



PENGURUSAN PEMANTAUAN KERATAN AKHBAR MBSJ
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Peluang jalani saringan kesihatan percuma di Subang Jaya 7, 8 September ini

August 23, 2024 10:00 pm



Orang ramai melakukan pemeriksaan kesihatan pada Program Selangor Saring DUN Paya Jaras di Dewan Meranti MBSA Bandar Baru Sungai Buloh, Sekyen U20, Shah Alam pada 6 Julai 2024. Foto MOHD KHAIRUL HELMY MOHD DIN/MEDIA SELANGOR

SHAH ALAM, 23 OGOS: Orang ramai berpeluang menjalani saringan kesihatan secara percuma menerusi program Selangor Saring di Dewan Majlis Bandaraya Subang Jaya (MBSJ) SS15 pada 7 dan 8 September ini.

Menurut Ahli Dewan Negeri Subang Jaya, saringan bermula 9 pagi hingga 3 petang itu menyediakan ujian untuk jantung, buah pinggang, kencing manis, darah tinggi dan barah.

Michelle Ng Mei Sze berkata selain itu orang ramai turut berpeluang menjalani pemeriksaan gigi, telinga, mata dan fisioterapi.



ADN Subang Jaya Michelle Ng Mei Sze bercakap kepada media berkenaan projek naik taraf pemasangan penghadang bola di Padang Awam, USJ 11, Subang Jaya pada 21 Jun 2024. Foto REMY ARIFIN/SELANGORKINI

"Sebanyak 450 slot sahaja sehari disediakan dan anda tidak perlu berpuasa. Anda juga perlu membuat prapendaftaran kerana pendaftaran secara 'walk in' tidak dibenarkan.

"Mereka yang mempunyai masalah pendaftaran boleh menghubungi Selcare di talian 1800-22-6600," katanya di Facebook.

Michelle berkata orang ramai boleh mendaftar Selangor Saring di aplikasi Langkah Masuk Dengan Selamat (SELangkah) semudah empat langkah berikut:

- memuat turun SELangkah
- tekan butang Selangor Saring
- isi borang soal selidik
- pilih lokasi dan tarikh program

Menerusi pembentangan Belanjawan Selangor 2024 Dato' Menteri Besar Dato' Seri Amirudin Shari mengumumkan peruntukan RM3.2 juta bagi meneruskan saringan kesihatan percuma.

Sebelum ini saringan kesihatan percuma itu telah diadakan di beberapa Dewan Undangan Negeri (DUN) termasuk Paya Jaras, Dengkil, Sungai Tua, Batu Tiga, Pandamaran dan Pelabuhan Klang.

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- Darah Tinggi
- Kencing Manis
- Buah Pinggang

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- Kolorektal
- Prostat
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- Payudara

Mata

- Rabun
- Glaukoma
- Retina

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Workshops hogging parking bays in Pandan Perdana

By SHALINI RAVINDRAN
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SOME 20 car workshop operating at the commercial area in Pandan Perdana in Ampang, Selangor are depriving residents and visitors of much-needed parking spaces.

The issue is compounded by operators using more than their allocated reserved or rented parking bays, which is normally one or two per business.

Residents of the shophouses complained that with most of the lots taken up, they are forced to park illegally, resulting in them being issued fines by the local authority.

Badan Pengurusan Bersama (JMB) Rumah/Kedai RK60 is hoping Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ) will beef up enforcement against workshop operators who misuse the parking bays and come up with a long-term solution.

Its representative, who wanted to be known only as Siti Rodiah, estimated that more than 30% of the 200 parking bays were taken up by the operators.

"We have about 420 units of shops and houses, there aren't enough parking spaces for residents and visitors.

"Operators hog the bays to park their customers' vehicles for weeks.

"On average, each workshop uses about four bays each, with one corner unit using up to eight bays," she told *StarMetro*.

Siti Rodiah said this had caused conflict between residents and visitors with workshop operators.

"Several even 'book' parking bays with objects and will scold those who attempt to remove them.

"Action is taken whenever we complain to MPAJ, but this only results in compounds issued or vehicles being towed away after some time but we want a long-

About 20 operators taking up 30% of lots, says area's JMB which wants Ampang council to take action



Several parking bays occupied by a car workshop in Pandan Perdana. — Photos: LOW BOON TAT/The Star



Workshops using rubbish bins and advertisement banners to reserve bays.

term solution," said Siti Rodiah.

A frequent visitor to the area, Kenneth Tee, said the situation is becoming worse.

"Several years ago, I could find parking quite easily.

"But now, even at night, it's difficult to find any open bays, especially since several are occupied by derelict vehicles.

"This area is no longer suitable for small industries like work-

shops as there are residential units and eateries," he said.

During *StarMetro*'s visit, it was observed that only a few workshops had reserved parking bays in front of their premises.

Parking bays legitimately reserved by business proprietors for their customers were demarcated by red lines.

Some workshops also placed their tools, advertisement

banners and even vehicles being repaired in the bays, either directly in front of the shops or adjacent to it.

MPAJ Zone 21 councillor R. Moganraj said several measures have been introduced to address parking issues in the area.

Moganraj, who oversees Pandan Perdana, said MPAJ had allocated an open space nearby for workshop operators to park vehicles.

"They can rent the space there to park the vehicles while waiting for insurance claims or the arrival of spare parts.

"They are not allowed to do any automotive work but can drive or tow the vehicles to the workshops when needed.

"This would at least free up the public parking bays," he said.

However, Moganraj said there had been no takers since the space was made available last month.

He said MPAJ's enforcement officers were continuing to monitor the area and urged operators to utilise the designated open space.

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Segambut, Kepong roads ruined after pipe-laying work

Story and photo by FARID WAHAB
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POOR workmanship by contractors at several roads in Kepong and Segambut is angering residents.

The works involve laying of underground pipes to supply water to new and upcoming projects.

Community activist Yee Poh Ping said reports had been made to Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL).

"Contractors must be compelled to resurface the affected spots," he said during a visit to the junction between Jalan Pintas Segambut and Jalan 1/40.

Another concern was the stagnant water at the traffic light, which Yee said began to appear two months ago.

"Since construction started in



Stagnant water pooling at the junction between Jalan Pintas Segambut and Jalan 1/40.

the area, many potholes and subsidence were spotted."

In a *StarMetro* report on Aug 12, it was reported that contrac-

tors are now required to submit daily reports to DBKL.

The directive involves excavation works exceeding

500m such as road digging and installation of utility cables.

Those who do not comply face fines under the Street, Drainage and Building Act 1974 (Act 133).

Separately, Yee expressed concerns that the retention pond in Taman Pusat Kepong was no longer able to accommodate the volume of water during a downpour.

He said the pond was equipped with two sluice gates, one of which was closed during a recent downpour.

Yee said this had resulted in backflow which caused several areas in Segambut and Kepong to be inundated.

Jalan Sultan Azlan Shah, Jalan Kepong and Jalan Kuching were among areas hit by flash floods.

A security guard at the pond, who only gave her name as Mages, said water rose to knee level within 10 minutes.

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KL bus lane rollout off to slow start

Commuters want enforcement for motorists to conform at Jln Kelang Lama, Jln Puchong

By GRACE CHEN
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IT HAS been just over a week since the launch of the trial run for new dedicated bus lanes along Jalan Kelang Lama and Jalan Puchong by Rapid Bus Sdn Bhd.

While commuters are happy, motorists are not as enthusiastic, with many fuming over the move.

A check by *StarMetro* revealed that motorists are not cooperating as they continue to hog the left lanes reserved for buses and taxis.

The morning rush hour on one of the oldest major roads in Kuala Lumpur showed motorcyclists and private cars giving little heed to the new bus lanes implemented on Aug 15.

Motorists complain they already have to contend with daily congestion during peak hours in the morning and evening, and are questioning the logic of reducing traffic flow from four lanes to two in an area where upcoming developments are expected to add to the chaos.

The dedicated lanes span 6.37km on each side from Jalan Kelang Lama off Jalan Halimahton to the intersection of the IOI Mall at Jalan Puchong (LDP).

Taman Desa resident Ng Wei Loong, 50, said since the activation of the bus lanes, travel time from his housing area to the Federal Highway doubled in the mornings.

Following earlier reports that the trial bus lanes would only be operational from 6am to 9am, he questioned why the newly erected signboards state the operation hours as 6am to 8pm.

"I feel cheated as I thought the authorities would give road users time to adjust," he said.

Regular commuter Albert Tan, 57, said the existence of a bus lane would cause traffic to bottleneck.

"Jalan Kelang Lama is not an expressway. It is ill-suited for a bus lane. The road goes through one of the most developed areas in Kuala Lumpur.

"The left bus lane will choke the already congested road, considering the number of vehicles that will join and exit the road on the left side," said Tan.

"Instead of a bus lane, please clamp down on the cars that park illegally along Jalan Kelang Lama. This will clear the left lane for public buses, resulting in less traffic bottleneck for all road users," he added.

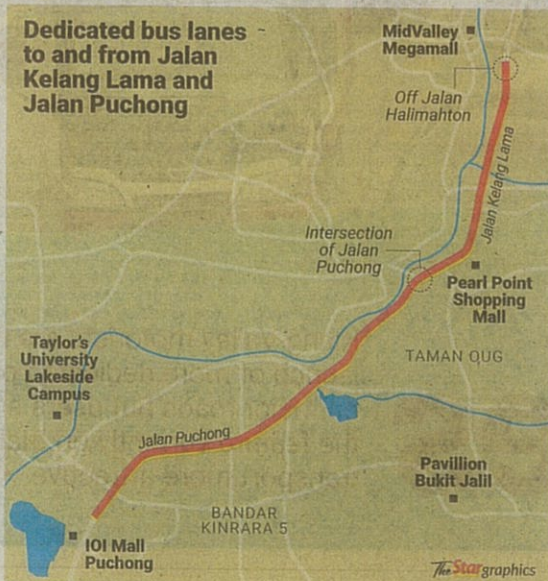
Another Taman Desa resident Nigel Spykerman, 55, said a point for consideration was the many intersections turning to Taman Desa, Jalan Kuchai Lama, Taman United, Taman OUG and Jalan Puchong.

"Due to this, there is bound to be private cars cramming into the bus lane," said Spykerman, a consultant engineer.

However, those taking public transport say the bus lane would benefit them.



Despite signage and banners to announce the introduction of the new bus lane at Jalan Kelang Lama, motorists are still not cooperating. — Photos: GRACE CHEN, LOW BOON TAT/The Star and courtesy pix



Freelance communications specialist Cheong Sze Hoong, 45, who is also administrator of the Malaysian Land Public Transport Fans public social media page, said bus lanes were strongly encouraged in major roads as buses could ferry more people compared to private vehicles.

"Bus lanes are easier to implement and deploy compared to rail services, and be utilised into a public transit corridor. So, taking up a single lane would not be a bad idea since a single bus could move more people than a single-occupant vehicle," said Cheong.

Student Muhammad Aiman Mohd Nor Azman, 25, said other

road users also could benefit from the bus lanes.

"Motorists following behind buses will no longer need to stop whenever the bus stops to drop off and pick up passengers," he said, adding that other vehicles would not be subjected to obstructions, ensuring smooth traffic flow.

For Thivena Parameswara, 18, and Jesse Braulio, 31, bus lanes are also safe for passengers who board and get off at bus stops as motorists are known to drive past these stops without looking out for bus passengers.

Mechanical engineering student Vincent Koh, 23, who also gave the bus lane the thumbs up, said bus rides could increase



A signage announcing the operation hours of the new bus lanes in Jalan Kelang Lama which was activated on Aug 15.

frequency and have smoother traffic flow.

Cooperation and enforcement

As useful as bus lanes could be, commuters say without cooperation from motorists or strict enforcement, the objective would not be fulfilled.

Student Wan Muhammad Faiz Wan Zaidi, 24, said to deter drivers from using these lanes to cut traffic, supervision was vital either through physical presence of enforcement personnel or through automated enforcement systems.

"An unmonitored bus lane will surely be encroached by private vehicles seeing how some of our drivers behave when they are on the road," said Wan Muhammad Faiz.

Bus driver Nor Idayu Abdullah, 40, said if motorists were to continue blocking bus lanes, it would disrupt the timetable and passengers would be upset if buses were not on time.

"We hope the public will cooperate and the enforcement officers will step in as a way of reminding motorists to keep the bus lanes clear," she said.

Researcher Aziffi Azuddin, 34, said giving preference to buses should encourage people to use public transportation.

"Motorists should realise they cause traffic congestion as there are five people in a car at most while one bus can ferry many more people.

"The authorities must stick to having the bus lanes, while motorists can either switch over or choose to be stuck in traffic," said Aziffi.

Railway architect Ken Chin, 39, said the implementation of bus lanes cannot be done in isolation but must come as part of a comprehensive overhaul of bus services.

"This means having more buses, improving frequency a having better scheduling.

"This will help justify the need for bus lanes and demonstrate



Thivena (left) and Braulio say bus lanes make it safer for passengers boarding and getting off at bus stops.



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Zainurul says bus lanes are necessary to improve efficiency of bus services.



Wan Muhammad Faiz says to deter drivers from using bus lanes, there needs to be checks by enforcement personnel.

tangible benefits to the public," said Chin.

Bus lanes proven effective

Rapid Bus senior vice-president for bus infrastructure Zainurul Hakim Mohamad confirmed that the Jalan Kelang Lama bus lane would be operational between 6am and 8pm from Monday to Friday.

He added that the change in the time was a last-minute decision by Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL).

The operation hours for the bus lanes from Jalan Kelang Lama to Jalan Puchong are the same with those in the city centre.

In Kuala Lumpur, the first bus lane was introduced in the 2000s in Jalan Sultan Azlan Shah (formerly Jalan Ipoh).

There are now 21 bus lanes in different parts of the city covering 31.95km.

Three bus lanes including Jalan Kelang Lama are still undergoing trials. The other two are Jalan Ampang (from the junction of Jalan Ru to Persimpangan Tun Razak) and Jalan Genting Klang (from the intersection of Jalan Tumbuhan to the Chow Kit Monorail).

For the Jalan Ampang and Jalan Genting Klang bus lanes,

operation hours have been added to include the evening peak hours between 4.30pm and 7.30pm in addition to the 6am to 9am morning rush hour.

Since the introduction of the bus lanes in Jalan Ampang and Jalan Genting Klang, Zainurul reported that ridership had increased by almost 20% daily.

Ridership for Jalan Ampang that used to have only 12,000 passengers, has now increased to 16,000, while Jalan Genting Klang that previously had 4,000 passengers, now has 7,000.

Zainurul said bus lanes were necessary to improve the efficiency of bus services.

"If not, the journeys will end up being delayed where a 45-minute trip can end up taking over one hour. This will not be attractive to the public and when this happens, ridership will drop," he said.

He added that bus lanes played a part in achieving better punctuality, and frequency of five minutes for each bus would make public transport more attractive to the public, and also help reduce crowded condition in buses.

Zainurul also stressed that the locations of bus lanes were not selected at random.

"The selected road must be really congested with traffic,

Bus lanes in Klang Valley and Penang

Year	Street	Start	End	Distance (m)	Area
2021	Jalan Sultan Azlan Shah (IB)	Dialysis Centre	Wisma TLT	450	CBD
	Jalan Raja Laut (OB)	KFC	PERKIM	700	CBD
	Jalan TAR (IB)	Kedai Emas Mao Shen	Oden Walk	950	CBD
	Jalan Dang Wangi (OB)	Dang Wangi Police Station	Sogo	350	CBD
	Jalan Raja Laut (OB)	Wisma Bumi Raya	Wholesale Toys Store	950	CBD
	Jalan Ampang (IB)	Citibank	Decathlon	500	CBD
	Jalan Pudu (IB)	Swiss Garden Hotel	UTC Pudu	600	CBD
	Jalan Pudu (OB)	Hotel Sentral Pudu	Restoran Kari Kepala Ikan (Jalan Pudu)	210	CBD
	Jalan Tun Sambathan (IB)	Kuala Lumpur Railway Station	Pos Malaysia HQ	500	CBD
	Jalan Tun Sambathan (IB)	Hong Leong Bank	Raja Chulan Junction	270	CBD
2022	Jalan Tun Sambathan (IB)	Menara Shell	Petronas	850	OCBD
	Jalan Tun Sambathan (OB)	SMK La Salle	Bus Stop at Brickfields	280	OCBD
	Jalan Pantai Baharu (IB)	Police Station	SK Bangsar	100	OCBD
	Jalan Pantai Baharu (OB)	Restoran Ali Café	Restoran Ali Café	200	OCBD
2023	Jalan Sultan Azlan Shah (OB)	KK Mart Jln Ipoh	Sri Magal Tandoori	800	OCBD
	Jalan Sultan Azlan Shah (OB)	SCC Hotel	Hong Leong Bank	500	OCBD
	Jalan Sultan Azlan Shah (IB)	Taman Milion	Sentul Intersection	1,500	OCBD
2024	Jalan Cheras (IB)	MRT Gate B	CIDB	1,050	CBD
	Jalan Cheras (OB)	After Pudu roundabout	MRT Maluri	1,200	CBD
	Jalan Ampang (BB) - On-going trial	Jalan Ru intersection	Jalan Tun Razak	6,000	OCBD
	Jalan Genting Klang (BB) - On-going trial	Jalan Tumbuhan Intersection	Monorail Chow Kit	14,000	OCBD
	Total as off 2023			31,960	
Proposed bus lanes for 2024	Jalan Ampang (BB)	Jalan Wawasan Intersection	Ampang Point	6,000	OCBD
	Jalan Kelang Lama (IB+OB)	IOI Mall Intersection	Mid Valley	14,000	OCBD
	Jalan Burma (Penang)	Jalan Penang Intersection	Jalan Anson	700	CBD
Legend:				Target to implement by 2024	20,700
IB : Inbound (heading toward the city centre)				Target for total bus lanes by 2024	52,660
OB : Outbound (heading out of the city centre)					
BB : both bound (heading toward the city centre and out of the city centre)					
CBD - Central business district					
OCBD - Outside central business district					

Source: Rapid Bus Sdn Bhd

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Efforts are being made to ensure bus and taxi lanes such as the one in red paint at Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman and (right) Jalan Puchong in yellow paint are visible to motorists. — Courtesy photos

and there should also be visibility of buses, not fewer than 12 in an hour," he said.

He added that an RM18mil budget had been allocated for infrastructure at the three trial bus lanes under the 12th Malaysia Plan.

In addition to painting of the dedicated lanes, there will be flashing signage put up at every intersection as well as dedicated gantries to make the bus lanes visible to motorists.

Stressing that the efficiency of public transport has a role in helping Kuala Lumpur become a sustainable and green city, Zainurul asked for the support of the public to respect the bus lanes that were also meant for taxis.

He also warned that ehailing drivers were not allowed to use the bus lanes.

He added that according to the police, private vehicles caught driving in the bus lanes would be violating Rule 17C (1) of the Road Traffic Rules 1959 (LN 166/1959) and could face a maximum fine of RM300.

In addition to bus lanes in the Klang Valley, Zainurul also said that Rapid Bus was proposing a similar plan along Jalan Burma in Penang.

Stretching from the intersections of Jalan Penang and Jalan Anson, the distance of the proposed bus way is estimated to be 700m and will be located in the island's central business district.

Meanwhile, Selangor investment, trade and mobility committee chairman Ng Sze Han said in a statement that the bus lane would benefit residents of Taman Kinrara, Bandar Kinrara and Bandar Puchong Jaya who work in Kuala Lumpur.

The bus lane, he added, would complement the network of public transport services that included light rail transit and Demand Responsive-Transit vans (DRT).

"I hope road users can be patient throughout the trial period of the Jalan Kelang Lama bus lane and give us constructive feedback so this initiative can be successful and be continued for the common good," said Ng.

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Industry spotlight on tech and AI

Professionals share best sustainability practices at KL conference

ACADEMICS, industry experts and innovators put their heads together to explore the critical role of technology and artificial intelligence (AI) in advancing sustainability and regeneration.

The Sustainable Brands Kuala Lumpur (SBKL) 2024 conference held at the Sime Darby Convention Centre in Kuala Lumpur, featured over 25 speakers.

They included industry leaders, innovators and sustainability advocates who shared insights and best practices on utilising technology and AI to drive change.

Recent extreme climate conditions, overpopulation, social inequity and unchecked development heightened the urgency of leveraging technology and AI to accelerate the necessary transitions for brands and companies.

Also at the event was former Cabinet minister Khairy Jamaluddin, who spoke about empowering youths to shape a sustainable future, in his new role as a radio presenter and podcaster.

Other keynote presentations and panel discussions delved into a broad range of topics, including technology from a living systems perspective, smart energy systems and sustainable supply chain management.

Conference convenor Sharmini Nagulan, who is Acacia Blue managing director, said the intersection of technology and



Khairy speaking about youth's role in shaping sustainable future.

sustainability was no longer a theoretical discussion but a crucial part of reality.

"As we face unprecedented environmental challenges, we can harness the power of AI and technology to create regenerative solutions that benefit both people and the planet," she said.

Another highlight of the event was the opening address of Sustainable Brands Worldwide chief executive officer Mike Dupee.

"We recognise that addressing systemic challenges requires systemic solutions, and so we remain focused on bringing our global community together to address these challenges in a context that aligns social and environmental benefits with shared economic prosperity," he said.



Miranda says sustainability must be a shared responsibility among government, businesses and the public.

Invictus Blue Group president Keith Miranda noted that for sustainability to work, it must be recognised as a shared responsibility among government, businesses and the public.

He added that people no longer view sustainability as a 'nice to have', but rather as a necessity in life.

"The challenge is to encourage an orderly and responsible transition that leaves no one behind."

"Invictus Blue, as a 30-year homegrown integrated communications agency, is committed to supporting brands and businesses on this journey to

make the planet a better place," said Miranda.

Attendees engaged in dynamic discussions, networked with like-minded professionals and participated in workshops designed to foster collaboration and innovation.

In a statement, SBKL 2024 organiser Acacia Blue emphasised its commitment to creating a more sustainable event.

This year's initiatives included plant-based catering options, reusable conference materials and a focus on minimising waste.

The conference concluded with a call to action, encouraging participants to adopt sustainable practices within their organisations and personal lives.

Since its inception in 2015, SBKL has been a cornerstone event held under the auspices of the Sustainable Brands Worldwide Conference, the largest global community of purpose-driven innovators working to help shift the world towards a more sustainable environment.

For more information, visit <https://sustainablebrandskl.com/more-about-sb24kl/>

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We are collectively responsible for road safety

IN conjunction with Zero Accident Day today, the Consumers' Association of Penang (CAP) wants to make it clear that all road users must share the responsibility of ensuring safer roads.

The high quality and accuracy of road crash and fatality data collected by the Royal Malaysia Police (PDRM), as recognised by the World Health Organisation and the World Bank, are meaningless unless the government and road users take proactive steps to improve road safety.

Potholes and uneven road surfaces significantly contribute to road accidents. Reports indicate that around 60% of federal roads in Malaysia have exceeded their service life and require urgent repairs. The government must prioritise upgrading these roads while imposing stricter penalties on overloaded commercial vehicles, which studies have shown are a leading cause of premature road damage, particularly in rural areas.

Another factor contributing to poor road conditions is substandard remedial work by third-party contractors. In 2018, the Public Works Department, the Malaysian Highway Authority, Kuala

Lumpur City Hall, and Petaling Jaya City Council attributed these deficiencies to contractors failing to meet required standards. Payments to these underperforming contractors should be withheld until their work meets the necessary standards.

The rising number of road accidents is alarming. It's important to note that reported accidents do not account for the many "minor" incidents that go unreported.

Post Covid-19, there has been a significant increase in accidents, with motorcyclists being the most frequent victims, followed by car occupants. In 2014, there were 476,196 accidents and 6,674 fatalities; in 2023, there were 600,000 accidents and 6,443 fatalities.

All road users must practise proper road etiquette to prevent accidents, which should not be measured solely by fatalities. Accidents also cause trauma, hospitalisation, and lengthy legal and insurance processes, none of which justify gaining a few seconds on the road.

Developing an efficient public transport system, managed entirely by the government, is crucial. The success of public

transport hinges on four factors: affordability, convenience (including the availability of feeder buses), regularity, and punctuality.

Once these are addressed, the government can implement vehicle ownership deterrence measures, such as end-of-life policies for cars over 15 years old, tolls for passenger vehicles entering central business districts, and a two-hour parking rule to prevent vehicles from occupying spots for extended periods.

Malaysia must reduce private vehicle ownership, encourage the use of efficient public transport, and enforce traffic regulations strictly to reduce accidents.

It's perplexing that the authorities have periodically offered significant discounts on traffic fines, especially during festive seasons, encouraging habitual traffic violators to wait for these opportunities to settle their fines at reduced rates.

A recent report revealed that 41 million traffic fines, amounting to approximately RM4bil, remain unpaid by traffic offenders from 1990 to June 2024. Of these, 51,128 fines, totalling RM5.1mil, involved foreign nationals from countries such as

Brunei, Singapore, and Thailand. And despite the discounts, Malaysians owe the majority of the RM4bil in fines.

The PDRM and the Road Transport Department should seriously consider refusing road tax renewals to those with unpaid fines. Foreign nationals could be blacklisted from entering Malaysia until they have settled their fines. Implementing these measures could prevent current offenders from leaving the country without accountability.

To achieve a Zero Accident rate requires collective commitment from all road users, government authorities, and relevant stakeholders. By prioritising road maintenance, enforcing stricter regulations, promoting public transport, and holding traffic violators accountable, we can work together to significantly reduce accidents and fatalities on our roads. The journey towards safer roads begins with each of us taking responsibility and making informed choices.

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'Yes, I am angry over rising violence'

Nancy wants urgent action to protect women and children from crimes

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KUALA LUMPUR: Recent gruesome cases of murder, rape and abuse involving children and women have hit Datuk Seri Nancy Shukri (pic) hard.

But the Women, Family and Community Development Minister said being upset was not enough, as action in dealing with violent crimes was sorely needed.

"Yes, I am angry, we are angry ... but being angry doesn't cut it, we have to take action. Everyone needs to get on board, especially those in the government."

"The responsibility lies not only with the community, it needs a whole-of-nation approach."

"We have to take action together because the matter cannot be taken lightly," she told reporters

after the presentation session of the Malaysian Care Economy Forum 2024 here yesterday.

The event, organised by the National Council of Women's Organisation Malaysia, was held in conjunction with the 64th Women's Day celebration.

Also present was her deputy Datuk Seri Dr Noraini Ahmad.

Nancy said her ministry is continuously carrying out advocacy efforts not only among adults, but also in schools.

"We cannot give up our part in promoting awareness, but it is not enough, it still requires shared responsibility from the community."

"From the increased responses (through the advocacy programmes), we have seen more complaints and action taken by the public," she added.



Recently, the bodies of a 34-year-old woman and her 10-year-old daughter were found with slit marks on their throats in a drain in Alor Setar, Kedah.

Her two-year-old son was also found dead in another drain.

Malaysians were also left shocked with the horrifying murder of teacher Istiqomah Ahmad Rozi, 33.

On Aug 12, police confirmed that her dismembered body was discovered in a drain along the Alor Gajah-Tampin trunk road near Kampung Rimau, Pulau Sebang, on Dec 31 last year.

Istiqomah was reported missing four days earlier.

Earlier this month, a 28-year-old housewife was found dead with strangulation marks in her home in Kuantan, Pahang, leading to the arrest of several family members.

Separately, Nancy touched on the challenges of the care industry in the country.

She said many people have yet to see its economic potential, and as such, the ministry is starting its own institution.

"We want our caregivers to be more skilful and will upskill them to face future challenges."

"I want them to be seen as professionals, not just as some normal assistants. We need to encourage and motivate them," she added.

Nancy said Malaysia cannot afford to be left behind as there is a need to promote the care industry.

"It is an industry that everyone needs or will need, so the matter requires more attention. Perhaps we have to view it from this perspective and collaborate with other ministries," she said.

The number of care workers is expected to go up in view of Malaysia's status as an ageing society in 2030.

Nancy said the ministry had trained 655 people since 2018 with this year's target set at 385.

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Penduduk di Taman Taming Impian di sini, dihantui kebimbangan dengan masalah mendapan tanah hingga menyebabkan sudah ada kawasan di tepi laluan jalan raya di perumahan itu yang terjejas.

Tinjauan Harian Metro mendapati kawasan yang terjejas teruk adalah berhadapan beberapa rumah di Jalan Taming Impian 4, Taman Taming Impian apabila mendapan mewujudkan seolah-olah kawah sedalam kira-kira lima meter.

Penduduk, Hasbullah Abu Bakar, 52, berkata, mendapan berkenaan sudah dikesan sejak awal tahun lalu dan isu itu sudah diadukan kepada Jabatan Pengairan dan Saliran (JPS) dan Majlis Perbandaran Kajang (MPKJ) namun masalah masih belum selesai.

"Persatuan Penduduk Taman Taming Impian (PPTTI) sudah mengemukakan aduan rasmi kepada MPKJ dan JPS, tetapi tiada sebarang tindakan diambil.

"Di samping itu penduduk juga membuat aduan secara individu melalui sis-

MENDAPAN DI TAMAN TAMING IMPIAN, KAJANG MAKIN TERUK

Tugas MPKJ atau JPS?

tem aduan melalui Sistem Pengurusan Aduan Awam (SISPAA) dan aplikasi Respons Rakyat iKajang MPKJ namun belum menemui penyelesaian.

"Maklum balas aduan yang diterima daripada JPS adalah ia bukan di bawah seliaan JPS manakala MPKJ menyatakan di bawah seliaan JPS.

"Jawapan daripada kedua-dua agensi menyebabkan tiada se-



KEADAAN di lokasi tanah mendap di Taman Taming Impian, Kajang. - Gambar NSTP/HAIRUL ANUAR RAHIM

barang tindakan diambil," katanya ketika ditemui Harian Metro di sini.

Sementara itu, seorang lagi penduduk yang enggan dikenali berkata, risiko jika masalah terus dibiarkan berlarutan adalah isu keselamatan seperti tanah mendap lebih teruk, membahayakan pengguna laluan terutama kepada ka-

nak-kanak.

Menurutnya, lokasi paling bahaya adalah rumah berdekatan laluan yang sudah mendap di Jalan Taming Impian 4.

"Sekiranya tiada sebarang tindakan diambil, risiko runtutan tebing sungai dan hakisan berkeungkinan besar berlaku kerana air sungai laju dan



HASBULLAH

tinggi ketika hujan lebat.

"Lebih membahayakan kerana Jalan Taming Impian 4 memang dijadikan jalan pintas ke taman perumahan berdekatan yang ia tentu menyebabkan risiko kepada keselamatan," katanya.

Sehubungan itu, katanya, penduduk meminta pihak yang bertanggungjawab supaya segera mengatasi masalah itu bagi mengelakkan tragedi buruk termasuk kehilangan nyawa.

Ikuti penjelasan pihak berkuasa berhubung isu ini dalam terbitan Harian Metro esok.

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LRA Sungai Bernam sudah beroperasi ²⁰¹⁶ ^{MDU}

Shah Alam: Bekalan air terawat dan bersih untuk wilayah Sabak Bernam dan Hulu Selangor yang mengalami gangguan bekalan air tidak berjadual susulan henti tugas sementara Loji Rawatan Air (LRA) Sungai Bernam sudah mula disalurkan secara berperingkat-peringkat.

Pengurusan Air Selangor Sdn Bhd (Air Selangor) berkata, setakat jam 9 pagi semalam, LRA terbabit sudah beroperasi sepenuhnya.

"Tempoh masa pemulihan bekalan air di kawasan-kawasan yang terjejas adalah berbeza bergantung kepada jarak lokasi premis pengguna dan tekanan air pada sistem agi-

han bekalan air," katanya menerusi hantaran di Facebook, semalam.

Menurutnya, bantuan alternatif melalui lori tangki air ke kawasan yang masih terjejas akan diteruskan dengan memberikan keutamaan kepada premis kritikal seperti hospital, klinik, pusat dialisis dan upacara pengebumian.

Terdahulu, media melaporkan sebanyak 205 kawasan di kedua-dua wilayah mengalami gangguan bekalan air tidak berjadual.

Ia susulan penerimaan hujan yang tinggi serta kejadian kepala air di hulu Sungai Slim dan Sungai Geliting, Perak.

HARIAN METRO

Tarikh: 2.6...AUG...2024....

Kuala Terengganu: Seorang pesara mengaku tidak bersalah di Mahkamah Sesyen di sini, semalam atas 13 pertuduhan pecah amanah dan memalsukan dokumen milik Kesatuan Kebangsaan Pekerja-Pekerja Pihak Berkuasa Tempatan Semenanjung Malaysia (Anulae) Cawangan Terengganu.

Tertuduh, Jafri Wahab, 58, yang juga bekas bendahari Anulea membuat pengakuan itu selepas pertuduhan dibacakan di hadapan Hakim Mohd Azhar Othman.

Mengikut pertuduhan pertama hingga ke 11, tertuduh didakwa dengan curang menyalahgunakan wang tabung kebajikan Anulae cawangan Terengganu untuk kegunaan peribadi.

Tertuduh didakwa mela-

Pesara nafi 13 tuduhan pecah amanah, palsu dokumen Anulae

kukan kesalahan itu di sebuah institusi perbankan di Kuala Terengganu bermula Januari hingga Julai 2020.

Bagi kesalahan itu, tertuduh yang didakwa mengikut Seksyen 403 Kanun Keseksaan (KK) berdepan hukuman penjara antara enam bulan sehingga lima tahun dan juga sebatan, jika sabit kesalahan.

Selain itu, tertuduh juga didakwa menggunakan suatu dokumen palsu iaitu penyata akaun bank milik Anulae cawangan Terengganu bagi 2019 hingga 2020.

Kesalahan itu dilakukan tertuduh pada 28 Jun 2020 di MBKT.

Pertuduhan dilakukan mengikut Seksyen 471 KK yang boleh dihukum mengikut Seksyen 465 KK yang memperuntukkan hukuman penjara hingga dua tahun atau denda atau kedua-duanya jika sabit kesalahan.

Mahkamah membenarkan tertuduh diikat jamin RM13,000 dan menetapkan 25 September depan sebagai tarikh sebutan semula bagi pengurusan kes.

Selain itu, tertuduh turut dikenakan syarat tambahan iaitu dilarang mengganggu saksi pendakwaan serta perlu menyerahkan pasport antarabangsa kepada mahkamah dan perlu

melaporkan diri di pejabat SPRM terdekat setiap bulan sehingga kes selesai.

Pendakwaan dikendalikan Timbalan Pendakwa Raya SPRM, Tengku Nurul Haziqah Tuan Yacob manakala tertuduh diwakili peguam, Mohd Asaari Saleh.

JAFRI membuat pengakuan tidak bersalah selepas dikenakan pertuduhan di Mahkamah Sesyen Kuala Terengganu. -Gambar NSTP/GHAZALI KORI



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Peningkatan wanita dalam bidang sains, teknologi naik 35 peratus pada 2021

Pembabitan wanita yang menceburi kerjaya dalam bidang teknologi dan digital di negara ini semakin ketara.

Sehingga 2021, wanita di Malaysia yang bekerja dalam sektor teknologi meningkat kepada 35 peratus.

Timbalan Menteri Komunikasi, Teo Nie Ching berkata, wanita di negara ini perlu disokong supaya berani menceburi bidang sains, teknologi, kejuruteraan dan matematik (STEM).

Kata beliau, ia bukan sahaja mengenai kesaksamaan tetapi juga mengenai membuka potensi yang akan memacu inovasi serta pertumbuhan ekonomi.

"Wanita perlu digalakkan untuk meneruskan pendidikan dan kerjaya dalam bidang STEM kerana ia adalah pelaburan untuk masa depan negara.

"Kerajaan percaya, bidang teknologi maklumat



FORUM untuk memperkasakan lagi penyertaan wanita dalam bidang ICT anjuran SKMM disertai lebih 300 peserta termasuk peneraju industri dan pelajar universiti tempatan

NIE Ching merasmikan Forum Girls in ICT (GICT) 2024 di Petaling Jaya, Selangor, baru-baru ini.



dan komunikasi (ICT) dan STEM tidak lagi bergantung kepada kekuatan fizikal semata-mata.

"Golongan wanita kini menyumbang kepada 50 peratus daripada populasi negara dan meningkatkan penyertaan mereka dalam bidang ini akan meningkatkan lagi kadar buruh wanita di Malaysia dengan berkesan," katanya berucap merasmikan forum Girls in ICT 2024 anjuran Suruhanjaya Komunikasi dan Multimedia Malaysia

(SKMM) di Petaling Jaya, Selangor, baru-baru ini.

Hadir sama, Pengarah Urusan SKMM, Datuk Mohd Ali Hanafiah Mohd Yunus.

Forum untuk memperkasakan lagi penyertaan wanita dalam bidang ICT itu dihadiri lebih 300 peserta termasuk peneraju industri dan pelajar universiti tempatan.

Ia menjadi platform di mana wanita yang berjaya dari pelbagai industri berkumpul untuk berkongsi pengalaman dalam kepimpinan dan kisah kejayaan masing-masing dalam ekosistem ICT.

Antara barisan panel yang tampil berdiskusi pada forum berkenaan adalah Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif, Media Prima Television Networks (MPTN) dan Primeworks Studios, Nini Yusof; Ketua Pegawai Digital Kumpulan Maybank, Kalyani Nair; Ketua Pegawai Maklumat MAXIS, Ng May Ching; Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif MyCreative Ventures Group, Zainariah Johari; Ketua Pegawai Komersil - Pelanggan TM, Jasmine Lee; Ketua Data GX Bank, Caroline Chong, Ketua Pengarah Penyiaran Malaysia, Datuk Suhaimi

Sulaiman dan ramai lagi.

Mengulas lanjut Nie Ching berkata, forum itu bukan hanya berkisarkan mengenai pencapaian individu sebaliknya pemerksaan, memecahkan halangan dan menetapkan penanda aras baharu untuk gadis.

Selain itu, ia juga mengenai mewujudkan rangkaian sokongan yang mampan untuk wanita di negara ini.

Tegasnya, literasi digital dan pembangunan kemahiran dalam kalangan wanita muda juga perlu diberi keutamaan.

Ini kerana kemajuan pesat teknologi menjadikannya penting bagi mereka untuk mendapat akses kepada pendidikan berkualiti dan latihan berkaitan ICT.

"Kemahiran itu penting dalam menyediakan mereka untuk pasaran pekerjaan pada masa hadapan.

"Apabila kita menggalakkan mereka untuk meneruskan pendidikan dan kerjaya STEM, secara tidak langsung kita turut melabur untuk masa depan negara.

"Kajian menunjukkan bahawa dalam pelbagai pasukan terutamanya yang

mempunyai perwakilan wanita yang kuat, mereka cenderung untuk menjadi lebih inovatif dan berprestasi lebih baik dari segi kewangan," katanya.

Sementara itu, pelajar jurusan Pengurusan Perniagaan, Kolej Poly-Tech MARA (KPTM), Nur Auni Izzati Zaluwi, 19, berkata, dia dan rakan-rakannya sukarela menyertai forum berkenaan sebaik sahaja mengetahuinya daripada pemsyarah.

Katanya, seramai 46 pelajar dari kolej terabit menyertai forum selama sehari berkenaan.

"Forum seperti memberi banyak manfaat kepada kami, pelajar yang akan memasuki dunia pekerjaan kelak.

"Selain mendengar sendiri perkongsian realiti sebenar dunia pekerjaan daripada tokoh-tokoh korporat wanita, peserta juga didedahkan dengan kepentingan ilmu ICT dalam dunia pekerjaan hari ini.

"Lebih menarik, kami juga diajar bagaimana untuk membina rangkaian yang penting untuk kehidupan di alam pekerjaan kelak. Memang bermanfaat dan tidak membosankan," katanya.

(Dua dari kiri) Jasmine Lee, Nini dan Zainariah berkongsi pengalaman kerjaya masing-masing pada sesi dialog berkaitan peluang bimbingan dan rangkaian di forum berkenaan.



Harap urusan lancar di pejabat kerajaan dapat diteruskan

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SAUDARA PENGARANG,

SEJAK pengumuman Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim Anwar mengenai penjawat awam bakal menerima kenaikan gaji melebihi RM500 selepas berlaku pelarasan gaji baharu minggu lepas, urusan di kaunter pejabat-pejabat kerajaan di seluruh negara bertambah baik dan berjalan lancar dengan pelanggan tidak menunggu lama untuk berurusan.

Dikatakan urusan terkini di pejabat kerajaan dapat diselesaikan dalam tempoh singkat, 10 minit sahaja berbanding sebelum ini.

Pelarasan gaji baharu sememangnya perkara yang dinanti-nantikan oleh penjawat awam dan pengumuman tersebut membuatkan mereka lebih bersemangat untuk

melakukan kerja dengan memberikan perkhidmatan terbaik kepada rakyat.

Cuma, ada beberapa cerita kurang menyenangkan timbul di satu dua tempat yang mana perkhidmatan masih sama dan beberapa pelanggan merungut kerana diminta datang keesokan harinya untuk berurusan kerana datang pada waktu petang, walhal sudah mengambil nombor giliran.

Diharapkan situasi sebegini segera diperbaiki bagi memberikan imej lebih baik terhadap pejabat-pejabat kerajaan.

Kalau ia sudah diperbaiki, diharapkan berkekalan, bukan sekadar hangat-hangat tahi ayam. Jangan pula semangat untuk menuju ke arah lebih baik berkubur.

MAHU BERUBAH
Selangor



URUSAN di pejabat kerajaan kini dikatakan bertambah baik berbanding sebelum ini. - GAMBAR HIASAN

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Pesara MBKT didakwa pecah amanah seleweng dana kesatuan sekerja

KUALA TERENGGANU - Seorang pesara Majlis Bandaraya Kuala Terengganu (MBKT) dihadapkan ke Mahkamah Sesyen di sini semalam, atas 13 pertuduhan pecah amanah dan memalsukan dokumen pada empat tahun lalu.

Tertuduh, Jafri Wahab, 58, membuat pengakuan tidak bersalah sebaik pertuduhan dibacakan di hadapan Hakim Mohd. Azhar Othman.

Berdasarkan 11 pertuduhan, Jafri didakwa menyalahgunakan tabung Kesatuan Pekerja-Pekerja Pihak Berkuasa Tempatan Semenanjung Malaysia (Anulae) cawangan Terengganu berjumlah RM29,200 untuk kegunaan peribadi.

Tertuduh yang ketika itu merupakan Bendahari Anulae cawangan Terengganu didakwa melakukan perbuatan tersebut antara 15 Januari sehingga 23 Julai 2020 di sebuah bank di bandar raya ini.

Dia didakwa mengikut Seksyen 403 Kanun Keseksan yang memperuntukkan hukuman penjara antara enam bulan lebih lima tahun, sebatan dan denda jika sabit kesalahan.

Jafri yang ketika itu bekerja sebagai Penolong Pegawai Keshatan Persekitaran MBKT juga menghadapi dua pertuduhan menggunakan memalsukan penyata akaun bank kesatuan itu.

Perbuatan tersebut didakwa dilakukan tertuduh di Pejabat MBKT di sini pada 28 Jun 2020.

Dia didakwa mengikut Seksyen 471 Kanun Keseksan yang

memperuntukkan hukuman penjara maksimum dua tahun atau denda atau kedua-duanya jika sabit kesalahan.

Mahkamah membenarkan Jafri dibebaskan dengan wang jaminan RM13,000 dan seorang penjamin.

Dia juga tidak dibenarkan mengganggu saksi dan perlu menyerahkan pasport antarabangsa kepada mahkamah dan melaporkan diri ke Pejabat SPRM terdekat setiap bulan.

Pendakwaan dikendalikan Pegawai Pendakwa SPRM, Tengku Nurul Haziqah Tuan Yacob manakala tertuduh pula diwakili peguam, Mohd. Asaari Salleh.



JAFRI menghadapi 13 pertuduhan pecah amanah dan memalsukan dokumen dibawa ke Mahkamah Sesyen Kuala Terengganu semalam.

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Tarikh: 26 AUG 2024

Seminar Teknikal ISSA kumpul 1,000 pakar, peserta

PETALING JAYA – Lebih 1,000 peserta dari dalam dan luar negara bakal menghadiri Seminar Teknikal ISSA 2024 berkenaan Keselamatan Sosial Untuk Pekerja Sendiri Dan Pekerja Platform selama dua hari pada esok dan Rabu ini.

Pertubuhan Keselamatan Sosial (Perkeso) dalam kenyataan berkata, seminar tersebut akan berlangsung di Pusat Daganan Dunia (WTC) Kuala Lumpur merupakan anjuran Perkeso bersama Persatuan Keselamatan Sosial Antarabangsa (ISSA).

"Ia bakal menampilkan lebih 20 pakar pengamal keselamatan sosial terkemuka dunia sebagai ahli panel.

"Mereka akan membincangkan berkenaan amalan terbaik dan penyelesaian teknikal yang memberi penekanan aspek keselamatan sosial untuk individu bekerja sendiri dan pekerja platform," katanya semalam.

Dalam pada itu, Perkeso menjelaskan, program tersebut memberi fokus berhubung peningkatan kesedaran memper-

luas perlindungan keselamatan sosial dan mendidik peserta tentang perkembangan terkini dalam ekonomi gig.

"Seterusnya ia memberi maklumat mengenai trend masa depan serta mengenal pasti kelompongan dan penyelesaian efektif dalam perlindungan keselamatan sosial sedia ada.

"Timbalan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Dr. Ahmad Zahid Hamidi dijangka hadir untuk merasmikan Seminar Teknikal ISSA 2024," katanya.

Program bertaraf antarabangsa ini turut dihadiri Menteri Sumber Manusia, Steven Sim Chee Keong; Timbalan Menteri Sumber Manusia, Datuk Seri Abdul Rahman Mohamad; Presiden ISSA ke-17, Datuk Seri Dr. Moham-

med Azman Aziz Mohammed dan Ketua Setiausaha Kementerian Sumber Manusia, Datuk Seri Khairul Dzaimie Daud.

Sementara itu, antara barisan

panel terlibat adalah Pengarah Pusat Penyelidikan Kesejahteraan Sosial (SWRC), Prof. Emeritus Datuk Dr. Norma Mansor; Ketua Pakar Teknikal-Perlindu-

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Ia bakal menampilkan lebih 20 pakar pengamal keselamatan sosial terkemuka dunia sebagai ahli panel.”

ngan Sosial, Pasukan DWT, Pejabat Serantau Pertubuhan Buruh Antarabangsa (ILO) Bangkok, Kenichi Hirose dan Timbalan Felo Penyelidik, Institut Penyelidikan Persaraan Kebangsaan Korea, Dr. In Young Jung.

Turut ditampilkan adalah Ketua Setiausaha ISSA, Marcelo Abi-Ramia Gaetano; Pengurus Kumpulan Protokol dan Entiti, Institusi Keselamatan Sosial Turkiye, Zeynep Gunder dan ramai lagi.

Seminar ini juga akan disertai peserta antarabangsa antaranya dari Switzerland, Korea, Jepun, Singapura, Thailand, India, China, Turkiye dan negara lain.



SEMINAR Teknikal ISSA 2024 yang disertai panel dan peserta dalam dan luar negara bakal diadakan selama dua hari bermula esok di WTC Kuala Lumpur. – GAMBAR HIASAN

KOSMO

Tarikh: 26 AUG 2024

Pesara MBKT didakwa 11 tuduhan pecah amanah

Kuala Terengganu: Seorang pesara Majlis Bandaraya Kuala Terengganu (MBKT) dihadapkan ke Mahkamah Sesyen di sini, semalam, atas 11 pertuduhan pecah amanah membabitkan nilai RM29,200 dan dua tuduhan memalsukan dokumen milik Persatuan Pekerja Pihak Tempatan Semenanjung Malaysia (ANULAE) cawangan Terengganu pada 2020.

Bagaimanapun, tertuduh, Jafri Wahab, 58, yang juga bekas Bendahari ANULAE mengaku tidak bersalah selepas pertuduhan dibacakan di hadapan Hakim Mohd Azhar Othman.

Mengikut pertuduhan pertama hingga ke 11, tertuduh didakwa dengan curang menya-

lahgunakan wang tabung kebajikan ANULAE cawangan Terengganu untuk kegunaan sendiri.

Dia didakwa melakukan kesalahan itu di sebuah institusi perbankan di Kuala Terengganu bermula Januari hingga Julai 2020 dan sabit kesalahan boleh dipenjarakan antara enam bulan hingga lima tahun dan juga sebatan.

Guna dokumen palsu

Selain itu, tertuduh juga didakwa menggunakan dokumen palsu iaitu penyata akaun bank milik ANULAE cawangan Terengganu bagi tahun 2019 hingga 2020 pada 28 Jun 2020 di MBKT dan sabit kesalahan boleh dipenjarakan hingga dua tahun

atau denda atau kedua-duanya sekali.

Mahkamah kemudian membenarkan tertuduh diikat jamin RM13,000 dan menetapkan 25 September depan sebagai tarikh sebutan semula kes.

Selain itu, tertuduh turut dikenakan syarat tambahan iaitu dilarang mengganggu saksi pendakwaan, perlu menyerahkan pasport antarabangsa kepada mahkamah dan melaporkan diri di pejabat SPRM terdekat setiap bulan sehingga kes selesai.

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Jafri dibawa ke Mahkamah Seksyen Kuala Terengganu, semalam.

(Foto Ghazali Kori/BH)

BERITA HARIAN
Tarikh.....2.6.AUG.2024.....

Reformasi SSPA elak risiko penjawat awam terjebak 'poket kemiskinan'

● Kenaikan gaji penjawat awam hadir bersamanya dengan cabaran bagaimana hendak memastikan keadilan sosial dan pembangunan ekonomi inklusif dalam negara dapat dipertahankan

● Pendidikan kewangan perlu diperluas dalam kalangan penjawat awam. Pengetahuan dalam pengurusan kewangan peribadi boleh membantu membuat keputusan kewangan lebih bijak

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Penjawat awam adalah tunjang kepada kelancaran pentadbiran negara kerana terabit dalam pelbagai sektor penting seperti pendidikan, kesihatan, keselamatan dan pengurusan awam.

Dalam aspek pentadbiran awam, soal gaji penjawat awam sering menjadi isu mendapat perhatian kerana ia tidak hanya membabitkan kebajikan individu tetapi juga memberi impak kepada ekonomi negara secara keseluruhan.

Pada dasarnya, sistem penggajian penjawat awam mengalami pelbagai pembaharuan dan penambahbaikan sejak merdeka. Namun, persoalan adakah gaji penjawat awam mencukupi untuk menampung kos sara hidup adalah isu sentiasa relevan.

Kenaikan kos sara hidup, inflasi berterusan dan ketidakstabilan ekonomi global memberi tekanan kepada kemampuan penjawat awam untuk mengekalkan kualiti hidup stabil.

Dari sudut ekonomi, kenaikan gaji penjawat awam secara besar-besaran boleh memberi kesan kepada bajet kerajaan.

Perbelanjaan untuk gaji dan emolument penjawat awam adalah komponen utama dalam perbelanjaan operasi kerajaan.

Sebarang kenaikan signifikan perlu dipertimbangkan dengan teliti supaya tidak membawa kepada defisit fiskal lebih besar sekiranya tidak diuruskan dengan baik.

Oleh itu, kenaikan gaji perlu diiringi dengan peningkatan produktiviti supaya dapat menggalakkan inflasi, yang mungkin boleh merencat ekonomi negara.

Atas faktor ini, kerajaan mewujudkan Sistem Saran Perkhidmatan Awam (SSPA) yang menjadi teras baharu kepada prinsip kenaikan gaji penjawat awam berteraskan daya saing, memelihara integriti dan usaha menangani ketirisan.

Antara isu utama dalam perbincangan kenaikan gaji penjawat awam adalah keberkesanan dasar sedia ada dalam menangani masalah ketidakcukupan gaji.

Walaupun terdapat penstrukturan gaji dari semasa ke semasa, masih terdapat jurang ketara antara kenaikan gaji dan peningkatan kos sara hidup.

Jurang ini menimbulkan cabaran besar kepada penjawat awam untuk mengekalkan standard hidup memuaskan, terutama di kawasan bandar.

Penjawat awam bergaji rendah mungkin sukar menabung atau melabur bagi masa depan, menyebabkan mereka terdedah kepada risiko kekurangan sumber kewangan seperti tidak mampu menangani kecemasan kewangan atau persaraan.

Masalah ini sering kali dikaitkan pula dengan hutang terutama pinjaman perumahan, kenderaan, pinjaman peribadi, kad kredit dan pinjaman pendidikan.

Kenaikan gaji penjawat awam mempunyai kai-

tan langsung dengan isu 'poket kemiskinan', yang mana individu menerima pendapatan tetap masih menghadapi kesulitan kewangan kerana gaji tidak mencukupi menampung kos kehidupan asas.

Penjawat awam, berpendapatan rendah pula sering kali terperangkap dalam situasi ini, terpaksa bergelut dengan beban kewangan seperti hutang, keperluan harian meningkat dan ketidakmampuan menabung untuk kecemasan.

Justeru, apabila kerajaan melaksanakan SSPA, penjawat awam diharap dapat memperbaiki keadaan kewangan mereka, mengurangkan risiko terjebak dalam 'poket kemiskinan', seterusnya meningkatkan kesejahteraan mereka serta keluarga.

Kenaikan gaji penjawat awam hadir bersamanya dengan cabaran bagaimana hendak memastikan keadilan sosial dan pembangunan ekonomi inklusif dalam negara dapat dipertahankan.

Dalam hal ini, kerajaan perlu berhadapan dengan dilema antara menjaga kebajikan penjawat awam dan pada masa sama berupaya mengekalkan kestabilan fiskal.

Sekiranya perbelanjaan negara tidak dikawal, ia boleh membawa kepada hutang negara yang tinggi, seterusnya boleh memberi kesan buruk kepada ekonomi jangka panjang.

Tingkat kualiti perkhidmatan awam

Tambahan pula, kenaikan gaji sahaja tidak mencukupi sekiranya tidak disertai dengan peningkatan dalam kualiti perkhidmatan awam. Produktiviti dan keberkesanan perkhidmatan awam perlu ditingkatkan untuk memastikan kenaikan gaji memberikan nilai tambah kepada masyarakat.

Tanpa peningkatan produktiviti, kenaikan gaji mungkin hanya akan menjadi beban kewangan tambahan kerajaan tanpa impak positif kepada pembangunan negara.

Justeru, kenaikan gaji yang wajar adalah penting untuk memastikan sektor awam kekal kompetitif dan mampu menarik serta mengekalkan bakat terbaik.

Tambahan lagi, kenaikan gaji penjawat awam penting untuk memastikan keadilan sosial dalam masyarakat. Penjawat awam memainkan peranan penting dalam memastikan rakyat menerima perkhidmatan berkualiti.

Apabila gaji penjawat awam dinaikkan, kerajaan bukan sahaja meningkatkan taraf hidup mereka, tetapi memperkukuhkan keadilan sosial dalam negara, menjadikan perkhidmatan awam sektor dihormati dan dihargai semua lapisan masyarakat.

Bagi mendepani cabaran kenaikan gaji penjawat awam, pendekatan holistik perlu diambil.

• Pertama, kerajaan perlu menilai semula struktur gaji penjawat awam dengan mengambil kira kos sara hidup semasa dan perbezaan kos hidup antara kawasan bandar dan luar bandar. Penyusunan gaji lebih adil dan saksama boleh membantu mengurangkan tekanan kewangan di kalangan penjawat awam.

• Kedua, mekanisme penilaian prestasi lebih ketat perlu dilaksanakan untuk memastikan kenaikan gaji adalah selari dengan peningkatan produktiviti. Sistem penilaian ini perlu telus dan objektif, serta memberi insentif kepada penjawat awam menunjukkan prestasi cemerlang.

Selain itu, pendidikan kewangan perlu diperluas dalam kalangan penjawat awam. Pengetahuan dalam pengurusan kewangan peribadi boleh membantu penjawat awam membuat keputusan kewangan lebih bijak, mengurangkan beban hutang dan merancang masa depan lebih baik.

Pada masa sama, dalam jangka panjang, kerajaan perlu mencari jalan meningkatkan pendapatan negara tanpa bergantung terlalu banyak kepada pinjaman. Peningkatan pendapatan negara boleh digunakan untuk menampung kos kenaikan gaji penjawat awam tanpa menjejaskan keseimbangan fiskal.

Ini boleh dicapai melalui pelbagai inisiatif menarik pelaburan asing, meningkatkan daya saing industri tempatan dan menggalakkan inovasi dalam sektor ekonomi.

Apa yang penting, kenaikan gaji memainkan peranan kritikal dalam mengurangkan 'poket kemiskinan' dihadapi penjawat awam berpendapatan rendah atau bergaji tinggi tetapi tinggal di bandar besar terutama Lembah Klang.

Menerusi perancangan teliti dan pelaksanaan berkesan, isu 'poket kemiskinan' dapat diatasi dan menawarkan masa depan hidup lebih cerah bagi seluruh rakyat.



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Tingkat prestasi penjawat awam, elak kenaikan gaji dipandang sinis



AHMAD ZAFWAN SULAIMAN

MAJLIS Amanat Perdana Perkhidmatan Awam yang telah diadakan pada 16 Ogos 2024 telah dihadiri seramai lebih kurang 48,000 penjawat awam sama ada secara fizikal mahupun atas talian. Kehadiran yang ramai ini khususnya ketua-ketua jabatan dan penjawat awam daripada pelbagai skim perkhidmatan memberikan gambaran semangat dan sokongan kepada pentadbiran kerajaan yang sentiasa cakna dan prihatin mengenai kebajikan warga penjawat awam.

Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, Perdana Menteri dalam ucapan beliau juga sering menegaskan peri pentingnya hubungan kerjasama antara anggota kabinet selaku pembuat dasar dengan penjawat awam selaku jentera pelaksana dasar kerajaan.

Perdana Menteri juga menegaskan bahawa pentingnya anjakan paradigma dalam perkhidmatan awam bagi meningkatkan produktiviti, kecekapan, integriti dan kualiti penyampaian perkhidmatan awam agar pelaksanaan Sistem Saran Perkhidmatan Awam (SSPA) tidak dipandang sinis oleh rakyat.

PENYELARASAN GAJI PENJAWAT AWAM

Rata-rata penjawat awam menzahirkan kesyukuran atas penyelarasan gaji yang akan dilaksanakan selaras dengan pelaksanaan SSPA. Penyelarasan gaji ini akan dinikmati oleh semua peringkat gred dan skim perkhidmatan melibatkan dua fasa pemberian.

Kenaikan yang akan dinikmati adalah berjumlah tujuh peratus bagi kumpulan pengurusan tertinggi serta 15 peratus bagi kumpulan pelaksana dan kumpulan pengurusan dan profesional. Penyelarasan ini dilihat bukanlah untuk memewahkan penjawat awam, tetapi adalah berkadar dengan kenaikan kos sara hidup kini, selaras dengan skim gaji yang telah tidak disemak selama 12 tahun serta pengiktirafan



PENTINGNYA anjakan paradigma dalam perkhidmatan awam bagi meningkatkan produktiviti, kecekapan, integriti, dan kualiti penyampaian perkhidmatan awam agar pelaksanaan Sistem Saran Perkhidmatan Awam (SSPA) tidak dipandang sinis oleh rakyat. - UTUSAN

tertunda kepada penjawat awam yang selama ini berhempas pulas menabur bakti kepada rakyat tanpa mengira fahaman politik, bangsa dan agama. Untuk itu, para peniaga dimohon agar tidak mengambil kesempatan menaikkan harga barangan, membebaskan lagi rakyat terutama penjawat awam yang sedia terbeban berikutan kenaikan kos sara hidup sejak kebelakangan ini. Selaras dengan komitmen pentadbiran kerajaan untuk meningkatkan tahap kebajikan penjawat awam, ia juga menuntut agar penjawat awam juga perlu meningkatkan tahap prestasi dan pencapaian yang seiring dengan kemahuan rakyat yang menuntut perubahan dalam penyampaian perkhidmatan dan pembangunan ekonomi negara.

SISTEM PENILAIAN PRESTASI BAHARU

Perdana Menteri juga menegaskan bahawa seharusnya tidak ada ruang bagi seseorang penjawat awam yang berprestasi rendah dikekalkan dalam perkhidmatan kerajaan. Penilaian Prestasi Tahunan juga perlu ditingkatkan dari 80 ke 85 peratus bagi memastikan hanya pegawai yang benar-benar layak dan berprestasi tinggi sahaja dibenarkan

untuk diberi kenaikan pangkat dan menerima pergerakan gaji tahunan, kelayakan markah prestasi ditingkatkan daripada 60 kepada 75 peratus. Perdana Menteri juga mengingatkan agar penjawat awam perlu memfokus untuk menambahbaik aspek pengurusan prestasi, tatakelakuan dan pengurusan tatatertib bagi menangani isu kegagalan tadbir urus pengurusan kewangan awam dan pengukuhan prosedur tatatertib yang lebih tegas bagi pegawai yang bermasalah.

Budaya kerja berasaskan prestasi perlu diterapkan melalui sesi bimbingan dan pementoran (*coaching and mentoring*) yang dilaksanakan terhadap pegawai-pegawai yang dilihat kurang berprestasi atau masih kurang berpengalaman.

Bagi pegawai yang cemerlang dan berprestasi tinggi pula, mereka yang memberikan perkhidmatan yang cemerlang dalam bidang kepakaran (*subject matter expert*) tidak perlu ditukarkan disebabkan kenaikan pangkat malah boleh kekal di jawatan yang sama secara khas untuk penyandang dari Gred 48 hingga ke Gred Khas C bagi membolehkan kepakaran pegawai terus dimanfaatkan di perjawatan yang memerlukan kepakaran tersebut. Insentif

berasaskan prestasi juga diperkenalkan kepada pegawai yang telah mencapai tempoh perkhidmatan sekurang-kurangnya enam tahun selepas *Time-Based Kecemerlangan* (TBK) ke-2. Insentif ini bersamaan dengan kadar satu kenaikan gaji tahunan (KGT) gred jawatan semasa pegawai.

PETUNJUK PRESTASI KRITIKAL

Selaras dengan beberapa insentif yang telah dikemukakan oleh kerajaan kepada penjawat awam, ekspektasi rakyat terhadap mutu penyampaian perkhidmatan juga sudah tentunya meningkat. Perdana Menteri memohon agar setiap jabatan dan agensi kerajaan meningkatkan petunjuk prestasi masing-masing agar terkeluar daripada takuk lama yang membebaskan rakyat. Perkhidmatan kaunter dan proses-proses permohonan seperti lesen atau permit hendaklah ditambahbaik serta dipermudahkan melalui penggunaan teknologi yang menjamin keselamatannya.

Selain itu, jabatan dan agensi kerajaan juga diminta untuk menyemak semula peraturan dan pekeliling yang telah lapuk yang menyekat penambahbaikan yang ingin dilaksanakan oleh penjawat awam untuk

memberikan perkhidmatan yang cepat, cekap dan berkualiti kepada rakyat. Secara kesimpulan, dua aspek yang perlu dititikberatkan untuk meningkatkan prestasi penyampaian perkhidmatan adalah daripada aspek adaptasi teknologi dan juga semakan semula pekeliling dan peraturan yang berkuatkuasa.

MENGOPTIMUMKAN SUMBER DAN DANA KERAJAAN

Agensi dan jabatan kerajaan juga dinasihatkan agar mengoptimumkan sumber dan dana kerajaan agar dapat mengurangkan perbelanjaan kerajaan. Salah satu contoh yang diberi oleh Perdana Menteri semasa ucapan beliau adalah penggabungan pejabat kerajaan di luar negara di bawah satu bumbung yang boleh mengurangkan kos operasi dan memudahkan rakyat di luar negara mendapatkan perkhidmatan. Selain itu, penggabungan beberapa agensi kerajaan seperti Pihak Berkuasa Penerbangan Awam Malaysia dan Suruhanjaya Penerbangan Malaysia yang bergabung tanpa implikasi kewangan ternyata lebih memudahkan operasi serta melancarkan urusan pentadbiran.

Agensi Kawalan dan Perlindungan Sempadan Malaysia juga melibatkan penggabungan beberapa skim perjawatan tanpa pertambahan jawatan di bawah satu bumbung yang melancarkan operasi kawalan sempadan negara.

Seiring dengan peredaran zaman, penambahbaikan perlu sentiasa dilaksanakan demi menepati kehendak rakyat yang semakin kompleks walaupun berdepan dengan situasi yang terhad. Dengan semangat kebersamaan dan keserakan antara penjawat awam dan rakyat yang saling melengkapi untuk memberikan khidmat bakti kepada negara, usaha ini diharap mampu meningkatkan pertumbuhan negara secara holistik serta merealisasikan dasar Malaysia Madani, menjadikan Malaysia antara negara yang boleh dicontohi di persada antarabangsa.

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1,000 hadiri Seminar Keselamatan Sosial untuk Pekerja Sendiri dan Platform



PETALING JAYA: Lebih 1,000 peserta dari dalam dan luar negara bakal menghadiri seminar Keselamatan Sosial untuk Pekerja Sendiri dan Pekerja Platform yang berlangsung dua hari bermula Selasa ini di Pusat Dagangan Dunia (WTC) Kuala Lumpur.

Antara peserta antarabangsa yang menyatakan kehadiran ialah Switzerland, Korea, Jepun, Singapura, Thailand, India, China dan Turkiye.

Seminar anjuran Pertubuhan Keselamatan Sosial (Perkeso) bersama Persatuan Keselamatan Sosial Antarabangsa (ISSA) itu menampilkan lebih 20 pakar pengamal keselamatan sosial terkemuka dunia sebagai ahli panel.

Perkeso memaklumkan, pakar akan membincangkan topik berkaitan amalan terbaik dan penyelesaian teknikal yang memberi penekanan keselamatan sosial untuk pekerja sendiri dan pekerja platform.

"Program ini memberi fokus memperluas perlindungan keselamatan sosial, mendidik peserta tentang perkembangan terkini dalam ekonomi gig.

"Seminar ini memberi mak-

lumat mengenai trend masa depan dan mengenal pasti kelompokan serta penyelesaian efektif dalam perlindungan keselamatan sosial sedia ada," katanya dalam kenyataan.

Antara barisan panel yang akan berkongsi input sepanjang program itu ialah Pengarah Pusat Penyelidikan Kesejahteraan Sosial (SWRC), Prof. Emeritus Datuk Dr. Norma Mansor, Ketua Pakar Teknikal Perlindungan Sosial, Pasukan DWT, Pejabat Serantau Pertubuhan Buruh Antarabangsa (ILO) Bangkok, Kenichi Hirose dan Timbalan Felo Penyelidik, Institut Penyelidikan Persaraan Kebangsaan, Korea, Dr. In Young Jung.

Turut ditampikan Ketua Setiausaha ISSA, Marcelo Abi-Ramia Caetano dan Pengurus Kumpulan Protokol dan Entiti, Institusi Keselamatan Sosial Turkiye, Zeynep GÜNDER.

Sementara itu, Timbalan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Dr. Ahmad Zahid Hamidi dijangka hadir merasmikan Seminar Teknikal ISSA 2024.

Program ini juga akan dihadiri Menteri Sumber Manusia, Steven Sim Chee Keong; Timbalannya, Datuk Sri Abdul Rahman Mohamad; Presiden ISSA Ke-17, Datuk Seri Dr. Mohammed Azman Aziz Mohammed dan Ketua Setiausaha Kesuma, Datuk Seri Khairul Dzaimie Daud.

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MALAYSIA menjadi satu daripada negara yang masih bergantung kepada negara luar untuk mendapatkan bekalan makanan, termasuk beras. - UTUSAN/FARIZ RUSADIO

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PETALING JAYA: Malaysia masih diancam isu keterjaminan makanan berikutan masih lagi tersenarai sebagai sebuah daripada negara dengan tahap kebergantungan bekalan beras tinggi terhadap negara luar.

Menurut laporan *Malaysia Trade Statistics Review 1 2021* oleh Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia (DOSM), pada 2020, Malaysia mengimport sejumlah RM681 juta beras dari India, iaitu 27.5 peratus daripada keseluruhan import beras negara.

Import beras dari India mencatatkan lonjakan hampir 200 peratus dari 2019 sekali gus meletakkan India sebagai negara import beras kedua terbesar Malaysia se-

lepas Vietnam (RM1.04 bilion atau 42 peratus).

Untuk kadar sara diri (SSR) pula, bagi bekalan lapan komoditi makanan utama negara pada 2022 seperti beras mencatatkan 62.6 peratus, sayur (44.7 peratus), buah-buahan (78.1 peratus), daging lembu (14.7 peratus) dan daging ayam serta itik (94.4 peratus).

Naib Canselor Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), Datuk Profesor Dr. Ahmad Farhan Mohd. Sadullah berkata, situasi ini tidak baik yang bakal meletakkan Malaysia dalam keadaan terancam terutama dari isu keterjaminan makanan.

"Kita antara negara-negara yang masih bergantung harap kepada makanan import."

"Bila kerajaan India menukar dasarnya supaya tidak mengimport kerana mereka juga tidak

cukup makan, Malaysia memang sangat terkesan," katanya ketika ditemubual oleh *Utusan Malaysia*.

Menurut beliau, setakat ini UPM telah menghasilkan pelbagai jenis benih padi yang mampu meningkatkan produktiviti, termasuk benih yang boleh ditanam dua kali setahun atau menghasilkan lima musim dalam dua tahun.

Pihak UPM dan hasil kerjasama dengan universiti lain juga turut menjalin kerjasama erat bersama Kementerian Keterjaminan Makanan untuk memberikan sumbangan idea dalam meningkatkan hasil beras Malaysia.

"Kerjasama ini memang penting, sebab dari sinilah kita boleh berbincang dari sudut pandang pakar dan kita bentangkan kepada kerajaan langkah terbaik dan tepat untuk atasi masalah ini," katanya.

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SAUDARA PENGARANG.

BULI merupakan satu isu sosial yang membarah sejak sekian lama dan perlu dinoktahkan. Perbezaan kuasa antara pembuli dan mangsa mampu menatijahkan kecederaan fizikal dan gangguan emosi kepada kedua-dua pihak.

Namun, komuniti seringkali dilihat kurang cakna dan gagal memainkan peranan penting dalam menangkis isu ini dengan tuntas. Walhal, setiap ahli komuniti perlu berganding bahu dan mengambil tanggungjawab sekiranya kejadian buli berlaku di komuniti mereka. Justeru, komuniti boleh memainkan peranan yang signifikan dalam menoktahkan isu sosial ini melalui pelaksanaan dua peringkat perubahan.

PERUBAHAN PERINGKAT PERTAMA

Usaha ini boleh dimulakan dengan meningkatkan kesedaran ahli komuniti melalui pelaksanaan kempen kesedaran dan penyebaran pengetahuan berkenaan buli dan kesan berbahaya.

Satu medium khas boleh diwujudkan untuk ahli komuniti melaporkan insiden buli, tanpa berkompromi soal keselamatan saksi dan mangsa buli. Medium pelaporan ini, yang boleh dibangunkan dengan bantuan teknologi, dapat menyediakan satu platform yang selamat kepada ahli komuniti berkongsi maklumat mereka berkenaan insiden buli tanpa risiko diancam.

Komuniti juga boleh menganjurkan program pemerksaan dalam komuniti dengan menyasarkan penglibatan aktif setiap ahli komuniti dalam mewujudkan persekitaran yang lebih selamat dan inklusif. Dengan memupuk pendekatan secara inklusif, penyertaan segenap lapisan masyarakat dapat memastikan penyampaian program yang bermatlamat menoktahkan buli dapat dicapai dengan baik.

Bahkan, pengumpulan data dan maklum balas yang kerap dapat membantu komuniti melaksanakan satu penilaian yang komprehensif dan menambahkan pelaksanaan strategi untuk memastikan setiap inisiatif yang diambil dalam menangani buli berkesan dan kekal relevan bersandarkan kepada keperluan komuniti.

PERUBAHAN PERINGKAT KEDUA

Usaha ini melibatkan penilaian semula yang dibuat secara menyeluruh ke atas nilai dan amalan sesebuah komuniti dan melibatkan pelbagai pihak berkepentingan, termasuk kerajaan, sekolah, ibu bapa dan kejiranan.

Sebagai contoh, penguatkuasaan undang-undang yang sering digunapakai untuk menghukum pembuli boleh ditambahbaik dengan melaksanakan konsep keselamatan berasaskan komuniti. Antaranya mengintegrasikan pembelajaran sosioemosi ke dalam kurikulum sekolah yang memfokuskan kepada nilai empati dan penyelesaian konflik secara berkesan.

Landskap sekolah umpamanya juga boleh disusun atur untuk mewujudkan zon selamat dan menambah baik penyeliaan di kawasan yang berpotensi berlaku kes buli.

Usaha mentransformasi komuniti ini mampu mewujudkan satu persekitaran yang kalis buli serta memangkin satu bentuk perubahan yang bersifat kekal dan holistik.

Usaha menoktahkan buli memerlukan pemahaman yang nuansa tentang perubahan peringkat pertama dan kedua serta aplikasinya dalam komuniti. Perubahan peringkat pertama amat diperlukan untuk penambahbaikan segera dan perubahan peringkat kedua adalah sokongan penting untuk menangani punca buli dan mewujudkan transformasi positif yang berkekalan dalam komuniti.

Dengan menggabungkan dua pendekatan ini, komuniti boleh menangani punca dan mudarat perilaku buli dan memastikan strategi komprehensif yang bersesuaian dengan keperluan semasa di samping menggalakkan perubahan budaya jangka panjang.

Pendekatan holistik ini tidak hanya mengurangkan kerungsingan komuniti terhadap bahaya buli, bahkan turut memangkin persekitaran yang selamat di mana setiap individu berasa dihargai dan dihormati, sekaligus membina komuniti yang harmoni dan sejahtera.

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MELAKA: Semua agensi keselamatan di bawah Kementerian Dalam Negeri (KDN) meningkatkan pemeriksaan di semua pintu masuk negara termasuk di laluan tikus bagi menyekat wabak Mpox.

Menterinya, Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution Ismail berkata, pihaknya memberi keutamaan di empat dari 141 pintu masuk iaitu di Lapangan Terbang Antarabangsa Kuala Lumpur (KLIA) Terminal 1 dan Terminal 2; Bangunan Sultan Iskandar dan Kompleks Sultan Abu Bakar.

Menurut beliau, sekalipun keadaan terkawal namun KDN dan Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) mewujudkan kerjasama bersepadu sebagai langkah menyekat ancaman wabak Mpox.

Katanya, walaupun belum ada kes berkaitan wabak itu direkodkan namun pihaknya

membuat persediaan awal bagi menggelak penularan.

"Sewaktu Mesyuarat Kabinet yang lepas kita telah dimaklumkan oleh Menteri Kesihatan Datuk Seri Dr. Dzulkefly Ahmad tentang keadaan semasa Mpox serta langkah-langkah kawalan di pintu masuk negara.

"Di setiap pintu masuk perlu dilakukan ialah pemeriksaan suhu badan dan simptom yang membawa kepada gejala Mpox dan keadaan dilaporkan jauh sangat terkawal.

"Walaupun keadaan dilaporkan sangat terkawal namun kita mengambil pendekatan waspada walaupun kita mendengar dari negara jiran tentang adanya gejala itu tapi biar kita berpandu kepada KKM untuk tindakan selanjutnya kerana mereka ada indikator tertentu," katanya di sini semalam.



SAIFUDDIN Nasution Ismail bercakap mengenai kawalan pintu sempadan selepas hadir Istiadat Penganugerahan Darjah, Bintang dan Pingat Kebesaran Negeri Melaka di Ayer Keroh, Melaka semalam.
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Santun di alam maya, elak jadi pembuli siber

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SAUDARA PENGARANG,

AKSES yang mudah kepada platform media sosial ternyata meningkatkan peluang buli siber berlaku. Buli siber boleh membawa kepada kesan yang serius terhadap mangsa dan sering menjadi punca masalah kesihatan mental seperti tekanan perasaan dan kemurungan.

Serangan yang berterusan turut merudumkan keyakinan diri mangsa dan mereka cenderung untuk menarik diri dari pergaulan sosial bagi mengelakkan serangan buli siber lebih lanjut.

Masih ramai individu yang tidak memahami sepenuhnya impak buli siber, termasuk tindakan undang-undang yang boleh dikenakan terhadap pelaku.

Di Malaysia, undang-undang Akta Komunikasi dan Multimedia 1998 telah diperkenalkan untuk menangani buli siber, tetapi penguatkuasaannya masih menjadi cabaran.

Media pada awal Mac 2024 melaporkan bahawa Kementerian Komunikasi akan meneliti semula akta ini setelah mendapat kelulusan secara dasar daripada Mesyuarat Jemaah Menteri. Antara perkara yang akan diteliti semula adalah nilai denda yang dikenakan lantaran nilainya masih sama walaupun setelah 26 tahun akta tersebut ditubuhkan.

Di samping itu, pelbagai kempen kesedaran dijalankan oleh pihak kerajaan dan organisasi bukan kerajaan (NGO) untuk mendidik masyarakat mengenai bahaya buli siber.

Kementerian Komunikasi dilihat giat melaksanakan pelbagai kempen bagi mendidik masyarakat mengenai buli siber dan cara melaporkannya. Suruhanjaya Komunikasi dan Multimedia Malaysia (MCMC) juga dilaporkan akan bekerjasama dengan Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM) bagi meneliti prosedur operasi standard (SOP) agar dapat memudahkan lagi proses aduan buli siber.

Dalam usaha pembentukan masyarakat yang harmoni, setiap individu berperanan dalam menjadi warganet yang berhemah. Rakyat Malaysia seharusnya lebih berhati-hati dan bersifat lebih sensitif sewaktu menggunakan media sosial. Elak mengeluarkan sebarang perkataan ketika beremosi, hindari padah yang tidak diundang.

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Hanya geram tidak selesai isu keselamatan wanita - Nancy

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NANCY SYUKRI

KUALA LUMPUR: "Kita sangat-sangat geram setiap kali dengar kes bunuh, rogol dan dera seperti ini tapi geram sahaja tidak cukup sebaliknya perlu ada tindakan dalam kalangan kita semua."

Demikian respons Menteri Pembangunan Wanita, Keluarga dan Masyarakat, Datuk Seri Nancy Syukri ekoran peningkatan kes-kes jenayah melibatkan wanita dan kanak-kanak sejak akhir-akhir ini.

Menurut beliau, pihak berkuasa termasuk kerajaan perlu melakukan program kesedaran mengenai keselamatan golongan wanita per-

lu didedahkan kepada golongan itu seawal usia kanak-kanak bagi menangani isu-isu membabitkan wanita.

"Terdapat isu-isu jenayah yang membahayakan keselamatan menyebabkan ramai wanita berasa tertekan dan terpaksa memikul beban yang berat sehingga memberikan kesan buruk terhadap kehidupan mereka.

"Advokasi berterusan ini bukan sahaja tertumpu kepada golongan dewasa, tetapi juga kanak-kanak di peringkat sekolah.

"Ini adalah masalah yang sangat serius dan perlu diberi perha-

tian oleh semua pihak. Keseluruhan komuniti, termasuk kerajaan, perlu bertindak bersama-sama untuk menangani isu ini," katanya selepas Sesi Pembentangan Hasil Malaysia Care Economy Forum (MCEF 2024) sempena Sambutan Hari Wanita ke-63 di M Resort Hotel Kuala Lumpur, di sini semalam.

Nancy menegaskan masalah penderaan atau pengabaian dalam kalangan wanita juga perlu diam-bil serius.

"Walaupun pendekatan mungkin berbeza, ia tetap tidak mencukupi. Ini adalah tanggungjawab bersama untuk memastikan se-

mua pihak, tanpa mengira umur, memahami dan mengambil tindakan yang sewajarnya," tambahnya.

Nancy berkata, kerajaan juga kena terus komited dalam memastikan industri penjagaan dan memperkasakan wanita terus terjaga melalui pelbagai inisiatif yang diperkenalkan.

"Antara inisiatif yang dilaksanakan termasuk bantuan kewangan untuk penjagaan kanak-kanak, penubuhan pusat penjagaan kanak-kanak di tempat kerja, pelanjutan cuti bersalin kepada 98 hari, serta pengenalan cuti paterniti untuk sektor swasta," ujarnya.

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TASK FORCE TO STUDY AREA

MAYOR: KUALA LUMPUR IS SAFE

She says City Hall will only consider areas unsafe if studies provide evidence

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KUALA Lumpur Mayor Datuk Seri Maimunah Mohd Sharif has eased fears about structural safety in the nation's capital following the appearance of a sinkhole in Jalan Masjid India that swallowed a woman on Friday.

"In my view, Kuala Lumpur remains safe," she said at a press conference yesterday.

"We will only consider it unsafe if studies provide evidence to the contrary, despite the alarming media reports," she said in response to a claim on social media that the city was the most unsafe place in the country, with the potential for a "giant sinkhole" to occur any time.

Maimunah said Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) had mobilised a task force, including the police, Fire and Rescue Department, Civil Defence Department and the Minerals and Geoscience Department, to assess the safety of the area.

"However, I have set up a task force... to further review and investigate this area. The task force has already been activated and will proceed to work as quickly as possible," she said.



Kuala Lumpur Mayor Datuk Seri Maimunah Mohd Sharif addressing a press conference on the third day of the search-and-rescue operation for a woman who fell into the sinkhole in Jalan Masjid India on Friday.

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She also said that DBKL was supporting the victim's family with accommodation, meals and counselling services.

The victim, Vijayaletchumi, 48, an Indian national, fell into the sinkhole on Friday and has not been found.

Maimunah said that the police would coordinate with the Indian High Commission to extend the visas of Vijayaletchumi's family members, who are currently in the country.

Her husband and eldest son are reported to be here, and they have been kept informed about the search-and-rescue efforts.

The operation will continue until she is located.

Dang Wangi police chief Assistant Commissioner Sulizmie Afendy Sulaiman confirmed that the authorities had yet to determine the full extent of the search.

"We had a meeting earlier chaired by the mayor. We will persist with the search-and-rescue operation until the victim is found," he said.

When asked if he had spoken with the victim's family members, Sulizmie confirmed that he had spoken with them.

"Yes, the family members are key witnesses, especially those who were with the victim (during the incident).

"According to the information I have, during the incident, the vic-

tim's sibling was walking ahead, and when the victim fell, the sibling went to check but could not see her at all," he said.

Indah Water Konsortium (IWK) will carry out "flushing" operations in the Pantai Dalam sewerage system to aid in locating the victim.

Maimunah said yesterday that the rescue team was searching in manhole five (Agro Bank Lebuah Pasar) and manhole six (Jalan Kinabalu).

"The Fire and Rescue Department is also conducting searches at the end point, which is the IWK Pantai Dalam plant."

"Additionally, IWK will carry out flushing work downstream

and they have a complete mapping of the area. They have also agreed to conduct an integrity test in this area," she said.

At the press conference were Sulizmie, Kuala Lumpur Fire and Rescue Department deputy director Rozihan Anwar Mamat and IWK chief executive officer Narendran Maniam.

Rozihan said the re-inspection at manholes five and six was necessary due to slow water currents.

However, he said the inspection that was completed at 5.30pm yielded negative results.

"Based on yesterday's (Saturday's) findings after inspecting all six manholes, we found that (water current) in manholes five and six was slow.

"This might be due to blockages or debris. We re-inspected the area to ensure that both manholes had nothing obstructing them," he said.

On Saturday night, the authorities had finished inspecting all six manholes from Jalan Masjid India to the sewerage pond in Pantai Dalam.

The authorities were searching along a 7km sewage line, which was accessible from the six manholes. One rescue personnel in full protective equipment was sent in to avoid the danger posed by toxic gases from the sewer.

The six manholes were located in front of Wisma Yakin, in Jalan Melayu, at the Jalan Melayu intersection, in Dataran Merdeka, near Bank Pertanian Lebuah Pasar and in Bulatan Kinabalu.

Page 1 pic: Policemen and Kuala Lumpur City Hall personnel standing near the sinkhole in Jalan Masjid India yesterday.

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Her Majesty Raja Zarith Sofiah, Queen of Malaysia, being greeted by a participant at the 63rd National Women's Day celebration in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. Present is the prime minister's wife, Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail. BERNAMA PIC

63RD NATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Queen: Our duty to promote women's rights

KUALA LUMPUR: Her Majesty Raja Zarith Sofiah, Queen of Malaysia, yesterday said it is the people's duty to promote women's rights to ensure they can contribute to society.

Her Majesty said since 1962, thanks to a robust education and healthcare system, women in Malaysia have been able to take part in the workforce and contribute to the country's social and economic development.

However, she said, many women were still unable to stay in the workforce, despite being highly educated and having women- or family-friendly policies and incentives.

"Most of the time, when a woman leaves her job, it's to care for a young child, an elderly parent, or family members with special needs.

"Often, there is no extended family available to assist.

"Women also find themselves as caregivers, even without training.

"Most care facilities, such as preschools and homes for elderly care, are typically beyond the financial means of many families."

The Queen said this in her royal address at the 63rd National Women's Day celebration.

Her Majesty said care was a fundamental human need and necessity, and so, it was essential to address the challenges of caring

for families.

This became more pressing as the country's population aged rapidly, and the number of children with special needs, such as autism, cerebral palsy, and Down syndrome, continued to rise, she added.

She stressed the importance of not neglecting vulnerable groups, including stateless children, refugees and migrant workers.

"In a caring society, all people should be treated with equal dignity and respect. We must try to ensure that no one is left behind.

"Everyone should have access to basic necessities, and our children should have better opportunities than we have had. Those who cannot care for themselves must be cared for."

Her Majesty expressed concern that many continued to face financial hardship, leading to hunger, illness, a lack of education, unemployment, homelessness, neglect, or even abandonment by their families and kin.

Present were the prime minister's wife, Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail; Women, Family and Community Development Minister Datuk Seri Nancy Shukri; and National Council of Women's Organisations Malaysia president Professor Emerita Tan Sri Dr Sharifah Hapsah Syed Hasan. **Bernama**

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EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

LET'S AIM FOR ZERO ACCIDENTS

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ON Zero Accident Day today, we stress that all road users must share the responsibility of ensuring safer roads.

The high quality and accurate road crash and fatality data collected by the police is meaningless unless the government and road users take steps to improve road safety.

Potholes and uneven road surfaces significantly contribute to accidents. Reports indicate that around 60 per cent of federal roads in Malaysia have exceeded their service life and require urgent repairs.

The government must prioritise upgrading these roads and impose stricter penalties on overloaded commercial vehicles, which studies have shown are a leading cause of premature road damage, particularly in rural areas.

In 2008, it was found that 27 per cent of the one million registered commercial vehicles were overloaded, causing roads to deteriorate within the first three years, despite being designed to last up to a decade.

The Malaysian Institute of Road Safety Research has reported that heavy vehicles are involved in 25 per cent of fatal accidents, often because overloaded vehicles require longer distances to stop.

Another factor contributing to poor road conditions is substandard remedial work by third-party contractors.

In 2018, the Public Works Department, Malaysian Highway Authority, Kuala Lumpur City Hall and Petaling Jaya City Coun-



Heavy reliance on private cars and motorcycles exacerbates traffic congestion and stress. FILE PIC

cil attributed this to contractors failing to meet standards.

Payments to these underperforming contractors should be withheld until their work meets standards.

By the end of 2023, Malaysia had 17,244,978 cars, 16,773,112 motorcycles and 1,429,403 goods transport vehicles, as well as 915,494 buses, rental cars and other vehicles that do not fall into these categories.

Heavy reliance on private cars and motorcycles over public transport exacerbates traffic conges-

tion, road accidents and stress.

The rising number of road accidents and fatalities is alarming. It's important to note that reported accidents do not account for many minor incidents that go unreported.

Post Covid-19, there has been a significant increase in accidents, with motorcyclists being the most frequent victims, followed by car occupants.

Road users must practice road etiquette to prevent accidents, which should not be measured solely by fatalities.

Accidents cause trauma, hospitalisation and lengthy legal and insurance processes, none of which is worth it to gain a few seconds on the road.

Developing an efficient public transport system, managed by the government, is crucial.

The success of public transport hinges on four factors: affordability, convenience (including the availability of feeder buses), regularity and punctuality.

Once these are addressed, the government can implement vehicle ownership deterrence mea-

asures, such as end-of-life policies for cars more than 15 years old, tolls for passenger vehicles entering central business districts and a two-hour parking rule to prevent vehicles from occupying spots for extended periods.

It's perplexing that the government offers discounts for traffic fines, especially during festive seasons, encouraging traffic violators to wait for these opportunities to settle their fines at reduced rates.

A recent report revealed that 41 million traffic fines, amounting to RM4 billion, remain unpaid by traffic offenders from 1990 to June this year.

Of these, 51,128 fines, totalling RM5.1 million, involve nationals from Singapore, Brunei and Thailand.

Despite discounts, Malaysians owe the majority of the RM4 billion in fines.

The police and Road Transport Department should consider refusing road tax renewals to those with unpaid fines.

Foreign nationals could be barred from entering Malaysia until they settle their fines. This can prevent offenders from leaving the country without accountability.

Achieving zero accidents requires prioritising road maintenance, enforcing stricter regulations, promoting public transport and holding traffic violators accountable.

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Raising awareness key to fighting financial scams

► Be patient, carefully check links before clicking to avert falling victim to fraud: Expert

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KUALA LUMPUR: Awareness campaigns are key to combating financial scams, said Emerging Journey Asia (EJAsia) managing director Shah Marley (*pic*).

He stressed the need to intensify awareness efforts to better protect the public.

"For me, awareness is the most important, campaigns and awareness programmes. Complaints (on scams) will always be there, and we have to understand that authorities have many other cases to handle," he told *SunBiz* in an interview.

He said when people fall victim to a scam, they often blame the banks, which cannot help in such cases.

"According to the law, if you've transferred money willingly, the authorities can't do much because you made the transfer yourself.

"Even if someone transfers money

unknowingly, they still pressed the button, and that's what the authorities will say - they can't do anything because the transfer was made by the victim themselves," he said.

Shah said radio, TV, newspapers and online platforms are already addressing this issue, but there is a need to push harder.

"We hope to raise awareness so people don't trust things too easily, especially when it comes to financial matters."

Shah said the key is for people to be patient and to carefully check links before clicking - especially for older individuals who might click on links more impulsively.

"If you're unsure, Google it or ask a friend, take a screenshot and ask the bank, or consult someone who works in the relevant field," he advised.

Shah cited personal experience to illustrate the point.

"I once received an email from 'Shell' saying they'd give me money. I thought, 'Is this real?' and I clicked on it, only to have my computer get hacked," he shared.

Shah cited other examples, such as scams involving fake wedding invitations where clicking on these links can lead directly to one's banking details.

He said some scammers even impersonate officials or send fake legal documents, purportedly from the Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia or involving the Anti-Money Laundering Act.

Shah said scams have become so sophisticated that they specifically target senior citizens by accessing databases, including Employees Provident Fund records for individuals aged 55 or older.

"Their main targets are senior citizens because they tend to click on things right away. Younger people might not open these links, but our parents or other elderly people might."

He added that beyond scams, there are lots of other criminal activities, such as online gambling, which has become quite common.

"If you're normal, you should think about how to spend money wisely for your family and not on unnecessary things. But if you don't have enough to survive, you might think, 'Oh, I can make money through online gambling, which is also a scam,'" Shah warned.

He said, "This is why programmes that raise awareness are so important so people don't keep getting fooled. Especially parents, who have responsibilities and might not be aware of these scams."

Shah said the problem of financial scams is not specific to Malaysia as it is a global issue affecting people everywhere because "we're all increasingly reliant on digital technology".

"Everyone needs to be alert and aware of everything. There are no bombs dropping, but we need to be vigilant. Every link you receive could be a scam, so don't trust things too easily," he added.



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Ensure stop to bullying cases at defence varsity: DPM

KUALA LUMPUR: Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi has asked Defence Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin to ensure bullying cases do not happen again at Universiti Pertahanan Nasional Malaysia.

He said the country was recently shocked by a fatal bullying incident involving students at the university and such acts should not have happened.

"Datuk Seri Khaled, the university is under the Defence Ministry, so ensure bullying does not happen again there," the Umno president said during his speech at the closing of the Umno General Assembly on Saturday.

He was referring to the incident in which six former university students were sentenced to death for the murder of Navy Cadet Officer Zulfarhan Osman Zulkarnain by the Appeals Court on July 23.

He said according to data from the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission, there are 10 cases daily of bullying, including physical bullying and cyberbullying, in schools and universities.

"Rajeswary Apphu, also known as Esha, committed suicide due to cyberbullying. On March 29, a vocational college student, aged 17, was beaten to death in a dormitory room."

On another matter, Ahmad Zahid, who is also National Disaster Management Committee chairman, instructed the National Disaster Management Agency (Nadma) to go to Slim River in Perak immediately to help with the reconstruction of bridges that collapsed due to floods on Friday.

"I have ordered the Civil Defence Force, Nadma and the state disaster management committee to go and assist in the repairs and help flood evacuees as soon as possible." — Bernama

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Ministry developing digital fleet 2018 Jun

KUALA LUMPUR: The Defence Ministry is exploring the best approach to developing a large-scale digital fleet, said Defence Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin.

He said future threats and warfare would increasingly occur in the digital realm, prompting the ministry to make significant investments to ensure that the nation's digital fleet ranks among the best in the world.

"All national defence domains will undergo extensive and carefully planned transformation and modernisation in the coming years.

"This is crucial because threats to our sovereignty now come in various complex and multifaceted forms.

"Adversaries can cripple our infrastructure through cyberattacks, and they could potentially breach our defence systems with sustained and coordinated cyberattacks.

"Defending the nation's sovereignty is the core duty of the Defence Ministry," he said at the Umno general assembly 2024 on Saturday.

Mohamed Khaled, who is also Umno vice-president, said the reintroduction of the National Service Training Programme is aimed at shaping a new generation to uphold the nation's independence. - Bernama

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