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Taman Kinrara flood wall plan raises other questions



Longer flood wall for Kinrara monsoon drain



The anti-flood wall along Jalan TK 2/11 is being lengthened by 185m.

Separately, in response to StarMetro's report "Puchong residents oppose giving new development access to Jalan Intan 2/1" on June 18, MBSJ in a statement

said this was a public road and could not be restricted to any party. The city council acknowledged that they had received com-



StarMetro story on June 18.

plaints from Taman Puchong Intan Phase 2 residents who were unhappy with the new strata development having direct access to Jalan Intan 2/1, citing concerns such as congestion, security and parking.

MBSJ said its officers had explained to residents in the presence of councillors Lee Jen

Uyin and Sarawati Mukhtar that access from the development onto Jalan Intan 2/1 was built by the developer on road reserve, which had to be surrendered to the city council after completion.

MBSJ suggested residents apply for a gated community scheme to address their security concerns. — **By VIJETH NAR**

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The nearby Shah Alam Expressway (Kesas) had yet to be constructed.

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Fast forward to today, with poor planning and rapid development, the volume of water flowing into the drain and an engineering defect of the bend of the drain across Persiaran Kinrara result in water rising quickly in the lower-lying areas of TK2.

Will extending the retention wall solve the issue of flash floods in TK2 effectively?

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Did MBSJ consult with the Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) on the best way to mitigate the issue?

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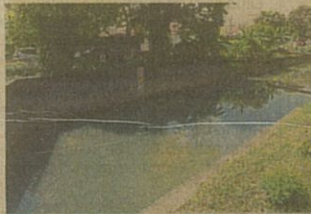
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TWO non-political appointees have taken their oath of office as councillors with Klang Royal City Council (MBDK).

They are former Telekom Malaysia vice-president Datuk Zuraidah Mohd Said, who is also an adjunct professor, and former Shah Alam City Council (MBSA) town planner Annie Syazrin Ismail.

Their appointments follow Selangor Ruler Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah's recommendation for 50% of local councillors to be professionals.

Annie Syazrin, a council member of the Malaysian Institute of Planners, highlighted the importance of city planners, and said Klang city had a lot of potential.

"The heritage elements here are very promising and can elevate the city, so we must explore opportunities, especially from a sustainability perspective."

"With support from other councillors and residents, I believe we can achieve that," she added.

Annie Syazrin also hoped to collaborate with other city councillors.

"Let the presence of professionals in the council remain true to its intended purpose," she added.

Zuraidah said she planned to use her corporate background in her work and thanked the city council for appointing her to the IT, corporate finance and environment committees.

"The voice of the community is important and I know there are lots of complaints. I will see how we can improve."

Klang city swears in non-political councillors

Former town planner and adjunct professor among nine appointed at MBDK for 2024-2025 term



Zuraidah taking her oath of office.

"The ecosystem must be complete and concerns from the public has to be passed down to the people in charge to make sure that it is managed and people are given proper service."

"I will find what's wrong when I visit residents, then analyse and develop a proper action plan to improve their situation," added Zuraidah.

Annie Syazrin and Zuraidah were among nine councillors sworn in for the 2024-2025 term.

The other seven, who were political appointees, also



Annie Syazrin (left) receiving her letter of appointment from Noraini. — Photos: KK SHAM/The Star

received their letters of appointment from mayor Datin Paduka Noraini Roslan.

They were Alan Chua (PKR), Ahmad Danish Hairudin (PKR), Erny Afrishah Azizi (PKR), Tan Jee Kian (DAP), Arulnesan Jayabalan (DAP), Mohd Rayme

Abdul Rahman (Amanah) and Ti Thong Siew (PKR).

Deputy mayor Mohd Zary Affendi Mohd Arif said the professionals would play a check and balance role in the council.

"They can offer a different, possibly better point of view,

which is what we want," he said after the swearing-in ceremony at the council headquarters.

Mohd Zary added while Klang was the first to adopt the recommendations of the Selangor Ruler, other councils would follow suit.

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KL pedestrian bridge being repaired

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A PEDESTRIAN bridge connecting Pudu Sentral to shoplots along Jalan Pudu, Kuala Lumpur, is being repaired.

Bukit Bintang Federal Territory Residents Representative Council (MPPWP) chairman Ben Fong said this followed numerous complaints about its condition.

"The steel floor plates are uneven and pedestrians might trip.

"There are also holes in the stairs due to rust.

"Many people use the bridge to get to the Urban Transformation Centre (UTC) Kuala Lumpur in Pudu Sentral and this can be a safety hazard," Fong said during a site visit.

During the visit, *StarMetro* noticed that a number of steel

plate floor panels were loose due to unfastened or missing screws, while a pedestrian using the bridge almost tripped and fell.

Several people, believed to be homeless, were also seen loitering nearby.

Kuala Lumpur Advisory Board member Andre Lai, who was present, said damaged sections of the bridge would be repaired as a temporary measure.

"Contractors will fasten screws for the steel floor plates and patch up holes in the stairs.

"According to Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL), it would take RM1.5mil to rebuild the bridge and it is engaging a consultant to check whether a rebuild is needed."

Lai said the pedestrian bridge had been around for decades, since Pudu Sentral, formerly known as Puduraya Terminal,

was built.

"A lot of students in the area use the bridge to cross the road.

"Due to low visibility at dawn and in the evening, the poor condition of the bridge can be a safety hazard to pedestrians.

"I have asked the contractors to check on the lights," he added.

Lai said other pedestrian bridges in the city were also in a state of disrepair.

Another advisory board member, Carmen Leong, said she would raise the matter with DBKL.

"We learned that the appointed contractors had not carried out scheduled maintenance on the bridge.

"I would suggest DBKL blacklist underperforming contractors and ensure pedestrian bridges in Kuala Lumpur are kept in good condition," she said.



(From left) Fong, Lai and Leong checking out the pedestrian bridge in Pudu with its gaping holes and uneven flooring.

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'Upgrade of Section 16 walkway in PJ ready by Nov 18'

THE upgrading of pedestrian walkways and other related works in Section 16, Petaling Jaya, Selangor are expected to be completed on Nov 18.

Petaling Jaya mayor Mohamad Zahri Samingon said the works around Phileo Damansara MRT station, Jalan 16/11 and Jalan 16/15 started on July 1.

"The upgrade will provide comfort and safety to MRT users

around the area.

"They are part of projects for first and last mile improvement under Petaling Jaya Local Plan 1 and Petaling Jaya Local Plan 2," he said during Petaling Jaya City Council's (MBPJ) full board meeting.

In a *StarMetro* article on May 20, "Section 16 to have pedestrian spaces", it was reported that more than 1,000 commuters would benefit from upgrades to

the pedestrian walkway from Phileo Damansara MRT station to nearby residential and commercial areas.

The proposed design features a 500m walkway stretching from the traffic light intersection of Jalan 17/1 and Jalan 16/11 to Phileo Damansara 2 commercial area.

It will also see features such as bollards to keep pedestrians safe from vehicles, a zebra

crossing at the entrance of Phileo Damansara 1 and lights under the ramp.

On a separate matter, Mohamad Zahri said construction of hawker stalls in Damai Setia People's Park, or better known as Urban Park 1 in Damansara Damai, was completed at the end of June.

"The park now has 16 hawker stalls and 29 stalls for car boot sales.

"Other facilities include electrical sockets, taps, toilets, *surau* and integrated playground," he said.

On the issue of dengue, Mohamad Zahri said MBPJ recorded 133 cases in the 28th epidemiological week, 1% lower than the previous week.

The cumulative number of dengue cases within the council's jurisdiction since January stands at 4,220.

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YOUNG tourists from China are making a beeline for Subang Jaya's coolest neighbourhoods, drawn mainly to food outlets at night that serve up hip aesthetics, good coffee and on-the-go food.

Selangor local government and tourism committee chairman Datuk Ng Suee Lim said most of the travellers chose to stay in Subang Jaya to appreciate cafe hopping while visiting other attractions in Petaling Jaya and Shah Alam during the day.

"Hipster cafes with on-the-go food in SS15, SS18 and Taipan Business Centre known as USJ10 are seeing a strong presence of domestic and international tourists," he said.

Ng said Subang Jaya recorded the highest number of tourists last year among 12 local councils in Selangor with 2,145,654 visitors.

He attributed this success to the *Nak Bercuti? #Pusing Selangor Dulu!* (Want to go for a holiday? Explore Selangor first!) for locals and *Splendid Selangor; Take Me Anywhere!* campaign aimed at international tourists.

In 2023, Subang Jaya received 1,344,557 domestic tourists along with 801,097 foreigners, with the majority of them comprising visitors from China.

"Most of these China nationals are single and in their mid-30s, as well as young couples with children," he added.

Selangor's performance

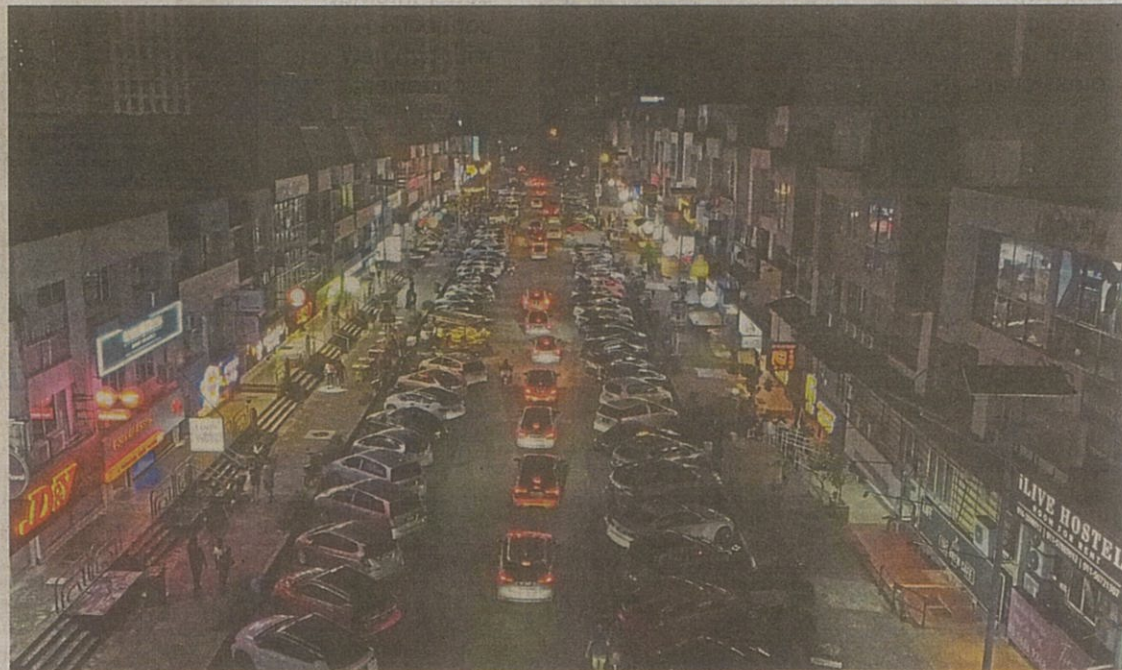
Ng said Selangor hosted 6.54 million tourists last year, a 46.4% increase from the previous year's number of 4.46 million.

"Of the total number, 4,449,951 were domestic tourists, while 2,086,263 were international visitors," he said.

According to the World Tourism Organisation's criteria, tourists are defined as individuals whose trips include

More youths savouring Subang Jaya's lively vibes

City sees influx of tourists drawn to its vibrant cafe-hopping culture, food



An aerial view of one of the many streets in SS15 that attract cafe hoppers. — Photos: IZZRAFIQ ALIAS and YAP CHEE HONG/The Star

an overnight stay, he added.

Ng said Selangor had surpassed the goal of attracting five million tourists last year, underscoring the state's appeal as a premier tourist destination.

Selangor has set a target of seven million tourists by the end of this year.

Ng said 46% of international

tourist arrivals to Selangor were from China, Singapore, Indonesia, Japan and India.

According to a previous report, there has been a surge in the number of Chinese travellers coming to Malaysia following the increase of red-eye flights here from their home country.

There has been a 28% increase of such flights arriving at KL International Airport during the first half of the year compared with the same period last year, with flights from China accounting for 74% of them.

A red-eye flight refers to a flight that departs at 9pm

and arrives the next morning before 5am.

Tourism Selangor chief executive officer Azrul Shah Mohamad said the increase in night-time flights was expected to help Selangor hit its target of Chinese visitors.

"China tourists last year saw 352,001 arrivals compared with

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Bring those behind water cuts to book

Existing environmental regulations should be enforced and if necessary, new laws introduced

WATER cuts in Selangor are a recurring problem that seems to be increasing in frequency and severity.

There have been a number of unscheduled water cuts over the last few years, caused by burst pipes and river pollution.

The recent case last week was the most severe.

A poly methacrylic acid (PMAA) contamination due to a leak from a plastic factory in Klang, Selangor, was identified as the cause of the shutdown of four water treatment plants in the Klang Valley.

The affected plants were in Rantau Panjang, Klang, as well as Sungai Selangor phases 1, 2 and 3.

Many households in Klang Valley were without water for several days.

As they were caught off-guard, many faced difficulties, especially families with small children.

We know and appreciate that Air Selangor did its best to restore supply as soon as possible, but questions remain about the frequency of such occurrences.



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For instance, why were the authorities not able to enforce regulations and bring to book those who were previously responsible for polluting rivers?

There has scarcely been any prosecution of recalcitrant factory owners and workers.

Is there a shortage of enforcement officers?

Whatever the reasons or causes, it is high time for the authorities to buck up.

This state of affairs is untenable, unacceptable and unconscionable.

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The authorities should strictly enforce existing environmental regulations and, if necessary, introduce new laws to increase penalties for polluting factories.

The authorities should conduct regular inspections of factories to ensure compliance with environmental standards and implement monitoring systems to track pollution levels in rivers.

Factories should be encouraged to improve waste management practices, such as treating wastewater before disposal and recycling or reusing waste materials.

Where the public is concerned, they should be educated about the impact of water pollution on health and the environment.

Individuals should also be encouraged to report instances of pollution to the authorities.

We should also practise water conservation at home to cut down on usage.

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Water supply disruptions seem to be increasing in frequency and severity. — Filepic

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E-invoicing system set to go

Shift from paper to digital is not difficult, say experts

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PETALING JAYA: With two days to go, most of the 5,000 companies under Phase 1 of the e-invoicing rollout are raring to go and looking at a smooth takeoff, say stakeholders.

Associated Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia treasurer-general Datuk Koong Lin Loong said these companies, with an annual turnover of RM100mil and above, should not face any major hiccups when transitioning to e-invoicing on Thursday.

"They will be able to cope with the transition as these companies have the resources to do so," he said when contacted yesterday about worries some businesses have expressed about beginning the e-invoicing process.

Asked if accounting firms acting for these companies are facing pressure in switching to e-invoicing, Koong, who is a practising auditor and licensed tax agent, said that it is unlikely.

"There is some misunderstanding that e-invoicing is like the Goods and Services Tax (GST), which required some companies to change their entire accounting system. This is not the case with e-invoicing because companies are already generating invoices through email and their existing computing systems. The only difference is that their invoices will now be digitised and linked to the Inland Revenue Board (LHDN)," he added.

Koong also said that it is quite normal for businesses to express worries whenever a new system is introduced, like mobile phone and QR code payments, for instance.

"There would have been a lot of complaints prior to the Covid-19 pandemic (in 2020) if businesses had been asked if ewallets could be used to make payments. They were practically non-existent.

"But nowadays such payments are widely accepted even among smaller businesses and hawkers,"

E-invoicing implementation timeline in Malaysia

Phase 1 (Aug 1, 2024) – About 5,000 companies with annual revenue or turnover of over RM100mil are required to adopt the use of invoices (six-month grace period given).

Phase 2 (Jan 1, 2025) – Mandatory adoption of e-invoicing for taxpayers with annual revenue or turnover of between RM25mil and RM100mil.

Phase 3 (July 1, 2025) – All remaining taxpayers, including micro, small and medium enterprises, are required to issue invoices (except those earning less than RM150,000 annually).

What is e-invoicing



An invoice is a digital representation of a transaction between a seller and a buyer.



It replaces paper or electronic documents such as invoices, credit notes and debit notes.



Any transaction description is allowed to be put under "products/services details".



It applies to business to business, business to consumer and business to government transactions.



All industries/activities are allowed to issue consolidated invoices, including consolidated self-billed invoices.



It contains the same essential information as traditional invoices, such as seller and buyer's details, item description, quantity, tax, price excluding tax and total amount.



During the six-month grace period, there will be no prosecution action under Section 120 of the Income Tax Act 1967 for non-compliance with invoicing rules, provided the business adheres to consolidated e-invoicing requirements.



If a buyer making multiple transactions requests an invoice, the seller may issue a consolidated invoice instead of separate invoices for each transaction.

The Star graphics

he said.

Experts say the pandemic greatly sped up digital payments globally, as, for a few years, people were living mostly online. When it comes to e-invoicing, the driving force is efficiency in collecting taxes and stopping leakages to increase the government's tax revenue. To further ensure a smooth transition, Koong said the LHDN has announced some flexibility and relaxation of e-invoicing regulations.

For instance, there will be no prosecution action under Section 120 of the Income Tax Act 1967 for non-compliance with e-invoicing rules, provided the business complies with consolidated e-invoicing requirements. This means the supplier can gather all statements or bills issued and then issue a consolidated invoice as proof of the supplier's income, according to

invoicemalaysia.my.

Koong added that the LHDN is planning to roll out an e-invoicing mobile app and e-POS (electronic point-of-sale) system by the end of this year, free of charge for businesses to download.

Phase 2 of the e-invoicing system will be implemented on Jan 1, 2025, for companies with a turnover of below RM100mil and up to RM25mil, while full implementation under Phase 3 will begin on July 1, 2025, for businesses with an annual turnover of above RM150,000.

Malay Chamber of Commerce Malaysia secretary-general Ahmad Yazid Othman said most Phase 1 companies are ready, although some may still be facing some difficulties, especially smaller businesses that serve the larger companies under the Aug 1 rollout.

He added that companies are expecting to run into teething problems just as they did when the GST was first implemented in April 2015.

"The LHDN has given its assurance of some flexibility and relaxation of regulations during the initial implementation period, and this is most welcome.

"We hope that companies will not delay implementing e-invoicing with these assurances, which will at the same time motivate other companies to speed up the transition process when their turn comes," he said.

Ahmad Yazid, who is also a senior fellow with the Malay Economic Action Council, said the experience gained from Phase 1 of the e-invoicing process will be helpful for both the LHDN and businesses to better prepare for the coming phases next year.

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Kill switch must strike a balance

It's crucial to consider privacy and civil liberties, say lawmakers

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PETALING JAYA: The implementation of the proposed law on procedures and enforcement of a "kill switch" to enhance cybersecurity must strike a balance between privacy and civil liberties, say experts and lawmakers.

Siraj Jalil, president of the Malaysia Cyber Consumer Association (MCCA), said the government's announcement to have such a legislation is a significant step towards enhancing the country's digital security framework.

"This legislation aims to provide a robust mechanism for swiftly shutting down harmful digital operations in the event of a cyber threat, thereby protecting critical infrastructure and sensitive data.

"However, it is crucial that this legislation is balanced with considerations for privacy and civil liberties," he said when contacted yesterday.

Siraj said such measures are essential in our increasingly digital world where cyber threats are becoming more sophisticated and pervasive. He said implementing

a "kill switch" could help mitigate the damage caused by cyberattacks, ensuring that our national security, economy and public safety are safeguarded.

"The implementation must be transparent, with clear guidelines and oversight to prevent misuse or overreach.

"Collaboration with industry experts and stakeholders will be vital to ensure that the legislation is both effective and respects the rights of individuals," he added.

Siraj said MCCA would support any policy that strengthens the country's national cybersecurity landscape.

PKR's Pasir Gudang MP Hassan Abdul Karim said while Malaysia has the right to safeguard digital security from cybercrimes such as scams, cyberbullying and pornography, the government must strike a balance between digital security and freedom to have access to various social media platforms.

"Our government has to accept the fact of modern life where social media is an integral part of a democratic society like ours."

He said as an MP, he is con-

cerned that the proposal to amend sections of the Criminal Procedure Code and Penal Code might be used by the current government to silence critics.

Bangi MP Syahredzan Johan urged critics of the proposed legislation to allow the draft to be tabled first in the Dewan Rakyat before jumping into any conclusion.

"We cannot deny that issues such as cyberbullying, sexual offences against children and online gambling are rampant and unfortunately, online service providers are not doing their part enough.

"The question is whether whatever law is being proposed, whether it has enough safeguards, that we will only know once we see the proposed draft," he said.

Machang MP Wan Ahmad Fayhsal Wan Ahmad Kamal said many quarters, including activists, are viewing the proposed amendments in a critical manner.

"This is because even before the proposed amendment is being tabled, we have seen a number of social media accounts being taken down by social media platforms

at the request of the government.

"Most of the accounts are critical of the government, which raises issues on governance, economic performance and others deemed sensitive to the image and credibility of the government.

"We would like the government to be more transparent and reveal the details to the public so that backbenchers and the public can scrutinise it even further," said the Bersatu MP.

On Sunday, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Law and Institutional Reform) Datuk Seri Azalina Othman Said announced that a new legislation encompassing provisions on procedures and enforcement of a "kill switch" to enhance cyber security would be tabled in Parliament this October.

She said it would place responsibility on social media service providers and Internet messaging service providers to play their role and be accountable in tackling online crimes such as online scams, cyberbullying, dissemination of child sexual abuse materials as well as harassment and sexual extortion.

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1.3 juta kematian disebabkan hepatitis

Putrajaya: Sebanyak 49,992 kes Hepatitis B dilaporkan bagi tempoh 10 tahun dari 2013 hingga 2023, kata Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan Datuk Dr Muhammad Radzi Abu Hassan.

Bagi kes Hepatitis C, beliau berkata jumlah keseluruhan adalah sebanyak 34,573 kes bagi tempoh sama.

"Hepatitis B boleh dicegah melalui imunisasi iaitu dos pertama diberikan semasa kelahiran, dos seterusnya pula diberikan kepada bayi menggunakan vaksin kombinasi enam serangkai (enam dalam satu) pada umur dua, tiga, lima dan 18 bulan manakala untuk Hepatitis C pula, rawatan khusus kini boleh di-

berikan untuk menyembuhkan jangkitan," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian dalam kenyataan sempena Hari Hepatitis Sedunia yang disambut setiap 28 Julai, dengan tema tahun ini 'Sudah tiba masanya untuk bertindak' atau *It's time for action* yang menekankan keperluan berkolaborasi dalam penyampaian perkhidmatan imunisasi, saringan, rawatan serta menggiatkan aktiviti advokasi antara kerajaan, swasta dan pertubuhan bukan kerajaan (NGO).

Hepatitis adalah penyakit keradangan hati yang lazimnya disebabkan oleh jangkitan virus (viral hepatitis) iaitu Virus Hepatitis

A, B, C, D atau E.

Virus Hepatitis A dan E biasanya berjangkit melalui pengambilan makanan atau air tercemar dan tidak membawa kepada penyakit kronik manakala virus Hepatitis B, C dan D berjangkit melalui darah atau cecair badan serta boleh membawa kepada penyakit kronik yang menjadi punca utama kepada sirosis atau parut hati (*liver cirrhosis*) dan kanser hati.

Berdasarkan Laporan Hepatitis Global 2024, Dr Muhammad Radzi berkata pada 2022 dianggarkan terdapat 2.2 juta kes jangkitan baharu viral hepatitis di dunia, dengan 1.1 juta merupakan jangkitan Hepatitis B, 1.0 juta adalah Hepa-

titis C dan 100,000 kes adalah jangkitan bagi lain-lain jenis hepatitis.

"Jumlah kematian dilaporkan pula adalah sebanyak 1.3 juta kes dengan 83 peratus kematian disebabkan oleh jangkitan Hepatitis B dan baki 17 peratus kematian adalah disebabkan oleh jangkitan Hepatitis C," katanya.

Justeru, beliau berkata Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) menasihatkan orang ramai supaya sentiasa mengamalkan hidup sihat dan amalan kebersihan diri untuk mengelakkan risiko mendapat jangkitan hepatitis atau risiko untuk menjangkiti orang lain bagi individu yang telah dijangkiti.

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Isu Pasar Raja Bot

Pembangunan Kampung Sungai Baru diteruskan

Majoriti penduduk mahu projek disegerakan selepas lebih 6 tahun menunggu

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Kuala Lumpur: Kerajaan akan meneruskan projek pembangunan Kampung Sungai Baru dekat Kampung Baru di sini, bagi memenuhi hak dan juga keperluan majoriti penduduk di situ.

Menteri di Jabatan Perdana Menteri (Wilayah Persekutuan), Dr Zaliha Mustafa, berkata penduduk yang bersetuju meneruskan projek itu melebihi 68 peratus, manakala yang tidak bersetuju lebih kurang 30 peratus sahaja.

"Kita perlu perbetulkan fakta salah yang dibawa sesetengah pihak. Saya melihat temu bual daripada penduduk yang bersetuju. Itu adalah perkara sebenar yang berlaku di lapangan.

"Kita sebagai kerajaan perlu memudahkan pembangunan. Bagi saya jika pembangunan di Kampung Sungai Baru dapat dilaksanakan, ia akan menjadi pemangkin kepada pembangunan di Kampung Baru secara

khususnya dan Kuala Lumpur amnya," katanya pada sidang media selepas merasmikan Program Mempertingkatkan Persimpangan Lebuhraya Sultan Iskandar.

Dr Zaliha berkata, selaku menteri, beliau mahu isu legasi itu diselesaikan dengan segera memandangkan ia sudah lama dipertakakan.

"Perkara atau naratif sebenarnya telah sekian lama (dimainkan). Kita juga tahu ada keputusan mahkamah, ada dua kumpulan penduduk, ada yang bersetuju dan tidak bersetuju," katanya.

Terdahulu, media melaporkan selepas lebih enam tahun menunggu, majoriti penduduk dan pewaris di Kampung Sungai Baru, mengharap projek pembangunan di kawasan itu dilakukan segera.

Mereka turut mendesak sebarang kontroversi dan dakwaan yang tidak berasas membabitkan pembangunan kawasan itu perlu dihentikan.

Pemangku Pengerusi Persatuan Kebajikan Pemilik Harta Kampung Sungai Baru, Sanita Yunus, berkata sudah enam tahun mereka berpindah ke rumah transit di Residensi Kerinchi yang disediakan pihak pemaui seperti dijanjikan.

Katanya, mereka hanya mahu melihat pembangunan projek itu disiapkan secepat mungkin dan menjadikan kawasan itu

setanding dengan pembangunan lain di sekelilingnya.

DBKL bantu tarik pelanggan

Dalam pada itu, Zaliha memaklumkan, Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL) sudah diarah membantu menarik pelanggan ke Kompleks Pasar Raja Bot susulan daripada dakwaan kekurangan pelanggan ke kompleks itu.

"Saya ada menerima aduan dan sudah mengarahkan DBKL membantu kerana kawasan itu adalah kawasan baharu dan pelanggan sudah terbiasa di kawasan lama.



Projek pembangunan perlu diteruskan untuk penuhi keperluan majoriti penduduk Kampung Sungai Baru.
(Foto Aswadi Alias/BH)

"Kita akan bantu dari sudut promosinya dan saya akan ke kawasan tersebut untuk melihat keadaannya dan membantu sebaik mungkin supaya orang ramai lebih mengenali kawasan tersebut dan akhirnya kawasan tersebut (akan) menjadi maju dan dikunjungi orang ramai," katanya.

Katanya, walaupun sudah melawat kompleks itu beberapa bulan lalu, selepas mendapa aduan mengenai kekurangan pelanggan, beliau akan meneliti semula perkembangan ha ini dan mendengarnya sendiri masalah membabitkan masalah dihadapi peniaga.



Zaliha merasmikan Program Mempertingkatkan Persimpangan Lebuhraya Sultan Iskandar di Kuala Lumpur, semalam.
(Foto Amirudin Sahib/BH)

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Sikap pasif masyarakat sukarkan SPRM bertindak perangai rasuah

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Apabila berbicara mengenai rasuah di Malaysia, fokus utama sering kali terarah kepada menteri, pegawai kerajaan dan pihak berkuasa mempunyai kuasa kelulusan atau penguatkuasaan.

Perhatian yang lebih dalam isu rasuah kepada sektor awam ini agak berasas, memandangkan banyak laporan media memaparkan kes rasuah membabitkan golongan ini.

Oleh kerana majoriti jawatan dalam sektor awam dipegang kaum Melayu dan Bumiputera, ia turut mencipta persepsi awam kononnya kaum Melayu 'pemakan rasuah' utama dan kurang integriti berbanding kaum lain.

Persepsi ini menimbulkan rasa kecewa dan tidak adil, terutama kepada masyarakat Melayu. Hakikatnya, tumpuan sering diberikan kepada rasuah dalam sektor awam dan dikaitkan dengan kaum Melayu, sedangkan rasuah turut bergelut dalam sektor swasta. Sebaliknya, ada negeri masih bergelut menangani isu rasuah dalam sektor swasta terutama dalam industri pembalakan dan kegiatan berkaitan sumber asli.

Ada juga rasuah bersarang dalam konflik berkaitan tanah adat walaupun sebuah ombudsman ditubuhkan untuk tujuan ini. Malangnya, ombudsman ini lebih menumpukan perhatian kepada sektor awam sahaja dan gagal memantau rasuah

dalam sektor swasta.

Perlu disedari, antara aspek penting Akta Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) 2009 (Akta 694) adalah Seksyen 25 iaitu kewajiban melaporkan transaksi rasuah.

Gagal patuhi kewajiban

Malangnya, ramai pegawai awam gagal mematuhi kewajiban ini. Sekiranya laporan dibuat dengan lebih konsisten, penerima rasuah dapat dikenal pasti dan diambil tindakan.

Kurangnya penguatkuasaan Seksyen 25 ini membolehkan perbuatan menekan atau menyusahkan orang dengan kuasa dipegang untuk mendapatkan rasuah terus berleluasa.

Pada 2018, Akta SPRM 2009 dipinda untuk memasukkan Liabiliti Korporat, memberi SPRM senjata baharu memerangi rasuah dalam organisasi komersial atau swasta.

Seksyen 17A (Pindaan 2018) ini mula berkuatkuasa pada 1 Jun 2020, namun dalam tempoh empat tahun selepas diwartakan, tidak banyak liputan media mengenai kes rasuah dalam sektor swasta berjaya ditumpaskan.

Di sini, dapat dilihat cabaran utama dalam memerangi rasuah adalah sikap dan mentaliti masyarakat. Banyak pihak lebih cenderung menyalahkan orang lain atau menunggu pihak berkuasa mengambil tindakan tanpa menyedari setiap individu mempunyai peranan dalam membanteras rasuah. Sikap pasif ini menyukarkan usaha SPRM dan

agensi lain mempunyai kuasa memerangi rasuah. Tanpa maklumat dan keterangan mencukupi, usaha memerangi rasuah menjadi sukar.

Rasuah dalam sektor perbankan juga tidak boleh dipandang ringan. Pegawai bank mempunyai kuasa meluluskan pinjaman sering berada dalam kedudukan membolehkan mereka menekan pemohon pinjaman memberi rasuah.

Walaupun kes sebegini kurang mendapat liputan media, ia tetap berlaku dan memberi impak besar kepada ekonomi dan masyarakat. Bagi memerangi rasuah dengan lebih berkesan, sokongan komuniti amat penting.

Promosi dan kempen dilaksanakan agensi serta pertubuhan bebas dalam usaha pencegahan rasuah perlu disokong setiap lapisan masyarakat.

Rasuah di Malaysia adalah isu membabitkan pelbagai sektor dan kaum. Persepsi kononnya hanya kaum Melayu terbabit rasuah adalah tidak adil dan tepat. Sektor swasta juga mempunyai isu rasuah yang besar, walaupun kurang mendapat perhatian.

Untuk membanteras rasuah dengan berkesan, setiap individu perlu memainkan peranan masing-masing, melaporkan kes rasuah, dan menyokong usaha SPRM dan agensi lain.

Dalam menghadapi cabaran ini, adalah penting untuk kita terus berjuang dan tidak berputus asa. Cegah rasuah demi masa depan lebih cerah dan bersih untuk Malaysia yang mencapai kemerdekaan ke-67.

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Malaysia berpotensi jadi negara berpendapatan tinggi 2027

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Ekonomi berkembang 4-5 peratus setiap tahun antara 'syarat' capai status

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Malaysia berpotensi menjadi negara berpendapatan tinggi menjelang 2027 dan seterusnya jika ekonomi berkembang empat hingga lima peratus setiap tahun dan ringgit mengukuh kepada RM4.20 berbanding dolar Amerika Syarikat (AS).

Menteri Ekonomi, Rafizi Ramli, berkata ekonomi negara berpotensi berkembang dengan baik dan berada dalam sektor masa depan seperti kemampanan tenaga, pembangunan pusat data dan pengeluaran cip elektronik melangkaui penggunaan sedia ada.

Katanya, potensi Malaysia sememangnya ada dengan mengambil kira masa depan dunia yang dikendalikan kecerdasan buatan (AI).

"Masyarakat antarabangsa memberi tumpuan kepada Malaysia sekarang bagi melihat sama ada kita boleh guna kelebihan ini untuk berada di hadapan.



Rafizi menerima buku Banci Ekonomi 2023 daripada Mohd Uzir pada Majlis Peluncuran Penemuan Banci Ekonomi (Be) 2023 di Putrajaya, semalam yang turut dihadiri Nor Azmie.

(Foto Aizuddin Saad/BH)

"Kalau kita (ekonomi negara) terus berkembang empat hingga lima peratus setiap tahun dan ringgit mengukuh RM4.20 satu dolar dalam beberapa tahun akan datang, Malaysia akan menjadi negara maju serta berpendapatan tinggi dari 2027 dan seterusnya," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian selepas Majlis Peluncuran Penemuan Banci Ekonomi (Be) 2023 di Putrajaya, semalam.

Hadir sama, Ketua Setiausaha Kementerian Ekonomi, Datuk Nor Azmie Diron dan Ketua Perangkawan Malaysia, Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin.

Mengenai potensi Malaysia menjadi kuasa ekonomi Asia atau bergelar Harimau Asia, Rafizi berkata, ukuran untuk digelar status itu bukan dilihat dari segi jumlah Keluaran Dalam Negara Kasar (KDNK) semata-mata.

Sebaliknya, beliau berkata, ia perlu mengambil kira unjuran seperti KDNK per kapita, kompleksiti ekonomi, pengeluaran untuk eksport dan kemampuan menjadi hab kewangan antarabangsa.

Sehubungan itu, beliau berkata, tidak ada definisi khusus untuk digelar sebagai Harimau Asia.

Namun, jelasnya lebih mudah mengukur mengikut piawaian

antarabangsa seperti negara berpendapatan tinggi yang lazimnya disamakan dengan negara maju.

Capai status Harimau Asia

Menteri Kewangan II, Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan dilaporkan berkata, tinjauan positif daripada penganalisis dan agensi penarafan, disokong angka ekonomi memberangsangkan adalah petunjuk Malaysia sedang mencatat kemajuan ketara untuk mendapatkan semula status Harimau Asia.

Katanya, beliau juga menerima maklum balas positif berhubung prestasi ekonomi Malaysia yang kukuh semasa pertemuan dengan

pelabur dan penganalisis, mereka menyatakan keyakinan mengenai pertumbuhan masa depan negara.

Sementara itu, Mohd Uzir berkata, Banci Ekonomi 2023 menunjukkan terdapat 1,091,867 pertubuhan beroperasi pada 2022 dengan kadar pertumbuhan tahunan 2.5 peratus berbanding banci terdahulu dijalankan pada 2016 bagi tahun rujukan 2015 dengan 920,630 pertubuhan.

Beliau berkata, sejumlah 951,862 pertubuhan atau 87.2 peratus tertumpu dalam sektor perkhidmatan, diikuti pembinaan (71,062 pertubuhan atau 6.5 peratus) dan pembuatan (54,505 pertubuhan atau 5 peratus).

Katanya, sektor pertanian serta perlombongan dan pengkuarian kedua-duanya menyumbang selebihnya, masing-masing dengan 12,998 dan 1,440 pertubuhan.

"Nilai output kasar bagi keseluruhan sektor ekonomi berjumlah RM3.8518 trilion pada 2022, meningkat 6.4 peratus setiap tahun.

"Peningkatan ini sebahagian besarnya disumbangkan pertumbuhan kukuh bagi sektor pembuatan dengan 7.5 peratus, mencatatkan RM1.8937 trilion berbanding RM1.142 trilion pada 2015 dan didorong subsektor produk petroleum, kimia, getah dan plastik.

"Ini diikuti sektor perkhidmatan yang meningkat 5.7 peratus kepada RM1.4266 trilion serta perlombongan dan pengkuarian naik 6.5 peratus kepada RM204.1 bilion 6.5 peratus," katanya.

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Wajib lapor insiden serangan siber

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PUTRAJAYA: Akta Keselamatan Siber 2024 yang akan dikuatkuasakan mewajibkan semua agensi Infrastruktur Maklumat Nasional Kritikal (NCII) yang dikawal Agensi Keselamatan Siber Negara (NACSA) melaporkan sebarang insiden serangan siber.

NCII adalah agensi-agensi mempunyai sistem pengkomputeran yang mana sekiranya dicerobohi atau diserang, ia memberi impak kepada negara secara keseluruhan sekali gus merisikokan keruntuhan sistem kerajaan.

Ketua Eksekutif NACSA, Dr. Megat Zuhairy Megat Tajuddin berkata, pihaknya mengawal NCII yang pada masa ini berjumlah 229 entiti di bawah 11 kategori untuk memastikan keselamatan siber negara terkawal.

Antara entiti NCII ialah Telekom Malaysia (TM) di mana data yang mereka ada melibatkan ramai rakyat Malaysia dan jika dicerobohi atau dicuri, ia memberi kesan kepada keselamatan orang ramai atau menyebabkan TM tidak boleh berfungsi dan telekomunikasi terjejas.

"Jumlah entiti NCII akan bertambah sehingga lebih 1,000 selepas Akta Keselamatan Siber dikuatkuasakan dalam masa terdekat. Ia dikawal dan diselenggarakan supaya NACSA boleh meminimumkan impak risiko jika terjadi serangan.

"Di bawah akta ini, sekiranya berlaku insiden serangan siber kepada agensi-agensi NCII, menjadi kewajipan untuk melaporkan kepada NACSA. Menjadi



AKTA Keselamatan Siber mewajibkan semua insiden serangan siber dilaporkan. - UTUSAN/FAISOL MUSTAFA

satu kesalahan jika tidak lapor.

"Sebelum ini pelaporan dibuat secara sukarela atau apabila kami kesan ada insiden, kita minta mereka laporkan," katanya ketika ditemui di pejabatnya di sini.

Megat Zuhairy berkata, negara ini merekodkan sejumlah 20,193 kes insiden ancaman siber dalam tempoh empat tahun iaitu 4,194 pada 2020 diikuti 5,575 (2021), 7,192 (2022) dan 3,232 (2023).

Menurutnya, terdapat enam kategori trend serangan siber seperti penafian perkhidmatan tersebar (DDOS), pencerobohan, jangkitan perisian hasad, pengerosan perisian hasad dan ancaman berterusan hadapan (APT) dan potensi serangan.

Pada 2023, sejumlah 1,599 insiden serangan berlaku di agensi swasta manakala 1,633 di agensi kerajaan dengan tertinggi melibatkan jangkitan perisian hasad sebanyak 1,297 kes.

Jika melihat kepada trend, katanya, ia menunjukkan penu-

runan dari segi insiden dilaporkan sekali gus menunjukkan kematangan NCII semakin meningkat berhubung kesiapsiagaan berbanding jumlah insiden.

"Sebagai contoh, serangan DDOS, dia serang semaksimum mungkin sehingga menyebabkan gangguan kepada sistem komputer kerana trafik terlalu tinggi dan melumpuhkan perkhidmatan itu.

"Serangan virus perisian hasad (malware) pula dihantar melalui bentuk perisian seperti e-mel atau aktiviti penggodaan tertentu. Apabila diaktifkan perisian hasad, ia akan merosakkan atau menjangkiti pelayan (server).

"Seperti serangan di Indonesia baru-baru ini dipanggil ransomware. Virus itu melumpuhkan sistem dan mengambil data sehingga pemilik data tidak boleh akses. Untuk akses semula kena bayar bagi mendapatkan kata kunci. Mereka minta AS\$8 juta daripada Pusat Data Nasional Indonesia," katanya.

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Humans are the weakest link in fight against cyberthreats

THE importance of robust cybersecurity measures cannot be overstated. Cyberthreats pose risks to individual privacy, financial stability and national security.

Innovations, such as artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning, have revolutionised the way we respond to cyberthreats through sophisticated anomaly and malware detection, as well as threat-hunting.

Advanced encryption techniques and multi-factor authentication have also strengthened the security of data transmission and access control.

These tools have made defence against cyberthreats more efficient than ever before.

Despite all this, attacks are growing.

The human element continues to be the weakest link.

No matter how sophisticated technological defences are, they can be undermined by human error and unpredictable behaviour.

We are susceptible to social en-



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gineering tactics, such as phishing attacks, which exploit psychological manipulation to deceive individuals into divulging confidential information or performing actions that compromise security.

A report by IBM highlights that phishing remains strong, emphasising the critical role that individuals play in security.

Human error refers to unintentional actions or omissions by employees and users that result in, facilitate or permit a security breach to occur.

This encompasses a wide range of user behaviours, from down-

loading malware-infected files to using weak passwords, which makes it challenging to address.

The increasing complexity of work environments, with a growing number of tools and services used, leads employees to take shortcuts by relying on multiple usernames, passwords and other credentials.

Furthermore, the threat of cybercriminals employing social engineering tactics complicates the situation, as employees can inadvertently provide sensitive information or credentials to malicious actors without the need for sophisticated cyberattacks.

Verizon's 2018 cybersecurity breach report identified misdelivery as a top-five contributing factor to security incidents.

Email users frequently relying on automated assistance like address auto-complete, inadvertently sharing sensitive data with unintended recipients, is a risk that companies must address.

The National Centre for Cyber

Security's 2019 report said its findings indicate that "123456" continues to be one of the most used passwords globally, and 45 per cent of individuals reuse the same password on other online services.

The root cause of much human error in cybersecurity is the lack of user awareness and knowledge.

Uninformed employees are vulnerable to phishing scams and public network breaches that expose their credentials.

This deficiency in cybersecurity know-how is not the users' fault, but rather the responsibility of the organisation to address by ensuring its end-users possess the knowledge and capabilities to protect themselves and the business.

Some strategies to mitigate human error include training to keep employees updated on threats and implementation of phishing simulations to test and improve employee vigilance.

It is also noteworthy that company culture plays a role in cultivating security awareness, and

encouraging a security-first culture where employees feel responsible for their role in protecting organisational assets can lead to progress.

IBM noted that cybersecurity training and simulations were effective in reducing phishing attacks.

It emphasises that people can learn through experience, and activities based on simulated attacks and interactive training can improve employee response to real threats.

Although technology can assist in cybersecurity defence, irrational and unpredictable human behaviour necessitates a focus on boosting human awareness and vigilance.

Education and training, coupled with experiential activities like phishing simulations and interactive workshops, can bolster cybersecurity efforts.

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CAUGHT ON VIRAL VIDEOS

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Extorting money from foreigners: 2 cops arrested

KAJANG: Police have arrested two policemen over videos circulating on the Telegram messaging application showing law enforce-

ment personnel extorting money from a foreign couple.

Selangor police chief Datuk Hussein Omar Khan said they re-

ceived a report from a foreign national over the two videos showing the incident that allegedly occurred in Jalan Taming Sari, here.

"Two policemen attached to the Kajang police headquarters have been arrested. We have opened an investigation under Section 384 of the Penal Code for extortion," he said, adding that both suspects had been remanded until July 30.

Hussein said Selangor police would not protect any of its personnel involved in any crime.

The first video shows two men in blue uniform, wearing motorcycle helmets and standing next to two motorcycles, talking to a man wearing a grey T-shirt and jeans.

As the three men talk, a woman

is seen slumped against a parked car, her head covered in a piece of cloth. She appears to be unconscious or unwell.

One of the men in uniform is then seen opening a compartment underneath the motorcycle seat and instructing the individual to place something inside.

The individual then takes something out of his jeans pockets and places it in the compartment.

In the next video, the individual appears to be trying to revive the woman. The man carries the woman over his shoulder as the two men in blue uniform get on their motorcycles and leave.

Captions accompanying the videos claim that the incident allegedly occurred in Taman Taming Jaya, Balakong.

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