



Timbalan Datuk Bandar Subang Jaya Mohd Zulkurnain Che Ali menyempurnakan Majlis Pelepasan Subang Jaya Half Marathon 2025 di pekarangan Kompleks beli-belah Subang Parade, SS 16 pada 23 Februari 2025. Foto MBSJ

Lebih 3,000 peserta meriahkan maraton Subang Jaya, galak gaya hidup sihat

SHAH ALAM, 23 FEB : Lebih 3,000 orang menyertai Subang Jaya Half Marathon 2025 bermula di pekarangan Kompleks beli-belah Subang Parade, SS 16, hari ini.

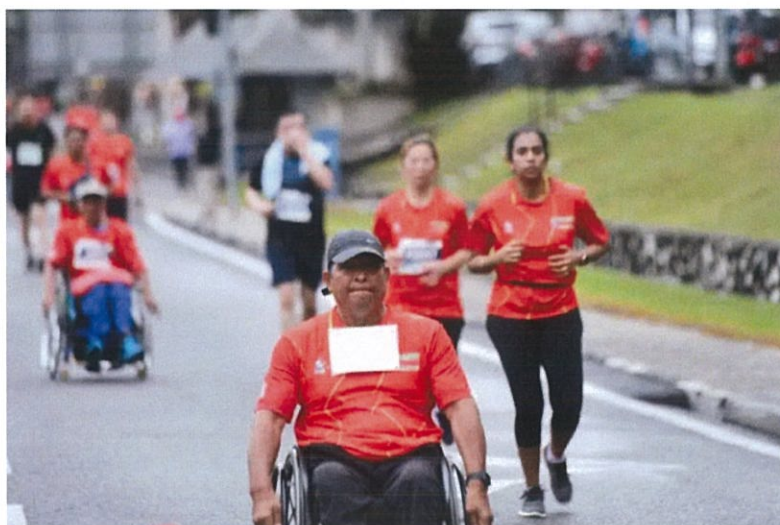
Majlis Bandaraya Subang Jaya (MBSJ) program itu melibatkan penyertaan seramai 1,306 acara larian 21 kilometer (km), 1,133 peserta (10km) manakala masing-masing 580 peserta menyertai larian santai dan cabaran kerusi roda sejauh 5km.

"Penganjuran Subang Jaya Half Marathon ini bertujuan mempromosi gaya hidup sihat dan memperkukuh semangat kesukanan serta perpaduan dalam komuniti bandar raya.

"Diharapkan program ini menjadi platform bagi komuniti bandaraya beriadah dan menjalani gaya hidup sihat pada masa sama menyokong usaha MBSJ realisasi matlamat pembangunan mampan," maklumnya menerusi kenyataan.

Program bermula jam 4 pagi tadi itu turut mendapat kerjasama Puncak Ventures SRA Sdn Bhd dan Persatuan Olahraga Para Selangor.

Majlis pelepasan peserta disempurnakan Timbalan Datuk Bandar Subang Jaya Mohd Zulkurnain Che Ali bersama Pengarah Puncak Ventures SRA Sdn Bhd Zainudin Lot dan Setiausaha Kehormat Persatuan Olahraga Para Selangor G Mohan.



Peserta dalam kalangan OKU turut menyertai Subang Jaya Half Marathon 2025 pada 23 Februari 2025. Foto MBSJ



Ahli Dewan Negeri Seri Serdang Abbas Azmi (kanan) bersama Ketua Yayasan MBI Ahmad Azmi Zahal Nor bercakap kepada media ketika menyampaikan sumbangan MBI untuk mangsa rangatan elektrik di Bandar Baru Bangi pada 20 Disember 2024. Foto MOHD KHUJIRUL HELMY MOHD DINU/MEDIA SELANGOR

Wakil rakyat tumpu tangani kesesakan lalu lintas di DUN Seri Serdang

SHAH ALAM, 23 FEB: Isu kesesakan lalu lintas di kawasan Dewan Undangan Negeri (DUN) Seri Serdang menjadi tumpuan untuk diselesaikan pada tahun ini.

Wakil rakyatnya berkata pihaknya telah mengemukakan cadangan pembinaan jalan penghubung di Kota Perdana bagi mengatasi kesesakan terutama pada waktu puncak.

"Majlis Bandaraya Subang Jaya (MBSJ) bersetuju untuk melaksanakan jalan penghubung pada tahun hadapan dengan kos sebanyak RM20 juta.

"Ia akan memudahkan pergerakan keluar masuk penduduk khususnya di Lestari Permai, Lestari Putra dan Desaminium kerana kawasan ini hanya mempunyai satu jalan keluar sahaja," kata Abbas Azmi kepada Media Selangor.

Pada masa sama, Abbas memberitahu rancangan pembinaan jejambat di Persiaran Lestari Putra untuk penyuraian trafik kini dalam peringkat akhir.

"Pembangunan jejambat membabitkan peruntukan RM400 juta. Jabatan Kerja Raya (JKR) sedang menunggu kelulusan dari Kementerian Kerja Raya dan Kementerian Ekonomi," katanya lagi.

Dalam perkembangan lain, Abbas memaklumkan pembinaan masjid di Taman Lestari Putra dijadual bermula pada tahun ini.

"Alhamdulillah, pihak Jabatan Agama Islam (Jais) dan JKR telah meluluskan rancangan pembangunan. Kos libat RM20 juta ikut Belanjawan 2024 lalu," katanya.

FIVE-FOOT WAY PERMITS

Klang Royal City Council (MBDK) is issuing temporary permits to restaurant or cafe operators to place tables and chairs at five-foot ways or outside their premises. Applications can be made at MBDK's MyLesen portal at mylesen.mbdk.gov.my For queries, call 03- 3375 5555 (ext 3309/6307/6311/6313).

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ASSESSMENT TAX

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> Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) will deploy mobile counters to collect assessment tax payments at Jalan SS6/3 (Feb 25, from 9am to noon). Payment can also be made online via ePay@MBPJ, JomPAY and Internet banking. For enquiries, call 03-7956 3544 (ext 102/103/108 or 109).

> Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) has opened payment counters outside office hours to assist with assessment tax payments throughout this month. The counters will be available at Menara DBKL 1 from 8am-2pm every weekend and on public holidays.

> A RM5 notice will be issued to property owners under Penang Island City Council (MBPP) who fail to pay their assessment tax by Feb 28. Those with arrears also face possible asset seizure by MBPP. Owners who settle their assessment in full and are without arrears will be entitled to a lucky draw. For details, call MBPP Revenue Department at 04-259 2178.

> Ipoh City Council (MBI) is offering lucky draw prizes worth RM100,000 to property owners who pay before Feb 28 and are not in arrears. Payment can be made via JomPAY, PBTPay, MBI kiosk machines and online banking. For details, visit www.mbi.gov.my

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MPAJ RAMADAN BAZAARS

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Ramadan bazaars under Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ) jurisdiction will start operating on Feb 27. The council has prepared 884 lots in 16 locations. There are still vacancies in four locations, namely Kompleks Muhibbah (22 lots), Taman Sri Bayu (21 lots), Taman Dato' Ahmad Razali (4 lots) and Taman Pandan Cahaya (8 lots). Applications for temporary licence to operate in these locations can be done through the e-penjaja system at intranet.mpaij.gov.my/penjaja or call 03-4285 7433.

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Give shelter dogs loving homes, says Klang mayor



Abd Hamid says MBDK hopes people will adopt the dogs.

By EDWARD RAJENDRA
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KLANG Royal City Council (MBDK) has dogs available for free adoption.

"Our Health Department canine unit takes dogs off the streets and rehomes them through our free adoption initiative," says Klang mayor Datuk Abd Hamid Hussain.

He said most of the canines were brought in after receiving public complaints and quarantined for a week.

"Our dog shelter at Bandar Sultan Suleiman in Port Klang is a safe haven for lost dogs," he added.

If owners of the dogs brought to the shelter do not claim them in seven days, the animals will be put up for adoption.

Abd Hamid said adopting the canines would make a big difference to hundreds of strays that needed help.

"Currently, our Canine Unit has rounded up 139 stray dogs as of Feb 18.

"Most of these dogs are friendly and need a caring home and MBDK hopes people will adopt them instead of buying," he said.

"Once the potential owner has selected a dog at the council's shelter, he or she has to go to our Health

Department to register their personal details.

"The dog is then given to the new owner to be vaccinated.

"Once the vaccination is completed the owner will pay RM10 for a dog licence tag," he said, adding that all dogs, four months and older, in the city must be licensed.

Abd Hamid said MBDK held weekly events in neighbourhoods where vaccinations for dogs are offered at half price, and encouraged residents to take advantage of the offer.

"Efforts are being made to ensure the animal gets a good home and reduce the stray overpopulation."

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THE crematorium operated by Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) at Jalan 229, Section 51A, is set to undergo an upgrade that includes a columbarium.

Petaling Jaya mayor Mohamad Zahri Samingon said with the upgrade, the operations of the crematorium will be privatised.

As the crematorium is on state land, he said MBPJ was in the process of resolving land-related matters with the Selangor government before transferring the operations to the private company.

"The refurbishment will involve the enhancement of the crematorium, as well as a new columbarium, casket showroom, mortuary preparation room and management office," he said.

Mohamad Zahri added that the columbarium would have a capacity to hold 10,000 urns.

"The project is expected to cost between RM8mil and RM12mil.

"The concession period will be set at 21 years, subject to state's approval," he said at the city council's full board meeting.

Although the private company would manage the crematorium's operations, MBPJ would continue to oversee the management of the facilities to ensure high-quality service, Mohamad Zahri said.

"Service charges will also be regulated to ensure they remain reasonable.

"The improvements to this cre-

MBPJ crematorium to be privatised

Project includes construction of columbarium



The crematorium in Kampung Tunku is run by the Petaling Jaya City Council. — CHAN TAK KONG/The Star

matorium will benefit local residents and provide better organised, comfortable and modern funeral services.

"This will also help ensure

each funeral service is carried out smoothly and safely to meet the needs of the community."

Separately, in conjunction with

Ramadan, MBPJ has designated 18 locations for bazaar operations offering 1,260 trading lots.

Mohamad Zahri said MBPJ would implement separated trading lots and promote cashless transactions to ensure better convenience, reduce waste and encourage recycling.

"This year, MBPJ is collaborating with hotels and companies to distribute leftover food from the bazaars to those in need through the Bakul Bahagia Ramadan @PJ initiative.

Additionally, MBPJ was giving out RM30,000 in digital coupons, each worth RM15, to visitors who brought reusable bags at 12 bazaar locations, Mohamad Zahri said, adding that about 100 MBPJ staff would be assigned bazaar duty to monitor cleanliness, safety and compliance.

He said 20 entrepreneurs would also be selected to receive RM500 along with the opportunity to choose their trading lots for next year's Ramadan bazaar.

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Cars parked in side lanes may not allow fire engines or ambulances to pass.

A busy commercial walkway converted into a dining area. — Photos: YAP CHEE HONG/The Star and courtesy of Fire and Rescue Department and DBKL

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ILLEGAL encroachments on the side and back lanes of public roads are posing a significant hazard to emergency response efforts, particularly for the Fire and Rescue Department.

Rampant obstruction by parked cars, illegal structures and roadside businesses continue to hinder their operations.

In critical situations these blockages not only delay response time but also jeopardise lives and property.

Firefighters have raised concerns over growing disregard for access regulations, calling for stricter enforcement to ensure emergency routes remain unobstructed.

Kuala Lumpur Fire and Rescue Department director Senior Assistant Fire Commissioner Hassan 'As'ari Omar is highly concerned about this issue.

"Encroachment that hampers our fire and rescue team from getting to the site is one of the biggest setbacks for us.

"Especially since there are clear guidelines and rules that specify a minimum width of 6m for public access to allow the movement of fire engines and emergency vehicles," he said.

Access is vital

Hassan said Uniform Building By-Laws (UBBL) 1984 (amended in 2021) was a nationwide regulation under Street, Drainage and Building Act 1974, which specifies requirements for fire appliance access to ensure effective firefighting and rescue operations.

According to UUK140 under the UBBL, he said, access must be a minimum width of 6m throughout its entire length to accommodate fire engines and other emergency vehicles.

The access, he said, must be constructed to support the weight of a stationary 30-tonne fire appliance, adding that it should be level, with an overhead clearance of at least 4.5m to allow for unobstructed passage.

"The department is always concerned about access issues because when it comes to rescue efforts or firefighting, every second counts.

Obstructed lanes, hydrants a threat to safety in KL

Illegal structures by roadside hamper fire and rescue operations



Hassan says the department has taken legal action against individuals who failed to pay compounds related to fire safety violations.

"We don't want to deal with obstacles along the way. But what's concerning is that enforcement against encroachments is not under our jurisdiction.

"So, while we have regulations requiring proper access, we have no direct authority to enforce them."

Hassan said access included side and back lanes and all public areas. It is an offence to block these areas with illegal extensions, tables, chairs, trees, planters or any other obstructions.

"We've encountered cases where, upon arriving at the scene, our fire trucks are blocked by double-parked cars along narrow lanes.

"We had to wait for the vehicles to be moved before we could

put out the fire," said Hassan.

He said this was prevalent in government housing schemes and apartment complexes in the city, where parking shortages led to widespread illegal parking.

Hoping to increase public awareness, Hassan said the department has regular meetings with local authorities and government agencies to highlight their challenges, especially on matters of access obstruction.

"We're not just saving lives – we're also trying to save people's properties. We understand the devastation of losing everything," he added.

Hassan said fire awareness was one of the department's key programmes in educating the public.

"We are trying to reach all lev-



A back lane in Kuala Lumpur lined with potted plants and parked motorcycles leave limited space for fire engines to pass through.

els of the community, starting with students in kindergarten, school and colleges as well as neighbourhoods.

"We teach people how to stay alert and respond during a fire – wherever and whenever it happens," he said.

Fire hydrant crucial weapon

"Part of our awareness programme includes identifying fire hydrants in a neighbourhood, ensuring they are not obstructed and are in proper working condition.

"I often tell people that the fire hydrant is our most crucial weapon in fighting fires. It must be well-maintained and taken care of," he added.

Hassan said one of their key programmes was "Teman Pili Bomba" (Friend of Hydrants), whereby the public are encouraged to adopt hydrants near their homes.

When there is a fire, the fire department relies on two water sources – the primary one being the fire hydrant, with water from rivers, lakes and even drains as secondary sources.

"If there are no hydrants at the incident site, we will look for alternative sources."

Hassan said there were two

types of fire hydrants – the pillar style, and the ground hydrant identifiable by the letter "H" embedded on the ground indicating an underground fire hydrant.

Under Section 23 of Fire Services Act 1988, Hassan said, anyone who obstructs access to a fire hydrant or alters its alignment has committed an offence.

Likewise under Section 26, it is illegal to cover or conceal a fire hydrant in a way that makes it difficult to be located, to tamper with it or use it for any other purpose other than firefighting.

"Fire hydrants are a critical part of emergency response infrastructure, and any interference could cost lives.

"So if you block it, cover it or damage it, you're in trouble.

"It's an offence and a compoundable one at that. If you don't pay the fine, we will take you to court – and we have done so many times," said Hassan.

The compound ranges from RM100 to RM5,000, depending on severity.

"Many fire hydrant obstruction cases involve people abandoning their cars near hydrants, effectively blocking access.

"Just imagine firefighters looking for a hydrant in an emergency.

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Businesses spared demolition must voluntarily remove illegal extensions

WHEN Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) recently demolished illegal extensions that encroached into public spaces, some premises were not affected.

However, these business owners are not off the hook. They were issued notices to remove the illegal structures voluntarily by signing a pledge (*surat aku janji*).

Since *StarMetro* carried the article on the demolition operation in Plaza Damansara, many complaints have been received.

Some questioned why DBKL did not demolish some outlets and accused the authority of double standards.

However, DBKL clarified that enforcement operations would continue.

"Those who were spared that day have pledged to remove their illegal extensions voluntarily, failing which action will be taken including demolition," said a DBKL spokesperson.

DBKL has been cracking down on businesses that have illegally erected structures and extensions in violation of Street, Drainage and Building Act 1974, as well as those placing tables, chairs and potted plants on public walkways.

These encroachments have hindered waste management company Alam Flora from car-

rying out proper cleaning work.

The Kuala Lumpur Fire and Rescue Department also raised concerns of illegal extensions obstructing emergency response efforts.

Many restaurants in Bukit Damansara have placed their gas tanks in the back lanes, taking up valuable space, while some have illegally installed extensions outside their premises, eating into the public space.

All these obstructions are strictly prohibited according to Fire and Rescue Department regulations, its spokesperson said.

"We need to streamline enforcement and establish a proper code to ensure compliance."

"This will not only prevent violations but also ensure that fire engines have unobstructed access," the spokesperson added.

Bukit Damansara House Owners Association deputy president Ravi Markandu said while he appreciated DBKL's enforcement action in the area, he pointed out that many businesses had still not removed their illegal extensions.

"I was informed by DBKL's Segambut office that the recent operation in Plaza Damansara

Bukit D'sara business owners defy demolition

Kuala Lumpur City Hall maintains obstruction notices issued ahead of enforcement in Jalan Medan Setia 1



StarMetro report on Feb 7.

was carried out following numerous complaints from Alam Flora, because its workers struggled to manoeuvre their dumpsters through lanes obstructed by illegal structures, as well as clean drains impeded by decorative items.

"These businesses were initially given notices to remove the obstacles voluntarily, and some failed to comply."

Save Kuala Lumpur chairman Datuk M. Ali commended DBKL's actions in penalising the businesses.

However, he said many were still violating the law and escaped enforcement, such as a seafood restaurant at Jalan Pantai Baru in Bangsar illegally built on government land.

StarMetro had previously reported that then Federal Territories Land and Mines Office (PPTGWP) director Muhammad Yasir Yahya con-

firmed the restaurant, located on a road divider, had extensive renovations costing about RM3mil.

He had said that the operator had applied for a permit and was asked to ensure there were no obstructions to pedestrians or vehicles.

In Jalan Tun Sambanthan, Brickfields, a restaurant constructed on a public walkway, featuring a permanent structure, also raised safety concerns.

The obstruction restricts emergency access, thus violating Fire and Rescue Department regulations.

"This is a blatant disregard for public safety and fire regulations," said Brickfields Rukun Tetangga chairman SKK Naidu.

"Emergency access should never be compromised for private business gains." — By BAVANI M



Ali commends move to penalise premises owners.



Ravi says DBKL action was based on many complaints.

"We know it's there, but we can't see it because someone covered it up or parked in front of it. This happens all the time."

Based on 2024 data, Hassan said, Kuala Lumpur has 18,424 fire hydrants comprising 12,280 public hydrants and 6,144 private hydrants.

Public hydrants are painted red, while private hydrants are in yellow (see graphic). Both are accessible by the Fire and Rescue Department.

Hassan said the department had conducted 20,505 inspections on all hydrants to ensure they were in working condition, with some hydrants inspected more than once.

In 2023, Housing and Local Government Ministry (KPKT) allocated RM156,250 for hydrant maintenance, he added.

Hassan also said that the department relied on public feedback to monitor the condition of fire hydrants.

"This is why we encourage the public to 'adopt' hydrants in their area and ensure there is a clearance of 3m radius from any obstruction."

"If you don't want to do that, then just find where your nearest hydrant is located and make sure it's not obstructed, and if you are not sure, just give us a call."

Hassan said it was crucial for residents to play a part in keeping an eye on hydrants, as there were cases, especially in rural areas, of people stealing water from the facility.

"It is an offence to steal water from the hydrant. So please help us help you," he said.

Hassan said the Kuala Lumpur Fire and Rescue Department had taken legal action against individuals who failed to pay

Fire hydrants

Your neighbourhood lifesaver

Public vs private fire hydrants: how to tell?

There are **18,424** fire hydrants in KL

12,280 are public (Red)

6,144 are private (Yellow)

Public Fire Hydrant

Found along roadsides, marked with a yellow post and under the care of Fire & Rescue Department.

Private Fire Hydrant

Located inside commercial buildings, gated communities, or factories, usually maintained by the property owner.

Who to call in an emergency?

Report a damaged fire hydrant: <https://kpkt.spab.gov.my/eApps/system/index.do>

See something wrong? Report to the nearest fire station!

Fire hydrant DOs & DON'Ts

DO	DON'T
Keep fire hydrants clear—don't block them!	Park in front of fire hydrants—fire trucks need access!
Report a leaking or missing hydrant cap.	Paint over or cover the hydrant.
Educate children on the importance of hydrants.	Open hydrants for fun—it can cause water pressure loss during fires!



Above: Based on 2024 data, Kuala Lumpur has 18,424 fire hydrants, comprising 12,280 public hydrants (red) and 6,144 private hydrants (yellow).

Below: Vehicles parked or abandoned near fire hydrants hamper their use during fires.



compounds related to fire safety violations.

"In 2022, we prosecuted 10 cases in court, followed by eight cases in 2023."

"For 2024, a total of 62 compounds were issued with 50 under Section 26 for obstruction or tampering with fire hydrants

and 12 under Section 55 for other fire safety violations," he said, adding that some had not paid up.

"So far, 12 out of 50 cases under Section 26 have paid amounting to RM1,150."

"Eight out of 12 cases under Section 55 (tampering of fire

alarms) have been settled, totalling RM800," he said, adding that 42 cases were outstanding and were currently in the process of being brought to court.

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Dioramas showcase life in a Malay kampung setting (above) and replica of a 1960s-style stall in the heritage food section (below).



The interactive art display of musical instruments (above) while an audio component (below) allows visitors to hear the sounds they make.

Selangor gorgeously brought to life at Muzium Sultan Alam Shah with technological innovations taking the experience to another level. — Photos: ART CHEN and AZLINA ABDULLAH/The Star

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Dive into culture, history of Selangor

Visitors can enjoy interactive, expansive and free exploration of Muzium Sultan Alam Shah

THE newly revamped Muzium Sultan Alam Shah in Shah Alam, Selangor, now offers visitors a more engaging experience.

Adopting the "edutainment" concept, the museum incorporates several interactive technologies and exhibits to make visits more memorable.

At the musical instrument display for example, visitors can press buttons to hear how the instruments sound.

Other features include interactive art displays in the *cempuling* (percussion instrument) section, "graphic mapping" in the natural history gallery and AI-generated images.

QR codes provide additional

information about artefacts and collections with just a scan.

The museum also features a "Raja Sehari" (Malay wedding) segment that showcases over 70 wedding gifts from the 1950s to the 2000s.

Visitors can admire a beautifully decorated bridal dais (*pelamin*) adorned with intricate *tekat gubah* gold-thread embroidery featuring motifs of the *bunga tanjung* (Spanish cherry or *Mimusops elengi*), the official flower of Selangor.

In addition, the heritage food section displays 120 realistic depictions of traditional dishes, and even recreates a 1960s-era *warung* (food stall).

An individual's life cycle in a *kampung* setting is depicted in the "Stages of Life" section, alongside a variety of dioramas about history and culture from around Malaysia.

Free guided tours are available for groups, with online bookings to be made through the Perbadanan Adat Melayu dan Warisan Negri Selangor (Padat) website.

Individuals and families can join scheduled guided tours at 11am and 3pm on weekends.

Admission to the museum is free until the end of April.

The museum is open daily except Mondays, from 9.30am to 5.30pm.



Visitors enjoying an interactive artwork.



Traditional outfits of various ethnic groups in Selangor.



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Moving forward towards autism awareness

KUALA LUMPUR: Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof joined more than 4,000 participants in the inaugural KL Autism Awareness Fun Run to raise public awareness on autism.

The run, which saw autistic children participating, was organised by Pertubuhan Amal dan Dakwah Anak Istimewa in collaboration with Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL), the Malaysia Islamic Development Department and the Federal Territory Islamic Religious Department.

Speaking to reporters before flagging off the run at the DBKL Square here, Fadillah hoped that the programme would help instil awareness on autism in the community and encourage the public to be more sensitive to the needs

of autistic individuals.

"It is hoped that the community will help and support them.

"Not even necessarily financially, but by providing moral support such as participating in programmes like this," he said, Bernama reported.

One of the participants, Azira Hashi, said she was excited to join the run to show support for her eight-year-old son who has autism.

"Autistic children need outdoor activities like this because it can help reduce their problems such as being overwhelmed with loud noises and unable to socialise.

"Thank God, having participated in several programmes, my son has no problems now," she said.



In high spirits: Fadillah (centre) participating in the run with autistic children at DBKL Square.

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Plan in motion:
Nga (third from right) being briefed during the launch of Woodlands II Madani Recreational Park in Tambun. — RONNIE CHIN/The Star



Spot the litterbugs soon

Nga: Special community service uniforms for serial culprits

By MANJIT KAUR
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IPOH: Serial litterbugs must be prepared to wear a special uniform while cleaning the streets, drains and public areas after the new law on community service sentences is enforced this year, says Nga Kor Ming.

The Housing and Local Government Minister said that while carrying out the sentence, the offenders would be required to wear uniforms that may be inscribed with "I am a litterbug".

Nga said the first reading of the new Bill will take place during this Parliament meeting and the approval is expected by March 6 after debate.

After the Bill has been passed by both the Dewan Rakyat and Dewan Negara, the law will be

gazetted and is expected to be implemented nationwide this year.

He said repeat offenders will be required to assist local councils in sweeping roads, cleaning drains and even washing public toilets with a maximum penalty of up to 12 hours.

"So, if you litter, be prepared to serve a community service sentence, in addition to a RM2,000 fine.

"We must ensure Malaysia remains clean. It is time for real action as there is no point in having a 'Look East Policy' since the 1980s if we don't implement real changes.

"It has been 43 years since we started looking east.

"For those who fail to comply, they will be charged in court," Nga told reporters after launch-

ing the Woodlands II Madani Recreational Park in Tambun near here yesterday.

He said in January that a draft Bill to introduce community service penalties for individuals found guilty of littering offences would be tabled in the Dewan Rakyat in March.

Nga said he had seen people standing next to a trash bin but still deciding to throw garbage into drains.

He said this would clog the drains, which could then cause flash floods.

"For habitual litterbugs, there will be zero tolerance when it comes to cleanliness.

"This is our collective responsibility. In Malaysia, illiteracy is no longer an excuse.

"Don't tell me you don't know how to throw trash into a bin.

"The community service punishment will be made public for awareness and deterrence," he added.

Nga said it does not matter how wealthy someone is if the person's mindset is still stuck in the Stone Age.

Speaking about the Madani parks, Nga said the ministry would be allocating RM10mil to the Perak government to develop at least 20 new Madani parks.

He said under the ministry's national policy last year, it aimed to build 100 parks a year.

That target was exceeded, he said, as 109 parks were built.

"I am committed to building 1,000 parks in 10 years."

On the Woodlands II park, Nga said a housing developer had contributed RM500,000 towards the setting up of the park.

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Group pushes for first-aid education

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Basic training ensures those equipped can act swiftly, effectively when needed

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PETALING JAYA: All school staff, students and parents should be trained in the basics of performing first aid including choking response techniques, say interest groups.

Since they are the first responders in school and home emergencies, equipping them with proper first-aid knowledge ensures they can act swiftly and effectively when the need arises.

The call was made following the tragic death of Mohammad Fahmi Hafiz Mohammad Fakhruddin, a pupil in SK Sungai Dua in Butterworth, Penang, who choked on gummy candy in his school on Friday.

Consultant paediatrician and child-disability activist Datuk Dr Amar Singh HSS said first-aid training should be part of the national teacher training curriculum.

"Paediatric first aid for younger children will empower teachers in dealing with common injuries, contact emergency services and perform CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) when needed."

"Health NGOs can offer certified courses specifically designed for teachers."

"This training should be ongoing with periodic refreshers."

"Older students should be offered training in first aid," he said in an interview.

While young children under five are known to be at risk of choking from food and small objects, Dr Amar has observed a rise in choking incidents among school-aged children.

"Choking hazards are not limited to hard or sticky foods like candy and nuts."

"They also include non-food items such as small batteries, toy parts and balloons," he said while highlighting the importance of

training parents and teachers in choking prevention and emergency response.

"Recognising signs of choking like a child turning pale or blue and appearing panicked is crucial," he added.

Dr Amar said there are many online training guides and local NGOs offering instruction on first aid techniques such as 'back blows' and 'abdominal thrusts'.

"Having these skills can be life-saving," he said while noting the different approaches for conscious and unconscious children.

Dr Amar also called on the people to identify potentially dangerous food items and work with the government to ban them.

The Alliance for a Safe Community chairman Tan Sri Lee Lam Thye said first-aid skills are not difficult to learn.

"A short session can provide essential life-saving knowledge."

"Critical life-saving skills such as CPR and choking management should be a fundamental requirement for teachers and administrative staff in schools," he said.

Lee suggested integrating basic first-aid and CPR training into professional development programmes for teachers and administrative staff.

He also called for teaching first aid to secondary school students during co-curricular activities or physical education classes and offering voluntary training sessions for parents.

"Awareness of the importance of first-aid training among parents and teachers is still low."

"Many recognise its benefits but don't prioritise formal training due to time constraints and the misconception that only medical professionals should handle emergencies," he said.

The National Union of Teaching Profession secretary-general Fouzi Singon called for improved first-aid training in schools, highlighting the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical applica-

tion in emergencies.

"First aid is learned by teachers and students."

"However, applying these skills in real-life situations requires courage and expertise, which are often lacking," he said.

Fouzi also highlighted the need for greater awareness of potential school emergencies, noting that they are often trivialised until a tragedy occurs.

"First-aid skills can be taught through media and social media advertisements, as well as during official school assemblies to school staff and students."

"This widespread approach can help ensure the people are prepared during an emergency," he added.

Fouzi also called for the implementation of Occupational Safety and Health Administration practices in schools.

Parent Action Group for Education chairman Datin Noor Azimah Abdul Rahim concurred, saying that all school staff, students and parents should be trained in first aid and choking response techniques.

"Teachers, especially school security guards, should get basic first-aid training."

"Even canteen operators should know how to detect choking and perform the Heimlich manoeuvre," she said.

Noor Azimah said secondary schools, particularly, have access to resources like the Red Crescent Society or St John's Ambulance to train everyone.

"While the Heimlich manoeuvre can be found on YouTube, ensuring it is done correctly is critical," she said.

Noor Azimah also suggested to the Education Ministry to conduct a comprehensive study on student and school safety, drawing from best practices in other countries.

"Developing a robust school safety and first aid policy is essential," she added.

How to identify choking?

■ The universal choking sign

The victim will clutch the neck with the thumb and fingers, and attempt to cough the foreign object out.

■ What is the Heimlich manoeuvre or abdominal thrust?

- It is a first-aid method for choking. If back blows are ineffective, perform the Heimlich manoeuvre.
- Get behind the patient.
- Clench your fist and place it between the navel and rib cage.
- Grasp one hand with your other hand, and pull sharply inward and upward.
- Repeat up to five times.
- If the obstruction is still not relieved, alternate five back blows with five abdominal thrusts.



■ What to do when someone is choking?

- Assess severity
- Severe airway obstruction (ineffective cough)



- Mild airway obstruction (effective cough)
- Unconscious – Start CPR
- Conscious – Give five back blows and five abdominal thrusts (chest thrusts for infants)
- Encourage coughing – Continue to check for deterioration or until obstruction is coughed out

Source: Health Ministry Malaysia

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SOCIAL media has changed the way Malaysians express their thoughts, share news, and talk about important issues. Platforms like Facebook, Twitter, and TikTok have become popular places for people to speak their minds. But while we have the freedom to share our opinions, there are also rules to follow to keep things safe and respectful.

In Malaysia, freedom of speech is protected under Article 10 of the Federal Constitution. However, this freedom has limits. Laws like the Communications and Multimedia Act 1998, the Sedition Act 1948, and the Defamation Act 1957 exist to pre-

Navigating freedom of speech on social media

vent hate speech, fake news, and content that could harm national security or create racial tension.

In 2023, the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission received over 8,000 complaints about online abuse, false information, and defamatory posts. A study by German data gathering website Statista also found that 78% of Malaysians use social media, leading to rising concerns about cyberbullying and misinformation in civil society and the government.

Because fake news spreads so

easily, the government has tightened control over harmful content. The Anti-Fake News Act was introduced in 2018 but sparked debate about whether it restricted free speech or was even necessary to stop the spread of false information; it was repealed in 2019. Some people believe social media should have fewer restrictions, while others think these laws are important to prevent online harassment and hate speech.

With social media playing such a big role in our lives, we must use it responsibly. Before sharing

anything, we should check if it is true, we should respect others' opinions, and avoid content that spreads hatred or false information. Being kind online, avoiding personal attacks, and remembering that our words can have real-world consequences are important steps to creating a positive online space.

Freedom of speech on social media is a right, but it also comes with responsibilities. Malaysians can express their thoughts, but they must do so within legal limits to keep social media a safe

and respectful place. By practising good digital habits and being mindful of what we share, we can create a better online environment for everyone.

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DIVIDEN KWSP DIJANGKA LEBIH BAIK

- Prestasi memberangsangkan Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja (KWSP) pada suku ketiga tahun lepas dijangka memberi pulangan yang baik dari segi dividen kepada pencarumnya.
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2022

Simpanan
Konvensional

5.35%

2023

5.50%

Simpanan
Shariah

4.75%

5.40%

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Agihan dividen bagi tahun 2024 dijangka lebih baik berbanding tahun sebelumnya

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"Oleh itu, insya-ALLAH prestasi berterusan pada suku keempat dan dividen akan memberangsangkan. Namun, saya tak boleh komen apa dividennya. Itu tunggu lah. Boleh kata lebih baik. Insya-ALLAH," katanya selepas menyempurnakan Larian ASEAN: Trek Kewangan @MOF anjuran Kementerian Kewangan (MOF) di sini pada Ahad.

'Insya-ALLAH dividen KWSP akan memberangsangkan'



Amir Hamzah (lima dari kanan) melepaskan para peserta Larian ASEAN: Trek Kewangan @Kementerian Kewangan bagi kategori lima kilometer di Dataran Wawasan, Presint 2 pada Ahad.



KWSP mengisytiharkan dividen lebih tinggi pada 2023 iaitu 5.50 peratus bagi Simpanan Konvensional berbanding 5.35 peratus pada 2022 dengan jumlah agihan sebanyak RM50.33 bilion.

Bagi Simpanan Syariah, 5.40 peratus direkodkan berbanding 4.75 peratus pada 2022 dengan jumlah agihan sebanyak RM7.48 bilion.

KWSP dijangka mengumumkan kadar

dividen 2024 pada awal Mac ini.

Terdahulu, beberapa pakar ekonomi dan akademik menjangkakan dividen KWSP bagi tahun 2024 melebihi enam peratus.

Sementara itu, lebih 3,700 peserta menyertai Larian ASEAN: Trek Kewangan @MOF, yang diadakan bersempena dengan Kepengerusan ASEAN Malaysia 2025 melibatkan penyertaan daripada kalangan warga MOF dan orang awam.

Pada program itu, Amir Hamzah bersama pengurusan tertinggi MOF berjaya menamatkan larian bagi kategori tiga kilometer.

Amir Hamzah berkata, penganjuran acara larian itu bertujuan memberi pendedahan kepada warga MOF dan orang awam mengenai ASEAN dari aspek penubuhan, peranan dan kepentingan pertubuhan ASEAN kepada Malaysia dan negara anggotanya. - Bernama

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KWSP perjelas pendapatan pelaburan dan agihan dividen 2023

KUALA LUMPUR - Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja (KWSP) menegaskan bahawa angka bagi tahun kewangan berakhir 31 Disember, 2023 adalah tepat dan mematuhi sepenuhnya piawaian pelaporan kewangan yang ketat.

Dalam satu kenyataan, KWSP berkata, setiap keputusan pelaburan telah melalui penilaian ketat sejajar dengan mandat KWSP, dengan keutamaan diberikan kepada pemeliharaan nilai jangka panjang.

"Memandangkan simpanan persaraan adalah kepentingan nasional, KWSP kekal teguh dalam komitmennya untuk melindungi dan mengembangkan dana ahli dengan profesionalisme, akauntabiliti dan

ketelusan," katanya.

Kenyataan itu bagi merujuk kepada perbincangan terkini mengenai prestasi kewangannya untuk tahun 2023 dan pelaburannya dalam Malaysia Airports Holdings Berhad (MAHB).

Bagi tahun kewangan berakhir 31 Disember 2023, KWSP merekodkan jumlah pendapatan pelaburan kasar sebanyak RM66.99 bilion, dengan pendapatan pelaburan bersih berjumlah RM63.48 bilion, konsisten dengan jumlah yang dibentangkan di Parlimen oleh Menteri Kewangan II.

Mengenai harga transaksi saham MAHB pada 2023, KWSP menjelaskan bahawa julat harga RM5.40 hingga RM7.36 sesaham yang disebut

sebelum ini adalah merujuk kepada soalan yang dikemukakan di Parlimen oleh seorang ahli Parlimen.

"Semakan terhadap semua transaksi sepanjang tahun 2023 mengesahkan bahawa julat harga sebenar ialah RM6.80 hingga RM7.70 sesaham."

"Jumlah keuntungan direalisasikan daripada transaksi ini ialah RM102 juta, merangkumi keuntungan modal dan dividen yang dijana oleh pengurus dana dalaman dan luaran," katanya.

Ia berkata, jumlah RM100.7 juta yang disebut dalam perbincangan sebelum ini tidak mengambil kira sebahagian dividen yang diterima daripada pengurus dana luaran dan kini telah diperbetulkan. - Bernama



AGIHAN DIVIDEN KWSP BAGI TEMPOH 10 TAHUN

TAHUN	KONVENSIONAL (%)	SHARIAH (%)
2014	6.75	-
2015	6.40	-
2016	5.70	-
2017	6.90	6.40
2018	6.15	5.90
2019	5.45	5.00
2020	5.20	4.90
2021	6.10	5.65
2022	5.35	4.75
2023	5.50	5.40

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Dividen KWSP dijangka lebih 6 peratus

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Dividen Simpanan Syariah pula dianggar sebanyak 5.4 peratus hingga 5.6 peratus.

Oleh AISYAH BASARUDDIN
SHAH ALAM

Kadar dividen Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja (KWSP) bagi Simpanan Konvensional dijangka mencapai antara enam ke 6.3 peratus manakala Simpanan Syariah dianggarkan sebanyak 5.4 peratus hingga 5.6 peratus.

Penganalisis ekonomi, Dr Mohamad Khair Afham Muhammad Senan berkata, ia berdasarkan prestasi ekonomi negara dan pelaburan KWSP sepanjang 2024 yang semakin positif.

Menurutnya, Keluaran Dalam Negeri Kasar (KDNK) mencatatkan pertumbuhan sebanyak 5.1 peratus, meningkat daripada 3.6 peratus pada 2023.

Jelas beliau, pertumbuhan itu didorong oleh permintaan domestik yang kukuh, peningkatan pelaburan dan pemulihan eksport, malah sektor perkhidmatan



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**MOHAMAD KHAIR
AFHAM**

berkembang sebanyak 5.4 peratus manakala pembuatan meliputi 4.2 peratus.

Katanya, pelaburan langsung asing (FDI) juga meningkat, mencerminkan keyakinan pelabur terhadap prospek ekonomi negara manakala di peringkat global, ekonomi dunia menunjukkan pe-

mulihan beransur-ansur daripada ketidaktentuan sebelumnya.

"Namun, risiko seperti ketegangan perdagangan dan perubahan dasar monetari di negara maju masih wujud hingga mampu mempengaruhi aliran modal serta sentimen pelabur.

"KWSP mencatatkan pendapatan pelaburan RM57.57 bilion bagi tempoh sembilan bulan berakhir pada 30 September

2024, meningkat 20 peratus berbanding RM47.86 bilion dalam tempoh sama pada 2023. Ia kerana prestasi kukuh pasaran ekuiti dan pendapatan tetap, sejajar pemulihan ekonomi domestik serta global," katanya kepada *Sinar Harian* pada Ahad.

Mohamad Khair Afham berpandangan, peningkatan kadar dividen dijangka mendapat sambutan positif daripada pencarum memandangkan ia kadar tertinggi diperoleh KWSP dalam tempoh tiga tahun terakhir.

"Berdasarkan prestasi memberangsangkan dan strategi pelaburan berhemat KWSP, jangkaan kadar dividen ini mencerminkan usaha berterusan mereka dalam memberikan pulangan kompetitif.

"Bagaimanapun, kepuasan keseluruhan pencarum turut dipengaruhi oleh faktor ekonomi semasa seperti kos sara hidup dan inflasi," ujarnya.

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Mampu tingkatkan simpanan persaraan

SHAH ALAM -

Pemberian dividen lebih tinggi mampu menambahkan simpanan lebih 15.8 juta pencarum Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja (KWSP) sekali gus memberi manfaat apabila mereka bersara kelak.

Presiden Majlis Rangkaian Kesatuan Sekerja Antarabangsa Malaysia (UNI-MLC), Datuk Mohamed Shafie BP Mammal berkata, ia memandangkan ramai pencarum berdepan simpanan yang tidak mencukupi untuk hari tua mereka.

"Selepas lebih 10 tahun, saya merasakan sudah sampai masanya KWSP mengumumkan pemberian dividen tidak kurang daripada tujuh peratus kepada semua pencarum sama ada mereka menyimpan dalam skim Simpanan Syariah mahu pun Simpanan Konvensional.

"Pemberian dividen melebihi tujuh peratus berkenaan selari dengan pengumuman kerajaan bahawa KWSP sudah membuat pelaburan menguntungkan dan mencatatkan prestasi lebih baik berbanding kebiasaannya dalam tempoh setahun lalu," katanya kepada *Sinar Harian* pada Ahad.

Beliau berkata demikian sebagai mengulas kenyataan Menteri Kewangan II, Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan yang membayangkan KWSP bakal



MOHAMED SHAFIE



MOHD RAZI

memberikan dividen lebih baik berdasarkan prestasi kukuh KWSP pada suku ketiga 2024, pencarum boleh mengharap-kan berita gembira berkaitan agihan dividen yang lebih baik bagi tahun 2024 berbanding tahun sebelumnya.

Sementara itu, Presiden Kesatuan Sekerja Industri Elektronik Wilayah Utara Semenanjung Malaysia, Mohd Razi Rahim berkata, pemberian dividen yang lebih tinggi akan meningkatkan keyakinan rakyat mengenai rancangan pemulihan ekonomi

yang sedang dilaksanakan oleh Kerajaan Madani ketika ini.

Ujarnya, pengumuman berkenaan secara tidak langsung berupaya menambah simpanan hari tua golongan pekerja khususnya sebagai persediaan selepas bersara nanti.

"Jika kerajaan mengumumkan agihan dividen KWSP lebih tinggi memang bagus kepada rakyat, terutamanya pekerja yang menjadi penyumbang kepada pertumbuhan ekonomi negara selama ini.

"Jadi golongan pekerja patut berasa beruntung kerana KWSP akan mengumumkan kadar dividen lebih tinggi pada tahun ini, sekali gus memperlihatkan kerajaan sentiasa berusaha membantu rakyat terutama pekerja bawahan," katanya.

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Fun Walk: Peserta, peniaga sokong kempen Rasuah Busters

KLANG - Acara Fun Walk sempena Hari Klang Tanpa Kenderaan di Laman Seni Safari di sini mencipta kelainan apabila peserta dan peniaga kedai makan menyuntik elemen pentingnya memerangi rasuah dalam masyarakat.

Program anjuran Majlis Bandaraya Diraja Klang (MBDK) itu disertai kira-kira 500 peserta.

Orang Besar Daerah Klang, Datuk Mohammed Khusrin Munawi berkata, poster pelekut Rasuah Busters yang dibawa bersama dalam acara itu mengingatkan masyarakat perlunya tindakan bersama membanteras rasuah.

"Kita bukan sekadar melakukan aktiviti Fun Walk bagi menjalani kehidupan sihat semata-mata.

"Tetapi kita turut membawa mesej penting melalui poster Rasuah Busters sebagai satu bentuk kesedaran yang boleh membantu menyebarkan mesej integriti kepada masyarakat," katanya pada Ahad.

Tambah beliau, usaha membanteras gejala rasuah bukan hanya tanggungjawab pihak berkuasa tetapi juga masyarakat keseluruhannya.

"Kami berharap dapat menyampaikan mesej kepada semua termasuk peniaga dan pelanggan bahawa rasuah tiada tempat dalam kehidupan kita.

"Justeru, kempen ini perlu dilaksanakan



Mohamed Khusrin (barisan depan, lima dari kiri) melepaskan acara Fun Walk sempena Hari Klang Tanpa Kenderaan pada Ahad.

kan secara berterusan bagi menyedarkan masyarakat," katanya.

Sementara itu, Pengurus Perhubungan Strategik, Rasuah Busters, Wap Normi Hasan berkata, pihaknya menyerahkan poster Rasuah Busters kepada kedai dan restoran yang disinggahi.

Menurutnya, poster tersebut diserahkan sendiri oleh Mohammed Khusrin yang turut mengetuai acara Fun

Walk sepanjang tiga kilometer itu.

"Peniaga makanan akan tampal poster ini bagi menyahut seruan kebersamaan antirasuah untuk misi kempen Malaysia Bangkit Perangi Rasuah yang dibawa Rasuah Busters.

"Ia memberi peluang kepada kedai dan restoran menunjukkan komitmen mereka dalam menyokong kempen ini," katanya.

Jelas beliau, MBDK ialah pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) pertama di Selangor yang menjadi rakan gabungan Rasuah Busters sejak tiga tahun lalu dan kemudian disertai Majlis Bandaraya Shah Alam (MBSA) tahun lalu.

"Program ini mendapat sambutan sangat baik dan kerjasama bersama MBDK akan diteruskan untuk program akan datang," katanya.

SPRM tahan empat pegawai bekas PM9

Bagi membantu siasatan berkaitan kes disyaki terlibat rasuah

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AMINNURALIFF MOHD ZOKI
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Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) menahan empat pegawai yang mempunyai kaitan dengan Perdana Menteri kesembilan, Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob, kerana disyaki terlibat rasuah.

Sumber rapat SPRM memaklumkan perintah reman terhadap empat individu itu dikeluarkan di Mahkamah Putrajaya oleh Majistret Irza Zulaikha pada Jumaat lepas.

"Reman lima hari bermula Jumaat untuk tiga individu, manakala seorang



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lagi direman selama tiga hari dan dilepaskan hari ini (Ahad)," menurut sumber terbabit.

Sementara itu, Ketua Pesuruhjaya SPRM, Tan Sri Azam Baki ketika dihubungi mengesahkan penahanan dan memaklumkan kes disiasat di bawah Seksyen 16a Akta SPRM.

Seksyen berkenaan memperuntukkan siasatan melibatkan meminta atau

menerima rasuah.

"Kami memohon agar pihak SPRM diberikan ruang untuk menjalankan siasatan tanpa sebarang spekulasi," katanya.

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GAJI MINIMUM RM1,700: MAMPUKAH MILIKI RUMAH IDAMAN?



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MEMILIKI rumah sendiri adalah impian bagi kebanyakan rakyat Malaysia, terutama golongan belia, namun realitinya tidak semudah yang diharapkan.

Dengan kos hartanah yang semakin meningkat, golongan muda dan mereka yang berpendapatan rendah, berdepan cabaran besar untuk memiliki kediaman idaman.

Bermula awal bulan Februari tahun ini, gaji minimum telah dinaikkan daripada RM1,500 kepada RM1,700 sebulan seperti yang diumumkan dalam Belan-

awan 2025 tahun lepas.

Namun, persoalannya, adakah kenaikan gaji minimum oleh kerajaan ini dapat membantu mereka untuk memiliki rumah idaman?

Mengulas mengenai perkara itu, pakar hartanah, Ahyat Ishak berkata, apabila kerajaan mengumumkan kenaikan gaji minimum daripada RM1,500 kepada RM1,700, ia merupakan berita baik bagi golongan pekerja dalam kategori ini.

Katanya, tambahan RM200 daripada gaji terdahulu memberikan sedikit ruang kewangan bagi mereka yang berada di antara kategori M40 bawah, B40 yang berpendapatan rendah untuk menampung kos sara hidup

"PENTING UNTUK KITA MEMAHAMI BAHAWA GOLONGAN PEKERJA YANG MENERIMA GAJI MINIMUM BUKAN HANYA BERDEPAN DENGAN ISU PEMILIKAN HARTANAH, TETAPI LEBIH KEPADA CABARAN UNTUK TERUS BERTAHAN DALAM KEHIDUPAN HARIAN."

yang semakin meningkat.

"Namun begitu, realitinya pekerja di lapisan ini masih memerlukan peningkatan gaji yang lebih tinggi untuk benar-benar membantu mereka mengatasi cabaran kewangan. Walaupun kenaikan ini mungkin tidak mencukupi, ia masih lebih baik daripada tiada langsung.

"Penting untuk kita memahami bahawa golongan pekerja yang menerima gaji minimum bukan hanya berdepan dengan isu pemilikan hartanah, tetapi lebih kepada cabaran untuk terus bertahan dalam kehidupan harian.

"Kesukaran utama mereka adalah memenuhi keperluan asas dan apabila perkara ini gagal dipenuhi, kehidupan men-

jadi sangat mencabar.

"Oleh itu, mereka memerlukan lebih banyak sokongan dalam bentuk kenaikan gaji serta akses kepada peluang ekonomi yang lebih baik," katanya kepada *Utusan Malaysia*.

Jelasnya, cabaran utama bagi pembeli rumah pertama adalah menyediakan wang pendahuluan atau deposit sebanyak 10 peratus daripada harga rumah, iaitu sekitar RM25,000 bagi rumah bernilai RM250,000.

"Kos tambahan lain seperti yuran guaman dan duti setem juga boleh mencecah tiga peratus hingga lima peratus daripada harga rumah.

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"Walaupun terdapat insentif seperti pengecualian duti setem, beban kewangan ini masih menjadi halangan utama bagi ramai individu berpendapatan rendah," ujarnya.

Beliau berkata, antara cabaran lain bagi pekerja berpendapatan rendah bukan sekadar membeli rumah, tetapi bagaimana untuk memastikan kestabilan kewangan jangka panjang.

"Oleh itu, perancangan yang rapi, sokongan polisi yang tepat dan peningkatan peluang ekonomi adalah kunci

utama untuk membantu golongan ini mencapai kehidupan yang lebih selesa.

"Rezeki itu datang dalam pelbagai bentuk. Begitu juga dengan keputusan untuk membeli rumah, terdapat pelbagai pilihan yang perlu dipertimbangkan, terutamanya dalam memilih rumah mampu milik," katanya.

Ahyat berkata, menyewa adalah alternatif yang tidak boleh dipandang rendah kerana ia bukan satu kelemahan, sebaliknya boleh menjadi



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strategi sementara untuk mengukuhkan kestabilan kewangan sebelum membeli rumah.

"Menyewa membolehkan seseorang menyesuaikan diri dengan lokasi tempat kerja, mencari peluang pendapatan



AHYAT ISHAK

lebih baik dan mengumpul simpanan untuk masa depan.

"Perancangan kewangan yang berdisiplin juga amat penting kerana individu yang ingin memiliki rumah perlu bijak mengurus kewangan dengan menetapkan bajet yang jelas untuk perbelanjaan harian, simpanan, dan pelaburan,"

katanya.

Sementara itu, Penganalisis Ekonomi UniKL Business School, Prof Madya Dr. Aimi Zulhazmi Abdul Rashid berkata, walaupun gaji asas telah dinaikkan, jumlah itu kemung-

kinan besar hanya mencukupi untuk menampung perbelanjaan keperluan utama sahaja.

"Seperti yang kita maklum, jumlah ini juga masih didalam lingkungan kategori pendapatan isi rumah B40 iaitu RM4,850 sebulan (2023), malah jumlah RM1,700 juga hanyalah sedikit tinggi dari aras Pendapatan Garis Kemiskinan (PGK) kebangsaan (2022) iaitu RM1,198 sebulan.

"Kita juga perlu melihat lebih mendalam dari aspek perbelanjaan kos sara hidup sama ada di luar bandar dan bandar besar yang pastinya amat berbeza," katanya.

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KENAIKAN GAJI MASIH BELUM CUKUP UNTUK MILIKI RUMAH

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GOLONGAN berpendapatan rendah terus berdepan kesukaran untuk memiliki rumah sendiri walaupun dengan peningkatan gaji minimum.

Dengan gaji asas RM1,700 sebulan, bukan sahaja bayaran deposit menjadi halangan, malah kos sara hidup yang semakin meningkat turut membebankan walaupun tangga gaji sudah ditingkatkan.

Ramai, terutamanya golongan belia yang akhirnya terpaksa melupakan hasrat untuk memiliki kediaman sendiri dan memilih untuk terus menyewa.

Pekerja swasta, Syafiq Shafiee berkata, kenaikan gaji minimum secara realiti dan objektif hanya memberi sedikit kelegaan dalam menampung perbelanjaan harian, terutamanya bagi golongan belia.

"Ini disebabkan oleh kenaikan luar biasa harga barang dan perkhidmatan akibat ketidakstabilan ekonomi, di mana lebihan upah ini lebih cenderung digunakan untuk simpanan berbanding perbelanjaan.

"Pada pendapat saya, golongan belia juga perlu lebih proaktif dalam menambah kemahiran diri bagi memperluaskan peluang pekerjaan sampingan, sekali gus menjana pendapatan tambahan. Lebih banyak peluang kerja bebas, lebih banyak pendapatan," katanya kepada *Utusan Malaysia*.

Jelasnya, memiliki rumah pada masa ini telah dianggap satu kemewahan dan bagi mereka yang baru bekerja, adalah lebih selamat untuk terus me-



nyewa sehingga kedudukan kewangan benar-benar stabil.

"Walaupun terdapat pelbagai skim pinjaman perumahan daripada bank, golongan belia perlu membuat pertimbangan yang bijak agar tidak terjatuh dengan hutang yang membebankan hingga berisiko mufis pada usia muda," katanya.

Sementara itu, pekerja swasta, Nazihah Hamzah berkata, kenaikan gaji minimum, sejauh ini, masih belum mampu meringankan beban kerana tiada penyelesaian menyeluruh terhadap isu itu.

"Sebagai contoh, di sebuah



MUHAMMAD ZULHAIRI



SYAFIQ SHAFIEE

terlalu mahal.

"Ini menunjukkan bahawa peningkatan gaji minimum tidak akan pernah benar-benar setimpal sekiranya masalah kos sara hidup tidak ditangani secara menyeluruh," katanya.

Bagaimanapun, Nazihah berkata, walaupun harga rumah semakin meningkat, masih terdapat banyak skim perumahan yang ditawarkan kerajaan untuk golongan berpendapatan rendah, seperti Program Perumahan Rakyat (PPR).

"Berbelanja mengikut kemampuan, sedikit demi sedikit, tahun demi tahun, akhirnya anda akan mampu memiliki rumah impian yang bernilai jutaan ringgit.

"Namun, harapan saya adalah kerajaan perlu lebih bersasar dalam merangka dasar dan menyelesaikan sesuatu isu dari akar umbi, bukan sekadar memberi solusi secara terburu-buru tanpa melihat kesannya dalam jangka panjang," katanya.

Dalam pada itu, pelajar tahun akhir sarjana muda di sebuah universiti awam, Muhammad Zulhairi berkata, memiliki rumah semakin sukar bagi golongan berpendapatan rendah kerana harga rumah meningkat lebih pantas berbanding kenaikan gaji.

"Kos hidup yang tinggi juga menyukarkan mereka untuk menyimpan deposit atau mendapatkan pinjaman perumahan.

"Kenaikan gaji minimum memang membantu, tetapi tidak mencukupi. Walaupun gaji lebih tinggi, kenaikan harga barang dan rumah mengurangkan kesannya.

"Tanpa kawalan terhadap harga rumah dan kos hidup, kenaikan gaji minimum hanya memberi kesan sementara," katanya.

Sebagai individu yang bakal memasuki alam pekerjaan, beliau berharap kerajaan dan pihak berkaitan dapat memperbanyakkan rumah mampu milik, menyediakan skim pembiayaan yang lebih fleksibel serta mengawal harga rumah dan kos pembinaan agar selari dengan pendapatan rakyat.

Beliau turut menyarankan agar lebih banyak insentif diberikan kepada golongan muda dan pembeli rumah pertama, termasuk pelepasan cukai dan subsidi pembelian rumah, bagi meringankan beban kewangan mereka dalam memiliki kediaman sendiri.

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4 bekas pegawai mantan PM ditahan

- Kesemua individu direman bermula Jumaat lalu
- Disiasat di bawah Seksyen 16a Akta SPRM, AMLATFPUAA

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PUTRAJAYA - Dua individu bergelar Datuk antara empat bekas pegawai kanan bekas perdana menteri (PM) ditahan Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) bagi membantu

siyasatan terhadap beberapa kes yang dikaitkan dengan rasuah ketika era pentadbiran pemimpin tersebut.

Sumber berkata, penahanan itu dilakukan SPRM mengikut Seksyen 16a Akta SPRM dan Akta Pencegahan Pengubahan Wang Haram, Pencegahan Pembiayaan Keganasan dan Hasil Daripada Aktiviti Haram 2001 (AMLATFPUAA).

"Tiga daripada mereka direman sehingga Selasa ini, manakala seorang wanita yang juga pembantu kepada seorang Datuk dibebaskan hari ini (semalam),"

katanya.

Terdahulu, Ketua Pesuruhjaya SPRM, Tan Sri Azam Baki, mengesahkan penahanan empat bekas pegawai kanan kepada seorang bekas perdana menteri.

"Kami memohon agar pihak SPRM diberikan ruang untuk menjalankan siasatan tanpa sebarang spekulasi," katanya ringkas.

Perintah reman terhadap mereka dikeluarkan Majistret Putrajaya, Irza Zulaikha, selama lima hari bermula Jumaat lalu terhadap keempat-empat individu berkenaan.



SPRM menahan empat individu bagi membantu siasatan beberapa kes rasuah dikaitkan dengan era pentadbiran mantan PM.

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Kadar dividen KWSP 2024 dijangka lebih baik – MOF

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PUTRAJAYA – Pencarum Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja (KWSP) dijangka menerima pulangan dividen 2024 lebih baik berikutan prestasi memberangsangkan badan kewangan itu pada suku ketiga tahun lalu.

Menteri Kewangan II, Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan berkata, berdasarkan prestasi kukuh KWSP pada suku ketiga 2024, pencarum boleh mengharapkan berita baik berhubung agihan dividen berbanding 2023.

“Kalau kita lihat prestasinya sehingga suku ketiga tahun lalu, ia menggalakkan. Sehingga suku ketiga, KWSP sudah dapat RM57.5 bilion. Lebih baik daripada tahun sebelumnya.

“Insya-Allah prestasi berterusan pada suku keempat dan dividen akan memberangsangkan. Namun, saya tidak boleh komen apa dividennya. Itu tunggulah. Boleh kata lebih baik,” katanya selepas menyempurnakan La-

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Kalau kita tengok prestasinya sehingga suku ketiga tahun lalu, ia menggalakkan. Sehingga suku ketiga, KWSP sudah dapat RM57.5 bilion. Lebih baik daripada tahun sebelumnya.”

rian ASEAN: Trek Kewangan @ MOF anjuran Kementerian Kewangan (MOF) di sini semalam.

Terdahulu, lebih 3,700 peserta menyertai larian tersebut yang diadakan sempena Kepengeruisan ASEAN Malaysia 2025 melibatkan penyertaan warga Kem-

dan orang awam.

Sebelum ini, beberapa pakar menjangkakan pencarum KWSP berpotensi menerima dividen lebih tinggi iaitu pada kadar 6 peratus hingga 6.3 peratus pada tahun ini.

KWSP dijangka mengumumkan kadar dividen 2024 pada awal Mac ini.

Tahun lalu, KWSP mengumumkan dividen 5.5 peratus dan 5.4 peratus masing-masing untuk simpanan konvensional dan simpanan syariah bagi 2023.

Kadar itu lebih tinggi berbanding 2022 dengan dividen diumumkan ketika itu bagi simpanan konvensional adalah 5.35 peratus dan 4.75 peratus bagi simpanan syariah.

Ia melibatkan pengagihan terkumpul RM57.81 bilion masing-masing RM50.33 bilion untuk simpanan konvensional dan RM7.48 bilion lagi untuk simpanan syariah.

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Hukuman kesalahan buang sampah dilaksanakan tahun ini

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Sesi libat urus, penerangan sudah dilakukan bagi realisasikan perintah khidmat masyarakat

Ipoh: Pelaksanaan perintah khidmat masyarakat hingga 12 jam bagi kesalahan pembuangan sampah kecil dijangka berkuat kuasa pada tahun ini, kata Menteri Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan, Nga Kor Ming.

Beliau berkata, sesi libat urus dan penerangan kepada pihak berkaitan sudah dilakukan beberapa kali dalam memastikan perintah khidmat masyarakat itu dapat direalisasikan.

"Ia (perintah itu) dijangka tahun ini. Dah banyak kali saya buat libat urus dan kita dah banyak kali berikan penerangan.

"Undang-undang ini akan dikuatkuasakan tahun ini. Jangan lupa 2026 adalah Tahun Melawat Malaysia dan kita menjangkakan kehadiran 35 juta pengunjung, kita mahu pelancong untuk mempunyai tanggapan yang baik (terhadap negara)," katanya kepada pemberita selepas merasmikan Taman Rekreasi MADANI Woodlands II Bandar Baru Tambun di sini, semalam.

Rabu lalu, Kementerian Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan (KPKT) memaklumkan cada-



Kor Ming melawat sekitar taman pada Program Perasmian Taman Rekreasi MADANI Woodlands II Bandar Baru Tambun di Ipoh, semalam.

(Foto BERNAMA)

ngan pelaksanaan perintah khidmat masyarakat, membabitkan pindaan terhadap Akta Pengurusan Sisa Pepejal dan Pembersihan Awam 2007 (Akta 672) serta Akta Jalan, Parit dan Bangunan 1974 (Akta 133).

Tingkat kesedaran

KPKT memaklumkan pelaksanaan perintah khidmat masyarakat itu bertujuan meningkatkan kesedaran serta mendidik masyarakat supaya peka terhadap kebersihan dan tidak membuang

sampah kecil di kawasan awam sewenang-wenangnya.

Kor Ming berkata, pindaan akta berkenaan akan dibentangkan pada Sidang Dewan Rakyat, 6 Mac ini.

Pada majlis yang sama beliau turut mengumumkan peruntukan sebanyak RM10 juta diberikan kepada Kerajaan Perak bagi pembinaan sekurang-kurangnya 20 Taman Rekreasi MADANI di negeri itu.

"Sekarang dasar kita satu tahun 100 taman, jadi saya komited

untuk siapkan 1,000 taman dalam masa 10 tahun. Tahun lalu kita lebih dari sasaran, kami capai 109 di bawah pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) dan Jabatan Landskap Negara, tahun ini sasaran kita 100 (taman) lagi," katanya.

Mengenai Taman Rekreasi MADANI Woodlands II Bandar Baru Tambun, Kor Ming berkata sebuah syarikat pemaju swasta Total Investment Sdn Bhd menyumbangkan RM500,000 bagi pembinaan taman itu.

BERNAMA

Masyarakat berperanan kawal populariti pempengaruh tiada etika



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Menjalani kehidupan pada era digital kini, media sosial membuka peluang luas untuk sesiapa sahaja berkongsi idea, berkarya dan membina jenama peribadi.

Ramai mula bercita-cita menjadi pempengaruh, sama ada sebagai hobi atau kerjaya kerana inspirasi kejayaan mereka yang mampu menjana pendapatan lumayan melalui penghasilan kandungan kreatif.

Kejayaan pempengaruh terkenal memperoleh pendapatan lumayan mendorong ramai mengikuti jejak langkah mereka.

Pembangunan ini amat positif kerana ia menggalakkan lebih ramai individu, terutama golongan muda berfikir secara kreatif, berinovasi serta membina kemahiran digital sangat penting pada masa kini.

Namun, dalam usaha mengejar populariti, terdapat segelintir pempengaruh terjebak persaingan tidak sihat dengan menghasilkan kandungan melampau, tidak beretika atau mengelirukan secara sengaja demi mendapatkan tontonan tinggi dalam masa singkat.

Situasi ini semakin membimbangkan kerana kandungan sedemikian boleh mengelirukan masyarakat, merosakkan kepercayaan awam terhadap maklumat dalam talian dan menjejaskan nilai murni dalam masyarakat.

Baru-baru ini, Menteri Komunikasi, Fahmi Fadzil memberi peringatan supaya pempengaruh tidak keterlaluan menghasilkan kandungan semata-mata mahu mengejar tontonan.

Beliau menegaskan walaupun pempengaruh media sosial tidak diwajibkan memiliki lesen rasmi

menghasilkan kandungan, mereka tetap memikul tanggungjawab sosial besar terhadap masyarakat.

Setiap kandungan dihasilkan berpotensi mempengaruhi pemikiran, tingkah laku dan budaya masyarakat, khususnya generasi muda.

Oleh itu, pempengaruh perlu sentiasa mempertimbangkan implikasi kandungan mereka dan memastikan maklumat disampaikan adalah tepat, beretika serta memberi manfaat kepada orang ramai.

Wujudkan ekosistem digital lebih positif

Tanggungjawab ini penting bagi mewujudkan ekosistem digital lebih positif dan bertanggungjawab.

Salah satu punca utama mengapa kandungan media sosial keterlaluan semakin menjadi trend ialah cara platform media sosial berfungsi, khususnya dari segi algoritma atau sistem automatik menentukan kandungan mana akan dipaparkan kepada pengguna.

Algoritma ini berfungsi dengan mengesan dan memilih kandungan menerima interaksi tinggi pengguna, seperti *like*, ulasan dan perkongsian.

Lebih banyak sesuatu kandungan itu menerima reaksi atau interaksi daripada pengguna, lebih tinggi peluang ia dipaparkan kepada lebih ramai pengguna.

Ini kerana algoritma itu menganggap kandungan mempunyai interaksi tinggi adalah menarik dan relevan dipromosi kepada lebih ramai pengguna.

Situasi ini menyebabkan pempengaruh media sosial berlumba-lumba mencipta kandungan lebih sensasi, dramatik atau kontroversi untuk terus mendapat perhatian, tidak tenggelam dalam persaingan sengit di platform berkenaan.

Disebabkan persaingan tinggi ini, sesetengah pempengaruh sanggup melampaui batas etika dan

moral dengan menghasilkan kandungan tidak benar atau palsu semata-mata mahu meraih populariti dengan cepat.

Oleh itu, masyarakat dinasihatkan tidak memberi reaksi seperti ulasan, kongsi atau *like* terhadap kandungan mencurigakan atau tidak beretika. Setiap bentuk interaksi, walaupun niat asalnya untuk mengecam atau mengkritik, sebenarnya akan dianggap oleh algoritma sebagai satu tanda kandungan itu menarik perhatian.

Ini secara teknikal membantu pempengaruh meningkatkan populariti dan kemunculan mereka di media sosial. Dengan kata lain, semakin ramai memberi reaksi, semakin tinggi kemungkinan kandungan itu tersebar.

Justeru, jika pengguna tidak memberi perhatian atau sebarang reaksi terhadap kandungan yang tidak bertanggungjawab ini, masyarakat secara tidak langsung membantu mengurangkan penyebarannya.

Kesimpulannya, masyarakat memainkan peranan penting mengawal populariti pempengaruh tidak beretika dengan cara lebih bijak dalam memberi perhatian kepada kandungan di media sosial.

Masyarakat perlu mengelak berinteraksi dengan kandungan tidak bertanggungjawab, sebaliknya memberi sokongan kepada pempengaruh menghasilkan kandungan berkualiti, berasaskan fakta dan menghormati sensitiviti budaya serta nilai murni.

Dengan cara ini, masyarakat dapat menentukan jenis kandungan popular di media sosial, sekaligus mengurangkan ruang kepada pempengaruh tidak beretika untuk terus mendapat perhatian.

Semua artikel penulis tamu adalah pendapat peribadi, bukan pendirian rasmi BH

KPKT kesan tiga pusat sampah haram di Selangor

Sepang: Kementerian Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan (KPKT) mengesan tiga tapak pembuangan sampah haram di Sepang dan Kuala Langat di Selangor beroperasi semula walaupun pernah ditutup oleh pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT).

Timbalan Menteri Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan (KPKT), Datuk Aiman Athirah Sabu, berkata PBT menutup kawasan itu dan mengambil beberapa tindakan supaya tidak diceroboh semula, termasuk menggali lubang bagi menghalang lori sampah memasuki kawasan pembuangan sampah haram berkenaan.

Bagaimanapun, katanya, pengusaha masih berdegil dan menggunakan pelbagai cara untuk terus memasuki kawasan itu bagi meneruskan aktiviti membuang sampah di tapak yang tidak diluluskan itu.

Kementerian mengesan dua tapak sampah haram yang beroperasi di kawasan Sepang dan satu di kawasan Kuala Langat, baru-baru ini melalui maklumat pihak Jabatan Bomba dan Penyelamat (JBPM).

"Bomba mengesan selepas tapak pelupusan sampah haram itu terbakar. Kita sedang memberi tumpuan kepada perkara itu dan akan berbincang dengan Kerajaan Selangor untuk mengatasinya dengan segera," katanya kepada media pada Majlis Perasmian Taman Rekreasi MADANI (TRM) Desa Pinggiran Putra di sini, semalam.

Aiman Athirah berkata, KPKT memandang serius isu berkenaan dan sedang memantau dengan kerjasama pihak PBT, bomba dan Pejabat Tanah dan Daerah.

Beliau yang juga Ahli Parlimen Sepang berkata, pengusaha tapak sampah haram ini tidak pernah serik.

Katanya, tahun lalu, kementerian berjaya menutup 2634 lokasi sampah haram di bawah pengurusan sisa pepejal SWCorp dan Alam Flora.

Katanya, pengurusan sampah di Selangor ketika ini masih di bawah seliaan KDEB Waste Management Sdn Bhd (KDEBWM), namun masih belum dimuktamadkan bagi ratifikasi Akta Pengurusan Sisa Pepejal dan Pembersihan Awam 2007 (Akta 672).

"Sekiranya Akta 672 ini sudah dimuktamadkan KPKT dan Kerajaan Selangor lebih mudah untuk menangani isu pusat sampah haram di negeri berkenaan," katanya.

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KPKT sasar bina 500 Taman Rekreasi MADANI pada 2028

Sepang: Kementerian Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan menyasarkan pembinaan 500 Taman Rekreasi MADANI dengan dana RM50 juta menjelang 2028, kemudahan untuk rakyat beriadah dan sebagai platform jaringan sosial masyarakat.

Timbalan Menteri, Datuk Aiman Athirah Sabu, berkata inisiatif itu membabitkan kerjasama Jabatan Landskap Negara dengan Jabatan Kerajaan Tempatan dan pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT).

Katanya, Selangor menerima peruntukan tertinggi kira-kira RM4 juta membabitkan lapan taman rekreasi.

"Taman Rekreasi MADANI menyediakan kemudahan riadah, di samping mengeratkan jaringan sosial masyarakat bagi menggalakkan amalan gaya hidup sihat selaras hasrat

Kerajaan MADANI meningkatkan kualiti hidup rakyat melalui penyediaan lebih banyak kawasan hijau awam," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian kepada pemberita pada Majlis Perasmian Taman Rekreasi MADANI Desa Pinggiran Putra, di sini semalam.

Yang hadir sama, Timbalan Ketua Setiausaha (Perumahan dan Kesejahteraan Komuniti) Suhaime Ali @ Ahmad dan Ketua Pengarah Jabatan Landskap Negara, Mansor Mohamad.

Taman Rekreasi MADANI Desa Pinggiran Putra dibangunkan dengan dana RM500,000, terbahagi kepada tiga kawasan lapangan.

Aiman Athirah berkata, pada tahun lalu, sebanyak 109 Taman Rekreasi MADANI dan projek pembangunan landskap siap dibangunkan dengan

kos RM51.9 juta.

Tambahnya, projek itu termasuk tujuh Taman Rekreasi MADANI di Selangor yang menelan belanja RM3.5 juta, antaranya di Desa Pinggiran Putra di Sepang.

Dalam pembentangan Belanjawan 2025 pada 18 Oktober lalu, Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim mengumumkan peruntukan bagi pembangunan landskap adalah sebanyak RM96 juta.

Sebahagian besar daripada peruntukan itu adalah untuk pembangunan Taman Rekreasi MADANI yang berjumlah RM50 juta.

KPKT merancang membina 100 Taman Rekreasi MADANI setiap tahun dalam tempoh lima tahun, menjadikan jumlah keseluruhan 500 pusat sedemikian menjelang 2028.



Aiman Athirah (kanan) pada Majlis Perasmian Taman Rekreasi MADANI Desa Pinggiran Putra, di Sepang, semalam.
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'EXPECT BETTER 2024 EPF DIVIDEND'

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Finance minister II tells contributors to
'just wait' for good news

PUTRAJAYA

THE Employees Provident Fund's (EPF) encouraging performance for the third quarter of 2024 is expected to yield good returns for contributors.

Finance Minister II Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan said, based on this strong performance, EPF contributors could expect better dividend distribution for 2024 than 2023.

"If we look at its performance up to third quarter of last year, it is encouraging.

"By the third quarter, EPF has already earned RM57.5 billion (investment income), which is better than the previous year.

"This performance will continue into the fourth quarter.

"The dividend will be encouraging, but I cannot comment what it will be. Just wait for it. It will be better," he said after completing the Larian Asean: Trek Kewangan @MOF event organised by the Finance Ministry here.

EPF declared a higher dividend of 5.5 per cent for 2023 versus 5.35 per cent in 2022 for conventional savings, with total distribution of RM50.33 billion.

It was 5.4 per cent versus 4.75 per cent in 2022 for shariah savings, with a total distribution of RM7.48 billion.

EPF is expected to announce 2024 dividend rate in early March. Several economists and

academics had previously predicted EPF's 2024 dividend to exceed six per cent.

Earlier, more than 3,700 Finance Ministry staff and members of the public participated in the event held for Malaysia's Asean chairmanship 2025.

Amir Hamzah and the ministry's top management completed the 3km category.

The purpose of the run was to expose ministry staff and the public to Asean, in terms of its establishment, role, its importance to Malaysia and member countries, as well as the activities that have been and will be carried out throughout the year, especially by the ministry.

"The run also supports healthy living practices, especially among ministry staff in line with the Madani values of well-being, which emphasise balance in life."

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EPF dividend expected to be higher than in 2023

PUTRAJAYA: The EPF's encouraging performance for the third quarter of 2024 is expected to yield good returns for contributors, said Second Finance Minister Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan.

He said based on the strong performance, EPF contributors can expect better dividend distribution for 2024 as compared with the previous year.

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quarter, EPF had already earned RM57.5 billion (investment income), which is better than the previous year.

"This performance will continue into the fourth quarter. The dividend will be encouraging but I cannot comment what it will be. Just wait for it. It will be better."

He was speaking after completing the Larian Asean: Trek Kewangan @MOF event organised by the Finance Ministry yesterday.

EPF declared a higher dividend of 5.5% for

2023 for conventional savings compared with 5.35% in 2022, with a total distribution of RM50.33 billion.

For *syariah* savings, it was 5.40% compared with 4.75% in 2022, with a total distribution of RM7.48 billion.

EPF is expected to announce the 2024 dividend rate in early March. Several economists and academics had previously predicted EPF's 2024 dividend to exceed 6%.

More than 3,700 Finance Ministry staff and

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the public participated in the run held in conjunction with Malaysia's Asean chairmanship 2025.

Amir Hamzah and the ministry's top management members completed the 3km category.

The run was held to expose the ministry's staff and the public to Asean's roles as well as the activities being carried out throughout the year.

"The run also supports healthy living practices, especially among the staff." - Bernama

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Greening our solar panels

SOLAR photovoltaic (PV) technology is transforming how we harness and utilise energy. It provides clean electricity for homes, businesses and entire communities, reduces carbon emissions and plays a crucial role in combatting climate change.

However, there is a lesser-known side to this green revolution: the environmental challenges posed by PV panels when they reach the end of their life cycle. These challenges encompass technological, environmental, economic and legal aspects.

We must ask ourselves a vital question: How can we ensure that the end of clean energy is as green as its beginning?

When PV panels reach the end of their lifespan, they do not simply vanish. Each panel contains materials such as silicon, aluminium and glass, and sometimes hazardous substances like lead and cadmium.

If old panels are disposed of improperly, these harmful materials can leach into the soil and water, contaminating the environment. This pollution can persist for years, impacting ecosystems and human health.

Europe has taken steps to address this issue, with strict laws requiring PV panel recycling. These laws establish clear responsibilities for manufacturers and provide guidelines for managing old panels.

However, in other major markets like the United States, China and Australia, recycling largely depends on voluntary efforts.

According to Peter Majewski from Future Industries Institute, University of South Australia, Australia, without legal mandates, manufacturers, users and governments often lack clarity about who should take responsibility. This uncertainty prevents the creation of effective recycling systems and limits the potential for economic growth in the recycling industry.

Recycling PV panels entails a significant technical challenge. Research indicates that materials such

as silicon and metals can be extracted and reused but the process is expensive.

High costs discourage companies from investing in recycling technology and establishing facilities.

Furthermore, in many regions, the limited quantity of old panels available for recycling makes it difficult to justify the investment.

According to the *Energy Policy* journal, another issue is the limited market demand for recycled materials, which reduces the financial incentive to recycle. Without proper economic support, the process remains costly with little immediate returns.

According to a research, titled "Recycling of Solar PV Panels: Product Stewardship and Regulatory Approaches", without clear regulatory frameworks, recycling will remain underdeveloped in many areas.

Legal systems complicate matters further. Different countries have varying rules on how to handle old PV panels, making it difficult to manage panels that are traded or moved across borders.

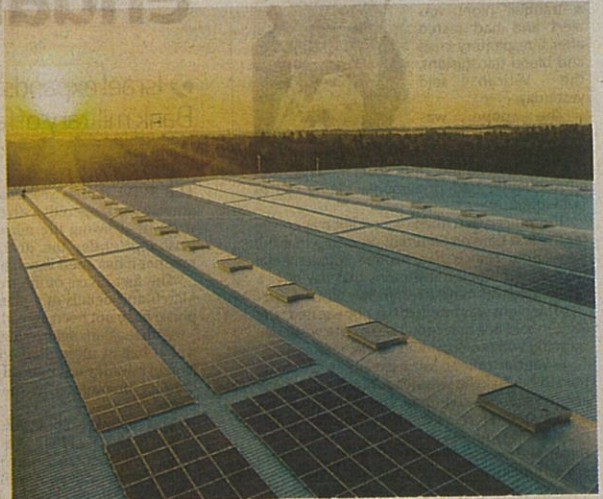
For example, one country may require recycling while another may have no regulations at all. This inconsistency creates gaps in the global effort to handle PV waste responsibly.

At the same time, the lack of clear producer responsibility means manufacturers often have no incentive to design panels that are easier to recycle, leading to missed opportunities for innovation in sustainable design.

To address these challenges, science and law must work hand in hand. Governments can enact laws that hold manufacturers accountable for the full life cycle of their products while encouraging the design of panels that are easier to disassemble and recycle.

They can also offer financial incentives, such as tax breaks, low-interest loans or grants, to drive investment in recycling technology. Supporting pilot projects for recycling facilities can showcase scalable models for broader implementation.

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The future of PV technology is about more than generating clean energy. It is an opportunity to demonstrate how science and law can collaborate effectively to solve real-world problems. - PIC BY NUNO MARQUES/UNSPLASH

This is a global issue that transcends national boundaries. International cooperation is essential. Countries can create shared standards for recycling and exchange ideas, technology and funding.

For instance, nations with advanced recycling technology can assist those still developing their systems, ensuring that no panels are left to harm the environment.

Every individual has the power to make a difference. When selecting PV systems, consumers can opt for panels designed with sustainability in mind.

They can also ensure their panels are properly recycled at certified facilities at the end of their lifespan. Small actions like these - when multiplied across millions of users worldwide - can have a profound impact.

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an opportunity to demonstrate how science and law can collaborate effectively to solve real-world problems.

By integrating rigorous research with clear policies, we can ensure that solar energy remains sustainable from production to disposal. This effort is not only about protecting the planet; it is also about taking responsibility for the legacy we leave behind.

The next time you see a solar panel, remember, its journey does not end when it stops working. The choices we make today will decide whether it remains a benefit or a burden to the environment. Let us keep it green every step of the way.

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Putrajaya

Prestasi memberangsangkan Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja (KWSP) pada suku ketiga tahun lalu dijangka memberi pulangan yang baik dari segi dividen kepada pencarumnya.

Menteri Kewangan II, Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan berkata, berdasarkan prestasi kukuh KWSP pada suku ketiga 2024, pencarum boleh mengharapkan berita gembira berkaitan agihan dividen yang lebih baik bagi 2024 berbanding tahun sebelumnya.

"Kalau kita tengok prestasinya sehingga suku ketiga tahun lepas, ia (prestasi) menggalakkan. Sehingga suku ketiga, ia (KWSP) dah dapat RM57.5 billion (pendapatan pelaburan). Lebih baik daripada tahun sebelumnya."

"Oleh itu, insya-Allah prestasi berterusan pada suku keempat dan dividen akan memberangsangkan. Namun, saya tak boleh komen apa dividennya. Itu tunggu lah. Boleh kata lebih baik. Insya-Allah," katanya kepada pemberita selepas menyempurnakan Larian Asean: Trek Kewangan @MOF anjuran Kementerian Kewangan (MOF) di sini, semalam.

KWSP mengisytiharkan dividen lebih tinggi pada 2023 iaitu 5.50 peratus bagi



KWSP dijangka mengumumkan kadar dividen 2024 pada awal Mac ini.

DIVIDEN KWSP 2024

BERITA GEMBIRA BUAT PENCARUM

Simpanan Konvensional berbanding 5.35 peratus pada 2022, dengan jumlah agihan sebanyak RM50.33 billion.

Bagi Simpanan Syariah, 5.40 peratus direkodkan berbanding 4.75 peratus

pada 2022 dengan jumlah agihan sebanyak RM7.48 billion.

KWSP dijangka mengumumkan kadar dividen 2024 pada awal Mac ini.

Terdahulu, beberapa pakar ekonomi dan akademik

menjangkakan dividen KWSP bagi 2024 melebihi enam peratus.

Sementara itu, lebih 3,700 peserta menyertai Larian Asean: Trek Kewangan @MOF, yang diadakan bersempena dengan Kepenge-

rusian Asean Malaysia 2025 membabitkan penyertaan daripada kalangan warga MOF dan orang awam.

Pada program itu, Amir Hamzah bersama pengurusan tertinggi MOF berjaya menamatkan larian bagi

kategori tiga kilometer.

Amir Hamzah berkata, penganjuran acara larian itu bertujuan memberi pendedahan kepada warga MOF dan orang awam mengenai Asean dari aspek penubuhan, peranan dan kepentingan pertubuhan Asean kepada Malaysia dan negara anggotanya.

Selain itu katanya, pendedahan turut membabitkan aktiviti yang sudah dan akan dijalankan sepanjang tahun ini terutamanya oleh MOF sempena Kepengerusian Asean Malaysia melalui Trek Kewangan.

"Penganjuran larian ini juga dapat menyokong amalan hidup sihat terutamanya dalam kalangan warga kerja MOF. Ini amat bertepatan dengan nilai Madani Kesejahteraan yang turut memberi penekanan kepada keseimbangan dalam kehidupan," katanya.



AMIR Hamzah

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4 bekas pegawai PM9 kena tahan

Tiga individu direman selama 5 hari manakala seorang direman 3 hari dan dibebas semalam

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Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) menahan empat bekas pegawai yang mempunyai kaitan dengan bekas Perdana Menteri ke-9, Datuk Seri Ismail

Sabri Yaakob.

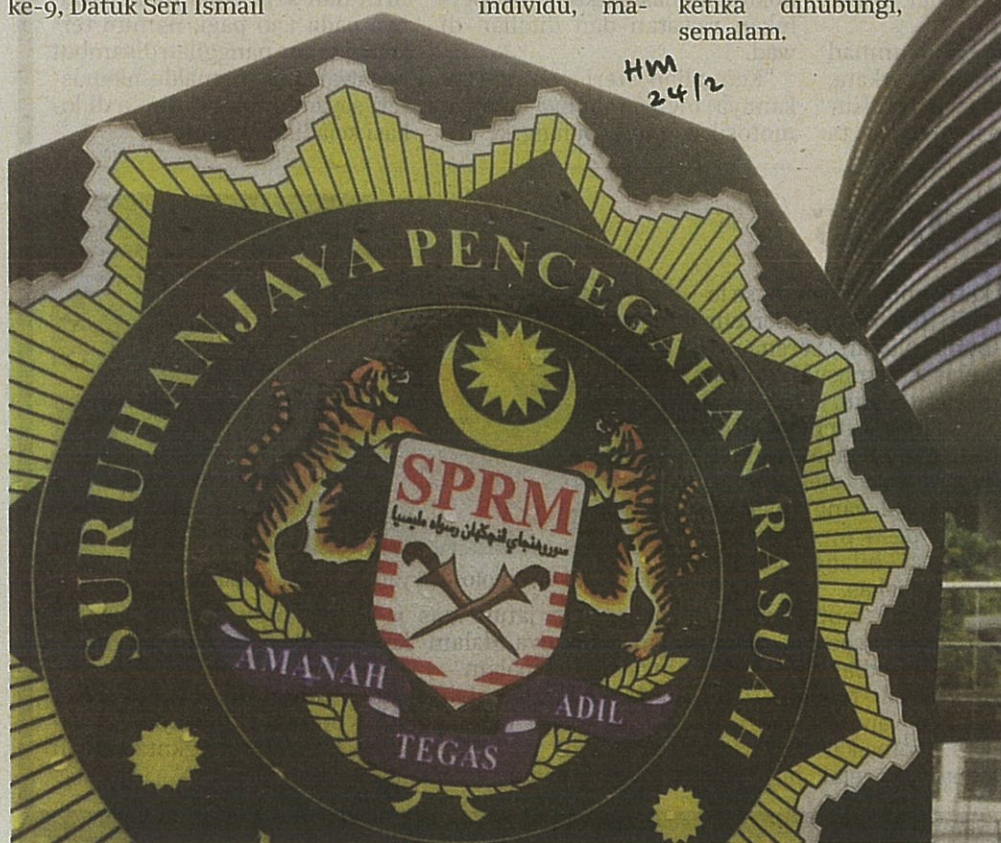
Sumber rapat SPRM mengesahkan penahanan empat pegawai terbabit dan sudah mendapatkan perintah reman ke atas mereka di Mahkamah Putrajaya kelmarin.

Menurut sumber, perintah reman itu dikeluarkan Majistret Irza Zulaikha untuk lima hari bermula Jumaat lalu untuk tiga individu, ma-

nakala seorang lagi direman tiga hari dan dibebaskan semalam.

Ketua Pesuruhjaya SPRM, Tan Sri Azam Baki mengesahkan perkara ini dan kes disiasat mengikut Seksyen 16a Akta SPRM.

"Kami memohon supaya pihak SPRM diberikan ruang untuk menjalankan siasatan tanpa sebarang spekulasi," katanya ketika dihubungi, semalam.



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