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Amirul Azizan dilantik datuk bandar baharu Subang Jaya berkuat kuasa hari ini

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Dato' Amirul Azizan Abd Rahim (kiri) menerima surat pelantikan sebagai Datuk Bandar Subang Jaya daripada Setiausaha Kerajaan Negeri Dato' Haris Kasim di pusat pentadbiran rasmi Kerajaan Selangor pada 22 Julai 2024. Foto Facebook Pejabat Setiausaha Kerajaan Negeri Selangor

SHAH ALAM, 22 JULAI: Mantan Yang Dipertua Majlis Perbandaran Kuala Langat Dato' Amirul Azizan Abd Rahim dilantik sebagai Datuk Bandar Subang Jaya yang baharu, berkuat kuasa hari ini.

Menerusi Facebook Pejabat Setiausaha Kerajaan Negeri Selangor, penyerahan surat pelantikan tersebut disempurnakan Setiausaha Kerajaan Negeri Dato' Setia Haris Kasim.

"Tahniah dan selamat bertugas diucapkan," katanya menambah majlis turut dihadiri Timbalan Setiausaha Kerajaan (Pengurusan) Dato' Mohd Yazid Sairi.

Sementara itu, MBSJ menerusi Facebook mengalu-alukan pelantikan Amirul, yang diyakini akan memperkuat lagi jentera pentadbiran pihak berkuasa tempatan itu.

"Semoga Datuk Bandar yang baharu akan memperkuat lagi jentera pentadbiran MBSJ untuk memberi perkhidmatan terbaik kepada komuniti bandar raya," katanya.

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Dato' Amirul Azizan bin Dato' Sri Abd Rahim Appointed as Subang Jaya's New Mayor

By **Teoh** - July 22, 2024



Dato' Amirul Azizan bin Dato' Sri Abd Rahim Subang Jaya's new Mayor

SUBANG Jaya welcomes its new Mayor Dato' Amirul Azizan bin Dato' Sri Abd Rahim today.



Amirul received his appointment letter today from Selangor State Secretary Dato' Setia Haji Haris bin Kasim at the State Secretariat.

He was the Kuala Langat Municipal Council president prior to his posting to Subang Jaya.

He takes over from Dato Dr. Mohd Fauzi Mohd Yatim who is now the Shah Alam City Council

mayor.

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Amirul Azizan appointed as fourth Subang Jaya mayor

By EDWARD RAJENDRA



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Majlis Bandaraya Subang Jaya Facebook picture.

DATUK Amirul Azizan Abd Rahim has been appointed Subang Jaya City Council's (MBSJ) fourth mayor, taking over from Datuk Dr. Mohd Fauzi Mohd Yatim, now the Shah Alam City Council mayor.

Amirul Azizan, who served as Kuala Langat Municipal Council president, received his promotion letter effective today.

The appointment was announced in a Facebook post today (July 22), after Selangor state secretary Datuk Haris Kasim handed over the appointment letter and mandate to Amirul Azizan during a simple ceremony at Bangunan Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah this morning.



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He worked as the chief assistant secretary at the tax analysis division in Malaysia's treasury in 2011 and the following year, at the Selangor treasury in the same position.

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4.16% ratepayers object to Klang assessment rate hike

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SOME 11,184 or 4.166% of ratepayers submitted objections to Klang Royal City Council (MBDK) against the proposed 25% assessment tax rate hike expected to take effect from January.

Corporate Communications Department director Norfiza Mahfiz said MBDK stopped accepting objections on July 16.

The objections had been received online and through

counters at the city council's headquarters in Lorong Perbandaran.

It is learnt that about 3,600 ratepayers had filed their objections online.

"Owners of residential properties submitted most of the objections," Norfiza said.

In June, MBDK sent notices of the proposed assessment tax rate hike to 268,445 property owners in Klang.

Norfiza said MBDK would hold objection hearings at Dewan

Hamzah opposite the city council's headquarters in stages for a month beginning next week.

"Property owners who submitted objections will be notified via email, WhatsApp or by post to attend hearing sessions."

Norfiza said once the hearing sessions are completed, constructive objections would be brought to a committee before the Selangor government makes a decision in September on whether the new valuation would be enforced from Jan 1, 2025.

Klang mayor Datin Paduka Noraini Roslan said the council's last assessment review had been conducted in 1993.

She said the cost of providing basic services like cutting grass, cleaning drains and collecting domestic waste had increased threefold.

On May 30, Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari said the new valuation process carried out by the local authorities was important to ensure effective urban planning.

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MBDK tows illegally parked heavy vehicles

HEAVY vehicles such as buses and lorries parked in residential areas or in a haphazard manner along main Klang roads are being towed.

Klang Royal City Council (MBDK) Corporate Communications Department director Norfiza Mahfiz said three heavy vehicles were towed on July 18 with the cooperation of the South Klang Police Headquarters and Road

Transport Department (JPJ).

"None of the owners have claimed their vehicles yet.

"If these owners do claim the vehicles from the council's yard, they would have to pay compounds, towing costs and storage fees," she said.

Norfiza reminded vehicle owners to park in designated areas and not residential areas.

"The council has been getting complaints from residents

about this practice, which causes obstructions and affects the visibility of oncoming vehicles," she said.

Norfiza added that heavy vehicles parked on road shoulders overnight could also damage roads and drainage due to their weight.

"Our enforcement officers will be monitoring the situation and taking action against offenders," she said.



MBDK towing a lorry blocking one lane of a dual carriageway.

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VEHICLE SERVICE

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

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Panorama @ Bukit Antarabangsa is a popular spot for people to enjoy a picnic while taking in views of Kuala Lumpur's skyline. — Photos: MUHAMAD SHAHRIL ROSLI, KAMARUL ARIFFIN and CHAN TAK KONG/The Star

Amplifying Ampang's many attractions

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MPAJ intends to leverage on Visit Selangor Year 2025 and Visit Malaysia Year 2026 to draw tourists

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WITH nearly half its area being forest reserves, Ampang Jaya has massive tourism potential which the local government intends to capitalise on.

Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ) is embarking on an ambitious plan to make it into a tourism hotspot over the next decade.

Its president Dr Ani Ahmad said they planned to boost the council's non-tax revenue by drawing more tourists and visitors to Ampang Jaya.

While budget constraints are a hurdle, Ani is hopeful that a multi-phase rollout will allow for steady progress and successful completion of these tourism projects.

Several projects are already in the works while others are contingent on funding.

MPAJ wants them all completed within the next five to 10 years.

The council's efforts align with preparations for Visit Selangor Year 2025 and Visit Malaysia Year 2026.

Both are expected to draw around eight million visitors to Selangor.

The state government, as noted by Selangor housing and culture chairman Borhan Aman Shah, is committed to leveraging the tourism potential of each district, emphasising their specialties.

Ani said MPAJ's proposed projects had been presented to tourism and state authorities, to transform Ampang into a thriving tourism hub.

Taking in city views

Popular lookout spots to take in views of Kuala Lumpur are already attractions in Ampang Jaya.

MPAJ is hoping to further develop these lookout points in Bukit Antarabangsa and Bukit Ampang into safer, well-maintained recreational areas to draw in even more visitors.

These sites will have amenities like viewing platforms, seating and parking facilities to enhance visitor experience.

Ani said that plans for Bukit Ampang included building a viewing deck, landmark sculpture and soft landscaping.

"It is already an attraction as visitors are known to come here to take in the view.

"There used to be illegal stalls operating at the location. "We could not legalise them as it was not safe.

"We can, however, turn the spot into a safe viewing location and this way, people can still enjoy the views," she said, adding that the estimated cost for the project is RM3mil.

The proposed site is a 1.82ha open space along Jalan Persiaran Saujana, located in the vicinity of the Hulu Langat forest reserve.

MPAJ, Ani said, is hoping to capitalise on the ecotourism benefits of the popular recreational area with the proposed project.

Another location that MPAJ has already started turning into a lookout point is Panorama @ Bukit Antarabangsa.

The site, which is where the December 2008 landslide happened, has been turned into a recreation area and is a go-to location for visitors to enjoy the sunset.

MPAJ is in the midst of preparing proper parking facilities to make it easier for visitors to access the site, along with pathways and seating areas to enhance the overall experience.

"We have allocated RM500,000 for the parking, drainage and other upgrades.



MPAJ wants back lanes at the Ampang Point commercial area to become gathering points.



MPAJ is hoping to turn the Ampang lookout point at Bukit Ampang into a safer tourist spot with proper parking facilities.



Parking facilities and drainage upgrades are being carried out at Panorama @ Bukit Antarabangsa.



MPAJ plans to strengthen its natural attractions such as the Kampung Kemensah waterfalls in Hulu Kelang. — Filepic



Khairilazhar says MPAJ is legalising campsite and homestay operators.



Ani: MPAJ is seeking state support to transform Ampang into a thriving tourism hub.

"We may have to charge a reasonable amount for parking to cover maintenance costs and ensure the continued upkeep of the facilities," Ani said, adding that the council was proposing to have installations to draw photo enthusiasts.

Popular murals

Colourfully painted walls continue to be a major draw for visitors, ranging from local art enthusiasts and photographers to tourists looking for unique and vibrant backgrounds for their photos.

In 2019, MPAJ spent about RM1mil to upgrade and paint several murals near Ampang Point in Taman Dato Ahmad Razali.

Phase One of the project, called the Senario Ampang lane, has 3D murals featuring vignettes of attractions as well as landmarks of the area.

Subsequent phases incorporated the 17 goals highlighted in the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) in

pictorial format.

The area is now known as Uptown Lorong Ampang Mampan.

It was meant to revive the once dirty and dingy back lanes and make the area a more lively place for people to gather.

MPAJ is hoping that these visually striking murals can serve as a focal point for community events and social media engagement, revitalising public spaces and boosting foot traffic in the area.

Besides the murals, retiling and repaving of walkways as well as drainage upgrading were also carried out at Jalan Mamanda 2 and Jalan Mamanda 7.

Ani said MPAJ was hoping a night bazaar would bring in more visitors to the area.

"This would also help develop and boost tourism, including small and medium-scale industries," she said, adding this would help popularise murals painted on the walls of buildings around this commercial area.

She said that MPAJ was cur-



An artist's impression of a proposed viewing deck and other amenities to be built at Ampang lookout point.

rently looking for organisers that would be able to run the bazaar.

Further upgrading works that have been planned for the area include road repaving, installing a roof over the bazaar site, and repainting of faded murals.

At an alley off Jalan Negara in Taman Melawati, the plan is to develop an art-centric destination which already houses an art gallery, stationery shops, cafes and more murals and street art.

"With the variety of businesses here we can develop it as an art tourism destination, which would be known as Jalan Negara Kita," said Ani.

She said this could also serve as a location for mural artists, musicians and the community to gather, alongside hosting art exhibitions.

Promoting ecotourism

MPAJ is also seeking to strengthen its natural attractions such as the Kampung Kemensah waterfalls and Tasik Pandan Perdana.

Its Youth and Community Department director Khairilazhar Ismail said it was legalising campsite and homestay operators in Ampang Jaya.

This follows a move by the Selangor government to regulate all camping and glamping activities in the state following the Batang Kali landslide in 2022.

MPAJ previously said based on a rough estimate, there were some 20 operators of campsites and recreational sites within its jurisdiction.

"The council is also in the process of legalising chalets and sports recreation sites along Kampung Kemensah in Hulu Kelang.

"This will help it become a unique and safe place for visitors to enjoy nature and participate in outdoor activities."

Khairilazhar said one project nearing completion was the upgrading of Tasik Pandan Perdana, which cost about RM600,000.

This included building of toilets, gazebo and 3D signboard, redoing the interlocking pavement as well as other landscaping works.

"The recreation area is popular among anglers and we have hosted several fishing competitions here," he said.

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ASSESSMENT TAX ✓

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

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S'gor to set up hubs for healthy eating

Exco: All 56 constituencies to address developmental issues among children

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HUBS to promote healthy eating habits among children and address child growth and development issues will be set up in all nine districts in Selangor, says Jamaliah Jamaluddin.

The state public health and environment committee chairman said as an expansion of the "Anak Selangor Anak Sihat" (Asas) programme, these centres would serve as screening and information hubs to educate the public on nutrition and wellness.

Depending on results of the screening, the children would be provided with food baskets to suit their intake needs.

She said that the hubs would be located in all 56 assemblymen's service centres.

"The first step is to offer free health screenings for children to determine their nutritional status and identify any growth and development issues early on.

"With the information, our experts and volunteers will provide personalised guidance and support to the children and their families.

"These children will be monitored for six months to chart any improvements," she said.

Jamaliah said the objective

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Jamaliah Jamaluddin



was to provide early intervention for malnutrition and obesity issues among children.

To facilitate this, she said "Karnival Asas" would be organised in each of the 56 areas to encourage parents to have their children screened.

The aim was to have 500 children screened at each location, she said.

"At the moment, we have little data on the number of children who are affected by these issues.

"These (screenings) will allow us to obtain the necessary information, (when) done systematically and efficiently," she said after launching the "Mini Fiesta Saringan Asas Kanak-

Kanak" at Taman Muda community hall in Ampang.

At the event, information on each participating child's age, weight and height was gathered and recorded.

"Karnival Asas is a continuation of a previous programme where we provided nutritious food packages directly to selected individuals.

"However, we could only target a limited number of children and it was not enough to make a significant impact; hence the carnival and hubs," she said.

Jamaliah said the state had allocated RM700,000 to carry out Asas programmes this year.

The Asas programme started



A child's age, weight and height being recorded during the Mini Fiesta Saringan Asas Kanak-Kanak in Taman Muda, Ampang.

in 2021 in collaboration with International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) to conduct a long-term intervention programme targeting B40 children.

Other activities at the carnival were free eye checks, games, and a talk by the Fire and Rescue Department.

A mobile library was also

present to encourage reading among kids.

The main attraction was free durian for participants, sponsored by several Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ) councillors.

Also present were MPAJ president Dr Ani Ahmad and Teratai assemblyman Yew Jia Haur.

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No RON95 subsidy rationalisation for now, says Anwar

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KUALA LUMPUR: The rationalisation of RON95 subsidy remains off the table for now, as the government wants to ensure the public fully understands the implementation of targeted diesel subsidies, says Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

"The matter has not been discussed. We will deal with the diesel issue first, to give better and the right explanation.

"This is necessary because sometimes, certain parties will

spin the issue," he told reporters on the sidelines of the National Tax Conference 2024 yesterday.

The Prime Minister said rationalisation of fuel subsidies was necessary to balance the need between increasing government revenue and paying off national debt.

Explaining further, Anwar, who is also Finance Minister, said various measures were being taken to boost government revenue, including prudent

spending and borrowing only when necessary for development purposes.

He said rationalisation of subsidies was a comprehensive effort and initiative covering a broader spectrum to help reduce the government's yearly borrowings.

"Other efforts include more efficient manner of enforcing the law and taxation efforts.

"If we don't do it, our revenue will not increase, but our debt will continue to rise," he said.

In May, Anwar announced the rationalisation of diesel subsidies for Peninsular Malaysia, which took effect on June 10.

Sabah and Sarawak are not effected by the move and the price remains at the subsidised rate of RM2.15.

To prevent drastic increases in the cost of goods and services, subsidies are given to traders using diesel-powered commercial vehicles.

This involves 10 public trans-

portation vehicles and 23 goods transport vehicles.

Eligible groups such as private diesel vehicle owners, farmers and smallholders can apply for a RM200 monthly cash subsidy under the Budi Madani initiative.

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'National debt to go down to RM86bil'

PM: Short-term measure needed to boost M'sia's financial capacity and stability

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KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia is aiming to reduce its national debt to RM86bil this year as a short-term measure to boost its financial capacity and stability, says Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

The Prime Minister said in 2021 and 2022, the country's borrowing stood at RM100bil before it was gradually reduced.

"The amount was reduced to RM93bil in 2023 and we aim to further reduce it to RM86bil this year.

"However, we need to further reduce it, and if it is done drastically, we cannot continue with our development agenda," he said in his opening speech at the National Tax Conference 2024 at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre yesterday.

Also present were Deputy Finance Minister Lim Hui Ying and Inland Revenue Board (LHDN) chief executive officer Datuk Dr Abu Tariq Jamaluddin.

Anwar said the government was taking prudent steps and stressed the importance of plugging potential financial leakages.



Citing the payment of RM48bil in debts incurred by 1Malaysia Development Bhd last year as an example, he said the money could have been better used for other purposes to benefit the people.

"Imagine if we can spend the RM48bil for the development of schools, clinics, universities and

salary adjustments," said Anwar.

The Prime Minister said Malaysia aimed to reduce its fiscal deficit target to 4.3% this year, adding that the country needed to be managed well, which is crucial for economic growth.

"In 2023, the deficit dropped from 5.6% to 5%. It was a chal-

lenging effort.

"In 2024, we are projecting a further decrease from 5% last year to 4.3%. There must be no leakages or misappropriation or the rakyat and the country will suffer," he said.

As Prime Minister, Anwar said he could not simply make any

Finance talk:

(From left) Abu Tariq, Lim, Anwar, treasury secretary general Datuk Johan Mahmood Merican and Chartered Tax Institute of Malaysia president Soh Lian Seng during the launch of National Tax conference 2024 at Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre in Kuala Lumpur. — RAJA FAISAL HISHAN/The Star

decisions as he was bound by certain agreements made by the previous administrations.

"I must honour prior decisions. Therefore, when making choices with my colleagues, I must consider not only current circumstances but also future impacts on the administration and the next generation.

"The government's current debt-to-gross domestic product (GDP) ratio stands at 64%.

"That is too high and it has exceeded the limit," he said.

If this irresponsible policy continues, he said, Malaysia would not achieve the level of investment the country was receiving now, such as the projected GDP growth in the second quarter of 2024, which is 5.8%.

Meanwhile, when asked if he had any target to boost national revenue, Anwar told reporters after the event that he would leave the matter to LHDN.

"It is up to LHDN but I want those who are supposed to pay, to pay, regardless if they are rich or a billionaire, I do not care.

"LHDN must have a more firm action to ensure those who are supposed to pay, will pay," he said.

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New code of conduct needed to fight cyberbullying

PETALING JAYA: To better address future cyberbullying cases, laws have to be amended and social media platforms have to be regulated to keep up with the constantly evolving digital trends, says cybersecurity and multimedia laws expert Derek Fernandez.

According to Fernandez, present penalties under the Communications and Multimedia Act (CMA) 1998 are not adequate to punish bullies who digitally harass people and therefore, amendments are necessary to substantially enhance its penalties.

He said the Penal Code should be amended to ensure that cyberbullying would be addressed the same as physical bullying.

"This will reduce the gap between offences being committed in the virtual world and in the non-virtual one," he said.

Fernandez said the Penal Code was amended last year to include a newly-introduced Section 507A

to make stalking a crime.

"So, a general amendment can also be made to include online conduct that causes an offence under the Penal Code, where such conduct can be committed through digital communication.

"This can be done together with the much-needed amendments to the CMA to provide a measure of regulatory protection against such serious threats and abuse of online facilities," he said.

At the same time, Fernandez said it was important that over-the-top (OTT) platforms that profited from hosting social media content, to be under a legal duty to take immediate, effective and proactive definable steps to prevent or combat cyberbullying and scams.

"We have seen how in extreme cases, cyberbullying can cause self-harm, mental or physical injury and death.

"It is essential that all OTT plat-

forms be legally regulated so that they are under a legal obligation to take action promptly and effectively against persons whom they allow on their platforms – through whom they profit from the monetisation of their data – from harming, bullying and cheating other users of the platform and members of the public.

"This is especially so when public complaints to them about someone feeling bullied, are ignored or dismissed or not attended to promptly," said Fernandez.

He said OTT platforms should have better measures to identify and ban cyberbullies from opening fresh accounts to continue bullying victims after being blocked or removed.

"Regulating these platforms through legal licensing or clear laws and legal liability will ensure Malaysian online users have the same legal protection as those in the European Union, the United

States and several other countries.

"This in turn will lead to more resources being invested by those who profit the most from these platforms, to seriously combat cyberbullying and other online harms," he said.

Lawyer Rajesh Nagarajan said provisions under Section 507 of the Penal Code penalised those who harass others with an intention to cause distress, fear or alarm to another person's safety.

"Under Section 507A, whoever repeatedly commits any act of harassment, intending to cause or knowing that it is likely to cause distress, fear or alarm to a person for his or her safety, commits the offence of stalking.

"Penalties under Section 507A of the Penal Code include imprisonment for a term that may be extended to three years, or a fine, or both.

"It is clear that the provisions are worded very widely to capture

any form of harassment and as such, cyberstalking and online harassment would be covered too," added Rajesh.

Prof Dr Mohamed Ridza Wahiddin, founder and patron of International Islamic University Malaysia's Centre of Excellence for Cyber Security, said the current trends of cybersecurity threats included social engineering, cloud vulnerabilities, third party exposure, ransomware and attacks on internet of things (IoT) devices.

According to him, future proofing cybersecurity entails keeping up with a variety of new threats, legislation, conducting assurance reviews, and acknowledging the complexity of the IT reality.

"Clearly, in order to ensure our cybersecurity laws are future-proof, all the above factors should be taken into account.

"Furthermore, AI is only one of the many IT tools used for cyber-threats," he added.

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Pupuk kesedaran tentang pemuliharaan sungai 23/7 Sinar

AMPANG JAYA - Hampir 400 kilogram (kg) sampah kitar semula, minyak masak terpakai (MMT) dan e-waste berjaya dikumpul menerusi Program Pemeliharaan Dan Pemuliharaan Sungai - 'Smart Ranger Training Of Trainer' di Jalan N, Taman Melawati di sini baru-baru ini.

Program anjuran Majlis Perbandaran Ampang Jaya (MPAJ) Siri 2/2024 itu dikendalikan Jawatankuasa Kerja SSM 2035 Jawatankuasa Kerja Ampang Jaya Bersih, Indah dan Sihat (BIS).

MPAJ dalam satu kenyataan memaklumkan, matlamat program tersebut adalah untuk memberi kesedaran berkaitan pemeliharaan dan pemuliharaan sungai.

Menurutnya, fokus program pula ditumpukan kepada pelajar sekolah tentang pentingnya menjaga kebersihan sungai supaya bebas daripada segala

aktiviti pencemaran.

Katanya, seramai 110 orang yang terdiri daripada pelbagai agensi, komuniti dan pelajar sekolah menyertai pelbagai aktiviti yang dijalankan.

"Turut diadakan pameran alam sekitar dan vektor, aktiviti kutip sampah sambil riadah serta latihan pengukuhan asas persampelan kualiti air dan pengenalpastian habitat hidupan sungai oleh Lembaga Urus Air Selangor yang dilaksanakan di Sungai Klang, Taman Melawati," tambahnya.

Jelasnya, program berkenaan turut berjaya mengutip e-waste berjumlah 124.65kg dan MMT sebanyak 83kg.

"Jabatan Pengurusan Sisa Pepejal dan Pembersihan Awam turut menjalankan kutipan sampah kitar semula dengan jumlah kutipan sebanyak 189.52 kg," tambah kenyataan itu lagi.



Antara peserta yang terlibat dalam program pemuliharaan sungai anjuran MPAJ.

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Koperal didakwa rasuah

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Mengaku tidak bersalah
minta, terima suapan kes
berkait dadah

Oleh WAN MOHD NOOR HAFIZ
WAN MANSOR
ALOR SETAR

Seorang anggota polis berpangkat koperal dihadapkan ke Mahkamah Sesyen di sini atas tiga pertuduhan meminta dan menerima rasuah sebagai dorongan untuk tidak melaporkan penahanan individu yang disyaki memiliki dadah, dua tahun lalu.

Tertuduh, Sazali Lokhman, 32, bagaimanapun mengaku tidak bersalah dan minta dibicarakan bagi ketiga-tiga pertuduhan selepas dibacakan oleh jurubahasa di hadapan Hakim, N Priscilla Hemamalini pada Isnin.

Bagi pertuduhan pertama, dia didakwa meminta rasuah RM40,000 daripada seorang wanita berusia 26 tahun.

Pertuduhan kedua pula, anggota po-

lis itu didakwa bersetuju menerima RM10,000 daripada wanita yang sama.

Kedua-dua kesalahan dilakukan di dalam sebuah kereta pada 29 November 2022 di Plot Blackwood, Jalan Industri Darulaman 1, Zon Perindustrian Bandar Darul Aman di Kubang Pasu pada jam 2 petang.

Bagi pertuduhan ketiga, Sazali didakwa memperoleh RM9,000 secara rasuah daripada seorang lelaki berusia 30 tahun di Lot 5719, Jalan Langgar di Alor Setar pada 30 November 2022, jam 9 malam.

Ketiga-tiga kesalahan tersebut dilakukan tertuduh yang bertugas di Ibu Pejabat Polis Daerah Kubang Pasu sebagai dorongan untuk tidak melaporkan penahanan seorang pesalah dadah berusia 29 tahun.

Kesemua pertuduhan didakwa mengikut Seksyen 17(a) Akta Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) yang memperuntukkan hukuman penjara hingga 20 tahun dan denda tidak kurang lima kali ganda nilai suapan atau RM10,000 yang mana lebih tinggi apabila disabitkan.

Kes dikendalikan pegawai pen-



Tertuduh dibawa pegawai SPRM untuk membayar ikat jamin selepas dituduh di Mahkamah Sesyen Alor Setar pada Isnin.

dakwaan Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) Mohd Zulfadli Azharudin, manakala tertuduh diwakili peguam Muhamad Samsul Nizam Sohhimi.

Mahkamah kemudiannya membenarkan Sazali diikat jamin sebanyak RM20,000 bagi semua pertuduhan dan menetapkan 18 Ogos untuk sebutan semula kes.

SINAR HARIAN

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Pengurangan kepada RM86 bilion tahun ini berbanding RM93 bilion pada 2023

Sasar kurangkan pinjaman tahunan

Oleh ZUBAIDAH IBRAHIM

KUALA LUMPUR – Kerajaan menyasarkan untuk mengurangkan pinjaman tahunan kepada RM86 bilion tahun ini berbanding RM93 bilion pada tahun lalu.

Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim berkata, penyasaran itu hasil daripada langkah kerajaan bagi mengurangkan defisit kepada 4.3 peratus tahun ini berbanding 5 peratus dan 5.6 peratus masing-masing pada 2023 dan 2022.

Anwar yang juga Menteri Kewangan berkata, hutang negara pada 2021 dan 2022 adalah sebanyak RM100 bilion tetapi dapat dikurangkan secara berperingkat pada tahun berikut.

"Justeru, pada 2023 saya minta turunkan jumlah pinjaman sebanyak RM93 bilion dan dikurangkan lagi RM86 bilion pada 2024.

"Kita mahu kurangkan kepada RM86 bilion berbanding RM100 bilion pada pentadbiran kerajaan lalu.

"Namun, kita perlu faham angka ini tidak boleh dikurangkan secara mendadak kerana kerajaan masih memerlukan



ANWAR ketika merasmikan Persidangan Cukai Kebangsaan 2024 di Kuala Lumpur semalam.

agenda pembangunan," katanya ketika merasmikan Persidangan Cukai Kebangsaan 2024 di sini semalam.

Dalam pada itu, Perdana Menteri menggesa turut Lembaga Hasil Dalam Negeri (LHDN) untuk meningkatkan kecekapan bagi memastikan kerajaan memperoleh hasil yang lebih baik tahun ini.

"LHDN memainkan peranan besar untuk memastikan kelangsungan kewangan Malaysia pada masa hadapan.

"Malaysia berpotensi terjerumus ke dalam masalah kewangan yang besar kerana asas percukai-an negara adalah sangat kecil dan sekiranya hasil yang dikutip juga rendah," ujarnya.

Sehubungan itu, beliau menegaskan LHDN untuk mengambil langkah baharu bagi memenuhi keperluan semasa menerusi kecekapan perlu dipertingkatkan dengan pelbagai usaha seperti pendigitalan.

"Saya berharap LHDN dapat menambahkan hasil dari unjuran dan walaupun begitu, pastikan setiap sen dan ringgit yang dibayar tidak membebankan rakyat dan syarikat melebihi had yang ditetapkan," katanya.

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BUILDING FINANCIAL CAPACITY

'GOVT COMMITTED TO REDUCING NEW DEBT'

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To achieve that, the country needs to be managed well, says Anwar

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THE government is committed to reducing new debt as a short-term measure to improve the country's financial capacity.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim yesterday said in 2021 and 2022, new debt stood at RM100 billion.

"The amount was reduced to RM93 billion in 2023 and reduced to RM86 billion this year.

"From RM100 billion under the previous administration, we reduced it to RM86 billion, but this cannot be reduced dramatically because we still need a development agenda."

He said this in his keynote address at the National Tax Conference.

Present were Deputy Finance Minister Lim Hui Ying, Treasury secretary-general Datuk Johan Mahmood Merican, Chartered Tax Institute of Malaysia president Soh Lian Seng and Inland Revenue Board (IRB) chief executive officer Datuk Dr Abu Tariq Jamaluddin.

Anwar said the reduction was also a result of the government's efforts to reduce its fiscal deficit.

"This year, it is projected to decrease to 4.3 per cent of the gross domestic product (GDP), with the fiscal deficit last year (2023) at five per cent and in 2022 at 5.6 per cent.

"To achieve that, the country needs to be managed well. There must be no leakages or misappropriation, or the rakyat and the country will suffer."

He said the government was committed to lowering the national debt from 64 per cent to 60 per cent of the GDP.

He added that the money borrowed to settle previous debts constituted the biggest burden on the government.

Citing the IMalaysia Development Bhd case, he said the government had paid off RM48 billion in debts incurred by it.

"The amount could have been



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim speaking at the National Tax Conference in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. PIC BY AZIAH AZMEE

used for the benefit of the people, such as for building schools and hospitals, or even for salary adjustments for civil servants.

"So I emphasise that the management of the economy is crucial.

"There must be no wastage or misappropriation because it is the people and the nation that will bear the burden.

"Can I ignore that debt and refuse to pay it because it was incurred under the previous administration? No, I cannot.

"Even though I am the prime minister, I am bound by past events, and at the same time, I have to consider future generations."

He took a jab at the opposition for accusing him of not giving the right answer about the increase in the national debt.

"They say that the debt keeps increasing, but they don't see the real reason why.

"The government borrows money every year to finance development and settle its previous debts."

He urged the IRB to increase its efficiency to ensure better tax collection.

He said the board played a big role in ensuring Malaysia's financial stability.

He said the country's tax base was small at 11.7 per cent of the GDP, compared with Vietnam at 17 per cent, the Philippines at 18

per cent and Singapore at 13.8 per cent.

"So efficiency is more challenging than in countries with bigger tax bases."

He said efficiency must be improved with digitisation and new measures.

"I hope the IRB can increase the revenue from tax collection beyond the projected target.

"Every cent and ringgit must be paid, but at the same time, it should not burden the people and companies more than the set limit."

Meanwhile, he gave an assurance that the subsidy rationalisation on RON95 would not arise at this moment.

He said the government wanted to focus on explaining the rationalisation of diesel subsidies to the people first.

"I said that if there is a problem with diesel, let me know.

"We don't want to burden the people, but if we don't do it (the subsidy rationalisation), the country's revenue won't increase," he said after officiating at the conference.

On July 10, Economy Minister Rafizi Ramli told the Dewan Rakyat that the government was withholding details on subsidy rationalisation to prevent traders from exploiting the situation.

He said advance notice could lead to pre-emptive price hikes by traders.

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6-MONTH SURVEILLANCE

MACC NABS 8 LINKED TO 'ALI BABA' RACKET

Suspects allegedly received RM12,000 a month to protect foreigners running businesses illegally

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THE Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) yesterday arrested eight local council enforcement personnel in its crack-down on "Ali Baba" businesses.

The suspects were believed to

have accepted RM12,000 in bribes a month to turn a blind eye to businesses run by foreigners.

The "Ali Baba" businesses each allegedly pay RM200 to RM1,000 monthly in exchange for immunity from enforcement action.

The alleged bribe ensured the businesses received tip-offs about enforcement operations.

The eight suspects were detained under MACC's Op Orange.

The operation was a follow-up to Op Star, which also cracked down on "Ali Baba" businesses run by foreigners.

Eight people were arrested in a joint MACC and Kuala Lumpur City Hall operation last week for paying enforcement personnel to turn a blind eye to their illegal "Ali Baba" business licences.



Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission officers inspecting an office in Selayang yesterday used by enforcement personnel suspected of accepting bribes to protect illegal businesses. PIC BY ASYRAF HAMZAH

A source said the suspects in the latest arrest, in their 30s and 40s, were held in Kuala Lumpur between 8.30am and 11am.

"Six months of intelligence-gathering found that the enforcement personnel were protecting "Ali Baba" businesses for RM200 to 1,000 in bribes monthly."

The source said about RM40,000 in cash was seized.

In one of the raids, two suspects led MACC officers to an office in

Selayang. Officers inspected the suspects' lockers, clothing, boots, log books and drawers and questioned them.

The suspects, both wearing face masks, were calm during questioning.

All eight suspects were taken to the Kuala Lumpur MACC headquarters for further questioning.

Later in the afternoon, they were brought out of the building in a MACC van.

Kuala Lumpur MACC director Datuk Mohamad Fauzi Husin confirmed the arrests.

"The suspects will be brought to the Kuala Lumpur magistrate's court on Tuesday (today) for a remand application."

Page 1 pic: Some of the enforcement personnel arrested by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

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'National Day theme aligned with unity govt's policies'

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KUALA LUMPUR: *Malaysia Madani: Jiwa Merdeka*, the theme for this year's National Day and Malaysia Day, is seen as capable of instilling *Madani* values in the people to serve as a bulwark against the challenges of globalisation, said Constitutional expert Associate Prof Datuk Dr Shamrahayu Ab Aziz.

She described the theme as being aligned with the unity government's policies and appealing to all citizens.

"*Madani* emphasises the principles of social and economic justice of sharing wealth and prosperity, ensuring fair access to education,

health and economic opportunities for all strata of society.

"Integrity and good governance are also *Madani* principles to liberate Malaysia from corruption and instil integrity in society. All these are values or elements of a free spirit."

She said *Jiwa Merdeka* reflects that every Malaysian is free in all dimensions such as freedom of thought, expression and action, including in the context of religion and ideology without external restrictions or pressure, in accordance with the law.

"Traditional and national heritage

values such as noble values and religion must always be upheld.

"If we are not bound by perfect heritage and religious values, we will be like a ship without a captain, tossed around in the storm until we become citizens without direction."

"Indeed, noble values and religious appreciation, as well as heritage practices such as customs and morals, are the compass to guide Malaysians in living as one nation."

Shamrahayu said it is also necessary to raise awareness and appreciation of the dangers of corruption and ensure a higher

integrity index in every layer of society, Bernama reported.

"The importance of formal education is also not fully appreciated. Some prioritise monetary returns or asset accumulation over education, to the extent of not going through the whole works of the school environment."

Shamrahayu added that in order to create awareness and appreciation of the theme *Malaysia Madani: Jiwa Merdeka*, programmes that ignite patriotism, such as raising and flying the *Jalur Gemilang* at homes, workplaces or on vehicles as a symbol

of respect and patriotic spirit, should be organised.

"Intellectual programmes or art programmes about the history and sacrifices of independence fighters, as well as campaigns or exhibitions on independence that include the country's achievements after gaining independence should be held."

She said programmes to remember the deeds of independence fighters, such as ceremonies or prayers at the Warrior's Mausoleum, should also be held in appreciation of those who have sacrificed for the country's freedom.

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Time:

2.4 million drivers potential road bullies: Survey

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PETALING JAYA: A Malaysian Institute of Road Safety Research survey has estimated that 2.4 million of the 13.3 million registered motorists in the country exhibit "furious anger" while driving.

Road rage-related offences accounted for some 15% of traffic violations last year while 63% of drivers said they experienced road rage or aggressive behaviour on the road within the past year, with women particularly intimidated by such bullies.

Universiti Putra Malaysia Road Safety Research Centre head Assoc Prof Dr Law Teik Hua said if enforcement is inconsistent or lenient, it may fail to deter repeat offenders.

"Since sharing road rage incidents on social media leads to quicker action by authorities, many victims have turned to platforms such as

► Inconsistent or lenient enforcement of traffic laws undermine effectiveness of regulations designed to address road bullying: Expert

TikTok to share their experiences and alert other road users."

He said road bullying may stem from various factors, such as stress, impatience, cultural attitudes towards driving and a lack of enforcement of traffic laws.

In Malaysia, congested roads, aggressive driving and a lack of consequences contribute to increasing road rage incidents.

He said Malaysians become easily stressed and angry on the road, especially during traffic congestions, with some drivers resorting to yelling, excessive

honking, throwing objects, tailgating, blocking, ramming or using foul language.

One road rage victim said she saw a motorist bullying female drivers near her workplace in Taman Sri Muda.

"Many victims, including those who work at nearby industrial areas, have lodged complaints through the e-Aduan@IPJ app. However, the bully is still on the road, targeting different victims daily. It seems reporting to authorities is pointless."

Law said in such cases, offenders might perceive the penalties as minimal or unlikely to be enforced,

which could encourage them to continue their aggressive behaviour.

"A lack of stringent enforcement undermines the effectiveness of laws and regulations designed to address road bullying and road rage."

He said some countries have implemented severe penalties, such as heavy fines, suspension or revocation of driving licences, mandatory anger management courses or imprisonment.

"In Singapore, aggressive driving could lead to fines, imprisonment, or both. Such measures aim to send a strong message and have shown varying degrees of success in curbing road bullying."

He said enhancing enforcement could involve deploying more traffic police, using technology for monitoring and evidence collection and ensuring penalties escalate for repeat offenders.

"The situation has led to a persistent call for the government to introduce mandatory punishments, educational programmes and traditional fines. There are road safety advocates who argue that while fines are a deterrent, they are not always effective in changing behaviour."

"Mandatory punishments could provide substantial consequences for offenders. Programmes aimed at raising awareness about the dangers of road rage and bullying could help address the root causes of aggressive driving."

Law advised road rage victims to prioritise their safety by avoiding confrontation, staying calm and not responding to aggressive gestures or provocation.

"They could document the incident with a dashcam, note down details and report the incident."

"Authorities should act swiftly based on evidence provided by victims. When evidence is lacking, traffic surveillance could offer crucial information and help law enforcement identify and prosecute offenders."



Law said when stressed and angry on the road, some drivers resort to yelling, excessive honking, throwing objects, tailgating, blocking, ramming or using foul language. — ILLUSTRATIVE SUNPIC/AMIRUL SYAFIQ