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Kutipan sampah pukal percuma

SHAH ALAM - Majlis Bandaraya Subang Jaya (MBSJ) menawarkan perkhidmatan kutipan sampah pukal secara percuma bagi kawasan perumahan teres sempena perayaan Aidilfitri.

Menurut pihak berkuasa tempatan itu di Facebook pada 16 Mac, perkhidmatan sedemikian dijalankan KDEB Waste Management (KDEBWM) selama 12 hari mulai 25 Mac hingga 5 April.

Sampah pukal antaranya tilam dan perabot lama tetapi sampah ubah suai rumah, pindah rumah, barangan elektrik dan barang kitar semula tidak termasuk dalam perkhidmatan berkenaan.

Permohonan melalui KDEBWM boleh dibuat dengan menghubungi talian 03-8081 4437 atau WhatsApp 011-3558 4437.

"Pemohon akan dihubungi KDEBWM untuk menetapkan tarikh kutipan dan perlu meletakkan sampah pukal di hadapan rumah," katanya.

Peluang menang pas bermusim

SHAH ALAM - Orang ramai berpeluang memperoleh tiket perlawanan bola sepak dan baucar barangan rasmi Selangor FC secara percuma menerusi program kutipan minyak masak terpakai sepanjang Ramadan ini.

Jabatan Pengurusan Sisa Pepejal dan Pembersihan Awam Majlis Bandaraya Shah Alam (MBSA) memaklumkan program tersebut diadakan di bazar Rama-

dan Seksyen 13 (Stadium Shah Alam), bazar Seksyen 19 dan bazar Seksyen 17.

"Program ini turut dianjurkan dengan kerjasama Persatuan Bolasepak Selangor (FAS) dan syarikat pengendali sisa minyak Fathopes Energy," katanya menerusi Facebook pada 18 Mac.

Program berkenaan menyediakan ganjaran istimewa pada hari ketujuh, 14 dan 21, selain pengumpul terbanyak

berpeluang menerima satu pas bermusim Selangor FC 2024/2025.

Ganjaran juga dibahagi kepada dua kategori iaitu Ganjaran Merah bagi timbangan minyak 1 hingga 5 kilogram (kg) dan Ganjaran Kuning bagi timbangan minyak 6kg ke atas.

Pengumpulan minyak masak terpakai dibuat setiap hari sepanjang Ramadan bermula jam 4 petang hingga 8 malam.

Meriahkan iftar di Masjid Al-Ehsan

SHAH ALAM - Orang ramai dipelawa memeriahkan Majlis Iftar Bandaraya Shah Alam 2024/1445H di Masjid Al-Ehsan Seksyen 24 di sini pada 22 Mac.

Majlis Bandaraya Shah Alam (MBSA) memaklumkan pihaknya memperuntuk juadah berbuka puasa percuma kepada 1,000 orang selain pengisian pelbagai program menarik.

"Antara pengisian menarik ialah bacaan taranum al-Quran oleh pemenang Naib Johan Tilawah al-Quran peringkat Wilayah Persekutuan 2022 dan 2023, Ammar Mukhlis.

"Kita juga ada sesi tazkirah bertajuk Bukan Hamba Ramadan yang akan disampaikan pendakwah bebas, Salman Maslori serta kehadiran selebriti Raqib Majid," katanya me-

nerusi Facebook.

Menurut MBSA, program iftar perdana itu turut diserikan dengan penyampaian sumbangan kepada anak-anak yatim selain solat Magrib, Isyak dan tarawih berjemaah.

Tambahnya aturcara majlis yang bermula jam 6 petang hingga 10.30 malam itu disempurnakan oleh Datuk Bandar Cheremi Tarman.

Kumpul 429kg lebihan juadah

SHAH ALAM - Majlis Bandaraya Shah Alam (MBSA) meneruskan program mengumpul lebihan makanan yang tidak habis dijual di bazar Ramadan untuk diagih kepada golongan memerlukan.

Program MBSA MySave Food @ Bazar Ramadan itu membabitkan bazar di Stadium Shah Alam Seksyen 13,

Seksyen 17 dan Seksyen 19 sepanjang Isnin hingga Jumaat sehingga 3 April.

"Peniaga bazar di lokasi yang terlibat boleh menghantar lebihan makanan yang tidak habis dijual ke khemah MBSA MySave Food yang disediakan," menurut kenyataan MBSA.

Sebanyak 429.8 kilogram makanan

dan minuman dikumpul pada hari pertama penganjuran program tersebut pada 15 Mac.

"Lebihan makanan yang dikumpul diagih ke Pangsapuri Melewar Seksyen U1, Politeknik Shah Alam, Surau Al Hijrah Pangsapuri Ken Rimba Seksyen 16 serta Flat Proton Seksyen 27," kata MBSA.

Kurang kompaun hingga 70 peratus

SHAH ALAM - Orang ramai berpeluang menikmati pengurangan kompaun parkir RM20 selain potongan 70 peratus bagi notis terpilih bawah Majlis Bandaraya Shah Alam (MBSA) sepanjang Ramadan.

Penganjuran kempen antara 12 Mac hingga 9 April itu bertujuan menggalakkan orang ramai untuk melunaskan kompaun masing-masing.

"Ayuh rebut peluang ini untuk menyelesaikan kompaun tertunggak anda," menurut pihak berkuasa tempatan itu di Facebook.

Sebarang pertanyaan hubungi Jabatan Kewangan MBSA menerusi talian 03-5513 3919.

Puas hati mutu perkhidmatan, kemudahan

Petaling Jaya bandar paling bahagia

Oleh AFIX REDZUAN

SHAH ALAM - Majlis Bandaraya Petaling Jaya (MBPJ) menerima Anugerah Bandar Paling Bahagia 2024 sempena sambutan Hari Kebahagiaan Sedunia peringkat kebangsaan.

Kejayaan MBPJ itu diukur melalui index yang menilai tahap kesejahteraan dan kebahagiaan penduduk secara menyeluruh termasuk kesihatan mental dan emosional.

la hasil soal selidik ke atas penduduk sesebuah kawasan pihak berkuasa tem-

patan terdiri pelbagai peringkat usia, kaum dan latar belakang termasuk sektor kerajaan atau swasta.

Kajian berkenaan merangkumi antaranya tahap elemen tekanan, kepuasan hati, perhubungan, kemudahan, perkhidmatan dan alam sekitar.

Penyelidikan itu dibuat Pusat Operasi MURNInets Kebangsaan (POMK) PLAN-Malaysia sempena Hari Kebahagiaan Sedunia yang diperkenal Pertubuhan Bangsa-Bangsa Bersatu pada 2012.

Anugerah tersebut disampaikan Menteri Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan Ngia Kor Ming kepada Da-

tuk Bandar Mohamad Zahri Samin-gon dalam majlis sambutan di Putra-jaya pada 15 Mac.

"Sambutan ini mengiktiraf hubungan kait antara keseimbangan pembangunan fizikal, sosial dan alam sekitar ke arah kebahagiaan dan kesejahteraan penduduk sejagat," kata kenyataan.

Turut menerima anugerah sama, Cameron Highlands, Rompin dan Jerantut (Pahang), Jeli (Kelantan), Lenggong (Perak), Port Dickson (Negeri Sembilan), Kulai (Johor) selain Melaka dan Kuala Terengganu.

SELANGORKINI ONLINE

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Liputi 19 bazar Ramadan

Perluas bayaran tanpa tunai

Oleh **NAS NORZIELA NASBAH**

PETALING JAYA - Majlis Bandaraya Petaling Jaya (MBPJ) memperluas konsep bayaran tanpa tunai meliputi 19 lokasi bazar Ramadan pada tahun ini.

Mewajibkan 953 peniaga melampirkan kod QR ketika membuat permohonan, Datuk Bandar Mohamad Zahri Samingon memberitahu penggunaan tanpa tunai dijangka mencapai 85 peratus.

Beliau menambah MBPJ juga beker-

jasama dengan Menteri Besar Selangor (Pemerbadanan) atau MBI dan Platform Selangor (PLATS) untuk menyediakan kupon bernilai RM20 kepada pengunjung.

"Kita sediakan kupon kepada pengunjung bazar Ramadan Petaling Jaya melibatkan empat lokasi," katanya ketika meninjau Bazar Ramadan 2024 'Digital & Clean' di Kelana Jaya pada 15 Mac.

Mohamad Zahri juga memaklumkan seramai 559 pemegang permit bazar menyertai program bakul rezeki

anjuran pihak berkuasa tempatan itu untuk menyumbang kepada golongan memerlukan.

"Kita beri peluang kepada peniaga bazar Ramadan berkongsi rezeki dan menyantuni golongan susah. Kita akan kenal pasti lokasi sumbangan bakul rezeki ini.

"Selain peniaga di bazar Ramadan, kita harap lebih ramai pihak menyertai program ini sekali gus dapat membantu lebih ramai orang miskin, asnaf dan masyarakat setempat," katanya.

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Mudahkan urusan sekolah anak

Sumbangan kereta bantu ibu tunggal

Oleh **NORRASYIDAH ARSHAD**

SHAH ALAM - Simpati atas kesusahan ibu tunggal, Ahli Dewan Negeri (ADN) Kinrara menyerahkan kereta terpakai bagi memudahkan wanita berkenaan menguruskan kehidupan seharian.

Menurut Ng Sze Han, kereta Proton Saga sumbangan Carsome dapat membantu Nora yang juga asnaf membesarkan tiga anaknya untuk urusan penghantaran ke sekolah terutama waktu hujan.

Beliau menjelaskan Nora yang bekerja di kedai makan hanya menunggang

motosikal untuk pergerakan harian termasuk membawa anak mendapatkan rawatan di klinik.

"Kami berjumpa Nora ketika program Jelajah Kasih Ramadan Kinrara tahun lalu untuk memberi sumbangan dan menyantuni golongan asnaf. Ketika itu, Nora membesarkan anak bersendirian.

"Mendengar kisahnya, kami ambil keputusan bantu Nora mendapatkan lesen supaya boleh melakukan kerja sambilan sebagai penghantar barang atau Grab.



"Kami cabar dia, kalau dapat lesen saya usahakan kereta. Bila Nora miliki lesen, saya usahakan dan Carsome beri sumbangan kereta itu," katanya di Facebook pada 13 Mac.

Sze Han yang juga EXCO pelaburan menambah isterinya turut melatih dan menemani Nora memandu kereta sekitar Dewan Undangan Negeri itu untuk lebih mahir dan berani.

Beliau turut mendoakan anak-anak wanita itu akan belajar dengan tekun dan berjaya supaya boleh membantu keluarga apabila dewasa kelak.

Galak belanja tanpa tunai

Edar 3,000 Kupon Digital Rahmah

Oleh **NAS NORZIELA NASBAH**

PETALING JAYA - Sebanyak 3,000 Kupon Digital Rahmah bernilai RM10 diedar kepada orang ramai sempena kempen Platform Selangor (PLATS) Masuk Bazar sepanjang sambutan Ramadan.

Ketua Tanggungjawab Sosial Korporat Menteri Besar Selangor (Pemerbadanan) menjelaskan edaran melalui dana RM40,000 meneruskan kempen sama yang diadakan selama dua bulan pada tahun lalu.

Ahmad Azri Zainal Nor berkata orang ramai turut menerima kupon digital RM20 meliputi beberapa lokasi atas inisiatif pihak berkuasa tempatan bagi menggalakkan penggunaan tanpa tunai.

"Kita menjelajah ke lapan lokasi terpilih dan edaran kupon digital adalah RM10 berbanding PLATS Masuk Pasar iaitu RM5," katanya di bazar Ramadan Jalan SS 6/1, Kelana Jaya pada 15 Mac.

Beliau juga memberitahu sebanyak 550 kupon digital khas RM20 setiap



satu diedar ke bazar Ramadan bawah pentadbiran Majlis Bandaraya Petaling Jaya.

PLATS diperkenal pada Ramadan 2020 bagi membantu perusahaan kecil sederhana untuk melazimi pendigitalan dalam perniagaan

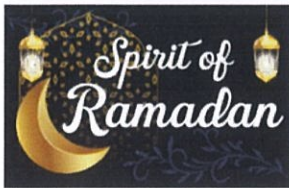
berikutan penularan wabak Covid-19 pada masa itu.

Program Latihan Pembangunan Usahawan Plats (U-PLATS) juga diadakan bagi membantu usahawan menguruskan perniagaan secara digital.

Exploring biggest bazaar in Subang



Crowd starts gathering at the USJ4 Ramadan bazaar as early as 4pm. — Photos: CHAN TAK KONG/The Star



Ramadan bazaars across Malaysia are the perfect showcase of traditional and innovative foods.

The smell of burning coal for on-site cooking and canopies as far as the eyes can see set the stage for an extensive exploration.

At the USJ4 Ramadan bazaar, the largest in Subang Jaya City Council's (MBSJ) jurisdiction, a staggering 140 stalls await with many food options.

Despite growing concerns over rising food prices and cost of raw materials, which could impact the affordability and food variety, reasonably priced meals can be found here, including nasi goreng kambing (lamb fried rice) and nasi briyani for RM10 and satay skewers starting from RM1.



Shahril's Croboloni and Kek Tapak Kuda have become highly sought after.

From Vietnamese coffee and spring rolls to sushi, there is much to look for here, including the famous Murtabak Azmi that can be found at the end of the road with queues up to 30m long during peak hours.

Of course, the usual staples like Roti John, kuih, popiah, ayam percik and home-cooked dishes featuring flavours from the north and south of the peninsula can also be found.

Shahril Omar has been operating at the same bazaar for the past two years.

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Ayam bakar nasi Mehndi from D'Arang Cafe Ramadan Bazaar stall in USJ 4. --CHAN TAK KONG/The Star

This year, he stopped selling laksa Johor and switched to vending the cromboloni – a hybrid of the croissant and bomboloni – and the uniquely shaped kek tapak kuda (horseshoe cake).

"Supplier issues forced me to change my usual offering, so I decided to try my hand at pastry making," said the 49-year-old who is also a marketing consultant.



The Ramadan Bazaar in USJ 4 was crowded from as early as 4pm. --CHAN TAK KONG/The Star

"All these items are made by my wife and me, including the custom sauces which go on the cromboloni.

"The cromboloni and kek tapak kuda are quite popular at the moment," he highlighted.

On the first day of Ramadan, Shahril said he was prepared for a slower-than-normal stream of customers, as he was introducing something new.

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An array of food options are available at the bazaar.

"I didn't expect much the first week since I had to get new customers, given that my laksa Johor customers are a different segment," he said.

Shahril said he went online to spread word of his stall and ran promotions for the first few days.

The strategy worked and the products became online sensations, he added.



Mango shake being sold at the Ramadan Bazaar.

Meanwhile, newcomers to the USJ4 bazaar, Jeffrey Ilhan Sri Abdullah and his wife, Elsa Ilhan, served Mehndi Rice with freshly chargrilled meats marinated with passed-down recipes, just like at their D'Arang Cafe outlets in Shah Alam.

Jeffrey, 45, who lives in Subang Jaya, said he had waited two years to trade here.

Despite being new at the bazaar, he said customers, even his cafe regulars had been showing support for his stall.

Clearly excited for the opportunity, Jeffrey beamed with pride while describing his offerings.

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Vietnamese coffee among the drinks on sale.

"Everything from the sauces to the marinade are made by us," said the former lecturer.

One of their specialities, char-grilled beef, is inspired by the famous daging bakar Danok from Thailand.

The couple had improved the recipe and the marinade for chicken is made from the same 16 ingredients Jeffrey's grandmother used.

In line with the Ramadan Bazaar's sustainability efforts, Jeffrey said they made it a point to avoid plastic packaging and are giving a 50sen discount to customers who bring their own food containers.

The USJ4 Bazar Ramadan organised by MBSJ is located along Jalan USJ4/5 and operates from 4pm to 8pm.

Klang council shuts down 86 illegal dumpsites in city



MBDK Environmental Services Department has cleared and closed down the illegal dumpsite which has been active for years at Taman Kem in Port Klang.

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A TOTAL of 86 illegal dumpsites throughout Klang have been closed, says Klang deputy mayor Mohd Zary Affendi Mohd Arif.

Mohd Zary said it was crucial to shut down and clear the illegal dumpsites as they had potential to contaminate soil and groundwater hence posing significant threat to nearby water bodies.

"Earlier, Klang Royal City Council's (MBDK) Environmental Services Department identified 140 illegal sites but through aggressive enforcement, 86 of them were closed.

"Some of these illegal dumpsites have streams and could contaminate water sources and cause health issues," he said.

Mohd Zary added that based on public complaints, there were still 54 illegal dumpsites in operation and MBDK had targeted to shut all of them down by the end of this year.

He said, among the areas with illegal dumpsites still in opera-

tion were Jalan Sentosa, Bandar Bukit Tinggi 1, Jalan Yadi, Jalan Sungai Udang, Jalan Pelaburan 6, Sungai Kapar Indah and Jalan Batu 5, Klang Sentral.

"It is the work of unscrupulous people.

"We believe it could involve waste removal cartels as waste is brought in from outside Klang.

"Such irresponsible actions mar the city's image and could lead to fires or release of harmful gases," he said.

Mohd Zary revealed that MBDK spent an estimated RM100mil, or one third of the city council's revenue through assessment tax, fees and fines, to clean up the rubbish piles in Sentosa, Bandar Klang and Meru.

"It is an exorbitant amount. If the monies are not used for clean-up, we can use it to upgrade neighbourhood fields or provide better children's playground equipment," he said.

"We need continuous strict enforcement to stop illegal dumping."

In 2023, MBDK issued 1,659 compounds and seized vehicles used in dumping rubbish.

Mohd Zary said the city council received complaints from residents of acrid smog occurring in the wee hours of the morning at some sites.

Upon investigation, it found dumpsites were set on fire.

"Cost of clean up is a challenge and the other worry is the health risk these sites pose," he added.

Mohd Zary thanked those who had lodged complaints on three-tonne lorries dumping industrial waste or renovation debris in the outskirts of Klang.

"We plan to strengthen our enforcement through collaborative efforts between MBDK and Rukun Tetangga, residents associations or village committees who are stakeholders by encouraging them to serve as volunteer lookouts," he said.

He added that stakeholders could also actively contribute through monitoring and reporting evidence of illegal dumpsites to MBDK.

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> Shah Alam City Council (MBSA) is offering discounts of up to 70% for selected compounds and flat rate of RM20 for parking compounds until April 9.

> MBSA and Kelab Olahraga Shah Alam are collaborating on Shah Alam Track and Field Academy that offers training in events like sprints, long distance running, long and triple jump, shot put, discus and javelin at Shah Alam National Sports Complex (Panasonic Stadium). The programme starts on April 22 and costs RM50 per month. To register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/ysr9a9f7> and for details, WhatsApp 019-202 1220 or email athleticsshahalam@gmail.com

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AN ELECTRONIC system for companies to submit applications for billboards has been introduced by the Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ).

Petaling Jaya mayor Mohamad Zahri Samingon said the MBPJ Smart Billboard system was a platform to get information and for two-way communication between MBPJ and companies.

"The application registration will use the 'single sign on' concept where applicants only need to fill and upload information once.

"This smart system was also developed with the aim to make it easy for advertising companies or their consultants to submit online applications, which replaced the manual system used previously.

"This system was being developed in phases and will be further expanded with various functions over time," he said during the launch.

Prior to the launch, representatives from about 40 companies and consultants attended a workshop by the city council about the system.

This included how to upload applications for digital outdoor billboards, making payments and checking on the status of applications.

Mohamad Zahri said the system was developed based on a web and geographical information system, in line with the lat-

Electronic system in place for billboard applications ^{25/3}

MBPJ's smart system offers companies, consultants convenience

est needs of users.

"The data obtained in this system will in the future help MBPJ to analyse and predict the needs of the industry," he said, adding the system would be used from March 25.

Also present was councillor and MBPJ outdoor advertisement management sub-committee chairman Suriase Gengiah.

He said the city council had guidelines to address issues like digital billboards being too bright and distracting for motorists.

Suriase said scheduled monitoring would be carried out and companies would immediately be informed as well as warned if billboards flouted guidelines.

Meanwhile, Mohamad Zahri said outdoor advertising displays were important not only for companies but as an effective communication medium for the government.

But he acknowledged these billboards must not affect the safety of road users or the aesthetics of the city.



Mohamad Zahri (centre) launching the MBPJ Smart Billboard system. On his right is Suriase. — LOW LAY PHON/The Star

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Lonely, elderly among those vulnerable to scams

Talk highlights too-good-to-be-true loves, investments and sales

By SHEILA SRI PRIYA

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THOSE feeling lonely or people who have retired can be susceptible to falling prey to scams, warns the police.

Some have even lost their retirement savings to scam syndicates because they lack cybersecurity awareness.

Asst Supt Rahmat Fitri Abdullah, from Bukit Aman Commercial Crime Investigation Department, said those unaware of cybersecurity risks and lacked interaction with family members, tended to be more gullible.

"They are lured mostly through investment or love scams," ASP Rahmat said at Petaling Jaya City Council's (MBPJ) Information and Communications Technology Safety and Awareness Programme at MBPJ Civic Centre in Petaling Jaya, Selangor.

A case was recently highlighted to Kepong MP Lim Lip Eng of a senior citizen losing RM2mil in a cryptocurrency investment scam.

"I get at least one or two reports a month of seniors getting scammed online."

"Some take place through social media advertisements while others involve clicking on pop-ups that appear as people play games online," said Lim.

"Scammers also use links to fake news, high-return investment schemes, foreign exchange trading and cryptocurrency."

In the case of Ricky (not his real name), a well-educated retired businessman, he was drawn to an advertisement which appeared while playing an online game.

Ricky, who is in his 70s, learnt



ASP Rahmat speaking on cybercrime at MBPJ's Information and Communications Technology Safety and Awareness Programme.

about a cryptocurrency course from the advertisement and subsequently enrolled.

After attending the course, he invested some money and initially, saw good returns, prompting him to invest even more.

Ricky invested RM1mil from his savings and borrowed money to take his investment total to RM2mil.

"He sold his entire cryptocurrency portfolio just before Chinese New Year in hopes of reaping a huge profit."

"However, the company refused to return any money to

him and proceeded to block his phone number.

"Realising that it was a scam, he filed a police report," said Lim.

Duped by love

Elsewhere in Klang Valley, a 60-year-old retired nurse was ensnared in a love scam.

Social activist and philanthropist Kuan Chee Heng said the nurse's children had asked for his help to convince their mother that she had been scammed.

"The widow lived on her own

and had met someone online who claimed to be a pilot from the United Kingdom.

"The children saw that she had transferred RM200,000 to this unknown pilot and now wanted to sell a piece of land."

"The elderly woman did not believe her children or me when we tried to explain the situation."

"She scolded me for saying she was scammed and said I did not understand love."

"I am sure she lost more money after that," said Kuan.

He said the root of the problem was greed and gullibility.

Scammers target senior citizens they perceive as lacking cyber security knowledge.



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Participants taught to be wary of fraudulent sweet-talkers

SOME civil servants approaching retirement age have been advised about possible scams through talks on the issue.

Teacher K. Rani, who will be retiring in August, went for a cybercrime talk by the police organised by the Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur Education Department last year.

She said participants learned about online financial fraud involving phishing and scams such as love, ecommerce, loan and investment.

"The talk was three hours long."

"We discovered the different types of cyber scams and a lot of examples of cybercrime were given."

"I learned that these scammers may even sound like Malaysians but they could be foreigners," she said.

Rani added that since she attended the talk, she had stopped answering calls from unknown numbers.

"I have also noticed an increase in the number of unknown callers ringing me now that I am nearing my retirement age."

"I am grateful that I have attended the talk as I understand cybercrime better now."

"Most seniors are not too savvy and I welcome more of such sessions for those heading into the golden years."

"It is heartbreaking to know

some lose all their life savings to these scams," she said.

Petaling Jaya City Council engineering director Ismail Shafie said he attended a retirement briefing and recalled some of the advice shared.

"It was not solely a talk on scams but attendees were told to be careful as there are those who will prey on our retirement funds."

"We were told not to be swayed by sweet talk online as there are numerous love scams."

"We were also advised not to be duped into online investment scams or unknown investment training," he said.

Seniors who are animal lov-

ers also fall for scams that revolve around raising funds to feed strays.

Social activist and philanthropist Kuan Chee Heng said he received about 12 such complaints this year from those who gave money to so-called animal feeders.

"The victims tend to be animal lovers and there are culprits who prey on their kindness."

"They are Good Samaritans with noble intentions to feed the strays."

"The scammers will post on social media platforms to raise funds to feed stray animals and victims will bank in thousands of ringgit," he said.

However, he added, these scammers would conduct the feeding activity but not use up the entire amount donated.

"For instance, donors pay for RM1,000 worth of food but what is delivered to the animals will only be about RM200 worth."

"There is nothing much that can be done, as it is difficult to track if the donated money is properly spent."

"These scammers are smart and often play on the emotions of the vulnerable."

"Some victims want to sue the scammer but the high legal fees usually deter them from going after the culprits," said Kuan. — By SHEILA SRI PRIYA



Those who are lonely can be easy prey for cybercriminals.



Scammers rely on social media to find victims.

Kuan added that seniors tend to be more easily duped by investment scams, based on complaints he received.

Elderly women and men fell prey to love scams because of loneliness, stressed ASP Rahmat.

"Scammers gain victims' trust by posing as people in positions of authority, such as navy officers, and befriend them via social media."

"The victims will have never met the scammer in person."

"As the victims usually live alone and their children or relatives rarely check on them, scammers are able to convince the elderly to part with their money and keep the transaction a secret," he said.

Keep friends, family close

ASP Rahmat urged the public to check on their parents often to prevent them from communicating with potential scammers out of loneliness.

"The love scam is the hardest to resolve because it is very difficult to convince the victim that they have been scammed."

"Share useful social media pages on cyber security to educate the elderly about online threats," he said.

He reminded folk to never pay money nor receive gifts from people who had befriended

them online.

"Any relationships that are fostered purely online is highly suspicious and it is good to always keep your trusted friends or family members in the loop," he said.

ASP Rahmat said scammers also shared links on social media through chat groups.

"The chat group is usually filled with scammers posing as people who have benefitted from investments made."

"These scammers have more than 10 phones each, so do not be fooled by online testimonies."

"When you see too-good-to-be-true investment schemes, stay away because these are always scams," he said.

He added that all "Emas Lelong" (gold auction) advertisements were also scams.

"Why would anyone sell their gold for less than the market value?"

"Gold is always sold at the current market price or higher."

"Be careful of advertisements on social media or chat applications using words such as 'dana', scheme, plan, 'duit wasiat', 'duit sultan' or 'duit raja', as these are mostly scams," he said.

ASP Rahmat also warned about fake links from "government bodies".

"These have spelling errors or

words that you can't read."

"Always check official websites for announcements."

"Advertisements using a photo of religious figures or someone dressed in a pious manner tend to attract the rural crowd."

"Always observe if the person contacting you is following standard operating procedures."

"Those using personal mobile numbers and claiming to be government officers or bankers are scammers."

"If you are in doubt, use the land line to call the authorities they claim to represent," he said.

ASP Rahmat urged people not to make online deposit payments, including for house rental, to people they had never met in person.

"Always meet someone in person and make the payment."

"Information from businesses can be stolen by scammers who then recreate the legitimate business' website and dupe buyers into making a deposit on the fake site."

"So, the business page may look legitimate but it is using a stolen business identity," he said.

For phone scams that scare the elderly into thinking they have committed an offence, ASP Rahmat advised folk to just hang up and go to the nearest police station to clarify matters.

He said government agencies

did not connect people on the phone to another agency.

"Scammers can claim they are from the income tax department or postal service and fake a call transfer to fake police personnel."

"Never entertain these calls or give your details."

"Go to the police if you are in doubt."

In some cases, ASP Rahmat said scammers called seniors daily as a form of mind control, with some doing so over six months, until all the money had been transferred from the victim to the culprit.

"The scammer will first ask the victim not to disclose their conversation to anyone and get the victim to create a new bank account using a phone number given by the scammer."

"The money in the new account will then be controlled by the scammer while the victim will have no idea that the money has been siphoned out," said ASP Rahmat.

Scam victims are advised to call the National Scam Response Centre at 997 to report their case.

The public is urged to check suspicious phone numbers online via ccid.rmp.gov.my

For details on commercial crime, visit www.facebook.com/JSJKPRM

POINTERS TO IDENTIFY A SCAM



1 > Links with offers that appear too good to be true
(Example: You can get 500% return by investing / Travel packages at ridiculously cheap prices)



2 > You are asked to provide personal details on unknown sites
(Example: House cleaning service asks for bank and phone details via an unheard of website)



3 > Beware of online investment courses
(Example: Learn how to make 500% return on forex or cryptocurrency)



4 > Fake links
(Example: Links that claim to provide government aid through posters. Visit the website of the ministry directly)



5 > Be wary of those with profiles of people in uniform wanting to befriend you
(Example: A single father who is a pilot from abroad looking for love)

Fined for hiring foreign helpers

DBKL issues compounds to six Ramadan bazaar traders for contravening by-law

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SIX traders at Ramadan bazaars in Kuala Lumpur were issued compounds for employing non-Malaysians as assistants, without the necessary approvals.

The compounds were issued by Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) following inspections at three bazaars - Jalan Radin, Jalan Desa Jaya and Jalan Impian Indah.

"Based on our checks, enforcement action was taken against licence holders for employing foreign helpers at the stalls.

"DBKL also inspected if traders had valid business licences and checked on the traffic situation at these bazaar locations," DBKL said in a statement.

It also said cleanliness and food handling were looked into during the inspections.

Action was taken under Licensing of Hawkers (WPKL) By-laws 2016, where by-law 14 states that no licensee shall employ any foreign persons.

Anyone who contravenes any provision of these by-laws commits an offence and shall, upon conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding RM2,000 or to imprisonment not exceeding one year or to both, and in the case of a continuing offence, to a fine not exceeding RM200 for each day during which the offence is continued after conviction.

"DBKL reminds all licence holders to always comply with the conditions set by the authorities.

"Traders, especially those handling food and beverages, must ensure a high level of cleanliness throughout the duration of the Ramadan bazaar," DBKL said, adding that monitoring and

enforcement would continue periodically in the 11 parliamentary constituencies of Kuala Lumpur.

DBKL said it was also carrying out random food safety tests on samples collected from Ramadan bazaars.

"Based on Kuala Lumpur Health Department's notification, 43 cases of food poisoning were reported in 2022 and 62 cases in 2023, stemming from Ramadan bazaars in the city.

"Sampling is conducted to monitor the cleanliness and safety of food sold to the public," it added.

During a check at the bazaar in Taman Tasik Permaisuri, 115 samples were collected and sent to DBKL's Food Security and Analysis Centre for testing.

The samples are inspected for the presence of salmonella typhi, E. coli and coliform bacteria.

"If violations take place or contamination occurs, fines or compounds will be imposed on traders," it said.

This year, DBKL said there were some 64 Ramadan bazaar locations throughout the city.

Of these, two are under DBKL's management, which are the Aidilfitri Bazaar at Lorong Tuanku Abdul Rahman (216 lots) and Ramadan Bazaar at Taman Tasik Permaisuri (160 lots).

Some 4,060 lots at the other 62 locations are managed by private operators.

"DBKL can take immediate action by issuing compounds to traders who fail to adhere to the terms of their licences.

"Besides compounds, traders' security deposits can also be forfeited."

The bazaars are expected to operate until April 9.



DBKL inspecting stalls at a Ramadan bazaar in Seputeh.



Food samples collected from the bazaars are tested for various microbes at DBKL's Food Security and Analysis Centre.

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State open to discussing implementation of Waste Act

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THE state government is open to discussions on implementing the Solid Waste and Public Cleansing Management Act 2007 (Act 672).

Chief Minister Chow Kon Yeow said the Penang government had agreed to engage in further discussions on its implementation but would take into account the advantages and disadvantages of the Act as well as its benefits before making a decision.

"The Solid Waste and Public Cleansing Management Corporation briefed the state government a few weeks ago.

"The state exco was also briefed on the Act and are open to further discussions.

"While the state has agreed to discuss this matter, we have yet to go ahead with the discussions.



Chow says they are to engage in further discussions.

"A decision will be made only after follow-up discussions on the Act have taken place," he said during a press conference at his office in Komtar.

He said they would assess the comparison between states that adopted the Act and those that

manage it themselves.

He said prior to this the state was not approached to implement the Act.

Chow was responding to Housing and Local Government Minister Nga Kor Ming, who announced that the government was actively negotiating with the Selangor and Penang governments to ratify the Act.

Nga noted that if the negotiations prove successful, both states would align with seven others that have ratified the pertinent Act, to establish legal consistency in overseeing matters on solid waste management and public cleansing.

He said the five states - Kelantan, Terengganu, Perak, Selangor and Penang, have yet to sign the agreement.

Act 672 controls and regulates matters related to the management of controlled solid waste and public cleansing.

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Public, police work it out together

PETALING JAYA: From traffic problems to the perennial 'mat rempit' problem, the pioneer session for the Selangor public to air their grievances with the heads of the 16 police districts in the state turned out to be an effective channel for both sides.

Matters related to community wellbeing and criminal activities were among the issues raised by attendees at the Meet-the-Customer Day over the weekend.

The initiative, organised by Selangor police, was meant for the public to voice their concerns.

Selangor police chief Comm Datuk Hussein Omar Khan said 234 people had showed up and the districts of Sungai Buloh, Klang Selatan, Kajang and Petaling Jaya recorded the highest number of "customers".

He said the sessions were held from 9am to noon and 30% of those who came had made prior appointments, while the rest

opted to walk in.

Comm Hussein said a special room or hall was prepared at all district headquarters for the people who took turns to meet the respective OCPDs.

"The public was very receptive to the initiative. Among the main issues raised were traffic, the mat rempit (illegal street racers) menace, drug addict haunts and other crime-related matters.

"We also had those who came to enquire about the status of the investigation involving their police reports," he said when contacted.

Comm Hussein said the Meet-the-Customer Day would continue and that it would be introduced at the Selangor police headquarters where the public could meet him personally to raise any matter of concern which had yet to be resolved at the district level.

"It is a good avenue to highlight issues faced by the public. This

way, we can approach and resolve it holistically.

"If the people are unhappy with the service they receive from the district police, they can bring it up with the state police," he said.

Lawyer R. Thayakugan of Section 22, Petaling Jaya, praised the initiative as it enabled the public to approach the top leadership in a district.

Thayakugan, who is the Friends of Taman Aman president, said he raised several matters related to crime prevention.

"It was a hassle-free meeting. I had made an appointment earlier and on arrival at the PJ district police headquarters, I met with the OCPD and his deputy just minutes later. The waiting time was brief and all the officers were very welcoming.

"I was impressed. This is an excellent initiative and it should be held more often," he said when contacted.



Getting in line: Residents registering their personal details with police personnel prior to meeting the district police chief at the Hulu Selangor district police headquarters. — Pic from Polis Selangor's Facebook

Another Petaling Jaya resident, Albert Teh, said he had a fruitful meeting with the top leadership of Petaling Jaya police on issues concerning senior citizens.

Teh, who is the founder and president of the University of the Third Age, an NGO that supports

senior citizens to stay active in their golden years, said the police officers were attentive to his concerns.

"I am glad that the people, especially aged folks, have access to the top brass of the police force," said Teh, 71.

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Helping hand for single mothers

Rumah Kita opens its doors to expectant women of all class, race or religion

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PETALING JAYA: To address the plight of abandoned and unwanted babies, four mothers have banded together to help single mothers deal with the challenges of unwanted pregnancies.

Despite having full-time jobs and children of their own, the four women who run the non-profit organisation Rumah Kita devote their efforts every day to supporting and sheltering single women so that they can successfully carry through their pregnancy and become mothers.

"Our mission is to reduce the occurrence of baby dumping within the community and to change the stigma within society that regards pregnant women without husbands as an embarrassment and burden to their families and society.

"Being mothers, we all understand the challenges of giving birth and raising children, and we want to help those who have to do it alone," said Cecily Andrews Fourrier, who is in charge of Rumah Kita's public relations and communications.

The stigma associated with unmarried women getting pregnant often causes these mothers to abandon their babies, with the most recent case being a newborn girl found abandoned on a staircase at an apartment in Johor Baru.

According to the police, there were 256 cases of abandoned babies between 2020 and 2022. This was up from 128 cases in 2018 and 125 cases in 2019.

Since its founding in 2015, Rumah Kita has provided temporary housing, essential mother-baby supplies, and emotional support for pregnant single women who are either turned

away or unable to get support from their own families.

It also provides these mothers access to safe delivery at hospitals or clinics, prenatal and postnatal healthcare, as well as birth registration with the National Registration Department.

To date, the organisation has aided 384 babies and their mothers, while 80% of these women have gone back to their families.

Leading the way is Suraya Razak, who manages the care home full-time in Kuala Lumpur in honour of her late sister and organisation founder, Vimmi Razak, who died in 2018.

Besides Suraya and Fourrier, who is a certified emotional intelligence practitioner, the other members are catering company owner Mardina and fashion designer Wendy Ng, all of whom are volunteers.

Besides caring for the residents,

the four want to change society's negative view of women with unplanned pregnancies by training their charges on how they can carve out a new independent life for themselves as single mothers.

This involves giving the residents emotional support and professional advice, not only to overcome the challenges of carrying through their pregnancy and raising their child, but also to find jobs that can sustain them 100 days after childbirth.

"Rumah Kita will also continue to support single mothers if they are unable to get on their feet after 100 days," said Fourrier.

"If a mother is still unable to sustain herself or her family still can't accept them, we will allow her to stay longer until she is able to do so before leaving the home.

"We refuse to abandon these women in need. We want them to reclaim their lives and be able to

confidently raise their child," she said.

The home is open to all women in need, regardless of religion, race or class, including stateless and foreign mothers.

Through cooperation with the Welfare Department, the organisation identifies women in need across the country and arranges for them to be brought home.

"We even drive these women to the home if their family is unable to arrange for them to get here. We have even arranged and paid for airfare to fly women from East Malaysia, although this is not common," said Cecily.

These costs are in addition to the RM21,000 per month that is used to pay for the home's rent, utility bills, baby supplies, maintenance and fuel, groceries and healthcare.

For details, visit Rumah Kita at www.ngorumahkita.com

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'Massive influx' expected as Padu deadline nears A3W

PENDANG: More than 7.36 million Malaysian citizens, or 35% of the country's population, have updated their information on the Central Database Hub (Padu), says chief statistician Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin.

He said the Statistics Department was optimistic that more people would do so in the last few days before the March 31 deadline, following greater awareness programmes by the government.

"We expect a significant increase. Until yesterday, there were about 7.36 million registrations, which exceeds 35% of those aged 18 and above – we estimate around 20 million Malaysian citizens are in that age group.

"The data also includes depend-

ents under 18 years old, so the actual number exceeds 10 million when including all dependents," he said at the Jelajah Padu tour involving the Siamese community at Kampung Tok Set here yesterday.

Bernama reported that some 100 Kampung Tok Set villagers registered with Padu with Statistics Department staff facilitating the registration and verification process.

Mohd Uzir said besides dissemination through mass media, official media and social media, they also went to rural areas to explain to residents who are still unclear and unfamiliar with Padu.

"In any case, we had expected this and we are prepared for a

massive influx.

"For example, on Saturday, we recorded over 300,000 registrations in a single day, and we expect it to reach up to 800,000 registrations," he said.

He said the department would also open more physical counters to facilitate public registration and to prevent errors.

On Padu registrations in Kedah, Mohd Uzir said statistics show that 33% or approximately 533,000 residents had registered so far.

"About 41.8% of Kedah's youths have registered, the highest in Malaysia so far, while some 207,000 senior citizens have also registered with Padu. These figures are encouraging," he said.



Running smoothly: Mohd Uzir (second from left) catching up with folks from the Siamese community as they register for Padu.— Bernama

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Bantuan tunai bulanan bantu rakyat belanja sistematik

SHAH ALAM - Bantuan secara model pindahan tunai bulanan yang diputuskan kerajaan dijangka dapat membantu rakyat menguruskan perbelanjaan dengan lebih sistematik.

Tinjauan *Sinar Harian* mendapati orang ramai mengakui inisiatif tersebut memberi kesan positif kepada pengurusan kewangan masing-masing pada setiap bulan.

Bagi seorang pesara, P Michael Anthony Swammy, 64, inisiatif berkenaan lebih baik dilaksanakan setiap bulan berbanding selang beberapa bulan.

Ujarnya, wang tunai tersebut akan digunakan untuk menampung kos semasa disebabkan perbelanjaan harian atau mingguan semakin meningkat.

"Harga barang sekarang makin mahal, tiada satu barang pun yang turun harga. Pendapatan bulanan kita pun sikit, tak mampu nak tampung kos sara hidup sekarang.

Selain itu, bagi seorang juruteknik, Rizwan Othman, 33, bantuan tersebut boleh menjadi perbelanjaan tambahan sekiranya berlaku kecemasan seperti kemalangan atau sakit.

Tambahnya, ia akan mengurangkan beban setiap keluarga yang memerlukan.

"Bagus sebenarnya kerajaan nak bagi bantuan setiap bulan terutama kepada mereka yang ada anak kecil. Ubat-ubatan sekarang agak mahal kalau secara tiba-tiba anak demam atau jatuh sakit.

"Bantuan ini boleh menampung perbelanjaan harian keluarga yang mungkin gajinya tidak mencukupi," jelas bapa dua orang anak tersebut.

Sementara itu, bagi seorang guru, Muhammad Faris Fikri Mohd Fauzi, 29, bantuan secara bulanan tersebut banyak kebajikannya jika kerajaan benar-benar melaksanakannya.

"Kalau betul kerajaan nak laksanakan memang membantu rakyat. Harga barang semua meningkat, jadi inisiatif ini sedikit sebanyak dapat menampung keperluan sehingga menunggu gaji seterusnya," tambahnya.

Seorang jurujual, Ilman Hakim Syarulnizam, 22, mengakui bahawa bantuan secara model pindahan tunai bulanan berkenaan dapat membantu rakyat dalam golongan M40 atau B40.

"Saya harap, kerajaan boleh selaraskan pemberian bantuan itu sebagai contoh setiap orang akan dapat RM200 sebulan," ujarnya.



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Pindahan tunai langkah tepat - pakar

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SHAH ALAM - Model pindahan tunai secara bulanan terus ke dalam akaun penerima sebagai mekanisme pemberian subsidi merupakan langkah tepat untuk dilaksanakan ketika ini.

Pakar Ekonomi Universiti Sains dan Teknologi Malaysia (MUST), Profesor Emeritus Dr Barjoyai Bardai berkata, kerajaan boleh mengguna pakai data sedia ada termasuk Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja (KWSP) dan Lembaga Hasil Dalam Negeri (LHDN) sekiranya sistem Pangkalan Data Utama (PADU) belum dapat dikemas kini.

"Saya bersetuju dengan cadangan untuk memberikan

subsidi secara terus dengan memasukkan ke dalam akaun penerima kerana ini merupakan satu jalan pintas yang membolehkan ia dilaksanakan secara cepat.

"Ini kerana kita telah membincangkan mengenai subsidi bersasar terlalu lama dan pasaran juga telah jemu menunggu bila akan berlaku. Jadi pertimbangan kerajaan untuk menggunakan kaedah ini merupakan langkah baik.



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"Namun, apa yang menjadi isunya ketika ini ialah mengenai data yang akan digunakan memandangkan masih ramai yang belum mendaftar PADU. Jadi saya lihat kaedahnya adalah melalui data-data sedia ada yang boleh dijadikan sebagai asas," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian ketika diminta mengulas mengenai pertimbangan subsidi bersasar yang dibincangkan kerajaan yang menjurus kepada model pindahan tunai secara

bulanan.

Menteri Ekonomi, Rafizi Ramli ketika sesi dialog awam berkenaan PADU di Pusat Konvensyen Majlis Bandaraya Shah Alam (MBSA) pada Sabtu berkata, kerajaan dijangka mempertimbangkan pemberian subsidi bersasar dalam bentuk pindahan tunai secara bulanan, kali pertama ditawarkan kepada rakyat berbanding sebelum ini.

Berbanding sebelum ini, subsidi kerajaan diserap terus ke dalam harga barangan yang dinikmati semua pengguna tanpa mengira tahap pendapatan serta status kerakyatan, termasuk rakyat asing.

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MATA WANG

Ringgit dijangka diniagakan dalam jajaan kecil berbanding dolar AS pada minggu ini.

Ringgit dijangka diniaga dalam jajaan kecil

Berbanding dolar AS pada minggu ini

KUALA LUMPUR

Ringgit dijangka diniagakan dalam jajaan kecil pada paras 4.73 hingga 4.74 berbanding dolar AS minggu ini, dengan analisis teknikal mencadangkan AS\$/RM berada dalam zon neutral, kata Ketua Ekonomi Bank Muamalat Malaysia Bhd, Mohd Afzanizam Abdul Rashid.

Katanya, pemotongan kadar dasar sebanyak 25 mata asas kepada 1.50 peratus oleh Bank Negara Switzerland baru-baru ini telah mengukuhkan lagi dolar AS memandangkan Rizab Persekutuan Amerika Syarikat (Fed) tidak akan

mengurangkan kadar itu dalam tempoh terdekat.

"Dalam agenda yang lebih besar, dolar AS benar-benar menonjol. Kenaikan kadar baru-baru ini oleh Bank of Japan juga gagal menaikkan yen Jepun kerana prospek untuk kadar yang lebih tinggi di Jepun masih tidak menentu," katanya kepada Bernama.

Sehubungan itu, Mohd Afzanizam berkata, dolar AS berada di titik terbaiknya.

"Kadar dana Fed semasa, yang kini berada pada 5.50 peratus, sememangnya memberikan kelebihan kepada dolar US berhubung dengan perbezaan kadar faedah," tambahnya.

Dari Jumaat ke Jumaat, ringgit melemah kepada 4.7340/7390 berbanding dolar AS daripada 4.7050/7095 yang dicatatkan sebelum ini.

Ringgit, bagaimanapun, diniagakan lebih tinggi berbanding kebanyakan mata wang utama.

Ia bertambah baik berbanding yen Jepun kepada 3.1223/1258 daripada 3.1637/1669, melonjak berbanding pound British kepada 5.9582/9645 daripada 6.0003/0060 dan meningkat berbanding euro pada 5.1203/1257 daripada 5.324.

Ringgit juga diniagakan lebih baik berbanding mata wang Asean.

Ia menambah nilai kepada 13.0116/0318 berbanding baht Thailand daripada 13.1480/1661 dan menokok berbanding dolar Singapura kepada 3.5106/5145 daripada 3.5183/5219.

Ringgit meningkat berbanding rupiah Indonesia kepada 299.8/300.4 daripada 301.5/302.0 dan mengukuh berbanding peso Filipina kepada 8.41/8.42 daripada 8.47/8.48. - Bernama

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ORANG ramai mendapat khidmat nasihat kakitangan Padu untuk mengisi dan kemas kini maklumat di Hulu Langat, Selangor baru-baru ini. - GAMBAR HIASAN

KOSMO 25/3

Rafizi menjawab kekeliruan orang ramai isi Padu

Ramai tidak puas hati kena isi nombor akaun

PETALING JAYA - Menteri Ekonomi, Rafizi Ramli menjelaskan ruangan nombor akaun bank yang perlu diisi dalam sistem Pangkalan Data Utama (Padu) merupakan bagi pemberian subsidi secara pindahan tunai secara bulanan yang akan diperkenalkan kelak.

Perkara itu bagi menjawab kerisauan orang ramai apabila Padu mewajibkan ruangan itu diisi oleh orang ramai.

Ia menjadi perdebatan di media sosial sehingga orang ramai enggan meneruskan pendaftaran itu.

"Cadangan yang diangkat kepada kerajaan sekarang sedang dibincangkan dan yang akan diputuskan ialah bantuan dalam

bentuk pindahan tunai secara bulanan.

"Sebab ia sesuatu yang tidak pernah kita tawarkan kepada rakyat. Sebelum ini, kalau ada bantuan kerajaan lain, kita bagi tiga atau empat bulan sekali melalui e-wallet dan sebagainya," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian pada sesi dialog awam berkenaan Padu di Pusat Konvensyen Majlis Bandaraya Shah Alam kelmarin.

Ujar Rafizi, sebelum ini subsidi kerajaan diserap terus ke dalam harga barangan sehingga semua pengguna tanpa mengira tahap pendapatan serta status kerakyatan, termasuk rakyat asing dapat menikmatinya.

Mengulas lanjut, Rafizi berka-

ta, melalui Padu, kerajaan mahu mereformasi bantuan sosial rakyat untuk jangka masa panjang.

"Apa yang dibincangkan, dipertimbangkan dan diperhalusi kerajaan ketika ini ia menjurus kepada satu model iaitu pindahan tunai bulanan.

"Sebab itu, melalui model pindahan tunai bulanan, ia lebih kurang seperti tambahan gaji bulanan, RM300 atau RM400 sebulan, bergantung kepada keadaan," katanya.

Ahli Parlimen Pandan itu menambah, orang ramai juga tidak perlu bimbang kerana duit yang dimasukkan ke dalam e-wallet atau medium lainnya itu tidak akan tamat tempoh.

KOSMO

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Beri bayangan tiada bantuan khas Aidilfitri

Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim berkata, pemberian insentif awal Kajian Sistem Saraan Perkhidmatan Awam (SSPA) sebanyak RM2,000 serta kenaikan gaji untuk skim persaraan adalah berita terlalu baik untuk penjawat awam tahun ini. Justeru, beliau yang juga Menteri Kewangan memberi bay-

angan tidak akan ada Bantuan Khas Kewangan Aidilfitri (BK-KA) disediakan kepada penjawat awam kali ini.

"Kita baru lulus RM2,000 (bayaran insentif awal SSPA) pada tahun lepas, kemudian dalam beberapa bulan (nanti) kita akan luluskan skim persaraan (SSPA) untuk naikkan gaji... jadi kita

kena lihat konteks itu," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian mengulas permintaan Kongres Kesatuan Pekerja-Pekerja Di Dalam Perkhidmatan Awam (CUEPACS) yang menggesa kerajaan mengkalkakan tradisi dengan memberikan bantuan khas kewangan kepada penjawat awam dan pesara kerajaan sempena Aidilfitri.

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Anwar mengunjungi Bazar Ramadan Mahkota Square di Kuantan, semalam.

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Syor dapat reaksi positif

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Pengelasan had pendapatan M40 perlu berdasarkan kos sara hidup terkini. (Foto hiasan)

Pakar ekonomi, NGO anggap kaedah agihan tunai bulanan beri hasil segera

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Kuala Lumpur: Cadangan pemberian subsidi bersasar dalam bentuk tunai secara bulanan mendapat reaksi positif daripada pakar ekonomi dan pertubuhan bukan kerajaan (NGO).

Mereka berpandangan itu kaedah paling berkesan dan mampu memberikan hasil segera, berbanding mekanisme sedia ada yang dikatakan kurang jelas dan membuka ruang kepada banyak ketirisan.

Mereka bersetuju pemberian itu perlu memberi tumpuan kepada status warganegara penerima, namun menyuarakan kebimbangan mengenai kebajikan golongan pelarian yang dikhuatiri terjejas akibat pelaksanaan inisiatif itu kelak.

Ada juga syor untuk melanjutkan tarikh tutup kemas kini maklumat sistem Pangkalan Data Utama (PADU), sekurang-kurangnya sebulan atau hingga akhir tahun bagi mengelak kalangan penerima bantuan tercicir.

Pensyarah ekonomi Universiti Putra Malaysia, Prof Madya Dr Ahmed Razman Abdul Latiff, berkata agihan tunai dikreditkan terus ke akaun individu lebih berkesan, selain membolehkan penerima menikmati insentif secara berkala.

Subsidi bersasar dalam bentuk tunai bulanan

Keratan akhbar BH, semalam.

Beliau menyuarakan kebimbangan matlamat agihan tunai itu tersasar jika penerima membelanjakan dana terbahagi bagi pembelian barang atau perkhidmatan bukan keperluan, sebaliknya mengikut kehendak.

"Antara risiko utama lain perlu diatasi secara menyeluruh jika kaedah agihan tunai ini akan diguna pakai, ialah keseimbangan golongan peniaga menaikkan harga barang dan perkhidmatan, sejurus dilaksanakan kelak.

"Semua pihak, terutama penguat kuasa perlu memainkan peranan sebaiknya bagi memastikan tiada manipulasi pasaran atau elemen pencatutan harga berlaku selepas ia dilaksanakan kelak," katanya kepada BH, semalam.

Menteri Ekonomi, Rafizi Ramli, dilaporkan berkata, kerajaan dijangka mempertimbang pemberian subsidi bersasar dalam bentuk pindahan tunai secara bulanan, iaitu kali pertama ditawarkan kepada rakyat.

Berbanding sebelum ini, subsidi kerajaan diserap terus ke dalam harga barang dan perkhidmatan yang dinikmati semua pengguna tanpa mengira tahap pendapatan serta status warganegara.

Elak keciciran bantuan

Pensyarah ekonomi dari Universiti Tun Abdul Razak, Prof

Dr Barjoyai Bardai, pula mencadangkan kerajaan merombak had pendapatan bagi pengelasan isi rumah mengikut kategori T20, M40 dan B40, bertujuan mengelak keciciran daripada menikmati bantuan kerajaan.

"Had pendapatan RM10,000 yang diklasifikasikan bagi kategori T20 agak kecil, selain pengelasan had pendapatan M40 juga perlu berdasarkan kos sara hidup terkini dan semasa.

"Kesejahteraan golongan M40 perlu dititikberatkan kerana berisiko mengalami keciciran daripada menikmati bantuan, sedangkan ada daripada mereka yang pendapatan bersihnya mungkin hanya cukup-cukup untuk menyara kehidupan tanpa ada lebihan," katanya.

Mengulas kebajikan golongan pelarian selepas pelaksanaan subsidi bersasar, beliau mengesyorkan kerajaan memperkenalkan kupon makanan bagi pembelian barang asas, diedarkan melalui institusi berkaitan yang sah.

"Masalah golongan ini perlu diatasi dengan pendekatan berbeza dan saya berpandangan, mekanisme paling berkesan ialah pemberian kupon makanan untuk pembelian barang tertentu secara khusus," katanya.

Presiden Persatuan Ekonomi Pengguna dan Keluarga (MACFEA), Prof Dr Ahmad Hariza Hashim, berkata sudah tiba masanya kerajaan mempertimbang keperluan membenarkan pelarian bekerja di sektor tertentu.

Katanya, ini bagi memastikan golongan berkenaan mampu menjana pendapatan sendiri, sekaligus mengurangkan beban tanggungan terhadap bantuan kerajaan.

Beliau berkata, cadangan itu mungkin memerlukan pindaan akta tertentu.

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Prospek ekonomi lebih baik perkukuh semula ringgit

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Perubahan dasar Fed AS bermula Jun dijangka stabilkan mata wang pada separuh kedua 2024

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Tinjauan risiko global yang lebih baik, terutama dengan kemungkinan perubahan dasar Rizab Persekutuan Amerika Syarikat (Fed AS) mulai Jun dan seterusnya boleh mengukuhkan ringgit pada separuh kedua 2024, kata penganalisis.

Sementara itu, tindakan jangka pendek Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) dan kerajaan mungkin menstabilkan ringgit, pembaharuan struktur jangka panjang adalah penting bagi memastikan mata wang tempatan itu kembali kepada nilai saksama.

Selain itu, ia berkata, pe-

ningkatan dalam aliran masuk portfolio asing juga akan menyokong ringgit.

"Tinjauan risiko global yang lebih baik, terutama kemungkinan perubahan dasar Fed AS bermula Jun dan seterusnya akan mengukuhkan ringgit pada separuh kedua 2024.

"Peningkatan aliran masuk portfolio asing akan menyokong jangkaan kami bahawa ringgit akan mengukuh ke arah jangkaan akhir 2024 kami sebanyak 4.42," kata Kenanga Research dalam nota penyelidikan.

Peningkatan teknologi global

Bahagian penyelidikan itu berkata, pihaknya juga bersetuju dengan penilaian BNM bahawa pemulihan eksport didorong oleh peningkatan teknologi global serta rangsangan daripada aktiviti pelancongan yang kukuh.

Katanya, rangsangan aktiviti pelancongan melalui insentif geran pepadanan penerbangan sewa khas kerajaan dan dasar bebas visa Malaysia dijangka akan menyokong meningkatkan lebihan

akaun semasa (CA) pada 2024.

Selain itu, katanya, potensi ringgit yang lebih kukuh berbanding mata wang utama iaitu dolar AS dan euro boleh meningkatkan nilai pendapatan daripada pelaburan asing apabila ditukar kepada mata wang domestik.

"Ini boleh mengurangkan tekanan daripada pendapatan pelaburan berterusan yang terakru oleh pelabur asing di Ma-

laysia, sekali gus menyokong lebihan CA.

"Tambahan pula, inisiatif kerajaan yang bertujuan untuk menarik pelaburan, sejajar dengan prospek pasaran modal domestik yang semakin baik, mempunyai potensi untuk meningkatkan aliran masuk asing dan mengukuhkan lagi lebihan CA dengan unjuran kami meningkat kepada 2.3 peratus pada 2024," katanya.

SC arah QME henti tawar saham kepada orang awam

Suruhanjaya Sekuriti Malaysia (SC) mengarahkan Pengasas dan Pengarah Quantum Metal Exchange Inc (QMEI), Datuk Lim Khong Soon @ Lim Hock Seng, untuk segera menghentikan dan menamatkan penawaran saham QMEI kepada orang awam.

Pengawas pasaran modal itu dalam satu kenyataan menegaskan, tawaran saham QMEI, yang sedang berjalan, melanggar keperluan berkaitan di bawah undang-undang sekuriti.

"Arahan henti dan tamat dikeluarkan berikutan penemuan SC bahawa QMEI menawarkan sahamnya kepada masyarakat awam Malaysia, termasuk melalui laman web/platform Quantum Metal Sdn Bhd (QMSB) kepada ahli QMSB.

"Ini dilakukan tanpa mendapatkan pengiktirafan dan mendaftarkan dokumen pendedahan dengan SC, yang melanggar Seksyen 212 (5) Akta Pasaran Modal & Perkhidmatan 2007," kata kenyataan itu.

Susulan itu, SC juga meletakkan QMEI dengan butiran berkaitan pada Senarai Makluman Pelabur SC <http://www.sc.com.my/investor-alert>.



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RINGGIT DIJANGKA MASIH BERLEGAR 4.71 MINGGU INI

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PETALING JAYA: Prestasi ringgit dijangka konsisten iaitu pada RM4.71 berbanding dolar Amerika Syarikat (AS) minggu ini, ekoran keputusan Rizab Persekutuan (Fed) AS mengekalkan kadar faedah negara itu.

Pengarah Program MBA, Putra Business School (PBS), Prof. Dr. Ahmed Razman Abdul Latif berkata, trend ringgit diyakini mengukuh dalam jangka masa pendek minggu ini sehingga akhir bulan April.

Menurutnya, ramalan terhadap keputusan Fed menurunkan kadar faedahnya pada suku kedua tahun ini, bakal menyumbang kepada peningkatan ringgit.

"Apabila kadar faedah diturunkan dari 5.5 peratus kepada kadar yang lebih rendah, ini akan mengurangkan permintaan terhadap dolar AS sekali gus membolehkan ringgit untuk mengukuh.

"Pengumuman kadar faedah Fed dijangka pada suku kedua tahun ini pada Mei atau Jun nanti, didapati apabila bank pusat itu merujuk dahulu prestasi pasaran jika lebih positif," katanya kepada *Utusan Malaysia*.

Ujar beliau, Fed dijangka tidak akan menaikkan kadar faedah berikutan kali terakhir bank pusat itu menaikkan kadar faedah iaitu pada 26 Julai tahun lepas, dengan peningkatan sebanyak 25 mata asas yang didorong keadaan pasaran pada ketika itu.

Jelasnya, faktor peningkatan terhadap ringgit turut dipengaruhi oleh penyebab pengeluaran yang berlaku di Amerika Syarikat dan rakan dagang besar dari negara-negara lain dengan Malaysia.

Dalam masa sama, beliau menyarankan Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) memastikan mempelbagaikan pasaran negara



RINGGIT dijangka berada sekitar RM4.71 berbanding dolar AS minggu ini, ekoran keputusan Fed AS mengekalkan kadar faedahnya.

"WALAUPUN BEBERAPA PENDAPAT MENGATAKAN AKAN ADA PERUBAHAN, MALANGNYA DENGAN KEADAAN EKONOMI GLOBAL YANG MASIH DALAM SUASANA YANG SAMA MUNGKIN AKAN TERUS MENGEKALKAN RINGGIT."

dengan tidak hanya menumpukan kepada rakan dagang yang sedia ada dan memperkasakan ekonomi domestik.

Sementara itu, Felo Penyelidik Institut Dasar Ekonomi dan Kewangan, Pusat Pengajian Ekonomi, Kewangan dan Perbankan, Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM), Dr. Shazida Jan Mohd. Khan berkata, kemungkinan ringgit meningkat bawah 4.60 berbanding dolar AS.

"Tetapi keadaan ini masih tidak mengubah keadaan semasa di mana ringgit masih dilihat lemah.

"Walaupun beberapa pendapat mengatakan akan ada perubahan, malangnya dengan keadaan ekonomi global

yang masih dalam suasana yang sama mungkin akan terus mengekalkan ringgit," katanya.

Justeru, beliau berkata, keadaan ekonomi negara pada waktu ini memerlukan kemasukan kemasukan pelaburan asing hasil daripada beberapa negara termasuk China.

"Dalam masa yang sama jika pelaburan domestik diperhebatkan, keadaan itu akan membantu memajukan ekonomi secara berterusan dan boleh menyokong sektor bernilai tinggi dan berimpak tinggi," ujarnya.

Dalam pada itu, Ketua Ekonomi Bank Muamalat, Dr. Mohd. Afzanizam Abdul Rashid bersejua ringgit dijangka akan didagangkan dalam mod yang

berhati-hati.

"Meskipun pihak Fed dilihat komited untuk menurunkan kadar faedah pada tahun ini, kebimbangan mereka terhadap kadar inflasi yang masih lagi berlegar di atas paras sasaran 2.0 peratus akan melengahkan keputusan pengurangan kadar faedah yang kini berada di paras 5.5 peratus," katanya.

Jelasnya, pada minggu ini, data yang akan dipantau adalah kadar inflasi di AS bagi bulan Februari.

Mengulas lanjut mengenai jangkaan prestasi FBM KLCI minggu ini, diramalkan akan didagangkan dalam trend yang sempit iaitu sekitar 1,540 hingga 1,545.

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Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim speaking to shoppers at the Mahkota Square Ramadan Bazaar in Kuantan on Saturday. BERNAMA PIC

CENTRAL DATABASE HUB

RAFIZI TO EXPLAIN PADU ISSUES TO CABINET

PM makes request after Sarawak premier raised concerns about registration

KUANTAN

ECONOMY Minister Rafizi Ramli has been asked to clarify the Central Database Hub's (Padu) registration issue at the cabinet meeting this week.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said this after Sarawak Premier Tan Sri Abang Johari Tun Openg raised concerns about the system.

"Yesterday (Friday), I had a discussion with the Sarawak premier and he voiced some concerns and raised some questions.

"The economy minister has been asked to examine the issue and provide an explanation to the cabinet."

He said this when asked to comment on the Sarawak government's call to extend the deadline

for people in the state to register and update their information on Padu.

He said this after a walkabout at the Mahkota Square Ramadan Bazaar here on Saturday. Present was Pahang Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Wan Rosdy Wan Ismail.

On Saturday, Rafizi said his ministry would hold a meeting on Padu with the Sarawak government this week.

An order addressed to district and administrative officers in the state to hold off registrations on Padu has gone viral.

More than 7.36 million people, or 35 per cent of the population, have registered with Padu. The deadline to register is March 31.

Chief Statistician Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin said the figures suggested that the records of more than 10 million citizens, involving heads of households and their dependents, had been entered into the database.

He said the Department of Statistics anticipated a significant increase in registrations in the next few days as the sign-up rate had been growing recently.

When Anwar was asked to comment on the request for the gov-

ernment to provide financial aid to civil servants and pensioners for Hari Raya Aidilfitri, he said a RM2,000 incentive had been given to civil servants.

"We just approved RM2,000. In a few months, we will pass the new remuneration scheme to increase salaries, so we have to look at it in that context."

The Congress of Unions of Employees in the Public and Civil Services (Cuepacs) had asked the government to continue the tradition of providing Raya aid to civil servants.

At the state-level Madani breaking-of-fast event here, Anwar alluded that there would not be another Aidilfitri "bonus" for civil servants.

He said the RM2,000 early incentive payment disbursed to civil servants was meant for Aidilfitri.

However, he hinted that more benefits, including salary increments, awaited civil servants once the review of the Public Service Remuneration System (SS-PA) was completed.

"Recipients of the RM2,000 (incentive) are none other than civil servants," Bernama

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