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GETTING highrise residents to separate their waste properly remains a major challenge although solid waste separation at source is now mandatory in Kuala Lumpur.

Federal Territories Solid Waste Management and Public Cleansing Corporation (SWCorp) chief executive officer Khalid Mohamed said while joint management bodies (JMB) and management committees (MC) were responsible for ensuring compliance, the diversity and dense population at such buildings complicated the effort.

"Not all residents understand or consistently practise waste segregation at home.

"The role of the JMB or MC is to ensure residents dispose of waste at designated collection points according to correct waste categories.

"This means residents are required to segregate their waste at home before bringing it down to the collection point," he said in a written reply to StarMetro.

Khalid said SWCorp carried out regular enforcement at all

highrise in Kuala Lumpur.

In 2024, a total of 469 JMBs or MCs overseeing stratified residences in Kuala Lumpur were inspected.

"During these inspections, the designated waste collection points within each stratified property were thoroughly assessed to ensure compliance with waste management regulations.

"We also provide detailed explanations to JMBs and MCs about their responsibility in ensuring the separation of recyclable waste and residual waste at designated collection points.

"As of now, enforcement is targeted at landed premises in Kuala Lumpur.

"No compounds have been issued to the JMB or MC of highrise," he said.

Since Sept 1, 2015, the government has made solid waste segregation at source mandatory, in line with the Solid Waste and Public Cleansing Management Act 2007 (Act 672).

The Federal Territories of Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya are among states that have



Khalid: SWCorp is stepping up efforts to combat unauthorised drain modifications by working hand-in-hand with local authorities.

adopted Act 672, along with Pahang, Johor, Melaka, Negri Sembilan, Perlis and Kedah. According to SWCorp, implementation efforts were carried out in three phases.

Phase 1, from Aug 1 to Dec 31, 2016 – focused on notifying and engaging JMBs to ensure they understood the importance of separation at source.

Phase 2, from Jan 1 to June 30, 2017, introduced inspections

while engagement efforts continued.

These inspections, carried out using a separation-at-source implementation checklist for residential highrise, was for assessing compliance.

JMBs failing to implement solid waste segregation initiatives would receive warning letters.

Phase 3 began on July 1, 2017, marking the enforcement stage.

Stricter actions were introduced to ensure compliance with separation-at-source regulations.

For highrise properties, Khalid said SWCorp had issued reminders to the JMB and MC to intensify engagement with residents to ensure proper waste segregation and to make it a daily practice.

"We have consistently carried out public awareness campaigns for various target group activities including talks and exhibitions held both in and outside of non-Act states."

SWCorp has held 3,054 exhibitions and 5,369 talks nationwide since 2016, with 527 exhibitions

and 500 talks in 2024 regarding SAS awareness.

Khalid said SWCorp, through waste concessionaire Alam Flora, had provided two types of recycling collection facilities – dry-mix recyclables (DMR bins) and recycling cages.

"A total of 105 DMR bins and 990 recycling cages have been placed in highrise buildings in Putrajaya and Kuala Lumpur."

To ensure recyclable waste in highrise residences do not get mixed with general waste, SWCorp has instructed concessionaires to place dedicated DMR bins near rubbish houses.

"This makes it easier for residents to separate recyclables from regular rubbish.

"SWCorp also requires waste concessionaires to use dedicated vehicles for collecting recyclables so that the rubbish that residents have separated, doesn't end up in the landfill," he said.

To keep things on track, SWCorp carries out routine monitoring to ensure that contractors are not mixing recyclables with general waste.

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LDP flood mitigation project ready in May, says Subang Jaya mayor

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THE flood mitigation project along Damansara-Puchong Highway (LDP) highway is in its final stages, with full completion expected in May.

Subang Jaya mayor Datuk Amirul Azizan Abd Rahim said the project, first announced on Nov 5, 2023, was about 85% complete.

Amirul Azizan was speaking at a press conference after chairing the Subang Jaya City Council (MBSJ) full board meeting.

Initially slated for completion in 2024, the project was delayed



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multiple times due to weather conditions and traffic management issues hindering the con-

tractor's work hours.

MBSJ Engineering Department director Dr Mohd Ariffuddin Kamari, who was at the press conference, said he had visited the site to check on the progress.

He said work on the pipe culverts, installed using jacking techniques across the LDP from Pusat Bandar Puchong to IOI Mall, was almost finished.

The final step, he said, would be connecting the pipes.

He added that the pipe realignment was part of measures to upgrade the drainage system in both upstream and downstream areas.

The RM5.7mil mitigation

project was mooted in response to a series of flash floods that caused significant damage, including submerging the carpark and lower floor of Puchong IOI Mall under 0.3m of water.

The project cost is being borne by IOI Corporation Bhd, LDP highway concessionaire Litrak and the city council.

Amirul Azizan also highlighted the need for MBSJ to be on alert for flash floods as Malaysia was currently in the monsoon transition phase, expected to last until May.

"This season typically brings strong winds and heavy rain in

short bursts, particularly in the late afternoon and early evening across numerous states including Selangor.

"These weather conditions have the potential to cause flash flooding, uproot trees and damage poorly-constructed structures," he added.

In light of this, he announced that MBSJ's Squad Pantas would be operating round the clock from tomorrow to April 2, during the Hari Raya Aidilfitri period, to handle complaints and respond to emergencies.

After this period, the Squad Pantas centre will resume its usual hours, from 8am to 11pm.

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AN UNLICENSED warehouse in Selangor, being used for sorting recyclable waste, has been fined and ordered to apply for licence.

Klang Royal City Council (MBDK) Corporate Communications Department director Norfiza Mahfiz said the warehouse on Jalan Selat Selatan in Pandamaran was issued two compounds totalling RM2,000.

"Checks by the city council's Licensing and Enforcement Department found that the business owner had been operating without the required licence.

"One compound fine was issued for not having a licence to keep a lorry and roll-on-roll-off (Roro) bins, while the other fine was issued for storing scrap and recyclable items.

Pandamaran waste separation operations ordered to apply for licence

"Both the compoundable fines were issued under the council's Trade, Business and Industrial Licensing Bylaws (MPK) 2007."

Checks on the warehouse by enforcement officers was led by MBDK Licensing department legal officer Muhammad Azlan Ab Malek.

Norfiza said the business owner was warned not to take in any new consignments of recyclable waste until the necessary council licence was obtained.

However, the city council was allowing the operator to sort the existing waste as part of its efforts to support businesses that

recover valuable materials and minimise the amount of rubbish sent to landfills, she said.

Meanwhile, Norfiza said checks on a rubbish separation and sorting premises in Jalan Sungai Chandong, Bandar Armada Putra in Pulau Indah, found that it was operating without a licence.

"It is a repeat offender despite MBDK having previously taken action against the operator."

She said the Licensing department issued a notice to the operator to cease work under the Trade, Business and Industrial Licensing Bylaws (MPK) 2007, until the business was legalised.



MBDK issued two compounds totalling RM2,000 in fines to an unlicensed warehouse operator involved in waste separation and sorting recyclables. — Courtesy photo

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PETALING Jaya City Council (MBPJ) is stepping up efforts to tackle flash floods, with plans to address the issue and improve the city's preparedness.

The local council said it had identified 53 flood hotspots, with 28 resolved and 19 in progress.

Six other areas would require cooperation from other parties, it said in a media statement.

Key measures include activating underground water tanks and installing CCTV cameras in high-risk areas.

These are in addition to placing a system to monitor and prevent backflow at rivers while improving drainage maintenance.

The MBPJ statement came after a visit by Selangor water, agriculture, infrastructure and mobility select committee chairman Michelle Ng to MBPJ headquarters and a detention pond in Petaling Jaya.

Ng, in a separate statement, said the visit underscored the importance of exploring innovative water detention systems.

"Flood mitigation and water retention require more than conventional approaches," the Subang Jaya assemblyman said.

"Innovation is key to tackling these challenges, either by integrating water detention systems into existing urban spaces or using technology for better flow management," she said.

She also called on local author-

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ities to collaborate and share expertise to identify better solutions in combating flash floods.

"This means more investment in research, promoting inter-agency cooperation and having better regulatory frameworks to create more effective solutions," she added.

During the Selangor assembly sitting on Jan 25, state infrastructure and agriculture committee chairman Datuk Izham Hashim said 53 flood mitigation projects had been planned in Petaling Jaya.

He said more than half of these were completed and six of the remaining ongoing projects were being carried out by developers.

"A majority of flood issues under the purview of local authorities involve drain widening and on-site retention to hold stormwater.

"These projects come under the Drainage and Irrigation Department, MBPJ and third parties who are usually developers," he was quoted as saying.



The river diversion project at Sungai Kayu Ara is among the many flood mitigation projects that have been completed in Petaling Jaya. — Filepic

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STAR METRO WATCH

BULK WASTE COLLECTION

> Ampang Jaya Municipal Council and KDEB Waste Management Sdn Bhd are providing free bulk waste collection for landed properties until March 29 in conjunction with Hari Raya Aidilfitri. For details, call 019-375 9592/019-375 3980 or WhatsApp 019-274 2824.

> Roll-on, roll-off bins for bulk waste collection will be placed at 384 locations under Shah Alam City Council's jurisdiction until March 30. For details, call Public Cleaning and Waste Sustainability Department at 03-5510 5133 ext 1316/1644.

SOCIAL IMPACT GRANT

Applications are open for Star Social Impact Grant (SSIG) supporting impactful and sustainable projects focused on environmental stewardship and community empowerment in Malaysia. Successful applicants will receive funding of up to RM50,000 per project. Applications must be submitted by March 31. For details, visit bit.ly/starsig

BEST TOILET AWARDS

Housing and Local Government Ministry is running the Toilet of the Year award. Local authorities, schools, restaurants, hotels, petrol stations, shopping centres, rest areas and houses of worship can submit entries until April 30. For details, visit jkt.kpkt.gov.my or call 03-8891 3302 /3308 /3378.

END OF BUS SERVICE

Smart Selangor bus routes SPG 3 (Cyberjaya Transport Terminal to Pekan Salak) and SPG 4 (IOI City Mall bus terminal to Taman Seroja, Bandar Baru Salak Tinggi) will end on March 31. For details, visit Sepang Municipal Council's website or social media pages.

S'GOR FORESTRY NOTICES

> All Eco Forest Parks under the Selangor Forestry Department will be closed on March 31 and April 1 for Hari Raya. For details, visit the Selangor Forestry social media pages.

> Starting April 1, visitors to permanent forest reserves can use the Selangor Forestry e-Permit System (SeForest) to apply for hiking and recreation permits.

> From March 24, the Selangor Tengah District Forestry Office will operate from KM 21, Jalan Subang, Sungai Buloh, Selangor, after its relocation.

USED COOKING OIL

> Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) is organising a "Used Cooking Oil Collection Contest" which ends today. This contest is open to two categories: Ramadan bazaar vendors, stall owners, restaurants as well as the public and MBPJ staff. Used oil will be purchased at RM2.50 each kg. For details call the Department of Solid Waste Management and Public Cleaning at 03-7954 1440.

> Ipoh City Council is collecting used cooking oil at Ramadan bazaars throughout the city. Collection is done every day except Sunday. For details and locations, WhatsApp 012-391 4113/ 016-576 9313.

CLINIC CLOSURE

Klinik Kesihatan Section 7, Shah Alam, will be closed for upgrading and repairs from April 14 to Oct 6. Services will be relocated to other facilities namely Dewan Melati Section 7; Klinik Kesihatan Section 19, Klinik Kesihatan UTC Selangor, Klinik Kesihatan Kota Damansara, Petaling Jaya.

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'Nab litterbugs before Visit Malaysia 2026'

PETALING JAYA: Establishing community service for serial litterbugs should be expedited, as it can help deter irresponsible dumping ahead of Visit Malaysia 2026, say groups.

Federation of Malaysian Consumers Association (Fomca) chief executive officer Saravanan Thambirajah said delaying action may signal tolerance for behaviour that affects the environment, public health, tourism and local government costs.

"However, fast-tracking the law should also be accompanied by robust public education and consultation to ensure it is accepted, understood and effectively implemented," he said.

The government tabled amendments to three acts related to public hygiene on March 5. The government may soon order litterbugs to perform community service, and those who fail to comply will face a fine ranging from RM2,000 to RM10,000.

Saravanan said requiring litterbugs to perform community service, especially cleaning public spaces, is a constructive and educational approach.

"It serves as a deterrent and helps instil a sense of responsibility and accountability among offenders.

"The visibility of such penalties – particularly if special uniforms are worn – can serve as a powerful public reminder that littering has real consequences," he said.

However, he said enforcement must be done transparently and without discrimination.

"Authorities must avoid targeting only certain socio-economic groups or locations.

"Public awareness campaigns should clearly outline the laws and penalties to avoid ambiguity.

"There should also be provisions for appeals and community engagement so that the punishment fits the offence and is not considered overly punitive or stigmatising," he said, adding that uniform enforcement should be across urban and rural areas.

He said education and awareness must go hand in hand with enforcement.

"Starting from schools, envi-



Let's do better: Fast-tracking community service for serial litterbugs can help deter irresponsible dumping ahead of Visit Malaysia 2026, say groups. — SHAARI CHEMAT/The Star

ronmental responsibility should be part of the curriculum.

"Local councils and NGOs can collaborate to run anti-littering campaigns, provide adequate bins and recycling facilities, and organise community clean-up events," he said.

He added that incentivising cleanliness – such as through competitions or rewards – can also foster positive behaviour.

"Ultimately, long-term change depends on shaping societal attitudes towards public hygiene and shared spaces," he said.

Consumers Association of Penang senior education officer NV Subbarow said proactive measures should be taken now to raise more awareness of the harms of littering before the law comes into force.

He said this includes having the authorities play pre-recorded messages on loudspeakers during patrols to instil awareness of littering, similar to what was done when the smoking ban at restaurants came into effect in 2019.

Subbarow added that the process builds the authorities' omni-

presence and reminds people to discard waste correctly.

"Back then, the messages reminded people not to smoke in restaurants, but now it can be about not simply throwing waste. This can start at known littering hotspots or public areas.

"We need to instil such habits in fellow Malaysians ahead of Visit Malaysia 2026, as we don't want tourists to see rubbish all around," he pointed out.

He said the announcements could also prove more efficient at getting people's attention.

"Relevant enforcement officers can also add a human touch by reminding the public of proper waste disposal during their patrols on foot," he said.

He noted that community leaders can also play their part when meeting fellow residents.

"Community service for litterbugs is also timely. This will deter people from doing so, especially if the community service is highly publicised," Subbarow added.

Radzuan Samsudin, deputy president of a resident group in Bandar Kinrara, Puchong, said the residential area he lives in

faces the problem of bulk waste dumping, including furniture, despite the local council putting up signboards warning residents against throwing out bulk items in the area.

"Introducing community service to the litterbugs would deter people from irresponsible dumping.

"Those hearing of others having gone through such community service would also be reminded that they too could face such action," Radzuan added.

Resident group president of Shah Alam Mushthaq Ahmad Ibrahim said the law should be enforced appropriately.

"This should also impact foreign workers and tourists, as in other developed countries," he said.

He added that foreign workers working at housing construction sites were contributing to the littering in his neighbourhood.

"In areas with foreigners or low-income areas, rubbish is not being discarded properly.

"This causes the disposal area to become infested with rodents, potentially causing harm to public health," he said.

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Community service for litterbugs soon?

On March 4, amendments to three Acts related to public hygiene were tabled for their first reading in the Dewan Rakyat.

They are the:

- Local Government Act 1976
- Street, Drainage and Building Act 1974
- Solid Waste and Public Cleansing Management Act 2007



- Amendments allow the court to sentence a person convicted of offences under relevant sections to complete up to 12 hours of community service.
- It can be carried out up to four hours a day but must be completed within six months.
- Courts have to identify if the convicted person can perform community service based on their physical and mental condition.
- Once sentenced, a local authority official determines the type, time and place for the community service.
- Local authorities will be allowed to make by-laws to prescribe the type of community service performed.
- Any person failing to comply with the community service order face a fine of between RM2,000 and RM10,000.
- Offenders under 18 will be subjected to provisions under the Child Act 2001 related to community service orders.

Source: Dewan Rakyat

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Emphasise education, not just punishment

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PETALING JAYA: Education, and not just punishment, should be the objective of having serial litterbugs carry out community service, say environmental groups.

While welcoming the move, they said education should be carried out holistically at early education levels to ingrain the habit of keeping surroundings clean.

Sahabat Alam Malaysia honorary secretary Mageswari Sangaralingam said community service must take an educational approach towards the harms of littering.

"It should create a greater sense of responsibility towards both the environment and community.

Making community service "visible" will also reinforce the consequences of littering, she said when contacted.

She said installing surveillance cameras in identified hotspots can help detect perpetrators.

"The local authorities would be aware of these areas," she said, also mooted the establishment of public service hotlines to report littering.

"When there are tip-offs, local authorities and enforcement agencies must act quickly and take the necessary action," she added.

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High time to clean up our act

New litter law will boost tourism appeal, say industry players

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PETALING JAYA: The new law against litterbugs can help improve Malaysia's image as a tourist destination, particularly in urban centres and natural attractions, where cleanliness significantly influences visitor experience, says the Malaysian Tourism Federation (MTF).

Its president Datuk Tan Kok Liang said unsightly streets and polluted beaches may discourage return visits and word-of-mouth recommendations.

"The proposed amendments, if strictly enforced and accompanied by strong public awareness campaigns, could lead to long-term improvements in cleanli-

ness," he said.

"Over time, such actions would enhance Malaysia's reputation as a well-maintained and eco-conscious travel destination, appealing to domestic and international tourists."

He added that fast-tracking the amendments would ensure that Malaysia presents a cleaner, more welcoming image before Visit Malaysia 2026.

"A cleaner environment contributes to positive visitor experience, enhances Malaysia's reputation as a sustainable travel destination and aligns with global eco-tourism trends.

"If the amendments are implemented and enforced effectively before the campaign, Malaysia can showcase its commitment to

cleanliness and sustainability to international tourists," he said.

He said having litterbugs clean the streets in uniforms could be a strong deterrent against littering, reinforcing accountability and discouraging repeat offences.

"However, ensuring that such measures do not appear overly punitive or create negative perceptions among tourists is essential.

"If handled properly – emphasising rehabilitation and civic duty rather than public shaming – this approach could be considered a firm yet constructive step towards a cleaner environment."

Clear communication regarding the rationale behind the policy would be key to maintaining a positive image, Tan noted.

He said the Visit Malaysia 2026 campaign can incorporate anti-littering efforts by launching nationwide awareness programmes, partnering with tourism stakeholders to promote responsible waste disposal and integrating clean-up initiatives into tourist hotspots.

"Special incentives could be introduced for businesses that maintain cleanliness standards, while 'green tourism ambassadors' could encourage sustainable practices among visitors.

"Additionally, educational campaigns, including multilingual signage and digital campaigns, can inform tourists about the penalties for littering and the importance of environmental responsibility," he added.

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History, heritage centre stage at Klang mosque

NGO holds tour for public with guide giving insights into building's architecture

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WHEN a Klang tour outfit scheduled a trip to the new Klang Chinese Muslim Jamek Mosque for the breaking of fast, this drew the interest of Buddhist Mok Poy Sun.

The housewife then roped in 10 of her family members and friends for the event that was to be held on a Saturday.

Mok, 48, said she saw it as a chance to show her children how Muslims observed the holy month of Ramadan.

"I want them to understand why Muslims fast because as Malaysians, I feel that we must take the effort to understand religions other than that of our own," she explained.

Mok had heard about the trip through Jalan-jalan Klang (JJK).

The non-governmental organisation (NGO) consists of guides who conduct walking tours to promote the royal city's culture and heritage that dates back hundreds of years.



"I have been following JJK's walking tours for six years and found their events to be informative and interesting," said Mok.

Although it was not her first visit to a mosque, Mok related that the experience this time around was a markedly different one.

This was thanks to the mosque management which provided the tour participants with a knowledgeable guide in Muhammad Abdul Qayyum Ong.

He explained in detail about the mosque's architecture and how it had been inspired by the Great Mosque of Xi'an in China.



Chow (first row, second from right) with the 33 visitors.

Abdul Qayyum also shared interesting nuggets on the complex's pagoda and how it was used for moon sightings.

He also conducted a tour of the complex's facilities.

It had taken two hours to complete the tour of the complex itself, before the group joined the others there to break fast.

Under a tent in the mosque's compound, one of Mok's friends, Agnes Chin, 40, said she wished there had been more time for the tour.

On the whole, Mok and Chin described the tour as calming and serene.

They were fascinated with how the Islamic calendar was based on cycles of the moon.

During the tour, JJK founder and president Chow Hoong Fai, 43, said the Chinese Muslim mosque, which had been completed in 2024, was the first to have been built in Selangor.

In total, there are five Chinese Muslim mosques in Malaysia.

There are two in Perak, and one each in Kelantan, Melaka and Selangor.

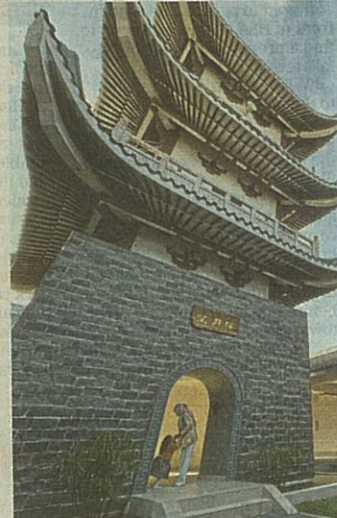
Since the Selangor mosque was built, Chow has organised for no less than 300 tourists from Taiwan and China to visit it.

In the most recent tour, 33 participants paid a RM38 fee each.

A portion of the total sum was donated to the mosque.

According to Chow, half of the tour group were from Klang while the rest was from Kuala Lumpur.

On hand to assist visitors don head scarves before entering the mosque was Haslina Tiong, 65, a volunteer guide.



The pagoda for moon sighting.

The visitors also listened to a talk by Malaysian Chinese Muslim Association honorary secretary-general Ann Wan Seng.

Ann's talk was on health benefits of fasting.

Joining the visitors in breaking fast were residents of the Padmasambhava Children Loving Association and seven members of the Malaysian Deaf Muslim Association.



Chin and Mo with family and friends waiting to break fast at the mosque.

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Understanding the 'values' of wastes

By Dr Theng Lee Chong



COMPARED to 25 years ago, awareness of environmental issues among the public and businesses in Malaysia has increased significantly, with more environment-related terminologies and concepts being introduced, from "reduce, reuse, recycle (3R)" to "sustainable development", and now "ESG" and "circular economy".

The mainstreaming of these concepts across all businesses is particularly important to ensure that business entities play their part in caring for the environment while generating profits or wealth from their operations.

Similarly, from the Government's perspective, significant progress has been made in many areas, with numerous comprehensive plans, guidelines, policies, blueprints and

regulations developed over the past few decades.

Ironically, despite these advancements, many people may not be aware that there are a total of 136 waste disposal sites across the country, nearly 85% of which are still non-sanitary or open dumpsites.

The lack of budget allocation for final disposal has led to the mismanagement of most of these sites, resulting in serious impacts on both the local population and the surrounding environment.

Currently, the Government is planning to shift from conventional landfilling to waste-to-energy (WTE). The Housing and Local Government Minister (KPKT) Nga Kor Ming had announced the Government's plans to build 18 WTE plants across the country by 2040,

claiming that this initiative will be able to turn waste into wealth.

'Waste to wealth' should be interpreted carefully

We often hear terms like "waste-to-wealth", "trash-to-cash", or even "waste-to-money", but is this truly the case? Can waste be seen as an untapped resource? Can we consider waste as a revenue stream? When we segregate and sell recyclables, such as old newspapers and plastic bottles, to recyclers or buy-back centres, we receive incentives, thus creating a small form of "wealth".

When companies operate recycling plants to convert plastics into recycled resins or produce fertilisers from food waste, they are likely generating much greater "wealth" from waste. The potential wealth from waste can increase further when a company

signs a long-term concession agreement awarded by the Government, such as providing waste collection services in a state or building and operating a WTE plant.

Nevertheless, the "Waste-to-Wealth" concept should be interpreted carefully, as the examples mentioned above only represent part of the whole picture. Valuable items such as old newspapers and plastic bottles are segregated for a small financial return, but little attention is given to items with no apparent value, such as food waste, used disposable diapers, and even hazardous materials like fluorescent lamps and waste batteries.

These items are often discarded into general waste bins, ending up in disposal sites where they contribute significantly to pollution.

Similarly, on the other side of the story, when companies generate revenue from long-term contracts for building WTE plants or providing waste collection services, the real burden falls on the shoulders of the Government or taxpayers.

The Government has revealed that approximately RM3bil is spent annually on solid waste management and public cleansing in Malaysia. If waste is still portrayed as a source of wealth at the same time, this is highly misleading and contradicts the reality.

No government in the world has made waste management its primary source of income or wealth. Waste management remains a significant cost for all countries, whether developed or developing.

Therefore, the Government should be mindful that

promoting "waste-to-wealth" from their perspective is misleading. Instead, they should educate the public on the actual costs involved in proper waste management and emphasise that waste is a responsibility.

Wastes that have no value shall not be neglected

Let's take a closer look on the values of wastes as a whole, we will then realise that only limited types of waste carry positive values:

Waste with positive value*

Black and white papers, magazine papers, old newspapers, carton boxes; some types of plastics (e.g. PET, PE, PP), aluminium cans; recyclable metals, industrial E-wastes, certain type of glass bottles, certain type of household E-waste (e.g. air-conditioners, computers, mobile phones); certain type of food wastes (e.g. husks from food industries).

Waste with low or negative value*

Most of the food wastes; wood and green wastes; contaminated papers, tissue papers, carbon papers; paper straws, cups and containers; certain types of plastics (e.g. PS, PVC); plastic laminates; leather; rubber; certain type of household e-waste (e.g. washing machines and refrigerators); used batteries; non-recyclable metals; used beverage cartons; disposable diapers, lady napkins; medical wastes; agriculture wastes; fluorescent lamps; construction debris; tiles and ceramic; textiles; household and industrial hazardous wastes (e.g. insecticide spray cans, chemical wastes and more).

It is obvious that many types of waste require proper management, particularly safe disposal, to minimise their adverse environmental impacts. However, it is common for people to focus more on the value of waste, rather than how it should be properly managed, especially when the waste has little or no value, or when it requires payment for safe disposal.

Putting too much emphasis on the potential monetary returns from waste may lead to neglecting the need for proper disposal, causing low- or negative-value waste to be dumped in disposal sites. This highlights the dangerous side of focusing too much on the wealth that can be derived from waste, which may eventually reduce the willingness to invest in proper waste management in the long run.

Be holistic when driving towards ESG

Waste management is a crucial and integral part of the ESG framework. Thus, fostering innovative thinking to create markets or turn waste into valuable items is essential.

Nevertheless, it is important to have a clear understanding that the focus should not solely be on

the potential value of waste. Instead, a holistic approach is needed to ensure that all waste is managed properly, nothing is overlooked, and, most importantly, there is a willingness to pay for appropriate waste management when necessary.

Waste cannot be wealth for everyone, and not all waste can generate wealth. If it were otherwise, we wouldn't have so many dumpsites across the country still requiring significant funds to manage.

While "waste-to-wealth" may be a viable concept for businesses, it is not a reality for governments. We certainly do not want to create more waste and then believe it benefits the poor.

* Note: Some materials could fall in between negative and positive value subject to many factors including the logistics of collection, impurity, quantity and quality of wastes.



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A filepic showing Theng taking photos of the Bukit Beruntung landfill for research purposes; in the past two decades, he has visited over 50 landfill sites see and capture the types of waste disposed. - Photo by NORAFIFI EHSAN / The Star



THE pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity, the optimist sees opportunity in every difficulty, Winston Churchill once said. This insight perfectly encapsulates the mindset shift needed in waste management.

While many view waste merely as a problem to be discarded, adopting an optimistic perspective reframes the challenge as an opportunity, a driver of economic growth—an untapped resource that can be repurposed, recycled and transformed into something valuable.

In Malaysia, businesses have the potential to convert waste heading to overflowing landfills into profitable resources. Through innovative practices like recycling, waste-to-energy solutions and upcycling, discarded materials such as plastics, paper and organic waste can be turned into valuable products.

Energy generated from waste incineration can be sold to the grid, creating a new revenue stream. With this shift in mindset, waste could evolve into a resource that fosters both environmental sustainability and economic growth.

However, it is important to recognise that waste cannot be wealth for everyone, and not all waste is capable of generating profit. If it were, there wouldn't still be countless dumpsites across the country requiring significant funds for proper management.

Harmonising with the green shift

Besides being seen as a problem, waste is also often regarded as a cost. If a business is willing to leverage its existing network, waste can be collected from a site, repurposed or directed to recycling facilities, opening up the potential to generate revenue.

The hidden value of waste

Repurposing waste is an opportunity to innovate, reduce costs and create new revenue streams, fostering a sustainable future through collaboration and a circular mindset

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Waste Management Association of Malaysia (WMAM) executive committee technical chairman Zamri Abdul Rahman and its technical and research committee co-chair Low King Hserng states that shifting from seeing waste as a burden to recognising it as a valuable resource requires businesses and individuals to adopt a circular mindset, driven by innovation, collaboration and a commitment to sustainability.

"Embracing circular economy principles enables businesses to rethink their models to ensure waste is integrated into their production processes. Businesses can turn waste into opportunities by embracing circular economy principles and integrating waste into their production processes," says Zamri.

"By prioritising reusable and repurposable materials, companies can drive sustainability. For example, IKEA's Buy-Back Programme resells or refurbishes old fur-

niture, while Dell transforms old electronics into new products through its e-waste recycling programme, generating value from waste," says Low.

They highlight that shifting from a traditional approach to a circular economy also involves designing products with recyclability and reusability in mind. For example, the CAREton Project, a collaboration between Tetra Pak—which actively promotes food packaging recycling and other sustainable initiatives—and Nestlé Malaysia, has collected over 4,700 tonnes of used beverage cartons since 2012.

The materials were then recycled into roofing tiles and panel boards to support housing projects for Malaysia's Orang Asli communities.

"Collaborations with researchers or waste management firms can also lead to innovative solutions. Petronas' circular plastic initiative, which repurposes plastic waste into high-value resin, exemplifies

how cross-industry partnerships can drive progress," says Zamri.

Low adds that on an individual level, adopting a zero-waste lifestyle is key to shifting one's mindset. "Viewing waste as a resource opens up possibilities—used coffee grounds can be composted and orange peels can become natural cleaning solutions.

"Everyday actions, like upcycling glass jars or repairing clothes, reduce waste. Supporting businesses that promote sustainability, like Patagonia's focus on reselling and repairing apparel, or Nike Grind's transformation of old shoes into sports surfaces, further encourages a circular economy," says Low.

Both emphasise while it is imperative that waste repurposing must balance environmental responsibility with financial viability, companies can integrate waste-to-value strategies while maintaining profitability.

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with a smaller percentage of men, only 2.3% or 50,500, attributing their decision to similar reasons. Meanwhile, unpaid care work, traditionally carried out by women, remains one of the most significant contributors to the global gender pay gap.

Studies in other parts of the world have found that women caregivers outearn men if they were paid for their work. It was estimated that the value of unpaid work carried out by stay-at-home mothers would be approximately £184,820 if they were paid for their contributions. This figure accounts for the wide range of roles women undertake as caregivers, including childcare, cooking, cleaning, shopping and managing household finances.

Another analysis of 800,000 earnings reports over 20 years shows that regardless of pay or education, all mothers get hit with the "motherhood penalty". On average, they lose out on about US\$8,000 a year with the birth of their first child, while fathers' incomes do not take a meaningful hit.

Female economic might

Research has consistently shown that empowering women to access equal wages and workforce opportunities not only benefits individuals but drives positive change across entire economies and societies.

Socially, empowering women promotes more inclusive communities. Studies show that women's participation in decision-making processes leads to policies that are more likely to focus on health, education and family welfare, which improves the overall quality of life.

The World Economic Forum's 2024 Global Gender Gap Report highlights that countries with greater gender equality, such as Iceland and Norway, often experience higher levels of social well-being, increased life satisfaction and improved health outcomes for all citizens.

Additionally, financially empowered women are found to reinvest more in their families and communities. The United Nations estimates that when women earn income, they invest up to 90% of it back into their families and communities, compared to just 30% to 40% for men.

Economically, the inclusion of women in the labour market is proven to have a significant impact on growth. According to the McKinsey Global Institute, closing the gender gap in the workforce could add a staggering US\$28 trillion to the global GDP.

In fact, companies with more women in leadership positions tend to have higher financial returns, as demonstrated by a 2019 report from Credit Suisse, which found that companies with women at the helm had a 26% higher return on equity than those led by men.

Closing the gender pay gap is a strategic economic choice. Given that Malaysia currently holds the Asean chairmanship, this presents an opportunity to reshape the region's gender equality landscape and unlock substantial economic benefits, ensure long-term sustainability and foster a more prosperous, equitable society — leveraging it for regional progress.

The economic and social benefits of empowering women are clear. So, why, despite overwhelming evidence, does gender inequality persist in the workplace and beyond?

Are we letting women's potential go to waste?

Smart economics: Empowering female talent for a more resilient and prosperous nation

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If the entire world were one colossal machine, each of us would have a part to play, wouldn't we? In the context of the labour market, it's much like a vast engine, driven by the ideas and hard work of millions of people.

However, when the potential of untapped talent is neglected, it effectively causes the engine to operate on just one cylinder. If that is so, it's hardly surprising that the economy isn't running at full throttle as it could be. This is especially evident in Malaysia, where the underutilisation of women's talent remains a significant factor in this inefficiency. Despite representing nearly half of the population, women continue to be significantly underrepresented in the workforce.

As of 2023, the female labour force participation rate in Malaysia stood at 56.2%, showing a marginal increase from 2020's 55.5% and 2021's 55.9%—compared to 2.3% for men. This stark gender gap in employment means that a vast pool of potential talent is not being fully leveraged.

Womankind penalties

But it is not just about participation in the workforce. Women face numerous barriers, including wage disparity. Even when they do enter the workforce, they are often paid less than their male counterparts for the same work.

For instance, female teachers in Malaysia were excluded from pension, medical and housing benefits, a disparity that persisted until the 1970s. They also

earned lower wages than their male counterparts.

Despite years of efforts and advocacy, the nation's gender pay gap remains significant, with women earning an average of RM42,080 annually, compared to RM63,117 for men. According to the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM), the median monthly salary for female workers was RM2,464 in 2023, while men earned RM2,675 for overall jobs.

This means women were paid, on average, 7.9% less than men—an increase from the 4.9% gap in 2018. While there are now more female professionals in various fields—about 6,400 more than men—women still earn approximately 19% less than their male counterparts.

The persistence of the gender pay gap is embedded in systemic factors that have been reinforced over time and continue to shape women's economic outcomes. While progress has been made in terms of women's participation in the workforce, educational attainment, and professional development, these advancements have yet to translate into equal pay and opportunities.

A core issue is occupational segregation, where women, often due to societal expectations or unconscious biases, are overrepresented in lower-paying sectors like healthcare, education, and retail. These fields, while valuable, have historically been undervalued and underpaid, contributing to the wage gap. Additionally, the roles women hold often lack the financial rewards seen in male-dominated sectors.

The underrepresentation of women in leadership worsens the issue. Studies show women are less likely to be promoted, limiting their earnings. Despite high performance and competence, they face barriers to further advancement when they reach senior roles.

It was reported that Malaysian women hold only 13.51% of the seats in the House of Representatives, with 30 out of 222 parliamentarians being women. The Inter-Parliamentary Union's (IPU) global ranking for women's representation in national parliaments ranked the nation 150th out of 190 countries in 2024.

The nation has also not seen the appointment of a female prime minister, chief minister or menteri besar—unlike neighbouring countries like Singapore and Thailand, which have had women in top leadership roles.

Meanwhile, cultural norms continue to play a significant role. In many societies, including Malaysia, the expectation that women bear the primary caregiving responsibilities often leads to career breaks or even complete exits from the workforce.

Evidence also suggests some women choose occupations that pay less but provide more flexibility to accommodate their family care responsibilities. Data from the Khazanah Research Institute shows that 3.1 million women, constituting 62.9% of those outside the labour force, cite family responsibilities as their primary reason for not seeking employment. This contrasts sharply

A passion to promote cleanliness, Japanese style

KUALA LUMPUR: Imagine walking through a bustling public space in Malaysia and spotting a man dressed in a traditional Japanese kimono, his wooden clogs softly clacking as he bends down to pick up litter.

Unusual? Definitely. But for Nik Ahmad Kashfi Nik Zamani, 30, this is his way of inspiring a cleaner and more mindful community.

Affectionately known as Kay, this young man from Kota Baru, Kelantan, has been capturing attention and winning hearts on TikTok through his account, @kay.chanel52.

His videos – a blend of cultural uniqueness and environmental advocacy – have struck a chord with netizens.

"It all started about three years ago," Kay told Bernama.

"I had just started my TikTok account and wanted to create content about cleanliness. It frustrated me to see people littering without a second thought."

At first, Kay filmed his efforts in casual attire, picking up rubbish in public areas. However, he soon realised that a more striking approach could amplify his message.



"I heard from friends that the Japanese are famously disciplined about cleanliness, so I thought, why not take inspiration from their culture? It wasn't just about

looking different – it was about sparking curiosity and starting conversations," he explained.

Now, dressed in his eye-catching kimono and wooden clogs,

armed with a litter picker and a basket, Kay spends two to three hours a day collecting litter around popular spots in Kota Baru.

Grabbing attention, and trash too: This is Kay's way of inspiring a cleaner and more mindful community. – Bernama

"When people see me, they often stop and ask what I'm doing. That's when I share the message – that caring for our environment is everyone's responsibility," he said.

Despite his passion, Kay admitted that his journey has not been without challenges. At times, he wondered if people were silently mocking him or misinterpreting his intentions.

"I even took a break because I questioned whether it was worth it. But my family and friends encouraged me to keep going, and I found my confidence again," he shared.

Kay's unconventional approach has sparked curiosity. While some question his choice of a foreign cultural identity to deliver his message, he remains focused on his mission.

"Some people ask why I use a different cultural image for this. For me, what matters is that the message of cleanliness reaches people and makes a difference," he concluded.

For Kay, this is more than just a social media act – it is a call for a cleaner, more considerate community.

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AMIR HAMZAH

Kerajaan akan mengumumkan mekanisme lengkap bagi melaksanakan penyelarasan subsidi minyak petrol RON95 kepada rakyat selepas separuh pertama tahun ini dengan menggunakan sistem pengenalan diri MyKad dan dua kadar harga.

Menteri Kewangan II, Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan berkata, pembangunan mekanisme pelaksanaan langkah yang disasarkan dapat mengukuhkan kewangan negara, sedang diperhalusi dengan kerajaan tidak mahu mengumunkan sesuatu pelaksanaan dasar secara terburu-buru.

"Kita tidak mahu mengumumkan sesuatu perkara sementara kami masih menjalankan kerja, kerana perkara

paling penting yang kami mahu pastikan adalah sistem ini kukuh.

"RON95 akan menggunakan dua peringkat harga iaitu harga subsidi dan tanpa subsidi.

"Sistem yang akan diguna dalam penyaluran subsidi RON95 kepada rakyat yang layak adalah melalui MyKad," katanya selepas melakukan tinjauan operasi perkhidmatan RAPID KL On-Demand bersama Menteri Pengangkutan, Anthony Loke di sini, pada Khamis.

Mengulas mengenai kewajaran menggunakan MyKad dalam pelaksanaan rasionalisasi subsidi itu, Amir Hamzah menjelaskan, sistem berkenaan sudah digunakan dalam Sumbangan Asas Rahmah (Sara).

Menurut beliau, ketika ini sumbangan Sara kepada 700,000 penerima yang akan diperluas kepada 5.4 juta penerima bermula 1 April ini menggunakan MyKad se-

bagai medium penyaluran bantuan tunai setiap bulan.

Malah katanya, bantuan yang diterima di dalam MyKad itu boleh digunakan bagi transaksi di 3,500 buah kedai.

"Jika kita boleh menggunakan MyKad kepada 5.4 juta penerima dengan 3,500 kedai, ia menunjukkan sistem itu kukuh.

"Justeru, tidak ada bezanya jika MyKad diguna pakai untuk rasionalisasi subsidi RON95," katanya.

Beliau turut menegaskan, 85 peratus rakyat negara ini tidak akan terkesan susulan penyusunan subsidi RON95 yang akan dilaksanakan kelak.

Belanjawan 2025 yang dibentangkan oleh Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim sebelum ini menyaksikan kerajaan bercadang melaksanakan penyasaran subsidi petrol RON95 pada pertengahan tahun ini, dengan anggaran sekitar RM12 bilion untuk 85 peratus rakyat Malaysia.

Najib dinamakan sebagai suspek akibat aliran dana ke akaun peribadi - Saksi

PUTRAJAYA-- Bekas pegawai penyiasat kes 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) R. Rajagopal memberitahu Mahkamah Tinggi di sini pada Khamis bahawa Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak dikenal pasti sebagai suspek dalam siasatan Bukit Aman terhadap dana kekayaan berdaulat tersebut.

Rajagopal yang merupakan bekas Ketua Jabatan Siasatan Jenayah Komersial (JSJK) Bukit Aman, memberi keterangan perkara itu disebabkan adanya aliran masuk wang daripada 1MDB ke akaun bank peribadi Najib.

"Pada awalnya, bekas Perdana Menteri itu bukan suspek ketika siasatan bermula pada tahun 2015. Ketika itu masih terlalu awal kerana kami belum merekodkan kenyataan daripada ramai saksi, termasuk ahli lembaga pengarah dan pengurusan 1MDB," kata saksi itu.

Saksi pembelaan ke-11 itu berkata demikian ketika disoal Timbalan Pendakwa Raya Ahmad Akram Gharib dalam perbicaraan Najib berhubung dakwaan penyelewengan dana 1MDB berjumlah RM2.3 bilion.

Rajagopal berkata, Najib tidak didakwa atas kesalahan pecah amanah jenayah (CBT) yang berkaitan



NAJIB

dengan 1MDB.

Ahmad Akram: Semasa anda mengambil kenyataan daripada saksi dalam kes ini, adakah ada yang menyebut nama Najib?

Rajagopal: Ya, beberapa saksi menyebut nama Najib berulang kali.

Rajagopal turut mengingatkan semula laporan awal polis dibuat bekas pemimpin UMNO, Datuk Seri Khairuddin Abu Hassan, yang membawa kepada siasatan CBT.

Laporan itu berdasarkan pendedahan media mengenai isu tadbir urus di 1MDB, yang menyebabkan dana kekayaan berdaulat Malaysia itu menanggung hutang berbilion ringgit.

Pada 30 Oktober tahun lepas, Hakim Datuk Collin Lawrence Sequerah memerintahkan Najib membela diri selepas mendapati pihak pendakwaan berjaya membuktikan kes prima facie terhadapnya.

Najib, 71, menghadapi 25 pertuduhan, termasuk empat pertuduhan menyalahgunakan jawatannya untuk menerima rasuah RM2.3 bilion daripada dana 1MDB dan 21 pertuduhan pengubahan wang haram membabitkan jumlah yang sama.

Perbicaraan bersambung pada 7 April. - *Bernama*

Isu barang kemas: Rosmah dibenar masukkan kerajaan, PDRM sebagai pihak ketiga

PUTRAJAYA - Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor diberi kebenaran untuk memasukkan kerajaan dan Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM) sebagai pihak ketiga dalam saman AS\$14.57 juta difailkan terhadapnya oleh Global Royalty Trading SAL, yang berpangkalan di Lubnan, berhubung kehilangan lebih 40 barang kemas.

Panel tiga hakim Mahkamah Rayuan terdiri daripada Datuk P. Ravinthran, Datuk Dr Choo Kah Sing dan Datuk Seri Mohd Firuz Jaffril membuat keputusan itu pada Khamis selepas membenarkan rayuan Rosmah untuk mengetepikan keputusan Mahkamah Tinggi pada Mei tahun lepas yang menolak permohonan.

Ketika menyampaikan keputusan sebulat suara itu, Kah Sing berkata, Rosmah, yang juga isteri bekas Perdana Menteri Datuk Seri Najib Razak, telah membuktikan kes prima facie untuk diberikan kebenaran mengeluarkan notis pihak ketiga.

Beliau berkata, pihak ketiga yang dicadangkan mempunyai kewajipan statutori dalam menjaga dan mengawal barang kemas terbabit di bawah Seksyen 413(5) Kanun Tatacara Jenayah sekali gus mewujudkan kaitan antara Rosmah dan keduanya.

"Sekiranya pihak ketiga yang dicadangkan didapati melanggar kewajipan statutori mereka, Rosmah boleh memohon ganti rugi daripada mereka," katanya.

Pada 29 Mac 2023, Global Royalty memfailkan saman itu mendakwa Rosmah

telah berbohong dengan mengatakan bahawa 44 barang kemas termasuk rantai berlian, gelang dan tiara yang dihantar kepadanya oleh ejen syarikat itu telah disita oleh pihak berkuasa Malaysia di bawah Akta Pencegahan Pengubahan Wang Haram, Pencegahan Pembiayaan Keganasan dan Hasil Daripada Aktiviti Haram 2001.

Menurut syarikat yang berpangkalan di Beirut itu, ini kerana hanya satu daripada 44 barang kemas berkenaan berada dalam simpanan dan kawalan pihak polis, dan baki 43 barang kemas milik plaintif tidak berada dalam simpanan pihak berkuasa itu.

Global Royalty juga mendakwa isteri bekas Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak itu mengalihkan beban kepada kerajaan Malaysia sedangkan barang kemas itu sebenarnya telah hilang.

Menerusi permohonanraya untuk memulakan prosiding itu terhadap kerajaan dan polis, Rosmah mendakwa barang kemas yang dipertikai itu telah disita oleh pihak berkuasa.

Mahkamah Tinggi sebelum ini menetapkan 29 Mei sebagai pengurusan kes untuk menentukan tarikh perbicaraan.

Pada prosiding pada Khamis, peguam Rajivan Nambiar dan Nur Aiman Sharizal mewakili Rosmah manakala Peguam Kanan Persekutuan, Shamsul Bolhassan, Nur Ezdiani Roleb serta Peguam Persekutuan Syafiq Affandy Hasan hadir bagi pihak kerajaan dan polis. - *Bernama*



ROSMAH

Harga barang terkawal, bekalan mencukupi

PM puas hati
dengan harga
barangan keperluan
menjelang Aidilfitri

Oleh MOHD FAIZUL HAIKA
MAT KHAZI
SUBANG JAYA

Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim berpuas hati dengan harga barangan keperluan yang dijual di pasaran tempatan menjelang musim perayaan Aidilfitri.

Malah, Perdana Menteri berkata, beliau juga gembira kerana harga barangan keperluan musim perayaan adalah lebih murah daripada harga sebenar di pasaran tempatan.

Katanya, berdasarkan tinjauan dibuat didapati bekalan barangan keperluan musim perayaan seperti telur ayam, barang merah dan banyak lagi juga mencukupi pada tahun ini.

"Saya juga berasa bangga dengan kerjasama semua pihak termasuk agensi kerajaan dan swasta seperti Mydin yang berusaha keras untuk memastikan harga barang tidak mengalami kenaikan menjelang Hari Raya Aidilfitri tidak lama lagi.

"Ini adalah kali pertama berlaku sejak saya mempengerusikan Jawatankuasa Kabinet Kawalan Harga Barang Keperluan pada tahun 1990-an," katanya ketika di-



Anwar (tengah) ketika meninjau harga barang keperluan di Mydin USJ, Subang Jaya pada Khamis.

temui pemberita selepas meninjau harga barang keperluan di Mydin USJ, Subang Jaya pada Khamis.

Hadir sama, Pengarah Urusan Mydin Mohamed Holdings Bhd, Datuk Dr Ameer Ali Mydin dan Menteri Besar Selangor, Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari.

Sempena kehadiran Perdana Menteri, Mydin turut menjual 500 ayam dengan harga RM1 sekilogram kepada pelanggan terpilih.

Dalam pada itu, Perdana Menteri turut mengucapkan terima kasih kepada Kementerian Perdagangan Dalam Negeri dan Kos Sara Hidup, Kementerian Pertanian dan Keterjaminan

Makanan, serta pihak swasta seperti Mydin yang telah berusaha keras untuk memastikan tiada kenaikan harga menjelang perayaan Aidilfitri ini.

"Saya ingat ini dalam sejarah bekalan barangan keperluan musim perayaan seperti telur ayam dan ayam tidak mengalami kenaikan dan bekalannya mencukupi.

"Perkembangan ini belum pernah saya lihat sejak tahun ini aktif dalam pemerintahan dan pembangkang dari tahun 1980-an ke-90-an.

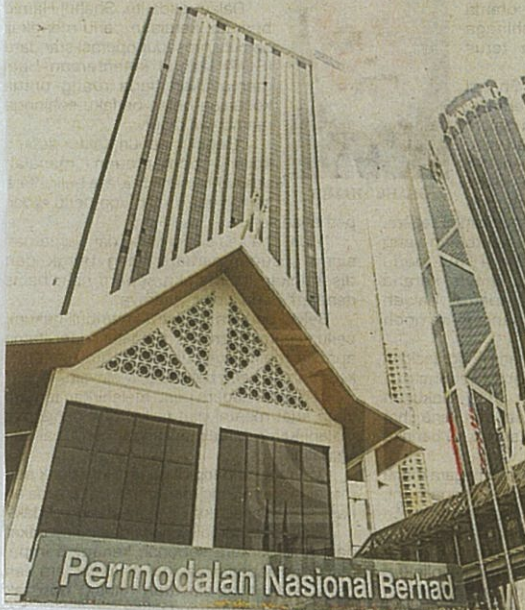
"Jadi, kita harus bersyukur dan mengucapkan terima kasih kepada syarikat, pihak berkuasa, dan Kementerian yang terlibat," katanya.

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PNB umum agihan pendapatan ASB 2 5.50 sen seunit, ASM 5.00 sen



KUALA LUMPUR-Syarikat pengurusan unit amanah milik penuh Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB), Amanah Saham Nasional Berhad (ASNB) mengumumkan pengagihan pendapatan bagi Amanah Saham Bumiputera 2 (ASB 2) sebanyak 5.50 sen seunit, manakala Amanah Saham Malaysia (ASM) sebanyak 5.00 sen seunit.

Menerusi satu kenyataan, PNB memaklumkan ia agihan bagi tahun kewangan berakhir 31 Mac 2025 melibatkan jumlah keseluruhan RM2.18 bilion iaitu RM0.73 bilion bagi ASB 2 dan RM1.45 bilion (ASM).

Menurutnya, pengagihan dividen itu akan memberi manfaat kepada 614,309 pemegang unit ASB 2 yang memiliki 14.12 bilion unit serta 740,513 pemegang unit ASM dengan pegangan 29.14 bilion unit.

"Walaupun berdepan persekitaran pasaran modal global yang mencabar ekoran ketegangan tarif, inflasi yang tinggi dan ketidakpastian ekonomi, pengagihan pendapatan bagi ASB 2 sebanyak 5.50 sen seunit dan ASM sebanyak 5.00 sen seunit mencatat peningkatan sebanyak 0.25 sen seunit berbanding tahun lalu," katanya pada Khamis.

Kenyataan itu menambah, dana-dana itu juga telah menunjukkan peningkatan progresif sepanjang tiga tahun lalu, men-

Pengagihan Pendapatan

Tahun Kewangan Berakhir 31 Mac 2025
Dana Harga Tetap



ASB 2

Jumlah Pengagihan

5.50
sen seunit



ASM

Jumlah Pengagihan

5.00
sen seunit

cerminkan komitmen PNB untuk meningkatkan pulangan dan memperkukuh daya tahan portfolio.

"Pengagihan pendapatan ASB 2 dan ASM adalah bersamaan dengan jumlah pulangan masing-masing sebanyak 5.50 dan 5.00 peratus, keduanya mengatasi penandaaras Deposit Tetap 12 Bulan Maybank pada 2.56 peratus sebanyak 294 mata asas untuk ASB 2 dan 244 mata asas untuk ASM," jelas entiti itu.

Menurutnya, prestasi kukuh kedua-dua dana harga tetap tersebut didorong oleh pulangan ekuiti domestik dan global yang positif serta strategi kepelbagaian aset yang berterusan merentasi geografi dan kelas aset.

"Melangkah ke hadapan, PNB akan terus memperluaskan kepelbagaian aset, terutamanya dalam pendapatan tetap, bagi memastikan aliran pendapatan yang stabil dan konsisten," katanya.

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Trafik udara antarabangsa menyumbang 51.5 peratus daripada jumlah penumpang dalam tempoh dua bulan pertama tahun ini, mengekalkan kedudukannya sebagai segmen dominan.

Naik 6.9 peratus
dari tahun ke tahun
berbanding
Februari 2024

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Malaysia mencatatkan trafik penumpang udara sebanyak 8.7 juta pada Februari 2025, naik 6.9 peratus dari tahun ke tahun berbanding Februari 2024, menurut Suruhanjaya Penerbangan Malaysia (MAVCOM).

MAVCOM melalui satu kenyataan hari ini menyatakan walaupun terdapat penurunan sebanyak 5.9 peratus dari bulan ke bulan, permintaan perjalanan keseluruhannya tetap kukuh selepas didorong oleh sambungan yang diperluaskan, pengecualian visa serta tempoh cuti sekolah yang berterusan.

Dari tahun ke tarikh terkini, sejumlah 17.9 juta penumpang telah bergerak melalui lapangan terbang Malaysia. MAVCOM menjangkakan angka trafik penumpang udara bagi 2025 akan berkisar antara 105.8 juta dan 112.9 juta, mengukuhkan momentum berterusan dalam sektor penerbangan," katanya.

Suruhanjaya itu berkata trafik penumpang udara domestik pada bulan yang dikaji semula berada pada 4.3 juta, pertumbuhan sebanyak 6.6 peratus dari tahun ke tahun, manakala trafik penumpang udara antarabangsa mencecah 4.4 juta, mencerminkan kenaikan 7.2 peratus dari tahun ke tahun berbanding tahun sebelum ini.

Trafik udara antarabangsa menyumbang 51.5 peratus daripada jumlah penumpang dalam tempoh dua bulan pertama tahun ini, mengekalkan kedudukannya sebagai segmen dominan.

"Pertumbuhan di pasaran bukan ASEAN adalah sangat mantap, de-

ngan 2.6 juta penumpang telah direkodkan pada Februari, menandakan tambahan 10.0 peratus dari tahun ke tahun, manakala pasaran ASEAN menyaksikan 2.2 juta penumpang, menokok 4.4 peratus dari tahun lepas," katanya.

Tambahan pula, jumlah penumpang di lapangan terbang utama terus melonjak, dengan Lapangan Terbang Antarabangsa Kuala Lumpur (KLIA) mencatatkan kenaikan sebanyak 7.2 peratus, diikuti oleh Lapangan Terbang Antarabangsa Pulau Pinang (8.7 peratus) dan Lapangan Terbang Antarabangsa Senai (6.9 peratus).

Lapangan Terbang Antarabangsa Kota Kinabalu menyaksikan pertumbuhan 5.3 peratus manakala Lapangan Terbang Antarabangsa Langkawi serta Lapangan Terbang Antarabangsa Kuching (KCH) mencatatkan pertumbuhan sebanyak 2.3 peratus dan 1.7 peratus pada Februari 2025. - Bernama

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Ramai perantau pilih pulang awal, elak kesesakan

Oleh ALANI NIZAM, ARINA MOHD. NOOR dan MOHAMAD NAUFAL MOHAMAD IDRIS

KUALA LUMPUR – Sebahagian warga kota memilih untuk pulang ke kampung halaman lebih awal sempena Aidilfitri kerana diberi cuti pengajian lebih panjang dan mahu elak terperangkap kesesakan jalan raya.

Tinjauan Kosmo! di Terminal Bersepadu Selatan (TBS) Bandar Tasik Selatan di sini semalam mendapati rata-rata penuntut institusi pengajian tinggi sudah diberi cuti awal untuk kembali ke kampung halaman.

Seorang pelajar Institut Pendidikan Guru (IPG), Muhammad Abid Nabil, 20, melahirkan ketiduraan untuk pulang ke kampung bagi meraikan perayaan bersama keluarga lebih awal berbanding warga kota yang lain.

"IPG memberikan cuti selama seminggu, jadi saya memilih untuk pulang hari ini (semalam) lebih awal kerana terlalu teruja dan tidak sabar untuk berjumpa keluarga di Kulai, Johor."

"Saya akan kembali ke IPG pada 2 April nanti," katanya.

Dalam pada itu, seorang pelajar Institut Kemahiran Belia Negara (IKBN) Bangi, Muhammad Anwar Hazim Muhammad Fuzy, 20, berkata dia akan pulang ke Batu Pahat, Johor bagi membantu keluarganya membuat persiapan menjelang hari raya.

"Memang seronok dapat pu-



JUMLAH kenderaan masuk ke Kelantan semakin bertambah melalui bandar Gua Musang, Kelantan sejak tengah hari semalam.

lang beraya, lebih-lebih lagi kerana dapat bertemu keluarga serta sanak saudara yang sudah lama tidak berjumpa," katanya yang merupakan pelajar jurusan Pengurusan Perniagaan.

Pelajar kejuruteraan awam di Politeknik Shah Alam, Rabbiah Amalina, 20, berkata, dia teruja untuk pulang beraya di Manjung, Perak, kerana ingin membuat kuih raya bersama ibunya yang menjadi tradisi keluarga saban tahun.

"Teruja nak balik rumah sebab setiap tahun akan buat kuih raya almond london dengan mak saya,

jadi tahun ini pun sama," ujarnya.

Seorang wanita yang hanya mahu dikenali sebagai Mastura, 44, berkata, dia tiba di terminal pukul 8 pagi bersama anaknya dan mahu pulang beraya selama seminggu ke kampung di Kuantan, Pahang.

Katanya, dia mahu memanfaatkan cuti panjang dengan keluarga selepas empat bulan tidak pulang menziarahi mereka.

Sementara itu di Terminal Bas Seksyen 17, **Shah Alam**, Selangor pula, terminal itu mula sesak dengan penumpang sejak pukul 7 petang untuk pulang ke kampung



KEADAAN orang ramai menunggu ketibaan bas untuk pulang ke kampung di TBS, Kuala Lumpur semalam.

dengan baki lima hari lagi sebelum perayaan.

Seorang perantau, Muhammad Khairul Basir Alias, 28, berkata, dia pulang awal bagi menyambut Syawal bagi melepaskan kerinduan selepas enam bulan tidak menemui isterinya di Machang, Kelantan.

Katanya, ini disebabkan kesibukannya dalam menguruskan perniagaan di Lembah Klang.

"Memang tidak sabar pulang ke kampung berjumpa isteri tambahan belum beli sebarang persiapan raya lagi."

"Insya-Allah, akan berada di

Machang selama dua minggu bagi meraikan sambutan Hari Raya Aidilfitri," katanya.

Bagi operator kilang, Noor Hafizah Zainal, 30, berkata, dia pulang awal ke kampung halamannya di Alor Setar, Kedah kerana perlu bekerja semula Khamis depan.

Tambahnya, perkara pertama yang akan dilakukan adalah untuk membeli kelengkapan Aidilfitri di Kompleks Pekan Rabu.

"Tahun ini sambut Aidilfitri secara bersederhana, namun perasaan beraya bersama-sama keluarga itu yang paling penting," jelasnya.

KOSMO

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tarikh:

2.77 juta sehari balik cuti Aidilfitri

- 28 lokasi telah diaktifkan smart lane
- Sejak semalam sudah ada pergerakan perantau pulang

Oleh NUR ALWANI ZAFIRAH
KHAIRUL

PETALING JAYA — Lembaga Lebuhraya Malaysia (LLM) menjangkakan peningkatan jumlah trafik kepada 2.77 juta kenderaan sehari yang akan menggunakan lebuhraya utama sempena cuti perayaan Hari Raya Aidilfitri tahun ini.

LLM dalam kenyataan berkata, daripada jangkaan tersebut, sebanyak 2.158 juta kenderaan akan menggunakan lebuhraya di bawah Kumpulan PLUS, 216,000 di Lebuhraya Kuala Lumpur — Karak, 156,000 di Lebuhraya Pantai Timur (LPT) Fasa 1, 70,000 LPT Fasa 2 dan 174,000 kenderaan di Lebuhraya Persisiran Pantai Barat.



GAMBAR ramai orang pulang ke kampung melalui Lebuhraya Utara-Selatan sempena Aidilfitri pada tahun lalu.

Katanya, pergerakan kenderaan keluar dari ibu kota dijangka menunjukkan peningkatan menuju ke arah Pantai Timur, utara dan selatan tanah air bermula dari semalam.

"Ia mengambil kira cuti sekolah tambahan Kementerian Pendidikan pada 2 April sehingga 4 April 2025, manakala aliran trafik kembali ke ibu kota akan menunjukkan peningkatan bermula 5 April dan 6 April 2025," jelas LLM.

LLM menambah, sebanyak 28 lokasi telah diaktifkan laluan 'smart lane' sepanjang Lebuhraya PLUS.

"Pelaksanaan tempoh larangan pemanduan kenderaan barangan sempena perayaan Hari Raya Aidilfitri 2025 pada 29 hingga 30 Mac 2025 dan 5 hingga 6 April 2025 dijangka sedikit sebanyak akan membantu kepada aliran trafik yang lebih baik di lebuhraya utama negara," kata LLM.

Dijangka umat Islam menyambut hari raya pada Isnin ini dan cuti sekolah selama seminggu mulai minggu depan dan sejak semalam laluan trafik di beberapa lebuhraya utama negara menunjukkan peningkatan.

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Hikmah berunding

Oleh Hafidzul Hilmi
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Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim menyifatkan pembinaan Masjid Madani di Jalan Munshi Abdullah di sini, sebagai bukti kebijaksanaan, kekuatan dan kemuliaan Islam dalam berunding.

Ia susulan persetujuan pihak Kuil Dewi Sri Patrakaliyamman berpindah ke lokasi baharu untuk memberi laluan kepada pembinaan masjid baharu milik Kumpulan Jakel di

tapak berkenaan.

Perdana Menteri berkata, kerajaan mengambil pendekatan berhikmah termasuk berunding dengan pihak kuil bagi memastikan pembinaan masjid itu berjaya direalisasikan.

"Saya nak ajak, kita lihat umpamanya dalam kemelut ini memang betul rakan-rakan saya dan jemaah menteri tahu dari awal saya kata tegas runding... ya, tolak ansur... tapi tidak berganjak daripada keputusan kita bahawa masjid wajib didirikan di sini, tapi harus ada hikmah.

"Saya nak dengan sedikit sebanyak pergeseran itu saudara jawatankuasa baru dengan majlis agama cari

jalan, ada majlis bawa semula persahabatan kita.

"Negara ini harus tegak sebagai negara yang aman, hanya negara yang aman yang keselamatannya terjamin," katanya ketika berucap pada Majlis Pecah Tanah Pembangunan Masjid Madani di Lot 328, Jalan Munshi Abdullah di sini, semalam.

Turut hadir, Timbalan Perdana Menteri Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof, Menteri di Jabatan Perdana Menteri (Wilayah Persekutuan) Datuk Seri Dr Zaliha Mustafa dan Pengarah Urusan Kumpulan Jakel Datuk Seri Mohamed Faroz Mohamed Jakel.

Kontroversi kuil Dewi Sri Patrakaliyamman bermula

apabila struktur semasanya yang terletak di Jalan Munshi Abdullah, dikatakan dibina pada 1893, beberapa dekad sebelum Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL) dan agensi pendahulunya ditubuhkan.

Selepas merdeka, DBKL menjadi pemilik tanah terbabit, sebelum dijual kepada Jakel pada 2014.

Jakel baru-baru ini, mengumumkan rancangan untuk membina masjid yang akan dinamakan Masjid Madani atas tapak berkenaan.

Mengulas lanjut, Anwar mengingatkan semua pihak supaya tidak melampaui batas dalam mengulas isu kuil terbabit.



Lemang RM10 sebatang

PENIAGA lemong Shamsur Ezam Mohd Afandi, 40, (dua dari kanan) melayan pelanggan di gerainya pada tinjauan di Klebang Putra, Ipoh, kelmarin. Shamsur Ezam menjual lemongnya dengan harga lebih rendah iaitu RM10 sebatang. Bapa kepada tiga cahaya mata itu berkata, hampir 400 batang lemong biasa, jagung atau pulut hitam yang kebiasaannya dijual pada harga RM18 sehingga RM20, dijual pada harga RM10 bermula kira-kira 3.30 petang kelmarin dan habis dalam tempoh satu setengah jam.

Awas taktik tipu dalam talian sempena Aidilfitri

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Kuala Lumpur: Polis mengesan kewujudan satu modus operandi penipuan baharu yang mengambil kesempatan sempena kedatangan Aidilfitri dengan menggunakan nama sebuah platform jual beli dalam talian terkenal.

Pemangku Pengarah Jabatan Siasatan Jenayah Komersial (JSJK) Bukit Aman, Datuk Rohaimi Md Isa, berkata sindiket itu dikesan mengubah suai poster promosi dengan meletakkan nombor telefon mangsa, kononnya sebagai pemenang dalam peraduan.

"Mangsa kemudian akan dihubungi oleh pihak sindiket dan diarahkan untuk mengaktifkan kemudahan (pembayaran) bagi menebus hadiah kemenangan mereka.

"Setelah diaktifkan, mangsa akan menerima satu kod QR yang perlu diimbas, namun sebaik sahaja imbasan dilakukan, mangsa mendapati wang dalam akaun bank me-

reka berkurangan," katanya dalam satu kenyataan, semalam.

Rohaimi berkata, setakat ini satu laporan diterima di Selangor membabitkan kerugian berjumlah RM3,006.03 dan ia sedang disiasat mengikut Seksyen 420 Kanun Keseksaan iaitu kes tipu.

Beliau menasihatkan orang ramai lebih berwaspada ketika melakukan pembelian secara dalam talian, terutamanya menjelang musim perayaan ini.

Katanya, dalam tempoh 1 Januari hingga 24

Mac lalu, sebanyak 2,328 kes penipuan belian dalam talian direkodkan dengan jumlah kerugian mencecah RM19.6 juta.

"Jumlah ini menunjukkan peningkatan sebanyak 36.9 peratus berbanding tempoh yang sama tahun lalu, di mana sebanyak 1,700 kes direkodkan dengan nilai kerugian RM13.6 juta.

"Justeru, kami menyuruh masyarakat supaya lebih berwaspada dan tidak terpedaya dengan tawaran terlalu menarik yang digunakan oleh sindiket penipuan," katanya.

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Rohaimi Md Isa,
Pemangku Pengarah
JSJK Bukit Aman



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Perkasa kepakaran tempatan tangani isu siber

Kuala Lumpur: Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim mengarahkan Agensi Keselamatan Siber Negara (NACSA) dan Majlis Keselamatan Negara (MKN) bekerjasama rapat dengan Malaysia Airports Holdings Berhad (MAHB) selepas sistem syarikat berkenaan digodam.

Setiasaha Akhbar Kanan Perdana Menteri, Tunku Nashrul Abaidah, berkata Perdana Menteri mengingatkan semua pihak untuk memperkasakan keupayaan dalam kalangan pakar tempatan bagi mengelak kebergantungan penuh terhadap sumber kepakaran asing dalam isu itu.

Katanya Perdana Menteri menekankan isu itu mustahak ditangani bagi memastikan bukan sahaja dapat menjamin keyakinan pelabur bahkan rakyat terhadap reputasi negara ini.

"Perdana Menteri mengingatkan semua pihak supaya tidak menyebarkan maklumat tidak sah dan hanya merujuk kepada sumber rasmi bagi mendapatkan perkembangan terkini.

"Insiden ini menunjukkan keupayaan tempatan mengendalikan insiden keselamatan siber harus sentiasa pada tahap terbaik. Kerjasama pasukan kerajaan dan industri harus seiring agar keupa-

yaan menjaga infrastruktur kritikal negara daripada ancaman pada tahap tinggi," katanya pada Taklimat Harian Pejabat Perdana Menteri (PMO) Facebook PMO Malaysia, semalam.

Dalam perkembangan lain, Tunku Nashrul, berkata Anwar berharap segala ikhtiar dan pelbagai bantuan kepada rakyat dapat membantu mereka membuat persiapan Aidilfitri.

Katanya, sepanjang Ramadan khususnya menjelang Aidilfitri tidak lama lagi, Kerajaan MADANI mengumumkan beberapa bantuan, pemberian dan inisiatif untuk manfaat rakyat.

"Pertama, Kerajaan MADANI telah awalkan pemberian Sumbangan Tunai Rahmah (STR) Fasa 2. Dengan jumlah penerima hampir sembilan juta rakyat, sebanyak RM1.7 bilion diperuntukkan Kerajaan MADANI dengan tarikh pembayaran disalurkan mulai Isnin lalu.

"Kedua, Bantuan Khas Kewangan Aidilfitri (BKKA) untuk Penjawat Awam Gred 15 ke bawah, di mana mereka menerima bayaran khas sebanyak RM500 pada hari ini. BKKA juga disalurkan kepada pesara kerajaan, termasuk veteran berpencen dan veteran tidak berpencen yang

menerima bayaran RM250.

"Kerajaan MADANI turut memperluaskan Bantuan Khas Kewangan Aidilfitri (BKKA) kepada lebih 70,000 guru KAFKA, guru takmir, imam, bilal, tok siak, noja dan marbut yang menerima sebanyak RM250 bagi menghargai khidmat bakti mereka.

"Bagi meringankan kos perjalanan rakyat yang akan pulang ke kampung sempena Aidilfitri, kerajaan mengumumkan diskaun tol 50 peratus untuk pengguna lebuhraya bermula jam 12.01 tengah malam ini hingga 11.59 malam Sabtu, 29 Mac," katanya.

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ASB 2 agih pendapatan 5.50 sen, ASM 5.00 sen seunit

Prestasi kukuh kedua-dua dana didorong pulangan ekuiti domestik, global positif

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Amanah Saham Nasional Bhd (ASNB), syarikat pengurusan unit amanah milik penuh Permodalan Nasional Bhd (PNB), mengumumkan agihan pendapatan sebanyak 5.50 sen seunit bagi Amanah Saham Bumiputera 2 (ASB 2) dan 5.00 sen seunit bagi Amanah Saham Malaysia (ASM) untuk tahun kewangan berakhir 31 Mac 2025.

Agihan pendapatan bagi ASB 2 itu membabitkan jumlah pembayaran pengagihan pendapatan sebanyak RM730 juta kepada 614,309 pemegang unit yang kini memiliki 14.12 bilion unit.

Manakala bagi ASM pula, ia membabitkan jumlah pembayaran pengagihan pendapatan sebanyak RM1.45 bilion kepada 740,513 pemegang unit dengan pegangan 29.14 bilion unit.

Sehingga 20 Mac 2025, ASB 2 merekodkan pendapatan bersih terealisasi sebanyak RM800 juta, manakala ASM mencatatkan RM1.55 bilion.

Pengagihan pendapatan ASB



2 dan ASM adalah bersamaan dengan jumlah pulangan masing-masing sebanyak 5.50 peratus dan 5.00 peratus, mengatasi penanda aras Deposit Tetap 12 Bulan Maybank pada 2.56 peratus sebanyak 294 mata asas untuk ASB 2 dan 244 mata asas untuk ASM.

"Walaupun berdepan persekitaran pasaran modal global yang mencabar ekoran ketegangan tarif, inflasi yang tinggi dan ketidakpastian ekonomi, pengagihan pendapatan bagi ASB 2 sebanyak 5.50 sen seunit dan ASM sebanyak 5.00 sen seunit mencatat peningkatan sebanyak 0.25 sen seunit berbanding tahun lalu.

"Dana-dana ini juga menunjukkan peningkatan progresif sepanjang tiga tahun lalu, men-

cerminkan komitmen PNB untuk meningkatkan pulangan dan memperkuat daya tahan portfolio," katanya dalam satu kenyataan.

Mengulas lanjut, PNB berkata, prestasi kukuh kedua-dua dana harga tetap itu didorong oleh pulangan ekuiti domestik dan global yang positif serta strategi kepelbagaian aset yang berterusan merentasi geografi dan kelas aset.

"Melangkah ke hadapan, PNB akan terus memperluaskan kepelbagaian aset, terutamanya dalam pendapatan tetap, bagi memastikan aliran pendapatan yang stabil dan konsisten," katanya.

Literasi wang bantu rakyat
PNB dan ASNB, sebagai sebahagian daripada fokus berterusan

mereka dalam menggalakkan literasi kewangan dan membantu rakyat Malaysia membina kekayaan, akan melancarkan dua kempen baharu.

'Labur Tanda Kasih' memberi ganjaran kepada pelabur yang menetapkan Auto Labur di myASNB, manakala 'Labur CERIA Si Cilik', yang bermula pada 1 April 2025, menggalakkan ibu bapa untuk melabur dalam ASB atau ASB 2 bagi akaun anak-anak mereka untuk memupuk tabiat menabung sejak usia muda.

Pengiraan pengagihan pendapatan untuk ASB 2 dan ASM adalah berdasarkan purata baki bulanan minimum yang dipegang sepanjang tahun kewangan bagi setiap dana.

Pengagihan yang diisytiharkan oleh dana itu akan dilaburkan semula secara automatik ke dalam akaun pemegang unit pada 1 April 2025.

Urus niaga ASB 2 dan ASM di cawangan-cawangan dan ejen-ejen ASNB termasuk semua saluran dalam talian dan perbankan internet akan ditangguhkan sementara dari 28 hingga 31 Mac 2025 bagi memudahkan proses pengiraan pengagihan pendapatan.

Pemegang unit boleh meneruskan transaksi di portal myASNB (www.myasnb.com.my) atau melalui aplikasi mudah alih myASNB pada 1 April 2025, atau di mana-mana cawangan atau ejen ASNB di seluruh negara pada 2 April 2025 (tertakluk pada perubahan Hari Raya Aidilfitri).

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Subsidi RON95 ikut dua peringkat harga, guna MyKad

Mekanisme lengkap diumumkan selepas separuh pertama tahun ini

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Kuala Lumpur: Pelaksanaan rasionalisasi subsidi RON95 akan menggunakan sistem pengenalan diri MyKad dengan mekanisme dua harga iaitu bersubsidi dan tanpa subsidi.

Menteri Kewangan II, Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan, berkata kerajaan akan mengumumkan mekanisme lengkap mengenai rasionalisasi subsidi RON95 itu selepas separuh pertama tahun ini.

Pada masa sama, katanya kerajaan memberi jaminan 85 peratus rakyat negara ini tidak akan terkesan susulan penyusunan subsidi RON95.

Katanya, pembangunan mekanisme pelaksanaan langkah yang didasarkan dapat mengukuhkan kewangan negara itu sedang diperhalusi dan kerajaan tidak mahu mengumumkan sesuatu pelaksanaan dasar secara terburu-buru.

"Kami tidak mahu mengumumkan sesuatu perkara sementara masih menjalankan kerja, kerana perkara paling penting yang kami mahu pastikan adalah sistem ini kukuh."

"RON95 akan menggunakan dua peringkat harga iaitu harga subsidi dan tanpa subsidi. Sistem yang akan diguna dalam penyaluran subsidi RON95 kepada rakyat yang layak adalah melalui MyKad," katanya selepas melancarkan tinjauan operasi perkhidmatan RAPID KL On-Demand bersama Menteri Pengangkutan, Anthony Loke di sini, semalam.

Ketika ditanya mengenai kewajaran menggunakan MyKad dalam pelaksanaan rasionalisasi subsidi RON95 itu kelak, Amir Hamzah menjelaskan sistem itu sudah digunakan dalam Sumbangan Asas Rahmah (SARA).

Beliau berkata, ketika ini, sumbangan SARA kepada 700,000 penerima yang akan diperluas kepada 5.4 juta penerima bermula 1 April ini menggunakan MyKad sebagai medium penyaluran bantuan tunai setiap bulan.

Malah, katanya bantuan yang diterima di dalam MyKad itu ka-



Subsidi RON95 disalurkan kepada rakyat yang layak.

(Foto hiasan)

tanya boleh digunakan bagi transaksi di 3,500 kedai.

"Jika kita boleh menggunakan MyKad kepada 5.4 juta penerima dengan 3,500 kedai, ia menunjukkan sistem itu kukuh. Justeru, tidak ada beza jika MyKad diguna pakai untuk rasionalisasi subsidi RON95," katanya.

Kurangkan saiz defisit fiskal

Belanjawan 2025 yang dibentangkan sebelum ini menyaksikan kerajaan bercadang untuk melaksanakan penyasaran subsidi petrol RON95 pada pertengahan tahun ini, dengan anggaran sekitar RM12 bilion untuk 85 peratus rakyat Malaysia.

Ketua Ahli Ekonomi Bank Muamalat Malaysia Bhd, Dr Mohd Afzanizam Abdul Rashid, berkata sasaran defisit 2025 itu sesuatu yang munasabah untuk dicapai.

Beliau berkata, beberapa langkah percukaian seperti peluasan skop SST serta rasionalisasi subsidi RON95 dilihat mampu membantu kerajaan dalam hasrat mengurangkan saiz defisit fiskal kepada 3.8 peratus berbanding 4.3 peratus tahun lalu.

Malah, tambahnya, saiz Belanjawan 2025 juga berada di paras tertinggi dalam sejarah iaitu RM421 bilion.

"Justeru, ekonomi domestik dilihat berupaya menerajui pertumbuhan ekonomi tahun depan. Namun, situasi ekonomi luaran adalah risiko penurunan utama memandangkan ketidakpastian terhadap tampuk pimpinan baharu Amerika Syarikat, situasi tegang di Asia Barat serta kelembapan ekonomi China adalah risiko yang berpotensi menjejaskan momentum pertumbuhan ekonomi negara," katanya.

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Balik kampung awal elak kesesakan

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PETALING JAYA: Warga kota mula pulang ke kampung halaman bagi menyambut Hari Raya Aidilfitri dengan lebuhraya utama mencatatkan peningkatan jumlah kenderaan, tengah malam tadi.

Tinjauan *Utusan Malaysia* mendapati, rata-rata pengguna memilih untuk pulang lebih awal bagi mengelakkan kesesakan yang dijangka memuncak menjelang penghujung Ramadan.

Malah, ada juga ingin mengambil kesempatan menikmati diskaun tol 50 peratus yang diberikan kerajaan bermula hari ini dan esok.

Bagi kebanyakan perantau, lebaran bukan sekadar perayaan biasa tetapi satu momen yang membawa kegembiraan dan mengeratkan hubungan kekeluargaan selepas setahun berpisah kerana komitmen kerja dan kehidupan di bandar.

Bagi pekerja swasta, Nurul Afifah Zainal, 27, kepulangan ke kampung kali ini lebih bermakna kerana sudah hampir setahun tidak bersua muka dengan ahli keluarga di Batu Pahat, Johor.



WARGA kota mula memenuhi Terminal Bersepadu Selatan (TBS) di Bandar Tasik Selatan untuk mendapatkan bas ekspres ke destinasi masing-masing sempena sambutan Hari Raya Aidilfitri tidak lama lagi. - **UTUSAN/FARIZ RUSADIO**

"Saya memang tidak sabar hendak pulang beraya. Tahun lepas saya tidak dapat cuti panjang, jadi kali ini saya luangkan masa lebih lama bersama keluarga. Kebetulan ada diskaun tol, memang berbaloi untuk perjalanan jauh," katanya.

Ibunya, Zaleha Ahmad, 55, yang sudah menunggu kepulangan anak-anak di kampung turut berkongsi keterujaan.

"Anak-anak semua kerja di bandar, jadi apabila dapat berkumpul waktu raya, memang sangat bermakna. Kami

sudah siapkan rendang dan ketupat awal-awal," katanya.

Dalam pada itu, juruteknik, Mohd. Razlan Ismail, 34, berkata, dia memilih untuk pulang ke kampung di Kuala Terengganu, Terengganu selepas waktu bekerja bagi mengelakkan kesesakan di lebuhraya.

"Saya habis kerja pukul 10 malam, jadi saya terus bertolak. Biasanya waktu tengah malam lebih lancar, kurang kenderaan berat. Dengan adanya diskaun tol, sekurang-kurangnya dapat juga jimatkan perbelanjaan balik kampung," katanya.

Rakan sekerjanya, Muhammad Syahmi Sofian, 32, turut berkongsi pendapat dan memilih strategi sama.

"Kami berbincang dan sepatat untuk bertolak lewat malam. Lagipun, dengan cuaca panas sekarang, memandu waktu malam lebih selesa," katanya.

Sementara itu, penjawat awam, Fadli Rahman, 40, berkata, insentif diskaun tol yang diberikan kerajaan amat membantu terutama bagi mereka yang perlu menempuh perjalanan jauh.

"Saya balik ke Kota Bharu, Kelantan. Bila ada potongan 50 peratus ini, sekurang-kurangnya dapat kurangkan beban

perbelanjaan. Kalau boleh, insentif seperti ini diteruskan setiap tahun supaya lebih ramai rakyat dapat merasai manfaatnya," katanya.

Isteri Fadli, Siti Aishah Md. Noor, 38, pula berkata, penjimatan tol membolehkan mereka menggunakan lebihan wang untuk persiapan raya.

"Kami boleh gunakan duit lebih untuk beli kuih raya dan barang dapur di kampung. Semua harga barang naik sekarang, jadi insentif seperti ini memang membantu," katanya.

Bagi mereka yang tidak mempunyai kenderaan sendiri, pengangkutan awam menjadi pilihan utama.

Penumpang bas, Siti Zulaikha Roslan, 30, berkata, dia lebih selesa menaiki bas dari Terminal Bersepadu Selatan (TBS) ke Alor Setar, Kedah bagi mengelakkan kesesakan di jalan raya.

"Saya beli tiket awal sebab takut habis. Biasanya bila dekat raya, harga tiket naik dan bas pun penuh. Mujur kali ini saya sempat dapat tiket dengan harga biasa."

"Tetapi memang nampak ramai yang pulang awal tahun ini, mungkin sebab insentif tol dan orang mahu elak kesesakan," katanya.

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ASB 2 agih pendapatan 5.50 sen, ASM 5.00 sen

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PETALING JAYA: Amanah Saham Nasional Berhad (ASNB) mengumumkan pengagihan pendapatan Amanah Saham Bumiputera 2 (ASB 2) dan Amanah Saham Malaysia (ASM) masing-masing sebanyak 5.50 sen dan 5.00 sen seunit, menjadikan jumlah keseluruhan sebanyak RM2.18 bilion bagi tahun kewangan berakhir 31 Mac 2025.

Syarikat pengurusan unit amanah milik penuh Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB) itu berkata, ASB 2 mengisytiharkan jumlah pembayaran pengagihan pendapatan sebanyak RM0.73 bilion kepada 614,309 pemegang unit yang kini memiliki 14.12 bilion unit.

Sementara itu, ASNB berkata, ASM mengisytiharkan jumlah pembayaran pengagihan pendapatan sebanyak RM1.45 bilion kepada 740,513 pemegang unit dengan pegangan 29.14 bilion

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"Walaupun berdepan persekitaran pasaran modal global yang mencabar ekoran ketegangan tarif, inflasi yang tinggi dan ketidakpastian ekonomi, pengagihan pendapatan bagi ASB 2 sebanyak 5.50 sen seunit dan ASM sebanyak 5.00 sen seunit mencatat peningkatan sebanyak 0.25 sen seunit berbanding tahun lalu," katanya dalam kenyataannya.

ASNB berkata, dana-dana ini juga telah menunjukkan peningkatan progresif sepanjang tiga tahun lalu, mencerminkan komitmen PNB untuk meningkatkan pulangan dan memperkukuh daya tahan portfolio.

Jelasnya, pengagihan pendapatan ASB 2 dan ASM mengatasi penanda aras Deposit Tetap 12 Bulan Maybank pada 2.56 per-

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"Prestasi kukuh kedua-dua dana harga tetap ini didorong oleh pulangan ekuiti domestik dan global yang positif serta strategi kepelbagaian aset yang berterusan merentasi geografi dan kelas aset.

"Melangkah ke hadapan, PNB akan terus memperluaskan kepelbagaian aset, terutamanya dalam pendapatan tetap, bagi memastikan aliran pendapatan yang stabil dan konsisten," ujarnya.

Tambahnya, pengiraan pengagihan pendapatan untuk ASB 2 dan ASM adalah berdasarkan purata baki bulanan minimum yang dipegang sepanjang tahun kewangan bagi setiap dana.

Jelasnya, pengagihan yang diisytiharkan oleh dana-dana ini akan dilaburkan semula secara automatik ke dalam akaun pemegang unit pada 1 April 2025.

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KL not ready for congestion charge yet

► Improved public transport, phased rollout, equity measures keys to future implementation: Experts

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KUALA LUMPUR: While a congestion charge could ease traffic in Kuala Lumpur, experts warn that several critical issues must first be addressed.

Malaysian Institute of Road Safety Research (Miros) head of corporate communications and knowledge management Dr Hizal Hanis Hashim said the main goal is to encourage public transport use to ease congestion, improve infrastructure efficiency, boost road safety, and lower carbon emissions.

Miros, in collaboration with the Malaysia Green Technology and Climate Change Corporation, is currently studying the feasibility of implementing the charge in the capital.

Hizal said public transport readiness is the most crucial factor in determining the success of congestion pricing.

He noted that cities like Stockholm and Singapore had robust public transport networks before introducing such measures.

"For Malaysia, the MRT, LRT and bus services have made good progress, but further enhancement and expansion are needed to meet growing demand," he said.

If implemented, Hizal said a hybrid model using Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) and Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) would be the most viable option for the capital. This would allow integration with existing toll infrastructure to ensure efficient system operations.

"Lessons from global cities suggest that for congestion pricing to work in KL, several key measures must be in place before implementation, beyond just improving public transport.

"This includes dynamic pricing that charges more during peak hours, transparent reinvestment of revenue into public transport and road safety, a phased rollout to test effectiveness, and seamless enforcement using ANPR and RFID."

Meanwhile, Universiti Putra Malaysia Road

Safety Research Centre head Assoc Prof Dr Law Teik Hua said although congestion charges have worked in other cities, Kuala Lumpur's urban layout and public transport limitations require careful planning.

"Currently, only 20% of the city's commuters rely on rail transport, which may not be sufficient to support a major shift from private vehicles if a congestion charge is introduced.

"Expanding services like MRT3 and introducing integrated ticketing are necessary to provide a reliable alternative," he said.

Law said congestion pricing could reduce traffic by 15% to 20%, based on international examples, with fewer vehicles on the road leading to fewer collisions and better road safety.

"There would also be significant environmental benefits," he added, citing Stockholm's 10% to 14% drop in emissions and London's 13% reduction in nitrogen dioxide levels after implementing congestion charges.

He stressed the importance of addressing social equity concerns, suggesting exemptions or subsidies for lower-income groups to prevent financial hardship.

To ensure a smooth transition, Law proposed a phased implementation.

"Starting with high-traffic areas like KLCC

and Bukit Bintang would allow gradual adaptation.

"Exemptions or discounts could be offered to residents, low-income individuals and commercial vehicles during off-peak hours," he said.

The congestion pricing proposal was first raised by Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Federal Territories) Datuk Seri Dr Zaliha Mustafa on Feb 27.

She said it could cut traffic by up to 20% while bringing long-term economic benefits such as improved business access and increased pedestrian activity.

However, Transport Minister Anthony Loke clarified in the Dewan Negara on Tuesday that the government has no immediate plans to implement congestion charges in Kuala Lumpur.

Yesterday, Loke reiterated that the charge remains a last resort.

"Forget about that (congestion charge), it's the last option in our minds. We do not want to add to the burden of the people," he said at the Rapid KL On-Demand event at the Rapid Bus depot in Maluri here.

He stressed that the government's priority is to improve public transport services, not to impose new charges.

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14,000 pigs culled so far in Selangor to curb ASF outbreak

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SHAH ALAM: The Selangor Veterinary Services Department has culled only 14,000 pigs suspected of being infected with African Swine Fever (ASF).

Its director Dr Hassuzana Khalil said the culling was conducted using carbon dioxide gas, with carcasses buried on pig farms in accordance with established guidelines.

To date, 58 farms in Sepang and Kuala Langat have been affected by ASF and issued disposal orders under Section 19 of the Animals Act 1953 (Act 647) to prevent further spread of the disease.

"The culling process at infected farms is

costly and requires a large workforce, involving support from other state department offices and the veterinary services headquarters in Putrajaya," she said in a media statement.

She was replying to a statement by state infrastructure and agriculture committee chairman Datuk Izham Hashim on Wednesday, who said the department had culled about 76,000 pigs from 57 farms in Kuala Langat and Sepang last week due to ASF infections.

Hassuzana added that pigs from 52 ASF-negative farms are still permitted for slaughter at licensed abattoirs, subject to strict regulations by department.

"One of the conditions is strict adherence to designated transport routes, ensuring pig transport vehicles only travel to licensed abattoirs," she said.

The department has also opened seven investigation papers under Sections 34 and 36 of the Animals Act 1953 following Op ASF, an enforcement operation carried out in outbreak zones.

Hassuzana warned that pig farms in Selangor remain at high risk (Category 3) due to inadequate biosecurity measures and their close proximity – only 0.5 to 1km apart – which increases the likelihood of ASF transmission.

"It is expected that ASF infections will continue, as there is currently no available vaccine for the disease," she said.

To curb the outbreak, the department has issued disinfection orders under Section 23 of the Animals Act 1953 to all affected farms.

"Farmers are also prohibited from introducing new pigs until the infection is completely eradicated and Selangor is declared ASF-free," she added.

On Feb 25, it was reported that 1,868 of the 76,000 pigs in Kuala Langat and Sepang had been culled as part of containment efforts. – Bernama

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