how to use the AED machine.  
— Photos: SHAARI CHEMAT/The Star

The hands-on practice, facilitated by Malaysian Medical Association (MMA), ensured that participants not only learnt the techniques but also gained confidence in their application.

"We emphasise good techniques and good basic principles. There is no point doing CPR

with bad technique, because it isn't going to improve the outcome," said Dr Subatra.

The focus on proper training was crucial, as effective CPR significantly increased chances of survival in an emergency, she reiterated.

Participant Alagarani Ahallala-

suntharam, 62, shared her motivation for attending the training.

"I learned CPR under St John Ambulance in primary school, so I am here to get a refresher," she said.

"Now, with a lot of mishaps happening, especially among those who are seniors, it is



Dr Subatra says it is important for everyone to learn how to perform CPR and use the AED.

always good to be ready as a community."

Dr Subatra said the Suka programme was more than just a series of training sessions, as it aimed to raise awareness about health policies and community engagement.

"By fostering a culture of health awareness and preparedness, the programme aims to create a safer and more resilient community," she said.

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Nurfarahain, Azhari and their children sorting the collected recyclable materials at home in Kulai as a family-bonding activity.



SJK (C) Foon Yew 2 pupils and Sustainability Club leaders weighing and recording recyclable materials collected during their August recycling drive. — Courtesy photo

"After taking the time to explain what was involved, more pupils started volunteering as Sustainability Club leaders," said the headmistress.

To reward pupils' efforts, the school allots a prize at the end of the year for the class that recycles the most amount of items.

"This is just a small token of our appreciation, where the winnings will be shared among the pupils and for school beautification activities.

"But the important message to drive home through these activities is that we should do our part for the environment and not take for granted what we have now," Chong emphasised.

### Family activity

Sharing the same sentiment is civil servant Nurfarahain Mat Saad, 35, who set her three children on a sustainability path early by teaching them the importance of recycling and minimising waste.

Their recycling journey started about two years ago when she took them to a sustainability programme at Sultan Ismail Library in Johor Baru.

"There was an exhibition and information about the 3R's (reduce, reuse, recycle) which opened my children's eyes and minds and got them excited about doing their part for the environment.

"Their enthusiasm inspired me to set up a sustainability corner at our house in Kulai, with bins for sorting recyclable materials.

"My children, aged six to 12, would bring home recyclable items from school to fill up the bins and I would do the same with items from my workplace," said Nurfarahain, who is a town and country planning assistant officer at Johor Baru City Council.

She has also been recording their recycling activities via the KITAREcycle app, with her children getting even more excited after she showed them the accumulated points.

"I explained that our efforts are much more than just to accumulate points in exchange for money.

"I want to make sure they have the right mindset and intentions, as what we are doing is for the benefit of planet Earth and our future," she added.

Nurfarahain said that one of her biggest accomplishments was getting her husband, Mohd Nor Azhari Hamim, 39, and colleagues to take part in recycling activities.

"At first, my husband did not see the point of our efforts but now, he is the first to rally the family together to sort recyclable materials on weekends as a family bonding activity," she said.

## Initiatives help reduce waste ending up in landfills, drains

MORE than 1,682 tonnes of recyclable items have been saved from landfills through the KITAREcycle initiative.

Introduced by waste management concessionaire SWM Environment Sdn Bhd in 2019, the KITAREcycle app gained popularity during the Covid-19 pandemic.

At the time, people were mostly at home, said the concessionaire's corporate general manager Mohd Norlisam Mohd Nordin.

He said the surge in e-commerce and other online activities also led to people recycling during that period.

"The programme was aimed at encouraging people to separate at source to better manage waste and recyclable materials.

"To date, KITAREcycle has more than 37,800 users, made up of individuals and groups in Johor," he said.

Mohd Norlisam said that points accumulated from recycling could be exchanged for money.

He said from the 1,682 tonnes of waste prevented from going to landfills, app users had helped to reduce 4,617 tonnes of carbon dioxide emission.

To get more people to participate in green activities, he said SWM Environment usually weaved recycling programmes into its events.

He highlighted that during its recent "Lestari Fun Run and Ride" event, participants were required to bring at least 3kg of recyclable materials where they could also earn points via the app.

"The event, organised for the second year, saw about 2,500kg of recyclable items collected from 500 participants.

"We also encourage organisations and industry players, especially those actively involved in environment, social and governance practices, to join our incentive programme," he added.

The public can download the app and drop off their labelled recyclable items at any KITAREcycle facility in Johor Baru such as B5 Johor Street Market, Tunku Mahkota Ismail Youth Centre, SWM Environment regional office in Bandar Dato' Onn, Hutan Bandar MBIP in Taman Mutiara Rini, Sutera Mall or Sunway Boulevard 88.

For those staying in other areas in Johor, they can drop off items at Masjid Jamek Bandar Kulai, National Information Dissemination Centre (Nadi) Taman Nilam in Pontian or SWM Environment regional office at Pura Kencana, Batu Pahat.

Similarly, Oil2Wang is another initiative that rewards people for recycling, with a focus on used cooking oil (UCO).

The programme was developed by Universiti Teknologi Malaysia's (UTM) Dr Faizuan Abdullah about two years ago to make it easier for the community to recycle UCO.

Faizuan, who heads UTM Skudai's separation science and



A woman pouring used cooking oil for recycling at an Oil2Wang self-service kiosk in Taman Pulai Flora, Skudai. — Photos: THOMAS YONG/The Star



Faizuan: Oil2Wang rewards people for bringing their used cooking oil to the recycling kiosk.



Mohd Norlisam: KITAREcycle app gained popularity during the Covid-19 pandemic.

technology research group, said the initiative began when his team developed a sensor that could differentiate between UCO and other liquids.

With the help of grants from Iskandar Puteri City Council (MBIP) and Malaysia Petroleum Resources Corporation, the team developed and built a kiosk with separate tanks, pumps and an operating system to let it function for 24 hours, he said.

"We are also the first to patent the technology in Malaysia. The first kiosk using this technology was set up in Taman Pulai Flora, Skudai.

"Users need only scan the QR code in their Oil2Wang app before pouring UCO into the inlet.

"Once the system detects the UCO, it will calculate the amount and transfer the money earned to the user's bank account within 24 hours."

Faizuan said the amount paid out depended on fluctuating crude palm oil futures prices, but the idea was to get more people to recycle instead of dumping UCO down the drain.

He highlighted the importance of proper management and recycling of UCO, which could contribute to achieving the country's National Energy Transition Roadmap to accelerate its green and sustainable growth agenda.

"Every year, nearly 50,000 tonnes of UCO are mismanaged, causing pollution, leaving a neg-

ative impact on the environment and requiring high management costs from local authorities.

"In 2016, then Klang Municipal Council reportedly spent more than RM6mil to clear blocked drains caused by UCO that had hardened in pipes flowing from houses," he said.

Faizuan said a 2020 study of Pasir Gudang residents found that many were unaware that UCO could be recycled.

"Research showed that only 7.6% of consumers recycled UCO while the remaining percentage disposed of the oil into the sink, drain or rubbish bin."

He hoped this initiative could raise more awareness about the proper management of used cooking oil.

"We are in the midst of setting up self-service kiosks in Gelang Patah as well as in Sekijang, Segamat.

"Soon, we will also be setting up kiosks at three locations in Shah Alam, Selangor, and another three in Penang.

"The locations are mostly at people's housing projects (PPR) where the incentive can provide supplementary income for low-income families," said Faizuan.

He advised users to cool UCO before filtering and storing it in glass or plastic bottles.

UCO from the self-service kiosks would be transported to biodiesel production facilities to be recycled, he said. — By YEE XIANG YUN



# Fahmi: Monitor prices of goods

All ministries urged to step up surveillance following review of civil servants' pay

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**PUTRAJAYA:** All ministries have been called to strengthen monitoring to prevent an increase in the cost of goods following the review of civil servants' salaries, says Fahmi Fadzil.

The Communications Minister said this was highlighted by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof when he chaired the Cabinet meeting.

"The Deputy Prime Minister stressed the importance of enhancing enforcement measures to ensure that prices, particularly in restaurants, do not rise.

"While the Domestic Trade and Cost of Living Ministry was given specific instructions, all ministries have been tasked with improving their monitoring efforts," Fahmi said at a post-Cabinet press conference yesterday.

In another update, Fahmi assured that obtaining a licence for social media and Internet messaging platforms will be streamlined, taking between three and five working days. This process is set to begin in October or November this year.

"We assure social media providers that the licensing process will fall under the 'class licence' category, which is more efficient than

the 'individual licence' process.

"While individual licences could take several months, the class licence will be processed within three to five working days," he explained, noting that no applications have been submitted yet.

The government spokesman also mentioned that the Communications Ministry and the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) will continue engaging with stakeholders, social media platform operators and Internet service providers regarding licensing issues.

On July 27, the MCMC announced

that all social media and Internet messaging services with at least eight million registered users in Malaysia must apply for a class licence starting Aug 1.

This new regulatory framework aims to address rising cybercrime, including scams and sexual crimes against children, with enforcement expected to begin on Jan 1 next year.

Fahmi added that the ministry is working on developing a code of conduct for social media platforms and will hold engagement sessions with stakeholders, including academicians and non-governmental organisations.

"We anticipate completion by

the end of October. Simultaneously, we will continue discussions with relevant platforms regarding licensing matters," he said.

When asked about the possibility of banning Telegram for civil servants, Fahmi stated that no decision has been made.

This follows a recent move by the municipality of Amsterdam, Netherlands, which prohibited government employees from using the messaging app on work phones due to espionage concerns.

"Security instructions are typically managed by the Chief Government Security Office," Fahmi said.

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# EPF members have nine more days to transfer funds

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**PETALING JAYA:** Aug 31 is the final day for Employees Provident Fund (EPF) members to apply for a one-time transfer of funds from Account 2 (Akaun Sejahtera) to Account 3 (Akaun Fleksibel).

Many members have already taken advantage of this option to enhance their cash flow, while others are planning to do so before the deadline.

As of July 19, EPF reported that 3.8 million members or 29.3%, have transferred RM12.6bil into Akaun Fleksibel.

Additionally, RM8.9bil has been withdrawn by 3.4 million members under the age of 55.

EPF emphasised its commitment to ensuring that members are fully informed to make the best decision for their circumstances before the Aug 31 deadline.

"More members now better understand the rationale behind the introduction of Akaun Fleksibel," said EPF when contacted.

Senior executive Mohd Nizam Zairuldin, 27, said he has opted to transfer funds into Account 3



since May.

"Having this money as a safety net for emergencies is very reassuring."

"I used the money from the account to pay my credit card debts last month," he said.

Mohd Nizam plans to use the account only for paying off debts, car repairs or medical expenses.

Similarly, 32-year-old data analyst Fatin Abdullah opted in last month and has used RM500 for

family travel expenses.

"The process was very simple, with just a click on the EPF mobile app," she said.

Since May 11, Akaun Fleksibel has been automatically created for all EPF members under 55.

## Deciding what's best:

An EPF employee helping a customer at EPF Kwasa Damansara, Shah Alam.  
— FAIHAN GHANI/  
The Star

Members have the option to transfer a portion of their Akaun Sejahtera savings to Akaun Fleksibel between May 11 and Aug 31.

Senior finance executive Meshvinny Nelson, 25, plans to make the initial transfer soon to increase her liquidity and access to her savings.

"This also gives me the option to invest in opportunities like the S&P 500 for potentially higher returns," she said, though she will consider the use of these funds carefully.

Senior analyst Charles Lee, 26, believes there is no downside to transferring funds to Account 3.

"The interest rates are the same, but it provides better liquidity for my savings," he said.

A beautician identified only as Rachel said she is hesitant about the transfer due to confusion over the process.

"I am worried about making any changes to my EPF account and would rather leave it as it is."

Rachel had previously withdrawn from Akaun Sejahtera to cover her housing loan instalments and prefers not to make further withdrawals.

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# Don't gamble with long Covid, get checked!

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**PETALING JAYA:** If you continue to experience Covid-19-like symptoms up to three weeks after the primary infection, don't take any chances but seek medical advice, say health experts.

Public health medicine specialist Prof Dr Sharifa Ezat Wan Puteh said Covid-19 infections can cause multiple body organs to react against the virus, with the resulting inflammation possibly taking a longer time to recover.

She said some inflammation may also not heal at all.

"It may also further exaggerate comorbidities. As a precaution, seek medical advice.

"Since many conditions may mimic long Covid, there is also the

need to exclude other diagnoses concurrently," she said.

Prof Dr Sharifa Ezat, however, said it can be difficult to ascertain whether a person's condition is due to long-term Covid or other causes.

"The benefit of the doubt always lies with the doctor in charge of the patient," she said.

She was asked to comment on long-term Covid, which was finally defined after health practitioners worldwide spent years in the aftermath of the pandemic uncovering its traits by studying patients afflicted by the condition.

According to a recently released Washington-based National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine (Nasem) report, long Covid is an infection-associated chronic condition that occurs after a SARS-



**Medical advice:** Prof Dr Sharifa Ezat and Dr Balwant (right) say severe cases of long Covid can be fatal.

## CoV-2 infection.

The infection is present for at least three months, either continuously, relapses and remits, or progresses and affects one or more organ systems.

Long Covid manifests in multiple ways, Nasem said, adding that

any organ in the system could be involved.

This could include single or multiple symptoms, such as shortness of breath, cough, persistent fatigue, post-exertional malaise, difficulty concentrating, memory changes, recurring headache, lightheadedness, fast heart rate, sleep disturbance, problems with taste or smell, bloating, constipation or diarrhoea.

Single or multiple diagnosable conditions are also possible, according to the report.

Datuk Dr Balwant Singh Gendeh, a fellow at the Academy of Sciences Malaysia, advised those who continue experiencing Covid-like symptoms at least three weeks after first contracting the virus to seek medical advice.

"This is especially for those who

have underlying conditions like systemic diseases like heart issues, diabetes or are immunocompromised.

"In severe cases, there is the potential for more fatal outcomes," he said, adding that long-term Covid may possibly impair blood-clotting mechanisms as well.

To obtain an accurate diagnosis of a person's condition following recovery from the primary Covid-19 infection, Dr Balwant said general physicians will usually run several medical tests.

"Only when other factors are ruled out that long Covid can be determined by a diagnosis of exclusion," said Dr Balwant, who is the Association of Specialists in Private Medical Practice of Malaysia president.

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## Air Selangor celebrates National Day with children at welfare homes

IN CONJUNCTION with National Day celebration this month, Pengurusan Air Selangor Sdn Bhd (Air Selangor) is extending assistance to residents of welfare homes in Klang Valley.

Through its corporate social responsibility initiative, Sesama Mara, Air Selangor contributed essential items such as food and other basic necessities to three children's welfare homes: Rumah Kebajikan Anbu Illam, Kuala Lumpur; House of Joy, Puchong; and Rumah Kasih Harmoni, Sungai Buloh.

In addition to providing assistance and visiting the welfare homes, the Hydro Heroes volunteer team comprising eight Air Selangor employees and eight volunteers from Sapot, a social support platform, also conducted a self-care workshop at Rumah Kebajikan Anbu Illam for the first time.

The workshop, themed around mental health, aimed to raise awareness of these health challenges among children and teenagers.

Air Selangor corporate communications head Elina Baseri said, "This first collaboration with Sapot is part of our initiative to provide a safe and stigma-free space for the community to discuss mental health issues more openly."

"This aligns with the spirit of independence, which emphasises the development of a healthy and prosperous society."

Additionally, Air Selangor volunteers also spent time with the children, celebrating birthdays and singing patriotic songs.

Under the Sesama Mara initiative, Air Selangor distributed essential food items to B40 families in Selangor, Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya.

Since the programme was introduced in June 2020, 5,835 Boxes of Hope had been distributed to the targeted families.

The public can contribute in the form of physical purchases at Village Grocer outlets at Tamarind Square Cyberjaya, MyTown Shopping Centre Cheras, 1 Mont Kiara, Central i-City Shah Alam and Melawati Mall Ampang.



Elina (centre) with the children at Rumah Kebajikan Anbu Illam, Kuala Lumpur.

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# Hybrid pension scheme proposed to address retirement challenges

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**PETALING JAYA:** A hybrid scheme, which combines the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) and the civil service pension scheme, would be the way to go, says an economic expert.

Prof Datuk Dr Nik Mahteran Nik Muhammad (*pic*), who is also Universiti Malaysia Kelantan's deputy vice-chancellor, said by adopting such a hybrid system, the government can offer retirees the security of a pension while maintaining the flexibility and growth potential of the EPF, benefiting both parties in the long run.

"By implementing a system that combines the EPF with a basic pension, employees can continue contributing to the fund, while making mandatory contributions to a government-managed pen-

sion scheme," she explained when contacted yesterday.

"This would ensure a steady income during retirement, while still allowing for the flexibility and growth potential of the EPF."

Yesterday, senior director of economics and finance in the Prime Minister's Office Nurhisham Hussein said the government has no plans to introduce a universal pension scheme because of the costs involved.

Nurhisham told a BBC Radio 4 show that the country's retirement system has significant gaps and that many Malaysians rely on their children for financial support in their retirement.

The former EPF chief strategy officer noted that as family sizes in Malaysia shrink, there are fewer working adults supporting those who have retired.

"We still need to get public sup-



port for it and a full-scale national pension is off the cards," he added.

On Tuesday, Finance Minister II Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan said details of the new civil service pension scheme were expect-

ted to be released by the end of the year.

Prof Nik Mahteran further said that for existing employees, especially those closer to retirement, a gradual transition could be introduced, allowing them to opt into the hybrid scheme or stay with their current EPF-only or pension-only scheme.

Another economist, Dr Geoffrey Williams, the founder and director of Williams Business Consultancy, said that civil service pensions had cost an estimated RM32.4bil or 10.6% of government operational spending in 2023. This is projected to rise to over RM46bil by 2030.

"This is a huge burden. It means millions of Malaysians are paying for civil service pensions when they have no pension of their own," he said.

Williams also said that swit-

ching to the EPF for new hires into the civil service will not solve this problem quickly because the existing civil servants will remain on the old scheme for decades.

"For new hires, the EPF option offers more flexibility, especially since the employees can take their retirement savings with them if they move out of the civil service.

"They also have voluntary top-ups and other benefits associated with EPF accounts," he said.

On Jan 24, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi confirmed that the pensions of current civil servants would remain "permanent and pensionable".

The new policy on contributing to the EPF will apply only to future employees, with further details to be announced later by the Public Service Department director-general.

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## 6 parah, 15 cedera bas SUK Selangor terbabas

KUALA LANGAT - Gara-gara mengelak sebuah motosikal, bas milik Pejabat Setiausaha Kerajaan (SUK) Selangor terhumban ke dalam parit dan mengakibatkan enam penumpang parah dalam kejadian di Kampung Kelanang, Taman Dawai

Banting di sini pada Rabu.

Pengarah Jabatan Bomba dan Penyelamat Malaysia (JBPM) Selangor, Wan Md Razali Wan Ismail berkata, bas terbabit membawa 21 penumpang terdiri daripada kakitangan mahkamah.

"Bomba menerima panggilan kecemasan jam 1.07 petang sebelum 11 anggota dari Balai Bomba dan Penyelamat (BBP) Banting dan BBP Telok Panglima Garang segera dikerah ke lokasi kejadian.

"Sebaik tiba jam 1.18 petang, bomba mendapati kemalangan membabitkan bas milik SUK Selangor dan sebuah motosikal," katanya menerusi satu kenyataan pada Rabu.

Katanya, seramai 15 wanita dan enam lelaki berada di dalam bas ketika kejadian.

"Empat wanita dan dua lelaki mengalami kecederaan parah manakala 15 mangsa lain hanya cedera ringan sementara pemandu bas pula tersepit di bahagian pemandu," katanya.

Menurutnya, usaha mengeluarkan pemandu tersepit segera dilakukan sebelum semua mangsa yang cedera diserahkan kepada pihak perubatan untuk rawatan selanjutnya.

"Penunggang motosikal terbabit dalam kejadian turut menghilangkan diri dan gagal dikesan," katanya.



Anggota bomba berusaha mengeluarkan mangsa yang cedera dalam kemalangan di Kampung Kelanang, Taman Dawai, Banting.

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# Mpox tidak mudah merebak

Kemungkinan wabak bermutasi lebih ganas kecil

Oleh NURUL HUDA HUSAIN  
SHAH ALAM

Kemungkinan wabak mpox atau cacar monyet bermutasi menjadi lebih ganas di negara ini sangat kecil memandangkan sifat virus itu hanya boleh menular melalui sentuhan fizikal termasuk aktiviti seksual.

Pakar Virologi Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), Profesor Dr Zamberi Sekawi berkata, ia berbeza dengan Covid-19 yang lebih mudah tersebar melalui titisan cecair yang terhasil daripada percikan air liur ketika bercakap atau batuk.

"Secara umumnya wabak cacar monyet ini boleh membawa maut dengan kadar kematian

antara tiga hingga lima peratus tetapi ia tidak mudah merebak seperti Covid-19.

"Jangkitan wabak ini biasanya menular melalui sentuhan atau hubungan seksual. Jadi, kemungkinan ia bermutasi menjadi ganas adalah sangat kecil," katanya kepada *Sinar Harian* pada Rabu.

Beliau berkata demikian ketika ditanya mengenai kemungkinan wabak yang semakin meningkat di Afrika ketika ini berupaya bermutasi lebih ganas seperti jangkitan Covid-19 yang melanda dunia termasuk Malaysia beberapa tahun lalu.

Ia susulan tindakan pihak tertentu yang berkongsi serta menyebarkan mengenai wabak berkenaan di media sosial hingga menimbulkan kebimbangan dalam kalangan orang ramai.

Kementerian Kesihatan sebelum ini dilaporkan bersiap sedia melalui pengukuhan aktiviti pengawasan dan advokasi berkaitan mpox termasuk meningkatkan pemantauan di



Mpox boleh membawa maut dengan kadar kematian antara tiga hingga lima peratus.

semua pintu masuk antarabangsa.

Ini susulan pengisytiharan Pertubuhan Kesihatan Sedunia bahawa mpox sebagai Kecemasan Kesihatan Awam yang Menjadi Kepentingan Antarabangsa (Kecemasan Kesihatan Awam dengan Kebimbangan Antarabangsa-PHEIC) untuk kali kedua pada 14 Ogos lepas.

Setakat Selasa, Republik Demokratik Congo (DRC) me-

rekodkan lebih 570 kematian akibat jangkitan wabak tersebut.

Ditanya mengenai langkah pencegahan yang wajar diambil bagi mengekang penularan wabak tersebut Dr Zamberi berkata, semua pihak perlu elakkan diri daripada melakukan sebarang aktiviti berisiko.

Beliau dalam masa sama turut menggalakkan pengambilan vaksin sebagai langkah mengelak daripada dijangkiti wabak yang boleh membawa maut itu.

## KES MPOX DI NEGARA ASEAN

| NEGARA      | JUMLAH       |
|-------------|--------------|
| Thailand    | 827          |
| Vietnam     | 202 (8 maut) |
| Indonesia   | 88           |
| Kemboja     | 17           |
| Singapura   | 12           |
| Filipina    | 10           |
| Malaysia    | 9            |
| Laos        | 1            |
| Brunei      | 0            |
| Timor-Leste | 0            |

\*Kes direkodkan dari 2022 hingga Ogos 2024



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## Risiko mpox ulangi fenomena pandemik Covid-19 rendah

**SHAH ALAM** - Potensi mpox atau cacar monyet untuk mengulangi fenomena pandemik Covid-19 adalah rendah kerana penyakit tular itu tidak mudah merebak antara manusia dengan kadar jangkitannya lebih sedikit berbanding Covid-19 atau campak.

Pakar Kesihatan Awam dan Epidemiologi Penyakit Berjangkit, Pusat Pengajian Sains Perubatan, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Profesor Madya Dr Wan Mohd Zahiruddin Wan Mohammad berkata, walaupun risiko mpox menjadi pandemik adalah rendah, orang ramai masih perlu berhati-hati terhadap kemungkinan jangkitan.

"Biarpun telah ada kes mpox dilaporkan di Malaysia, jumlahnya masih kecil dan bukan berstatus penularan tempatan. Orang ramai dinasihatkan supaya sentiasa berwaspada tetapi tidak perlu panik atau terlalu bimbang.

"Kita perlu yakin Kementerian Kesihatan telah bersedia dalam kesiapsiagaan menghadapi pandemik mpox ini berbekalkan pengalaman menangani pandemik Covid-19.

"Ini termasuk penyediaan prosedur operasi standard (SOP), fasiliti dan sumber manusia dalam aspek pengesanan awal kes, diagnostik, pengurusan kes dan kontak serta latihan dan pendidikan kesihatan," katanya kepada *Sinar Premium*.

Tambahnya, pakar-pakar kesihatan awam dan epidemiologi berpendapat mpox merebak melalui kontak rapat yang berpanjangan serta tidak mudah



**DR WAN MOHD ZAHIRUDDIN**



**DR ZAINAL**

menular dalam persekitaran sosial yang biasa, kecuali jika mereka mempunyai sejarah kontak langsung dengan pesakit dijangkiti virus mpox.

"Selepas seseorang itu terdedah kepada virus mpox, individu berkenaan mungkin mengambil masa selama enam ke 13 hari (dalam julat lima ke 21 hari) sebelum fasa gejala penyakit mula kelihatan (tempoh inkubasi).

"Fasa bergejala boleh dibahagikan kepada dua iaitu fasa pertama selama lima hari pertama dengan gejala jangkitan virus yang tidak spesifik seperti demam, sakit kepala, belakang, otot dan kelesuan serta bengkak kelenjar limfa.

"Pada fasa kedua pula selepas satu ke tiga hari demam, muncul gejala ruam pada tangan, kaki, dada, muka atau mulut atau berhampiran alat kelamin.

"Ruam ini akan melalui beberapa peringkat yang pada mulanya boleh kelihatan seperti jerawat atau lepuh (berair) dan berakhir dengan kudi sebelum sembuh.

Tempoh bergejala bagi jangkitan mpox ialah selama dua hingga empat minggu," katanya.

Sementara itu Pakar Perubatan Kesihatan Awam, Dr Zainal Ariffin Omar berkata, tanda-tanda klinikal mpox termasuk demam seperti demam selesema, ruam di badan, serta lepuh yang mirip dengan cacar ayam.

"Sekiranya mengalami simptom-simptom ini, adalah penting untuk segera berjumpa dengan doktor dan mengasingkan untuk mengelakkan penyebaran penyakit kepada orang lain," katanya.

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## Kempen Tanpa Beg Plastik tersasar dari matlamat asal

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**KEMPEN** Tanpa Beg Plastik di premis perniagaan terutama pasar raya merupakan inisiatif yang baik dalam melestarikan alam sekitar. Ia pelan jangka panjang kerajaan dalam menangani isu pencemaran sisa plastik sekali guna di negara ini.

Malaysia merupakan negara penyumbang kedua tertinggi pencemaran plastik di Asia dengan purata setiap individu menggunakan hampir 17 kilogram plastik setahun.

Berdasarkan laporan Tabung Alam Sedunia (WWF) pada 2020, penggunaan bungkusan plastik makanan di Malaysia dianggarkan mencecah 148,000 metrik tan.

Justeru, kempen Tanpa Beg Plastik bagi mendidik rakyat Malaysia mengenai kesan buruk penggunaan beg plastik adalah tepat dan perlu diteruskan.

Kempen ini bermula dengan kempen Hari Tanpa Beg Plastik yang diperkenalkan di Selangor pada tahun 2010 dengan menyasarkan hari Sabtu.

Ia kemudian diambil alih kerajaan Pusat dan diperluaskan ke seluruh negara melibatkan setiap hari pula. Sehingga kini beberapa negeri sudah mengamalkan kempen tersebut. Kerajaan turut menyasarkan tiada lagi penggunaan beg plastik di semua premis dan sektor perniagaan di seluruh negara pada 2025.

Di sebalik kerajaan giat memperluaskannya, timbul persoalan mengenai matlamat asal kempen berkenaan. Ini kerana ada peniaga menjadikan ia medium keuntungan dengan menjual beg plastik kepada pembeli.

Sedangkan, kempen ini sebenarnya untuk membudayakan orang ramai membawa beg sendiri. Tapi masih ramai lebih suka membayar 20 sen bagi setiap beg plastik yang ditawarkan. Sudah tentu ia tersasar dengan matlamat asal untuk mengurangkan penggunaan beg plastik.

Beberapa kerajaan negeri sebelum ini mendakwa menyalurkan kutipan jualan beg plastik tersebut kepada pihak berkuasa tempatan untuk program CSR. Namun, setakat ini tidak ada jumlah didedahkan berhubung kutipan tersebut sehingga terus menjadi persoalan pengguna.

Oleh itu, kerajaan perlu melihat semula perkara ini. Mungkin sepatutnya setiap pasar raya dipertanggungjawabkan menyediakan beg plastik jenis biodegradasi secara percuma kepada pelanggan.

Seperti apa yang dilakukan kerajaan Negeri Sembilan apabila tidak membenarkan semua pasar raya dan peniaga di negeri itu mengenakan caj bagi penyediaan semua jenis beg plastik kepada pelanggan termasuk daripada jenis biodegradasi.

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## Rujuk dahulu kenyataan rasmi KKM untuk sahkan berita tular berkaitan mpox

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**PUTRAJAYA** - Orang ramai diminta merujuk kenyataan rasmi kementerian atau agensi berkaitan untuk mengesahkan sebarang berita tular, termasuk mengenai kes jangkitan mpox atau cacar monyet, kata Menteri Komunikasi, Fahmi Fadzil.

Merujuk kepada imej tular mengenai dakwaan mpox kini merebak di Singapura, jurucakap Kerajaan Perpaduan itu berkata, Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) telah mengesahkan bahawa perkara itu tidak benar.

"Sekiranya ada isu tular boleh rujuk dengan kementerian berkaitan termasuk isu mpox, boleh rujuk dengan KKM jika kita terima maklumat daripada sumber yang tidak boleh disahkan atau kalau kita terima maklumat, jadi kita perlu lakukan sedikit pengesahan," katanya dalam sidang media di sini pada Rabu selepas mesyuarat Jemaah Menteri yang dipengerusikan Timbalan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof.

KKM menerusi laman rasmi Facebook semalam tampil menjelaskan imej yang ditularkan bukan imej kes mpox sebaliknya merupakan imej mangsa kecederaan peluru tabur seperti yang disiarkan dalam artikel berita daripada satu laman sesawang luar negara pada 17 September 2022.

Pada 15 Ogos lepas, KKM telah mengesahkan tiada kes baharu mpox dilaporkan dalam negara setakat ini meskipun berlaku peningkatan kes penyakit tersebut di rantau Afrika baru-baru ini.

KKM memaklumkan di Malaysia, jumlah keseluruhan mpox yang disahkan setakat ini ialah sembilan kes dengan kes pertama dilaporkan pada 26 Julai 2023 dan yang terakhir pada November 2023. - Bernama

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## Syarikat pembungkus seleweng minyak masak bersubsidi RM20 juta

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**PUTRAJAYA** - Tindakan licik tiga syarikat pembungkus minyak masak bersubsidi yang menghantar hanya sebahagian bekalan terus kepada pemborong ditumpaskan dalam beberapa siri serbuan Ops Tiris 3.0 awal bulan ini.

Ketua Pengarah Penguat Kuasa Kementerian Perdagangan Dalam Negeri (KPDN), Datuk Azman Adam berkata, penyelewengan yang dilakukan tiga syarikat berkenaan telah menyebabkan ketirisan dana kerajaan mencecah sehingga RM20 juta.

"Modus operandi sindiket ini agak unik yang mana selepas menerima bekalan daripada kilang minyak masak di Perak, mereka hanya membungkus sebahagian sahaja bagi mengaburi penguat kuasa," katanya menerusi sidang akhbar di sini pada Rabu.

Menurutnya, minyak masak bersubsidi yang diseleweng dikumpulkan di Selangor dan Johor sebelum dibungkus semula dalam kemasan botol.

"Mereka dipercayai mengaut keuntungan berlipat

kali ganda dengan menjual minyak masak bersubsidi ini pada harga industri," jelas Azman.

Ujar beliau, ketiga-tiga syarikat pembungkusan itu telah digantung lesen serta-merta sebagai tindakan segera menyekat penyelewengan.

"Mereka sebenarnya telah mendapat lesen membungkus sejak tahun 2022 dengan jumlah kuota sebanyak 550 tan metrik sebulan," jelas Azman.

Tambahnya, dua lelaki tempatan masing-masing berusia lingkungan 20 hingga 30 tahun telah ditahan di Johor bagi membantu siasatan.

Pada perkembangan berkaitan, Azman berkata pihaknya telah melakukan 16,258 pemeriksaan membabitkan bahan komoditi iaitu petrol RON95, gas petroleum cecair (LPG), minyak masak, gula dan tepung gandum menerusi Ops Tiris 3.0 sepanjang tahun ini.

Bagi tempoh sama, 12,912 pemeriksaan turut dilakukan terhadap diesel melibatkan sebanyak 478 tangkapan.

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## Harga diesel turun 2 sen

<sup>22/8 Sinar</sup>  
**PUTRAJAYA** - Harga diesel Semenanjung Malaysia turun buat kali ketiga berturut-turut, dengan menyaksikan penurunan terbaharu sebanyak dua sen seliter.

Kementerian Kewangan (MoF) menerusi kenyataan memaklumkan, ia menjadikan harga baharu bahan bakar itu kepada RM3.23 seliter bagi tempoh 22 hingga 28 Ogos.

"Harga runcit diesel di Sabah, Sarawak dan Labuan kekal pada paras RM2.15 seliter," katanya pada Rabu.

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

"Kerajaan akan terus memantau kesan perubahan harga minyak mentah dunia serta mengambil langkah yang bersesuaian bagi memastikan kebajikan dan kesejahteraan rakyat terus terpelihara," kata kementerian itu.

Sebelum ini, harga diesel diturunkan sebanyak lima sen dua kali sejak pelarasan subsidi bahan bakar berkenaan dilaksana pada 10 Jun lalu.

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# Dewan Rakyat 'belajar' dari Selangor buat sidang hibrid



JOHARI (tiga dari kanan) bersama Speaker DUN Selangor, Lau Weng San ketika lawatan kerjanya di Wisma DUN Selangor, Shah Alam semalam.

**SHAH ALAM** – Dewan Rakyat mempertimbangkan meminda Peraturan-Peraturan Majlis Mesyuarat Dewan Rakyat bagi membolehkan persidangan dewan itu dijalankan secara maya ketika negara berada dalam keadaan darurat.

Speaker Dewan Rakyat, Tan Sri Dr. Johari Abdul berkata, ini bagi mengelakkan penangguhan dalam kerja-kerja meminda atau memperkenalkan sesebuah akta baharu seperti terjadi ketika pandemik Covid-19 sebelum ini dengan persidangan Dewan Rakyat tidak dapat dilaksanakan.

"Dewan Undangan Negeri (DUN) Selangor telah meminda Peraturan-Peraturan Tetap Bagi Dewan Negeri Selangor 1965 bagi membolehkan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri (ADUN) dan

Speaker DUN boleh bersidang secara hibrid ketika Covid-19.

"Dalam hal ini, Dewan Rakyat agak terkebelakang berbanding DUN Selangor. Justeru, kami di Dewan Rakyat akan belajar dengan DUN Selangor bagaimana mereka melakukan persidangan dengan kaedah itu," katanya selepas melawat Wisma Dewan Negeri Selangor, di sini semalam..

Media sebelum ini melaporkan mesyuarat pertama Dewan Rakyat dan Dewan Negara bagi tahun 2020 ditangguhkan akibat pandemik Covid-19.

Menteri di Jabatan Perdana Menteri (Parlimen dan Undang-Undang) pada ketika itu, Datuk Seri Takiyuddin Hassan memberikan tiga faktor terpaksa menangguhkan Parlimen iaitu berkaitan perundangan, sains

dan data pandemik Covid-19.

Johari memaklumkan, Selangor adalah negeri terakhir dalam lawatan kerja tersebut selain pindaan peraturan tetap berhubung persidangan secara hibrid akan dibawa ke Persidangan Speaker-Speaker Parlimen dan Dewan Undangan Negeri SeMalaysia Tahun 2024 pada September ini.

"Beberapa perkara dikenal pasti sebagai agenda utama juga termasuk memperkasakan institusi legislatif melalui kerjasama dua hala antara Parlimen Malaysia, DUN dan institusi eksekutif.

"Semakan semula undang-undang lama, merakyatkan institusi legislatif serta inisiatif melahirkan kepimpinan generasi baharu yang cakna akan ilmu ketatanegaraan dan pentadbiran negara turut diberi perhatian," katanya.

**KOSMO**

Tarikh: **22 AUG 2024**



## SUBSIDI BERSASAR RON95

# Masih belum ada keputusan rasmi

**Kuala Lumpur:** Perbincangan pelaksanaan subsidi bersasar RON95 sedang aktif berjalan di peringkat kerajaan, namun belum ada sebarang keputusan rasmi diputuskan mengenainya, kata Pengarah Kanan Ekonomi Dan Kewangan Pejabat Perdana Menteri, Nurhisham Hussien.

Beliau berkata, sememangnya, rasionalisasi subsidi RON95 menjadi perhatian kebanyakan pelabur, namun buat masa ini, belum ada keputusan muktamad mengenai bila dan bagaimana ia akan dilaksanakan.

"Belum ada sebarang keputusan rasmi mengenai mana-mana parameter. Masih dalam perbincangan aktif dalam kerajaan.

"Saya tidak dapat memberi anda sebarang petunjuk yang kukuh mengenai bagaimana, bila kita mula (rasionalisasi subsidi) petrol (RON95)," katanya pada sesi perbincangan panel mengenai Kemampanan Fiskal: Fakta dan Fiksyen sempena Persidangan Bon dan Sukuk Malaysia anjuran Malaysian Rating Corporation Bhd (MARC) secara maya di sini, semalam.

Beliau berkata demikian bagi mengulas mengenai bila dan bagaimana subsidi bersasar RON95 akan dilaksanakan.

Mengulas pelaksanaan subsidi bersasar diesel setakat ini, Nurhisham berkata, pelaksanaannya dilihat diterima secara meluas dan kesannya kepada perniagaan dilihat terkawal.

Beliau berkata, sejak pelaksanaan beberapa

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Pelaksanaan rasionalisasi subsidi tidak memberi kesan kepada paras defisit, sebaliknya ia lebih kepada pendapatan kerajaan diagihkan untuk perbelanjaan yang memberi impak besar kepada rakyat"

**Nurhisham**

bulan lalu, pihaknya tidak melihat impak secara ketara terhadap kadar inflasi memandangkan segmen yang terkesan mendapat bantuan.

Katanya, yang paling penting ialah pelaksanaan subsidi bersasar diesel itu telah memberi kejayaan ketara dalam membendung aktiviti penyeledupan dan kebocoran berkaitan diesel di negara ini.

"Kita mempunyai bukti ketara bahawa penyeledupan dan kebocoran diesel terutamanya boleh dikatakan hampir dihapuskan sepenuhnya," katanya.

Mengulas mengenai sasaran defisit fiskal, Nurhisham berkata, kerajaan komited untuk mencapai sasaran yang ditetapkan dalam jangka sederhana.

Beliau menegaskan, pelaksanaan rasionalisasi subsidi tidak memberi kesan kepada paras defisit, sebaliknya ia lebih kepada pendapatan kerajaan diagihkan untuk perbelanjaan yang memberi impak besar kepada rakyat.

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## Kementerian, jabatan diarah tubuh JP4

**Putrajaya:** Setiap kementerian, jabatan dan agensi perlu menubuhkan Jawatankuasa Pemantauan Penambahbaikan Penyampaian Perkhidmatan (JP4) untuk memantau pelaksanaan penambahbaikan penyampaian perkhidmatan di peringkat masing-masing.

Arahan ini, susulan penekanan Perdana Menteri Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim semasa Majlis Amanat Perdana Perkhidmatan Awam (MAPPA) ke-19 pada 16 Ogos lepas, mengenai kepentingan meningkatkan kualiti penyampaian perkhidmatan kepada rakyat dengan kadar segera.

Timbalan Ketua Pengarah Perkhidmatan Awam (Pembangunan) Datuk Dr Anesee Ibrahim berkata perkara itu melibatkan proses kerja sedia ada yang perlu ditambah baik, serta peraturan-peraturan dan piagam pelanggan yang wajar dikemas kini supaya lebih menepati keperluan

rakyat.

"Arahan itu bertujuan untuk memperkemas dan memperkukuh usaha pemantapan tatakelola dalam sistem pengurusan penyampaian perkhidmatan kerajaan," katanya menerusi surat edaran yang ditandatangani bertarih pada 19 Ogos.

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**Kuala Lumpur:** Kementerian Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan (KPKT) mengemukakan 33 cadangan kepada Kementerian Kewangan melibatkan peruntukan bernilai hampir RM1 bilion bagi Belanjawan 2025.

Menteri berkaitan Ng Kor Ming berkata, cadangan itu termasuk pembangunan 100 Taman Rekreasi Madani, Deposit Madani, transformasi kolam takungan, perjanjian jual beli elektronik dan e-stamping atau tekan tera elektronik untuk meningkatkan kesejahteraan rakyat, selari transformasi digital dan aspirasi Malaysia Madani.

## KPKT kemuka 33 cadangan untuk Belanjawan 2025

"KPKT menyasarkan membangunkan 100 Taman Rekreasi Madani yang dilengkapi alat sukan dan trek jogging di kawasan perumahan supaya rakyat dapat mengurangkan stres dan menjadikan taman tersebut tempat beriadah sekeluarga dan mengamalkan gaya hidup yang sihat," katanya dalam kenyataan, semalam.

Beliau berkata, KPKT juga bercadang mewujudkan inisiatif Deposit Madani iaitu deposit bernilai mak-

simum RM30,000 untuk pembeli rumah pertama selaras dasar kerajaan 'rumahku, syurgaku'.

Inisiatif itu, katanya, bertujuan meringankan komitmen bayaran bulanan pembeli rumah pertama, terutama golongan belia dalam kalangan B40 dan M40 serta merealisasikan aspirasi kementerian agar setiap rakyat memiliki tempat tinggal.

Beliau berkata, KPKT melaksanakan 12 inisiatif Belanjawan 2024 dan 10 da-

ripadanya berjaya mencapai lebih 80 peratus daripada sasaran dalam tempoh enam bulan, seperti pemasangan 12,336 lampu jalan LED di kawasan pihak berkuasa tempatan dan menaik taraf 1,000 tandas awam.

Berhubung projek ter-bengkalai, Ng berkata, kementerian berjaya memulihkan 704 projek sakit membabitkan nilai RM58.94 bilion sejak Januari 2023, sekali gus membantu 65,000 pembeli rumah.

HARIAN METRO  
Tarikh: 22 AUG 2024



**Kuala Lumpur:** Portal Fraud Kebangsaan, sebuah platform berasaskan teknologi yang bertujuan mengesan, mengesahkan dan menjejaki aktiviti penipuan yang dilaporkan kepada Pusat Respons Scam Kebangsaan (NSRC) dilancarkan kelmarin.

Menteri Kewangan II, Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan berkata, NFP mampu melonjakkan strategi negara dalam memerangi penipuan dalam talian dengan mengubah proses NSRC yang sebelum ini dikendalikan secara manual dan memakan masa.

"NFP adalah platform automasi utama di rantau ini menyediakan akses keselamatan kepada pangkalan data utama yang menyokong usaha pembenterasan penipuan, di samping memberikan ahli

## NFP lonjak strategi perangi penipuan dalam talian

**"Portal tersebut akan mengintegrasikan data transaksi kewangan daripada pelbagai sumber untuk mengesan transaksi mencurigakan secara automatik dan memudahkan pengesanan oleh institusi terlibat"**

**Amir Hamzah Azizan**

NSRC kebolehan dinamik mengesan dan menghalang aktiviti penipuan.

"Portal tersebut akan



AMIR Hamzah melawat ruang pameran selepas merasmikan Portal Fraud Kebangsaan (NFP) di Sasana Kijang. - Gambar NSTP/EIZAIRI SHAMSUDIN

mengintegrasikan data transaksi kewangan daripada pelbagai sumber untuk mengesan transaksi

mencurigakan secara automatik dan memudahkan pengesanan oleh institusi terlibat," katanya ketika

berucap merasmikan Portal Fraud Kebangsaan (NFP) di Sasana Kijang. Beliau berkata, malah

sejak di peringkat rintis lagi, NFP telah mengurangkan masa untuk menjejaki transaksi penipuan hingga 75 peratus.

Beliau menambah, NFP juga disokong oleh akses kepada data berkaitan akaun keldai daripada seluruh industri kewangan.

"Saya difahamkan dengan data dan analisis ini, kadar pengesanan pemegang akaun keldai telah meningkat 14 peratus.

"Protokol ini juga menyelaraskan pendekatan industri dalam membantu pemegang akaun yang menjadi mangsa, supaya mereka tidak terus dinafikan daripada mendapat akses kepada perkhidmatan kewangan asas," katanya.

**HARIAN METRO**  
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Johari menerima cenderahati daripada Weng San (kanan) ketika mengadakan lawatan kerja ke DUN Selangor di Shah Alam, semalam. (Foto Faiz Anuar/BH)

# 'Selangor terawal lulus sidang DUN hibrid, dalam talian'

**DUN adakan peraturan bolehkan persidangan tanpa ADUN hadir ke dewan**

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**Shah Alam:** Selangor mendahului Parlimen serta semua negeri lain apabila meluluskan pindaan peraturan tetap berhubung pelaksanaan persidangan Dewan Undangan Negeri (DUN) Selangor secara hibrid.

Dengan pindaan itu, Menteri Besar boleh memohon kepada Speaker DUN untuk mengadakan sidang secara dalam talian ketika darurat atau keadaan luar jangka.

Yang Dipertua Dewan Rakyat, Tan Sri Johari Abdul, berkata Parlimen Malaysia akan mengambil kira dan mengguna pakai garis panduan daripada DUN Selangor bagi meneruskan pelaksanaan sama.

"(Sidang hibrid ialah) sidang khas dalam keadaan darurat ..., keadaan yang kita tidak boleh bersidang secara fizikal, tetapi DUN Selangor sudah mendahului dengan mengadakan peraturan mesyuarat yang membolehkan persidangan berlaku tanpa Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri (ADUN) duduk secara fizikal di dewan.

"Ini sudah diikuti dengan bagaimana undang-undang atau enakmen itu boleh dilaksanakan

kan dan bersifat 'legal' walaupun (ADUN) tidak duduk secara fizikal dengan meminda beberapa peraturan mesyuarat, ini membolehkan persidangan berlaku.

"Kita akan belajar dari Selangor, kita sudah ada draf tetapi kita akan gunakan garis panduan ini untuk memperhebatkan peraturan tetap kita supaya dapat ratifikasi beberapa masalah yang kita lalui," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian dalam sidang media selepas lawatan kerja ke DUN Selangor semalam.

Yang turut hadir, Speaker DUN Selangor, Lau Weng San dan Timbalan Speaker DUN Selangor, Mohd Kamri Kamaruddin.

## Selangor dahului negeri lain

Johari berkata, ketika pandemik COVID-19 menyerang seluruh dunia sebelum ini, Parlimen Malaysia dan semua DUN seluruh negara juga tidak dapat bersidang.

"Kita sudah lalui di mana di Parlimen dahulu, apabila COVID-19 menyerang kita tidak boleh bersidang dan waktu itu tiada yang menyangka COVID-19 akan menyerang.

"Tetapi sekarang kita sudah lalui proses itu dan Selangor mendahului negeri lain, malah Parlimen pun terkebelakang kalau dibandingkan dengan Selangor.

"Beberapa negeri lain juga sudah ke depan dan ini semua akan kita kumpulkan (maklumat dan garis panduan) dan Insya-Allah kita akan semak untuk melaksanakannya," katanya.

Pada 30 Ogos 2021, DUN Selangor meluluskan satu usul bagi meminda Peraturan-Peraturan Tetap yang membolehkan persidangan DUN diadakan secara hi-

brid pada masa akan datang.

Usul berkenaan dibawa oleh Datuk Teng Chang Khim (PH-Bandar Baru Klang) yang mana beliau menjelaskan, mesyuarat DUN boleh diadakan secara dalam talian, secara keseluruhannya atau separa atas permohonan Menteri Besar dengan alasan darurat, pandemik atau kecemasan luar jangka yang sangat memudaratkan yang mana kehadiran diri tidak harus diadakan.

Usul berkenaan membolehkan mesyuarat jawatankuasa DUN diadakan dalam talian secara keseluruhannya atau separa setelah Speaker menerima pengesahan daripada Menteri Besar bahawa negeri Selangor dalam keadaan darurat, pandemik atau kecemasan luar jangka yang sangat memudaratkan di mana kehadiran sendiri tidak harus diadakan.

Mengulas mengenai lawatan kerja berkenaan, Johari berkata Selangor adalah negeri terakhir dikunjungi, dengan pindaan peraturan tetap berhubung persidangan secara hibrid akan dibawa ke Persidangan Speaker-speaker Parlimen dan Dewan Undangan Negeri Se-Malaysia Tahun 2024 pada September nanti.

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# 'Proses mohon lesen hanya 3 hingga 5 hari bekerja'

**MCMC jamin ambil masa singkat urus permohonan penyedia platform media sosial**

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**Putrajaya:** Menteri Komunikasi, Fahmi Fadzil memberi jaminan proses permohonan lesen penyedia platform media sosial dan sistem pesanan internet, hanya mengambil masa antara tiga hingga lima hari bekerja.

Menurut Suruhanjaya Komunikasi dan Multimedia (MCMC), katanya, prosedur permohonan *class license* mengambil masa singkat berbanding proses permohonan 'lesen individu'.

"Jika 'lesen individu', mungkin ambil masa beberapa bulan untuk proses, tetapi bagi *class license*, MCMC maklumkan akan ambil masa tiga hingga lima hari bekerja. Kita belum terima lagi sebarang permohonan (penyedia platform media sosial), dijangka proses itu akan berlangsung mulai Oktober atau November nanti.

"Kita beri jaminan kepada (penyedia) platform media sosial,

**Platform media sosial, pesanan internet wajib ada lesen mulai 2025**

Keratan akhbar BH 28 Julai lalu.

al, memandangkan (lesen) yang kita kenakan ini adalah *class license*, maka prosesnya tidak sukar berbanding 'lesen individu', katanya pada sidang media pasca mesyuarat Kabinet dipengerusikan Timbalan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof, di sini semalam.

Media sebelum ini melaporkan perkhidmatan media sosial dan pesanan internet yang mempunyai sekurang-kurangnya lapan juta pengguna berdaftar di Malaysia perlu memohon Lesen Kelas Pemberian Perkhidmatan Aplikasi di bawah Akta Komunikasi dan Multimedia 1998 (Akta 588).

MCMC memaklumkan, langkah itu akan dikuatkuasakan 1 Januari depan selepas satu kerangka kawal selia baharu ke atas perkhidmatan media sosial dan pesanan internet diperkenalkan 1 Ogos ini.

Fahmi berkata, beliau sentiasa mendapatkan taklimat daripada MCMC mengenai garis masa pelaksanaan pelesenan

terbabit yang terbahagi kepada dua, masing-masing untuk pelesenan dan garis masa membangunkan dokumen tatakelakuan bagi platform media sosial.

"Untuk membangunkan kod tatakelakuan, ada perbincangan yang akan diadakan bersama semua platform media sosial, semua pemegang taruh, termasuk badan bukan kerajaan (NGO), ahli akademik dan pelbagai pihak," katanya.

## Belum terima arahan

Sementara itu, beliau berkata, kerajaan belum membuat sebarang ketetapan untuk melarang penjawat awam menggunakan aplikasi Telegram seperti dilaksanakan di Belanda dan isu berkaitan keselamatan perkhidmatan awam diuruskan Pejabat Ketua Pegawai Keselamatan Kerajaan Malaysia (CGSO).

"Waktu ini kita belum terima apa-apa arahan," katanya menjabar soal pemberian mengenai keputusan Majlis Perbandaran Amsterdam melarang pekerjaannya menggunakan aplikasi Telegram di telefon bimbit mereka berkuat kuasa April lalu kerana bimbang risiko diintip, dengan aktiviti jenayah dan pengintipan menjadi alasan utama.

Di Malaysia, Fahmi berkata, kerajaan melaksanakan pelesenan ke atas platform media sosial dan sistem pesanan internet bagi menjamin internet lebih selamat untuk rakyat Malaysia.

Sementara itu, beliau berkata, Fadillah mengarahkan Kementerian berkaitan meningkatkan pemantauan harga barang di pelbagai peringkat susulan kenaikan gaji kakitangan awam yang bermula Disember ini, meningkatkan aspek pengukuasaan, terutama membabitkan harga makanan di restoran.

"Peringatan khusus kepada Kementerian Perdagangan Dalam Negeri dan Kos Sara Hidup, tapi Kementerian (lain) juga diminta tingkat pemantauan," katanya turut memaklumkan mesyuarat Kabinet juga merakamkan ucapan takziah atas pemergian Pengarah Media dan Komunikasi Strategik Pejabat Perdana Menteri, Rozaid Abdul Rahman.

Menyentuh isu politik, Fahmi yang juga Ketua Penerangan PKR, mengibaratkan BERSATU seperti jatuh ditimpa tangga kerana bukan sahaja tewas Pilihan Raya Kecil (PRK) Nenggeri, malah Presidennya, Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin kini disiasat polis kerana kontroversi membabitkan institusi Raja.

"Kita tahu dan sedar bagaimana sewaktu Parlimen dahulu ditutup (pengisytiharan darurat ketika pandemik COVID-19), juga ada titah tuanku (Yang di-Pertuan Agong ketika itu) mengenai penutupan Parlimen membabitkan Tan Sri Muhyiddin," katanya.

Mengenai tindakan Ketua

Kita beri jaminan kepada (penyedia) platform media sosial, memandangkan (lesen) yang kita kenakan ini adalah *class license*, maka prosesnya tidak sukar berbanding 'lesen individu'

Fahmi Fadzil,  
Menteri  
Komunikasi



Angkatan Bersatu Anak Muda (ARMADA), Wan Fayhsal Wan Ahmad Kamal membuat laporan polis dan menyalahkan sebuah portal berita berhubung video tular membabitkan Muhyiddin, Fahmi menyifatkan ketua sayap pemuda BERSATU itu panik dan cuba menyalahkan pihak lain.

Ditanya mengenai dakwaan seorang bekas Ahli Parlimen PKR disiasat polis kerana dipercayai terbabit dalam kes gangguan seksual terhadap seorang wanita, Fahmi menegaskan, parti tidak akan sesekali bertoleransi dengan mana-mana ahlinya yang terbabit kes jenayah, termasuk gangguan seksual.

"Berkaitan perkara itu (dakwaan bekas Ahli Parlimen PKR terbabit gangguan seksual), kita belum dapat apa-apa maklumat dan kita serahkan kepada polis untuk melakukan siasatan," katanya turut menasihatkan pengamal media yang alami gangguan seksual ketika di lapangan segera lapor insiden itu kepada pihak berkuasa.

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# Deposit hingga RM30,000 belia beli rumah pertama

**Cadangan inisiatif deposit MADANI dimasukkan dalam Belanjawan 2025 ringan beban B40 dan M40**

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**Kuala Lumpur:** Pembeli rumah pertama, terutama golongan belia dalam kalangan B40 dan M40 dijangka menerima kemudahan deposit sehingga RM30,000 bagi membantu meringankan beban bayaran bulanan untuk memiliki rumah sendiri.

Kemudahan melalui inisiatif deposit MADANI itu antara cadangan dikemukakan Kementerian Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan untuk dimasukkan dalam Belanjawan 2025, selaras dasar kerajaan memperkenalkan 'Rumahku, Syurgaku'.

Menterinya, Nga Kor Ming, selain bertujuan meringankan bayaran bulanan pembeli rumah pertama terutama belia dalam kalangan B40 dan M40, ia mampu merealisasikan aspirasi kementerian agar setiap rakyat memiliki tempat tinggal.

"Selain itu, kementerian mengemukakan 32 cadangan bernilai hampir RM1 bilion kepada Kementerian Kewangan bagi Inisiatif Belanjawan 2025 untuk meningkatkan kesejahteraan rakyat selaras transformasi digital dan aspirasi Malaysia MADANI," katanya pada program wawancara sebuah stesen televisyen, di sini, malam kelmarin.

Laporan Pusat Maklumat Harta Tanah Negara (NAPIC) baru-baru ini mendedahkan purata kadar kenaikan harga rumah an-

tara 2019 hingga 2023, khususnya di bandar utama di seluruh negara adalah agak tinggi iaitu sekitar 15 hingga 28 peratus.

Sehubungan itu, ramai bakal pembeli dalam kalangan penjawat awam, khususnya yang berpendapatan rendah dan sederhana bergelut dengan kenaikan harga, termasuk aspek kemampuan kewangan.

Kor Ming berkata, selain inisiatif bantuan kewangan kepada pembeli rumah, cadangan lain yang dikemukakan kementerian dalam Belanjawan 2025 termasuk pembangunan 100 Taman Rekreasi MADANI, transformasi kolam takungan, perjanjian jual beli kediaman secara elektronik dengan E-stamping dan lain-lain.

"Saya mengetuai delegasi KPKT mengunjungi Kementerian Kewangan dan KPKT mengemukakan 33 cadangan berimpak tinggi seperti pembangunan 100 Taman Rekreasi MADANI bagi Inisiatif Belanjawan 2025.

"KPKT menyasar untuk membangun 100 Taman Rekreasi MADANI yang dilengkapi alat sukan dan trek jogging di kawasan perumahan supaya rakyat dapat mengurangkan stres, menjadikan taman itu tempat beriadah sekeluarga serta mengamalkan gaya hidup yang sihat," katanya.

## **Pulihkan 704 projek sakit**

Katanya, pada tahun ini, KPKT sudah melaksanakan 12 inisiatif Belanjawan 2024 di dengan 10 daripada 12 inisiatif terbabit merekodkan pencapaian lebih 80 peratus daripada sasaran dalam tempoh enam bulan sahaja.

"Antara inisiatif yang berjaya termasuk pemasangan 12,336 lampu jalan LED di kawasan PBT dan menaik taraf 882 tandas

awam," katanya.

Mengenai projek terbengkalai, Kor Ming menjelaskan, KPKT berjaya memulihkan 704 projek sakit atau terbengkalai dengan jumlah nilai kasar RM58.94 bilion sejak Januari 2023, sekali gus membantu lebih 65,000 orang pembeli rumah memiliki kediaman yang diidamkan.

"Kami menyasarkan supaya tiada lagi projek perumahan terbengkalai menjelang tahun 2030. KPKT akan meminda undang-undang supaya pemaju perumahan yang disabit kesalahan melakukan penipuan tidak akan dibenarkan ke luar negara."

"Kami juga akan mewujudkan akaun 'escrow', maksudnya semua wang yang dibayar oleh pembeli akan digunakan khusus untuk projek itu sahaja. Kini tanpa akaun escrow, pemaju boleh memindahkan wang dari Projek A ke Projek B sehingga Projek A menjadi projek terbengkalai.

"Namun selepas pindaan ini, perkara sedemikian tidak akan dibenarkan lagi," katanya.

Bagaimanapun katanya, seramai 33 pemaju Malaysia berjaya dinobatkan sebagai pemenang emas di FIABCI World Prix d'Excellence Awards yang bertaraf antarabangsa.

"Kita perlu memastikan dalam sektor perumahan, yang baik dijadikan teladan dan yang buruk dijadikan sempadan," katanya.

Baru-baru ini, Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim mengarahkan Jabatan Wilayah Persekutuan dan Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL) menyediakan blok rumah MADANI bagi setiap projek pembangunan perumahan baharu untuk golongan B40 dan M40 sebagai syarat bagi permohonan kelulusan dipercepatkan.



Nga Kor Ming



Cadangan inisiatif deposit MADANI adalah usaha merealisasikan setiap rakyat memiliki tempat tinggal.  
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# SSPA menuntut reformasi perkhidmatan awam, tiada lagi ketirisan tatakelola

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**Pengumuman** kenaikan gaji penjawat awam menerusi Sistem Saraan Perkhidmatan Awam (SSPA) oleh Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim dilihat sebagai satu langkah signifikan dalam usaha kerajaan meningkatkan taraf hidup penjawat awam.

Bagaimanapun, ia juga menimbulkan persoalan mendalam mengenai implikasi ekonomi jangka panjang serta keseimbangan sosial dalam negara. Persoalan lebih besar ialah apakah kesan sebenar langkah ini terhadap ekonomi negara yang masih dalam proses pemulihan. Bagaimana pula kesannya kepada sektor lain.

Dalam konteks pasca pandemik, penjawat awam memainkan peranan penting mengekalkan kestabilan pentadbiran negara. Kenaikan gaji ini dianggap sebagai satu bentuk pengiktirafan atas usaha dan dedikasi mereka, terutama dalam situasi krisis yang mana mereka menjadi tulang belakang kepada operasi kerajaan berterusan.

Peningkatan kos sara hidup menjadi antara alasan utama di sebalik kenaikan gaji ini. Harga barang dan perkhidmatan terus meningkat menyebabkan tekanan kewangan kepada penjawat awam yang bergantung kepada pendapatan tetap mereka.

Menerusi kenaikan gaji itu nanti, kerajaan berharap dapat meringankan beban kos sara hidup penjawat awam semakin meningkat, sekali gus meningkatkan kesejahteraan hidup mereka.

Berdasarkan pelarasan gaji penjawat awam menerusi SSPA, kenaikan sebanyak 15 peratus bakal dinikmati kumpulan pelaksana manakala penguurusan tertinggi mendapat kenaikan sebanyak tujuh peratus, akan dilaksanakan secara bertahap dengan fasa pertama bermula 1 Disember ini manakala fasa seterusnya pada 1 Januari 2026.

Apa yang pasti, SSPA menuntut reformasi perkhidmatan awam berteraskan rakyat. Seluruh penjawat awam perlu segera meningkatkan mutu perkhidmatan kepada rakyat. Tiada lagi alasan membawa kepada ketirisan tatakelola penjawat awam.

## Proses kenaikan gaji perlu telus

Kerajaan perlu memastikan proses kenaikan gaji ini dilakukan dengan telus dan berasaskan kriteria objektif. Ini penting untuk mengelakkan sebarang tuduhan penyelewengan atau kronisme, yang boleh merosakkan integriti pentadbiran awam.

Ketelusan dalam pelaksanaan kenaikan gaji ini juga penting untuk memastikan sokongan rakyat terhadap langkah ini, terutama dalam kalangan pembayar cukai mungkin melihat kenaikan gaji itu sebagai beban tambahan kepada mereka.

Selain itu, peningkatan pendapatan penjawat awam boleh menyebabkan peningkatan permintaan terhadap barangan dan perkhidmatan, seterusnya mendorong inflasi.

Walaupun niat utama untuk meningkatkan kuasa beli penjawat awam, kesan sampingan mungkin tidak diingini ialah peningkatan harga barang dan perkhidmatan, akhirnya menjejaskan rakyat secara keseluruhan.

Sektor swasta mungkin juga terpaksa menyesuaikan gaji pekerja mereka untuk bersaing dengan sektor awam, sekali gus meningkatkan kos operasi mereka dan menyumbang inflasi.

Dari perspektif sosiopolitik pula, kenaikan gaji penjawat awam boleh dilihat sebagai langkah populis bertujuan meningkatkan kepuasan rakyat terhadap kerajaan.

Namun, jika tidak diuruskan dengan baik, ia boleh menjadi 'senjata makan tuan' apabila rakyat berasakan beban ekonomi semakin meningkat.

Misalnya, jika kenaikan gaji ini menyebabkan kenaikan harga barang, rakyat secara keseluruhan mungkin tidak berasakan manfaat diharapkan.

Dari sudut pandang swasta pula, sektor swasta mungkin terpaksa menaikkan gaji pekerja mereka untuk mengekalkan daya saing dan menarik bakat. Ini boleh menyebabkan peningkatan kos operasi, seterusnya memberi kesan kepada harga barang dan perkhidmatan.

Akhirnya, kenaikan gaji penjawat awam dikhawatiri menjadi 'batu loncatan' baharu kepada peningkatan kos hidup lebih besar, bukan sahaja untuk penjawat awam, tetapi seluruh rakyat.

Maka, kerajaan perlu bersedia menghadapi cabaran ekonomi mungkin timbul akibat keputusan ini. Langkah ini memerlukan keseimbangan antara kepentingan penjawat awam dan rakyat secara keseluruhan untuk memastikan kestabilan ekonomi serta kesejahteraan rakyat.

Implikasi jangka panjang dari segi ekonomi mahupun sosial, perlu diberi perhatian serius supaya langkah ini tidak menjadi beban kepada negara pada masa hadapan.

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## Kementerian, agensi perlu tubuh JP4 tingkat kualiti perkhidmatan

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**Putrajaya:** Setiap kementerian, jabatan dan agensi perlu menu-  
buhkan Jawatankuasa Pemanta-  
uan Penambahbaikan Penyam-  
paian Perkhidmatan (JP4) untuk  
memantau pelaksanaan penam-  
bahbaikan penyampaian per-  
khidmatan pada peringkat ma-  
sing-masing.

Arahan ini, susulan peneka-  
nan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri  
Anwar Ibrahim semasa Majlis  
Amanat Perdana Perkhidmatan  
Awam (MAPPA) ke-19 pada 16  
Ogos lalu, mengenai kepentingan  
meningkatkan kualiti penyam-  
paian perkhidmatan kepada ra-  
kyat dengan kadar segera.

Timbalan Ketua Pengarah Per-  
khidmatan Awam (Pembangu-  
nan), Datuk Dr Anesee Ibrahim,  
berkata perkara itu membabit-  
kan proses kerja sedia ada yang  
perlu ditambah baik serta pera-  
turan dan piagam pelanggan  
yang wajar dikemas kini supaya  
lebih menepati keperluan ra-  
kyat.

"Arahan itu bertujuan mem-  
perkemas dan memperkukuh  
usaha pemantapan tatakelola da-  
lam sistem pengurusan penyam-  
paian perkhidmatan kerajaan,"  
katanya menerusi surat edaran  
yang ditandatangani bertari-  
kh pada 19 Ogos lalu.

Beliau berkata, untuk memas-  
tikan inisiatif berkenaan dilak-  
sanakan secara teratur, JP4 ke-  
menterian, jabatan dan agensi  
perlu menghantar laporan pres-  
tasi penyampaian perkhidmatan  
kepada Bahagian Penyelidikan,  
Perancangan dan Dasar, Jabatan  
Perkhidmatan Awam (BPPD  
JPA).

"Laporan secara berkala perlu  
dihantar setiap tiga bulan bagi  
tujuan pelaporan kepada Ketua  
Pengarah Perkhidmatan Awam  
(KPPA)," katanya.

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**K**UCING haiwan peliharaan wujud sejak zaman ketamadunan Mesir Purba lagi.

Mamalia yang suka dimanja dan dibelai manusia ini, hingga kini masih wujud sejak ribuan tahun lalu dalam kalangan manusia.

Bagaimanapun populasinya yang semakin berkembang menyebabkan pihak berkuasa mengambil tindakan memandulkan haiwan tersebut bagi mengelakkan ia bertambah dan terbiar lalu menjadi kucing jalanan.

Dengan wujudnya badan bukan kerajaan (NGO) seperti Kelab Kucing Malaysia (KKM) dan individu yang memperjuangkan haiwan comel tersebut ia kini mempunyai taman khusus untuk kucing terbiar.

Taman Kucing Klang (TKK) bernilai RM800,000 itu menjadi tempat perlindungan khusus yang pertama di Klang.

Yang Dipertua Majlis Bandaraya Diraja Klang (MBDK), Datuk Noraini Roslan berkata, TKK memiliki kapasiti yang boleh enampung sehingga 200 kucing pada satu-satu masa.

"Lokasi perlindungan kucing terbiar ini dibuka kepada orang ramai pada hujung minggu.

"Ia dilengkapi pusat kuarantin, tempat perlindungan dan rumah kucing serta kawasan permainan yang luas.

"Pembinaan premis ini direka untuk menyediakan persekitaran bersih dan selesa kepada kucing untuk bergerak dalam ruang yang sesuai dengan sifatnya yang suka bermain-main," katanya.

TKK yang menjangkau keluasan 0.4 hektar, terletak di dalam kawasan Taman Bandar Bukit Raja.

TKK dibina dengan



**PERMAISURI Selangor, Tengku Permaisuri Norashikin (dua dari kiri) dan Noraini Roslan (tiga dari kanan) bergambar pada Majlis Perasmian Taman Kucing Klang.**

## Kucing terbiar dibela

**Hasil kerjasama pihak korporat dan komuniti diharap dapat mencapai objektif untuk melindungi kucing terbiar pada masa depan."**

ihsan Sime Darby Property Berhad yang bermurah hati menanggung perbelanjaan pembinaan dan konsep reka bentuk TKK.

Operasi kini diambil alih oleh MBDK.

Noraini berkata demikian selepas majlis perasmian TKK di Pavilion Wetland Bandar

Bukit Raja di sini baru-baru ini.

Majlis dirasmikan Permaisuri Selangor, Tengku Permaisuri Norashikin.

Baginda turut mencemar duli menyertai *Cat Fun Walk* menuju ke TKK sebelum menyempurnakan majlis perasmian selain melawat karnival dan menyaksikan Pertandingan Pakaian Kucing Paling Menarik.

### TAMAN SI BULUS

Bagi memastikan masyarakat mendapat manfaat daripada TKK, orang ramai

boleh memelihara kucing itu sebagai haiwan angkat.

Kemudahan yang ada di TKK jelasnya lagi, akan memudahkan pengambilan kucing angkat.

Program pendidikan mengenai penjagaan kucing yang betul untuk masyarakat turut diadakan di sini.

"Harapan kami agar pembangunan TKK menjadi tempat untuk orang ramai

bersama-sama MBDK menjaga kebajikan kucing terbiar.

"Kerja murni ini bukan mudah kerana melibatkan kos tertentu. Namun hasil kerjasama pihak korporat dan komuniti diharap dapat mencapai objektif untuk melindungi kucing terbiar pada masa depan," katanya.

### JUMLAH BERTAMBAH

Hingga kini TKK menempatkan 38 kucing terbiar.

Ujar Noraini, angka berkenaan pasti bertambah setelah operasi menangkap kucing terbiar dijalankan dari masa ke semasa.

"Di sini terdapat pusat isolasi bagi kucing-kucing sakit, pusat rawatan, rumah kucing, tempat bermain dan juga ada tempat perkuburan kucing.

"Taman ini dikhaskan kepada kucing terbiar saja, bukan untuk kucing peliharaan datang bermain.

"Pada masa sama, ada kerisauan TKK jadi tempat pembuangan kucing, tetapi kita akan berusaha mengawal dan menanganinya," katanya.

Beliau turut menasihati masyarakat yang membela kucing untuk komited menjaga kebajikan haiwan itu sepenuhnya dan tidak dibuat-buat merata-rata hingga mengancam nyawa si comel.

"Pintu TKK sentiasa terbuka untuk menerima kucing terbiar namun dalam masa yang sama kami turut berharap ada pihak lain yang sudi mengambilnya sebagai kucing angkat setelah ia sihat dan pulih daripada sebarang penyakit," katanya.



**PENGUNJUNG di sekitar karnival perasmian Taman Kucing Klang baru-baru ini.**





# Naik gaji: Penguatkuasaan harga dipertingkatkan

**PUTRAJAYA:** Kementerian Perdagangan Dalam Negeri dan Hal Ehwal Pengguna (KPDN) diarah meningkatkan aspek penguatkuasaan susulan kenaikan gaji penjawat awam yang diumumkan baru-baru ini.

Jurucakap Kerajaan Perpaduan, Fahmi Fadzil berkata, Timbalan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof dalam mesyuarat Jemaah Menteri semalam mahu penguat kuasa memastikan harga barang tidak naik terutama harga makanan di restoran.

"Menteri-menteri juga diminta turun padang untuk melihat harga barangan di tempat masing-masing," katanya dalam sidang akhbar semalam.

Sementara itu, Fahmi berkata, tiada arahan yang melarang penjawat awam menggunakan aplikasi Telegram yang didakwa berisiko diintip dan digunakan untuk jenayah siber, selain

menjadi tempat perlindungan selamat untuk penggodam serta pendedar dadah.

"Biasanya aspek keselamatan (larangan) ini diuruskan oleh Ketua Pegawai Keselamatan Kerajaan Malaysia (CGSO). Waktu ini kita belum terima apa-apa arahan serupa (larangan)," katanya.

Dalam pada itu, beliau berkata, pihaknya menerusi Suruhanjaya Komunikasi dan Multimedia Malaysia (MCMC) sedang melakukan sesi libat urus dengan pemegang taruh dan platform media sosial mengenai aspek pelesenan.

"Kita percaya dengan proses pelesenan itu nanti, semua platform media sosial dan juga sistem pesanan internet akan akur dengan syarat-syarat dikenakan untuk menjamin internet yang selamat bagi rakyat Malaysia.

"Kementerian Komunikasi dijangka menerima permohonan

mendapatkan lesen daripada pengendali platform media sosial sekitar Oktober atau November ini.

"Kita beri jaminan kepada (penyedia) platform media sosial memandangkan yang kita kenakan ini adalah *Class License* maka prosesnya tidak sukar dibandingkan dengan *Individual License*," katanya.

Pada 27 Julai lepas, MCMC memaklumkan semua perkhidmatan media sosial dan pesanan Internet yang mempunyai sekurang-kurangnya lapan juta pengguna berdaftar di negara ini, perlu memohon Lesen Kelas Pemberian Perkhidmatan Aplikasi di bawah Akta Komunikasi dan Multimedia 1998.

Mengenai gangguan seksual yang didakwa melibatkan bekas ahli Parlimen PKR, Fahmi yang merupakan Ketua Penerangan parti itu menyerahkan sepe-  
nunya kepada pihak polis.

"Perkara seperti gangguan seksual adalah perkara yang tidak harus kita bertoleransi," katanya.

Dalam perkembangan lain, Fahmi berkata, beliau menging-  
atkan pengamal media yang pernah berdepan gangguan seksual ketika bertugas supaya segera melaporkan insiden itu kepada pihak berkuasa.

Katanya, langkah berkenaan adalah bagi memastikan keselamatan pengamal media dijamin serta keadilan dapat ditegakkan kepada setiap mangsa.

Sebelum ini, seorang wartawan wanita dilaporkan mengalami gangguan seksual ketika bertugas bagi liputan kempen Pilihan Raya Kecil (PRK) Dewan Undangan Negeri (DUN) Sungai Bakap.

Bagaimanapun, laporan terkini menyatakan kes membatik wartawan itu diklasifikasikan sebagai Tiada Tindakan Lanjut (NFA).

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# Kapsul masa 1995 dipamer untuk tatapan umum

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**PUTRAJAYA:** Kapsul masa yang ditanam sempena Majlis Pelancaran Putrajaya pada 29 Ogos 1995 bakal dipamerkan buat kali pertama untuk tontonan umum di Festival Floria Diraja Putrajaya 2024 di sini, bermula hari ini.

Presiden Perbadanan Putrajaya (PPJ), Datuk Fadlun Mak Ujud berkata, selain menikmati keindahan lebih 700,000 bunga-bunga dan tumbuhan, kapsul masa itu menjadi antara tarikan yang boleh dilihat oleh pengunjung di laman pameran PPJ.

"Setelah dua tahun kita tidak menganjurkan Floria, kali ini kita bawa sesuatu yang istimewa di tengah-tengah bandar Putrajaya (pesisiran tasik Presint 2) iaitu lokasi asal di mana kita mengadakan Floria pada 2004.

"Kelainan pada kali ini, orang awam yang hadir boleh melihat



**KAPSUL** masa yang ditanam sempena Majlis Pelancaran Putrajaya pada 29 Ogos 1995 bakal dipamerkan buat kali pertama di Festival Floria Diraja Putrajaya 2024. - UTUSAN/FAIZ ALIF ZUBIR

kapsul masa selepas ditanam pada 1995. Kita telah buka pada 2020, tapi memandangkan ketika itu pandemik Covid-19, jadi esok (hari ini) kita mula buka kepada umum (lihat) kapsul masa yang ditanam oleh Perdana Menteri keempat," katanya selepas sesi Walkabout Media sempena Floria Diraja Putrajaya 2024, semalam.

Kapsul masa tersebut adalah penandaan bersejarah bagi Putrajaya dan ditanam oleh Perdana Menteri keempat, Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad sempena Majlis Pelancaran Putrajaya pada 29 Ogos 1995 di Mercu Tanda Taman Putra Perdana.

Ia mengandungi sejarah dan perkembangan Putrajaya termasuk senaskhah kertas Kabi-

net mengenai pembangunan Putrajaya, perjanjian Putrajaya, Enakmen Putrajaya Pelaksanaan Fungsi 1995, Akta Perbadanan Putrajaya (Akta 536), laporan teknikal perancangan dan pembangunan serta risalah korporat.

Dalam pada itu, Fadlun berkata, Floria pada kali ini mengetengahkan bunga petunia sebagai bunga tema berikutan keunikan struktur, keindahan warna kelopak yang cantik dan menjurai selain menyuntik elemen estetika yang dapat mence-riakan pengunjung.

"Saya pasti mereka yang hadir ke Floria tidak akan berasa rugi kerana terdapat ratusan ribu pokok dan gubahan yang dihias untuk memenuhi kawasan seluar kira-kira 15 ekar ini," ujarnya.

Majlis perasmian Floria akan disempurnakan oleh Raja Permaisuri Agong, Raja Zarith Sofiah.

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# Respons Smart Selangor baik tetapi rakyat mahu penambahbaikan

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## SAUDARA PENGARANG,

DALAM usaha untuk menjadikan Selangor sebagai negeri pintar menjelang 2025, kerajaan negeri melancarkan Pelan Tindakan Smart Selangor 2025 (SSAP 2025) yang menggariskan inisiatif dan sasaran lebih jelas. Inisiatif ini merupakan sebahagian daripada kerjasama US-ASEAN Smart Cities Partnership yang turut melibatkan bandar-bandar utama lain di Malaysia seperti Iskandar Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur dan Pulau Pinang.

Sejak pelaksanaan SSAP 2025 pada 2020, kerajaan negeri mengenal pasti empat domain yang menjadi fokus utama, iaitu infrastruktur digital, kerajaan, ekonomi dan komuniti.

Infrastruktur digital berfungsi sebagai pengupaya kepada pelaksanaan domain-domain pintar lain, dengan penekanan pada penggunaan indeks bandar pintar yang diiktiraf di peringkat global.

Dalam satu kajian bersepadu yang dijalankan penyelidikan Pasukan Delta, Fakulti Sains dan Teknologi, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), tahap kepuasan rakyat terhadap inisiatif yang dilaksanakan oleh pihak berwajib Selangor mendapati terdapat variasi yang ketara dalam respon rakyat. Hasil kajian menunjukkan inisiatif dalam domain infrastruktur digital, seperti hentian bas pintar, mendapat sambutan positif dengan indeks kepuasan yang tinggi.

Dalam domain komuniti pintar, inisiatif melibatkan perkongsian maklumat secara masa nyata mencatatkan tahap kepuasan tertinggi. Antara maklumat yang sering dijejak adalah lokasi berpenduduk yang berisiko wabak, penajajaran trafik dan aktiviti khidmat masyarakat.

Dari segi ekonomi, objektif utama adalah untuk meningkatkan rantaian sedia ada dan meneroka aktiviti ekonomi baharu berteraskan digital dan inovasi. Inisiatif penggunaan e-dompet mencatatkan tahap kepuasan tertinggi dan urusan

transaksi pembayaran tanpa tunai semakin menunjukkan trend meningkat dalam kalangan pengguna di Selangor.

Namun, terdapat juga inisiatif lain yang menunjukkan tahap kepuasan yang rendah, seperti pangkalan data kerajaan yang selamat. Rakyat amat mengharapkan peningkatan dalam perkhidmatan kerajaan yang responsif. Dari sudut keselamatan penduduk, majoriti berpendapat kerajaan perlu meningkatkan pemasangan kamera litar tertutup (CCTV) khususnya di kawasan-kawasan strategik bukan sahaja bertujuan untuk menangani isu-isu jenayah malah bertujuan pemantauan banjir kilat dan menyurir trafik semasa waktu puncak atau hujan lebat.

Sebagai perbandingan inisiatif yang dilaksanakan oleh negara-negara lain yang bergerak menuju ke arah negara pintar, seperti Estonia amat menghargai penglibatan rakyat dalam proses perancangan bandar pintar negara mereka. Rakyat diberi peluang untuk memberikan maklum balas dan terlibat secara langsung dalam membuat keputusan, yang meningkatkan rasa memiliki dan kepuasan terhadap inisiatif yang dilaksanakan.

Di Selangor, kerajaan negeri menegaskan bahawa keperluan rakyat akan terus menjadi fokus utama dalam pelaksanaan inisiatif Smart Selangor. Kerajaan negeri juga serius dan komited dalam menangani isu-isu yang memerlukan perhatian dan tindakan segera oleh pihak berwajib.

Dengan pelan strategik Smart Selangor yang sentiasa dipantau ini, Selangor bertekad untuk menjadi negeri pintar yang bukan sahaja memenuhi keperluan rakyat, malah akan juga meningkatkan kualiti hidup dan keselamatan rakyat menjelang 2025 sekali gus bakal menjadi contoh kepada negeri-negeri lain di Malaysia.

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# Jangkitan Mpox boleh berlaku tanpa hubungan intim

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**PETALING JAYA:** Penyakit cacar monyet atau Mpox berisiko berlaku di negara ini kerana terdapat kes-kes yang merebak tanpa melibatkan pendedahan atau hubungan intim.

Pakar Kesihatan Komuniti Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), Prof. Dr. Sharifa Ezat Wan Puteh berkata, virus ini boleh tersebar bukan sahaja melalui hubungan intim namun melalui sentuhan langsung dengan kulit atau membran mukus individu yang dijangkiti.

Katanya, virus ini boleh disebar melalui objek yang tercemar dengan cecair badan seperti darah, air liur, atau nanah dari lepuh yang dijangkiti.

"Sebagai contoh, perkongsian barang-barang peribadi seperti tuala, pakaian, atau peralatan makan boleh menjadi punca penularan."

"Lebih membimbangkan, jangkitan

boleh berlaku melalui penularan dari ibu hamil kepada anak dalam kandungan, yang dikenali sebagai penularan vertikal. Ini boleh membawa risiko komplikasi serius kepada bayi yang belum lahir," katanya kepada *Utusan Malaysia*.

Semalam, akhbar ini melaporkan Malaysia bebas jangkitan Mpox tetapi giat berhubung rapat dengan negara-negara ASEAN bagi mendapatkan informasi terkini jangkitan penyakit di negara-negara berkenaan.

Mengulas lanjut, Sharifa Ezat berkata, sukar untuk mengenal pasti individu yang berisiko tinggi kerana cara penularan virus ini agak sensitif, terutama melalui sentuhan langsung yang sering terjadi dalam konteks hubungan seksual.

"Bagi mengenal pasti mereka secara tepat adalah mencabar, kecuali jika mereka menunjukkan simptom dan tanda yang jelas. Dalam situasi sedemikian, individu yang disyaki perlu dikuarantin dan

dipantau perkembangannya di wad isolasi khas.

"Walaupun bagaimanapun, simptom awal seperti demam atau keletihan boleh menyerupai penyakit lain, menjadikan proses pengesanan lebih sukar," jelasnya.

Sementara itu, Pakar Perubatan Kesihatan Awam, Datuk Dr. Zainal Ariffin Omar berkata, langkah terbaik untuk mencegah penularan Mpox adalah mengenal pasti dari mana pelawat-pelawat berasal, terutama dari negara berisiko tinggi mempunyai kes Mpox.

"Bagi individu yang berisiko tinggi untuk dijangkiti, mereka perlu diberikan pendidikan kesihatan yang mencukupi dan dinasihatkan untuk melakukan penilaian sendiri jika menunjukkan simptom jangkitan Mpox," katanya.

Tambah Zainal Ariffin, rawatan yang boleh diberi termasuk rawatan antiviral dan rawatan simptomatik bergantung kepada simptom yang dialami oleh pesakit.

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# e-dompet berisiko jadi platform rasuah?

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**PETALING JAYA:** Penggunaan sistem tanpa tunai atau e-dompet berisiko dimanipulasi oleh pihak tidak bertanggungjawab melakukan kegiatan rasuah kerana transaksi yang dilakukan melalui platform tersebut sukar dikesan pihak berkuasa.

Sistem tanpa tunai itu terbahagi kepada dua iaitu *verified wallet* yang dikawal selia oleh pihak pengurusan atau syarikat seperti *Apple Pay*, *Pay Wave* dan *E-Wallet*.

Selain itu, terdapat sistem tanpa tunai yang dikenali sebagai *peer-to-peer wallet* yang membawa maksud tidak ada pengawasan dan ini yang menda-tangkan kebimbangan menjadi 'plat-form' untuk aktiviti rasuah.

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## EMERGENCY PLANS

# Parliament to study Selangor assembly's rules on online sitting

**SHAH ALAM:** Parliament will study the Selangor assembly's standing orders that allow sittings to be conducted online in the event of emergencies.

Dewan Rakyat Speaker Tan Sri Johari Abdul said the Selangor assembly's standing order on allowing it to convene online in the event of emergencies would be used as a guide to the federal legislature's effort to allow hybrid sittings.

"The Selangor assembly has taken the lead by amending the standing order to allow sittings to take place without the assemblymen physically present in the hall.

"This has been followed by how a law or enactment can be passed and is legal — even though (the assemblyman) is not physically sitting — by amending some of the meeting rules.

"This allows the meeting to take place," Johari said after a working visit to the Selangor assembly yesterday.

"We will learn from Selangor. We already have a draft but we will use these (the Selangor assembly standing order) as a guide



Dewan Rakyat Speaker Tan Sri Johari Abdul (centre) signing a guest book at the Selangor assembly yesterday as Selangor Speaker Lau Weng San (left) and Deputy Speaker Mohd Kamri Kamaruddin look on. BERNAMA PIC

to strengthen our standing orders so that we can rectify some of the problems we are going through," Johari said.

Also present were Selangor Speaker Lau Weng San and Deputy Speaker Mohd Kamri Kamaruddin.

Johari said that when the Covid-19 pandemic hit, Parliament and all state assemblies were unable to convene.

"We have been through the same thing in Parliament before when Covid-19 struck. We couldn't meet and, at that time, no one had expected to be struck by a pandemic.

"But now we have gone through the process and Selangor is ahead of other states.

"Even Parliament is lagging

compared with Selangor.

"Some other states have also come forward and we will collect all this (information on hybrid sittings) and, God willing, we will see how we can implement it," he said.

On Aug 30, 2021, Selangor became the first state in the country to allow its assembly meetings to be held in a hybrid manner.

A motion to amend the standing order, tabled by Datuk Teng Chang Khim, allows meetings to be held online in whole or in part after the speaker receives confirmation from the menteri besar that Selangor is in a state of emergency, pandemic or extremely harmful contingency where the assemblyman's presence was not possible.

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IMPROVING BUREAUCRACY

# MONITORING PANEL IN ALL GOVT BODIES

Committees in all ministries, depts and agencies to submit quarterly reports

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**E**ACH ministry, department and agency will set up a Service Delivery Improvement Monitoring Committee (JP4) to keep track of service delivery improvements.

The move comes after Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim stressed the importance of improving the quality of service delivery at the 19th Majlis

Amanat Perdana Perkhidmatan Awam last Friday.

Deputy director-general of the Public Services (Development) Datuk Dr Anesee Ibrahim said work processes needed to be improved, and regulations and customer charters had to be updated to better meet the needs of the people.

"The directive aims to streamline and strengthen governance efforts in the government service

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delivery management system," he said through a circular dated Aug 19.

He said to ensure that the initiative was implemented in an orderly manner, JP4s needed to send service delivery performance reports to the Research, Planning and Policy Division, Public Service Department.

"Reports need to be sent every three months to the Public Service Department director-general," he said.

He said the establishment of the committees was to ensure improved government services.  
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# Not so civil a service

How to build a better bureaucracy

**S**ALARY hikes and the surly shouldn't mix, but sadly in our civil service they do. Just after Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim announced a wage increase, the surly and the shady just couldn't help but show themselves. A surly one did just days before Anwar called on the more than one million-strong public servants to give their best. An allegedly abusive Immigration officer, according to a Malaysian who claimed to have seen and heard it all at the Putrajaya visa and permit counter, was at his berating best. Her TikTok video says it all. In this age of social media videos, it is easy to put the surly on camera — maybe even the slackers and shirkers — but the shady? The last is a responsibility best discharged by bosses and peers, though the public must help. For reasons known only to the woman who recorded her allegations on TikTok, the incident of the coarse civil servant went unreported.

Civil servants can only be made to give their best if a few things happen. The first thing is to recruit only the best. By best, we don't just mean the most capable and competent, but also those with the highest integrity. Capability is easier to measure than integrity. But this doesn't mean it shouldn't be assessed. The second thing is for the bosses at every level of the hierarchy of the civil service, to be vigilant enough to spot the surly and shady. Shirkers and slackers, too, must be within their ken. If the past is anything to go by, the bosses

**The public, who are the target of the civil service delivery, must not hesitate to complain about its weaknesses... Putrajaya, too, must make it easy for the public to lodge their complaints...**

have done a terrible job. Evidence? The Auditor General's Reports, which are mostly thin on virtues and thick on vice. This must change and, according to Anwar, the start date of the transformation was Aug 19. The public, who are the target of the civil service delivery, must not hesitate to complain about its weaknesses, the third thing. Complaints help correct flaws.

Putrajaya, too, must make it easy for the public to lodge their complaints, our final thing. Perhaps an independent central body may help grow public trust. Who runs such an entity is equally important as how it is operated.

Two factors are key to the success of such a body. Firstly, it must keep the identity of the complainants confidential. The civil service's track record on this is nothing to write home about. Secondly, it must be transparent about the action it is taking. This, too, isn't worth writing home about. Perhaps it is in the nature of the civil service to keep things secret. By no measure of our imagination can complaints about service delivery be caught by the Official Secrets Act. People have the right to know what happens to their complaints, especially those that are accepted. If the people are entitled to raise complaints, as the prime minister assured on Saturday, then they must be entitled to know the outcome of their grievances. Putrajaya must work hard on not making people feel that complaints against civil servants are pointless. Borrowing the wisdom of an old saw, we say to the civil servants: if it is not right, do not do it. And to the public: if it is not true, do not say it.

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# AI-driven maintenance for safer buildings

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**T**HINK about Malaysia's rapid urbanisation and the complex modern structures rising across the country. The need to revolutionise building safety has never been more urgent.

The intersection of technological advancement and engineering innovation in this transformative era offers unprecedented opportunities to elevate safety standards across our built environment. Among these advancements, artificial intelligence (AI) stands out as a key technology, capable of driving predictive maintenance, real-time monitoring, and advanced automation to safeguard buildings and their occupants.

In a scenario where all elevators and escalators in our cities abruptly cease to function, how would we ensure the smooth movement of people? What repercussions would this pose for metro stations, airports, hospitals, and office buildings in our densely populated urban areas?

Across the globe, AI technologies have been harnessed to augment structural health monitoring in diverse infrastructures like buildings, bridges, and roads. In Malaysia, the adoption of AI-driven technologies in

buildings aligns with the nation's ambitions to foster smart cities. Kuala Lumpur, in particular, where smart buildings equipped with interconnected technologies are becoming increasingly prevalent, according to Kuala Lumpur Mayor Datuk Seri Kamarulzaman Mat Salleh.

Smart sensors and IoT devices powered by AI can continuously monitor structural health, detect anomalies, and predict potential failures before they occur. These technologies enable proactive maintenance to improve safety and ensure the longevity of buildings.

## Integrating AI into buildings

Elevators and escalators – critical components of modern high-rise structures – benefit significantly from AI-driven enhancements. By leveraging AI algorithms, these systems can anticipate traffic patterns, minimise waiting times, and alleviate congestion – all while enhancing the overall user experience and operational efficiency.

In high-rise buildings, AI integration ensures smooth and seamless people flow, minimising wait times, reducing congestion and

maximising efficiency. At KONE, we help customers connect elevators, escalators, and automatic building doors to our cloud-based service and use AI-enabled analytics to take people flow to a whole new level.

## Predictive maintenance for enhanced safety & building value

One key opportunity with AI is the predictive maintenance of elevators. An AI-based predictive maintenance approach allows building owners to continuously analyse elevator performance and risks, reducing breakdowns and enhancing accessibility.

This proactive approach ensures higher safety standards and minimises potential hazards, making buildings safer for all occupants. For instance, KONE 24/7 Connected Services equips all elevators with sensors and state-of-the-art technology, providing extensive data on performance, usage patterns, and potential issues. Depending on the severity of the problem, this system informs building owners by identifying maintenance needs and alerting technicians or customer support.

Through 24/7 monitoring,

building owners receive immediate notifications of problems and can plan future maintenance effectively. This continuous flow of information integrating real-time and historical data ensures that issues are addressed promptly, maintains the smooth operation of elevators, and contributes to overall building efficiency. This results in enhanced safety, complete transparency, and peace of mind for consumers.

## Transitioning to AI & predictive maintenance

Transitioning from reactive to predictive maintenance in buildings presents an opportunity for growth. However, many building management teams may encounter challenges due to a need for specialised knowledge in effectively managing and interpreting data from advanced predictive maintenance technologies.

To bridge this gap, partnering with specialised service providers who can offer the expertise required can be a viable solution. Companies like KONE are at the forefront of this transformation, offering AI-powered vertical transportation solutions designed to optimise efficiency and elevate user

experiences to new heights.

The data and information provided directly integrate serviced equipment into building management systems. Not to mention, KONE also works with reputable partners to scale up their digital services for smart buildings. By leveraging global cloud solutions like IoT, analytics, and cybersecurity through these partnerships, the company strengthens its defences and ensures the security of its smart building technologies.

As Malaysia continues its journey towards urbanisation and sustainable development, the integration of AI in building safety and maintenance will play an increasingly pivotal role.

AI technologies enable streamlined operations, reduced energy consumption, and enhanced passenger experiences within elevators and escalators. By adopting these innovative technologies, building owners can future-proof their properties, ensuring they remain attractive and efficient in meeting the evolving needs of tenants and residents alike.

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# Prices of sand, aggregates and cement rise

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**PUTRAJAYA:** Sand prices increased by 2.3% to 15.8% across most of Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah, and Sarawak in July 2024.

The highest increase was in Terengganu and Kelantan (15.8%), followed by Selangor, W.P. Kuala Lumpur, Malacca & Negri Sembilan (4.7%).

Apart from that, the unit price index of aggregates also registered an increase between 0.2% and 9% for almost all areas in July 2024 compared to the previous month.

Upon the special release of building and structural works for July 2024, Chief Statistician Malaysia Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin said, the unit price index of cement recorded an increase between 0.2% and 0.6% for almost all areas in Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak. The highest increase was in Pahang (0.6%), followed by Penang, Kedah & Perlis (0.5%) and Perak (0.4%).

The monthly comparison showed a slight decrease in the unit price index of steel for almost all areas in Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak in July 2024. There was a slight decrease for these materials price index in Perak (-1.9%), followed by Kota Kinabalu (-1.5%) and Penang, Kedah & Perlis (-0.2%).

An annual comparison for the period of July 2023 and July 2024 showed that the unit price index of cement increased between 0.1% to 3.8% for all areas in Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak.

The highest increase was recorded in Selangor, W.P. Kuala Lumpur, Malacca & Negri Sembilan (3.8%), followed by Penang, Kedah & Perlis (2.4%), Pahang and Tawau (2.2%) respectively.

An annual comparison of the unit price index of steel recorded an increase between 0.1% to 4.4% in July 2024 as compared to the same month last year for almost all areas in Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak.

Mohd Uzir elaborated that the average price of cement (Ordinary Portland) recorded a marginal increase (0.4%) with an average price of RM23.20 per 50 kg bag as compared to June 2024 (RM23.10 per 50 kg bag).

Meanwhile, the average price per unit of



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# Thumbs up for Malaysia's proactive approach to AI

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Malaysia's proactive approach to developing a comprehensive artificial intelligence (AI) framework, driven by government policies and public-private collaborations, will set a strong example for the Asia Pacific (Apac) region in terms of AI adoption.

Digital consulting startup OM Connect Sdn Bhd (OpenMinds) founder Jan Wong (*pic*) said Malaysia's National AI Roadmap outlines specific goals and milestones for integrating AI across sectors such as healthcare, education and manufacturing, providing a valuable reference for other countries.

"Additionally, initiatives such as promoting AI literacy, co-research, and funding for AI startups offer further benefits that other nations can adopt to enhance their AI development efforts," he told *SunBiz*.

Wong said Malaysia is already undertaking several initiatives to be a leader in the region for ethical AI use, and the country is headed in

► Comprehensive framework, govt policies provide valuable reference to other Asia-Pacific countries in adoption of artificial intelligence, says OpenMinds founder

the right direction.

Critical steps in advancing AI include developing a national strategy, attracting foreign technology investments, funding ethical research, offering grants and tax incentives for ethical AI businesses, and fostering partnerships with the private sector and academia, according to him.

Additionally, Wong said, promoting AI education and practices in the region is crucial for progress.

"When executed consistently and successfully with good governance, these initiatives should



position Malaysia as a regional leader in ethical AI. Achieving all this is no easy feat. I hope that Malaysia will sustain these initiatives to build up the use of ethical AI even at the small and medium enterprise (SME) level, ensuring that growth is widespread and not limited to a few large players," he said.

When asked what advice he would give to businesses in Malaysia preparing for new regulations, Wong said the first step for companies is to assess their current use of AI tools.

Organisations need to understand

the operational details of their AI implementations fully and that it is essential to document how AI is used, including the processes it impacts, data sources, storage methods, potential biases and transparency. This documentation aids in compliance and helps prevent issues from arising later, Wong noted.

"Businesses should focus on data privacy by reviewing how data is collected, stored, and used, ensuring clear disclaimers and terms of use are in place. Understanding AI's role in data processing allows businesses to create appropriate consumer disclosures.

"Due to the industry's rapid evolution, staying updated with regulations from Malaysian authorities and international AI bodies is crucial.

"Businesses should also consider appointing a dedicated consultant or team to manage AI-related matters, ensure compliance, optimise AI solutions, and enhance internal competencies. This approach supports business growth and effective AI integration," he added.

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## Proposals worth about RM1b submitted for Budget 2025

**KUALA LUMPUR:** The Housing and Local Government Ministry has submitted 33 proposals worth almost RM1 billion to the Finance Ministry for the Budget 2025 initiative, said Minister Nga Kor Ming.

He said the high impact proposals were submitted when he led the ministry delegation to the Finance Ministry.

He also said the proposals included the development of 100 *Madani* recreation parks, a *Madani* Deposit initiative, reservoir transformations, electronic sales agreements and e-stamping to improve the well-being of the people, in line with the digital transformation and aspirations of

*Madani* Malaysia.

"The ministry aims to build 100 *Madani* recreation parks equipped with sports equipment and jogging tracks in residential areas so that people can reduce stress, lead a healthy lifestyle and make the park a place for family recreation."

He said the ministry plans to establish a *Madani* Deposit initiative, which is a deposit with a maximum value of RM30,000 to be given to first-time homebuyers, in line with the government "My Home, My Heaven" policy.

The initiative aims to ease the monthly payment commitment of first-time homebuyers, especially

youth in the B40 and M40 age groups, and realise the ministry's aspiration for every citizen to have a place to live.

This year, the ministry implemented 12 Budget 2024 initiatives, with 10 of them achieving more than 80% of the target in just six months, such as installing 12,336 LED street lights in local authority areas and upgrading 1,000 public toilets.

Regarding abandoned projects, Nga said the ministry has restored 704 sick projects with a total gross value of RM58.94 billion since January 2023, helping more than 65,000 homebuyers.

"We aim to have no more abandoned housing projects by

2030. The ministry will amend the law so that housing developers who have been convicted of fraud will not be allowed to go abroad.

"We will also create an Escrow account, which means all the money paid by buyers will be used specifically for the project only.

"Without an Escrow account, developers can transfer money from Project A to Project B until Project A becomes an abandoned project. After the amendment, such things will no longer be allowed."

He said 33 Malaysian developers have been crowned gold winners at the international Fiaci World Prix d'Excellence Awards. — Bernama

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# National Day artistic competitions 22/8 Sun

**KUALA LUMPUR:** The public is invited to join the month-long photography, colouring and drawing competitions organised by the Information Department (JaPen) in conjunction with National Day and Malaysia Day.

Its assistant director (Visual Communication and Design Division) Nor Shamsinar Baharom said the Klik@Merdeka 2024 photography competition aims to discover the talent and creativity of Malaysians through the art of photography and nationalism.

"The Klik@Merdeka Photography Competition is in its fourth year and the participation so far has been encouraging, involving various races and age levels.

"The winners will be selected based on elements that match the theme of this year's celebration, 'Malaysia Madani: Jiwa Merdeka', in terms of creativity, patriotism and national values," she said on the Selamat Pagi Malaysia programme on TV1 yesterday.

Nor Shamsinar said the competition is open to Malaysian citizens aged 15 and above and the winning photographs will be placed on

the MyFoto portal and exhibited at the JaPen Photo Library.

Meanwhile, JaPen Visual Communication and Design Division assistant director Nor Ezwaty Mohd Bahrar said the MyDoodle@Merdeka Colouring and Drawing Competition aims to foster love for the country among young children and involves the cooperation of the Education Ministry.

She said the competition is open to schoolchildren aged seven to 12, while the drawing competition is for children aged 13 to 17.

The coloring competition involves two categories, which are seven to nine years old for category A, and 10 to 12 years old for category B.

Participants are required to colour and draw doodles without the help of teachers or parents and then upload their work on the merdeka360.my portal, Bernama reported.

The winners will receive between RM300 and RM500, with a plaque and certificate of participation.

Additional information on the competitions is available at the merdeka360.my portal and its social media page.

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## Ministry to add 11 special schools to reduce dropout rates

**KUALA LUMPUR:** The Education Ministry will add 11 Comprehensive Special Model Schools, raising the number of such schools nationwide to 28, to address school dropout rates among students in the interior.

Deputy Education Minister Wong Kah Woh said the ministry Daily School Management Division is carrying out groundwork, including going to Sabah and Sarawak to identify schools that could be used as Comprehensive Special Model Schools.

He said the final verification work would be carried out so that all recommendations could be brought to the highest management of the ministry and the increase of such schools could be realised when the new school session opens next year.

"If we talk about the education of *Orang Asli* and indigenous students, we cannot run away from the dropout issue.

"The existence of Comprehensive Special Model Schools aims to reduce dropout rates by allowing students to remain in the same school from Year 1 through Form 3, eliminating the need for transitions or transfers after Year 6," he said while officiating the National *Orang Asli* and Indigenous Students Education Carnival yesterday.

He also said Sekolah Kebangsaan Betau in Lipis, Pahang has been selected for the *Madani* village adoption programme.

Various enhancements will be provided to the school, including upgraded internet facilities through Starlink and tablets for most pupils to support teaching and learning sessions.

The ministry will also improve the supply of clean water and electricity to the new school building, upgrade the open hall facilities and complete a motorcycle repair learning workshop.

Commenting on the education carnival, Wong said the two-day event provides a platform for pupils to display their talents and achievements and for teachers to share their experiences to enhance teaching and learning sessions in rural schools, *Bernama* reported.

"The education carnival has brought together 185 pupils from 98 *Orang Asli* schools across Perak, Pahang, Terengganu, Kelantan, Selangor, Negeri Sembilan and Johor, as well as 23 indigenous schools from Sabah and Sarawak."

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## Committees mandated to monitor govt service delivery

**PUTRAJAYA:** Every ministry, department and agency needs to establish a Service Delivery Improvement Monitoring Committee to monitor the implementation of service delivery improvements at their respective levels.

Public Services Deputy Director-General (Development) Datuk Dr Anesee Ibrahim said the matter involves existing work processes that need to be improved, as well as regulations and customer charters that should be updated to better meet the needs of the people.

"The directive aims to streamline and strengthen governance efforts in the government service delivery management system."

He said to ensure the initiative is implemented in an orderly manner, such committees of ministries, departments and agencies need to send service delivery performance reports to the Public Service Department's Research, Planning and Policy Division.

"Reports need to be sent every three months for the purpose of reporting to the public service director-general."

"The establishment of the committees is expected to be given due attention to ensure the implementation of improvements in the delivery of government services can be realised," he said.

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## National Fraud Portal launched <sup>22/8</sup> <sub>Sun</sub>

**KUALA LUMPUR:** The National Fraud Portal (NFP), a technology-based platform to detect, verify and track fraudulent activities, was launched on Tuesday.

The portal will boost the operational capabilities of the National Scam Response Centre (NSRC) in combating online financial scams.

Finance Minister II Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan said the NFP will be able to bolster the country's strategy to combat online fraud by changing the NSRC process, which was previously handled manually and took a lot of time.

"The NFP is the leading automation platform in the region, providing secure access to key databases to support fraud prevention and gives NSRC members the dynamic ability to detect and prevent fraudulent activities.

"The portal will integrate financial transaction data from various sources to automatically detect suspicious transactions and facilitate verification by the institutions involved.

"This automation speeds up actions, reduces fraud detection time and prevents further losses," he said at the launch of the NFP.

Amir Hamzah said even at the pilot stage, the NFP had reduced the time to track fraudulent transactions by 75%.

He said the NFP is also supported by access to data related to mule accounts from across the financial industry.

"I was made to understand that with the enhanced data and analysis, the detection rate of mule account holders has increased by 14%.

"The protocol also coordinates the industry's approach in helping account holders who have fallen victim (to fraudulent syndicates), so that they are not denied basic financial services."  
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