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'Don't take up any more pond land'

Seputeh MP against proposed development on Plot 5 portion of Kg Bohol flood retention area

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THE proposed housing project near the Kampung Bohol flood retention pond (KTB) in Kuala Lumpur must not consume any of the pond reserve land, says an MP.

Seputeh MP Teresa Kok said Plot 5, one of the six plots proposed for development, involved a portion of the storm-water management pond.

"Plot 5 in the site map by Kuala Lumpur Land and Mines Office (PTGWP) shows that 1.78ha land is on the gazetted pond."

"I have asked for this plot not to be handed over for development, as it will reduce the pond's capacity."

"The pond itself has little expansion area as it will be surrounded by the other housing projects," she said during a site visit with Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Federal Territories) Dr Zaliha Mustafa to the pond site.

Kok said there was a limit to deepening the pond to increase its capacity.

"Deepening it can also affect the structure of buildings around the pond."

"The other plots are along Kesas (Shah Alam Expressway), which means the highway cannot be expanded should it become necessary, because the right of way (ROW) land has been taken up," she highlighted.

Kok voiced her disappointment over not being consulted about the project, as she is the MP for the area concerned.

Meanwhile, Dr Zaliha gave assurance that Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) and Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) would be car-

ried out before development is approved near the retention pond.

She said the developer was required to provide detailed development plans to the authorities.

"We will take into account everything including the capacity of the land, and the traffic, social and environmental impact assessments studies."

"We have given a condition that the development of the KTB must be carried out first before any development plan is presented," she added.

Also present during the visit was Cheras MP Tan Kok Wai and representatives from Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL), PTGWP and the Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID).

StarMetro had previously reported that a developer had been awarded a tender project to upgrade the Bohol flood retention pond.

The developer also received approval to develop the area adjacent to the land reserved for the retention pond.

Dr Zaliha said the upgrading of the pond was a priority to prevent flooding.

"The Kampung Bohol pond is suitable for flood retention and is needed as the area is flood-prone."

"The proper size, inlet and outlet will be evaluated so that the pond can hold sufficient water to fit development needs."

"The housing development has also been factored into the



Dr Zaliha (second from left) flanked by Kok (left) and Tan during a site visit to the Kampung Bohol flood retention pond in Kuala Lumpur.

Bohol pond in peril again with new development plan

Stakeholders worried over tender notice on KL land office website



StarMetro report on April 29.

suitability of the site," she said, adding that five tenders were received for the project.

A hearing at PTGWP premises

on Jalan Sultan Hishamuddin on the proposed revocation of the Kampung Bohol flood retention pond's public-use status took place yesterday.

Despite a previous commitment to scrap the land deal last year following opposition from residents, stakeholders and lawmakers, the government is now pushing ahead with plans to revoke the land's public-use status.

The Attorney General's Chambers published a notice in the Federal Government Gazette on May 8 announcing the proposed revocation of the land reservation for public purposes under Section 64(2) of the

National Land Code (Act 828) for Lot 35309, measuring 24.79ha.

It was signed by the Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Mohd Zuki Ali.

The land designated for flood mitigation, was gazetted on No 4, 2010.

Once the public-use status has been revoked, the surrounding area is to be developed for residential purposes.

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Land office response at public hearing leaves stakeholders stumped

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POOR feedback from Kuala Lumpur Land and Mines Office (PTGWP) to questions on the proposed revocation of the public-use status for the Kampung Bohol flood retention pond in Seputeh, has left stakeholders disappointed.

Over 100 people attended a public hearing on the proposed revocation of the stormwater management pond's public-use status yesterday, held at PTGWP premises in Jalan Sultan Hishamuddin.

Attendees described answers from the PTGWP deputy director Ahmad Fuad Mustafa as general and lacking detail.

"There was no information to basic questions like whether the developer had paid the premi-

um," said Taman Desa Residents Association chairman Wong Chan Choy.

"I asked because if premium was paid, why is PTGWP having this session with us? The land is as good as gone," Wong added.

Save Kuala Lumpur Coalition chairman Datuk M. Ali said a representative from Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) and the Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) should have been present to answer technical questions.

"Otherwise, what is the point of these sessions?" Ali queried.

Former Kuala Lumpur mayor Datuk Seri Nor Hisham Ahmad Dahlan said that instead of revoking the land status and regazetting it, the government should upgrade the flood retention pond.

"Use government funds and get DID to deepen the pond. We all

know the developer is supposed to upgrade the pond with its RM40mil allocation, but it is unacceptable that the developer is only paying a premium of RM41.7mil for a huge government land," he said.

When contacted, former Federal Territories minister Khalid Abdul Samad, who sent representatives from Federal Territories Amanah as he could not attend the briefing himself, said, "I think this decision (to alienate flood retention pond land for development) was made haphazardly with no prior engagement."

"The elected representative (Seputeh MP) was not consulted."

"Decisions regarding the redevelopment of flood retention ponds must be thought out and thoroughly discussed with stakeholders."



Ahmad Fuad taking questions at the hearing regarding the de-gazetting of Kampung Bohol flood retention pond.

"It should not be presented as a surprise in the local plan."

"The local council needs a structural revamp."

"DBKL has no local councillors, neither elected nor appointed, and this should change."

"This could be the reason for such oversight," said Khalid.

StarMetro reported on April 29 that new development plans had emerged for Kuala Lumpur's second largest flood retention pond, nearly a year after the Federal Government stopped a similar proposal by the previous administration to allocate the land to a private developer.

ITMAX has a lot to gain from latest RM105mil DBKL contract

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PETALING JAYA: ITMAX System Bhd's latest contract win, worth RM105.3mil from the Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL), bodes well for its future prospects.

According to Hong Leong Investment Bank (HLIB) Research, the deal would provide longer visibility of recurring income stream to the service and network facilities provider. In addition, the win would serve as a testament to ITMAX's technological leadership and quality of service, the brokerage said.

Reiterating "buy" on ITMAX, HLIB Research maintained its target price for the counter at RM2.90.

"We believe that this home-grown smart city integrated system and solution provid-

er is a compelling case given its multi-year growth potential on the back of solid order and tender books," it said.

With this new contract, ITMAX's total unbilled order book would be worth RM1.1bil, which would be recognised progressively up to May 2039. As end-2023, ITMAX's tender book stood at around RM500mil.

ITMAX last Friday announced it had been awarded a variation order (VO) worth RM105.3mil from DBKL, which included an extension of the company's contract to provide closed-circuit televisions (CCTVs) and video messaging signage (VMS) for the integrated transport information system (Itis) in the Klang Valley.

The first phase of the CCTV and VMS Itis contract was originally set to conclude by 2026. However, via the extension under the VO, ITMAX will continue to provide its services for another 33 months starting Jan 1, 2027 to Sept 30, 2029.

HLIB Research noted there would likely be more orders coming from DBKL for ITMAX.

"We strongly believe that DBKL will soon resume its tradition of adding 1,000 CCTVs per year after this contract period alignment exercise which ease future contract negotiations and implementation process," it said.

Maybank Investment Bank (MaybankIB) Research said the VO was a welcomed development. Maintaining its "buy" call on

ITMAX, with an unchanged target price of RM2.65, the brokerage said it viewed the VO award by DBKL positively, as it would lay the groundwork for future VOs to expand CCTV coverage in the Klang Valley.

Maybank IB Research noted that under DBKL's Smart City Plan 2021-2025, CCTVs were seen as integral to data collection and analysis in ensuring optimal administrative decision-making.

"Given ITMAX's strong execution track record, we opine it is well-positioned to capitalise moving forward," it said.

It projected that ITMAX would potentially add around 1,000 CCTV units per year between 2024 and 2026 to the existing DBKL network of 5,000 CCTVs.

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Dos and don'ts in hiking

Bringing enough supply of water, snacks, hiking equipment and not stray from group among advice by experienced hikers

IT WAS supposed to be a short hike up Bukit Gasing in Petaling Jaya, Selangor, for Derek Francis, 47, his wife and their two boys, aged 12 and 10.

But what was to be a 45-minute stroll turned into a two-hour ordeal when they got lost after Francis veered off their usual route.

"It wasn't my first time hiking there. By taking a different trail, I was hoping we could enjoy more scenic views," he recalled.

Francis said they only brought one bottle of water and no food, further compounding their panic.

Their luck turned when a dog approached them at a nearby stream.

"It wagged its tail as if telling us to follow it. After following it for about 10 minutes, we found ourselves at the trail leading to the hill's entrance with other hikers," he added.

Francis and his family were not the only ones who got lost during a hiking trip.

In recent years, many cases of missing hikers have been reported. While some were rescued, others were not so lucky. (See infographic).

Between 2018 and 2021, some 850 cases of missing hikers were recorded nationwide, according to a Forestry Department study.

The study titled "Management of Hikers in Peninsular Malaysia"

reported 40 cases of injured hikers and 51 deaths, with the remaining having been found safe and uninjured.

Ensure enough supplies

Two regular hikers spoke to *StarMetro* about their experiences and the do's and don'ts when hiking.

Avid hiker Adrihazim Rashid, 29, said bringing adequate food and water was important to keep one fuelled throughout a hiking trip.

Adrihazim, who is also chairman of Friends of Bukit Dinding (FoBD), a non-profit advocating for the preservation of the hill in Setiawangsa, Kuala Lumpur, regularly treks up hills and mountains in Malaysia as well as overseas.

"Staying hydrated is crucial to maintain your energy levels. Don't wait until you are thirsty, drink water every five to 10 minutes."

"The amount of water you need to bring depends on the hiking duration. Generally, 500ml per hour is a safe bet," he said.



Adrihazim: Don't wait until you are thirsty, drink water every five to 10 minutes.

Adrihazim also recommended that hikers pack snacks and electrolytes such as energy bars and energy drinks.

He recounted a panicked situation when a friend passed out due to low blood sugar during a hike in Bukit Tabur, Gombak.

"Luckily, we managed to revive

him after giving him some sandwich biscuits and isotonic drink," said Adrihazim.

He also reminded hikers not to eat wild fruits in the jungle as it could cause an allergy.

Another hiker, Lee Seng Poh, 58, said keeping up one's fitness prior to a hike was paramount.

He took up hiking as a way to stay fit after he was diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes.

"Hiking can be physically taxing and those who want to do it should step up their exercise routine and be more consistent," he said, adding that those who led a sedentary lifestyle tend to overestimate their fitness level.

Lee also said that finding hiking mates with the same fitness level was important to ensure everyone moved at the same pace.

He normally hikes in a group ranging from four to 15 people.

To get an idea of what to expect during a hiking trip, Lee suggested that hikers look up information about the location prior to their trip.

"YouTube is my go-to as it has plentiful information from other

hikers on the hiking duration and trail conditions," Lee added.

Brush with supernatural

Apart from the physical and logistical challenges, some hikers are also wary of supernatural forces in the jungle.

In January 2017, a lost hiker rescued in Broga Hill, Kajang, related his experience of being "hidden" from people's view.

Mohd Azarul Mukhriz Abd Rahman, then 20, was found by a rescue team after being lost in the jungle for seven days.

His uncle, who told the story to the media, said his nephew had refused to elaborate on his ordeal.

For Adrihazim, the presence of mystical entities such as *orang bunian* (supernatural beings resembling humans) should not be discounted.

"The jungle is home to myriad mysteries, which I believe are yet to be explained by science."

"Until logical explanations for them become available, it is best to remain vigilant and respectful when we are in the



Bukit Wawasan in Puchong, Selangor, is a popular spot among hikers. — Photos: ART CHEN, YAP CHEE HONG, CHAN TAK KONG and KK SHAM/The Star



Bukit Gasing in Petaling Jaya attracts visitors and hikers across all age groups.

Rescuers from fire dept talk of uphill challenges

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DIFFICULT terrain, unseasonal weather and dangerous wildlife are among challenges typically faced by rescue teams when locating missing hikers.

Selangor Fire and Rescue Department assistant director Ahmad Mukhlis Mukhtar said these factors would often complicate efforts to find the victims.

"Malaysian forests are known for steep slopes and dense vegetation that may slow down our rescuers, especially during rainy season," he told *StarMetro*.

Certain forests, he said, were known habitats of dangerous reptiles and mammals, posing further risks to the rescuers.

To get an idea of the missing

hikers' last-known location, Ahmad Mukhlis said rescuers would interview other hikers and local communities in the area.

"However, the information they give us is sometimes unclear."

"They might mention a big rock or tree, which may take time to locate," he added.

For these reasons, Ahmad Mukhlis said rescuers regularly worked with mountain guides who were more familiar with the area.

"We will look for clues such as campfires, broken branches, leftover food, and scraps of clothing," he said.

Between Jan 1 and May 18, at least 15 distress calls were received about missing hikers in Selangor, said Ahmad Mukhlis.

A total of 25 people were res-

cued, including one injured person, he said and added that there was one fatality recorded.

Ahmad Mukhlis said rescue teams also used search dogs, although this approach came with its own challenges.

"The canines can easily detect the scent of a missing person within 24 hours. But they might find it difficult if a few days have passed," he said.

"Drones and thermal sensors are also used in rescue operations."

Rescue personnel have basic medical training and are provided with climbing gear, GPS navigation device, food and drinks, among others, he said.

The approach in rescue operations will depend on the size of the search area.

"We also take into account the terrain and density of the forest before conducting a clean sweep of the area," said Ahmad Mukhlis.

"Usually, rescue personnel will maintain a distance between 1m and 2m between each other to enhance coverage," he said.

He advised those who lost their way in the wilderness to stay close to water sources, and if able, to call the emergency line 999, and avoid moving far from their last-known location.

Asked if the department would stop a rescue operation if too much time had passed, he said they would continue the search until all options have been exhausted.

However, he added that the operation would resume once new clues emerge.



Ahmad Mukhlis says rescuers use clues such as campfires, broken branches and scraps of clothing in the search for missing hikers.



Lee says regular exercise is crucial to keep one's fitness level prior to going on a hiking trip. — Photo courtesy of LEE SENG POH

forest," he said.

Lee echoed a similar view, citing his experience when hiking alone in Bukit Saga, Hulu Langat in Selangor, some years ago.

He had gotten lost despite being equipped with a GPS.

"I circled the same area for two hours and it felt like the air was getting heavier.

"It eventually dawned on me that I might have been restrained by something," he said.

When Lee recalled a belief among his relatives that loud

noise could drive away evil spirits, he lit up some firecrackers and was able to 'break free' from the spell and found his way out of the jungle.

As for Francis, he said his wife believed the mongrel they encountered was a spirit.

"As we were exiting the hill, the dog was nowhere to be seen. Other hikers also did not see it," he said.

He had hoped to see the dog again during his subsequent visits to Bukit Gasing, but it was not to be.



The legal trail in Bukit Wawasan is marked with glow stickers, numbers and coloured markers such as the red fabric on a bush (left).

Cases of missing hikers

April 2024

A 36-year-old died in Gunung Nuang, Hulu Langat, Selangor, after he fell into a river. His body was found 4km from the location.

October 2023

Indian national Nandan Suresh Nadkarni, 44, found dead in Gunung Jasar, Pahang, after going missing for over a week.

September 2023

Five men, aged between 23 and 39, rescued from Gunung Tebu, Terengganu. They spent the night in the forest after getting lost due to heavy rain.

December 2022

A 57-year-old rescued nearly 48 hours after hiking alone in Gunung Pulai, Johor.

May 2022

Two hikers died after being swept away by sudden gush of water in Gunung Suku, Perak.

March 2022

An 84-year-old hiker found dead in a river near Puncak Jelapang, Perak. His friends noticed his disappearance when he did not reach the foothill.

September 2018

A 22-year-old rescued a week after he went hiking alone in Gunung Singai, Sarawak.

September 2018

A 28-year-old rescued two days after hiking up Gunung Gua Rimau, Johor, with 34 others. His disappearance was noticed during a headcount at the foothill.

January 2017

A 20-year-old rescued two days after hiking up Broga Hill, Selangor. He claimed he was 'hidden by someone' during the period.

December 2015

A 65-year-old rescued in Bukit Jambul, Penang. After getting lost, he phoned his family, who alerted the authorities.

Sources: The Star's archive and other media reports.

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'Stick to marked trail when hiking in Bukit Wawasan'

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BEGINNERS attempting to hike Bukit Wawasan in Puchong, Selangor, should ensure they are well-prepared and equipped, says Wawasan Forest Community (WFC) Society chairman Joe Lim.

"We advise them to bring along walking sticks to support their knees, and water and snacks, as one loop around Bukit Wawasan could take newbies between three and four hours to complete.

"We have had situations where people fainted or had dizzy spells because they were dehydrated or had low blood sugar," he said.

He advised hikers to complete their hike by 6pm, as the forest would get dark early.

Located within the Ayer Hitam Forest Reserve, Bukit Wawasan is the only part of the forest reserve that is accessible to the public.

The 1,182ha forest comes under the purview of the Selangor Forestry Department (JPNS).

Selangor government granted Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) permission to manage and carry out activities related to education, research and forestry development for a 99-year duration until 2095 at the forest reserve.

Lim was speaking to StarMetro following its article "Eleven hiking trails are illegal" published on March 4 that mentioned UPM decrying trespassers, unauthorised paths and illegal jungle gym found in the vulnerable forest.

WFC Society is a non-govern-



Lim says the society maintains the forest's legal trail and helps with search-and-rescue efforts in Bukit Wawasan.

mental organisation comprising hiking enthusiasts who volunteer their time to maintain the forest trails and monitor hikers' safety in Bukit Wawasan.

"We work closely with JPNS and UPM on matters related to Bukit Wawasan, such as managing the only hiking trail recognised by the authorities.

"Bukit Wawasan is popular because its hiking trail is good for families and beginners.

"Its peak is 253m high and a complete loop covers 3.8km," said Lim.

"The legal trail is a single trail with two access points (A and B) that lead to the same peak. This trail is marked with glow stickers, numbers and coloured markers," he said of the trail that has its main entrance in Persiaran Bukit.

Lim, a corporate trainer specialising in safety and rescue matters, said WFC Society was often called to assist when hik-

ers got lost.

"Hikers get separated from their group or follow trails that are illegally marked by running groups," he said.

He estimated that over 400 people hiked the hill in the mornings.

"We know several hotspots where people tend to get lost.

"In severe cases where an incident involves broken limbs or someone being stung by a bee, we will call the Fire and Rescue Department and ambulance services for help."

Lim said that some people became lost while looking for a popular waterfall within Bukit Wawasan, known as the Blue Lagoon.

"However, the Blue Lagoon and other trails not marked by WFC Society are illegal.

"If trespassers are caught, JPNS could issue a warning, a warning with a fine, or take them to court," he said.

"Our society has about 10 active members, helped by volunteers, to maintain the hiking trail in Bukit Wawasan.

"We keep the area free of rubbish and big obstacles," he added.

Lim appealed to hikers to stick to the legal trail and for running groups to stop creating new trails.

WFC Society, he said, received funding from Kinrara assemblyman Ng Sze Han and former Selangor tourism committee chairman Hee Loy Sian up until middle of last year.

The NGO chairman said the money was used to buy equipment for maintenance work and to organise events such as talks on first aid and jungle survival.

EPF: Make use of i-Akaun app for Account 3

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Despite reminders, many members still flock to branches for help

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PETALING JAYA: EPF members have been reminded to use their i-Akaun app to handle issues revolving around their Akaun Fleksibel, popularly known as Account 3, instead of lining up at their branches.

The exception is for withdrawals of more than RM30,000 or those who have changed their banking details, EPF said.

However, a quick check by *The Star* at some EPF branches in the Klang Valley yesterday showed that there were still many people lining up to get their questions answered.

Siti Normah Awaluddin, 42, said that she had requested to withdraw from her Akaun Fleksibel on May 18 but received an email saying that her request had been approved.

"I need further clarification on my withdrawals and I couldn't get through the EPF helpline.

"So I decided to go to the Petaling Jaya branch at PJX-HM Shah Tower," she said when met yesterday.

The senior manager of a private company added that she had to wait for more than 15 minutes before an officer assisted her.

Akaun Fleksibel is a new account that provides flexibility for short-term financial needs, where savings in this account can be withdrawn at any time according to members' needs.

Members who wish to take advantage of this opt-in feature can submit their application through the KWSP i-Akaun application or the self-service terminals at any EPF branches nationwide.

EPF said that starting May 11, all EPF members under the age of 55 would have their accounts restructured into three accounts, namely Akaun Persaraan, Akaun Sejahtera and Akaun Fleksibel.

Between May 11 and Aug 31, 2024, mem-

bers aged 55 and below will have a one-time option to transfer part of their savings in their Akaun Sejahtera (previously Account 2) as an initial amount to Akaun Fleksibel.

Mohd Iqbal Abdullah, 33, said he wanted to opt for Akaun Fleksibel to allow him to withdraw and put the funds in his savings, as well as for contingency in case of emergency.

"I also have plans to invest some of it. As I have more than 20 years to retirement, I believe I can recoup the amount with my future EPF contributions," he said.

The public relations executive added that it is good for EPF to allow the option for contributors to transfer funds from their Akaun Fleksibel back to Akaun Persaraan (Account 1) and Akaun Sejahtera (Account 2).

"That option should be available and be made a permanent fixture because people's needs will change over time and they may want to channel their (Account 3) balance back to their retirement savings," he said.

Bank Muamalat Malaysia Bhd chief economist Mohd Afzanizam Abdul Rashid said giving contributors such an option could ensure that members would have a chance to redirect the funds to Akaun Persaraan from Akaun Fleksibel, which is meant for retirement purposes.

"In a sense, the EPF is granting slight autonomy for members to manage their money.

"In the end, it boils down to financial literacy and discipline," he explained.

Centre for Market Education chief executive officer Dr Carmelo Ferlito said that he would have preferred an option where contributors could decide to opt out from Akaun Fleksibel.

"But this is better than nothing for those who do not want to have the temptation to deplete their EPF with Akaun Fleksibel," he said.

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Selangor police to beef up its security following attack

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SHAH ALAM: To boost response times and prevent untoward incidents, Selangor will see an increase in police personnel on night shifts.

State police chief Comm Datuk Hussein Omar Khan also mentioned plans to enhance security

measures at police stations and headquarters.

The initiative follows the recent attack at the Ulu Tiram police station in Johor last Friday, which resulted in the deaths of two policemen.

"The Inspector General has already instructed us to increase security at police stations and district police headquarters," said

Datuk Hussein at the Selangor police headquarters yesterday.

"Only individuals with police-related matters will be permitted entry.

"For instance, those who wish to enter solely for dining at the police canteen will be denied access," he added.

Selangor police are also currently in the process of installing

closed-circuit television (CCTV) at key locations within police compounds to strengthen security measures.

"Among the things we are also looking at is adding more manpower during night shifts.

"This will enhance our response time in case of any security-threatening incidents," Comm Hussein said.

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Sistem Saraan Perkhidmatan Awam amat dinantikan oleh kakitangan awam. - Gambar hiasan

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SSPA tingkatkan mutu perkhidmatan awam

SISTEM Saraan Perkhidmatan Awam atau lebih dikenali sebagai SSPA merupakan salah satu usaha kerajaan bagi meningkatkan kualiti serta kebajikan penjawat awam dan dalam masa yang sama mengoptimumkan prestasi perkhidmatan awam ke arah yang lebih baik.

Selain daripada itu, sistem SSPA ini amat dinanti-nantikan oleh penjawat awam memandangkan ketiadaan semakan secara menyeluruh sistem perkhidmatan awam sedia ada sejak tahun 2002.

Implementasi SSPA tertumpu kepada tiga skop utama iaitu pembangunan organisasi, kemampuhan sistem saraan dan pengurusan bakat penjawat awam yang bakal menyaksikan penerapan budaya kerja serta keberhasilan perkhidmatan awam di luar kelaziman.

Pemugaran perkhidmatan awam sudah pastinya seiring dengan aspirasi utama negara iaitu Malaysia Madani di samping penerapan nilai-nilai The G.R.E.A.T Civil Service serta H.E.M.A.T di kalangan penjawat awam.

Bagaimanapun, resipi kejayaan SSPA

turut bergantung kepada reformasi tiga perkara utama di kalangan penjawat awam itu sendiri iaitu antaranya penambahbaikan perkhidmatan awam perlu bermula dengan keterbukaan dan kesediaan perubahan minda dan sikap penjawat awam dalam menerima serta mengadaptasi norma kerja baharu berasaskan minda digital dengan menguasai ilmu teknologi yang terkini.

Penjawat awam perlu mengubah cara mereka melihat kerja dan kerjaya mereka. Perubahan ini perlu dilakukan bagi memastikan tujuan dan objektif penubuhan sesebuah organisasi sentiasa kekal relevan dengan keperluan semasa rakyat dan negara.

Bagi maksud tersebut, komitmen yang tinggi amat diperlukan oleh semua penjawat awam demi memenuhi keperluan rakyat dan negara.

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FARHANA
ABD KADIR

Sejak beberapa tahun kebelakangan ini, kejadian bencana alam makin menjadi-jadi disebabkan perubahan iklim yang ekstrem di peringkat global.

Negara kita turut menerima tempasnya apabila bencana alam seperti ribut, banjir kilat, tanah runtuh dan pokok tumbang semakin kerap berlaku.

Keadaan itu turut didorong oleh kesan pembangunan yang terlalu pantas hingga kepentingan alam sekitar tidak diberikan keutamaan.

Disebabkan bencana itu, ada yang menjadi korban dan tidak kurang juga mengalami kerugian harta benda.

Contoh yang paling kerap kita saksikan ialah banjir kilat di ibu kota yang telah menyebabkan kenderaan tenggelam dan kerosakan yang serius.

Dengan kerosakan seumpama itu sudah pasti memerlukan kos yang besar untuk pembaikan.

Selain itu, kita juga pernah saksi kesan musibah banjir yang berlaku pada hujung tahun 2021 yang telah menyebabkan kerosakan harta benda termasuk bangunan, tempat tinggal, kawasan pertanian dan industri.

Menurut Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia (DOSM), kos kerugian keseluruhan akibat banjir berkenaan adalah sebanyak RM6.1 bilion.

Menerusi data tersebut, jumlah kerugian kenderaan adalah se-

banyak RM1 bilion, aset awam dan infrastruktur pula RM2 bilion.

Selain itu, nilai kerugian turut meliputi, kerosakan tempat kediaman iaitu RM1.6 bilion, premis perniagaan RM0.5 bilion, pertanian RM90.6 juta dan pembuatan RM0.9 bilion.

Susulan daripada itu, industri insurans am berdepan dengan tuntutan berkaitan banjir dianggarkan antara RM2 bilion hingga RM3 bilion.

Menurut Persatuan Insurans Am Malaysia (PIAM), walaupun setiap polisi yang ditawarkan oleh syarikat insurans berkemungkinan berbeza, namun pencarum tidak perlu risau untuk mendapatkan hak mereka sebagai pencarum.

Pihak insurans turut membantu pemegang polisi dan memastikan tuntutan diperoleh dalam tempoh yang ditetapkan.

Oleh itu penulis berpandangan, adalah amat penting bagi rakyat Malaysia untuk mengambil perlindungan insurans tambahan untuk melindungi harta benda.

Contohnya bagi kenderaan, kadar perlindungan pula tidak melebihi satu peratus malah terdapat syarikat insurans yang menawarkan serendah 0.2 sehingga 0.5 peratus kerana kiraan tersebut berdasarkan jumlah keseluruhan perlindungan.

Misalnya, jika nilai semasa perlindungan kereta berjumlah RM50,000, pemilik kenderaan hanya menambah sekitar 0.2 peratus sahaja atau bersamaan RM100 dengan insurans kereta tahunan yang dilanggan.

Walaupun bagaimanapun, masih ramai yang tidak membuat sebarang caruman walaupun ia sudah ditawarkan sejak sekian lama oleh syarikat insurans.

Hal ini kerana sesetengah daripada masyarakat kita yang

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masih tidak sedar akan kepentingan insurans.

Penulis juga sedar bahawa bukan semua orang mampu untuk membeli insurans tambahan lebih-lebih lagi keadaan ekonomi yang semakin mencabar.

Namun tidak salah sekiranya memperuntukkan sedikit wang untuk kebaikan di masa akan datang.

Selain caruman insurans bencana, tabungan kecemasan yang mencukupi juga penting bagi membantu memenuhi keperluan ketika saat yang tidak dijangka.

Kepentingan menjaga nyawa dan harta adalah menjadi tanggungjawab kita dan bukan terletak di bahu orang lain.

Oleh itu, kita sendiri perlu memainkan peranan dengan lebih efektif untuk mempersiapkan diri mencari pelindung yang sesuai dengan keperluan semasa.

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Sekurang-kurangnya kita telah bersedia dan tidak menyusahkan orang di sekeliling kita.

* Farhana Abd Kadir ialah Wartawan Sinar Harian

SINAR HARIAN

Tarikh: 12.1 MAY 2024

Siapa

Selesai isu ban pecah, lambakan sampah elak banjir termenung

KUALA SELANGOR - Kerajaan negeri dan Persekutuan digesa mencari jalan penyelesaian segera menangani isu ban pecah dan lambakan sampah di Jambatan Bukit Mayong di sini hingga ke tepi laluan Lebuhraya Pesisiran Pantai Barat (WCE) Ijok.

Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri (ADUN) Ijok, Jefri Mejan berkata, kejadian ban pecah yang masih belum dibaik pulih menyebabkan air memasuki kebun penduduk.

Menurutnya, keadaan itu menyebabkan sebahagian besar kawasan rendah mengalami banjir termenung, sekali gus menjejaskan pendapatan penduduk yang kebanyakannya bergantung kepada hasil kelapa sawit.

"Hasil buah kelapa sawit tidak dapat dikeluarkan dan

Kembalikan Nostalgia

Karnival Rakyat

Wow! Banyak Aktiviti Tradisi dulu-dulu dan peluang memenangi hadiah pelbagai istimewa!



meningkatkan penguatkuasaan," tambahnya.

ada pokok kelapa sawit mati akibat terendam banjir," katanya ketika dihubungi *Sinar Harian* pada Isnin.

Jelas beliau, pihaknya juga mendapati terdapat pembuangan sampah ke dalam sungai oleh pihak tidak bertanggungjawab.

"Keadaan itu menyebabkan saliran tersekat dan banjir di kawasan terbabit," tambah Jefri.

Beliau berkata, pembuangan sampah tidak terkawal itu juga menyebabkan berlakunya pencemaran sungai di kawasan berkenaan.

"Rata-rata penduduk ditemui mengakui tidak menolak pembangunan tetapi mahu kerajaan

membina saliran yang lebih sistematik serta meningkatkan penguatkuasaan," tambahnya.



Keadaan kebun penduduk yang dilanda banjir termenung akibat ban pecah dan lambakan sampah di Jambatan Bukit Mayong, Kuala Selangor.

SINAR HARIAN

Tarikh: 12.1 MAY 2024

9 daripada 10 rakyat Malaysia alami masalah tidur



FABIO

SHAH ALAM - Sembilan daripada 10 orang meliputi 87.2 peratus rakyat Malaysia mengalami masalah tidur termasuk insomnia, bangun kerap atau sukar untuk tidur.

Kajian yang diterbitkan syarikat pemimpin tidur Malaysia, Sonno itu berkongsi bahawa data tersebut dikumpulkan hasil daripada tinjauan di seluruh negara melibatkan 212

orang responden pada Januari lalu.

Menurut Sonno, kesukaran tidur dikenal pasti sebagai masalah biasa dan ia melibatkan sebanyak 39.9 peratus responden manakala kerap bangun (37.9 peratus) dan berdengkur (28.9 peratus) turut memburukkan krisis tidur di Malaysia.

"Bagi jangka masa tidur berbeza pula, sebahagian besar daripada responden iaitu 45.5 peratus dilaporkan hanya memperoleh antara tujuh hingga sembilan jam waktu lena, selari dengan cadangan tidur global.

"Bagaimanapun, sebanyak 52.1 peratus berjuang dengan tempoh tidur lebih pendek iaitu sekitar empat hingga enam jam," kata kenyataan itu pada Selasa lalu.

Sementara itu, tinjauan tersebut turut mendedahkan masalah tidur antara lelaki dan wanita adalah sama rata dengan masing-masing 87.7 peratus dan 86.4 peratus.

Ujar kenyataan berkenaan, individu dewasa berusia 25 tahun hingga 44 tahun menunjukkan kualiti tidur lebih rendah pada waktu malam berbanding mereka yang berusia 45 tahun hingga 64 tahun.

Dalam pada itu, Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif Sonno, Fabio Miceli berkata, kualiti tidur mempengaruhi fungsi harian dan kesejahteraan mental seseorang individu.

"Kami bercadang menggunakan data ini untuk bekerjasama dengan pihak berkuasa kesihatan dan organisasi bagi mendapatkan penyelesaian yang lebih berkesan," ujar Fabio.

SINAR HARIAN

Tarikh: 21 MAY 2024

Scammer makin berani guna nama individu terkenal

TAKTIK sindiket penipuan menggunakan nama individu terkenal atau selebriti bagi menjerat mangsa dilihat semakin berleluasa.

Terbaharu Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM) mengesan wujud iklan promosi satu produk kesihatan palsu dengan memanipulasi gambar dan nama syarikat pakar kesihatan terkenal di negara ini.

Hal ini terbongkar selepas pihak polis mendapat maklumat daripada seorang pakar kesihatan yang juga selebriti bahawa gambar dan nama syarikat miliknya digunakan tanpa kebenaran dalam promosi satu produk kesihatan.

Lebih membimbangkan, produk tersebut boleh memudaratkan kesihatan pengguna.

Pengarah Jabatan Siasatan Jenayah Komersial Bukit Aman, Datuk Seri Ramli Mohamed Yoosuf berkata, segelintir pihak mengambil kesempatan menipu orang ramai menggunakan media sosial.

Selain itu, Mei tahun lalu, Menteri Besar Perlis, Mohd Shukri Ramli membuat laporan polis selepas gambarnya digunakan dalam iklan bagi mempromosi satu skim pelaburan patuh syariah menerusi media sosial.

Berdasarkan laporan *Sinar Harian*, boleh dikatakan saban tahun, kes yang menggunakan modus operandi penyamaran sedemikian dilaporkan berlaku.

Pada tahun 2022, Suruhanjaya Sekuriti Malaysia (SC) mengingatkan orang ramai supaya berwaspada dengan tawaran pelaburan runcit yang dipromosi di media sosial, termasuk menggunakan selebriti atau pempengaruh.

Diingatkan, di bawah undang-undang Malaysia, mana-mana syarikat atau individu yang mahu menyediakan produk dan perkhidmatan pasaran modal kepada pelabur Malaysia, seperti unit amanah, saham, pelaburan digital, bon, mesti dilesenkan atau berdaftar dengan SC.

Sebelum ini, PDRM telah mendedahkan kewujudan pelbagai iklan pelaburan saham 'Islamik' dan 'patuh syariah' yang disiarkan secara berleluasa di beberapa platform media sosial dengan menggunakan individu-individu ternama termasuklah ahli politik, agamawan, selebriti, tokoh korporat.

Berdasarkan statistik dikeluarkan PDRM, modus operandi itu dikesan sepanjang tahun 2020 hingga Mei 2023 membabitkan 186 kes dengan kerugian keseluruhan RM5,411,571.61 juta.

Oleh itu, orang ramai perlu lebih berwaspada dan sentiasa melakukan semakan supaya tidak mudah terjerat dengan iklan-iklan yang menggunakan 'nama besar' untuk membuat untung.

Terlibat dalam
program kempen
kesedaran integriti

Oleh MOHD AZLIM ZAINURY
SHAH ALAM

1,066 kanak-kanak tadika Selangor pecah rekod MBOR

Kerajaan negeri Selangor melalui Jawatankuasa Tetap Pendidikan dan Modal Insan Negeri Selangor bersama Menteri Besar Selangor (Pemerbadanan) (MBI Selangor) berjaya memecah rekod *Malaysia Book Of Records* (MBOR).

Rekod itu dipecahkan menerusi penglibatan paling ramai iaitu 1,066 kanak-kanak berumur tiga hingga enam tahun dari 30 tadika dalam program *Most Kindergarten Participants In An Integrity Awareness Campaign* di sini pada Isnin.

Menteri Besar, Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari menyifatkan ia satu usaha murni dilaksanakan MBI Selangor bagi memperluaskan usaha pengukuhan integriti bukan sahaja dalam kalangan orang awam, malah fokus kepada

generasi cilik.

Jelasnya, usaha tersebut selaras dengan moto Jabatan Integriti dan Governans MBI; iaitu Maju Bersama Dengan Integriti.

"Integriti ibarat kompas moral seseorang dan apabila ada mata memandang, kita mungkin akan buat sebaik mungkin, namun apabila tiada mata memandang, di situlah ujian sebenar akan tahap integriti seseorang," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian pada Majlis Penutup Program Tekad Pendidikan #KitaSelangor: Program Mencipta Rekod MBOR dalam *Most Kindergarten Participants In An Integrity Awareness Campaign* di Seksyen 7 di sini, pada Isnin.

Hadir sama, Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif MBI, Saipolyazan M Yusop dan Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif Yayasan Sinar Untuk



Amirudin (duduk tengah) bersama peserta program *Most Kindergarten Participants In An Integrity Awareness Campaign* di Shah Alam pada Isnin.

Malaysia (Rasuah Bustere), Norhayati Nordin.

Amirudin menambah, dapatan kajian Universiti Kebangsaan

Malaysia pada tahun 2003 juga mendapati apabila mahasiswa diberi soalan; "Sekiranya saya mempunyai kuasa dan peluang,

saya akan melakukan rasuah"; 30.5 peratus mahasiswa menyatakan ya.

Jelasnya, namun pada 2021, sekali lagi kajian dijalankan dengan soalan sama dan dapatan kajian menunjukkan terdapat penurunan ketara iaitu hanya 2.3 peratus responden sahaja menjawab ya.

"Usaha mendidik harus diperluaskan di semua peringkat umur, walaupun istilah integriti itu sangat meluas maknanya dan sukar untuk diperjelaskan kepada kanak-kanak namun kita masih boleh cuba menerangkan kepada mereka dalam bahasa lebih mudah dan kaedah bersesuaian.

"Selain guru-guru, ibu bapa juga memainkan peranan penting dalam membentuk integriti dan sahsiah diri serta jati diri anak-anak," tambahnya.



Saksi dakwa terima 250 mesej, video bogel daripada Ebit Lew

TENOM - Saksi pendakwaan kesembilan bagi kes Ebit Lew memberitahu mahkamah bahawa beliau menerima sehingga 250 mesej dan panggilan video dalam keadaan berbogel daripada pendakwahnya ter-

Keluarga Sunnah iaitu merujuk tentang masalah dalam keluarga, seperti yang saya maklumkan sebelum ini saya mengenali beliau sebagai 'motivator' dalam program keluarga sunnah.

SINAR HARIAN

Tarikh: 2.1.MAY.2021.....



ORANG ramai dinasihatkan menghapuskan tempat pembiakan nyamuk Aedes. - GAMBAR HIASAN

2,338 kes direkod pada minggu kedua Mei

40 maut akibat denggi tahun ini

Kosmo
21/5

Oleh RIDZAUDDIN ROSLAN

PUTRAJAYA – Sebanyak 40 kematian direkodkan tahun ini akibat demam denggi berbanding 26 kematian bagi tempoh sama pada tahun lalu.

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Ujarnya, bagi survelan chikungunya, terdapat satu kes direkodkan menjadikan sebanyak 24 kes jumlah kumulatif sekali gus tiada wabak penyakit itu dilapor.

Katanya, sebanyak 974 sampel darah dan enam sampel urin saringan zika bagi survelan zika, dan kesemuanya adalah negatif.

Beliau menasihati orang ramai untuk terus memastikan tiada tempat pembiakan nyamuk Aedes memandangkan situasi panas dan kering ketika ini boleh menyumbang kepada peningkatan populasi nyamuk Aedes di persekitaran.

KOSMO

Tarikh: 21 MAY 2024

Gangguan bekalan air di 7 wilayah Selangor 5 Jun

Shah Alam: Air Selangor mengingatkan pengguna di tujuh wilayah di negeri ini mengenai pelaksanaan kerja penyelenggaraan dan penggantian aset di Loji Rawatan Air Sungai Selangor Fasa 1 (LRA SSP1) pada 5 Jun depan.

Air Selangor memaklumkan, pelaksanaan kerja itu menyebabkan gangguan bekalan berjadual di Wilayah Petaling, Klang, Shah Alam, Gombak, Kuala Lumpur, Hulu Selangor dan Kuala Selangor bermula jam 9 pagi.

Kerja penyelenggaraan dan penggantian aset itu dijangka siap jam 7 malam pada hari sama.

"Pengguna dijangka menerima bekalan secara berperingkat bermula am 3 pagi, 6 Jun (Khamis) selepas kerja penyelenggaraan dan penggantian aset siap dan seterusnya apabila sistem agihan utama bekalan air distabilkan.

"Peratusan pemulihan bekalan di kawasan terjejas dijangka sekitar 20 peratus pada jam 3 petang, 6 Jun (Khamis) diikuti 90 peratus pada jam 3 pagi, 7 Jun (Jumaat).

"Waktu pemulihan penuh dijangka jam 12 tengah hari, 7 Jun," katanya menerusi kenyataan di Facebook rasmi Air Selangor, semalam.

Simpan bekalan air

Menurut kenyataan itu, tempoh masa gangguan dan pemulihan bekalan di kawasan terjejas adalah berbeza bergantung jarak lokasi premis pengguna dan tekanan pada sistem agihan bekalan air.

"Air Selangor akan menggerakkan lori tangki air ke kawasan terjejas dengan memberikan keutamaan kepada premis kritikal seperti hospital, klinik, pusat dialisis dan upacara pengebumian.

"Air Selangor menasihatkan pelanggan menyimpan air secukupnya dan menggunakan secara

berhemah sepanjang tempoh gangguan.

"Bagi pelanggan komersial, bekalan air terawat boleh dibeli di mana-mana kaunter khidmat pelanggan Air Selangor di wilayah terjejas.

"Pelanggan komersial boleh guna lori tangki air di empat stesen pengisian air di Braemar Estate (wilayah Hulu Langat), Taman Gemilang Dengkil dan Pekan Salak (wilayah Sepang) serta Taman Banting Baru (wilayah Kuala Langat)," katanya.

Katanya, pengguna boleh mendapatkan maklumat berhubung gangguan bekalan menerusi saluran rasmi <https://waterupdates.airselangor.com/>.

"Pengguna juga boleh mendapatkan maklumat menerusi saluran komunikasi rasmi alternatif seperti aplikasi Air Selangor, Facebook, Instagram dan X atau hubungi Air Selangor di 15300 atau layari <https://www.air-selangor.com>," katanya.



BERITA HARIAN
Tarikh 2.1 MAY 2024.....

Kes demam denggi meningkat

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"Ini disebabkan kitaran hidup nyamuk dari fasa telur sehingga dewasa akan menjadi lebih pendek.

"Selain itu, nyamuk Aedes betina akan menggigit dengan lebih kerap semasa cuaca panas untuk mendapatkan sumber protein iaitu darah bagi penghasilan telur," katanya.

UTUSAN MALAYSIA

Tarikh: 12.1. MAY 2024...

Tiga pegawai latihan institut kemahiran direman

SHAH ALAM: Tiga penjawat awam termasuk seorang pemegang jawatan pengerusi sebuah koperasi direman selama tiga hari oleh Mahkamah Majistret bermula semalam bagi membantu siasatan tuntutan bernilai RM36,000 yang mengandungi butir matan palsu, tahun lalu.

Reman tersebut dibenarkan oleh Majistret Sasha Diana Sabtu ke atas dua lelaki dan seorang wanita penjawat awam masing-masing berkhidmat sebagai Pegawai Latihan Gred 41, 42 dan 44 berusia antara 40 hingga 50 tahun.

Ketiga-tiga nya sebelum ini ditahan Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) antara pukul 4.10 dan 4.15 petang semalam di pejabat SPRM Selangor.

Berdasarkan siasatan awal SPRM, dua penjawat awam itu yang berkhidmat di sebuah institut kemahiran di negeri ini ditahan kerana dipercayai terlibat mengemukakan butir matan palsu dalam tuntutan bayaran sebanyak RM36,000 bagi menyediakan makanan dan minuman termasuk dobi.

"Maklumat diterima mengatakan pada 2023, seorang pengarah syarikat mengemukakan tuntutan bayaran sebanyak RM36,000 bagi menyediakan makanan dan minuman bermasak termasuk dobi kepada sebuah institut kemahiran.

"Kerja tersebut adalah untuk satu program oleh institut berkenaan yang mana tuntutan bayarannya mengandungi butir matan palsu dan perkhidmatan tersebut tidak dilaksanakan sepenuhnya," kata sumber.

Pengarah SPRM Selangor, Datuk Alias Salim mengesahkan tangkapan dan kes disiasat di bawah Seksyen 18 Akta SPRM 2009.

TECHNOLOGICAL LEAP

'To face AI challenges, media needs to upskill'

KUALA LUMPUR: Is artificial intelligence (AI) capable of affecting careers in creative fields, such as graphic designers, visual editors and news presenters?

AI has emerged as a driving force in transformational change in various sectors, including the media industry, and its ability is seen to be able to empower news content in a more creative and interesting way, especially the delivery of news on social media.

Astro Awani editor-in-chief Ashwad Ismail said integrating AI technology into the industry needed to be seen from a positive and optimistic perspective so that the mainstream media did not fall behind.

Ashwad said: "Upskilling is crucial because whatever technology that emerges in the future, one of the key elements in dealing with technological progress is to stay resilient and be agile."

He said as the rapid pace of AI innovation brought ethical, social and regulatory considerations, industry players needed to establish guidelines.

Astro Awani has launched *Jiwa: A Guideline for AI Utilisation in Astro Awani*, which outlines guidelines for the use of AI in news reporting.

The goals of the guidelines include upholding journalistic ethics, fostering jour-

nalistic skills, such as critical thinking, analysis and writing, protecting the confidentiality of information and sharpening the journalistic process.

Meanwhile, *News Straits Times* associate editor (Content and Digital) Ahmad Najmuddin Ahmad Najib agreed that the media industry needed to be ready to face the challenges of AI.

Najmuddin said this was not the first time the media industry was faced with changes in technology that explored and created new opportunities in the industry.

"The media industry has lasted this long and every generation of journalists has gone through a sea of change of technological leaps.

"Every generation will have its challenges.

"The future may be a bit hazy right now, but we will see how it goes."

He said the NST had started pilot projects using AI to produce less risky news involving press releases.

AI will be among the topics discussed at the inaugural Sarawak Media Conference, themed "Media Evolution in the Digital Era", which will be held in conjunction with the National Journalists Day celebration in Kuching, Sarawak, from May 25 to 27. **Bernama**

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Ringgit gains against dollar on fresh buying interest ^{sun 215}

THE ringgit appreciated against the US dollar at the close yesterday due to renewed buying interest, driven by optimism over potential interest rate cuts in the US, according to an analyst.

At 6pm, the ringgit rose to 4.6850/6875 versus the greenback from Friday's close of 4.6865/6890.

Bank Muamalat Malaysia Bhd chief economist Dr Mohd Afzanizam Abdul Rashid said market sentiments remain positive with the ringgit continuing to be well supported at RM4.68, while the US dollar Index (DXY) was steady at around 104 points.

Speaking to Bernama, he said a series of US Federal Reserve (Fed) speakers are set to address the public this week, shaping market expectations.

The Federal Open Market Committee meeting minutes will be released on May 23 which will help markets to better understand the line of thinking among the Fed members.

At the close, the ringgit was traded mostly lower against a basket of major currencies.

The local unit was weaker versus the Japanese yen at 3.0084/0104 from Friday's closing of 3.0071/0089, fell against the euro to 5.0921/0948 from 5.0816/0843 last week and slid vis-a-vis the British pound to 5.9518/9550 from 5.9303/9335 previously.

The local note traded mixed against Asean currencies, increasing against the Philippines' peso to 8.09/8.10 from 8.13/8.14 as well as the Indonesian rupiah at 293.1/293.5 from 293.6/294.0 previously.

However, it had depreciated against the Singapore dollar to 3.4809/4831 from 3.4784/4806 at Friday's close and slipped versus the Thai baht to 12.9987/13.0100 from 12.9390/9516 previously.

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KL major: Rise of smart buildings calls for robust cybersecurity measures ^{SUN 1/5}

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PETALING JAYA: With the rise of smart buildings in the country, there is a need for robust cybersecurity measures to oversee the integration of advanced artificial intelligence (AI) technologies, said Kuala Lumpur Mayor Datuk Seri Kamarulzaman Mat Salleh.

He said opportunities for cyber attacks increase as buildings become more connected.

"Robust cybersecurity measures are crucial to protect sensitive data and ensure the smooth operation of these complex systems," he said in his keynote address read out by his representative, Kuala Lumpur City Hall executive director (project management) Mohamad Hamim at the Malaysian Institute of Property and Facility Managers (MIPFM) Smart Building Conference 2024 here yesterday.

Kamarulzaman said the success of a smart building hinges on integration between different technologies and platforms.

"Data silos have no place in this future. Synchronisation requires all instruments and tools to play in harmony," he remarked.

However, he said the benefits of smart buildings are undeniable and they promise efficiency.

"Imagine buildings that optimise energy use, predict maintenance needs, and automatically adjust lighting and temperature – all based on real-time data.

"This translates to significant cost savings and a smaller environmental footprint," said Kamarulzaman.

Moreover, he added, smart buildings offer an enhanced occupant experience.

Meanwhile, MIPFM president Ishak Ismail said there is a transformative impact of technology, especially proptech, on the property management market.

He said these advancements have revolutionised the industry by providing digital solutions to meet customer demands and enhance the delivery of quality property and facility management services.