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MBSJ outlines measures to reduce risk of trees falling



SUBANG Jaya City Council (MBSJ) has undertaken several measures to reduce the risk of trees falling or posing a danger to the public, including updating the council's tree inventory and ensuring regular landscape maintenance.

"MBSJ remains committed to reducing the risk of trees posing a danger to the public in areas under the council's purview, through various proactive and strategic measures," MBSJ's Corporate And Strategic Management Department said in a statement on Monday (May 27).

"These methods include increasing monitoring as well as regular pruning and maintenance.

"The monitoring and updating of MBSJ's tree inventory is done regularly. For trees that have exceeded their maturity period, they will be reviewed and maintained on a scheduled basis."

The monitoring will be done by a certified arborist, namely MBSJ's Landscape Department director. The council also has 14 officers trained with basic arboriculture knowledge.

"Pruning and maintenance works are proactively carried out on trees found to be at risk.

"MBSJ continuously assesses the sites to evaluate the level of risk and to recommend further actions for at-risk trees, if necessary," said the statement.

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To reduce the risk of trees falling, MBSJ said it had outlined a holistic approach involving both short- and long-term measures.

"Short-term measures involves regular pruning and inspection of high-risk trees prone to falling, especially those located near roads, buildings and public areas.

"Long-term measures include replacing high-risk trees with species that are more suitable for the local climate and conditions, developing a comprehensive tree management plan and updating the tree inventory as well as integrating urban planning with green infrastructure that considers strategic planting of trees," said MBSJ.

It added that the following areas in Subang Jaya, Puchong and Seri Kembangan have been identified for landscape maintenance work, between April 1 and July 31:

- > Jalan PJS 7/7, Jalan PJS 11/5 and PJS 11/24
- > Around USJ 23/5 and USJ 27
- > Jalan USJ 3B/8, Jalan USJ 4/3, 4/4 and 4/5 and Jalan Tujuan
- > Jalan TP 3/3, Jalan TP 5 and Jalan TP 7
- > Jalan Pinggiran USJ 1/17 and Jalan SHT 1
- > Jalan Bangau 9, Jalan Kasawari, Jalan Utama Kenari, Jalan Tiong 2 and Jalan Puchong Jaya Selatan
- > Jalan Intan 1/8, Jalan Intan 1/1, Jalan Puchong Intan 2/5 and Jalan Puchong Indah 3
- > Jalan Persiaran Tasik Prima, Jalan Prima 1/7 and Jalan Prima 4/2
- > Jalan 18/55, Jalan SR 5, Jalan SR 6, Jalan Muhibbah, Jalan Kuda Emas and Jalan SB Indah 5
- > Jalan SS 14/8G (Keses Expressway wall), Persiaran Kewajipan, Jalan SS 12/4 and Jalan SS 15/4D
- > Jalan Putra Permai 8, Putra Permai 9 and BPP 2/1, Jalan LEP 6/8, Jalan LP 2/17 and Jalan LP 2/19
- > Jalan PUJ 1/5, PUJ 1/11, PUJ 1/15 and Jalan Puncak Jalil 8
- > Jalan Kinrara 6, Jalan BK 2/10, BK 4/2, Jalan BK 5/6, BK 5/10A and Jalan BK 8A



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NEIGHBOURHOOD CONTEST

Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) is holding a contest to see which neighbourhood has the best security team. It is open to all registered residents associations, Rukun Tetangga, joint management bodies and village community management councils. Entry deadline is June 14. For entry forms, visit MBPJ's social media pages. For details, call 03-7958 8085 ext 115 (Kamarul).

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Charge offenders for obstruction, MPAJ told

By LEW GUAN XI
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THE move by Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ) to impose a RM300 fee for the removal of obstructions within strata properties is drawing flak.

Strata Owners Association Malaysia honorary secretary Kelvin Chong said the joint management bodies (JMB) and management corporations (MC) cannot use maintenance funds, paid by the residents, to pay MPAJ to remove these obstructions.

"It requires approval during annual general meetings, which is quite tedious.

"If maintenance funds are used without committee approval, the residents can file a complaint to the Housing and Strata Management Tribunal, accusing the management committee of misappropriation of funds.

"They can even lodge police reports which will get the management committee in legal trouble," said Chong.

Chong said spending maintenance funds on obstruction removal violated Section 21 of the Strata Management Act 2013.

"MPAJ should impose the fee on those causing obstructions, not on the JMBs or MCs.

"Don't set a bad precedent by

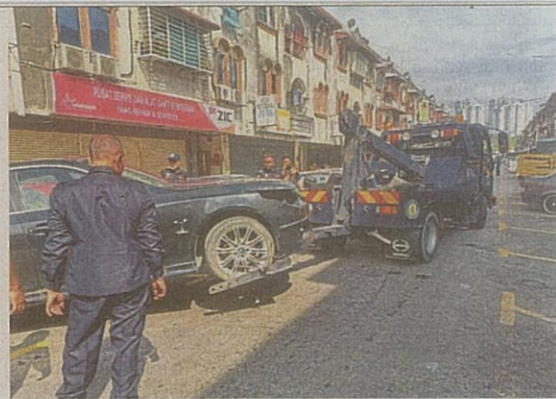
encouraging other local councils to charge the JMBs or MCs for everything.

"These management committees are elected by the residents to manage strata properties," he said.

Royal Institution of Surveyors Malaysia president Adzman Shah Mohd Ariffin said MPAJ should consider lowering the fee since it possessed its own towing machinery.

"The fee will add a tremendous burden to the people, given the rising costs of living," he said.

MPAJ had not responded to requests for comments at press time.



MPAJ enforcement officers towing away an abandoned car in Pandan Perdana. — Filepic

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DBKL urged to resolve stalled housing project in Kepong

SEVERAL housebuyers of a housing project in Taman Fadason, which had stalled more than a decade ago, want the authorities to intervene.

Launched in 2012, the project in Kepong, Kuala Lumpur, comprised three-storey linked units.

The housebuyers said it was a joint venture between a private developer and Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL).

They paid a 10% deposit to the developer for the units, which were estimated to cost between RM1.2mil and RM2mil.

Some 20 purchasers gathered for a press conference to voice their concerns and demand that DBKL resolve the issue.

Among them was Carrie Chin,



Some of the housebuyers with Yee (fourth left) at the abandoned project site in Kepong. — FARID WAHAB/ The Star

44, who said she paid a RM159,000 deposit to secure her unit.

She said several years ago, she and other housebuyers demand-

ed a refund after the developer failed to start work on the project.

"The developer agreed to our

request and began paying us in monthly instalments.

"I received seven instalments totalling RM70,000 but then the payments stopped," said Chin.

Ramayea Manickam, 62, who paid a RM186,000 deposit, said she did not receive any refund as she did not apply for it.

"We have repeatedly gone to the developer's and DBKL's offices over the years but were given the runaround," she said.

Another buyer, Ng Bee Hiong, 51, said she did not want a refund and expressed hope that the project would be completed.

Local community activist Yee Poh Ping, who is helping the housebuyers, said several meetings had been held with DBKL.

"We learnt that DBKL, which is

the project's landowner, had in 2014, cancelled the joint venture after the developer failed to fulfil its obligations.

"However, the housebuyers were left in limbo.

"We urge DBKL to step in and defend their rights," said Yee.

When *StarMetro* visited the site, the team found an abandoned show unit.

The area was filled with rubbish and stagnant water.

There were also many vehicles parked there.

"These are believed to be from nearby neighbourhoods and commercial areas," he said.

DBKL and the developer had not responded to requests for comments at press time. — By FARID WAHAB

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A yellow tag indicates this tree has been checked by an arborist.



Notice on a tree that has been identified for felling in Taman Desa.

Senseless covering of tags

YOUR RIGHT to know

By BAVANI M
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THE crucial task of assessing if mature trees are safe in Kuala Lumpur after recent storms has been made harder by irresponsible citizens.

Tags on dozens of trees, which indicate if they had been inspected, assessed or logged for inventory purposes, have either been ripped off or covered up by banners and illegal signs.

These trees were assessed by Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) arborists for proper care and maintenance – including pruning, treatment or removal if necessary.

Neighbourhoods which seemed to be more affected are in Jalan Kelang Lama and include Taman Desa, Jalan Kuchai Lama along with Taman Gembira in Kuala Lumpur.

Taman Desa Residents Association (TDRA) chairman Wong Chan Choy and members of his committee were the first to notice some trees had labels while others did not.

At the time, they were carrying out their own inspection to check for tree branches that might be at risk of falling or in need of pruning.

"When we looked closer, we found some of the tags under banners," Wong said.

He said the labels were important indicators of the trees' health, and to identify hazard trees which could be diseased, decayed or were structurally unstable.

"It is also important to maintain an accurate record of the city's tree population, including species, age and condition."

He said in light of recent incidents of trees falling due to thunderstorms, it was necessary in the name of public safety to identify and mitigate hazards posed by old and damaged trees.

"The tree labels or tags are important because without them, it will be difficult for

Stakeholders say records on status of matured trees in city essential for proper management



DBKL tree tag covered by an illegal banner. — Photos: YAP CHEE HONG/The Star



Koh says DBKL contractors tend to prune branches but leave tops of trees untouched.

DBKL to track and monitor the health and condition of the trees.

"This can lead to untreated diseases, unnoticed structural weaknesses and other issues that could compromise the trees' health and safety," he said.

He added that DBKL could

also face difficulties in maintaining accurate records and conducting necessary inspections, which would lead to increased costs.

Bangsar resident M. Viknendran said, "A city that prides itself on its tree assets should not allow people to stick banners and advertisements on the trees."

"This practice not only harms the trees but also diminishes the aesthetic and environmental value they provide," he said.

"DBKL should start enforcing regulations against any banners placed on trees."

"And this should even include government agencies that are promoting functions."

"This will help protect the trees and maintain the city's aesthetic appeal, ensuring public places are kept clean and free from illegal advertisements."

TDRA treasurer Koh Swee Hyong said there were many trees in the township in need of

pruning, yet contractors hired to do the job tend to only cut branches and leave the tops untouched.

Koh said proper pruning practices involved maintaining the natural shape and balance of the tree.

"Pruning only the lower branches and leaving the top untouched can create an imbalance in the tree's structure."

"This can lead to a top-heavy tree, increasing the risk of the tree becoming unstable and potentially falling."

"We also need to point out that areas with old trees should be free of traders operating stalls, as it is not safe for the public who patronise the stalls or for the operators," added Koh.

A *StarMetro* check on the complaint found many tags under banners, while others were removed or had fallen on the ground.

Some had either a black or

Residents want their say before trees get felled

REPRESENTATIVES from residents associations (RAs) and Kawasan Rukun Tetangga (KRT) want proper engagement with Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) before the authority fells trees in neighbourhoods.

They say some perfectly healthy trees in Kuala Lumpur were chopped down recently without proper consultation with local communities.

Many more trees have been tagged for either pruning or felling.

Taman Desa Residents Association (TDRA) chairman Wong Chan Choy reported receiving numerous complaints after DBKL contractors felled a 40-year-old Khaya tree at Jalan 2/109e, Taman Desa, near Wisma Miramas on Saturday.

"The tree was old but healthy and looked sturdy. They should have trimmed it instead of chopping it down," he said.

Wong approached the foreign contractors who said they were merely following DBKL's orders.

"TDRA is a very proactive RA, and we have a good relationship with DBKL. We would appreciate it if officers could inform us or consult with us before proceeding with tree-cutting activities," he said.

On the flip side another Taman Desa resident, who wished to remain anonymous, said it took almost a year for DBKL to cut down an old tree that was on the verge of toppling near her house.

"They only came when things got bad, and they did a poor job, leaving a huge stump with roots intact, which is now damaging the drains," she said.

Another resident, Jaclyn Chin, suggested DBKL mark old and brittle trees with a red tag and ensure the area was off-limits to parking and stalls.

"They should not have knee-jerk reactions when something happens," Chin said.

Taman Seputeh KRT chairman Cynthia Hor said DBKL had been ignoring its own guidelines.

"A section in Kuala Lumpur Local Plan 2040 (KLPP2040) states that the city's goal to go green includes planting 19 species of tall trees (see graphic).

"However, when I met with DBKL's Bukit Bintang branch officer responsible for landscaping, he said they lacked cranes that could reach 30m to



TDRA wants DBKL to look at preserving and not cutting down trees in the neighbourhood. — Photos: YAP CHEE HONG/The Star



Taman Desa RA members showing the huge stump of a felled tree which they say is wreaking havoc on drains.

maintain these trees," said Hor.

"Of the 19 species listed, many can grow over 30m. Do you see the problem?"

Hor said DBKL must develop a tree maintenance culture to achieve its green city targets.

"Some trees are brittle or have crowns dangerously close to buildings or electrical cables. "DBKL should conduct assessments and communicate with community representatives.

"In some areas, they don't post notices on the trees, inform the KRT or RA, or engage with residents when they are going to cut or prune the trees," she added.

Hor pointed out that trees were essential as they absorbed carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and helped reduce



Hor says DBKL needs more communication with residents.

greenhouse gases besides mitigating climate change.

"Trees also filter pollutants from the air, improving overall air quality and public health, and they provide shade and

Carbon absorbing tree species

Carbon dioxide absorption capacity/ tree (kg/year)	Mature height (m)
Khaya senegalensis (Khaya)	72,119 30
Syzygium grande (Jambu Laut)	32,740 20-30
Samanea saman (Hujan-hujan)	28,488 20
Hopea odorata (Merawan siput jantan)	11,878 25-30
Pongamia pinnata (Mempari)	8,990 15-25
Mimusops elengi (Tanjung)	8,289 30
Syzygium polyanthum (Salam)	6,748 20
Sandoricum koetjape (Sentul)	5,060 30
Fagraea fragrans (Tembusu)	1,488 50
Garcinia griffithii (Kandis)	1,211 30
Cananga odorata (Kenanga)	756.59 10-20
Delonix regia (Semarak api)	729 20
Ficus benjamina (Beringin)	535.9 20
Filicium decipiens (Kiara payung)	404.8 30
Pometia pinnata (Kasal)	329.8 20-50
Swietenia mahagoni (Mahagoni)	295.7 35
Michelia champaca (Cempaka)	207.9 25
Lagerstroemia speciosa (Bungor)	151 20
Melaleuca cajuputi (Gelang)	87.6 40

Source: KLPP2040

The Star graphics

release moisture through transpiration, cooling the city and reducing the urban heat island effect."

Realtor S. Shamini added that green spaces enhanced the visual appeal of urban areas and contributed to residents' well-being by reducing stress and promoting mental health.

"In my experience of selling houses for over 10 years, neighbourhoods with a lot of greenery tend to sell easily, so integrating carbon-absorbing

trees into urban planning can significantly improve the value of the property in a township as well as the quality of life and environmental health in cities," Shamini said.

On May 13, a huge tree fell on Jalan Pinang, damaging several vehicles. This incident occurred just 600m from Jalan Sultan Ismail, where another large tree had fallen the previous week, killing a motorist and injuring two others. — By BAVANI M

yellow tag with serial numbers.

When contacted, a DBKL spokesperson said trees tagged with a yellow label had been assessed by an arborist, while black-labelled ones had been inventoried.

"Tagging the trees is important as it ensures proper management," said the spokesperson, adding that a team would be sent to check on the illegal banners.

According to the Federal Territories Department, there are 236,651 trees in Kuala Lumpur.

Of this number, 1,346 trees are more than 30 years old.

On May 7 and May 13, thunderstorms caused dozens of

trees to fall in the city, causing damage. One person was killed, while two others were injured in the May 7 incident.

Following this, DBKL said City Hall-appointed certified arborists had identified 28 trees in the city as high-risk in its latest periodic inspection.

DBKL said these trees would be felled soon, following scheduled checks on trees 30 years or older, or those with a circumference exceeding 1.5m, around Kuala Lumpur from 2019.

It said 175 trees had been identified as high-risk, with most exceeding 50 years old.

Of this number, 147 trees have been felled.



Taman Desa Residents Association members showing trees that require pruning.

KWSP terima 2.86 juta permohonan pindaan Akaun Fleksibel

SHAH ALAM - Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja (KWSP) menerima 2.86 juta permohonan pindaan akaun permulaan dari Akaun Sejahtera ke Akaun Fleksibel melibatkan jumlah sebanyak RM8.78 bilion setakat 22 Mei tahun ini.

Ketua Pegawai Operasinya, Szalizi Zainuddin berkata, selepas pilihan tersebut dibuka pada 12 Mei lalu, sebanyak 3.04 juta permohonan untuk pengeluaran Akaun Fleksibel telah diluluskan berjumlah RM5.52 bilion.

"KWSP menjangkakan jumlah permohonan untuk pemindahan akaun permulaan daripada Akaun Sejahtera kepada Akaun Fleksibel akan terus meningkat sehingga tarikh tutup pada 31 Ogos 2024.

"Kami juga gembira melihat peningkatan ketara permohonan melalui aplikasi mudah alih KWSP i-Akaun.

"Ini mencerminkan usaha kami untuk meningkatkan pengalaman dan kebolehcapaian pengguna, di samping kami terus berinovasi dan mengembangkan penawaran digital kami," katanya dalam kenyataan pada Isnin.

Tambah Szalizi, ahli-ahli dinasihatkan supaya tidak tergesa-gesa membuat pemindahan untuk Akaun Fleksibel memandangkan tarikh tutup bagi urusan tersebut ialah pada 31 Ogos tahun ini.

"Ahli yang masih belum mendaftar dengan KWSP i-Akaun digalakkan berbuat demikian bagi membolehkan transaksi pengeluaran daripada Akaun Fleksibel.

"Ahli dinasihatkan untuk mendaftar atau mengemas kini nombor telefon bimbit mereka melalui Terminal Layan Diri (SST) yang terdapat di mana-mana cawangan KWSP bagi tujuan menerima Kod Kebenaran Urus Niaga (TAC) bagi mengesahkan identiti mereka semasa menjalankan transaksi.

"Pengeluaran daripada Akaun Fleksibel boleh dibuat pada bila-bila masa untuk sebarang tujuan, dengan pengeluaran minimum RM50," ujarnya.

SINAR HARIAN

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Tiga penjawat awam ditahan disyaki minta rasuah RM25,000

KEMAMAN - Tiga penjawat awam di-reman selama enam hari kerana disyaki meminta dan menerima rasuah bernilai kira-kira RM25,000 bagi memudahkan urusan permohonan tanah E-Haram di Terengganu.

Kesemua suspek direman bermula Isnin hingga 1 Jun depan bagi membantu siasatan di bawah Seksyen 17 (a) Akta Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) 2009.

Perintah reman dikeluarkan Majistret Sharifah Amirda Shasha Amir Shariffuddin selepas menerima permohonan daripada SPRM di Mahkamah Sesyen Kemaman di sini pada Isnin.

Menurut sumber, ketiga-tiga suspek lelaki berusia lingkungan 30-an dan 40-an itu ditahan lewat petang Ahad ketika hadir memberikan keterangan di pejabat

SPRM Kemaman.

Jelasnya, siasatan awal mendapati kesemua suspek melakukan kesalahan itu sekitar tahun 2022 hingga 2023.

Selain itu, suspek turut terlibat secara langsung dalam menjalankan siasatan, membuat pengukuran sempadan serta menyediakan ulasan teknikal bagi tanah yang dimohon.

Difahamkan, sepanjang 2022 hingga 2023 didapati wujud beberapa transaksi wang ke akaun salah seorang suspek sehingga mencecah kira-kira RM25,000 dan kesemua suspek turut disyaki menerima RM500 hingga RM800 mengikut tugas pemohon.

Sementara itu, Pengarah SPRM Terengganu, Hazrul Shazreen Abd Yazid ketika dihubungi mengesahkan mengenai penahanan tersebut.



Suspek dibawa keluar dari Mahkamah Sesyen Kemaman pada Isnin.

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Syor wujud pasukan pemantau pastikan pokok ditanam semula

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SHAH ALAM - Pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) disyorkan mewujudkan satu pasukan untuk memantau dan memastikan pokok berbahaya yang terpaksa ditebang digantikan semula sebagaimana diarahkan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Pengerusi Ikatan Komuniti Selamat, Tan Sri Lee Lam Thye berkata, pasukan itu juga perlu dianggotai oleh pakar pokok atau arboris yang arif tentang jenis pokok sesuai untuk ditanam mengikut kawasan.

"Selepas berlakunya beberapa insiden pokok tumbang, saya lihat banyak PBT



LAM THYE

bukan sahaja di Kuala Lumpur malah di Pulau Pinang dan Selangor ambil tindakan sama.

"Akan tetapi di banyak jalan, pokok yang telah ditebang hanya tinggal akar atau tunggul. Saya tidak nampak pokok baharu ditanam seperti mana arahan Perdana Menteri supaya 100 pokok perlu diganti bagi setiap satu pohon yang ditebang," katanya kepada *Sinar Harian*.

Lam Thye menegaskan bahawa pokok pengganti perlu ditanam segera untuk mengawal suhu panas ekoran perubahan iklim selain mengawal alam sekitar.

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Boleh mohon subsidi diesel mulai hari ini

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Mereka yang layak terima Budi Madani RM200 sebulan susulan pelaksanaan penyasaran subsidi diesel

Oleh SITI AISYAH MOHAMAD
SHAH ALAM

Permohonan bagi program Bantuan Subsidi Madani (Budi Madani) melibatkan pemilik kenderaan diesel persendirian, petani dan pekebun kecil komoditi akan dibuka bermula pada Selasa.

Menteri Kewangan II, Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan berkata, penerima yang layak akan menerima Budi Madani sebanyak RM200 sebulan seiring dengan pelaksanaan penyasaran subsidi diesel.

Menurutnya, pemilik kenderaan diesel persendirian yang layak boleh membuat permohonan itu di bawah kategori Budi Individu manakala petani dan pekebun ke-

cil pula Budi Agri-Komoditi.

Beliau berkata, kriteria kelayakan Budi Individu membabitkan pemohon warganegara Malaysia, memiliki kenderaan diesel persendirian berdaftar dengan Jabatan Pengangkutan Jalan (JPJ) selain kenderaan mewah di bawah usia 10 tahun, cukai jalan aktif serta pendapatan tahunan individu atau pasangan RM100,000 ke bawah.

"Setiap permohonan yang diterima akan disemak silang dengan data di bawah Lembaga Hasil Dalam Negeri Malaysia (LHDNM) bagi mengecualikan pemilik kenderaan mewah di bawah usia 10 tahun dan individu berpendapatan tinggi.

"Selain itu, bagi kelayakan Budi Agri-Komoditi, pemohon mesti berdaftar sebagai petani atau pekebun kecil dengan agensi berkaitan di bawah Kementerian Pertanian dan Keterjaminan Makanan (KPKM) atau Kementerian Perlindungan dan Komoditi (KPK).

"Pemohon di bawah kategori ini juga perlu aktif dengan hasil jualan pertanian tahunan antara RM50,000 dan RM300,000," katanya pada Isnin.

Pada Selasa lalu, Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim berkata, Jemaah

Menteri bersetuju melaksanakan penyasaran subsidi ke atas bahan api diesel yang hanya akan melibatkan pengguna di Semenanjung Malaysia.

Namun keputusan itu tidak melibatkan pengguna Sabah dan Sarawak kerana penduduk di sana kebanyakannya menggunakan diesel untuk urusan seharian.

Mengulas lanjut, Amir Hamzah berkata, permohonan boleh dibuat secara dalam talian di laman web <https://budimadani.gov.my/> yang akan dibuka sepanjang tahun.

"Bagi permohonan yang dibuat dan diluluskan sebelum 3 Jun, pemohon akan menerima Budi Madani pertama menjelang pertengahan Jun dan bantuan seterusnya akan disalurkan secara bulanan.

"Bagi permohonan yang diluluskan selepas 3 Jun pula akan menerima Budi Madani pertama dalam tempoh dua minggu dan seterusnya secara bulanan.

"Ia akan dikreditkan ke dalam akaun bank penerima setiap bulan manakala penerima tanpa akaun bank boleh menuntutnya secara tunai di mana-mana cawangan Bank Simpanan Nasional (BSN) seluruh Semenanjung Malaysia," ujarnya.

Dalam pada itu, Amir Hamzah berkata, program tersebut melengkapi usaha sedia ada kerajaan dalam menyasarkan subsidi diesel melalui sistem MySubsidi Diesel

Untuk memohon dan mengetahui lebih lanjut berhubung syarat-syarat kelayakan Budi Madani, boleh layari <https://budimadani.gov.my> atau boleh menghubungi talian bantuan Budi Madani di nombor 1-800-88-2747/03-8882 4565/03-8882 4566 atau e-mel di alamat budimadani@treasury.gov.my. Pertanyaan dan maklumat lanjut juga boleh diperolehi di semua pejabat LHDNM seluruh Semenanjung Malaysia.

yang dikendalikan Kementerian Perdagangan Dalam Negeri dan Kos Sara Hidup (KPDN).

Ujar beliau, setakat ini, hampir 90,000 'Fleet Card' dikeluarkan kepada syarikat di bawah sektor pengangkutan awam dan barangan darat.

"Kad ini membolehkan syarikat logistik yang layak untuk membeli minyak diesel bersubsidi di stesen minyak bagi memastikan kesan kos yang minimum kepada rantaian nilai logistik serta bekalan dan secara langsung mengurangkan risiko kenaikan harga barangan.

"Dengan pelaksanaan ini, kerajaan telah memperluas bantuan tunai kepada individu, petani dan pekebun kecil komoditi menjelang pelaksanaan penyasaran subsidi diesel," katanya.



AMIR HAMZAH

SINAR HARIAN
Tarikh: 28 MAY 2024

GRED PURATA NASIONAL 4.67

Selangor catat peningkatan

Shah Alam: Selangor merekodkan peningkatan secara keseluruhan bagi pencapaian calon Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) 2023 yang diumumkan, semalam.

Pengarah Jabatan Pendidikan Selangor Dr Jafri Abu berkata, Gred Purata Nasional (GPN) SPM bagi Selangor adalah 4.67 berbanding 4.80 yang direkodkan pada tahun sebelumnya.

"Daripada 65,452 calon yang menduduki peperiksaan SPM, seramai 2,005 calon (3.15 peratus) memperoleh keputusan cemerlang (gred A+, A dan A-) dalam semua mata pelajaran berbanding 1,860 calon (2.94 peratus) pada 2022 iaitu peningkatan sebanyak 145 calon (0.21 peratus).

"Bilangan calon yang memperoleh sekurang-kurangnya kepujian atau gred C dalam semua mata pelajaran adalah seramai 8,362 calon (13.12 pe-

ratus) pada 2023 berbanding 7,860 calon (12.44 peratus) pada 2022, peningkatan sebanyak 502 calon (0.68 peratus)," katanya pada sesi pengumuman analisis keputusan peperiksaan SPM di Jabatan Pendidikan Negeri Selangor, semalam.

Beliau berkata, seramai 21,071 calon (33.06 peratus) memperoleh sekurang-kurangnya lulus semua mata pelajaran yang diduduki pada 2023 berbanding 20,582 calon (32.57 peratus) pada 2022, peningkatan sebanyak 0.49 peratus.

Menurutnya, calon yang layak menerima sijil juga meningkat iaitu 58,082 calon (91.14 peratus) berbanding 56,402 calon (89.25 peratus) pada 2022.

"Bagi Calon Berkeperluan Pendidikan Khas (CBPK) yang menduduki peperiksaan itu bagi tahun 2023, seramai 183 layak mendapat sijil daripada 275 calon," katanya.

**“
2,005 calon
peroleh gred A+,
A dan A- dalam
semua mata
pelajaran
Dr Jafri**

HARIAN METRO
Tarikh: **28 MAY 2024...**

Hasil penjimatan subsidi bersasar disalur kepada rakyat

Kuala Lumpur: Penyasaran subsidi diesel mampu merasionalisasikan perbelanjaan kerajaan apabila penjimatan RM4 bilion di peringkat awal kelak dapat disalurkan kepada rakyat, kata Penganalisis Ekonomi, Prof Dr Aimi Zulhazmi Abdul Rashid.

Menurutnya, apabila langkah itu berjaya, maka ia diperluaskan ke seluruh negara dan merangkumi bahan api lain seperti RON95 serta barangan keperluan yang menerima subsidi secara pukal pada masa ini.

"Sekiranya subsidi diesel bersasar ini berjaya dilaksanakan, kerajaan berapaya mengurangkan defisit belanjawan negara setiap tahun.

"Penjimatan rasionalisasi pendapatan kerajaan ini dapat digunakan dengan lebih bijak iaitu memfokuskan kepada pembangunan ekonomi negara supaya lebih mampan dan berdaya saing.

"Pada peringkat ini, kerajaan dapat melihat penjimatan perbelanjaan, mengurangkan defisit hutang serta menstruktur semula perbelanjaan negara secara mampan," katanya.

Katanya, bagaimanapun, penstrukturan semula subsidi diesel itu tidak mengurangkan belanja atau hutang kerajaan (RM1.2 trilion) dalam jangka pendek, kerana penjimatan ini disalurkan semula kepada rakyat serta-merta.

Pada masa sama, Aimi Zulhazmi berkata, tidak dinafikan berlaku kesan gandaan ekonomi iaitu kenaikan kadar inflasi apabila kos pengangkutan dan logistik dinaikkan.

Oleh itu katanya, langkah kerajaan untuk meminimumkan sebanyak mungkin kenaikan harga barang terbabit dengan mengadakan sistem kawalan Sistem Kawalan Diesel Bersubsidi (SKDS) iaitu membabitkan 10 jenis kenderaan pengangkutan awam dan 23 jenis pengangkutan kargo.

"Pelaksanaan atau penstrukturan semula ini mengambil masa untuk mencapai keberkesanan-nya.

Kerjasama semua pihak harus dipupuk dalam mencapai hasrat memajukan Malaysia.

"Selain itu, ketirisan perlu ditangani dengan penguatkuasaan tegas tanpa kompromi perlu diperlihatkan.

"Ia sesuatu yang bukan mudah kerana merubah kebiasaan puluhan tahun dan juga memerlukan komitmen mental dan komunikasi baik dengan semua golongan masyarakat," katanya.

Sebelum ini, Perdana Menteri Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim berkata, Kabinet bersetuju melaksanakan penyasaran subsidi bahan api bermula dengan diesel membabitkan pengguna di Semenanjung Malaysia.

"Ketirisan perlu ditangani dengan penguatkuasaan tegas tanpa kompromi perlu diperlihatkan."

Aimi Zulhazmi

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Kuala Lumpur

Kumpulan Wang Sim-
panan Pekerja
(KWSP) menerima
2.86 juta permohonan me-
mindahkan amaun awal
daripada Akaun Sejahtera
ke Akaun Fleksibel mem-
babitkan jumlah RM8.78 bi-
lion setakat 22 Mei 2024.

Ketua Pegawai Operasi
KWSP, Szazalza Zainuddin
berkata, KWSP menjangka-
kan jumlah permohonan
ahli yang memilih memin-
dahkan jumlah permulaan
daripada Akaun Sejahtera
mereka kepada Akaun
Fleksibel terus meningkat
sehingga tarikh akhir pada
31 Ogos depan.

"Kami gembira melihat
peningkatan ketara dalam
aplikasi melalui aplikasi
mudah alih KWSP
i-Akaun.

"Ini mencerminkan usa-
ha kami meningkatkan pe-
ngalaman dan keboleha-
paian pengguna, sambil
kami terus berinovasi dan
mengembangkan penawa-
ran digital kami," katanya
dalam kenyataan.

KWSP berkata, pilihan
pemindahan itu itu dibuka
kepada ahli bermula 12 Mei
lalu dan 3.04 juta permo-
honian pengeluaran dari-
pada Akaun Fleksibel di-
luluskan berjumlah RM5.52
bilion.

Bermula 12 Mei hingga 31
Ogos, ahli mempunyai pi-
lihan memindahkan satu
pertiga daripada baki sim-
panan mereka daripada
Akaun Sejahtera ke Akaun
Fleksibel.

Selain itu, pemindahan
amaun permulaan kepada
Akaun Fleksibel a berda-
sarkan baki dalam Akaun
Sejahtera ahli pada tarikh
permohonan.

Bagaimanapun, penge-
luaran daripada Akaun



TINJAUAN orang ramai yang hadir di KWSP Shah Alam untuk mendaftar Akaun Fleksibel.
-Gambar NSTP/GENES GULITAH

2.86 JUTA BUAT PERMOHONAN

*Pemindahan amaun awal dari Akaun Sejahtera
ke Akaun Fleksibel babit jumlah RM8.78 bilion*

Fleksibel boleh dibuat pada
bila-bila masa untuk seba-
rang tujuan, dengan penge-
luaran minimum RM50.

Memandangkan tarikh
tutup pilihan untuk me-
mindahkan sebahagian
daripada simpanan
mereka dalam
Akaun Se-
jahtera ke-

pada Akaun Fleksibel ada-
lah pada 31 Ogos, ahli di-
nasihatkan supaya tidak
tergesa-gesa membuat pe-
mindahan.

Ahli yang belum
mendaftar de-
ngan KWSP
i-Akaun diga-
lakkan berbuat
demikian ba-
gi membo-

lehkan transaksi pengelu-
aran daripada Akaun Flek-
sibel.

Untuk maklumat menge-
nai Penstrukturan Semula
Akaun KWSP dan butiran
pilihan memindahkan jum-
lah permulaan, boleh layari
www.kwsp.gov.my, atau hu-
bunggi Pusat Pengurusan
Perhubungan KWSP di ta-
lian 03-8922 6000.

HARIAN METRO

Tarikh: 28 MAY 2024

Prestasi meningkat berbanding 10,109 calon pada tahun sebelumnya

Kosmo 28/5

11,713 calon SPM 2023 dapat semua A

Oleh MUHAMMAD NAJIB AHMAD
FUAD, MOHD. YUNUS YAKKUB
dan MOHD. HUSNI MOHD. NOOR

PUTRAJAYA – Seramai 11,713 daripada 373,525 calon Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) 2023 berjaya memperoleh keputusan cemerlang gred A+, A dan A- dalam semua mata pelajaran berbanding 10,109 calon pada tahun 2022.

Ketua Pengarah Pendidikan, Azman Adnan berkata, pencapaian calon SPM pada 2023 adalah lebih baik apabila merekodkan Gred Purata Nasional (GPN) sebanyak 4.60 berbanding 4.74 pada tahun sebelumnya.

Nilai GPN yang lebih kecil menunjukkan pencapaian calon yang lebih baik.

"Seramai 83,112 calon merekodkan pencapaian kepujian sekurang-kurangnya gred C untuk semua mata pelajaran, manakala 131,489 calon lulus sekurang-kurangnya gred E bagi semua mata pelajaran," katanya pada pengumuman analisis keputusan peperiksaan SPM 2023, di sini semalam.

Beliau berkata, sebanyak 66 mata pelajaran pula mencatatkan peningkatan prestasi pada peperiksaan SPM 2023, manakala 25 mata pelajaran mencatatkan penurunan dan empat mata pelajaran menunjukkan prestasi tidak berubah.

Katanya, prestasi kesemua mata pelajaran teras dalam peperiksaan SPM 2023 iaitu Bahasa Melayu, Bahasa Inggeris, Pendidikan Islam, Pendidikan



GELAGAT pelajar ketika menerima keputusan SPM 2023 di Sekolah Sultan Alam Shah, Putrajaya semalam.



AZMAN (tengah) menunjukkan laporan keputusan SPM 2023 di Kementerian Pendidikan di Putrajaya semalam.

Moral, Sejarah, Matematik dan Sains menunjukkan peningkatan iaitu sebanyak 0.20 mata.

"Mata pelajaran Bahasa Melayu pula menunjukkan prestasi terbaik dengan Gred Purata Mata

Pelajaran (GMP) 3.86 mata," jelasnya.

Katanya, sebanyak 50 daripada 70 mata pelajaran elektif pula menunjukkan peningkatan, 19 mata pelajaran menunjukkan penurunan dan kekal adalah satu.

"Kesemua empat mata pelajaran Elektif Sains Tulen dan Matematik Tambahan (STEM) telah menunjukkan peningkatan," ujarnya.

Azman berkata, bagi mata pelajaran STEM kategori Sains Gunaan dan Teknologi, mata pelajaran Pengajian Kejuruteraan Elektrik dan Elektronik menunjukkan peningkatan prestasi tertinggi iaitu sebanyak 0.46 mata.

Bagaimanapun ujarnya, dua

mata pelajaran dalam kumpulan itu menunjukkan penurunan iaitu Pertanian dan Sains Sukan.

"Sebanyak 12 daripada 22 mata pelajaran STEM kategori vokasional (MPV) mencatatkan peningkatan prestasi, manakala 10 lagi merekodkan penurunan.

Mengenai Kemahiran Berfikir Aras Tinggi (KBAT), beliau berkata, tahap penguasaan calon adalah baik dalam kemahiran mengaplikasi dan menganalisis berbanding mencipta serta menilai.

"Analisis menunjukkan calon SPM 2023 kurang menguasai kemahiran mencipta dan secara keseluruhannya, calon pada tahap penguasaan minimum.

"Oleh itu KBAT harus sentiasa dipupuk dan dibudayakan dalam diri murid terutama melalui proses pengajaran dan pembelajaran," katanya.

Di **Sungai Petani**, Kedah mencatatkan pencapaian tertinggi keputusan SPM 2023 dalam tempoh 13 tahun dengan pencapaian GPN 4.77.

Pengarah Pendidikan negeri, Ismail Othman berkata, pencapaian calon SPM di negeri ini secara keseluruhan meningkat berbanding tahun sebelumnya yang memperoleh GPN 4.98.

"Berdasarkan GPN, pencapaian calon bandar meningkat 0.2 mata iaitu 4.77 mata pada tahun lalu berbanding 4.97 mata pada 2022.

"Pencapaian calon luar bandar juga meningkat 0.35 mata iaitu 4.77 mata pada 2023 berbanding 5.12 mata pada 2022," ujarnya.

KOSMO

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KWSP jangkakan jumlah permohonan untuk pemindahan amaun permulaan daripada Akaun Sejahtera mereka kepada Akaun Fleksibel terus meningkat sehingga tarikh tutup pada 31 Ogos depan.

Sazaliza Zainuddin,
Ketua Pegawai Operasi KWSP

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KWSP terima 2.86 juta permohonan pindahan ke Akaun Fleksibel

Kuala Lumpur: Sejumlah 2.86 juta permohonan pindahan amaun permulaan diterima dan dipindahkan dari Akaun Sejahtera ke Akaun Fleksibel Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja (KWSP) membabitkan RM8.78 bilion setakat 22 Mei 2024, selepas pilihan itu dibuka kepada ahli pada 12 Mei lalu.

Pengurus dana persaraan itu berkata, sejumlah 3.04 juta permohonan Pengeluaran Akaun Fleksibel diluluskan membatik jumlah RM5.52 bilion.

Ketua Pegawai Operasi KWSP, Sazaliza Zainuddin, berkata KWSP menjangkakan jumlah permohonan untuk pemindahan amaun permulaan daripada Akaun Sejahtera mereka kepada Akaun Fleksibel akan terus meningkat sehingga tarikh tutup pada 31 Ogos depan.

"Kami juga gembira melihat peningkatan ketara permohonan melalui aplikasi mudah alih KWSP i-Akaun. Ini mencerminkan usaha kami untuk meningkatkan pengalaman dan kebolehcapaian pengguna, di samping terus berinovasi dan mengembangkan penawaran digital," katanya dalam satu kenyataan.

Bermula 12 Mei lalu hingga 31 Ogos ini, ahli diberi pilihan untuk memindahkan satu per-

tiga daripada baki simpanan mereka daripada Akaun Sejahtera ke Akaun Fleksibel.

Pemindahan amaun awal ke Akaun Fleksibel adalah tertakluk kepada baki dalam Akaun Sejahtera ahli pada tarikh permohonan dibuat.

Pengeluaran dari Akaun Fleksibel boleh dibuat bila-bila masa untuk sebarang tujuan, dengan pengeluaran minimum RM50.

Memandangkan tarikh tutup pilihan untuk memindahkan sebahagian daripada simpanan dalam Akaun Sejahtera kepada Akaun Fleksibel adalah pada 31 Ogos depan, ahli dinasihatkan tidak tergesa-gesa membuat pemindahan.

Ahli yang masih belum mendaftar dengan KWSP i-Akaun digalakkan berbuat demikian bagi membolehkan transaksi pengeluaran daripada Akaun Fleksibel.

Ahli juga dinasihatkan mendaftar atau mengemaskini nombor telefon bimbit mereka melalui Terminal Layan Diri (SST) yang terdapat di mana-mana cawangan KWSP bagi tujuan menerima Kod Kebenaran Urus Niaga (TAC) bagi mengesahkan identiti mereka semasa menjalankan transaksi.

BERITA HARIAN
Tarikh 12 8 MAY 2024



Kejayaan reformasi subsidi diesel rintis pembaharuan program RON95

BIMB Securities Research jangka kesan pelaksanaan rasionalisasi boleh diurus kerajaan

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Kejayaan reformasi subsidi diesel dijangka akan membuka jalan kepada pembaharuan program subsidi RON95, demikian menurut penganalisis.

BIMB Securities Research menjangkakan kesan pelaksanaan rasionalisasi diesel boleh diurus memandangkan komitmen

kerajaan untuk memperkukuhkan program Sistem Kawalan Diesel Bersubsidi 2.0 (SKDS 2.0) secara berterusan bagi mengekalkan inflasi yang stabil.

Penganalisisnya, Amiratul Husna Mohammad, berkata bank pelaburan itu masih mengekalkan jangkaan Indeks Harga Pengguna (IHP) bagi 2024 pada paras 2.7 peratus, tertakluk kepada kejayaan pelaksanaan program rasionalisasi subsidi.

Beliau menjelaskan bahawa Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim telah menegaskan pemilik kenderaan persendirian yang layak menggunakan diesel (seperti petani kecil, pesawah dan peniaga kecil) akan menerima bantuan kewangan, sebagai tambahan kepada 10 jenis kenderaan pengangkutan awam dan 23 jenis kenderaan logistik (atau kendera-

an pengangkutan barangan komersial) yang dikenal pasti di bawah SKDS.

"Oleh itu, kami menjangkakan kesan yang boleh diuruskan, memandangkan komitmen kerajaan untuk mempertingkatkan program SKDS 2.0 secara berterusan demi mengekalkan inflasi yang stabil.

"Namun, tumpuan beralih kepada penggunaan meluas program subsidi RON95, dengan dijangka pelaksanaan segera. Kejayaan reformasi subsidi diesel akan membuka jalan kepada reformasi RON95," katanya dalam satu nota penyelidikan.

Amiratul Husna berkata, inflasi utama Malaysia kekal stabil pada 1.8 peratus pada April, kadar yang sama seperti Mac dan Februari, memberi jaminan bahawa inflasi terus walaupun terdapat

keimbangan mengenai kemungkinan pengurangan subsidi.

Beri tekanan kadar inflasi

Beliau berkata, kadar inflasi Malaysia adalah lebih rendah sedikit daripada dijangka, dengan kenaikan harga restoran dan produk penjagaan diri yang lebih mahal dilmbangi oleh pengurangan kos dalam komunikasi dan pakaian.

Katanya, Indeks Harga Pengeluaran (IHPR) meningkat secara mendadak kepada 1.6 peratus pada Mac, mengekalkan trajektori meningkatnya berbanding bulan sebelumnya.

"Walaupun dengan kenaikan IHPR, kami menjangkakan pelepasan kos secara beransur-ansur, yang sepatutnya sejajar dengan aliran stabil dalam IHP," katanya.

Sementara itu, TA Securities

percaya potensi kenaikan harga diesel akan memberi tekanan terhadap kadar inflasi semasa.

Ia berkata, IHP dijangka boleh meningkat lebih dua peratus jika penghapusan subsidi diesel dilaksanakan tidak lama lagi.

Katanya, unjuran kadar inflasi pihaknya hampir sejajar dengan unjuran kerajaan sekitar 2.1 peratus hingga 3.6 peratus, dengan Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) menjangkakan IHP dalam lingkungan 2.0 peratus hingga 3.5 peratus.

"Pada masa ini, kami menjangkakan IHP kepada purata 2.9 peratus (kes asas) sepanjang 2024, berbanding 2.5 peratus pada 2023.

"Kami akan memperhalusi unjuran sebaik saja mempunyai butiran lanjut mengenai rasionalisasi subsidi bahan api," katanya.

BERITA HARIAN
Tarikh: 2.8 MAY 2024.....

Pegawai kerajaan kena turun padang perjelas dasar baharu ekonomi



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Tanggal 21 Mei lalu, Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim berkongsi beberapa perkembangan terkini berkenaan ekonomi dan perihai dasar. Ucapan beliau dilihat berlegar dalam kerangka meningkatkan ekonomi rakyat dan peniaga serta pengurusan sumber kewangan kerajaan.

Antara intipati menjadi perhatian utama adalah usaha penyasaran subsidi diesel. Menurut Perdana Menteri, mesyuarat Jemaah Menteri bersetuju melaksanakan penyasaran subsidi diesel, kemudian disusuli petrol RON95.

Isu penyasaran subsidi bahan api pasti mengundang kebimbangan rakyat, terutama apabila kenaikan kos sara hidup masih membelenggu. Sekiranya perkara ini tidak diurus dengan baik, terutama dari segi mesej ingin disampaikan, mungkin rakyat keli-ru dan lebih gelisah.

Berdasarkan data terkini, Indeks Sentimen Pengguna (CSI) diterbitkan Institut Penyelidikan Ekonomi Malaysia (MIER) mencatatkan bacaan 87.1 mata pada suku pertama 2024. Indeks ini kekal di bawah paras 100 mata untuk tempoh lima suku berturut-turut. Indeks 100 mata adalah jurang pemisah antara pesimistik yang mana CSI di bawah 100 dan optimistik apabila CSI di atas 100 mata.

Oleh itu, rakyat berasa pesimis terhadap suasana ekonomi apabila CSI di bawah paras 100 mata dan

ia banyak disumbangkan faktor kenaikan kos sara hidup. Berdasarkan angka ini boleh disimpulkan pengguna di Malaysia tidak gembira.

Perkara ini terbukti apabila melihat momentum pertumbuhan perbelanjaan swasta pada kadar 4.7 peratus pada suku pertama, lebih rendah berbanding pertumbuhan purata semenjak suku pertama 2010 sehingga suku pertama 2024 iaitu 6.1 peratus. Ini menunjukkan pengguna di Malaysia sedang berbelanja dalam keadaan berhati-hati.

Persoalannya, patutkah kerajaan menangguhkan usaha menyasarkan subsidi bahan api ini? Adakah usaha menyasarkan subsidi bahan api bertujuan mengurangkan kos sara hidup?

Subsidi RM55b pada 2022

Bagi soalan pertama, jawapannya sudah tentu tidak kerana kos subsidi bahan api ini kian meningkat. Berdasarkan data audit negara, kerajaan membelanjakan subsidi RM55 bilion pada 2022 dengan 82 peratus daripada jumlah itu dibelanjakan ke atas subsidi diesel, RON95 dan gas petroleum cecair (LPG).

Kerajaan juga menyatakan manfaat subsidi bahan api banyak dinikmati golongan T20 iaitu 53 peratus. Oleh itu, justifikasi untuk menyemak semula sasaran subsidi ini jelas.

Persoalan kedua pula, ia sudah tentu tidak mengurangkan kos sara hidup, namun boleh dikaitkan dalam konteks jangka panjang.

Apabila kerajaan mula menyasarkan semula subsidi bahan api, akan berlaku penjimatan yang dapat digunakan untuk pelbagai tujuan antaranya

menaikkan peruntukan Sumbangan Tunai Rahmah (STR) daripada RM8 bilion kepada RM10 bilion tahun ini.

Ia termasuk peruntukan Sumbangan Asas Rahmah (SARA) dinaikkan daripada RM130 juta kepada RM700 juta serta Bantuan Awal Persekolahan (BAP) dengan peruntukan RM800 juta.

Perkara ini sudah pasti dapat meringankan beban kewangan rakyat, sekali gus membantu mereka mengharungi isu kenaikan kos sara hidup lebih baik.

Selain itu, penjimatan subsidi bahan api boleh digunakan untuk sektor pendidikan, kesihatan dan infrastruktur yang mana perbelanjaan bagi tujuan ini dapat meningkatkan produktiviti negara pada jangka masa panjang.

Dengan produktiviti tinggi, ia boleh menaikkan pendapatan rakyat disebabkan kemahiran mereka tinggi diguna untuk menjana Keluaran Dalam Negara Kasar (KDNG). Ia boleh mengurangkan tekanan inflasi kerana produktiviti tinggi meningkatkan bekalan barangan dan perkhidmatan.

Sehubungan itu, kerajaan hanya perlu mengadakan sesi libat urus bersama rakyat supaya mereka faham tujuan dan matlamat dasar itu dilaksanakan. Kaedah sesi libat urus secara bersemuka amat digalakkan kerana bersifat komunikasi dua hala disebabkan rakyat boleh bertanya terus kepada pegawai kerajaan.

Cara ini meningkatkan kredibiliti kerajaan merangka dasar kerana mereka berani 'turun padang' dan menyatakan secara terus dasar serta pelan tindakan kerajaan.

BERITA HARIAN

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Hanya lima peratus hospital, klinik awam cukup tenaga kerja

Hampir separuh responden menyatakan kekurangan disebabkan doktor berhenti, dipindah

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Kuala Lumpur: Hanya lima peratus hospital dan klinik kesihatan awam di negara ini mempunyai tenaga kerja mencukupi.

Presiden Persatuan Perubatan Malaysia (MMA), Dr Azizan Abdul Aziz, berkata dapatan itu diperoleh hasil tinjauan pendapat 117 responden merangkumi pekerja penjagaan kesihatan awam di seluruh negara yang dilakukannya Bahagian Pelatih, Pegawai

Perubatan dan Pakar Perubatan (SCHOMOS).

Katanya, tinjauan dalam talian menerusi Borang Google sejak April lalu bertujuan mendapatkan gambaran ringkas status semasa pengagihan tenaga kerja di kemudahan penjagaan kesihatan awam negara.

"Tinjauan mendapati hampir separuh daripada responden menyatakan kekurangan disebabkan tenaga kerja membabitkan doktor berhenti atau dipindahkan.

"Hanya enam responden (lima peratus) memaklumkan fasiliti kesihatan tempat mereka bertugas mempunyai tenaga kerja mencukupi, manakala 36 responden (32 peratus) menyatakan fasiliti kesihatan mereka memerlukan peningkatan sehingga 50 peratus tenaga kerja.

"Seramai 51 responden (46 peratus) menyatakan fasiliti kesihatan memerlukan peningkatan sehingga 100 peratus, dengan 18 responden (16 peratus) menyatakan fasiliti kesihatan memerlukan



Gabungan pelbagai faktor menyebabkan penjagaan kesihatan awam berdepan isu memberi perkhidmatan terbaik untuk rakyat. (Foto hiasan)

kan lebih daripada dua kali ganda bilangan doktor semasa untuk menyediakan perkhidmatan mencukupi.

"Hampir separuh (48.3 peratus) daripada 117 responden menyatakan faktor menyebabkan kekurangan tenaga kerja itu disebabkan doktor berhenti/berpindah, den-

gan 34 responden (28.8 peratus) menyatakan doktor berhenti dan hanya 16 responden (13.6 peratus) atas faktor doktor berpindah," katanya dalam kenyataan, semalam.

Faktor 'brain drain'

Dr Azizan berkata, MMA percaya satu daripada faktor utama keku-

rangan tenaga kerja, terutama doktor adalah 'brain drain'.

Katanya, berlaku peningkatan mendadak doktor yang meletak jawatan dan berhenti serta tidak menerima jawatan tetap.

Beliau berkata, MMA mendagkan Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) telus dalam mendedahkan data terkini tenaga kerja kesihatan awam negara rakyat bagi membolehkan kekurangan itu diatasi.

Sehubungan itu, Dr Azizan meminta kerajaan mengambil serius isu dibangkitkan sebelum sistem penjagaan kesihatan awam negara semakin meruncing dan terjejas.

"Jabatan Perkhidmatan Awam (JPA), Kementerian Kewangan (MOF) dan KKM perlu bekerjasama rapat dengan semua pihak berkepentingan.

"Dalam jangka panjang, kita memerlukan Suruhanjaya Perkhidmatan Awam (SPA) yang boleh menguruskan sistem penjagaan kesihatan secara berasingan daripada trinititi KKM-JPA-MOF ketika ini," katanya.

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RM5.5 bilion sudah dikeluarkan pencarum KWSP

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PETALING JAYA: Sebanyak 2.86 juta permohonan pindahan amaun permulaan telah diterima dan dipindahkan dari Akaun Sejahtera ke Akaun Fleksibel Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja (KWSP) melibatkan jumlah sebanyak RM8.78 bilion. Jumlah permohonan dan pindahan tersebut adalah setakat 22 Mei sejak pilihan dibuka kepada ahli pada 12 Mei lalu.

Sementara itu, sebanyak 3.04 juta permohonan Pengeluaran Akaun Fleksibel telah diluluskan melibatkan jumlah sebanyak RM5.52 bilion.

Ketua Pegawai Operasi KWSP, Sazaliza Zainuddin berkata, KWSP menjangkakan jumlah permohonan untuk pemindahan amaun permulaan daripada Akaun Sejahtera mereka kepada Akaun Fleksibel akan terus meningkat sehingga tarikh tutup pada 31 Ogos ini.

"Kami juga gembira melihat peningkatan ketara permohonan melalui aplikasi mudah alih KWSP i-Akaun kerana ini mencerminkan usaha kami untuk meningkatkan pengalaman dan kebolehcapaian pengguna, di samping kami terus berinovasi dan mengembangkan penawaran digital," katanya dalam kenyataan.

Bermula 12 Mei 2024 hingga 31 Ogos 2024, ahli diberi pilihan



KUMPULAN Wang Simpanan Pekerja sudah meluluskan 3.04 juta permohonan Pengeluaran Akaun Fleksibel melibatkan jumlah RM5.52 bilion setakat ini. - UTUSAN/SADDAM YUSOFF

han untuk memindahkan satu pertiga daripada baki simpanan mereka daripada Akaun Sejahtera ke Akaun Fleksibel.

Pemindahan amaun awal ke Akaun Fleksibel adalah tertakluk kepada baki dalam Akaun Sejahtera ahli pada tarikh permohonan dibuat.

Pengeluaran dari Akaun Fleksibel boleh dibuat pada bila-bila masa untuk sebarang tujuan, dengan pengeluaran minimum RM50.

Memandangkan tarikh tutup pilihan untuk memindahkan

sebahagian daripada simpanan dalam Akaun Sejahtera kepada Akaun Fleksibel adalah pada 31 Ogos 2024, ahli dinasihatkan supaya tidak tergesa-gesa membuat pemindahan.

Ahli yang masih belum mendaftar dengan KWSP i-Akaun digalakkan berbuat demikian bagi membolehkan transaksi pengeluaran daripada Akaun Fleksibel. Ahli dinasihatkan untuk mendaftar atau mengemaskini nombor telefon bimbit mereka melalui Terminal

Layan Diri (SST) yang terdapat di mana-mana cawangan KWSP bagi tujuan menerima Kod Kebenaran Urus Niaga (TAC) bagi mengesahkan identiti mereka semasa menjalankan transaksi.

Untuk maklumat lanjut mengenai Penstrukturan Semula Akaun KWSP dan perincian berkaitan pilihan pemindahan amaun permulaan, ahli boleh rujuk laman web KWSP di www.kwsp.gov.my, atau hubungi Pusat Pengurusan Perhubungan KWSP di 03-8922 6000.

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AUG 31 DEADLINE

RM8.8B MOVED TO EPF'S AKAUN FLEKSIBEL

More than 2.8 million people transfer funds to third retirement savings account

KUALA LUMPUR: The Employees Provident Fund received 2.86 million applications to transfer a total of RM8.78 billion from Akaun Sejahtera to Akaun Fleksibel, up to last Wednesday.

The option to conduct the one-time transfer began on May 12 and ends on Aug 31.

A total of 3.04 million applications to withdraw RM5.52 billion from Akaun Fleksibel were also approved.

"EPF expects the number of applications to transfer an initial amount from their Akaun Sejahtera to Akaun Fleksibel to continue to rise until the deadline on Aug 31," EPF chief operating officer Sazalza Zainuddin said.

"We are also pleased to see the significant increase in applications via the KWSP i-Akaun mobile app. This reflects our efforts to enhance user experience and accessibility, as we continue to

innovate and expand our digital offerings," he added.

The transfer of the initial amount to Akaun Fleksibel is based on the balance in the member's Akaun Sejahtera.

At least RM50 can be withdrawn from Akaun Fleksibel at any time.

EPF encourages members to get a KWSP i-Akaun for easier transactions and to register or update their mobile phone number via the Self-Service Terminal at any EPF branch for the purpose of receiving a transaction authorisation code to conduct online transactions.



An Employees Provident Fund officer helping a member of the public use a Self-Service Terminal at the EPF headquarters in Jalan Raja Laut, Kuala Lumpur, on May 13. PIC BY MOHAMAD SHAHRIL BADRI SAALI

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BUDI MADANI PROGRAMME

RM200 monthly diesel subsidy aid for eligible recipients

KUALA LUMPUR: The Finance Ministry yesterday announced a diesel subsidy aid programme involving a monthly allocation of RM200 for eligible people, as well as agriculture and commodity smallholders.

The eligibility criterion for the Budi Madani programme requires applicants to be Malaysian citizens who own a private diesel vehicle registered with the Road Transport Department (RTD).

"The vehicle must have valid road tax, and the annual income of the individual or their spouse

must be RM100,000 or below.

"However, luxury vehicles under 10 years old are excluded from eligibility."

The ministry said it would cross-check applications with the Inland Revenue Board to exclude owners of luxury vehicles under 10 years and high-income individuals (T20).

Meanwhile, for the Budi Agri-Commodity category for small-scale farmers and smallholders, applicants must be registered with relevant agencies under the Agriculture and Food Security

Ministry or the Plantation and Commodities Ministry.

"They must also be an active commodity farmer or smallholder with annual agricultural sales of between RM50,000 and RM300,000."

The ministry said early applications for the Budi Individual and Budi Agri-Commodity categories were open until mid-June.

"Applications can be made at <https://budimadani.gov.my>, open throughout the year.

"For applications submitted and approved before June 3, ap-

plicants will receive their first Budi Madani by mid-June, with subsequent assistance disbursed monthly. For applications approved after June 3, the first Budi Madani will be received within two weeks, followed by monthly disbursements."

The aid will be credited into the recipient's bank account each month. Recipients without bank accounts can collect the aid in cash at a Bank Simpanan Nasional branch in Peninsular Malaysia.

The ministry added that this initiative complemented the Do-

mestic Trade and Cost of Living Ministry's MySubsidi fleet card programme.

Finance Minister II Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan said the Budi Madani programme expanded Putrajaya's aid coverage ahead of the implementation of targeted diesel subsidies.

"As Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has said consistently, targeted subsidies are a key reform measure under the Madani Economy framework to build a financially sustainable and competitive Malaysia."

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NEW STRAITS TIMES
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EPF flexi option draws response involving RM2.8b

KUALA LUMPUR: The Employees Provident Fund (EPF) announced that as of May 22, a total of 2.86 million applications to transfer the initial amount from Akaun Sejahtera to Akaun Fleksibel were received, involving an amount of RM8.78 billion.

The option was opened to members on May 12.

Meanwhile, a total of 3.04 million withdrawal applications from Akaun Fleksibel were approved amounting to RM5.52 billion.

EPF chief operating officer Szalizi Zainuddin said EPF is expecting the number of applications from members choosing to transfer an initial amount from their Akaun Sejahtera to Akaun Fleksibel to continue to rise until the deadline on Aug 31.

From May 12 to Aug 31, members will have an option to transfer one-third of their savings balance from Akaun Sejahtera to Akaun Fleksibel, Bernama reported.

The transfer of the initial amount to Akaun Fleksibel is based on the balance in the member's Akaun Sejahtera on the application date. Withdrawals from Akaun Fleksibel can be made at any time for any purpose, with a minimum withdrawal of RM50.

For information on the EPF Account Restructuring and details on the option to transfer an initial amount, visit the EPF website at www.kwsp.gov.my, or call the EPF Contact Management Centre at 03-8922 6000.

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Low-cost flat dwellers 'feeling the heat'

► *El Nino* effects compounded by cramped conditions and design of units that prioritises cost effectiveness instead of comfort

KUALA LUMPUR: These days, high-rise apartment dweller Nor Shamsiah Ibrahim sighs with relief whenever there is a downpour as she finds the daytime heat unbearable.

"At least the rain makes it cooler for us here," said the 50-year-old food caterer who resides at a low-cost apartment complex in Pandan Utama. Her 650sq ft unit does not have an air-conditioner.

She said during the day, the temperature goes up to 35°C but she is forced to put up with the sweltering heat as she has to stay home to prepare food ordered by her customers.

"Although the rain provides some relief, my family and I still feel the heat because the walls get heated up too. What we do is take frequent showers to cool down and try to adapt to the heat," said the mother of two.

Homemaker Afifah Ibrahim, 63,

who stays on the 10th floor of the same apartment block, said it does not get too hot in the units located on the upper floors, especially when the breeze blows.

She also uses minimal furniture because if the house is cluttered, it becomes hotter and airflow is restricted.

Meanwhile, Siti Nur Masyitah Ismail, 40, who stays in the high-rise Sentul Murni (People's Housing Project) scheme, said she was forced to buy two portable air-conditioning units as her four children, aged between one and seven, could not sleep at night due to the heat.

"Our electricity bill has now gone up to RM100 a month. My husband and I have to work longer hours to earn extra money to meet the higher cost of living," she said.

The ongoing heatwave in Malaysia will likely last for a few more months, according to media reports.

On May 2, Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability Minister Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad said the *El Nino* phenomenon currently hitting the country is expected to continue for the next two months. He also said forecasts indicate this year could be the country's hottest year.

On May 14, Meteorological Department director-general Muhammad Helmi Abdullah said Malaysians can expect drier conditions over the next few months due to the southwest monsoon season, which started on May 17 and will persist until September.

He said most areas will see fewer days of rain due to reduced cloud formation and lower rainfall distribution, Bernama reported.

People residing in high-rise, low-cost flats and apartments - comprising residential units with total floor areas of below 900sq ft - are feeling the effects of the heatwave more than others.

This is because their buildings, usually designed with cost-effectiveness in mind, tend to be more compact and congested and lack good air circulation and ventilation systems. In short, their homes are heat traps.



The Meteorological Department said the current sweltering conditions are expected to persist until September. - **AMIRUL SYAFIQ MOHD DIN/THESUN**

Most residents of such housing schemes are in the B40 category and they cannot afford to install air-conditioners in their homes.

Housing and Local Government Ministry National Housing Department director-general Datuk Jayaselan K. Navaratnam said in urban areas, high-rise buildings, including flats and apartments, create heat traps.

"Between two units, there is a funnel effect that traps heat, making ventilation a critical issue."

"It's all about the design. In the future, authorities and developers need to ensure that projects work

with nature, not against it."

Jayaselan said developers must consider various environmental factors when designing homes, both landed and high-rise, to ensure they are energy-efficient and comfortable for the occupants.

"If buildings are designed to harmonise with natural elements, it reduces negative impacts. This requires considering how the buildings interact with wind patterns and other environmental factors."

He added that when buying a house from a developer, the direction of the natural wind flow is rarely discussed.

Six rivers in Klang Valley infested by invasive fish species

KUALA LUMPUR: The Fisheries Department has revealed six rivers in the Klang Valley are now infested by foreign fish species, such as *ikan bandaraya* (Amazon sailfin catfish), black tilapia and African catfish.

The rivers involved are Sungai Kuyoh, Sungai Klang, Sungai Keroh, Sungai Jinjang, Sungai Gombak and Sungai Batu.

Its director-general Datuk Adnan Hussain said the high percentage of foreign fishes could

cause the development of ecosystem biodiversity in the rivers to be compromised.

"The actions of certain parties in releasing these foreign species (into the rivers) are not helpful because they cause the population of our local fishes to decrease.

"Not only that, these fishes also do not add much value to the national economy. If this is not stopped, it will lead to the extinction of local species in our waters," he said during a

media conference after officiating at the launch of the Foreign Fish Hunting event with the Community in Sungai Kuyoh, Bukit Jalil on Sunday.

The event is a collaboration between the department and *Komuniti Pemburu Ikan Bandaraya*, government agencies, the private sector, Universiti Utara Malaysia and Universiti Teknologi Mara. He also said the culling of these species is to balance the ecosystem, ensuring

the rivers of the country are safe for the release of local fish species.

He said through this event, over 600 foreign fish species weighing 400kg were caught within two hours.

"Throughout the two hours, we only caught two local species, including *ikan puyu* (climbing perch). The biggest catch of *ikan bandaraya* weighed over 1kg while the biggest African catfish caught weighed 4kg." — Bernama

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Smoking ban violators harming health of others

► Cigarette fumes expelled by individuals contain 7,000 chemicals, with 69 known to cause cancer: Expert

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PETALING JAYA: Despite the no-smoking ruling being enforced at all eateries and restaurants nationwide since Jan 1, 2019, 77.6% of those aged 15 and above claim they were exposed to secondhand smoke in such places.

This is according to the Global Adults Tobacco Survey Malaysia 2023, which involved 5,780 households nationwide.

"Another 29.2% said they were exposed to secondhand smoke in government buildings, 19% on public transport and 18.6% in healthcare facilities."

Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia Public Health Medicine specialist Prof Dr Sharifa Ezat Wan Puteh said there is no difference between what smokers inhale and those inhaling their secondhand smoke.

"The US National Cancer Institute has identified more than 7,000 chemicals in secondhand tobacco smoke and at least 69 of these chemicals are known to cause cancer."

"While Malaysia has smoking cessation strategies, they face significant challenges due to the widespread availability of illicit cigarettes and use of vape products by the underage."

Sharifa said both these issues encourage youth to experiment with tobacco and vape, ultimately developing an addiction to them and disrupting government efforts to stamp out such habits.

"Effective regulations and enforcement are crucial to address the problem. Promoting the proper use of alternative nicotine products can help reduce the tobacco epidemic."

Sharifa said it is a known fact that secondhand smoke poses serious risks to vulnerable individuals, including pregnant women, infants, the elderly and those with pre-existing health conditions.



Jawahar said although some customers support the smoking ban in eateries, others have threatened to harm workers who confront them. — ADIB RAWI YAHYA/THESUN

"It can result in babies being born underweight and having developmental problems. There is also a 23% increased risk of stillbirth and 13% higher risk of congenital malformations."

Sharifa said the New Policy Outline 2021 by the World Health Organisation reported secondhand smoke killed around 1.2 million people annually, of which 65,000 were premature and preventable deaths among children and adolescents under 15 years.

She said exposure to secondhand smoke leads to tobacco-related diseases (TRD) and contributes to the development of non-communicable diseases such as heart disease, cancer or chronic respiratory disease.

"The government spends millions annually treating TRD in Malaysia. Most smokers come from the B40 and middle-income groups, which worsens their socioeconomic and health issues. There is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke. Since the 1960s, about 2.5 million individuals who did not smoke died from health problems caused by exposure to secondhand smoke."

Meanwhile, the Malaysian Muslim Restaurant

Owners Association said it is concerned about secondhand smoke and supports the government decision to enforce smoking bans in restaurants.

"While some customers support it, others become aggressive and threaten to throw hot tea on the faces of our workers when confronted about their smoking," said its president Datuk Jawahar Ali Taib Khan.

Its vice-president Abdul Mukhtahir Mohd Ibrahim said continuous education on the dangers of smoking is needed as some individuals are not adhering to the smoking ban in restaurants.

"During our meetings with the government, we have emphasised Malaysia is a democratic country, in which the rights of smokers should also be respected. We even proposed the creation of designated ventilated smoking areas within our premises as a temporary solution, which would be eliminated over time, and to increase the distance between smoking and non-smoking areas."

He said educating the public about smoking will make them aware of the impact of their actions and the risk of secondhand smoke.

Local authorities encouraged to employ arborists

SHAH ALAM: Local authorities are encouraged to employ arborists to improve landscape management in municipal areas, said Housing and Local Government Minister Nga Kor Ming.

He said for this purpose, all local authority landscape employees

should attend arborist courses organised by the National Landscape Department.

While acknowledging that some local authorities face financial challenges when it comes to tree maintenance, he said the initiative to employ

arborists should be accompanied by efforts to streamline tree inventory in their respective administrative areas.

"For instance, Kuala Lumpur City Hall already has an inventory. So, they know which trees, what type and whether they are healthy

or need to be pruned according to schedule.

"Tree health care, maintenance and inventory are crucial, especially for older trees," he said at the Green Urban Forum in conjunction with National Landscape Day on Sunday. — Bernama

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