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Don't Be Rude; Answer Your Work Messages Professionally, New Mayor Says

By **Teoh** - July 24, 2024



SUBANG JAYA, JULY 24 2024: All Subang Jaya City Council personnel including its 24 councillors are expected to answer their work related Whatsapp and email messages promptly and professionally while carrying out their duties, its new Mayor Dato' Amirul Azizan bin Dato' Sri Abd Rahim said today.

"I think it is rude if you do not reply work related messages that you receive. It is totally unprofessional"



"If you don't want to reply to work-related messages, don't work for MBSJ. Work for yourself," he warned right after he was sworn in as Subang Jaya's 4th Mayor on July 23 2024.

Amirul said the least one could do was to acknowledge receiving the messages.

The tone of Amirul's inaugural message sets the pace for MBSJ to up its ante in providing better services to ratepayers and acts as a warning to everyone in the city council to buck up.

"We are setting up dedicated Whatsapp numbers for each of our 24 departments in MBSJ. We will share these numbers with the public."

"It will make it easier for us to receive complaints and feedback from the public. We can resolve issues more efficiently," he said, adding that the new Whatsapp numbers will complement the day-to-day functions of the council's 24 councillors which also includes addressing issues raised by the public.

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Amirul in his inaugural speech as Mayor also stressed the need for MBSJ to provide top notch services to its stakeholders ie public.

"We have to raise the value of our services especially in light of the rates hike that's taking effect from January 1 2025."

"Our day-to-day operations must be carried out efficiently. I want the council to further add value the services we provide and be proactive in addressing issues," he added.

On a related matter, Amirul said he viewed the problem of dirty food outlets seriously and wants proactive measures to be taken to address it.



"We will not tolerate operators who disregard cleanliness at their outlets. Commercial areas have to be cleaned up; eateries and hotels have to step up their cleanliness and hygiene measures," Amirul, 47 the father of four children said.

In the latest report, Tourism Selangor stated that MBSJ attracted the most number of tourists last

year among 12 local councils in Selangor.

Out of the 2.15mil visitors, 1.35mil were domestic while 801,097 were foreigners, with a majority of them from China.

Amirul Azizan had served as Kuala Langat Municipal Council (MPKL) president for four years prior to being appointed Subang Jaya's Mayor.

He holds a degree in science from Saint Louis University in the United States.

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Subang Jaya mayor wants cleanliness stepped up

By EDWARD RAJENDRA



Amirul Azizan taking his oath of office as Subang Jaya's fourth mayor. — ART CHEN/The Star

SUBANG Jaya's new mayor Datuk Amirul Azizan Abd Rahim is urging eateries and hotels to step up their cleanliness and hygiene measures, as these are among key considerations by tourists when choosing businesses to frequent.

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"Visitors, be they domestic or international, expect restaurants and cafes to be well kept.

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Amirul Azizan said SS12, SS15 and Taipan Business Centre in USJ10 were commercial centres in Subang Jaya, Selangor that drew a lot of visitors.

The 47-year-old father of four was speaking after his swearing-in ceremony at Subang Jaya City Council (MBSJ)'s headquarters in USJ5.

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"The council will carry out regular inspections and public feedback will be taken seriously, such as in identifying areas that need improvement and follow-up action," he added.

Amirul Azizan took his oath of office and integrity pledge as Subang Jaya's fourth mayor in front of MBSJ heads of department and councillors.

He received his letter of appointment as Subang Jaya's new mayor from Selangor State Secretary Datuk Haris Kasim two days ago.

Amirul Azizan had previously served as Kuala Langat Municipal Council (MPKL) president for four years.

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On the proposed increase in assessment tax set for January next year, he said MBSJ must work to ensure its basic services are up to standard.

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MBSJ urged to prune trees blocking parking bays in Bandar Kinrara

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BANDAR Kinrara residents want Subang Jaya City Council (MBSJ) to prune overgrown trees obstructing parking bays in a commercial area in Bandar Kinrara 5, Puchong, Selangor.

One resident, Kok SW, said several tree branches were already scraping the roofs of cars parked along Jalan BK 5A/2.

"There are concerns that the branches could damage vehicles parked there and even hurt someone."

"We do not advocate cutting down trees, but a trim is certainly warranted," said Kok, adding that the local council had been felling trees since the May 7 incident where a huge tree fell on 17 vehicles along Jalan Sultan Ismail in Kuala Lumpur.

A resident, who only wanted to be known as Abdul Rahman, was concerned that heavy rain could affect the overgrown trees and increase the risk of tree branches snapping and falling.

"Trimming these trees would mitigate such risks and ensure our community spaces remain safe and accessible," he said.

MBSJ Zone 18 councillor Mehanatan Embamurthi, whose area includes Bandar Kinrara, said in a post on social media that he would visit the affected site with MBSJ's Landscape Department.

It was previously reported on May 27 that MBSJ had identified several areas under its jurisdiction for landscape maintenance work between April 1 and July 31.

The identified areas include Jalan Kinrara 6, Jalan BK 2/10, Jalan BK 4/2, Jalan BK 5/6, BK 5/10A and Jalan BK 8A.

MBSJ could not be contacted at press time for comments.



Overgrown tree branches scraping car roofs along Jalan BK 5A/2 in Bandar Kinrara, Puchong.

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City council tasks contractor to fix retaining wall at PJ's Astaka field

Tilted retaining wall raises ire

Residents want MBPJ to fix problem, prioritise safety at Astaka field in Section 52

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A NEWLY constructed retaining wall at Astaka Field in Section 52, Petaling Jaya is believed to be leaning forward. An engineer, who appears to be taking forward, has been seen at the wall.

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PETALING Jaya City Council (MBPJ) has instructed its contractor to carry out quality control restoration work on a tilted retaining wall at Astaka field in Section 52, Petaling Jaya, Selangor.

Following *StarMetro*'s report, "Tilted retaining wall raises ire" published on July 18, the city council said in a statement that the problem had been caused by a fallen tree.

"MBPJ has instructed the contractor to carry out restoration work on the affected wall.

"The contractor also needs to

complete a list of repairs following several site visits on May 15, June 20 and June 27.

"These works have to be completed before MBPJ conducts another review at the site."

MBPJ also stressed that the slope upgrading work behind Lorong Utara was still ongoing and that the area has yet to be opened to the public.

"This project is scheduled to be completed on Sept 2.

"We thank residents and park users for raising their concerns.

"We are aware of the issues raised and action will be taken by site officials supervising the

project," the city council said.

In the same statement, MBPJ said a footpath had yet to be completed.

"The site supervisor has issued instructions to the project's contractor to fix any defects, including those caused by its machinery," said the city council.

"Residents are advised not to use the pathway until the project is fully completed.

"We have asked the contractor to ensure that safety tape is installed in the area and remains intact to prevent the public from using the pathway."

Flashback to *StarMetro*'s report on July 18.

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(Above) Best traditional costume winners and Gasing Warisan third place team with organisers at PJ Bergasing 2024 in Kelana Jaya Sports Complex.

(Left) The event aimed at popularising traditional top-spinning.

Teams spin with style in Petaling Jaya's first tops meet

PETALING Jaya City Council (MBPJ) in collaboration with Malaysian Gasing Association (Pegama) hosted the inaugural PJ Bergasing 2024.

The top-spinning event was aimed at popularising the traditional game among the community.

Nearly 200 participants from

13 states as well Singapore competed at Kelana Jaya Sports Complex in Petaling Jaya, Selangor.

Also aimed at promoting Petaling Jaya as a heritage tourism destination, the contest aligns with MBPJ's vision of making Petaling Jaya a City of Arts.

The competition featured three main categories – Gasing Malaysia, Gasing Warisan and residents' representative council (MPP) PJ as well as the team with the best traditional costume.

A team from Melaka won first place in the Gasing Malaysia category, taking home a cash prize

of RM4,000 and hamper.

Shah Alam and Zone 22 teams won the Gasing Warisan and MPP PJ categories respectively, taking home RM2,000 and RM1,000, alongside hampers.

The event also featured cultural and artistic activities, including colouring contests, traditional games and a rock concert fea-

turing Flowers Band, Keena Mentor, Azan Scan, Wom UG14, Shafie Rio and Plus Minus Band.

The inclusion of Pasar Saloma with its classic Malay village theme added to the nostalgic atmosphere, offering traditional foods such as *puntun* and *lem-peng kelapa*. — By HAZEL TAN YAN LING

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Mohd Fauzi (centre, in blue and white) with members of Team GBX MKBB and Team DACS XVICTIM during the awards ceremony.

400 youths battle it out in MBSA esports competition for cash prizes

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FOUR hundred contestants participated in the Shah Alam E-Sports Championship.

The event hosted by Shah Alam City Council (MBSA) took place at Plaza Shah Alam, Selangor.

The event, which was open to the public, held battles on popular games Mobile Legends and PlayerUnknown's

Battlegrounds (PUBG).

The Mobile Legends competition was won by GBX MKBB after they defeated Miracle Gaming.

In the PUBG tournament, Team DACS XVICTIM emerged victorious against Royal Highness.

GBX MKBB and Team DACS XVICTIM each received RM1,500 for placing first.

First runners-up received RM1,000 each while second runners-up won RM600 each.

MBSA said the competition aimed to provide a platform for youth to showcase their abilities in esports.

Shah Alam mayor Datuk Mohd Fauzi Mohd Yatim presented the trophies and cheques to the winners.

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• **Towards a greener city**

Compared to before, there is more greenery seen inside the city of Kuala Lumpur today. It's a garden city. Great that DBKL has done a good job. Hope Bandar DiRaja Klang can emulate KL with more greens along its streets. Put up plants. Raising the assessment means you can do a better job of greening the city.

Right now we see Klang with so much dirt along the roads, bridges, junctions and under the bridges.

More funds must be given to the Landscape Department. Concrete flooring and tile work must be reduced. The old and new sections of Klang must be brought to world standards. Councillors and the people must work together.

- Brian Raj Thiagarajah Sathasivam

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Selangor launches project on safe disposal of ewaste

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PROACTIVE steps to recycle electronic waste are being taken as estimates show that 285,000 tonnes may be produced in Selangor by 2025.

Mentri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari announced Selangor's plans to recycle at least 15% of ewaste.

He said this at the launch of the state's pilot project for ewaste collection, "Program Kutipan Sisa Elektrik dan Elektronik Peringkat Negeri Selangor".

As part of the project, a door-step pickup service for households with five or more ewaste items was announced.

"At the moment, we estimate that just 1% of ewaste is recycled and we want this number to increase to at least 15%.

"The recycling of ewaste has high economic value compared to other recyclables.

"I hope more telecommunications companies will embark on ewaste recycling," he said at the launch in Wisma Dewan Negeri Selangor, Shah Alam.

The pilot project is a team-up between the state government,



Malaysian telecommunications firm Maxis Bhd and Asean's first on-demand recycling service Electronic Recycling Through Heroes (ERTH).

State public health and environment committee chairman Jamaliah Jamaluddin said the project was estimated to cost RM500,000.

"With a minimum of five ewaste items, those recycling

will receive a cash incentive from collectors.

"There is also a RM5 reward from the state government when they key-in 'Selangor' in the collection app.

"This pilot project will continue until year end," she said.

Jamaliah added that the project was a way for the state government to gather statistics on how much ewaste

could be collected.

This, she said, would allow a better understanding on the scale of the problem in Selangor.

"Our target is to gather about 15,000 units of ewaste through the project," she said.

"The ewaste collection has started in urban areas.

"Local councils will help promote the initiative and we want to expand the project to other

areas such as Sekinchan and Kuala Kubu Baru," said Jamaliah.

Examples of ewaste are rice cookers, TVs, smartphones and laptops.

Ewaste discarded incorrectly poses risks to humans and the environment because of harmful contents such as mercury.

For more information, visit www.lestariselangor.com/ewaste

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(Front row, fourth from left) ERTH founder Mohamed Tarek El-Fatraty, Jamaliah, Amirudin and Maxis chief corporate affairs officer Mariam Bevi Batcha with state officers and guests.

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Creating ^{8/24/24} sponge cities

MALAYSIANS are experiencing lingering and sweltering heat in the country. The rising temperatures have an impact on our physiological health and water ecosystems.

Malaysia is blessed with rainfall exceeding 3,000mm annually. However, we are facing challenges related to population growth and urbanisation, river pollution and climate change. Access to fresh water as a counterbalance to rising temperatures has become critical.

One solution is to create sponge cities where every surface is modified to collect water that flows into drains and into storage reservoirs. In the dry months, this supply can be tapped to meet increased water usage.

There is also a need for more rain gardens and water retention parks in all cities, designed to channel precipitation into underground filtration systems and storage ponds, which also increase green space.

Schools and playgrounds can be retrofitted with drainage systems. There should also be water tanks on roofs across cities that can preserve water when it rains.

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How to meet workforce challenges

Transformative platform MyNext by TalentCorp revolutionises talent development

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PETALING JAYA: MyNext, an initiative by Talent Corporation Malaysia Berhad (TalentCorp), has expanded from a tool for students to a comprehensive talent solutions platform addressing Malaysia's talent needs.

MyNext aims to connect students and professionals with industry partners, mentors and training providers. Users can understand their strengths and career preferences through the platform and access customised training programmes.

"There has been a significant evolution in MyNext since its inception in 2017, transitioning from addressing students' misalignment of studies and personal strengths to ensuring these misalignments are looked at through comprehensive assessments and training programmes.

"This effort is part of TalentCorp's initiative to address under-employment in Malaysia's labour market, which is a growing concern today," said TalentCorp's Group chief strategy officer Nazrul Aziz.

"Providing young talents – especially those still in school – access to MyNext can be a strategic tool that facilitates informed career choices," he added.

Nazrul described, for example, how an engineering student with



Making a change:
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an entrepreneurial inclination might be guided toward a career in technical sales instead of traditional engineering roles.

"This personalised approach ensures that individuals can leverage their education in ways that align with their strengths and interests," he explained.

To ensure a strong value proposition for the MyNext platform, TalentCorp has integrated its signature internship facilitation initiatives.

The National Structured Internship Programme (MySIP), in operation since 2012, offers incentives to companies. One such incentive is the eligibility for a double tax deduction for related expenses

incurred by their interns, such as providing allowances.

In March, the agency announced the Internship Placement Matching Grant (LiKES), launched by the Minister of Human Resources (Kesuma) Steven Sim.

With an allocation of RM30mil over three years, LiKES aims to provide financial support to SMEs and start-ups in Malaysia, encouraging them to nurture local talent through meaningful internship programmes for students.

MySIP and LiKES fall under the ministry's overarching Kesuma's Practical Training Incentives.

This ecosystem of internship incentives helps ensure quality internships, structured profes-

sional development and fairness for students unable to undergo their internships in the cities.

It connects students and higher learning institutions with partner companies that offer internships nationwide, aiming to improve the availability and quality of these opportunities.

These efforts are part of the upcoming National Internship Policy under the ministry, in collaboration with the Higher Education Ministry and related stakeholders.

TalentCorp's commitment to bridging the gap between education and industry needs is evident through initiatives like "Walk with Me", a mentorship programme that pairs students with mid-level professionals for early industry exposure and networking opportunities.

The agency also enriches the MyNext platform with its other initiatives, such as the annually published Critical Occupations List (MyCOL), which identifies critical jobs in various sectors based on employer feedback.

Regular engagement with the industry further enhances MyNext offerings, ensuring alignment with industry needs in a rapidly evolving work landscape.

Nazrul shared plans for MyNext, including expanding the initiative to benefit more talent groups, such as women returning to work through the Career

Comeback Programme.

"We already have armed forces retirees on MyNext as part of our Veteran MyWIRA initiative.

We collaborate with Ex-Servicemen Affairs Corporation under the Defence Ministry to support army veterans who have at least two decades of productive work years ahead upon retirement, and MyNext is the first tool to assist them in their journey," he said.

Looking ahead, the MyNext platform will be streamlined with the public portal for future skills framework covering 10 sectors by the end of the year, as announced by Kesuma.

The interactive portal will include job and skills assessments, connecting users to skills, courses and job matching services.

Nazrul said the portal will allow companies, employees, students and policymakers to reference future skills frameworks with periodic updates.

These guides on workforce development will outline job roles and specific skills that will be in demand over the next three years.

"By keeping up with the latest demands of the workforce, TalentCorp is committed to making a lasting impact on Malaysia's talent landscape, fostering a more inclusive and dynamic workforce to support Malaysia's economic growth," he added.

For more information on MyNext, visit www.mynext.my.

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By MOHD YUSOFF ISHAK

THE disposal of Malaysia's waste – domestic and imported – is an increasing concern.

Malaysia's overall household waste generation is trending upwards, from 36,500 tonnes per day in 2015 to 38,150 tonnes in 2018, while the estimated waste generation rate for Malaysia is 1.17kg per capita per day, 65% of which is household solid waste.

This is significantly higher than the average worldwide of 0.74kg. By category, Malaysia wastes approximately 16,720 tonnes of food daily, which accounts for 44% of its total waste generated.

Apart from this, Malaysia faces increasing challenges in managing imported waste coming in under the pretext of "recycling". In 2021, Malaysia imported more than 500 thousand tonnes of plastic waste and exported around 11 thousand tonnes, making the country one of the major importers of plastic waste globally.

The rise was a result of China's ban on the importation of most plastics and other materials in 2018. China's decision disrupted the global plastic recycling industry by diverting waste shipments to developing economies in South-East Asia, including Malaysia.

Although home to less than 9% of the world's population, Asean countries received 17% of the world's plastic waste imports from 2017 to 2021.

Malaysia has become a dumping ground as these imports include mixed plastic waste and non-recyclable plastic waste – plastic waste that is significantly contaminated with other wastes or contaminated with toxic additives, making recycling impossible.

Yet, recycling used plastic has been promoted as both a business and a waste management solution in the developed world as part of the circular economy, which relies on reusing materials to boost sustainability.

Studies report that improper management of waste streams – both domestic and imported – poses significant risks to human health and the environment. Mismanagement of waste results in the inefficient use of resources and hinders recycling efforts, contributing to resource depletion and unsustainable practices.

Solid waste is made up of non-liquid waste, such as garbage and refuse produced from activities ranging from domestic to commercial, trade and industry, agriculture and construction and demolition and mining activities.

Further classifications see waste categorised based on biodegradability or non-biodegradability, combustibility and non-combustibility and hazardous or non-hazardous. The challenges in managing solid waste are to "curb, tackle, and minimise" the negative effects on human health and the environment without compromising economic growth potential.

Nearing capacity

Landfills are still the primary method of managing solid wastes in Malaysia, with the remaining waste either incinerated (26.5%) or recycled (17.5%).

As waste generation is expected to increase from 468 million tonnes per year in 2016 to 714 million tonnes per year by 2050, sanitary landfills in Malaysia are nearing capacity.

The lack of accurate and comprehensive data on the types and quantities of waste being imported into Malaysia makes it difficult for the

Choked by waste

While Malaysia has made progress in some areas, our daily waste generation rate is way above the global average.

authorities to assess the risks associated with transboundary waste imports, in addition to locally generated waste.

The solid waste recycling rate in 2021 was said by researchers in Malaysia to reach 31.67%, nowhere near the projected 40% by 2025. Meeting the target requires investment in infrastructure and resources to handle the influx of waste focusing on information and studies on solid waste recovery and recycling.

The typical issues for solid waste management in Malaysia include low collection coverage and irregular collection services, and open dumping and burning. The country also faces challenges such as illegal dumping, questionable practices of some local waste management operators, lack of a recycling support ecosystem and limited sanitary landfills.

In Malaysia, most of the landfills are open dumpsites and 89% of the collected garbage ends up in landfills.

Disposal issues where most waste goes to landfills rather than being utilised as energy can be overcome by investing in Waste-to-Energy technologies.

These facilities convert waste into energy to help reduce landfill usage and generate renewable energy. Energy recovery from biogas in landfills could represent a solution for solid waste treatment and the growing demand for renewable energy.

However, the efficiency of landfill biogas recovery should be investigated considering that the impact of the operational factors such as the coating process, gas drainage and liquid management will be different according to waste characteristics, environmental factors and technical capability.

Household waste increasing

Existing recycling programmes in Malaysia have failed to increase public awareness of proper waste segregation, recycling practices and the importance of reducing waste despite the overall household waste generation on the rise.

Implementing comprehensive recycling initiatives and the adoption of a circular economy approach requires strong governance instruments and buy-in from consumers.

Enforcing strict regulations on waste management practices, including penalties for illegal dumping, and incentives for sustainable waste disposal methods are also needed.

Moving to circular economy

On the plus side, regulatory frameworks have shifted from the linear to the circular economy to divert the waste from being disposed of in landfills.

However, there is ambiguity in monitoring and enforcement mechanisms, including non-emphasis of the recycling agenda, insufficiencies in retailers' accountability, the lack of enforcement on legal repercussions – and the delay in further improving the current regulatory framework.

In the circular economy, investments by businesses will be a key factor for waste management financing. This should complement the private and public partnerships for waste disposal operators.

Government support through effective financial mechanisms such as grants, loans and tax exemptions are a key part of the overall policy mix for waste management and to support the move to a circular economy. This would allow infrastructure development such as investment in sanitary landfills and recycling infrastructure to improve waste management efficiency. – 360info

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The improper management of waste poses great risks to human health and the environment. – 360info

Barang niaga warga asing disita

KUALA LUMPUR - Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL) mengambil tindakan sita terhadap 16 premis perniagaan warga asing dalam operasi bersepadu di sekitar kawasan utara ibu negara di sini.

DBKL memaklumkan, operasi bersepadu tersebut dijalankan bersama Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM), Jabatan Imigresen (JIM), Suruhanjaya Syarikat Malaysia (SSM), Lembaga Hasil Dalam Negeri (LHDN) dan Agensi Anti Dadah Kebangsaan (AADK).

Menurutnya, enam Ahli Dewan Negara yang menganggotai Jawatankuasa Pilihan Khas Hal Ehwal Sosial dan Masyarakat Parlimen Malaysia turut menyertai operasi bagi melihat kaedah dan perjalanan operasi pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) bersama agensi berkaitan.

Katanya, DBKL mengambil 16 tindakan sita mengikut Seksyen 46(1)(d), Akta Jalan, Parit dan Bangunan 1974 dan Undang-Undang Kecil Pelesenan Penjaja

(WPKL) 2016 kerana kesalahan meletakkan barangan yang berkaitan dengan perniagaan di tempat awam.

"Sebanyak empat notis kompaun turut dikeluarkan di bawah Akta Jalan, Parit dan Bangunan 1974 dan Undang-Undang Kecil Tred, Perniagaan dan Perindustrian (WPKL) 2016," katanya dalam kenyataan di Facebook.

Jelasnya, JIM turut menahan 15 warga asing iaitu 14 warga Bangladesh dan seorang warga Myanmar, manakala AADK pula menahan seramai sembilan orang.

"LHDN pula membuat pemeriksaan ke atas 21 premis perniagaan dan SSM turut mengeluarkan 13 notis kompaun atas pelbagai kesalahan yang dikuatkuasakan," tambahnya.

Semua barangan yang diambil tindakan pindah halangan oleh DBKL telah dibawa ke Stor Sitaan Jalan Lombong, Taman Miharja Cheras, Kuala Lumpur untuk tindakan rekod dan dokumentasi.



Penguat kuasa DBKL mengangkut barang warga asing yang disita kerana meletakkannya di tempat awam.

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Bantu siasatan kes terima
suapan bulanan hampir
RM12,000

Oleh HISYAMUDDIN AYUB
KUALA LUMPUR

Lindungi premis haram: 7 penguat kuasa PBT direman

Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) Kuala Lumpur menahan reman tujuh penguat kuasa pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) pada Selasa kerana dipercayai menerima wang rasuah secara bulanan hampir RM12,000.

Sumber berkata, mereka yang ditahan menerima suapan daripada premis perniagaan yang beroperasi menggunakan lesen ali baba di ibu negara.

Menurut sumber, kesemua suspek lelaki berusia 30 hingga 40-an telah ditahan di sekitar ibu negara antara jam 8.30 hingga jam 11 pagi Isnin menerusi operasi khas Op Orange dijalankan SPRM Kuala Lumpur.

Susulan penahanan itu katanya, Majistret Amira Abd Aziz membenarkan lima anggota penguat kuasa itu direman selama lima hari sehingga Sabtu ini sementara dua lagi anggota penguat kuasa direman selama tujuh hari sehingga Isnin depan.

Menurutnya, permohonan reman itu dibuat oleh SPRM di Mahkamah Majistret

Kuala Lumpur pada Selasa.

"Menerusi risikan dijalankan SPRM sejak enam bulan lalu, kesemua penguat kuasa yang ditahan ini disyaki telah melindungi premis-premis haram.

"Mereka dipercayai menerima wang rasuah secara bulanan antara RM200 hingga RM1,000 daripada pemilik dan penjaga premis berkenaan," katanya pada Selasa.

Tambahnya, wang rasuah yang diterima sebagai balasan kerana tidak mengambil tindakan penguatkuasaan kepada premis-premis berkenaan yang menggunakan lesen ali baba.

Selain itu menurutnya, kesalahan lain dilakukan oleh pemilik premis adalah menggajikan warga asing sebagai pekerja dan beroperasi menggunakan lesen yang berbeza.

Katanya lagi, susulan tangkapan terhadap kesemua suspek, SPRM turut menyita wang tunai kira-kira RM40,000.

Sementara itu, Pengarah SPRM Kuala Lumpur, Datuk Mohamad Fauzi Husin mengesahkan tangkapan terhadap kesemua suspek dan kes disiasat di bawah



Seramai tujuh penguat kuasa PBT ditahan direman SPRM setelah mendapat kelulusan daripada Mahkamah Majistret Kuala Lumpur pada Selasa.

Seksyen 17(a) Akta SPRM 2009.

Beliau berkata, seorang suspek telah dilepaskan dengan jaminan SPRM selepas keterangannya direkodkan.

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Rasuah: Dua penjawat awam direman enam hari

KOTA BHARU - Dua penjawat awam direman selama enam hari bagi membantu siasatan kes menerima rasuah sebanyak RM10,000.

Perintah reman sehingga Ahad depan itu dikeluarkan oleh Majistret Ahmad Syafiq Aizat Nazri terhadap pegawai dan pembantu am sebuah

agensi kerajaan negeri di Tanah Merah yang masing-masing berusia 33 dan 49 tahun.

Permohonan reman itu dikemukakan Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) bagi membolehkan siasatan dijalankan di bawah Seksyen

17(a) Akta SPRM 2009.

Pada Isnin, SPRM Kelantan menahan dua penjawat awam pada jam 4.30 petang selepas mengambil keterangan mereka di ibu pejabat SPRM negeri kerana disyaki menerima rasuah sebanyak RM10,000. - *Bernama*



FOTO: BERNAMA

Dua penjawat awam direman selama enam hari di Mahkamah Majistret Kota Bharu pada Selasa.

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Tarikh:

Kuala Lumpur masih selamat dilawati

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PUTRAJAYA – Kementerian Dalam Negeri (KDN) akan meneliti laporan *Forbes Advisor* yang telah menyenaraikan Kuala Lumpur sebagai antara bandar paling bahaya di Asia Tenggara untuk dilawati.

Menteri Dalam Negeri, Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution Ismail berkata, laporan tersebut dilihat bercanggah dengan Indeks Keamanan Global (GPI) 2024 yang menunjukkan Malaysia menduduki tempat ke-10 sebagai antara negara paling aman di dunia dan ketiga paling aman di Asia Pasifik.

"Laporan itu saya belum lihat dan baca. Kayu pengurus GPI ini ada berpuluh termasuk peruntukan per kapita. Saya anggap ia satu kenyataan yang dibuat oleh *Forbes* sebab saya belum teliti lagi," katanya.

Forbes menyenaraikan Kuala Lumpur sebagai bandar kelima paling bahaya untuk dilawati di Asia Tenggara selepas

Yangon, Myanmar, Manila, Filipina, Jakarta, Indonesia dan Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam.

Menurut Saifuddin, polis sentiasa komited memastikan keamanan dan ketenteraman awam dan ia merupakan tanggungjawab yang perlu digalas.

Dalam perkembangan berlainan, Saifuddin memaklumkan bahawa KDN akan mengeluarkan kenyataan berkaitan isu pelacuran terutamanya membabitkan lubuk persundalan di ibu negara, dalam masa terdekat.

"Saya telah berjumpa dengan pucuk pimpinan polis dua hari lalu. Saya akan buat kenyataan mengenai isu itu," katanya.

Pada 22 Jun lalu, sebuah akhbar mendedahkan lubuk kegiatan pelacuran tertua sekitar Pudu termasuk pelacur yang bersepah mencari pelanggan di sebuah medan selera di Jalan Gelang dan Jalan Kalong diserbu pihak berkuasa.



KUALA LUMPUR masih selamat dikunjungi walaupun laporan *Forbes* menyenaraikannya sebagai kawasan bahaya. – GAMBAR HIASAN

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DUA penjawat awam direman enam hari bagi membantu siasatan berhubung kes rasuah di Tanah Merah. - Gambar NSTP/NIK ABDULLAH NIK OMAR

DISYAKI TERIMA RASUAH RM10,000

Dua penjawat awam direman 6 hari

Kota Bharu: Dua penjawat awam direman selama enam hari sehingga Ahad ini bagi membantu siasatan berhubung kes rasuah sebanyak RM10,000.

Perintah tahanan reman

bermula semalam terhadap suspek berusia 33 dan 49 tahun itu dikeluarkan Majistret Ahmad Syafiq Aizat Nazri.

Ia bagi membolehkan Suruhanjaya Pencegahan

Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) menjalankan siasatan mengikut Seksyen 17(a) Akta SPRM 2009.

Kelmarin, media melaporkan seorang pegawai dan pembantu am ditahan

SPRM kerana disyaki menerima rasuah RM10,000.

Kedua-dua suspek berkenaan ditahan di Tanah Merah selepas selesai memberi keterangan pada 4:30 petang.

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Sasar kurangkan pinjaman kepada RM86b

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Kuala Lumpur: Seajar dengan Akta Kewangan Awam dan Tanggungjawab Fiskal, kerajaan komited mengurangkan pinjaman daripada segi nisbah hutang kepada Keluaran Dalam Negara Kasar (KDNK) kepada 60 peratus dalam lima tahun.

Ia daripada 64 peratus pada masa ini adalah usaha memastikan kedudukan fiskal lebih kukuh dan lebih mampan untuk negara, kata Ketua Setiausaha Perbendaharaan Da-

tuk Johan Mahmood Merican.

Beliau berkata, kerajaan mula mengurangkan pinjaman bersih tahunan secara beransur-ansur daripada kira-kira RM100 bilion bagi 2021 dan 2022 kepada RM93 bilion pada 2023 serta menyasarkan RM86 bilion pada 2024.

"Ini dicapai melalui pengukuhan fiskal, mengurangkan defisit fiskal tahunan 5.6 peratus daripada KDNK pada 2022 kepada 5 peratus pada 2023

dan 4.3 peratus pada 2024.

"Antara usaha yang dilakukan untuk mengurangkan defisit tahunan adalah menyasarkan semula subsidi, menghapuskan rundingan terus untuk projek kerajaan yang akan digantikan dengan tender, lebih berhemat dalam perbelanjaan seperti dari segi perjalanan ke luar negara," katanya di luar acara perasmian Persidangan Percukaian Kebangsaan 2024, di sini, kelmarin.

Beliau berkata, penjaminan tahunan RM4 bilion daripada rasionalisasi subsidi diesel dilaksanakan pada 10 Jun 2024 akan menyumbang ke arah mengurangkan keperluan pinjaman tahunan kerajaan.

Kementerian Kewangan (MOF) menyatakan dalam jawapan bertulis yang disiarkan di laman web Parlimen pada 15 Julai 2024 bahawa bagi Januari hingga April 2024, hutang kerajaan meningkat RM50 bilion kepada RM1.22 tri-

lion setakat akhir April 2024, berbanding RM1.17 trilion setakat akhir 2023.

Johan menjelaskan nilai mutlak hutang akan terus meningkat selagi kerajaan menanggung defisit fiskal dan kerajaan terus mengalami defisit kerana keperluan meminjam untuk melabur dalam perbelanjaan pembangunan penting seperti membina hospital, sekolah, jalan raya, infrastruktur asas dan perkhidmatan awam. - Bernama

HARIAN METRO

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DBKL menunda kenderaan yang dibiarkan tersadai ke depoh kenderaan buruk di Salak Selatan, Taman Connaught dan Pantai Sentral.
(Foto FB DBKL)

DBKL tunda kereta buruk tersadai 2417

Kuala Lumpur: Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL) mempergiatkan usaha menunda kenderaan buruk yang dibiarkan tersadai terutama di lokasi awam.

DBKL dalam kenyataan berkata, isu kenderaan buruk yang tersadai itu sering menimbulkan rasa tidak senang warga kota.

Katanya, segelintir pemilik kenderaan dilihat membiarkan kenderaan lama mereka terbiar di lokasi awam seperti di petak parkir kawasan perumahan, bawah jambatan dan di tepi jalan.

Keadaan itu katanya, bukan sahaja memburukkan pemandangan tetapi juga menimbulkan masalah lain seperti kekurangan petak parkir, halangan lalu lintas malah menjadi tempat pembiakan makhluk perosak.

"Oleh itu DBKL sedang mempergiatkan usaha menunda ken-

deraan-kenderaan buruk yang dibiarkan tersadai ini ke depoh kenderaan buruk di Salak Selatan, Taman Connaught dan Pantai Sentral setelah tempoh notis yang diletakkan di kenderaan buruk tersadai ini tamat," katanya di Facebook.

Justeru, DBKL menasihati pemilik kenderaan usang supaya mengambil inisiatif menyelesaikan hal kenderaan mereka.

Katanya, jika mempunyai modal, mereka boleh membaik pulih kenderaan atau jika sebaliknya, boleh memilih meleraikannya dan dijual sebagai alat ganti kenderaan.

"Sesetengah pemilik kenderaan yang kreatif boleh juga menjadikan kenderaan usang mereka sebagai hasil seni namun yang penting perlu bertanggungjawab pada kenderaan usang masing-masing," katanya.

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DBKL tunda kereta buruk, tersadai

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KUALA LUMPUR: Sikap sege-
lintir pemilik kenderaan lama
yang membiarkannya di lokasi
awam sehingga mencatitkan
pemandangan telah diambil
tindakan oleh pihak berkuasa.

Dewan Bandaraya Kuala
Lumpur (DBKL) dalam satu ken-
yataan memaklumkan, isu yang
membelenggu itu juga secara
tidak langsung menimbulkan
rasa kurang senang warga kota.

Katanya, perkara tersebut
turut menimbulkan masalah
lain seperti kekurangan petak
letak kenderaan, halangan lalu
lintas malah menjadi tempat
pembinaan makhluk perosak.

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kenderaan buruk di Salak Sela-
tan, Taman Connaught dan Pan-
tai Sentral setelah tempoh notis
yang diletakkan di kenderaan
buruk tersadai ini tamat.

"Kepada para pemilik ken-
deraan usang ini, ambil ini-
siatif untuk selesaikan hal
kenderaan anda," katanya
dalam hantaran di Facebook.

Mengulas lanjut, DBKL tu-



**Alasan mereka
masih mahukan
kenderaan mereka.
Tapi sudah
dibiarkan tersadai
berbulan-bulan,
malah bertahun
pun ada."**

rut menasihati pemilik ken-
deraan untuk mengambil
inisiatif membaik pulih, me-
leraikan atau menjual semula
sebagai alat ganti.

Jelas kenyataan itu, pel-
bagai alasan diberikan pihak
pemilik kenderaan selepas
tindakan diambil seakan tidak
menyedari notis telah dikelu-
arkan sebelum itu.

"Alasan mereka masih ma-
hukan kenderaan mereka. Tapi
sudah dibiarkan tersadai ber-
bulan-bulan, malah bertahun
pun ada," katanya.

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Tujuh penguatkuasa DBKL ditahan kes rasuah

KUALA LUMPUR: Tujuh anggota penguat kuasa Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL) direman antara lima dan tujuh hari bagi membantu siasatan berkaitan kes rasuah melindungi premis perniagaan yang beroperasi secara haram.

Perintah reman dikeluarkan oleh Majistret Amira Abd Aziz hari ini selepas membenarkan permohonan Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) bagi menjalankan siasatan mengikut Seksyen 17(a) Akta SPRM 2009.

Terdahulu, kesemua suspek tiba di Kompleks Mahkamah Kuala Lumpur, di sini menaiki van SPRM dan memakai baju baju lokap SPRM, pada pukul 9.55 pagi.

Media sebelum ini melaporkan, beberapa penguatkuasa sebuah pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) berumur lingkungan 30 sehingga 40 tahun ditahan kerana disyaki menerima rasuah

bagi melindungi premis-premis perniagaan di sekitar ibu negara yang beroperasi secara tidak sah dan mengagajikan warga asing.

Semua individu berkenaan ditahan di sekitar ibu negara menerusi Op Orange, semalam.

Menurut sumber, hasil risikan yang dijalankan oleh Bahagian Perisikan SPRM sejak enam bulan lalu mendapati, mereka menerima rasuah kira-kira RM12,000 daripada pemilik premis terbabit.

Wang rasuah yang diterima sebagai balasan kerana tidak mengambil tindakan ke atas premis-premis berkenaan yang bukan sahaja menggunakan lesen alibaba, sebaliknya kerana kesalahan menggaji warga asing sebagai pekerja.

Kegiatan itu dikesan menerusi risikan dijalankan SPRM sejak enam bulan lalu. Hasil tangkapan itu, wang tunai kira-kira RM40,000 turut disita.

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DUA penjawat awam tiba di Mahkamah Kota Bharu, Kelantan, semalam untuk mendapatkan perintah tanaman reman. - UTUSAN/ROSLAWANI CHE SOH

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Rasuah, dua penjawat awam direman enam hari

KOTA BHARU: Dua penjawat awam yang masing-masing pegawai dan pembantu am di sebuah agensi kerajaan negeri direman enam hari bagi membantu siasatan kes menerima berjumlah RM10,000.

Perintah tahanan reman terhadap kedua-dua lelaki berusia 33 dan 49 itu dikeluarkan oleh Majistret Ahmad Syafiq Aizat Nazri bermula semalam.

Tahanan reman itu bagi membolehkan siasatan lanjut dijalankan mengikut Seksyen 17(a) Akta Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) 2009.

Terdahulu, kedua-dua lelaki itu tiba di Mahkamah Kota Bharu pada pukul 8.30 pagi dengan memakai baju lokap Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM).

Utusan Malaysia semalam melaporkan, Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) menahan dua penjawat awam selepas disyaki menerima rasuah sebanyak RM10,000.

Tindakan tersebut bertujuan melepaskan mesin kerja hutan milik seorang lelaki yang ditahan oleh pihak berkuasa.

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SPRM Kelantan tahan dua penjawat awam terima rasuah

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utusan

KOTA BHARU: Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) menahan dua penjawat awam disyaki menerima rasuah sebanyak RM10,000.

Sumber SPRM berkata, penjawat awam masing-masing berusia 33 dan 49 tahun itu ditahan selepas memberi keterangan di pejabat SPRM Kelantan di sini kira-kira pukul 4.30 petang, semalam.

Menurutnya, kedua-dua lelaki itu merupakan pegawai dan pembantu am di sebuah agensi kerajaan negeri di Tanah Merah.

Pengarah SPRM Kelantan, Rosli Husain ketika dihubungi mengesahkan penahanan dua lelaki berkenaan.

Kes disiasat mengikut Seksyen 17(a) Akta SPRM 2009.

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704 penjawat dituduh pelbagai kesalahan rasuah

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utusan

PETALING JAYA: Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) telah membuat 704 pertuduhan ke atas penjawat awam melibatkan pelbagai kesalahan rasuah dalam tempoh lima tahun sejak 2020 sehingga 13 Jun lalu.

Menteri di Jabatan Perdana Menteri (Undang-Undang dan Reformasi Institusi), Datuk Seri Azalina Othman Said berkata, daripada jumlah tersebut, 352 individu telah disabitkan kesalahan manakala 45 orang lagi dilepas dan dibebaskan di atas keputusan mahkamah.

"Selebihnya masih dalam peringkat perbicaraan," katanya dalam jawapan lisan di Dewan Negara, semalam.

Terdahulu, Senator Mohd. Hasbie Muda meminta jumlah penjawat awam yang ditahan, didakwa dan didapati bersalah di bawah Akta SPRM 2009 sejak 2020.

Azalina menjawab soalan Senator Datuk A. Kesavadas berhubung jumlah RM277 bilion yang hilang akibat perbuatan rasuah serta penyelewengan wang dan tindakan segera yang telah dimulakan oleh kerajaan untuk mendapatkan semula duit tersebut.



daripada jumlah tersebut, 352 individu telah disabitkan kesalahan manakala 45 orang lagi dilepas dan dibebaskan di atas keputusan mahkamah."

Beliau memaklumkan, SPRM juga akan terus mengesan harta-harta jenayah lain yang berada di luar negara dengan mendapatkan bantuan daripada agensi-agensi luar negara.

Katanya, SPRM sentiasa bekerjasama dengan pelbagai agensi dan turut menyertai pasukan khas (pemulihan aset) di bawah Jabatan Peguam Negara dalam menangani kes-kes ketirisan dana kerajaan.

Katanya, satu pasukan iaitu Multi-Agency Task Force diketuai SPRM dan dianggotai Polis Diraja

Malaysia (PDRM), Jabatan Kastam Diraja Malaysia (JKDM), Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM), Lembaga Hasil Dalam Negara (LHDN) dan agensi-agensi penguatkuasa lain juga telah ditubuhkan bagi membendung, mengambil tindakan dan pemulihan aset untuk mendapatkan semula harta jenayah yang diseleweng.

"Pada peringkat nasional pula pada 7 Mei, Perdana Menteri telah melancarkan Strategi Pembanterasan Rasuah Nasional (NACS) 2024-2028.

"Secara amnya, pelaksanaan NACS akan melibatkan pindaan kepada dasar dan undang-undang negara iaitu penambahbaikan kepada perundangan sedia ada, pewujudan perundangan baharu dan penambahbaikan kepada peraturan serta pekeliling ke atas keseluruhan perkhidmatan awam dan anggota pentadbiran," katanya.

Menyentuh jumlah ketirisan, Azalina berkata, SPRM mengambil peratusan kerugian pada 2017 berasaskan data Transparency International Malaysia yang menganggarkan ekonomi negara rugi sebanyak RM47 bilion akibat daripada aktiviti rasuah pada tahun itu.

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Kebersamaan penjawat awam mendukung agenda negara



MASHITAH MOHD. UDIN

S EJAK Jabatan Perkhidmatan Awam (JPA) mendapat Ketua Pengarah Perkhidmatan Awam (KPPA) yang baharu, Datuk Seri Wan Ahmad Dahlan Abdul Aziz, pada 9 Januari lalu, usaha ditingkatkan untuk memperbaiki mutu penyampaian dan kebersamaan penjawat awam dalam mendukung hasrat Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Mengikut penekanan Perdana Menteri dan tuntutan penjawat awam, fokus utama KPPA setelah dilantik adalah menyegerakan kajian Sistem Saran Perkhidmatan Awam (SSPA), dan ini dilakukan oleh JPA yang membolehkan Perdana Menteri mengumumkan kenaikan gaji pada 1 Mei lalu.

Ini terhasil dan diiktiraf, Perdana Menteri pada majlis sambutan Jubli Emas Penubuhan Kesatuan Perkhidmatan Perguruan Kebangsaan Malaysia (NUTP) di Bangi pada 13 Julai pula menyatakan bahawa sebagai Menteri Kewangan, beliau bersama KPPA dan warga JPA bekerja keras untuk melaksanakan SSPA walaupun berdepan dengan kritikan.

Mekanisme terperinci pelarasan gaji penjawat awam ini seterusnya akan diumumkan Perdana Menteri pada Majlis Amanat Perdana Perkhidmatan Awam (MAPPA) ke-19 serentak dengan pelancaran SSPA di Pusat Konvensyen Antarabangsa Putrajaya (PICC) pada 16 Ogos nanti.

Sebagai sebahagian daripada pembaharuan, telah dikeluarkan Surat Edaran Peningkatan Kualiti Penyampaian dan Perkhidmatan Yang Berintegriti kepada semua ketua setiausaha kementerian, ketua jabatan persekutuan, setiausaha kerajaan negeri, pihak berkuasa berkanun, dan pihak berkuasa tempatan pada 18 April lalu.

Surat edaran tersebut menyarankan agar ketua jabatan sektor awam melakukan pemeriksaan mengejut di jabatan masing-masing, dengan



SUDAH pasti pendekatan seluruh bangsa dan seluruh agensi kerajaan lebih mudah dicapai dengan pembaharuan dan kebersamaan penjawat awam dalam mendukung agenda Malaysia Madani.

laporan mengenainya yang mengandungi dapatan hasil lawatan serta tindakan penambahbaikan pencegahan yang diambil perlu diserahkan dua kali setahun.

"Ketua Jabatan perlu mengambil tindakan untuk membuat pemeriksaan mengejut bagi memastikan amalan-amalan negatif seperti menggunakan media sosial yang tidak berkaitan dengan tugas rasmi, bermain permainan dalam talian atau tindakan keluar pejabat tanpa kebenaran untuk urusan peribadi pada waktu bekerja tidak berlaku di jabatan masing-masing," kata KPPA.

Setiap KPPA juga mempunyai gagasan tersendiri. Untuk itu, nilai baharu bagi penjawat awam iaitu H.E.M.A.T diperkenalkan oleh KPPA sejajar dengan dasar Malaysia Madani dan aspirasi The G.R.E.A.T Civil Service yang diperkenalkan Ketua Setiausaha Negara (KSN), Tan Sri Mohd. Zuki Ali.

Dalam ucapan di majlis Amanat KPPA 2024 pada 21 Februari, H.E.M.A.T diterangkan membawa dua maksud, iaitu sikap penjawat awam dalam membelanjakan dana awam secara berjiwat-cermat dan dari segi sifat, menjalankan tugas dengan pengamatan selain penelitian

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mendalam.

Setelah kajian utama SSPA disiapkan, satu siri program di seluruh Malaysia diadakan untuk menjelaskan gagasan H.E.M.A.T yang terdiri daripada hijrah tata kelola, empati rakyat, minda pekin, apresiasi inovasi dan telus tabiran kepada para penjawat awam.

Program bermula dengan Perkongsian Minda INTAN: Bicara Aspirasi H.E.M.A.T di Institut Tadbiran Awam Negara (INTAN) Kampus Wilayah Selatan (IKWS), Kluang, Johor, pada 2 Julai, diikuti dengan Sesi

Perjumpaan KPPA dengan Penjawat Awam Negeri Sembilan pada 18 Julai yang serta sesi sama di Kelantan pada 20 Ogos, di Sabah pada 29 Ogos dan negeri-negeri lain.

Dalam program ini, ditekankan bahawa penjawat awam perlu sentiasa bersedia dalam mendepani gelombang perubahan yang berlaku.

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"Saya mengesakan agar setiap lapisan penjawat awam memainkan peranan secara optimum mengikut kapasiti tugas masing-masing seiring dengan permintaan serta keperluan pihak berkepentingan, lebih-lebih lagi dalam persekitaran perkhidmatan awam masa kini yang penuh dengan cabaran," ujar Wan Ahmad Dahlan.

"Perlu memudahkan segala urusan sama ada dengan pemegang taruh ataupun pelanggan. Cara bekerja juga harus disesuaikan dengan agenda kerajaan dan tugas dilaksanakan dengan segera supaya kesannya dinikmati rakyat," tambah beliau.

Dalam ucapan dan tindakan Wan Ahmad Dahlan juga, jelas ditunjukkan bahawa semua penjawat awam perlu mendukung agenda negara.

Ini termasuk penganjuran Himpunan Aspirasi Madani Rakan Pembimbing Perkhidmatan Awam (Akrah) di PICC pada 18 Jun lalu, yang mana Perdana Menteri melancarkan Akrah sebagai Ejen Penggerak Perubahan Perkhidmatan Awam.

Aspek kebersamaan ini juga ditekankan bila semua penjawat awam dalam sesi lawatan diseru untuk menjadi jurucakap kepada kerajaan, memahami, menerangkan serta menjelaskan kepada rakyat bahawa setiap usaha dan inisiatif yang dilaksanakan adalah untuk kesejahteraan rakyat, kerana siapa lagi yang akan memberikan perkara yang baik ke luar sana?

Turut dilancarkan ialah Modul Latihan H.E.M.A.T. dengan dipastikan bahawa ia menepati 'roh' H.E.M.A.T. yang bertujuan mengubah mentaliti dan cara bertindak para pegawai dan anggota perkhidmatan awam melalui kemahiran dan pengetahuan yang diterapkan, sekali gus memacu perkhidmatan awam negara ke persada lebih gemilang.

Prinsip *walk the talk* (mengotakan kata-kata) dalam JPA juga diamalkan. Selaras dengan saranan untuk pemeriksaan mengejut, KPPA antara lainnya membuat lawatan ke kaunter Pejabat Tanah dan Galian (PTG) Negeri Sembilan pada 18 Julai lalu dan mendapati urusan mendapatkan salinan geran tanah kini hanya memakan masa setengah hari berbanding dahulu.

Dengan pembaharuan dan kebersamaan penjawat awam dalam mendukung agenda Malaysia Madani, tujuh tanda aras prestasi ekonomi madani yang digariskan oleh Perdana Menteri, melalui pendekatan *whole of nation* (seluruh bangsa) dan *whole of government* (seluruh agensi kerajaan, pasti akan lebih mudah dicapai.

DR. Mashitah Mohd. Udin ialah Pengarah Ghazali Shafie Executive Enhancement Programme (GSEEP), Ghazali Shafie Graduate School of Government (GSGSG), Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM).

KEEP DEVELOPERS AWAY

Do more to keep Taman Rimba Kiara a green space

THE cabinet's decision to direct Kuala Lumpur City Hall to preserve Taman Rimba Kiara as a green space as it builds permanent housing for 98 longhouse families is commendable.

This will ensure Bukit Kiara remains an open space for public enjoyment.

Taman Rimba Kiara, situated at the base of Bukit Kiara, is a vital green lung in the city.

Bukit Kiara's strategic location in the heart of Kuala Lumpur makes it an attractive target for commercial development.

For now, Bukit Kiara is safe, but City Hall's role will be crucial in fortifying the decision. It must show its commitment to the public's wishes.

It is essential that City Hall incorporate the decision into the Kuala Lumpur Local Plan 2040, ensuring that Taman Rimba Kiara will remain a public park and green space.

City Hall must issue a strongly worded statement to private developers, making it clear that any new development in the vicinity of Bukit Kiara will be rejected outright.

For too long, we have taken our precious green spaces like Bukit Kiara and Taman Rimba Kiara for granted.

These areas are not just patches of greenery. They are vital to the wellbeing of our community, offering spaces for recreation, relaxation and exercise.

If more people engage in outdoor activities, we can foster a healthier population and reduce the strain on our overstretched health and medical facilities.

The "Save Taman Rimba Kiara" movement has shown what collective action can achieve. The Federal Court ruling to let Taman Rimba Kiara remain a green lung is a testament to the power of community and perseverance.

As a social activist, I urge all stakeholders, especially City Hall, to prioritise the preservation of our green spaces. It is incumbent upon us to protect these precious areas for future generations.

DR POLA SINGH

Co-founder, Friends of Bukit Kiara

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JOINT OPERATION

KL City Hall seizes 16 stalls run by foreigners

KUALA LUMPUR: Kuala Lumpur City Hall has seized 16 stalls belonging to foreign vendors in an operation in the city centre on Monday.

City Hall, on its Facebook page, said the operation was conducted in collaboration with the police, Immigration Department, the Companies Commission of Malaysia (CCM), the Inland Revenue Board (IRB) and the National Anti-Drug Agency (Nada).

The operation also included six members of the Senate from the Special Committee on Social Affairs and Communities, who observed the processes and methods used by the local authorities.

"Kuala Lumpur City Hall carried out 16 seizures under Section

46(1)(d) of the Street, Drainage, and Building Act 1974 and the Licensing of Hawkers By-Laws 2016 for the offence of placing items on public spaces.

"Additionally, four compound notices were issued under the same acts and by-laws."

The statement said the Immigration Department had detained 15 foreigners, including 14 Bangladeshis and one Myanmar national, while Nada apprehended nine people.

IRB inspected 21 business premises and CCM issued 13 compounds for various offences.

All seized items have been taken to the City Hall depot in Taman Miharja, Cheras, for recording and documentation.

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HOUSING AREAS AT RISK

TACKLING SOIL EROSION WOES

SOIL erosion in housing areas can lead to structural damage.

In extreme cases, it can cause building collapse, like the Highland Towers catastrophe in 1993 and collapsed houses in Taman Gambang Damai, Kuantan, in 2021.

Measures to prevent and address soil erosion in housing areas need improvement. There are insufficient laws, inadequate enforcement and lack of punishment for those responsible.

Factors that contribute to soil erosion in housing areas include: **STATE** and land authorities use of unsuitable land for housing due to lax approval processes and insufficient soil fitness data.

LOCAL authorities improperly adhering to technical agencies' advice on development control, planning permissions and compliance due to the lack of statutory requirement.

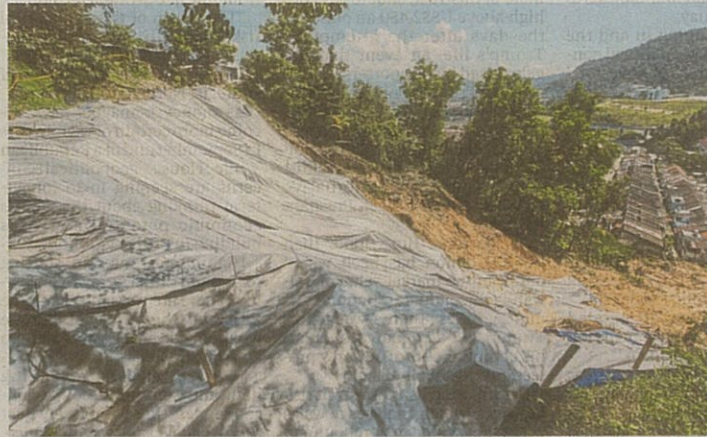
NO mandate for technical agencies to provide updated big data and data analytics on soil and land for every district in Malaysia.

PROVISIONS under the Street Drainage and Building Act 1974 give immunity to local authorities from being held liable for breach of duty and negligence in exercising their statutory duties.

These factors affect how local authorities manage the building and construction industry.

It is also evident there is poor enforcement of legal provisions.

Statutory sale and purchase agreements (Schedules G, H, I and J) have a short defect liability



A canvas sheet cover is used to prevent soil erosion in a housing area. In extreme cases, soil erosion can cause building collapse. FILE PIC

period, no mandatory soil investigation before construction and developers do not have to insure against soil-related damage post-defect liability period.

The extended limitation period under Section 6A of the Limitation Act 1953 (Revised 1981) allows aggrieved residents to sue developers for negligence in housing construction, subject to conditions and restricted to monetary damages liability only. But it does not cover personal injury to residents.

It is important to consider proposals to stem soil erosion and reduce its negative impact. Development plans should be updated with input from technical agencies on soil, geographical

and environmental data.

Malaysia should establish a Department of Soil Conservation, like the one in New South Wales, Australia. This department can provide data, information, specialist advice and measures to assess the suitability of locations for land development.

As for building laws, Singapore's practices are a good example.

Its building laws require detailed and rigorous verification and supervision by building experts and consultants to ensure the quality of the building and infrastructure work done by developers and contractors.

Despite potential damage from natural disasters, acts of God or

unforeseeable circumstances, we should develop reasonable approaches to address soil problems, settlement and erosion.

Re-examine current laws, policies and practices on preventive and remedial measures for soil erosion in housing areas.

Otherwise, this problem will undermine the government's efforts to achieve the goals under the National Housing Policy 2018-2025 and 12th Malaysia Plan, which emphasises adequate, affordable and quality housing and sustainable development.

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MACC OPERATION

7 LOCAL COUNCIL OFFICERS REMANDED

They allegedly took bribes to turn a blind eye to Ali Baba businesses

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THE Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) has obtained remand orders against seven local council enforcement officers who allegedly took bribes

to turn a blind eye to businesses operated by foreigners.

Magistrate Amira Abd Aziz ordered that five of the enforcement officers be remanded for five days and the remaining two for seven days, starting yesterday, to assist in investigations under Section 17(a) of the MACC Act 2009.

Earlier, the suspects, clad in orange MACC lock-up attire, arrived at the Jalan Duta court complex at 9.55am.

It was reported on Monday that the MACC's ongoing crackdown on "Ali Baba" businesses had continued with the arrests of local council enforcement personnel who allegedly took bribes.

In an operation similar to a protection racket, these personnel allegedly collected nearly RM12,000 a month from the illegally run Ali Baba businesses.



The local council enforcement personnel allegedly collected RM12,000 a month from businesses run by foreign nationals. PIC BY HAZREEN MOHAMAD

The foreign business operators or local licence holders allegedly paid them between RM200 and RM1,000 each month for immunity from enforcement action.

The bribes also ensured that the foreign business operators or local licence holders received tip-

offs on enforcement operations.

The operation was a follow-up to Op Star, where a crackdown on Ali Baba businesses operated by foreigners led to the MACC arresting eight people in a joint crackdown with Kuala Lumpur City Hall last week.

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RESCUE MISSION

The Water Rescue Team and the Fire Rescue Special Air Services Unit performing a search and rescue simulation at the launch of the Northern Region Malaysia Fire and Rescue Academy in Tronoh, Perak yesterday.
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OVER 1,000 AREAS AFFECTED

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KL, Selangor face water cuts after odour detected in 2 rivers

KUALA LUMPUR: More than 1,000 areas in Kuala Lumpur and Selangor will experience water supply disruptions following odour detected in Sungai Kundang and Sungai Sembah.

Pengurusan Air Selangor Sdn Bhd (Air Selangor) announced yesterday that the pollution forced the temporary shutdown of the Rantau Panjang, Sungai Selangor Phase 1 (SSP1), Sungai Selangor Phase 2 (SSP2), and Sungai Selangor Phase 3 (SSP3) water treatment plants (WTPs).

"Due to the temporary shutdown of these four WTPs, seven Air Selangor regions — Petaling, Klang, Shah Alam, Gombak,

Kuala Lumpur, Hulu Selangor, and Kuala Selangor — are experiencing unscheduled water disruptions," the statement said.

In Kuala Lumpur, areas expected to face water disruptions include Bukit Bintang, Bukit Damansara, Kampung Baru, Kampung Attap, Kuala Lumpur City Centre, Mid Valley City, Mont Kiara, Parliament, Sentul, Taman Tasik Perdana, Titikwangsa Sentral, Segambut, Brickfields and Bangsar Utama.

Consumers can check for updates via the Air Selangor app, Facebook, Instagram and X, or call the Air Selangor contact centre at 15300.

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The latest incident will see many people queueing for water like the previous major disruption when more than one million households were affected. — ADIB RAWI YAHYA/THESUN



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PETALING JAYA: Poly Methacrylic Acid (PMAA) contamination due to a leak from a plastic factory tank in Klang, Selangor has been identified as the cause behind the shutdown of four water treatment plants in the Klang Valley.

The affected plants are the ones in Rantau Panjang in Klang as well as Sungai Selangor Phase 1, 2 and 3.

Selangor public health and environment executive council member Jamaliah Jamaluddin said in a statement the odour of acid in the air and foamy flow in Sungai Klang was detected along Jalan Kampung Orang Asli in Klang at 3.30pm yesterday.

She said the Selangor Water Management Board (LUAS) subsequently activated a "Code Yellow" according to the Water Source Pollution Emergency Manual for comprehensive investigation and immediate prevention and mitigation actions.

"LUAS has also coordinated with the Selangor Department of Environment (DOE) and the Selayang Municipal Council (MPS) to address the issue.

"An on-site inspection found the acid-like odour and flow originated from a factory that is believed to be processing acrylic material from solid to liquid for recycling," she said.

"Further examination revealed the effluent from a tank leak caused the scheduled substance, PMAA, to flow into drains and ditches, reaching Sungai Klang."

She added that the factory has been ordered to stop its discharging processes and immediately conduct clean up operations.

The distance between the Rantau Panjang plant and the contamination site is 29.61km,

Acid spill causes water cuts

► Massive supply disruption in Klang Valley as four treatment plants shut down to prevent contamination reaching consumers

while the other three plants are 34.02km away.

"Several initial actions have been taken, but it was found that the spill had already entered nearby rivers, with a reading of three tonnes detected by LUAS static teams in Sungai Kundang and Sungai Sembah at 1.30am and 4.30am respectively."

"LUAS also promptly initiated the opening of river barrage gates and activated the

pumping of raw water from alternative ponds such as KL Larut, providing 432 million litres per day (MLD) and Horas 600 supplying 300MLD to increase dilution in Sungai Selangor.

"In addition, 59 bags of activated carbon weighing a total of 1.47 tonnes were placed in Sungai Klang, Sungai Kundang and Sungai Sembah to deodorise the water," said Jamaliah.

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"Actions to increase the dilution rate in the river and expedite the flow of contaminated water past the plant intake areas are also underway through raw water pumping from KL Larut and Horas 600, with the release of water from the Sungai Selangor Dam at 1,200MLD and Sungai Tinggi Dam at 1,000MLD."

She added that LUAS has opened an investigation paper under Section 79(1) of the LUAS Enactment 1999.

"DOE and MPS will also take relevant actions within their respective jurisdictions against the factory operator."

A previous similar incident had resulted in the shutting down of four water treatment plants, with supply disruption affecting more than 1,000 areas in seven regions, impacting over one million households.