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Food rescue at your fingertips



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MBSA ON WHEELS

Shah Alam City Council (MBSA) is bringing out its mobile office, Shah Alam on Wheels (SAOW), on April 6, from 11am to 4pm at Aeon Big Section 23, Shah Alam for the public to use council facilities. Services provided include assessment tax payment, parking compound checks and payment, counter for complaints and others. For details, visit www.mbsa.gov.my

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FREE CAR DISPOSAL

Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ) provides free car disposal services. Those who wish to scrap their cars must transfer ownership of the vehicles to the council president. For details, visit intranet.mpaj.gov.my/spmkm, email penguatkuasa@mpaj.gov.my, call 03-4285 7024 (Enforcement Department) or visit Menara MPAJ or its depots in Taman Putra Sulaiman or Taman Melawati.

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New solar panel system to cut Sepang council energy bill by 20%

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A NEWLY installed photovoltaic (PV) system at Sepang Municipal Council (MPSepang) building in Cyberjaya, Selangor, is estimated to reduce the local authority's electricity bill by 20%.

A PV system is composed of one or more solar panels combined with an inverter and other electrical and mechanical hardware.

MPSepang president Datuk Abd Hamid Hussain said the solar panels, with an estimated capacity of 470kWp (kilowatts peak) would generate approxi-

mately 602,409kWh in the first year.

"MPSepang is expected to save RM105,422 in the first year.

"The solar panels installation is a 20-year contract, which means MPSepang is expected to save RM6,345,016.

"This is in line with the council's Cyberjaya Smart and Low Carbon City 2025 and vision for a clean, green, smart and sustainable municipality by 2030, in support of Sustainable Development Goals," he said at the PV system launch at MPSepang headquarters.

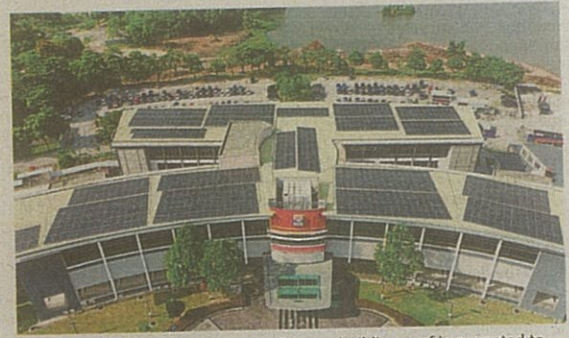
Abd Hamid said the supply

agreement-renewable energy contract was signed on Dec 17, 2021.

MPSepang signed the contract with Tenaga Nasional Bhd and its wholly owned subsidiary, GSPARX Sdn Bhd, a company that provides solar solutions.

"The solar panels were installed in four months, between April 18 and Aug 12 of 2022, while the licence to fully operate it was obtained on Dec 7 last year," said Abd Hamid.

"I hope more similar energy saving initiatives will be taken and the council will be a benchmark for other departments and corporations in Sepang."



The PV system installed at the MPSepang building roof is expected to save RM105,422 in the first year of the system installation contract.

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RM1.5mil synthetic football field for Taman Kepong

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KUALA Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) has approved a synthetic football field to be built in Taman Kepong, at an estimated cost of RM1.5mil.

Kepong MP Lim Lip Eng said the project was approved in a special budget application meeting and would take off in October.

"The field will be built on Lot 19226 in Jalan Kuang Gunung, which has been a gazetted open space since 1996 to be used as a green lung or for recreational purposes.

"The plan for the site includes a full-sized turf field for football that can also accommodate two small-size pitches, as well as a straight running track, long-jump pit and small seating area," he said.

Lim said that while he welcomed the project, he hoped DBKL would consider making changes to the design such as



DBKL will turn this gazetted green lung in Taman Kepong into a synthetic football field.

omitting the long-jump pit and seating area, and instead include public facilities like toilets.

"I foresee very few people

using the long-jump pit for proper training.

"It is better to use the space to build toilets," he said.

Lim said if all went well, it

would be the first synthetic football field in Kepong.

"There are two grass football fields, one in Jinjang Utara that is in good condition and another in Metro Prima that is in need of improvement," he said.

He also appealed to Kepong residents to let him know of any idle land that could be upgraded into recreational areas.

"This particular land was a green lung filled with overgrown trees and bushes in the past.

"I had proposed that the land be used for recreational purposes," he said.

Lim also said that DBKL had cleared the land sometime back and some parties tried to scam people into renting the lot.

He said to ensure nobody fell for such scams, a banner had been put up on the fence to inform the public of the project that DBKL had planned for the site.

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Food handlers in hot water

DBKL fines Ramadan bazaar traders for unhygienic food items

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A TOTAL of 82 compounds and notices were issued to traders of Ramadan bazaars in Kuala Lumpur for selling contaminated food.

Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) collected 1,060 food samples from various bazaars operating in the city, from March 10 to 29.

Of the collected samples, 11.9% (126) were found to be contaminated with bacteria.

"Food samples collected were sent to DBKL's Analysis Centre and Food Security (FoSAC) facility located at Pasar Borong Kuala Lumpur for testing.

"The samples were inspected for the presence of Staphylococcus, E. coli and coliform bacteria," DBKL said in a statement.

The presence of the bacteria was indicative of unclean food preparation, inadequate cooking or unsatisfactory personal hygiene of the food handlers, said DBKL.

Compounds were issued as operators had contravened the Food Handlers (Federal Territory) By-laws 1979, where by-law 6(1) states that "no person shall sell any article of food which is not clean or contains any matter foreign to the nature of such food."

Under the by-law, errant operators could be fined up to RM2,000 for the offence.

DBKL said it also inspected 2,404 operators at the various bazaars.

"Compounds and notices were issued under the Food Handlers by-law and Licensing of Hawkers (Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur) By-Laws 2016 for not having typhoid vaccinations," DBKL added.

The operators were advised and warned to improve and



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maintain the cleanliness when handling food.

"This included not having food exposed and not placing ice blocks on the floor.

"Traders were also reminded of the 'zero single-use plastic' initiative and to use biodegradable packaging."

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

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

Over 4,000 lots at the other 62 locations were managed by private operators.

The bazaars are expected to operate until April 9.

DBKL officers inspecting stalls at a Ramadan bazaar. — Photos courtesy of DBKL



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Queen graces World #QuranHour

KUALA LUMPUR: Her Majesty Raja Zarith Sofiah, Queen of Malaysia, attended the World #QuranHour 2024 programme at Masjid Negara.

The Queen arrived at the national mosque at 11.45am yesterday, accompanied by Education Minister Fadhlina Sidek as well as Karangkraf Media Group adviser and Warisan Ummah Ikhlas Foundation (WUIF) founder Datuk Hussamuddin Yaacob.

Themed "Ummah #GrandReset: Unity and Social Transformation", the ninth edition of the programme was attended by approximately 4,000 congregants.

The programme began at noon with the recitations of Surah Al-Fatihah and verses 1-5 of Surah Al-Baqarah. This was followed by the explanation and tadabbur

(contemplation) of the selected Surah Al-Jumu'ah.

A sermon was delivered by deputy Perak Mufti Datuk Zamri Hashim while a student from Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (Usim), Mungiz Mohd Subki, led the recitation of the Al-Quran Pledge.

A total of 5,139 hotspots were registered by various organisations for the simultaneous organisation of the programme nationwide, reported Bernama.

As of April 3, eight locations in six countries have been registered as hotspots for the World #QuranHour, namely Singapore, Brunei, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Thailand and Saudi Arabia.

The one-hour programme was broadcast live through Astro Oasis, the official broadcaster of the



Royal arrival: Her Majesty Raja Zarith Sofiah, Queen of Malaysia, arriving at the World #QuranHour 2024. Accompanying her is Hussamuddin (right). — Bernama

World #QuranHour. The event was organised by WUIF in collaboration with its strategic partners including Usim, Islamic Tourism Malaysia, the Council of Directors

of Public Libraries of Malaysia, Akademi Sinergi Ikhlas Sdn Bhd, Rumah Ngaji and the Selangor Public Library Corporation.

Also present were Deputy

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Religious Affairs) Dr Zulkifli Hasan and Deputy Youth and Sports Minister Adam Adli Abd Halim. — Bernama

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Some of the underprivileged children gathered at Rumah Amal Raudhatul Jannah in their festive attire for the #SunwayforGood Sinar Ramadan event.



Tengku Amir Shah (second from right), alongside Razman (second from left), presenting essential groceries to an orphanage representative.

Royal touch at charity event

More than 100 kids from four Selangor orphanages receive generous festive gifts

FESTIVE crafts, gifts and *duit* Raya, all in the company of a crown prince, made an event very exciting for over 100 children from four orphanages across Selangor.

The event was part of Sunway Group's corporate social responsibility initiative, #SunwayforGood Sinar Ramadan, which aims to touch the lives of the underprivileged across Johor, Perak, Penang, Selangor and Terengganu during Ramadan.

Gracing the celebration was Raja Muda of Selangor Tengku Amir Shah Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah, who emphasised the significance of community and generosity during Ramadan.

Sunway Group deputy chairman Tan Sri Datuk Seri Razman Hashim said the

initiative was making its fourth stop in Selangor and on track to reach almost 4,000 underprivileged beneficiaries nationwide by the end of the month.

The initiative was organised in collaboration with Selangor Youth Community, the National Welfare Foundation and Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF).

The Selangor leg of the initiative also brought together celebrity chef Datuk Ismail Ahmad and Akademi Fantasia fame Bob Yusof, both of whom are MAF Red Ribbon Celebrity Supporters.

Ismail and Bob prepared Superior Braised Chicken Mushroom with Fragrant Garlic Rice, a star creation of Ismail's and the centrepiece of Sunway Resort Hotel's *buka puasa* spread.

"Today's event reminds us to observe Ramadan with compassion, by looking after the underprivileged communities' needs," said Malaysian AIDS Foundation chairman Prof Datuk Dr Adeeba Kamarulzaman.

She was among guests and volunteers who engaged in activities with the children gathered at Rumah Amal Raudhatul Jannah in Kuala Langat, Selangor.

The other three participating orphanages were Pertubuhan Kebajikan Anak Yatim Darul Ehsan Malaysia, Pertubuhan Rumah Anak Yatim Miskin Daerah Kuala Langat and Sekolah KAPA Integrasi As-Syariff.

The #SunwayforGood Sinar Ramadan

initiative will make its final stop in Dungun, Terengganu, at Baitul Cakna Lelaki Jambu Bongkok, before concluding with a Raya Open House in Sunway Resort Hotel on April 24.

In the presence of Tengku Permaisuri of Selangor Tengku Permaisuri Norashikin, the open house will treat over 300 children from several orphanages with lively performances, entertaining games and a scrumptious hotel buffet.

In conjunction with Sunway's 50th anniversary, its CSR initiatives this year will include building or refurbishing 50 libraries, raising funds for five welfare homes and donating 2,000,000 meals for the poor.

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ARCHITECTURE is a powerful medium for expressing a nation's cultural identity, with architects serving as identity shapers.

Recognising this significance, the International Union of Architects (UIA), Malaysian Institute of Architects (PAM) and Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) will host a five-day international forum "UIA2024KL" from Nov 15 to 19 at Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre.

Themed "Diversecity for Humanity and Sustainable Growth," the forum aims to explore the intersection of diversity and urbanism, reflecting Malaysia's rich cultural tapestry and its commitment to environmentally sustainable practices.

Emphasising inclusive and sustainable urban development, the forum seeks to prioritise the well-being of communities and the environment.

Using Kuala Lumpur as its focal point, the forum will examine the concept of cultural identity within the context of multicultural urban environments.

By delving into modernism's impact and globalisation, forum attendees will gain insights into the evolving notion of cultural identity.

During its soft launch, PAM president Abu Zarim Abu Bakar

Global forum of over 200 speakers on sustainable urban growth announced

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(From left) UIA2024KL advisor Datuk Tan Pei Ing, Ezumi, Abu Zarim, Hanum, Leao, UIA Region III vice-president Nivaldo Andrade and UIA Region IV vice-president Prof Dr Zhang Li at the launch. — Courtesy of DBKL

said the objectives of the forum were to provide opportunities for the public, architects, urban planners and policy makers to discuss culture, heritage, sustainability, equity and ecology to

achieve humanity and sustainable growth.

He added that with over 200 speakers from around the world and an array of innovative projects on display, UIA2024KL

aimed to address challenges faced by emerging economies and growing cities.

UIA2024KL convenor Datuk Ezumi Harzani Ismail anticipates more than 3,000 partici-

pants from around the globe to gather to exchange knowledge.

He said that as of December 2023, over 700 papers were submitted to be presented at the forum and that only the best 150 papers would be chosen.

UIA secretary general Rui Leao pointed out that the forum would not just be for architects.

"We extend our invitation to policymakers, urban planners, educators and public to join us in bridging the divide between on-the-ground realities and policymakers' visions," said Leao.

The forum was also expected to inject RM43.4mil into Malaysia's economy.

"The UIA2024KL offers a golden opportunity for us to exchange insights, absorb global best practices and cultivate partnerships that will propel us towards achieving our collective aspirations," said DBKL Project Implementation and Building Maintenance Department director Hanum Ain Zainal.

She was representing Kuala Lumpur mayor Datuk Kamarulzaman Mat Salleh.

"Together, let us work towards building cities that embody diversity, sustainability and genuine humanity," she added.

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Best Ramadan bazaars in Selangor

► Indulge in scrumptious local food at these recommended places

MALAYSIA is known as a food haven and Ramadan is one of the most awaited time for its splendour of bazaars.

In Selangor, there are many Ramadan bazaar options, so it will be a challenge to choose your dishes for *iftar*! Here are eight best Ramadan bazaars this year that are intriguing, distinctive and can pique the curiosity of locals and tourists.

Gombak Ramadan Bazaar in Bandar Baru Selangor

People who live in the Gombak area can check out the Ramadan bazaar in Bandar Baru Selangor. Open from 3pm until 8pm and situated close to the Selangor Municipal Council Stadium, the Ramadan bazaar here features a large number of stalls selling a range of popular foods, including *putu bambu*, *tepung pelita*, *ayam bakar* and *murtabak*.

Kuala Langat Ramadan Bazaar in Langat Murni

One of the main bazaars in Kuala Langat during Ramadan is this at Taman Langat Murni. With so many stalls to explore, this bazaar provides fair prices to its customers. We can acquire a variety of foods here, including *poppa goreng*, *nasi ambeng*, *ayam kicap*, *mozarella corn dog* and *apam balik*. Open at 3.30pm, you should not miss the chance to visit the bazaar during



The popular Shah Alam Ramadan bazaar, located near SACC Mall and Plaza Alam Sentral, opens as early as 3pm.

this Ramadan.

Shah Alam Ramadan Bazaar at Kompleks PKNS

Starting at 3pm, this Ramadan bazaar is one of the most popular in Shah Alam, just close to SACC Mall and Plaza Alam Sentral. Different varieties of food are available here, like lamb shank briyani rice, tomato rice, *nasi kerabu*, *ayam percik* and many more. Visitors can park at both SACC Mall and the PKNS Complex building.

Klang Ramadan Bazaar in Taman Sri Andalas

One of the most awaited Ramadan bazaars by Klang residents is the Taman Sri Andalas Ramadan Bazaar. *Ayam golek madu*, *nasi lemak* and various types of *kuih* are also available here. Definitely one of the bazaars where you can visit to

get mouth-watering dishes to break fast.

Perkarangan Stadium Shah Alam Ramadan Bazaar

One of the most famous bazaars in Selangor is at the Stadium Shah Alam in Section 13. This bazaar, which is next to the Aeon shopping mall and Giant supermarket, welcomes customers with an affordable selection of food. There are many choices here, like grilled lamb, fresh watermelon juice, flavoured doughnut cakes and *cendol*. International cuisines are also available such as sushi, mac & cheese. Mandy Rice prepared by Chef Ammar is also available at this bazaar.

Subang Jaya Ramadan Bazaar at USJ 4

The Ramadan bazaar at USJ 4 is a must-visit bazaar for residents of the Subang area. A wide range of foods, including *roti John*, *nasi lemak* and mango ice cream float, are offered by up to 160 stalls in this bazaar every year, which opens as early as 3 pm. Located next to the SMK USJ 4, the bazaar is visibly seen from the roadway.

Kelana Jaya Ramadan Bazaar on Jalan SS6/1

One of the major bazaars during Ramadan, particularly for students from Unitar and residents of Kelana Jaya, is the one at SS6. With 231 stalls, this bazaar, located near Giant Supermarket, has a variety of food to choose from, such as *nasi ambeng*, *ikan bakar* and



The USJ 4 Ramadan Bazaar is a must-see for Subang residents.



Sabak Bernam Ramadan Bazaar in Sungai Besar.



Stadium Shah Alam Bazaar is one of the most famous bazaars in Selangor.

coconut shake.

Sabak Bernam Ramadan Bazaar in Sungai Besar

The Ramadan bazaar at Sungai Besar, Sabak Bernam is one of the most popular bazaars in this districts. They bring together unique *iftar* specialties including *roti John*, *tepung pelita*, *kebab* and *ayam panggang* that are popular during Ramadan. Additionally, you may enjoy traditional Javanese

dishes like *pecal* and *nasi ambeng*. It opens from 3.00pm to 7.30pm but visitors are recommended to come early because this bazaar gets rather packed with visitors during the month of Ramadan.

Ramadan bazaars are popular among Malaysians and this is the best time for us to support local small businesses.



This Ramadan bazaar in Selangor includes a large number of stalls selling a variety of popular foods.



Every Ramadan, residents in Klang look forward to the Taman Sri Andalas Ramadan Bazaar. - ALL PICS COURTESY OF TOURISM SELANGOR

Ringgit ends higher as dollar retreats on selling activities Sun 5/4

THE ringgit ended higher against the US dollar yesterday as the greenback retreated on selling activities after the US ISM purchasing managers' index for services report showed that price pressures are easing, said an analyst.

At 6pm, the ringgit rose to 4.7380/7425 against the US dollar from Wednesday's close of 4.7545/7575.

Bank Muamalat Malaysia Bhd chief economist Mohd Afzanizam Abdul Rashid said the ringgit gained some good ground yesterday following weak outturn in the US ISM index for the services sector to 51.4 points in March which has been on a downward spiral from as high as 69.1 points on December 2021.

"Such data points support the view that the Federal Reserve will commence its monetary easing this year. It is a question of the timing for the eventual rate cut which continues to affect market sentiments," he told Bernama.

At the close, the ringgit was also traded lower against a basket of major currencies except the Japanese yen.

It depreciated against the euro to 5.1445/1494 from 5.1192/1224 at Wednesday's close, weakened vis-a-vis the British pound to 6.0002/0059 from 5.9769/9807, but was better versus the Japanese yen at 3.1222/1254 from 3.1329/1351 previously.

The ringgit was traded higher against Asean currencies except for the Singapore dollar.

The local note was higher versus the Thai baht to 12.9048/12.9223 from 12.9519/12.9653 on Wednesday and improved vis-a-vis the Indonesian rupiah to 298.1/298.5 compared to 298.6/298.9 previously.

It was also higher versus the Philippine peso at 8.40/8.41 from 8.42/8.43 at yesterday's close but slipped against the Singapore dollar to 3.5172/5208 from 3.5159/5183 previously.

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Tarikh:

Pet boarders enjoying hike in revenue during Raya season

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PETALING JAYA: Business is booming for pet hotel owners this Ramadan as families go on long holidays abroad or their annual balik kampung trips.

Cat hotel owner Helmezan Azahari, 38, said this year, his hotel in Damansara, Kuala Lumpur, has reached maximum occupancy, with all 110 spaces fully booked during the Hari Raya season from April 8 to 28.

"My revenue has grown to RM80,000 during this period, which is twice what I usually make each month," he said.

Helmezan said while others may be celebrating Hari Raya, he finds fulfilment in ensuring the cats receive the attention, comfort and care they require.

"Even during the festive season, my staff and I are dedicated to caring for our furry friends. Their happiness and well-being are a priority, and we will always care for them as best we

► Animal lovers willingly pay between RM40 and RM200 per night for 'furbabies' to be cared for throughout festive holidays

can while their families are away."

Many of his customers has made bookings even before Ramadan to ensure their pets have accommodation.

"As Hari Raya is one of the biggest festive seasons in Malaysia, we experience a significant increase in demand during the period.

"Currently, we have bookings for 200 cats, which is a substantial increase compared with last year, when we had just 89."

Helmezan said despite the festive season, his hotel will maintain its regular operations to ensure the pets are fed, groomed and have their health monitored.

"Our commitment is to prioritise the well-being of the pets even during the busiest times of the year," he said.

Helmezan stressed that prices are not raised even during Ramadan to ensure affordability and customer satisfaction. Boarding prices range between RM40 and RM200 a night, depending on the space selected.

"Customers typically opt for stays of up to one month for their pets, especially when they need to travel on business trips or holidays abroad."

He said some of his clients are pilots, or working in offshore industries, which also require long-term accommodation for their pets.

Another pet hotel owner, Joanne Chee, 40, said while many similar facilities accommodate cats and dogs, hers goes further by accepting a diverse range that includes rabbits, parrots, and even reptiles.

"Our customers booked their pets' stays since the end of 2023, ensuring they secure their preferred dates well ahead of time.

"For Hari Raya, the hotel is now fully booked with almost 30 pets scheduled to stay with us. The majority of them are cats and rabbits," she said.

Chee said while her hotel accommodates reptiles as well, she prioritises cats during Ramadan so that her team can allocate sufficient space and attention to them.

"We recommend owners to bring their pets' regular food and provide specific care instructions to ensure consistency in their diet during their stay with us.

"This will help to minimise any potential stress, disruption or changes to their diets."

Chee advised pet owners to seek a reliable and trustworthy place to board their pets so that their festive holidays will be worry-free.

Having operated for 15 years, Chee's hotel has gained the confidence of clients and built long-term relationships with them.

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Perantau tidak kisah terlepas tol percuma asalkan dapat bersama keluarga

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Balik awal elak berkampung atas jalan

Oleh ATIQ MAISARAH SUHAIMI

PETALING JAYA – Berbaki lima hari lagi sebelum Hari Raya Aidilfitri, golongan perantau terutama yang menetap di Lembah Klang masih berkira-kira sama ada mahu pulang awal ke kampung atau menunggu saat akhir supaya dapat menikmati tol percuma pada 8 dan 9 April ini.

Tinjauan *Kosmo!* mendapati, rata-rata warga kota terutama penjawat awam memilih untuk pulang awal ke kampung kerana cuti sekolah akan bermula esok.

Seorang guru, Muhd. Shawal Suhaimi, 32, berkata, dia bercadang untuk pulang ke kampungnya di Kota Bharu, Kelantan petang esok.

"Insya-Allah lepas berbuka puasa, saya sekeluarga akan bertolak ke Pantai Timur."

"Jika balik awal, banyak masa boleh diluangkan bersama keluarga, malah saya boleh membantu ibu membuat persiapan raya pada minggu depan," katanya.

Menurut Muhd. Shawal,



ORANG ramai terutama kakitangan awam memilih untuk pulang awal bagi mengelakkan kesesakan di lebuh raya sempena cuti Hari Raya Aidilfitri.

walaupun kerajaan menawarkan tol percuma, namun dia memilih pulang awal bagi mengelakkan kesesakan, lebih-lebih lagi membawa anak kecil.

"Saya rasa rugi jika tidak me-

manfaat cuti ini bersama keluarga, lagipun Aidilfitri hanya sekali setahun," katanya.

Pandangan sama disokong jurutera kilang, Ikman Suhaimi, 30, yang berkata, dia memohon cuti

awal untuk beraya di kampung.

"Perjalanan dari Bukit Mertajam, Pulau Pinang ke Kota Bharu hanya lima jam, tetapi jika bertolak sehari sebelum raya, sudah pasti lebih lama. Lebih baik saya

bertolak awal daripada 'berkampung' atas jalan," katanya.

Ujarnya, sepanjang Ramadan ini, dia tidak berpeluang berpuasa bersama keluarga di kampung, jadi keputusan pulang beraya awal adalah pilihan tepat.

Bagi suri rumah, Siti Maziah, 27, dia dan suaminya memilih pulang awal ke Kangar esok.

"Walaupun perjalanan ke utara tidak begitu sesak berbanding Pantai Timur, namun kami pilih untuk bertolak awal."

Sementara itu, ada juga perantau terutama pekerja swasta memilih untuk pulang sehari sebelum Aidilfitri kerana tidak mendapat cuti awal.

Seorang pegawai bank dikenali sebagai Mariani, 51, berkata, dia sekeluarga bercadang untuk pulang pada malam Aidilfitri.

"Pada awalnya saya bercadang nak balik awal untuk elak kesesakan, namun perlu bekerja. Jadi terpaksa bertolak pada malam raya ke Negeri Sembilan. Alhamdulillah kalau ada rezeki dapat tol percuma," katanya.

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Pemberian Persekutuan beri manfaat untuk rakyat

RM8.9b untuk negeri

Oleh RIDZAUDDIN ROSLAN

PUTRAJAYA – Mesyuarat Majlis Kewangan Negara bersetuju dengan keputusan kerajaan Persekutuan untuk menambah baik pemberian serta sokongan kepada kerajaan negeri sebanyak RM8.9 bilion tahun ini.

Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim berkata, kerajaan Persekutuan komited bekerjasama dengan semua kerajaan negeri dalam usaha memajukan pembangunan negara secara terangkum.

"Berlandaskan prinsip manusiawi dan 'rahmatan lil alamin' yang membentuk kerangka Ekonomi Madani, penambahbaikan pemberian kepada kerajaan negeri dapat memberi manfaat langsung kepada semua rakyat tanpa mengira etnik, agama atau geografi.

"Peningkatan pemberian melibatkan semua negeri di Malaysia dan akan diberikan secara serentak. Walhasil, besarlah harapan saya agar pemberian ini dapat digunakan sepenuhnya oleh kerajaan negeri untuk menjamin kemaslahatan rakyat serta merencanakan pembangunan negeri dengan lebih mampan," katanya dalam kenyataan dikeluarkan Kementerian Kewangan semalam.

Terdahulu, Anwar yang juga Menteri Kewangan mempengerusikan Mesyuarat Majlis Kewangan Negara Tahun 2024 yang dihadiri Menteri-Menteri Besar dan Ketua-Ketua Menteri.

Menurut Kementerian Kewa-



ANWAR (kiri) ketika mempengerusikan Mesyuarat Majlis Kewangan Negara di Putrajaya semalam. - IHSAN KEMENTERIAN KEWANGAN

ngan, antara persetujuan yang dicapai termasuklah menyediakan peruntukan Pemberian Kerajaan Persekutuan kepada negeri-negeri sekitar RM8.9 bilion berbanding RM8.3 bilion pada 2023 dan RM8.1 bilion pada 2022.

"Ia melibatkan peningkatan Pemberian Penyelenggaraan Jalan Negeri kepada RM5.4 bilion berbanding RM5.2 bilion pada tahun lalu.

"Antara peningkatan itu termasuklah Pemberian Berdasarkan Tahap Pembangunan Ekonomi, Infrastruktur dan Kesejahteraan Hidup sebanyak RM400 juta," katanya.

Jelas kenyataan itu, Kenai-kan Pemberian Pindahan Fiskal Ekologi turut ditambah kepada

RM200 juta berbanding RM150 juta pada 2023.

Katanya, penambahan Pemberian Khas Tahunan kepada Sarawak dan Sabah ditingkatkan kepada RM300 juta berbanding RM16 juta untuk Sarawak dan RM129.7 juta untuk Sabah pada tahun lalu.

"Ia turut meliputi peningkatan pemberian kepada perpustakaan dan muzium negeri sebanyak 10 peratus pada 2024.

"Bagi Perbelanjaan Pembangunan pula, sebanyak RM39.4 bilion disediakan bagi tahun 2024 untuk melaksanakan projek-projek pembangunan negeri berbanding RM36.7 bilion pada 2023 dan RM28.8 bilion tahun 2022," tambahnya.

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LZS pastikan tiada kes penyelewengan, semak status ejen setiap tahun

250 ejen kutipan zakat dipantau

Oleh MOHD. YUNUS YAKKUB

SHAH ALAM – Lembaga Zakat Selangor (LZS) sentiasa memantau pengurusan operasi 250 ejen kutipannya bagi mengelakkan berlaku penyelewengan wang zakat seperti yang pernah terjadi di sebuah negeri di utara Semenanjung sebelum ini.

Ketua Pegawai Operasi LZS, Ahmad Fadhil Hassan berkata, penelitian sentiasa dilakukan dalam pemilihan dan pelantikan ejen dengan beberapa kriteria perlu dipatuhi oleh mereka.

Katanya, sebuah pasukan

telah ditubuhkan dalam melakukan pemantauan sepenuh masa dengan melihat semua sudut termasuk operasi, sasaran kutipan dan reputasi sesebuah ejen zakat yang telah ditauliahkan LZS.

"Kita ada regular review (semakan biasa) setiap tahun. Memang kita tiada masalah dan tidak teragak-agak untuk menamatkan pentauliahkan mereka sebagai ejen jika terlibat penyelewengan.

"Kita juga bekerjasama dengan Jabatan Agama Islam Selangor (JAIS) dalam memastikan mereka membawa imej baik kepada

LZS. Ini adalah cara kita urus ejen zakat ini," katanya kepada ditekui selepas majlis Iftar bersama muzakki dan penyerahan zakat Ramadan 2024, kelmarin.

Beliau memberitahu, kebila-saannya satu-satu ejen ditamatkan adalah disebabkan mereka tidak mampu mencapai sasaran ditetapkan LZS setiap bulan.

Selain itu, katanya, perjumpaan bersemuka turut dilakukan supaya LZS dapat mengetahui permasalahan yang dihadapi ejen-ejen ini.

Tegasnya, semua kutipan dibuat ejen akan terus masuk ke-

pada LZS dan ejen ini diperlukan bagi membantu dakwah zakat termasuk dalam kalangan pelajar dan kakitangan universiti.

"Kadang-kadang dengan 60 kakitangan tidak cukup untuk meliputi satu Selangor dan kita akui ejen zakat ini amat berguna bagi membantu penyebaran dakwah zakat itu.

"Mereka boleh mengutip zakat sepanjang tahun dan bukan pada bulan Ramadan sahaja. Di institusi zakat, ada dua waktu kemuncak iaitu bulan Ramadan dan Disember mungkin sebab kejar manfaat dari cukai," ujarnya.



AHMAD FADHIL

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Majlis Kewangan Negara bersetuju dengan keputusan Kerajaan Persekutuan untuk menambah baik pemberian kepada Kerajaan Negeri berjumlah RM8.9 bilion tahun ini.

Perdana Menteri Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim berkata, Kerajaan Persekutuan komited untuk bekerjasama dengan semua Kerajaan Negeri dalam usaha memajukan pembangunan negara secara terangkum.

"Berlandaskan prinsip manusiawi dan 'rahmatan lil alamin' yang membentuk kerangka Ekonomi Madani, penambahbaikan pemberian kepada Kerajaan Negeri dapat memberi manfaat langsung kepada semua rakyat Malaysia tanpa mengira etnik, agama atau geografi," katanya dalam kenyataan selepas mempengerusikan Mesyuarat Majlis Kewangan Negara Tahun 2024 yang dihadiri oleh Menteri-menteri Besar dan Ketua-ketua Menteri, semalam.

Perdana Menteri berkata, peningkatan pemberian membabitkan semua negeri di Malaysia dan akan diberikan secara serentak.

"Besarlah harapan saya agar pemberian ini dapat digunakan sepenuhnya Kerajaan Negeri untuk menjamin kemaslahatan rakyat serta merencanakan pembangunan negeri dengan lebih mampan," katanya.

Antara persetujuan yang dicapai pada Mesyuarat Majlis Kewangan Negara kali ini adalah menyediakan peruntukan pemberian Kerajaan Persekutuan kepada negeri-negeri sekitar RM8.9 bilion berbanding RM8.3 bilion pada tahun 2023 dan RM8.1 bilion tahun 2022.

Bagi Perbelanjaan Pem-



KHAIRUNNISA Nordin, 31, menjual kuih tok aji serban ketika tinjauan di Bazar Ramadan Batu Enam, Kuala Terengganu. Setiap kali tiba Ramadan, pembuat kuih akan menggandakan pembuatan kuih tok aji serban berikutan permintaan yang tinggi. Setiap hari dia menyediakan 200 keping kuih tradisional itu bagi memenuhi permintaan sepanjang Ramadan. - Gambar NSTP/GHAZALI KORI

PEMBERIAN KEPADA KERAJAAN NEGERI MENINGKAT

SETUJU BERI RM8.9B TAHUN INI

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bangunan pula, sebanyak RM39.4 bilion disediakan bagi tahun 2024 untuk melaksanakan projek-projek pembangunan negeri berbanding RM36.7 bilion pada tahun 2023 dan RM28.8 bilion tahun 2022.

Selain itu, kelulusan permohonan Kerajaan Negeri telah diberikan berhubung kesiapsiagaan menghadapi sebarang kecemasan atau bencana alam seperti mu-

sibah banjir dan tanah runtuh yang boleh menyebabkan kerosakan jalan serta jambatan.

"Ia antara lain membabitkan pembelian Jambatan Sementara Bailey (Bailey Bridge) menggunakan peruntukan Pemberian Penyenggaraan Jalan Negeri secara se-

kali beri (one-off) bagi tahun 2024.

"Selain itu, ia turut membabitkan kenaikan had untuk membiayai perbelanjaan pengurusan berkaitan penyenggaraan jalan negeri sebanyak 10 peratus atau RM10 juta, mengikut yang lebih rendah," katanya. Anwar

yang juga Menteri Kewangan berkata, Kerajaan Madani terus bertekad memastikan hubungan antara Kerajaan Persekutuan dengan semua Kerajaan Negeri kekal utuh.

"Hasrat ini dizahirkan melalui peningkatan Pemberian Kerajaan Persekutuan serta peruntukan Perbelanjaan Pembangunan di semua negeri untuk tahun 2023 dan 2024," katanya.

Peningkatan pemberian membabitkan semua negeri di Malaysia

HARIAN METRO

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ORANG ramai memilih pelbagai jenis gambar hiasan sampul raya.

Memori duit raya

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Kini transaksi tanpa tunai jadi pilihan pemberian duit raya

Kuala Lumpur

Pemberian duit raya diisi dalam sampul berwarna-warni dan beraneka corak menjadi antara saat paling meng-gembira dan kemeriahan Aidilfitri sehingga ada yang sanggup menempah khas paket itu supaya kelihatan eksklusif.

Namun, seiring dengan peredaran zaman kaedah pemberian duit raya secara tunai dalam mempelbagai-kan amalan sedekah itu, ia kini mula beralih kepada transaksi tanpa tunai kerana lebih mudah terutama trend pembayaran menggunakan e-dompet yang semakin diterima masyarakat.

Berdasarkan tinjauan, peralihan kepada budaya transaksi tanpa tunai ini juga membawa kepada perbezaan pilihan, iaitu generasi muda lebih gemar menerima duit raya menerusi kaedah tanpa tunai manakala pemberian duit raya bersampul tetap menjadi pilihan mereka yang lebih berusia.

Penuntut Asasi Sains dan Perubatan Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin (Uni-SZA), Sharifah Nur Adleena Syed Esa Shaqir Samir, 19, antara yang menjadikan duit raya dalam bentuk transaksi tanpa tunai sebagai pilihan memandangi



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kan kebanyakan kedai di institusi pengajiannya menggalakkan transaksi berkenaan.

"Rata-rata kedai lebih memilih untuk menerima pembayaran dalam bentuk QR dan transaksi ke akaun bank. Jadi duit raya itu nanti boleh terus digunakan, tak perlu nak masukkan wang tunai itu ke akaun bank semula," katanya dihubungi Bernama.

Bagaimanapun, anak su-

lung daripada lima beradik itu mengakui, budaya moden sedikit sebanyak 'menghakis' nilai sentimental tradisi pemberian duit raya yang sudah berakar sejak zaman nenek moyang lagi.

Penuntut perakaunan Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), Nur Liyana Filzah Omar, 23, yang turut memilih sistem transaksi tanpa tunai pula berpan-dangan, tradisi memberi

sampul raya masih boleh diterapkan pada era ini dengan sedikit kreativiti yang menggabungkan kedua-dua kaedah.

"Ketika ini, kita boleh jadi lebih kreatif dengan cetak kod QR, kemudian letakkan kertas itu di dalam sampul raya berkenaan atau boleh sahaja cetak resit menga-takan duit raya sudah di-pindahkan ke akaun bank," katanya.

Walaupun kaedah tran-saksi tanpa tunai semakin mendapat perhatian, masih ramai yang mahu mengekalkan pemberian duit raya secara tunai sehingga menjadi sumber pendapatan kepada individu menawarkan servis menukar wang kecil di bank.

Antara yang menawarkan khidmat berkenaan adalah peniaga makanan, Nuurhidayah Abdul Razak, 36, yang perlu bergegas ke hampir 10 cawangan bank sehari bagi memenuhi per-mintaan tinggi itu.

"Saya dapat idea ini selepas melihat ramai yang mengeluh penat kerana perlu beratur panjang se-mata-mata untuk menukar duit raya, kebetulan saya juga memerlukan pen-da-patan tambahan, langsung saya tawarkan perkhidma-tan ini," katanya yang su-dah lima tahun menawar-kan perkhidmatan berke-naan di sekitar Johor.

"Generasi muda lebih gemar menerima duit raya menerusi kaedah tanpa tunai manakala pemberian duit raya bersampul tetap menjadi pilihan mereka yang lebih berusia"

Disaran balik raya guna jalan Gua Musang-Jeli

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Kuala Lumpur: Fasa peralihan monsun dijangka bermula 29 Mac ini dan berterusan sehingga Mei depan.

Fasa itu akan menyaksikan negara menerima tiupan angin lemah dari pelbagai arah yang kondusif untuk kejadian ribut petir, lazimnya membawa hujan lebat berserta angin kencang dalam jangka yang singkat.

Ketua Pengarah Jabatan Meteorologi Malaysia (METMalaysia), Muhammad Helmi Abdullah, berkata permulaan fasa itu menandakan berakhirnya Monsun Timur Laut 2023/24 yang bermula sejak 11 November lalu.

"Kejadian ini berlaku terutamanya pada waktu petang dan awal malam di kebanyakan kawasan di barat dan pedalaman Semenanjung, barat Sabah serta selatan dan tengah Sarawak.

"Keadaan cuaca ini berpotensi menyebabkan banjir kilat, pokok tumbang serta kerosakan pada struktur yang tidak kukuh," katanya menerusi kenyataan, semalam.

Helmi menasihatkan orang ramai untuk lebih berwaspada ketika tempoh ini dan sentiasa peka dengan ramalan dan amaran cuaca yang dikeluarkan oleh METMalaysia melalui laman web rasmi, aplikasi mobil myCuaca dan media sosial rasmi jabatan.

"Orang ramai juga boleh menghubungi Hotline Jabatan 1-300-22-1638 bagi pertanyaan lanjut," katanya.

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Perubahan cuaca menuntut masyarakat ubah cara sambut perayaan

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Beberapa negeri kini mengalami musim panas melampau sejak Februari lalu, sekali gus berisiko menjejaskan sumber air bagi tujuan keterjaminan makanan dan kesihatan masyarakat serta kegunaan domestik di rumah.

Malah, musim panas berpanjangan juga memberi cabaran besar pada musim perayaan kerana pelbagai aktiviti sosial seperti kunjung-mengunjung, jamuan dan rumah terbuka memerlukan banyak sumber air bersih.

Ini menyebabkan pertambahan permintaan terhadap air bersih, sekali gus memberi tekanan kepada sektor perkhidmatan bekalan air yang berdepan cabaran kekurangan sumber disebabkan proses penyejatan cepat di empangan dan sungai.

Dalam konteks keterjaminan makanan, kadar hujan rendah boleh menyebabkan hasil pertanian berkurangan akibat penyejatan air dalam tanah berlaku dengan pantas dan mengurangkan kelembapan tanah, manakala sayuran tertentu mendapat manfaat daripada cuaca panas pula dijual dengan harga lebih tinggi berdasarkan permintaan.

Tidak kurang juga sektor penternakan, akuakultur dan perladangan yang memerlukan cukup sumber air untuk penghasilan komoditi bagi memenuhi permintaan terutama musim perayaan. Kesan rantaian perubahan cuaca ini mencetuskan situasi seperti kenaikan harga makanan, pembelian panik dan kebergantungan produk makanan import yang perlu diberikan perhatian serta tin-

dakan segera oleh pihak berwajib kerana ia pasti membebankan kewangan rakyat.

Kesihatan masyarakat turut terjejas ketika kemarau kerana cuaca kering dan panas memberi impak signifikan dengan kenaikan suhu serta risiko jerebu.

Antara risiko kesihatan sering dikaitkan musim kemarau ialah strok haba, keletihan, kekejangan otot, kesihatan kardiovaskular, penyakit respiratori dan peningkatan penyakit bawaan vektor.

Hadkan aktiviti luar

Oleh itu, aktiviti luar wajar dihadkan bagi mencegah risiko kesihatan meskipun diakui ia sukar dibuat kerana keluarga, saudara dan sahabat mengambil kesempatan untuk berkumpul pada mu-

sim perayaan. Namun, masyarakat perlu bersedia mengubah gaya hidup untuk beradaptasi dengan perubahan cuaca ini.

Pada masa sama, pihak berwajib perlu berte-rusan mencari inisiatif terbaik untuk menyam-paikan maklumat dan membina kesedaran kepada masyarakat terhadap kelestarian sumber alam se-kitar.

Ini termasuk pengetahuan berkaitan penerapan amalan terbaik seperti menggunakan produk cepak air, penjimatan, mengumpul air hujan dan mengguna semula air kelabu atau air buangan domestik.

Hakikatnya, perubahan sikap masyarakat pen-ting untuk menghasilkan generasi berdaya tahan dalam mengamalkan amalan terbaik sepanjang tempoh perubahan cuaca supaya mereka tidak canggung untuk mengubah amalan turun temurun termasuk pada musim perayaan.

Masyarakat boleh memanfaatkan teknologi se-perti mengadakan pertemuan secara maya untuk menggantikan jamuan rumah terbuka untuk mengelakkan penggunaan air dan makanan ber-lebihan, sekali gus mengurangkan pendedahan ke-pada penyakit berjangkit.

Hal ini tidak terhad pada musim perayaan pada bulan ini, sebaliknya untuk tempoh 10 tahun ke-rana Institut Pendidikan Hidraulik Kebangsaan Malaysia (NAHRIM) bersama Unit Pemodenan dan Perancangan Pengurusan Malaysia (MAMPU) me-ramalkan Malaysia bakal dilanda musim panas melampau antara 2025 sehingga 2035.

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Anwar mempengerusikan Mesyuarat Majlis Kewangan Negara di Putrajaya, semalam.
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Kerajaan tambah peruntukan negeri kepada RM8.9b

Penambahbaikan pemberian beri manfaat kepada rakyat tanpa mengira etnik, agama, geografi

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Putrajaya: Mesyuarat Kewangan Negara semalam bersetuju menambah baik peruntukan pemberian Kerajaan Persekutuan kepada negeri sebanyak RM8.9 bilion tahun ini, berbanding RM8.3 bilion pada 2023 dan RM8.1 bilion pada 2022.

Penambahbaikan pemberian itu antaranya membabitkan peningkatan penyelenggaraan jalan negeri kepada RM5.4 bilion berbanding RM5.2 bilion tahun lalu.

Ia juga membabitkan Pemberian Berdasarkan Tahap Pembangunan Ekonomi, Infrastruktur dan Kesejahteraan Hidup (TAHAP) sebanyak RM400 juta.

Selain itu, Pemberian Pindahan Fiskal Ekologi (EFT) di-

naikkan kepada RM200 juta berbanding RM150 juta pada 2023 manakala penambahan Pemberian Khas Tahunan untuk Sarawak dan Sabah kepada RM300 juta berbanding RM16 juta untuk Sarawak dan RM129.7 juta untuk Sabah tahun lalu.

Pemberian kepada Perpustakaan dan Muzium Negeri turut ditingkatkan 10 peratus untuk tahun ini.

Prinsip rahmatan lil alamin

Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, berkata kerajaan komited untuk bekerjasama dengan semua kerajaan negeri dalam usaha memajukan pembangunan negara secara terangkum.

"Berlandaskan prinsip manusia dan 'rahmatan lil alamin' yang membentuk kerangka Ekonomi MADANI, penambahbaikan pemberian kepada kerajaan negeri dapat memberi manfaat langsung kepada semua rakyat Malaysia tanpa mengira etnik, agama atau geografi.

"Peningkatan Pemberian membabitkan semua negeri akan diberi secara serentak. Walhasil, besarlah harapan saya supaya pemberian ini digunakan sepenuhnya oleh kerajaan negeri untuk menjamin kemaslahatan ra-

kyat serta merancang pembangunan negeri dengan lebih mampan," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian dalam kenyataan yang dikeluarkan Kementerian Kewangan hari ini.

Bagi Perbelanjaan Pembangunan, sejumlah RM39.4 bilion disediakan tahun ini untuk melaksanakan projek pembangunan negeri berbanding RM36.7 bilion pada 2023 dan RM28.8 bilion pada 2022.

Kelulusan permohonan kerajaan negeri sudah diberi berhubung kesiapsiagaan menghadapi sebarang kecemasan atau bencana alam seperti banjir dan tanah runtuh yang boleh menyebabkan kerosakan jalan serta jambatan.

Justeru, Majlis Kewangan Negara meluluskan pembelian Jambatan Sementara Bailey menggunakan peruntukan Pemberian Penyelenggaraan Jalan Negeri secara *one-off*.

Had untuk membiayai perbelanjaan pengurusan berkaitan penyelenggaraan jalan negeri dinaikkan sebanyak 10 peratus atau RM10 juta, mengikut yang lebih rendah.

Terdahulu, Perdana Menteri mempengerusikan mesyuarat terbabit yang turut dihadiri Menteri Besar serta Ketua Menteri.

Kerajaan Pusat komited majukan negara secara terangkum

Tambahan RM600j pembangunan negeri

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PUTRAJAYA: Kerajaan Persekutuan bersetuju menambah baik peruntukan pemberian serta sokongan kepada negeri-negeri sekitar RM8.9 bilion pada tahun ini, penambahan RM600 juta berbanding pada tahun lalu.

Perkara itu dipersetujui semasa Mesyuarat Majlis Kewangan Negara semalam yang dipengerusikan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim dan dihadiri menteri-menteri besar dan ketua-ketua menteri.

Anwar berkata, peningkatan peruntukan itu akan diberikan secara serentak.

Beliau menegaskan, Kerajaan Persekutuan komited untuk bekerjasama dengan semua kerajaan negeri dalam usaha memajukan pembangunan negara secara terangkum.

"Berlandaskan prinsip manusiawi dan 'rahmatan lil alamin' yang membentuk kerangka Ekonomi Madani, penambahan pemberian kepada kerajaan negeri dapat memberi manfaat langsung kepada semua rakyat Malaysia tanpa mengira etnik, agama atau geografi.

"Besarlah harapan saya agar pemberian ini dapat digunakan sepenuhnya oleh kerajaan negeri untuk menjamin kemaslahatan rakyat serta merencanakan pembangunan negeri dengan lebih mampan," katanya dalam kenyataan Kementerian Kewangan semalam.

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Kunjungan hormat

PERDANA Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim menerima kunjungan hormat Presiden Terpilih Indonesia, Prabowo Subianto di Pejabat Perdana Menteri, Putrajaya, semalam. Pada pertemuan itu, Malaysia dan Indonesia komited untuk terus mengukuhkan hubungan dan kerjasama pertahanan antara kedua-dua negara. - PEJABAT PERDANA MENTERI

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Anwar yang juga Menteri Kewangan berkata, antara peningkatan pemberian sebagaimana yang diumumkan dalam Belanjawan 2024 peningkatan pemberian penyelenggaraan jalan negeri kepada RM5.4 bilion berbanding RM5.2 bilion pada tahun lalu.

Selain itu, katanya, pemberian berdasarkan Tahap Pembangunan Ekonomi, Infrastruktur dan Kesejahteraan Hidup (TAHAP) sebanyak RM400 juta.

"Pemberian Pindahan Fiskal Ekologi (Ecological Fiscal Transfer (EFT)) dinaikkan ke-

pada RM200 juta berbanding RM150 juta pada tahun lalu.

"Penambahan Pemberian Khas Tahunan kepada Sarawak dan Sabah kepada RM300 juta ketimbang RM16 juta untuk Sarawak dan RM129.7 juta untuk Sabah pada tahun 2023

"Peningkatan pemberian kepada Perpustakaan dan Muzium Negeri sebanyak 10 peratus pada tahun ini," katanya.

Menurut Menteri Kewangan itu lagi, bagi Perbelanjaan Pembangunan pula, sebanyak RM39.4 bilion disediakan bagi tahun ini untuk melaksanakan projek-projek pembangunan negeri berbanding RM36.7 bili-

on pada tahun lalu dan RM28.8 bilion tahun 2022.

Katanya, kelulusan permohonan kerajaan negeri telah diberikan berhubung kesiapsiagaan menghadapi sebarang kecemasan atau bencana alam seperti musibah banjir dan tanah runtuh yang boleh menyebabkan kerosakan jalan serta jambatan.

"Dalam hal ini, Majlis Kewangan Negara meluluskan supaya pembelian Jambatan Sementara Bailey ('Bailey Bridge') menggunakan peruntukan Pemberian Penyelenggaraan Jalan Negeri secara sekali beri (one-off) bagi tahun ini.

"Kenaikan had untuk membiayai pembelanjaan pengurusan berkaitan penyelenggaraan jalan negeri sebanyak 10 peratus atau RM10 juta, mengikut yang lebih rendah," katanya.

Dalam hal ini, katanya, Kerajaan Madani terus bertekad memastikan hubungan antara Kerajaan Persekutuan dengan semua kerajaan negeri kekal utuh demi kebaikan rakyat Malaysia.

Katanya, hasrat ini dizahirkan melalui peningkatan pemberian Kerajaan Persekutuan serta peruntukan perbelanjaan pembangunan di semua negeri untuk tahun 2023 dan 2024.

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RM8.9 BILLION

'Federal govt increases allocations to states'

KUALA LUMPUR: The National Finance Council has given the nod to the federal government to increase allocations for state governments this year.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said, in a statement, that the council had agreed on RM8.9 billion worth of allocations for state governments this year, compared with RM8.3 billion last year and RM8.1 billion in 2022.

Anwar, who chaired the council meeting yesterday, said the agreement was in line with the federal government's commitment to collaborate with state counterparts in developing the nation.

The allocations, outlined in the 2024 Budget, included an increase in road maintenance grants to RM5.4 billion compared with RM5.2 billion last year, and Economic Development Infrastructure and Welfare Development-Based funds amounting to RM400 million.

The Ecological Fiscal Transfer grants were increased to RM200 million compared with RM150 million last year.

Additionally, annual grants to Sarawak and Sabah, amounting to RM300 million each, were approved, an increase from RM16 million for Sarawak and RM129.7 million for Sabah last year.

There would also be an increase of 10 per cent in grants for state libraries and museums this year, he said.

For development expenditure, RM39.4 billion was allocated this year to execute state development projects, reflecting an increase from RM36.7 billion last year and RM28.8 billion in 2022.

Anwar said approval of state

The National Financial Council approved a one-off provision for the purchase of Bailey Bridges using the state road maintenance grants for 2024.

government applications had been granted regarding preparedness to face emergencies or natural disasters, such as floods and landslides, which might cause damage to roads and bridges.

"For this, the National Financial Council approved a one-off provision for the purchase of Bailey Bridges using the state road maintenance grants for 2024.

"There's also an increase in the cap to finance expenses related to state road maintenance management by 10 per cent, or RM10 million, whichever is lower," he said.

He said the increase in grants would involve all states and would be provided simultaneously.

He added that following this meeting, the government was determined to ensure that the relationship between the federal and state governments remained on good terms for the benefit of the people.

"This commitment is demonstrated through the increased grants and allocations for development expenditure in all states for 2023 and 2024."

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