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KOTA KINABALU: Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Sabah and Sarawak) Datuk Mustapha Sakmud wants to ensure students sitting for major examinations who were affected by the recent Numbak fire to be given priority so they can focus on their studies.

"I learned some of the students affected by the fire continued to stay in tents near the site of the fire or at the mosque.

"They should not be left staying in tents and at the mosque. They need a conducive environment," he told reporters when met at Kolej Tingkatan Enam Pra Universiti Kota Kinabalu yesterday to present school supplies to six Form Six students and 129 students from SK Kebagu who were all affected by the fire.

Mustapha said an initial proposal from the Education Department during preliminary discussions was to try find vacant hostel accommodation to house the students.

"This is a possibility. We may place them in hostels even if the hostel is not at their own school. We need to look into this carefully so they can be given priority," he said.

On the programme, he said this was the initial assistance entrusted to them by the Education Minister, and that the school management and Education Department have been asked to look carefully into the students' other needs.

He also mentioned that the Education Minister, Datuk Seri Fadhlina Sidek will also be making a visit to the site on Sept 10.

He added that the affected students will receive the emergency Kumpulan Wang Amanah Pelajar Miskin (KWAMP) aid of RM300 each from the Education Ministry, along with bags and stationery.

At the same time, the schools attended by the students affected by the fire also provide trauma and counselling, he said.

According to Mustapha, based on records from the Sabah Education Department, a total of 410 students from eight schools were affected by the fire on Aug 30 that destroyed 200 stilt houses in the Kg Numbak area and caused the death of three young children.

Mustapha (right) with SK Kebagu pupils after presenting fire relief contributions at the school yesterday. — Bernama photo

Teenager dies after motorcycle crashes into guardrail

BEAUFORT: A 17-year-old boy died after the motorcycle he was riding skidded off the road and crashed into a metal guardrail along Jalan Kota Klias-Kampung Betandok here on Sunday.

In the incident at about 8.14pm, the victim sustained injuries to his face and body and was pronounced dead by a medical officer from Beaufort Hospital.

Beaufort district police chief Superintendent Champin Piuh said preliminary investigations found that the victim was travelling from Kampung Betandok towards Kampung Kota Klias.

"Upon reaching the incident location, which is along a bend, the victim is believed to have lost control of the motorcycle before it skidded to the side of the road and crashed into the metal guardrail," he said in a statement here on Monday.

He said the case was being investigated under Section 41(1) of the Road Transport Act 1987.

Members of the public with information on the incident are urged to contact investigating officer Inspector Khairul Shazree Hashim at 010-2531451 or visit the nearest police station.

Piuh also advised road users to exercise caution, particularly when travelling along winding roads, ensure their vehicles are in good condition and comply with traffic regulations.

The scene of the fatal accident involving a motorcycle that skidded and crashed into a metal guardrail along Jalan Kota Klias-Kampung Betandok, Beaufort.

Anwar to chair MA63 Implementation Action Council meeting in Sabah

KOTA KINABALU: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim is scheduled to chair the Malaysia Agreement 1963 (MA63) Implementation Action Council meeting at the Sabah International Convention Centre (SICC) here this Friday (Sept 11).

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Sabah and Sarawak) Datuk Mustapha Sakmud said Sarawak Premier Tan Sri Abang Johari Tun Openg and Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Seri Hajiji Noor are also expected to attend, with Sabah hosting the meeting.

"For everyone's information, the MA63 Implementation Action Council meeting will be held this Friday, Sept 11, chaired by the Prime Minister and attended by the Sarawak Premier, with our Chief Minister hosting the meeting.

"There will also be a special MA63 session. I will address the relevant matters then," he said when asked to comment further on MA63-related issues at a contribution presentation ceremony for fire victims at Kolej Tingkatan Enam Prauniversiti Kota Kinabalu on Monday.

Mustapha said the meeting is one of the main platforms for discussing matters related to the implementation of MA63 between the federal government, Sabah and Sarawak.

The MA63 Implementation Action Council meeting is among the key mechanisms for discussing and coordinating matters concerning the rights and interests of Sabah and Sarawak under the agreement. — Bernama

Sabah air quality remains unhealthy at three stations

KOTA KINABALU: Air quality remained at unhealthy levels at three monitoring stations in Sabah yesterday, while readings in Tawau, Sandakan and Keningau were at moderate levels.

The Department of Environment (DOE) said the Politeknik station recorded the highest Air Pollutant Index (API) reading in the state at 156 as at 5 pm, followed by Kota Kinabalu at 152 and Kimanis at 151.

The other three monitoring stations recorded moderate readings, with Keningau at 84, Tawau at 81 and Sandakan at 76.

Sabah DOE director Nor Rashidah Mohd Ghazali said the state's air quality continued to be affected by transboundary haze believed to have originated from forest and peatland fires in Kalimantan.

However, Nor Rashidah said no major fires were detected or reported in the areas around Kota Kinabalu, Penampang, Papar, Beaufort, Sandakan and Tawau.

She added that satellite observations cited by the Singapore-based Asean Specialised Meteorological Centre (ASMC) showed no hotspots in Sabah.

The same observations detected 224 active hotspots in Kalimantan and 234 in Sumatra as of Sept 6.

With the hot and dry weather continuing, Nor Rashidah said the department remained on alert and would continue to intensify enforcement and daily patrols in areas prone to open burning.

A total of 534 patrols have been carried out so far under the Open Burning Prevention Operation.

Nor Rashidah reminded the public not to carry out open burning or allow their land and premises to be used for such activities.

She said those convicted of open burning under Section 29(A) of the Environmental Quality Act 1974 could face a fine of between RM25,000 and RM1 million, imprisonment of up to five years, or both.

The public is also urged to put out small fires and report open burning or fire incidents to the Fire and Rescue Department by calling 999, or to the DOE through its toll-free line at 1-800-882727.

Jamawi (sixth left) and Dr Wen-Jane Tu (fifth right) pose for a group photograph with those present during the courtesy call.

Sabah eyes Taiwan's high-yield rice technology

TAIPEI: Sabah is keen to explore Taiwan's rice cultivation technology, which is capable of producing yields of up to 13 tonnes per hectare and allowing farmers to plant three times a year, said Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Industry Minister Datuk Jamawi Jaafar.

Jamawi said the technology was among the areas of interest discussed during his official courtesy call on Taiwan's Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) as Sabah seeks to strengthen cooperation and explore new opportunities in the agricultural sector.

The Sabah delegation was received by senior Taiwanese agricultural officials, including Taiwan Deputy Minister of Agriculture Dr Wen-Jane Tu, as well as representatives from the ministry's Department of International Affairs and Agriculture and Food Agency.

The meeting provided an opportunity for both sides to explore agricultural exchanges, technical cooperation and potential joint development initiatives, particularly those that could benefit farming communities in Sabah.

During the briefing, Taiwanese authorities provided an overview of the country's agricultural sector, which generates more than US$17.1 billion annually.

Crop production accounts for 50.77 per cent of the sector's output, followed by livestock at 34.66 per cent and fisheries at 14.53 per cent.

The Sabah delegation was also briefed on Taiwan's smallholder farming model, where the average farm size is about 1.1 hectares, as well as strategies adopted to maximise productivity and strengthen food security.

Discussions also focused on ways to increase the economic value of the agricultural sector through the development of downstream industries, including food processing, marketing and agrotourism.

Sustainable agriculture was another area highlighted during the meeting, particularly practices aimed at strengthening food security while promoting soil conservation and ecological protection.

Both sides expressed confidence that closer cooperation could be developed in areas including agricultural technology, market expansion and sustainable farming practices.

Jamawi said such cooperation could open up new development opportunities and help improve the productivity and competitiveness of Sabah's agricultural sector.

The visit was also attended by MAFFI principal assistant secretary (Policy) Rumaizah Ajamain, Sabah Agriculture Department deputy director Suraya Jubahar, Sabah Paddy and Rice Board general manager Datuk Dr Ramle Kasin, and Sabah Rural Development Corporation general manager Jailis Masarip.

'Sabah, Sarawak beacons of unity that uphold diverse identities'

KOTA KINABALU: Unity in Malaysia must be built on mutual respect and inclusiveness, with no community ever feeling marginalised or left behind.

In stating this point, Karambunai assemblyman Datuk Dr Aliakbar Gulasan hailed Sabah and Sarawak as key examples of how people of different ethnicities, languages, cultures and religions could live together while still maintaining their respective identities.

He said the concept of 'penyatuan ummah' (unity in society) should not be interpreted solely as the unity of one ethnic group, but as togetherness among Malaysians who shared a common homeland and future.

"From Borneo, we learn that differences are not a reason to be divided.

"In the context of nationhood, unity is about the togetherness of all citizens who share the same homeland, future and aspirations," said the Sabah Perikatan Nasional (PN) chairman in a statement on Monday.

Datuk Dr Aliakbar Gulasan

Aliakbar, also the Sabah commissioner for Parti Islam Se-Malaysia (PAS), said unity must be without extremism.

"We do not want a unity that builds walls between communities; we want a unity that builds bridges between people," he pointed out.

He also said unity must include protecting the interests, dignity and rights of every ethnic community in accordance with the Federal Constitution, and the spirit in which Malaysia was formed.

"We must not become so focused on championing the rights of one group that we forget Malaysia is a home shared by all," he stressed.

In this respect, he said the spirit of unity was particularly evident in Sabah and Sarawak, where communities had long lived alongside one another despite differences in language, customs and culture.

"For Sabah and Sarawak, unity is not merely about politics. It is about respecting Borneo as an important part of Malaysia's soul."

Aliakbar added that Malaysians should strive for a society that was 'united without oppression, different without hostility', and work together towards a peaceful and prosperous future.

"Ultimately, unity does not mean that we must all become the same, but that we choose to walk together.

"Different in identity, united at heart. Different in colour, united in aspiration.

"That is the Malaysia that we collectively hope to build," he pointed out.

Haze: Parents can choose not to send children to school amid health concerns

KUALA LUMPUR: Parents may choose not to send their children to school if they are concerned about their health amid the haze currently affecting the country, said Education Minister Datuk Seri Fadhlina Sidek.

She said parents only needed to inform the school if they decided to keep their children at home.

"I understand parents' concerns over the current haze situation. We hear those concerns. The health and safety of our children remain the priority in every action we take," she said in a Facebook post on Monday.

She said the ministry would continue to monitor Air Pollutant Index (API) readings issued by the Department of Environment (DOE), as well as the latest situation, particularly in affected areas.

Fadhlina said any measures taken would be based on the National Haze Action Plan.

"When the API reading exceeds 100, all outdoor activities are suspended. When it exceeds 200, schools are closed," she said.

According to the Air Pollutant Index Management System (APIMS) portal this morning, Samarahan, Sarawak was the only area to record a very unhealthy reading, at 226.

Meanwhile, 40 areas nationwide recorded unhealthy readings and 24 recorded moderate readings. — Bernama

Haze has not disrupted higher education so far

PUTRAJAYA: The haze has not disrupted teaching and learning at any higher education institution so far, said Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abdul Kadir.

He said the ministry (MOHE) had adopted a flexible approach, including allowing classes to be conducted online when necessary.

"So far, there has been no impact because we are adopting a more flexible approach. If students are unable to attend classes in lecture halls, we will conduct them online," he told reporters after the presentation of tuition fee sponsorship letters to Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia (STPM) students on Monday.

Zambry said MOHE was closely monitoring the haze, particularly in Sabah and Sarawak, and had advised all higher education institutions, including universities, polytechnics and community colleges, to monitor conditions in their respective areas. He said any measures affecting teaching and learning would be based on directives from the authorities.

"We are following the developments and receiving instructions from the relevant departments, and we will ensure that students' learning continues in accordance with the directives issued by the government," he said.

As of 8am Monday, Samarahan was the only area in Sarawak to record a very unhealthy Air Pollutant Index (API) reading, at 226.

According to the Malaysian Air Pollutant Index Management System (APIMS) portal, 40 areas nationwide recorded unhealthy API readings, 24 moderate readings and two good readings. — Bernama

SMJ framework shows GRS' efforts in building state's future

KOTA KINABALU: The implementation of Sabah Maju Jaya 2.0 shows the Gabungan Rakyat Sabah (GRS) administration is moving forward in building the state's future, said political activist Aksyah Nasrah.

He said at the same time, the move dispelled arguments by Parti Warisan (Warisan), which has continuously labelled the state government as a "failed government".

"We are now entering the third quarter of 2026 and I am perplexed by the political method of Warisan who seems to be running out of ideas," he said in a Facebook posting on Monday.

He pointed out that concrete evidence can be seen through the physical development of Phase One of the Pan Borneo Highway, which had previously been delayed.

Aksyah Nasrah

He opined that through the Chief Minister Datuk Seri Panglima Hajiji Noor's strictness, the Pan Borneo Highway project is now being done with the main packages including WP3, WP4, WP10 and WP29, scheduled to be fully completed and obtain the CPC by this year.

He said the official opening of the dual carriageway between the Bongawan Flyover and Benoni Flyover in June this year and the scheduled opening of the Putatan Flyover to Sepanggar Interchange route showed the government's efforts to improve the people's network.

Aksyah also pointed out that state revenue, which is consistently at RM7 billion, reflected the strengthened fiscal position of the state, paving the way for a historical RM12.02 billion state budget for 2026 that will fund 1,173 inclusive development projects.

He added that the Sabah First agenda adopted by GRS as the trust of its administration proves that the state's rights, resources and direction need to be decided based on the state's needs.

"Hajiji's political track is pragmatic and mature. He realizes that Sabah's prosperity does not come from extreme political differences," he said.

41 flights to Jakarta cancelled following Anak Krakatau eruption

PUTRAJAYA: A total of 41 flights to Jakarta (CGK) were cancelled at airports nationwide on Monday following the temporary closure of Soekarno-Hatta International Airport due to volcanic ash from the Anak Krakatau eruption, according to Malaysia Airports Holdings Bhd (MAHB).

It said the cancellations involved flights scheduled between 6.45 am and 11.55 pm Monday.

"The highest number of cancellations was recorded at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA), with 30 flights, comprising 20 at Terminal 1 and 10 at Terminal 2," it said.

The airport operator said that Penang International Airport recorded seven cancellations, followed by Subang Airport with two, while Kuching International Airport and Kota Kinabalu International Airport recorded one cancellation each.

No cancellations were recorded at Kota Bharu Airport.

The cancellations followed the temporary closure of Soekarno-Hatta International Airport after volcanic ash from the Anak Krakatau eruption affected flight operations. — Bernama

Luyang rep urges bilateral framework to tackle transboundary haze

KOTA KINABALU: Luyang assemblyman Samuel Wong has urged the federal government to establish a comprehensive and long-term bilateral framework with Indonesia to address recurring transboundary haze, stressing that the issue should be treated primarily as a public health concern.

Wong said the current haze affecting parts of Sabah, Sarawak and Peninsular Malaysia highlighted the need for a more structured and lasting mechanism to deal with forest and land fires in the region.

He said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and the federal government should work closely with Indonesia to strengthen prevention, monitoring and emergency response, rather than relying mainly on ad-hoc measures whenever haze conditions become critical.

"First and foremost, this is about the health and well-being of our people.

"Haze does not recognise borders, and when air quality deteriorates, ordinary Malaysians, especially children, the elderly and those with respiratory conditions, are directly affected," Wong said in a statement on Monday.

"We should work closely with Indonesia in the spirit of cooperation and mutual respect. At the same time, we need a framework that allows both countries to respond faster and prevent the same situation from recurring year after year," he added.

Wong said the severity of the current fire season warranted greater urgency, noting that Indonesia had reported about 202,000 hectares of land burnt between January and July this year, with almost half of the affected area recorded in July alone.

He said authorities had also identified a significant number of hotspots across Kalimantan and Sumatra, while September was expected to remain a high-risk period due to continued dry conditions.

Samuel Wong

Wong said Malaysia should therefore work with Indonesia to establish a standing bilateral haze cooperation mechanism involving relevant federal and state agencies from both countries.

Among the measures he proposed were greater sharing of intelligence and information, including hotspot data, satellite information, fire locations and information on high-risk areas and concessions, while respecting the laws and jurisdictions of both countries.

He also called for stronger preventive efforts to identify the causes of recurring fires, including suspected deliberate burning, illegal land clearing and fires occurring within commercial concession areas.

Wong said closer cooperation on enforcement could also allow information and evidence relating to cross-border impacts to be shared more efficiently, enabling appropriate action to be taken under the respective laws of both countries.

He further proposed the establishment of a rapid-response mechanism for major fires, including exploring the possibility of coordinating aerial firefighting resources such as water-bombing aircraft when fires reach a scale that threatens neighbouring areas.

"Water-bombing aircraft cooperation is something that can be studied further. I am not suggesting that we immediately establish a new arrangement without examining the technical, legal and operational requirements.

"But when a major fire is burning close to our region and has the potential to affect millions of people, we should be open to every practical option that can improve the speed and effectiveness of our response," he said.

Nevertheless, Wong stressed that prevention must remain at the heart of any long-term solution.

"If fires continue to occur almost every year, we need to look beyond putting out the fire after it has started.

"We need to strengthen prevention, early detection, land and peatland management, enforcement and accountability," he said.

He added that a comprehensive bilateral mechanism should provide a clear channel for Malaysia and Indonesia to raise concerns, exchange information and coordinate action before the situation develops into a regional health crisis.

Wong said the latest haze episode should be seen as an opportunity for both countries to strengthen cooperation on an issue affecting communities on both sides of the border.

"But political will is important. We have dealt with transboundary haze for many years.

"If we continue responding only when the haze arrives, we will keep facing the same cycle.

"Now is the time to put in place a comprehensive, practical and lasting framework.

"For the health of our people in Sabah, Sarawak and Peninsular Malaysia, we cannot afford to wait for the next major haze episode before acting," he said.

No room for complacency in fight against HIV

Mariah Doksil

KOTA KINABALU: Malaysia must not become complacent in its fight against HIV, as treatment advances alone cannot guarantee lasting health outcomes if people continue to face barriers to accessing care, said Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF) chairperson Professor Emeritus Datuk Dr Adeeba Kamarulzaman.

She said continued investment in prevention, treatment and care must be matched by efforts to ensure people, particularly those in rural and remote communities, could remain connected to healthcare services.

"HIV is a lifelong condition. Lasting outcomes cannot be achieved through one-off interventions. They depend on ensuring that people remain connected to prevention, treatment and care year after year, particularly those who face the greatest barriers," she said.

Adeeba was speaking during a high-level visit to MAF's Sabah Health Access Programme (SHAPE) at Queen Elizabeth Hospital here, led by Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad and Sunway Group founder and chairman Tan Sri Sir Dr Jeffrey Cheah.

The visit brought together representatives from the government, civil society and private sector to highlight efforts to address inequalities in access to HIV treatment in Sabah.

Adeeba said while HIV treatment was available, access to it was not always equal—particularly for people living in remote areas.

"For someone living in a remote community in Sabah, that same appointment can mean hours of travel, transport costs, time away from work, and sometimes a difficult choice between going to the clinic and meeting the basic needs of their family," she said.

She said such socioeconomic challenges could quickly become health problems when patients could not afford the journey to a healthcare facility.

"When a person cannot afford that journey, an appointment may be missed. Treatment may be interrupted, viral suppression can be affected, and ultimately, their health may deteriorate.

Jamilah presents a token of appreciation to Cheah, witnessed by Dr Dzulkefly and senior health officials and MAF representatives.

"So, what begins as a transport or financial problem can quickly become a health problem. And this is the gap that SHAPE helps to address."

Established by MAF in 2018, SHAPE provides travel and transportation assistance to people living with HIV, particularly those from low-income, rural and remote communities, to help them attend regular healthcare appointments and remain on treatment.

Since its inception, the programme has supported more than 2,500 beneficiaries across Sabah, with its reach expanding through catalytic support from Sunway Group's Hope Borneo Grant to MAF.

Adeeba said removing these practical barriers was important not only for individual health but also for public health, as effective HIV treatment could enable people living with HIV to lead long, healthy and productive lives while preventing onward transmission.

She stressed that sustaining such outcomes required more than the healthcare system alone, pointing to the role of civil society organisations including MAF, the Malaysian AIDS Council and community partners in bridging the gap between formal healthcare services and communities.

Adeeba described SHAPE as an example of a tripartite partnership involving Government, civil society and the private sector, with each bringing different strengths, resources and expertise to a common national health objective.

"This is not about transferring the responsibility of the Ministry of Health to others. It is about supporting the Ministry of Health by bringing together the strengths, resources and expertise of all sectors," she said.

However, she cautioned that Malaysia's progress could not be taken for granted.

Pointing to developments in the region, including Fiji and the Philippines, Adeeba said HIV epidemics could change rapidly when prevention, testing, treatment and community engagement failed to keep pace.

She cited the Philippines, where new HIV cases increased by 550 per cent from 4,400 in 2010 to 29,600 in 2024, describing the figures as a reminder of how quickly the situation could evolve.

"The circumstances in every country are different, and we should be careful not to make direct comparisons. But there is an important lesson for Malaysia: progress cannot be taken for granted," she said.

As international financing evolves and Malaysia assumes greater domestic responsibility for its HIV response, Adeeba said strong government leadership, capable and sustainable civil society organisations, and stronger private-sector participation would remain essential.

The SHAPE partnership, she added, demonstrated how investment in healthcare access could complement clinical services by addressing the practical and socioeconomic barriers that determine whether patients are able to remain in care.

The programme is aligned with the Ministry of Health's National Strategic Plan to End AIDS by 2030, particularly in improving access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support, strengthening community-based approaches and reaching populations facing greater vulnerabilities.

Also present were MAF Borneo patron Datin Patinggi Jamilah Anu, Sabah health director Datuk Dr William Gotulis, deputy director-general of health (public health) Dr Ismuni Bohari, Country Coordinating Mechanism Malaysia deputy chairman Datuk Indera Dr Sha'ari Ngadiman and MAF and Malaysian AIDS Council executive director Jasmin Jalil.

Bersih sorrowful over activist Beverly Joeman's passing

KOTA KINABALU: The Coalition for Clean and Fair Elections (Bersih) has expressed deep sorrow over the passing of Sabah activist and former Bersih Sabah vice-chairperson Beverly Joeman, describing her as a steadfast advocate for justice, human rights and democracy.

Beverly, affectionately known as Bev, passed away at noon yesterday at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital here after battling acute myeloid leukaemia for nearly three months.

She was a former Bersih Sabah vice-chairperson, serving from 2016 to 2023, and leaves behind three children and a strong network of fellow activists in Sabah.

In a statement, Bersih said Sabah and the country had lost a committed fighter for democracy whose life and work were guided by a strong belief in justice and human dignity.

"Bev was a very resilient activist who stood firmly in defence of justice and against oppression. She cared for all people regardless of their skin colour, race or religion. Throughout her life, she remained steadfast in fighting for human rights and defending those who were oppressed," it said.

Bersih said Beverly's contributions went beyond her years of formal involvement with the organisation, noting that she had helped build and strengthen grassroots activism in Sabah.

"Her thoughts, words and actions were always directed towards upholding human dignity and ensuring that the country remained on the path of justice, freedom and well-being for the people," it said.

Bersih extended its condolences to Beverly's family, thanking her for her contributions and for the path she had helped forge for activists who would continue the struggle.

"Malaysia, and Sabah in particular, has lost a true fighter for democracy," the organisation said.

The Bersih Steering Committee said Beverly's dedication to the causes she believed in would continue to be remembered.

"Thank you for your kindness and for the path you paved for activism. May you rest in peace," it said.

Myanmar refugees with UNHCR cards still subject to immigration law

KUALA LUMPUR: Myanmar refugees holding valid United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) cards remain subject to the Immigration Act 1959/63.

Immigration director-general Datuk Zakaria Shaaban said UNHCR cardholders could be treated as illegal immigrants if they committed other immigration offences, including working without a valid pass or permit.

"Employers who employ UNHCR card-holding refugees without valid authorisation may also be subject to legal action," he said in a statement on Monday.

Zakaria also denied that the Immigration Department (JIM) had ever stated that Myanmar refugees holding UNHCR cards were not illegal immigrants, as reported by the media.

The clarification followed media reports claiming that UNHCR cardholders could not be subjected to immigration action and were outside JIM's jurisdiction.

Zakaria said the exemption only covered two offences under the Immigration Act: not possessing valid travel documents or passes, and overstaying.

"The exemption from these two offences does not mean that UNHCR cardholders are exempt from complying with other provisions under the Immigration Act," he said. — Bernama

Koh shows the police report lodged over renovation works allegedly carried out on Sunday, which he said disturbed nearby residents.

Sunday renovation works draw complaint over excessive noise

KOTA KINABALU: Renovation works allegedly carried out at a neighbouring shopping mall on Sunday morning have prompted a police report over excessive noise which a resident said had disturbed those living nearby.

The noise was heard at about 9.30am near Block B on the third floor of the serviced residence, according to resident Tony Koh.

He believed the noise originated from renovation works being carried out at the third- or fourth-floor parking area of the neighbouring shopping mall.

Koh said the noise disturbed residents in the vicinity during their rest day, prompting him to contact the police and request that officers visit the location to assess the situation.

He subsequently lodged a police report at the Kepayan Police Station over the incident.

"Works of this nature should not be carried out on Sundays as they affect the peace and comfort of residents who are resting," he said.

Following the incident, Koh contacted the police and requested officers to visit the location to assess the situation.

He said police officers subsequently patrolled the area and found a staff member at the site, but the person responsible for the renovation works could not be located.

"When the police arrived, the workers who had been carrying out the works were no longer there. The police then advised me to lodge an official report," he said.

Koh subsequently lodged a report at the Kepayan Police Station to have the incident officially recorded.

He also expressed appreciation to the police for responding promptly despite their busy duties.

"I appreciate the police for taking the matter seriously and coming to patrol the area despite their busy duties. They came to assist us in resolving the issue," he said.

Koh said the police report was also intended to serve as a reference for the shopping mall management to take appropriate action over renovation activities that could affect nearby residents.

Sabah Tshung Tsin makes history with national science victory

KOTA KINABALU: Sabah Tshung Tsin Secondary School has brought national honours to the state after its student team emerged champion of the 2026 National Science Challenge (NSC), marking Sabah's first national title in the competition in 31 years.

The team, comprising Brenna Carmen Hee, Carol Lee Sing Nee and Kang Juwon, was guided by teacher-in-charge Emily Han.

Their victory earned them the Prime Minister's Challenge Trophy, the highest honour in the nationwide competition for secondary school students.

The team also received an RM1,500 SSPN scholarship and the opportunity to take part in the SAKURA Science High School Programme overseas study tour.

The 2026 NSC which was held in Shah Alam Selangor, attracted 18,671 teams involving 56,013 students from 1,166 schools nationwide.

Organised by the Academy of Sciences Malaysia (ASM) with the support of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) and related agencies, the competition aims to nurture interest and strengthen students' foundations in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

Teams progressed through several stages of competition, including preliminary rounds, state-level contests, science camps and the national final.

Sabah Tshung Tsin Secondary School's victory was particularly significant as the school has represented Sabah at the national competition every year since making its NSC debut in 2021.

This year's semifinal involved 16 state-level teams and included online and physical science camp components.

Federal Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Datuk Chang Lih Kang (third left) presents the trophy to Sabah Tshung Tsin Secondary School representatives Kang Juwon, Carol Lee Sing Nee and Brenna Carmen Hee, accompanied by their teacher Han Hui Lei, while Academy of Sciences Malaysia president and organising committee members look on.

The top five teams advanced to the national final, held on Sept 7, following a physical science camp from Sept 1 to 6 at the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

During the final, the students were tested in a lightning round requiring them to answer questions rapidly under pressure.

The questions covered chemistry, biology, physics and mathematics, with judges announcing answers immediately. The competition tested not only scientific knowledge but also students' ability to think quickly and work effectively as a team.

In recent years, the school has also strengthened its focus on artificial intelligence (AI) and science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM) education while encouraging students to develop their abilities in science, technology, communication and critical thinking.

The school has also recorded a string of achievements in other competitions this year.

Its students won the AI Computing Track Category A championship at the National AI Competition 2026 organised by Sunway University.

They also secured a third consecutive championship at the 14th Sabah State Secondary School Chinese Debate Competition organised by the Youth Section of the Sabah and Labuan Federation of Hokkien Associations.

In addition, the school swept the overall championships in both the junior and senior categories at the 45th Sabah Chinese Independent Secondary Schools Chinese, Bahasa Malaysia and English Trilingual Speech Competition.

Meanwhile, the school's Junior One entrance examination will be held this Saturday, Sept 12.

The school said it welcomed students seeking a well-rounded education with an emphasis on mathematical and logical abilities, as well as proficiency in Chinese, Bahasa Melayu and English.

Zara's dad claims police said ex-wife reported alleged death threat

KOTA KINABALU: The father of the late Zara Qairina Mahathir testified in the Coroner's Court here on Monday that the police told him Zara's mother had allegedly lodged a report against him over a death threat.

Mahathir Mohd Hashim @ Marikin, 45, who is the 80th deponent, told Coroner Amir Shah Amir Hassan that he came to know about the alleged police report after asking them why he was asked strange questions while his statement was recorded.

Under examination-in-chief by counsel Shahlan Jufri, the witness testified that when his statement was recorded during the investigation into this case, he was asked questions such as how he had beaten Zara.

"I found it strange. The investigation was about how I hit Zara, the manner of hitting Zara, and how I tortured her, that's what I can recall.

"Regarding Zara's problems in school, the police only said she fell and it was still under investigation," Mahathir said.

Shahlan, who is one of the lawyers representing Zara's mother Noraidah Lamat, expressed shock when hearing what the witness had testified.

The witness said he was called to go to the police station for the first time to seize his mobile phone and a second time for further investigation into the case.

To another question from Shahlan, the witness testified that during questioning by the police, he said: "I never even flicked Zara's ear."

The witness said he found it strange when asked those questions because he assumed he would be asked about what happened to Zara in school.

To a question by counsel Prem Elmer Ganasan, the witness said the alleged death threat went too far and did not deny he had marital problems with Noraidah.

The inquest will resume on Sept 9.

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Zara's dad admits memory lapses over key events

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KOTA KINABALU: The Coroner's Court here on Monday heard from the father of the late Zara Qairina Mahathir, who admitted not recalling major events when Zara was still alive, including her birthday.

The 80th deponent Mahathir Mohd Hashim @ Marikin, 45, told Coroner Amir Shah Amir Hassan that he has issues with his memory.

"I'm a forgetful person, for me to remember events or birthdays, I'll use my cellphone reminder," he said under examination-in-chief by conducting officer Nahra Dollah.

To a question from Nahra, the witness said that he could not recall how many times he stayed with his wife Noraidah Lamat and Zara from 2012 (the year Zara was born) until 2015 (the year he went to Kota Kinabalu to work).

The witness further testified that he could not remember how long his daughter from his first marriage stayed with

Zara's mother.

"My daughter from my first marriage stayed with Zara's mother when Zara's mother was still pregnant with Zara for the purpose of accompanying her at home but for how long I cannot remember.

"I also cannot recall if my daughter ever told me (while still staying with Zara's mother) how was her life staying with Zara's mother because it happened a long time ago," he said.

To another question, the witness further testified that he could not remember anything if his daughter told him anything regarding her life when staying with Zara's mother.

"My daughter only told me about her school days but other than that I don't remember," said the witness.

To another question, the witness said he could not

remember how often he went home after disagreements with Zara's mother between 2015 (the year he went to work in Kota Kinabalu) and 2017.

Mahathir agreed that because he was seldom home, he did not know what happened between Zara and her mother as well as what happened between his daughter (from his first marriage) with Zara's mother.

He testified that before Zara's passing, between 2017 and 2025, he could not remember how many times he met with Zara.

However, to another question, the witness testified that he did not meet Zara because he claimed she was avoiding him.

When asked whether Zara gave excuses, he said maybe it was something like that because he could not remember.

In his witness statement, he said around 2017, he no longer lived with or returned to Sipitang to be with Zara and her mother due to disagreements between him and the latter, with the final time he met Zara being around 2017 in Sipitang.

Mahathir further stated that when he stopped living with Zara and her mother, he only communicated with Zara via phone calls and WhatsApp messages.

"I still have screenshots of my WhatsApp conversations with Zara dated March 22, 24, and 28, April 13 and 19, all in 2025," said the witness. The inquest will resume on Sept 9.

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Shahrir Samad, Tommy Thomas discussing possible resolution of civil suit

KUALA LUMPUR: The High Court on Monday adjourned proceedings in the civil suit filed by Tan Sri Shahrir Samad against former Attorney General Tan Sri Tommy Thomas, former Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) Chief Commissioner Latheefa Koya, and two others, to facilitate settlement negotiations among the parties.

Judge Gan Techiong ordered the adjournment after Shahrir's counsel Datuk Firoz Hussein Ahmad Jamaluddin informed the court that his client and the defendants were discussing a possible resolution of the matter.

"As we have indicated earlier, there have been some positive developments and discussions between the plaintiff and the second to fourth defendants. In that regard, we need to obtain further instructions from our client," said Firoz Hussein.

"We seek Your Lordship's leave and permission to discuss the matter, specifically the proposed resolution of the dispute. We also respectfully request that this morning's proceedings be vacated to enable us to continue those discussions. We will return before Your Lordship on Wednesday (Sept 9)," he added.

Counsel Alan Adrian Gomez, representing Thomas as the first defendant, and senior federal counsel Zureen Elina Mohd Dom, appearing for the three other defendants, confirmed that the parties were engaged in settlement discussions and raised no objection to adjourning the proceedings.

Judge Gan then adjourned the proceedings to Sept 9 for the parties to update the court on the status of the proposed settlement.

Shahrir had been scheduled to continue giving his testimony in the matter today.

In December 2023, Shahrir filed the civil suit against Thomas, Latheefa, the MACC, and the Government of Malaysia, alleging malicious prosecution.

The former Johor Bahru Member of Parliament's claim arises from a RM1 million cheque he had received from former Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak for rehabilitation works on the Puri Langkasuka housing project in Larkin, Johor.

Thomas, who served as Attorney General from June 2018 to February 2020, has denied Shahrir's allegations against him, including abuse of power, describing them as "indefensible."

He further clarified that he had resigned on Feb 28, 2020, and that Shahrir's criminal trial commenced only on July 26, 2022.

On Jan 5, 2023, High Court Judge Datuk Muhammad Jamil Hussin acquitted Shahrir of the charge of failing to declare to the Inland Revenue Board the RM1 million in income received from Najib. — Bernama

Two brothers among four charged with murdering man

SUNGAI PETANI: Four men, including two brothers, were charged in the Magistrate's Court on Monday with murdering a man at an oil palm plantation last month.

Mohamad Bakri Mahidin, 37, his younger brother Muhamadariff Mahidin, 26, Mohamad Iekram Mohd Zaki, 29, and Mohd Firdaus Che Mustafa, 36, nodded to the charge after it was read out before Magistrate Noor Farah Hazwani Osman.

No plea was recorded from them as the offence falls under the jurisdiction of the High Court.

The four men, comprising two general labourers, a security guard and a car washer, were jointly charged with murdering Mohd Badaruddin Md Nayan, 30, at an oil palm plantation in Kampung Sungai Division between 1.30 pm and 3 pm on Aug 23.

The charge, framed under Section 302 of the Penal Code, read together with Section 34 of the same code, carries the death penalty or imprisonment for a term of 30 to 40 years and whipping of not less than 12 strokes, upon conviction.

The prosecution was conducted by Deputy Public Prosecutor Nur Hazwani Mohd Noor, while lawyer Durratul 'Ain Mahmud Morshidi acted as *amicus curiae* to inform the court regarding the medical needs of two of the accused.

According to Durratul 'Ain, Mohamad Iekram holds a Persons with Disabilities (OKU) card for a physical disability and suffers from an injury to his right leg sustained in an accident, while Mohamad Bakri has asthma.

She said both accused required medical attention to cope with the trial, which is expected to be lengthy.

Magistrate Noor Farah Hazwani then informed the court that the medical needs of both accused would be managed by the prison authorities.

The court denied bail for all the accused and set November 15 for mention. — Bernama

Hussein (second right) shows various items seized during the operation at the press conference. — Bernama photo

Drug syndicate crippled, main suspect shot dead

SEREMBAN: The Royal Malaysia Police's (PDRM) Narcotics Criminal Investigation Department (NCID) crippled a drug processing syndicate suspected of producing Methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA) worth a total of RM27.5 million in this district and Kuala Lumpur in Op Thrips on Sunday.

Bukit Aman NCID director Datuk Hussein Omar Khan said in the raid, the 52-year-old main suspect was shot dead after he acted aggressively by firing shots at the raiding team at a terraced house in this district at about 1.30 pm.

He said the house rented by the suspect had been used as a laboratory to process the drugs since early this year, adding that police seized suspected MDMA comprising 64.49 kilogrammes (kg) of liquid, 5.2kg of drug lumps, 7.9kg of drug pills, 104.8kg of drug powder, as well as various drug-processing equipment.

"We believe the suspect obtained the drugs with the assistance of other syndicate members by bringing in drug-processing precursors from abroad.

"The suspect who was shot dead also had the expertise to process these chemicals into MDMA or ecstasy," he said at a press conference at the Seremban district police headquarters (IPD) on Monday.

It was believed that the suspect had extensive experience, as his involvement in drug-related activities had been detected since the 1990s, in addition to having three previous arrest and imprisonment records under Section 39B of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952.

Hussein said the main suspect was also wanted under Section 3(1) of the Kidnapping Act 1961, in addition to having a previous criminal record under Section 448 of the Penal Code.

He added that the syndicate's modus operandi was to use residential areas with low population density as locations for processing and distributing drugs to conceal their activities from the authorities.

Hussein said the drugs were believed to be intended for the local and overseas markets, while police were now actively tracking down several more suspects believed to have fled abroad.

Meanwhile, he said police also conducted two separate raids in Seremban 2 and at a house in Kuchai Lama, Kuala Lumpur, which led to the arrest of a 32-year-old woman and a 35-year-old man.

Both the woman and man tested positive for methamphetamine and THC, respectively, and both had various previous criminal records, including drug-related offences. They were remanded for seven days until Sept 13.

Hussein said police also seized three cars and that the case was being investigated under Section 307 of the Penal Code and Section 39B of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952.

He said the seizure could indirectly curb the distribution of drugs to more than 400,000 users. — Bernama

MOT, CAAM tighten checks on pilots, aviation personnel

KUALA LUMPUR: The Ministry of Transport (MOT) and the Civil Aviation Authority of Malaysia (CAAM) are taking steps to strengthen checks on pilots, cabin crew and other aviation personnel following the case involving a Malaysia Airlines (MAS) pilot linked to an international drug trafficking syndicate.

Transport Minister Anthony Loke said that was the least they could do now, as the MOT was not privy to details of the police investigation, including the identities of suspects or any arrests made, as the matter was being investigated as a criminal case.

"I'm still not privy to the details...We have read that several arrests have been made, so it is better for the police to be the one making further announcements on the matter," he said when asked at a press conference held in conjunction with the 61st Directors General of Civil Aviation Conference for the Asia-Pacific Region (DGCA/61) on Monday.

Loke said MOT would definitely provide full cooperation to police, including access to airport facilities and any information or personnel required for the investigation.

"The investigation is under the police. They have no obligation to inform us or to discuss with us the progress of the investigation, but we will give our cooperation by providing whatever information or access is needed, whether to our facilities or airports, as well as any personnel they want to interview or investigate," he said.

Last Sept 4, Bukit Aman Narcotics Criminal Investigation Department (NCID) director Datuk Hussein Omar Khan said police have arrested six local men suspected of involvement in an international drug trafficking syndicate linked to the arrest of a Malaysian co-pilot in Jakarta last July.

The arrests followed information obtained from the 39-year-old co-pilot during questioning by an NCID team sent to Jakarta from Aug 11 to 15.

Media reports previously stated that the co-pilot was arrested at Terminal 3 of Soekarno-Hatta International Airport on suspicion of attempting to smuggle 25 kilogrammes of drugs and that the Indonesian National Police (POLRI) reportedly seized 15 packages containing 70,114 ecstasy pills and methamphetamine, with an estimated value of RM45 million.

Meanwhile, on flight diversions following the volcanic ash in Jakarta, CAAM chief executive officer Datuk Captain Norazman Mahmud said Malaysia was assisting by serving as an alternate airport for flights originally bound for Jakarta.

"For Malaysia, we assist them as an alternate airport. So, some aircraft inbound to Jakarta are being diverted to KLIA, so we are supporting them in that respect," he said. — Bernama

An aerial view of the fire-damaged KK Community Centre.

Blaze-hit KK Community Centre needs restoration, rehabilitation work

KOTA KINABALU: Former chief minister Datuk Yong Teck Lee has called on the Sabah Heritage Council to immediately initiate efforts to restore and rehabilitate the historic Kota Kinabalu Community Centre, more than a year after the building was damaged in a fire.

He said the continued deterioration of the heritage building raised questions over whether sufficient action had been taken to protect and conserve the site.

Following a site inspection on Monday, Yong said he found the centre to be in a state of dilapidation, with the building boarded up, shrubs growing along its concrete walls and protective canvas covers already torn.

"It is a very heartbreaking and sorrowful sight right in the centre of Kota Kinabalu City," he said in a statement.

Yong said the Kota Kinabalu Community Centre was among 19 sites and buildings gazetted as protected heritage conservation sites in 1997 under the then Sabah Cultural (Conservation) Enactment 1997.

Although the 1997 enactment had since been replaced by the Sabah Heritage Enactment 2017, he said the Community Centre remained protected under the current legislation.

"The Sabah Heritage Council, under the purview of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Environment, is a government body entrusted to protect and conserve the heritage of Sabah under the 2017 enactment," he said.

Yong said preventing the abandonment and deterioration of Sabah's irreplaceable heritage sites was precisely among the reasons for establishing the Heritage Council.

(From right) Datu Shuaib Mutalib, Yong and Foo Fook Ming inspect the fire-damaged KK Community Centre.

"There are very few heritage sites that shape the identity and collective consciousness of Sabahans," he said.

He questioned whether the Sabah Heritage Council was fulfilling its statutory responsibilities under the Sabah Heritage Enactment 2017.

"Has the Sabah Heritage Council failed? Is the Sabah Heritage Council failing in its statutory duty and functions entrusted to it by the Sabah Heritage Enactment?" he questioned.

Yong emphasised that the council's responsibility to protect Sabah's heritage was a statutory duty under the law and called on it to disclose whether it had prepared a Conservation and Management Plan for the rehabilitation and restoration of the Kota Kinabalu Community Centre under Section 40 of the Sabah Heritage Enactment 2017.

"Remember, this is a statutory duty under the law," he said.

Yong also called on the Sabah Heritage Council and the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Environment to explain to the public their planned course of action for the historic building.

"After more than one year since the fire that damaged the historic Kota Kinabalu Community Centre, I call on the Sabah Heritage Council to immediately get on with their job to restore and rehabilitate the Community Centre," he said.

Yong added that the future of the building should not be allowed to remain uncertain as it continued to deteriorate in the heart of the state capital.

Quality treatment should not be limited by distance

KENINGAU: The permanent placement of medical specialists at rural hospitals in Sabah is a crucial step towards ensuring that quality medical treatment is not limited by distance.

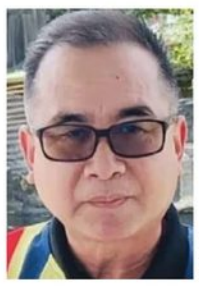
The Bingkor Health Clinic Advisory Panel (PPKK) regarded the Health Ministry (MoH)'s move of expanding the placement of specialists in several hospitals in Sabah as a strategic step towards strengthening healthcare equity in the state.

They said the permanent placements of specialist at hospitals such as those in Kota Marudu and Beaufort would provide direct benefits to the local communities.

"The placement of specialists closer to the people is not merely about expanding the access to treatment.

"It is also an important effort to bridge the healthcare gap between urban and interior areas so that every citizen has the opportunity to receive quality medical services without being hindered by distance," said PPKK Bingkor in a statement on Monday, which represented the views from its chairman Darian Karim, committee member Wong Jakol Langkab and treasurer Laila Bikolos.

Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad had previously said that the MoH would expand the placement of medical specialists to several hospitals in Sabah to address shortages



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of specialist personnel, while strengthening the rotation of specialist services to rural areas.

In addition, PPKK Bingkor also welcomed strategic cooperation with the private sector through Hospital Services Outs well as collaboration with Universiti Malaysia Sabah Hospital (HUMS).

It said such initiatives could help increase the capacity of Sabah's healthcare system, reduce congestion at public hospitals and speed up treatment for patients.

However, it stressed that the healthcare transformation agenda should also give adequate attention to facilities

Wong Jakol Langkab

at the grassroots level, including Bingkor Health Clinic, Apin-Apin Health Clinic and others serving the rural and interior communities.

"Efforts to strengthen rural healthcare facilities should include improvements to basic infrastructure, the provision of adequate medical equipment and sufficient manpower to meet current needs.

"Healthcare development should not be measured solely by the number of buildings, the technology available or the number of facilities provided.

"What matters is the extent to which every citizen, regardless of where they live or their background, can access the best possible treatment," said PPKK Bingkor.

It regarded healthcare as being a fundamental right of the people. Bringing specialist services, facilities and healthcare personnel to areas that have traditionally faced limitations, shows that no community is being left behind in the country's development agenda," it said.

'Avoid political distractions, let state govt focus on development'

KOTA KINABALU: The Gabungan Rakyat Sabah (GRS)-led state government should be given the space to continue Sabah's development agenda without being distracted by political manoeuvring and power struggles, said Bingkor Community Welfare Association (PKMB) chairman Yazid Mohd Hasnan Tawik @ Charles.

He said Sabahans wanted a stable and strong government with a clear direction, emphasising that people were more concerned about development and solutions to everyday problems than political disputes.

"The people want the government to work.

"They want roads to be repaired, water and electricity supplies to be strengthened, job opportunities to be created, the economy to grow and their welfare to continue to be protected. That is what should be given priority," he said in a statement.

Yazid said Chief Minister Datuk Seri Panglima Hajiji Noor's administration should be allowed to continue implementing its planned development programmes.

He said development should not be confined to physical infrastructure, but must also encompass education, healthcare, employment, rural development, entrepreneurship, investment and improvements to the people's standard of living.

"We want to see the benefits of development reach every corner of Sabah, including rural areas such as Bingkor and other districts that still require attention," he said.

Yazid added that efforts to strengthen Sabah's rights under the Malaysia Agreement 1963 (MA63), including issues involving financial rights and the 40 per cent special grant, must also continue consistently.

"The struggle for Sabah's rights does not belong to any particular political party.

"If there are weaknesses in the governance, we should point them out.

"If there are matters that need to be improved, we should speak up.

"But differences in political views must not be allowed to result in the people's development becoming the victim," he said.

Yazid noted that political stability was vital to strengthen investor confidence, accelerate development projects and ensure government plans could be implemented continuously.

"We may belong to different political parties and hold different views, but when it comes to Sabah's interests, we must unite.

"Give the GRS government under Hajiji's leadership the space to continue working and prove its results to the people," he added.

PPPS reduces dental specialist waiting time, improves patient access

KOTA KINABALU: The Sabah Dental Specialist Centre (PPPS) has reduced waiting times for specialist dental treatment by up to 50 per cent, improving the delivery of oral healthcare services in the state.

Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad said the improvement allowed patients to receive treatment sooner while reducing the time and travel costs required to access specialist care.

"Yesterday, I had the opportunity to officiate the opening of PPPS. This is the second dental specialist centre to be established after the Negeri Sembilan Dental Specialist Centre.

"This reflects the MADANI Government's continued commitment to expanding access to specialist oral healthcare services for all Malaysians," he said in a Facebook post on Sunday.

Dr Dzulkefly said PPPS was the first non-hospital-based dental specialist referral facility in East Malaysia, serving as a referral hub for residents in Sabah, northern Sarawak and the Federal Territory of Labuan.

The RM32.76 million facility is expected to benefit about 3.95 million people, further strengthening access to dental healthcare services while easing the burden on patients, he said.

To provide more comprehensive care, PPPS brings together four key specialties under one roof - restorative dentistry, periodontics, orthodontics and dental public health.

"The centre is equipped with 18 modern dental chairs and advanced technology, including a 3D printer that enables faster production of dentures.

"It also has OPG X-ray facilities to manage complex cases without adding pressure to public hospitals," he said. — Bernama

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Nancy speaks to the press. — Photo by Roystein Emmor

'High expenses causing young M'sians to rethink marriage'

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SARAWAK HAPPENINGS

KUCHING: Rising living costs are among the factors prompting young Malaysians to think more carefully before getting married and starting a family, said Dato Sri Nancy Shukri.

The Women, Family and Community Development Minister said economic considerations have become an important part of the decision-making process, with young people increasingly assessing whether they are financially capable of supporting a family before taking the next step.

"We hear that some do not want children and want to be childfree. You can't blame them if they are not ready economically," she told reporters after officiating at the state-level World Population Day 2026 here yesterday.

Nancy said this was why the government was providing support to help young people prepare themselves before marriage and throughout their journey into parenthood.

"The SmartStart programme is comprehensive in its content; from before they get married until they become parents. Economic and financial management are also included," she said.

She said many responsible young people are cautious about marriage because they do not want to find themselves unable to cope financially after starting a family.

"They really calculate carefully before making the decision to get married because they do not want to have a family but be unable to afford it.

"There are also those who have children and later find that they cannot afford to support them. We do not want that situation either," she said.

In her speech earlier, Nancy said the government recognised the need for programmes and interventions involving young people to take into account their realities, concerns and aspirations.

She said this commitment was reflected in the National Family KASIH Policy and National Family Action Plan 2026-2030, which serve as the government's strategic framework to strengthen family institutions and support the development of young people.

Nancy said various programmes and services were also provided through the National Population and Family Development Board (LPPKN) to help Malaysians prepare for marriage, family formation and parenthood.

These include the SmartStart premarital education programme, family and parenting education, marriage and family counselling, reproductive and social health education, services at Klinik Nur Sejahtera, as well as fertility screening and treatment for couples requiring assistance to conceive.

She said government support also extended to Malaysians facing fertility difficulties.

"There are those who cannot have children, so we have other programmes such as IVF and IUI. We also provide assistance for men who are not very fertile.

"Perhaps this is not highlighted very much, but it is something that does happen," she said.

Nancy added that the government's efforts were not limited to helping people prepare for marriage and parenthood, but also included initiatives aimed at strengthening relationships and preventing family breakdown.

"We also do not want people to get married and then end up divorced. So, we have activities and programmes to help strengthen relationships again.

"We even have a second honeymoon programme. It does not mean getting married for a second time."

She explained that couples who felt they needed to improve their relationship after several years of marriage could take part in programmes aimed at bringing them closer together and strengthening family bonds.

"Other initiatives include family programmes designed to bring family members together and strengthen relationships between parents and their children," she said.

Police nab foreigner over crash near Tudan intersection

MIRI: Miri police have detained a foreign man believed to have been driving a Brunei-registered four-wheel-drive (4WD) vehicle involved in an accident near the Emart Tudan traffic light junction on Saturday night.

Miri police chief ACP Mohd Farhan Lee Abdullah said the suspect in his 30s was detained and the vehicle impounded at the Sungai Tujoh border area following assistance from the Royal Brunei Police Force, Belait District.

The accident occurred at about 8.35pm when the driver allegedly ran a red light before colliding with a motorcycle ridden by a woman in her 30s.

"The motorcyclist sustained minor injuries and subsequently received treatment at a private clinic," Mohd Farhan said in the statement.

The case is being investigated under Section 43(1) of the Road Transport Act 1987 for driving without due care and consideration.

The suspect and 4WD have since been brought to the Traffic Investigation and Enforcement Division of Miri District Police Headquarters for further investigation.

Those with information on the accident can contact traffic investigating officer Insp Mohd Faizul Ab Rahim on 014-8582582 or 085-430479, or head to the nearest police station.

Police also advised the public against speculating or circulating unverified information on the incident.

Separately, Mohd Farhan said a teenage girl died after her motorcycle crashed into the rear of a pickup truck that had stopped along the side of KM9 Jalan Lambir, Jalan Bintulu-Miri yesterday.

He said the victim, 18, suffered serious injuries and was pronounced dead at the location by medical personnel.

The pickup driver, a 61-year-old man, did not sustain any injuries, he added.

The case is being investigated under Section 41(1) of the Road Transport Act 1987, with Mohd Farhan calling on witnesses to contact traffic investigating officer Insp Nor Afifah Nordin on 019-5264640 or 085-430479 to assist.

The foreigner and the seized Brunei-registered vehicle are seen at the police station. — Police photo

Premier in Manila for working visit to ADB headquarters

KUCHING: Premier Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Abang Johari Tun Openg arrived in Manila, the Philippines yesterday for an official working visit to the Asian Development Bank (ADB) headquarters in Mandaluyong City, scheduled to take place today.

Abang Johari is leading a Sarawak delegation comprising senior government officials and representatives from several state agencies and strategic entities, including the Development Bank of Sarawak (DBOS), Sarawak Energy Berhad, and Petroleum Sarawak Berhad (Petros).

Among those accompanying him are Deputy Minister for Utility (Sarawak Energy and Petros) Datuk Ibrahim Baki and Sarawak Energy group chief executive officer Datuk Sharbini Suhaili.

Also in the delegation are acting State Secretary Dato Sri Dr Wan Lizozman Wan Omar, Economic Planning Unit director Awang Fardillah Awang Redzuan, and DBOS chief executive officer Datu Laura Lee Ngien Hion.

Following his arrival, Abang Johari attended an afternoon tea with members of the delegation, followed by a dinner and briefing session.

The Premier is scheduled to hold a private meeting with the ADB president today, followed by a meeting with the ADB Board of Directors.

He is also scheduled to participate in a fireside chat with ADB. ADB is a multilateral development financial institution that supports economic and social development across Asia and the Pacific through financing, technical assistance and advisory services.

The official working visit provides an opportunity for Sarawak to engage with the regional development institution on matters relating to economic and social development, financing, technical assistance and advisory services.

Snowdan, flanked by Susan (second right) and Hii, and others pose after unveiling the Miss Sarawak Tourism 2026 crown. — Photo by Mohd Faisal Ahmad

Snowdan: S'wak maintains 5 mln visitor target despite haze, travel disruptions

KUCHING: Sarawak remains committed to achieving its target of five million visitors this year despite various challenges, said Datuk Snowdan Lawan.

The Deputy Minister of Tourism, Creative Industry and Performing Arts acknowledged that the current haze situation, coupled with travel disruptions, had affected the tourism sector.

"We are facing some problems; these things have affected our tourism, but whatever it is, we will still try our best," he said during the Miss Sarawak Tourism 2026 press conference here yesterday.

Snowdan said Sarawak was fortunate to have its own airline, AirBorneo, which could play an important role in strengthening connectivity and supporting the state's tourism industry.

"Connectivity is important in bringing in direct tourists to Sarawak, without them having to transit somewhere else first."

In relation to this, he suggested that AirBorneo help promote the state's tourism products, culture and identity to travellers.

"Possibly, you can put some photographs of Sarawak inside the cabin, like what AirAsia does, that feature the tourism attractions, indigenous communities, longhouses and traditional elements.

"It is something to promote with the elements, because AirBorneo is owned by Sarawak. We are not only proud of AirBorneo, but we are also proud of our culture," he said.

On Miss Sarawak Tourism 2026, Snowdan regarded the Sarawak Tourism Ambassador concept introduced through the pageant as meaningful.

"A tourism ambassador is not only someone who looks good in front of the camera, the ambassador needs to have confidence, good communication skills and a sense of pride in the place."

Miss Sarawak Tourism 2026 will gather 17 finalists at the grand finale, to be staged at the Riverside Majestic Hotel here this Saturday.

The pageant will also host non-competing delegates from Indonesia, South Korea, Bangladesh, Zambia and the Czech Republic. The competition will feature three titles: Miss Sarawak Tourism, Miss Sarawak Tourism Global, and Miss Sarawak Tourism Metropolitan.

The Top 2 will represent Sarawak at Miss Malaysia Tourism this October.

Also present were the Premier's political secretary Susan Clement Ingun, AirBorneo senior marketing manager Lazim Yassin, and Miss Sarawak Tourism 2026 organising director Joeyce Hii.

SWSB: Sibu Jaya water woes expected resolved with larger-capacity pipe installation

SIBU: The water supply problem in Sibu Jaya is expected to be resolved by the end of this year with the installation of a larger-capacity main pipe.

Sarawak Water Sdn Bhd (SWSB) Central Region representative Siew Kok Kiong said the 900mm-diameter main pipe will increase the water delivery capacity to 13 million litres per day compared with 10 million litres per day currently.

"We hope the water supply problem can be resolved by the end of this year. Installation of the larger-capacity main pipe is still ongoing," he said during a dialogue session with Progressive Democratic Party (PDP) Dudong, the Rural Water Supply Department (JBALB), and Sibu Resident yesterday.

The session was chaired by PDP Dudong branch chairman Datuk Teo Boon Siew.

Siew said the water supply situation in Sibu Jaya had shown positive improvement, with disruptions no longer occurring on a widespread basis as before.

However, he said residents on the second and third floors of several blocks of flats in Sibu Jaya still experienced intermittent water supply disruptions, particularly during peak usage periods.

He said pipe-related problems in Durin had also been given attention, with SWSB planning to carry out pipe replacement works in the area starting next year.

Miri Lorry Terminal earth filling works reach 70 pct completion

MIRI: The Miri Lorry Terminal project has reached about 70 per cent completion of its earth filling works, said Transport Minister Dato Sri Lee Kim Shin.

The remaining works, including surcharge and soil settlement, are expected to be completed by the end of March next year, he said after a working visit to the site yesterday.

According to him, the project was proposed as Sarawak's first dedicated lorry terminal designed to meet the growing needs of the freight and logistics industry in Miri and northern Sarawak.

"Miri is a strategic transit point for long-haul lorry movements between Kuching, Sibu, Bintulu, Brunei, Limbang, Lawas and Sabah.

"Every day, an estimated 50 or more long-haul lorries and prime movers from Kuching, Sibu and Bintulu pass through Miri, with some stopping overnight before continuing to Brunei, Limbang, Lawas and, in some cases, Sabah," he said.

Lee said the increasing volume of cargo movement had not been matched by adequate facilities, resulting in some heavy vehicles being parked along roadsides, industrial areas and other unsuitable locations.

He said some long-haul drivers also had to sleep in their vehicles with limited access to proper toilets, showers, food, and rest facilities.

The terminal will be an integrated facility with lorry parking, driver accommodation, food outlets, toilets, showers, rest areas, and light vehicle maintenance services.

It will also include tyre, battery and basic mechanical services, fuel services, warehouses, cargo handling areas, loading and unloading bays, security systems and closed-circuit television (CCTV).

Lee said the warehousing facilities could help turn Miri into a more efficient cargo consolidation and distribution centre for Northern Sarawak.

"Logistics operators from Kuching, Sibu and Bintulu can unload and temporarily store goods at the terminal before they are delivered using smaller lorries to Miri and surrounding areas.

"This can reduce the need for long-haul lorries to enter congested urban areas while improving the efficiency and safety of cargo distribution," he said.

He said the system would also work in reverse, allowing goods from Miri and northern Sarawak to be consolidated at the terminal before being transported by long-haul vehicles to Bintulu, Sibu, Kuching and other parts of Sarawak.

Lee said the ministry had also taken note of concerns raised by the Miri Lorry Association over the lack of a suitable access route for lorries arriving from the north, including Brunei, Limbang, Lawas and Sabah.

"This matter is important and needs to be addressed early as these heavy vehicles will travel along part of the Pan Borneo Highway before entering the terminal.

"A suitable access route is essential to ensure smooth traffic flow and more efficient movement of heavy vehicles," he said.

In addressing the matter, he said he instructed his ministry to hold a coordination meeting with the Land and Survey Department, Public Works Department, Miri City Council, Miri Lorry Association, police, and Road Transport Department to study the access arrangement and identify practical solutions.

Lee said the terminal should also be developed as a modern facility that could expand with future industry needs, including digital terminal management, electronic parking reservations, security monitoring, vehicle tracking and cargo management systems.

"With proper planning, the terminal has the potential to develop into the Northern Sarawak Logistics Hub, further strengthening Miri's position as a strategic gateway connecting southern Sarawak, central Sarawak, northern Sarawak, Brunei and Sabah," he added.

Scholars explore new finds shedding light on origins of Chinese civilisation

A man visits the Niuheliang site museum within the Niuheliang national archaeological relic site park in Chaoyang City, northeast China's Liaoning Province. — Xinhua photo

SHENYANG: Recent excavations at a prehistoric site dating back roughly 5,000 to 5,800 years in northeast China's Liaoning Province have shed fresh light on the origins of Chinese civilisation.

Archaeologists have uncovered monumental ritual structures and a wealth of relics, offering new insights into this ancient culture.

The Niuheliang site, discovered in 1981 in the city of Chaoyang, represents a milestone in the study of China's Hongshan culture.

Centered on the temple of the goddess and surrounded by altars and stone tombs, it stands as a large-scale prehistoric burial and religious worship site independent of the residence.

Excavations have been carried out in the archaeological site, with nine large platforms and their auxiliary structures identified, revealing the outline of a massive ancient complex covering about 100,000 square meters.

Jia Xiaobing, head of the field excavation project and a scholar at the Institute of Archaeology with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), said that his team uncovered seven neatly arranged burnt soil pits on one of the platforms, noting that their configuration mirrors the shape of the Big Dipper.

"It is believed that the Hongshan people translated their understanding of the cosmos and celestial phenomena into this model," Jia said.

At another site is a triple concentric circular altar with a maximum diameter of about 22 meters.

Researchers believe the three tiers correspond respectively to the key solar nodes of the year: the winter solstice, the spring and autumn equinoxes, and the summer solstice.

Jia noted that both the altar and the pits reflect the ancient people's practice of observing the sky and tracking time, as well as their reverence for heaven and earth, offering valuable clues for understanding later ritual systems.

Chinese archaeologists have stepped up the excavation and research of the Hongshan culture after multiple Hongshan culture sites were discovered in the west of Liaoning Province, the north of Hebei Province and the east of Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region.

Guests attend the opening ceremony of the 2026 Conference on Hongshan Culture in Chaoyang City, northeast China's Liaoning Province.

A large number of jade objects have been unearthed at the Hongshan culture sites, many intricately carved in the shapes of dragons, phoenixes and human figures.

"The Hongshan culture has evolved from 'valuing jade for its beauty' to 'using jade to connect with the divine,' and jade articles have become the carriers of status, power and faith," said Wang Wei, a researcher with CASS.

Named after the crimson rocky hill, the Hongshan culture, literally meaning red mountain, was first discovered in Chifeng, Inner Mongolia, where its characteristic relics such as potteries fired with red earth were unearthed in 1935.

Later, Liaoning was found to be the core area in terms of the culture distribution and the focal region for studying this culture.

"Hongshan culture represents a foundational chapter in human development," said Shahbaz Khan, director of the UNESCO Regional Office for East Asia, in a video speech at the 2026 Conference on Hongshan Culture earlier this week.

"Vividly preserved at sites like the Niuheliang National Archaeological Site Park, its ritual architecture and extraordinary jade craftsmanship reveal humanity's early spiritual and social evolution," he said.

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> **Jia Xiaobing**

American scholar Elizabeth Childs-Johnson, who has spent decades studying the Hongshan culture, said people back then had developed "a very sophisticated method of ritual architecture," adding that Hongshan is one of several early Neolithic cultures in ancient China that set the precedent for traditional Chinese belief in spirit metamorphosis.

Diplomats and representatives from more than 20 countries and international organizations were invited to the Conference on Hongshan Culture.

"Although the Hongshan heritage and the ancient Egyptian heritage flourished in different regions, both became a source of inspiration, cooperation and friendship," said Khaled Nazmy, ambassador of Egypt to China.

"The Egyptian and Chinese civilisations are among the oldest civilisations in the world, both contributing profoundly to the advancement of humanity," he said.

"The advancement of our bilateral cultural cooperation is reflected in the close collaboration between our museums and cultural institutions, joint efforts in the protection and restoration of historical monuments, joint archaeological excavation missions and the preparations of the nomination files to be inscribed on the world heritage list."

Eirini Anastopoulou, First Secretary for Public Diplomacy at the Embassy of Greece in China who visited the Niuheliang site before the conference, also believes that China and Greece, both with ancient civilisations, share notable similarities.

On how to promote the Hongshan culture, she suggested that more exhibitions be held globally.

"A lot of Greek exhibitions of archaeological interest are in China," she said, noting that last year alone, five exhibitions from Greece were held in China. — Xinhua

How World Heritage bid breathes new life into a Chinese village

NANCHANG: On a sultry afternoon, an elderly man sat on the doorstep of his home in Dongbu Village, a riverside settlement about 40 kilometers from Jingdezhen, idly fanning himself in the shade when a visiting official stopped to ask him a question.

"Do you know what big thing your village is doing these days?"

Without a word, he turned the fan in his hand. Printed across its face was a single line: "Supporting the World Heritage bid."

"That's it," he said, "We're applying for World Heritage status."

Everyone laughed. For Han Xiaoshan, deputy director of the World Heritage application office in Fuliang County, where the village sits, the moment was proof that years of knocking on doors had finally sunk in.

"It showed our work hadn't been for nothing," she said. "People here know now that this is everyone's business, not just ours."

It had taken years to get there - years of persuading villagers to look again at the street, houses and riverfront they had grown up with, and to see not just a familiar home, but a piece of porcelain history worth preserving.

On July 25, the Jingdezhen Handicraft Porcelain Industry Sites were inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List, becoming China's 61st World Heritage site. Dongbu was among the newly listed heritage components.

For centuries, kaolin, or China clay, and other porcelain-making materials were brought down from the surrounding hills to Dongbu and shipped along the Donghe River to Jingdezhen's kilns.

Goods purchased in the porcelain-making city traveled back along the same route.

With an ancient trade route also running through the village,

A view of a porcelain stone mining and processing site in Yaoli Town of Fuliang County, Jingdezhen, east China's Jiangxi Province. — Xinhua photo

Dongbu became a busy hub for trade and transshipment by land and water.

Its old wharf, commercial street and waterways still trace the transport network that once helped supply Jingdezhen's porcelain industry.

For generations of villagers, however, those remains were simply part of everyday life.

Wu Jinghua, a former village official who has lived in Dongbu for more than 70 years, remembers efforts to protect the old street and wharf beginning around 2000. Systematic restoration gathered pace from 2015 as the World Heritage application moved forward.

Dongbu was traditionally an agricultural village. Tourism developed gradually, but few visitors came at first.

As heritage protection intensified, it began to affect residents more directly.

Concrete covering the old stone street had to be removed, old houses faced restrictions on rebuilding and renovation, and makeshift structures and accumulated clutter had to be cleared.

For some villagers, the changes initially meant inconvenience rather than opportunity.

"At first, many villagers did not understand," Wu said. "Old houses were too dilapidated to be worth preserving."

For Han, who joined the application effort in 2022, changing that perception became part of the work.

She and her colleagues went door to door, explaining Dongbu's history and why the old streets and wharf outside villagers' homes mattered beyond the village itself.

Gradually, resistance eased. As the village became cleaner and its historic buildings were repaired, Han said, residents developed a stronger sense of belonging and pride.

The restoration itself followed a principle of "minimum intervention."

Traditional materials and techniques were used to repair old buildings, the wharf and the stone-paved street, with colors and textures kept as close as possible to the originals.

When workers moved utility lines underground, they marked each stone slab before lifting it. Once the work was complete, workers returned the slabs one by one to their original

An opencast mining site of kaolin clay in Gaoling village, Jingdezhen, east China's Jiangxi Province. — Xinhua file photo

positions. Modern shop windows were replaced with wooden latticework to better match the historic streetscape.

At the same time, the village upgraded water and drainage systems and improved other basic infrastructure.

The changes also created new opportunities for residents.

More than 80 villagers found work during the restoration projects. Others opened homestays, restaurants and teahouses or began selling local produce to visitors.

Under a large banyan tree by the Donghe River, one elderly resident now sells mung bean soup and rice jelly, often going through two buckets a day.

Dongbu has also begun hosting study tours and cultural tourism programs centered on its role in Jingdezhen's porcelain history.

The village now receives at least 190,000 visitors a year, according to Wu. More visitors mean more customers for local food, accommodation and produce, giving villagers additional ways to earn a living beyond farming.

But another change is harder to measure.

The old houses that some villagers once saw mainly as dilapidated structures have increasingly become a source of pride. A history long taken for granted has become more closely tied to how residents see their home.

"This village isn't just our own place anymore," Wu said. "It now has international influence."

For Dongbu, World Heritage status has changed not only how its old street and wharf are protected, but also how residents understand their value.

"We all have the same hope now: to protect our ancient street and wharf well, so that our culture can be passed down for generations," said Wu. — Xinhua

An sends Asian Games warning at China Masters

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> **An Se-young**

An celebrates winning the women's singles final against Miyazaki at the China Masters badminton tournament in Shenzhen, in China's southern Guangdong province. — AFP photo

BEIJING: Badminton world number one An Se-young sent a warning for the Asian Games as she clinched her third China Masters title in a row in ominous fashion.

South Korea's reigning Olympic and world champion will defend her crown when the Asian Games begin on September 19 in Aichi-Nagoya in Japan.

The 24-year-old will be overwhelming favourite after winning the China Masters on Sunday with a ruthless 21-17, 21-6 demolition of Tomoka Miyazaki in Shenzhen. An did not drop a game all week on the way to her seventh title of the season.

"I'm so proud of myself. I'm really pleased with the result and I feel so happy," An said.

Despite being the undoubted dominant force in women's badminton once more this year, An said: "There are many players coming up and challenging. I don't think any match can be taken lightly."

The men's singles final was surprisingly an all-Hong Kong affair, with world number 32 Jason Gunawan defeating Lee Cheuk-Yiu 21-9, 21-16.

In the men's doubles, India's Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty beat home duo He Jiting and Ren Xiangyu in a three-game battle. Shetty and Rankireddy will defend their Asian Games men's doubles title in Japan.

"Going into the Asian Games winning a title definitely reassures us what we are working on is heading in the right direction," said Shetty.

"We will go back home, push ourselves to the limit, train for the next 10 days and go all guns blazing in Japan. We want to go out there and have some fun."

China's Feng Yanzhe and Huang Dongping won the mixed doubles while Sumire Nakade and Miyu Takahashi of Japan clinched the women's doubles crown. — AFP

Tennis sensation Eala looks to 'fun' at Asian Games

NEW YORK: Philippines sensation Alexandra Eala said she can't wait to experience the 'really fun environment' of the Asian Games after a battling defeat in the third round of the US Open.

The rising 21-year-old will be favourite to win women's singles gold when the Games begin in Japan on September 19.

At the previous edition of the Games, in 2023 in China, Eala went home with bronze medals in singles and mixed doubles.

Much has changed for Eala since, last month becoming the first player from the Philippines to win a WTA singles crown and now ranked 18 in the world.

Her ground-breaking exploits have made her a superstar back home.

"I love playing and competing with the Philippines team," Eala said after her agonizing three-set loss to United States teenager Iva Jovic in New York on Saturday.

Proud Filipino Eala has been a regular at the Southeast Asian Games, winning singles gold last year, and she added: "I think it's a really fun environment, and I love being with the team, especially this last SEA Games in December, I had such a great time. I think they are really memories that stick with me."

China's Zheng Qinwen won Asian Games singles gold three years ago on home turf. She will not defend her title in Aichi-Nagoya.

Also not involved will be Japan's four-time Grand Slam champion Naomi Osaka, who will be in action at the China Open in Beijing. — AFP

Alcaraz hits a shot to Paul during their men's singles round of 16 tennis match on day eight of the US Open tennis tournament. — AFP photo

Alcaraz books quarter-final clash with Shelton

NEW YORK: Defending champion Carlos Alcaraz posted his most convincing win in his injury return at the US Open, downing Tommy Paul in straight sets on Sunday to line up a quarter-final clash with Ben Shelton.

Two-time women's defending champion Aryna Sabalenka also advanced, booking a last-eight date with Wimbledon winner Linda Noskova.

Second-seeded Alcaraz, playing his first tournament since he was sidelined by a right wrist injury in April, looked closer to his brilliant best in a 6-4, 6-3, 6-4 victory over Paul, the 20th-seeded American who posed the Spaniard's sternest test yet.

"I played my game," said Alcaraz, who unleashed 33 winners as he moved fluidly around the court, thwarting Paul at every turn in the two-hour 20-minute match.

He'll face red-hot Shelton – a 6-2, 6-3, 6-4 winner over Stefanos Tsitsipas – for a place in the semi-finals.

"I tried to play my style. Tommy is such a talented player. His shots are pretty dangerous and sometimes it's really difficult to control the ball when it comes to you. I just tried to be ready for a battle and tried to be aggressive all the time," Alcaraz said.

Alcaraz grabbed the first break of the contest in the final game of a tight first set. From there he was in control. He broke Paul twice in the second set and again early in the third.

He finished it off with a gutsy hold of serve in which he saved a pair of break points, the second with a swinging forehand volley that he followed with a forehand winner to set up the only match point he needed.

"I'm really happy with the performance today," Alcaraz said.

Shelton, who needed four sets in each of his first three matches, raised his game to dismantle former world number three Tsitsipas in just one hour and 52 minutes. The American, riding high after a strong August that included a title at the ATP Montreal Masters, blasted a dozen aces and never faced a break point.

"I played a complete match from start to finish," said Shelton, who was looking forward to taking on Alcaraz.

"I think the level that he's been playing at is really, really impressive. To not play for five months then do what he's done so far this tournament has been super-human."

"I think it's going to be fireworks on Tuesday night," Shelton said.

Sabalenka kept her bid for a rare US Open three-peat on track with a 6-4, 6-3 victory over American Taylor Townsend.

The Belarusian, whose world number one ranking is on the line in New York, will face a tough quarter-final against sixth-ranked Czech Noskova, who edged dangerous Ukrainian Marta Kostyuk 7-5, 5-7, 6-4.

Sabalenka needed all of her resolve against the multi-faceted Townsend, whose blistering service returns and net prowess flummoxed the Belarusian star in a first set that opened with five breaks of serve.

But her sustained power and precision proved too much and after falling behind 3-1 in the second set she won the last five games to seal the match.

"I was just trying to stay focused on myself and play not only point by point but ball by ball. I'm happy that I was able to turn around that second set," Sabalenka said.

Noskova needed six match points to seal her victory over Kostyuk, failing to convert two in the second set.

"I am more than relieved. This match was so tough, emotionally more so than physically," Noskova said.

American Frances Tiafoe, the 11th seed who has twice reached the semi-finals in Flushing Meadows, booked his quarter-final berth with a 7-6 (7/1), 6-4, 7-6 (8/6) victory over former champion Daniil Medvedev.

"Hell of a match. I played well when it counted," Tiafoe said.

Tiafoe will face compatriot Alex Michelsen for a place in the semi-finals. Michelsen defeated Argentina's Tomas Martin Etcheverry 7-6 (8/6), 6-4, 6-4.

Women's third seed Jessica Pegula also advanced the US cause. Pegula, one of the players with a chance to supplant Sabalenka atop the rankings in New York, reached the last eight with a 6-3, 6-4 victory over Romanian Sorana Cirstea.

She will play fellow American Emma Navarro, who defeated Anna Kalinskaya 6-4, 6-2. — AFP

'True' says Leclerc as Hamilton laments 'hurt'

MONZA, Italy: Charles Leclerc admitted his opening-lap scrap with Ferrari team-mate Lewis Hamilton went 'too far' before crashing out of Sunday's Italian Grand Prix, leaving a vast scarlet-clad crowd disappointed.

The Monegasque driver clashed with Hamilton at the first chicane, where the Briton bounced into the gravel and dropped to 10th from fourth.

"Charles pushed me off," moaned Hamilton on team radio.

Leclerc then slammed into the barriers at Parabolica on lap two and out of the race. After the recent Dutch Grand Prix, Hamilton complained that that the team had not issued orders to Leclerc.

On Sunday the Briton was asked if the team should have made him the priority over Leclerc in the battle with the Mercedes-powered rivals atop standings.

"It's too far past that already, too late for that now and I lost a lot of points to those guys," said Hamilton. "We will do our best to keep pushing the rest of the season, but they are out and out ahead of us."

Leclerc said he suffered slight vision problems, but was more concerned at suggestions that the two Ferrari drivers appeared not to be working together as a team.

"I don't really know who is forcing the narrative, that we are one against the other. At Zandvoort, there were way too many talks already. Here, it's true though that we went too far, I think, with Lewis in Turn One," he said.

Hamilton came into the weekend hoping for a record sixth win to boost his slim hopes for an eighth title.

"That one hurts," he said. "That one definitely hurts. Thank you to everyone. To the tifosi, thank you for giving us your love, I'm sorry we couldn't give you the result you wanted."

"I gave it absolutely everything, we just didn't have the speed on the straights. I was just mostly a sitting duck to those guys around me and up ahead, but we will look internally and try and figure out what we could have done better."

Leclerc was checked over at the circuit medical centre after his crash and said he would require more checks before next weekend's first Spanish race at the new Madring circuit. — AFP

Van Aert celebrates winning the 15th stage of the Vuelta a Espana 2026 cycling tour. — AFP photo

Van Aert claims shortened Vuelta stage 15 win in high heat at Espana

CÓRDOBA, Spain: Wout van Aert won a sprint from a small breakaway group to claim stage 15 of the Vuelta a Espana on Sunday, which was shortened because of extreme heat conditions in the south of Spain.

General classification leader Enric Mas maintained his 2min 6sec lead on Felix Gall, with four-time Vuelta winner Primoz Roglic a further four seconds behind.

With temperatures crossing 40°C organisers cut the planned 189.7 kilometre ride from Palma del Rio to Cordoba by around 80km, and Visma-Lease a Bike's Belgian rider Van Aert claimed his second stage win of the race.

Van Aert pumped his fists after crossing the line ahead of Alessandro Romele and Thibau Nys, who went early but could not cope with his compatriot's power.

"We tried to surprise the bunch, we took control the whole day, and we were still there with a few strong, strong guys to help us," said Van Aert.

Visma's Matthew Brennan, who won three stages earlier in the race, was unhappy at having to ride in such high temperatures.

"We have 41°C average... when I was on the climb at the start it was 44°C, at that point you start thinking, 'what are we doing? It wouldn't surprise me if there is a few bodies going home in an ambulance tonight with heatstroke," said the Briton.

The modified route ran 110.2km through hilly territory and began at a fast pace with a flurry of attacks. A group of 11 riders formed a break but the peloton stayed close, keeping the gap at 45 seconds with 50km remaining.

Norwegian rider Andreas Leknessund went solo around 39km from the end, with Ramses Debruyne coming across to him, before Van Aert, Romele and Nys did the same. A chase group languished a minute behind. The peloton, containing the general classification contenders, finished two-and-a-half minutes behind Van Aert.

Riders have a rest day on Monday before Tuesday's 16th stage, running 181.1km from La Rabida to Palos de la Frontera, expected to be another chance for the sprinters. — AFP

Antonelli living 'a dream' after astonishing home win

Antonelli celebrates with his trophy on the podium after winning the Italian Formula One Grand Prix at the Autodromo Nazionale Monza circuit in Monza. — AFP photo

MONZA, Italy: Kimi Antonelli had every reason to pinch himself on Sunday after his spectacular triumph for Mercedes from 19th on the grid gave the Monza fans a first home winner of the Italian Grand Prix for 60 years.

As he battled his emotions, Antonelli, who only turned 20 two weeks ago, admitted on team radio that 'it feels like a dream.' His win was delivered from the most distant starting position since John Watson raced to victory for McLaren at the 1983 United States Grand Prix West in Long Beach from 22nd on the grid.

More pointedly, victory over teammate George Russell opens up a 66-point lead in the title race.

"It's a dream come true. What an incredible day. I couldn't do this without my team, my family and everyone who supports me," he said.

He resisted the temptation, however, to talk about becoming the first Italian world champion since Alberto Ascari in 1953.

"There's still a few races to go, so we will try to keep our heads down. But now, yes, we are going to enjoy today. I did not expect this. Unbelievable. Unbelievable. I am so happy. I could not have imagined to be here today, but we managed to pull it off and I am really, really happy."

Antonelli did have one scare in the race, four laps from the end when he was trying to overtake Russell and found himself in the gravel.

"It was quite scary because the tarmac was breaking up, but I still thought I could do the corner. I went straight. I was thinking like maybe I lost my chance, but luckily we had the pace and I could bring it home."

Starting Sunday's race from the back of the grid due to penalties after taking a new power unit, he said he had felt capable of winning after going from 19th to 12th in the opening laps. Then Charles Leclerc crashed his Ferrari to bring a red-flag stoppage and a re-start.

"After the second re-start, I was up there and I knew I could have had a shot for the win. So definitely I believed in it, especially when I was behind George," he said.

"But it was difficult to break away with it all being so strong. At the end we pitted, he stayed out and he struggled with his tyres at the end so with fresher tyres we could increase the pace and get the win."

His Mercedes team-mate Russell was left to rue the moment that his teammate pitted while he remained out on track.

"In hindsight, it's easy to say I should have pitted rather than stayed out," he said.

"I felt like I was holding my own at that point, but I think that's partly why the team wanted us to split strategies. I'm disappointed with missing out on the win but here we are."

Triumphant team boss Toto Wolff had nothing but praise for Antonelli, the first home winner at Monza since Ludovico Scarfiotti in 1966.

"It was unbelievable," he said. "He was so controlled all race. He kept his head down, took no risks at the start and then one by one he passed them. An amazing drive." — AFP

Mourinho's Euro revival bid starts with Inter reunion

MADRID: When Jose Mourinho left Inter Milan for Real Madrid in the summer of 2010, after leading the Italian outfit to Champions League glory, he was at the peak of his powers.

The Portuguese coach claimed an historic treble with Inter, clinching Serie A in the last week of the season and lifting the Coppa Italia.

Inter beat Bayern 2-0 in the Champions League final at Madrid's Santiago Bernabeu stadium, winning the trophy for the first time since 1965 and becoming the first Italian team to win the treble.

The day after the final Mourinho said it was likely his last match in charge and around a week later his appointment at Real Madrid was finalised.

Now 16 years on, and beginning his second stint at Madrid, Mourinho kicks off the record 15-time Champions League winners' European campaign against Inter on Tuesday at the Bernabeu. Neither the veteran coach nor Inter have been able to reproduce that level of European success since.

Inter have reached the final on two subsequent occasions, beaten in 2023 by Manchester City and then thrashed by Paris Saint-Germain in the 2025 showpiece.

Mourinho was unable to help Real Madrid past the semi-finals and after leaving the club in 2013 has mainly spent his time competing in lower levels of European competition.

The 63-year-old led Manchester United to the Europa League in 2017 and won the Conference League with Roma in 2022.

Fished out of the relative wilderness by Madrid president Florentino Perez this summer after two seasons without a major trophy for Los Blancos, Mourinho's main task is to return the club to their European throne.

Only five coaches have won the trophy more times than Mourinho, who also lifted it with Porto in 2004 to kickstart his career and earn him passage to Chelsea and Europe's biggest leagues.

"My attraction to Real Madrid is due to its history, its frustrations in recent years and its expectations to win," said Mourinho in 2010, although the same holds true now, after a remarkable period of success ended.

In his first reign Mourinho helped disrupt Pep Guardiola's Barcelona's dominance within Spain but was unable to help Madrid end their wait for a 10th European Cup. That came under his successor Carlo Ancelotti, who claimed three with Madrid over two spells at the club.

Zinedine Zidane also lifted the trophy three times in consecutive seasons, with Madrid winning six in a remarkable 10-year spell. Perez credits Mourinho with building the foundations for those trophies.

"I'm glad my work had some positive impact, but the titles belong to Carlo, Zidane, the players, and the fans," said Mourinho.

Madrid's grip on the trophy has loosened during the past two years, knocked out in the quarter-finals by Arsenal in 2025 and last season they were eliminated by Bayern Munich in the last 16. — AFP

MALAYSIA
IN THE HIGH COURT
OF SABAH AND SARAWAK AT SANDAKAN
PETITION NO. SDK-31NCvC-44-7/2026

IN THE ESTATE OF LEE GING LIANG
(NRIC NO. 560324-12-5076/H0214826), DECEASED

PUBLIC NOTICE

All persons having claims against the Estate of the abovenamed LEE GING LIANG (NRIC NO. 560324-12-5076/H0214826), Deceased who died intestate at Lot 307, Lorong 7, Taman Fajar, Batu 7, Jalan Airport, 90000 Sandakan, Sabah on the 6th day of December 2014 are required to submit their claims in writing to the undersigned within three (3) months from the date of this notice, after which the Estate will be distributed among the persons entitled thereto subject only to claims received within the said period.

Dated this 8th day of September 2026

PANIM @ PATRICK BIN SIAP
Administrator
c/o Messrs Tsang & Co.
Advocates & Solicitors
Lot 7, Ground Floor, Block A
Bandar Melrose, Mile 3.5, North Road
90000 Sandakan, Sabah
Tel: 089-224186 / 017-6836186

MALAYSIA
DALAM MAHKAMAH TINGGI
SABAH DAN SARAWAK DI SANDAKAN
PETISYEN NO. SDK-31NCvC-44-7/2026

DI PUSAKA LEE GING LIANG
(KAD PENGENALAN NO. 560324-12-5076/H0214826),
SI MATI

IKLAN

Sesiapa yang mempunyai tuntutan terhadap harta pusaka di atas nama LEE GING LIANG (KAD PENGENALAN NO. 560324-12-5076/H0214826), Si Mati yang telah meninggal dunia di Lot 307, Lorong 7, Taman Fajar, Batu 7, Jalan Airport, 90000 Sandakan, Sabah pada 6 haribulan Disember 2014 dikehendaki mengemukakan tuntutan mereka secara bertulis kepada Tetuan Tsang & Co. dalam masa tiga (3) bulan dari tarikh notis ini, selepas itu harta pusaka Si Mati akan diagihkan di antara orang-orang yang berhak kepadanya tertakluk hanya kepada tuntutan yang diterima dalam tempoh tersebut.

Bertarikh pada 8 haribulan September 2026

PANIM @ PATRICK BIN SIAP
Pentadbir
d/a Tetuan Tsang & Co.
Peguambela & Peguamcara
Lot 7, Ground Floor, Block A
Bandar Melrose, Mile 3.5, North Road
90000 Sandakan, Sabah
Tel: 089-224186 / 017-6836186

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MALAYSIA
IN THE HIGH COURT IN SABAH AND SARAWAK
AT SANDAKAN
IN THE BANKRUPTCY PETITION NO.
SDK-29NCC-28-2/2026 (HC)
BANKRUPTCY NOTICE NO. SDK-29NCC-28-2/2026 (HC)

[SUIT NO. SDK-A52M-56-8/2024 (SC)]

RE : MOHAMAD AMZANIE BIN AMRAN
[NRIC NO.: 861228-49-5797]
... JUDGMENT DEBTOR

EX-PARTE : SABAH CREDIT CORPORATION
... JUDGMENT CREDITOR

SUBSTITUTED SERVICE OF
THE BANKRUPTCY PETITION NOTICE IN NEWSPAPERS

In the matter of a Bankruptcy Petition filed the 25th June, 2026.

To : **MOHAMAD AMZANIE BIN AMRAN**
No 13 Peringkat 1, Rancangan Sungai Manila, Batu 12, Jalan Labuk, 90000 Sandakan, Sabah.

TAKE NOTICE that a Bankruptcy Petition has been presented against you in this Court by Sabah Credit Corporation of Wisma Perbadanan Pinjaman Sabah, Donggongon New Township, Penampang, P.O. Box 10451, 88805 Kota Kinabalu, Sabah and the Court has ordered that the said Petition be served on you by posting the Creditor's Petition and Order for Substituted Service by Registered Post to your last known address at No 13 Peringkat 1, Rancangan Sungai Manila, Batu 12, Jalan Labuk, 90000 Sandakan, Sabah, by affixing the Creditor's Petition and the Order for Substituted Service on the Notice Board of the High Court in Sandakan and by publication of this petition in English language in one issue of the Borneo Post newspaper in English language or in any English newspaper in Sabah and that such publication shall be deemed good and sufficient service of the said Petition upon you; AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the said Petition will be heard at this Court on the **14th September, 2026** at **High Court 1 Sandakan** on which day you are required to appear, and if you do not appear the Court may make a Bankruptcy Order against you in your absence.

The Bankruptcy Petition can be inspected by you on application to the Court.

Dated this 11th August 2026

-signed-

Senior Assistant Registrar
High Court of Sabah and Sarawak
At Sandakan

This **SUBSTITUTED SERVICE OF THE BANKRUPTCY PETITION NOTICE IN NEWSPAPERS** is filed by **MESSRS ZAINAL & ASSOCIATES**, Advocates for the Judgment Creditor whose address for service is at Lot 57/58, 1st Floor, Block W, One Avenue 3, Bandar Utama, Batu 6, Jalan Utara, 90000 Sandakan, Sabah.
Tel: 089-861 790 Fax: 089-747 549
Ref. No.: ZA/L/SCC/AMZANIE/23-05/EMJ

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KENYATAAN SEBUTHARGA
JABATAN TANAH DAN UKUR SABAH

KENYATAAN SEBUTHARGA NO : JTU 65/2026 (RECALL)

Sebutharga adalah dipelawa daripada pembekal-pembekal tempatan yang berdaftar dengan Pusat Pendaftaran Kontraktor Kerja, Bekalan dan Perkhidmatan Negeri Sabah (PUKONSA) dengan kod yang berkenaan bagi sebutharga berikut:-

No Sebutharga	Tajuk Sebutharga	Kod Bidang	Tempoh Penyiapan
JTU 65/2026 (RECALL)	PROCUREMENT OF NAS STORAGE, DATA MIGRATION AND APPLICATION DEPLOYMENT FOR JABATAN TANAH DAN UKUR	210100 – 210106	15 Minggu

1. Borang sebut harga, syarat-syarat dan spesifikasi akan dijual secara online melalui **e-Commerce** JTU di www.jtu.sabah.gov.my (Gateway to JTU e-Service) mulai tarikh **08 Sept 2026** sehingga **14 Sept 2026** secara online sahaja. Borang sebut harga tidak akan dijual selepas tempoh dinyatakan.

2. Pembekal yang ingin menyertai sebut harga di atas adalah dikehendaki menyediakan resit cetakan **FPX/ Sabah Pay** bernilai **RM 20.00** sebagai bukti bayaran borang sebut harga.

3. Pembelian borang sebut harga secara online adalah hanya kepada pembekal. Untuk maksud ini, pihak pembekal hendaklah mendaftar ke Sistem **e-Commerce** (sekali sahaja) serta memasukkan kod bidang bekalan/perkhidmatan Pukonsa dan tarikh tempoh sah sijil pendaftaran Pukonsa di dalam Sistem **e-Commerce**. Salinan sijil pendaftaran asal Pusat Pendaftaran Kontraktor Kerja, Bekalan dan Perkhidmatan Negeri Sabah (PUKONSA) hendaklah dimasukkan ke dalam sistem (format pdf).

4. Borang sebut harga yang telah lengkap diisi hendaklah dimasukkan ke dalam sampul surat yang berlakri (sealed envelope) dan ditulis pada ruangan di atas dengan butiran seperti berikut:-

No Sebutharga	Tajuk Sebutharga	Tempoh Penyiapan
JTU 65/2026(RECALL)	PROCUREMENT OF NAS STORAGE, DATA MIGRATION AND APPLICATION DEPLOYMENT FOR JABATAN TANAH DAN UKUR	15 Minggu

SETIAUSAHA
JAWATANKUASA SEBUT HARGA
JABATAN TANAH DAN UKUR
KOTA KINABALU

5. Borang sebut harga hendaklah dihantar dan dimasukkan terus ke dalam peti sebut harga (quotation box) di Tingkat Bawah, Wisma Tanah dan Ukur, Kota Kinabalu **sebelum jam 10.00 pagi** pada **15 Sept 2026.**

6. Borang sebut harga yang lewat diterima pada waktu yang ditetapkan di atas akan ditolak.

7. Kerajaan tidak terikat untuk tawaran terendah atau mana-mana tawaran.

PENGARAH
JABATAN TANAH DAN UKUR
WISMA TANAH DAN UKUR
JALAN PERWIRA,
88200 KOTA KINABALU

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MALAYSIA
IN THE HIGH COURT IN SABAH AND SARAWAK
AT KOTA KINABALU
IN BANKRUPTCY NOTICE NO: BKI-29NCC-720-12/2025
[SUMMONS NO: BKI-A52M-215/9-2016 (SC4)]

RE: KAMARUL HARITH B. ABU HURAIRAH
(NRIC NO. 881111-05-5649) ... a Judgment Debtor

EX-PARTE: BANK ISLAM MALAYSIA BERHAD [98127-X]
... a Judgment Creditor

NOTICE FOR SUBSTITUTED SERVICE OF CREDITOR'S PETITION
In the matter of a Creditor's Petition presented on the 08th April 2026

To: **KAMARUL HARITH B. ABU HURAIRAH**
Markas 5 BGD Kem Lok Kawi,
Kota Kinabalu,
88200 Kota Kinabalu, Sabah.
And/Or
KAMARUL HARITH B. ABU HURAIRAH
No 4406,
Taman Bunga Kertas 2,
Jalan Pantai,
71050 Port Dickson,
Negeri Sembilan.
And/Or
KAMARUL HARITH B. ABU HURAIRAH
Markas Tentera Darat,
Cawangan Sumber Manusia,
Kementah Jalan Padang Tembak,
50634 Kuala Lumpur, Wilayah Persekutuan.

TAKE NOTICE that a Creditor's Petition has been presented against you in this Court by **BANK ISLAM MALAYSIA BERHAD (98127-X)** of 32nd Floor, Menara Bank Islam, No. 22, Jalan Perak, 50450 Kuala Lumpur and the Court has ordered that the Creditor's Petition be served on you by publication of notice of the Creditors Petition in the English language in one issue of the Borneo Post newspaper and that such service shall be deemed to be good and sufficient service of the Creditor's Petition on you.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the Creditor's Petition will be heard at this Court on **Tuesday, 15th September 2026** at **9.00 a.m.** on which day you are required to appear, and if you do not appear the Court may make a Bankruptcy Order against you in your absence.

The Creditor's Petition can be inspected by you on application at this Court

Dated this 14nd day of May, 2026.

BY ORDER OF COURT
DEPUTY/SENIOR ASSISTANT REGISTRAR
HIGH COURT IN SABAH AND SARAWAK
AT KOTA KINABALU

This Notice is inserted by Messrs. Jumahad Julkarnain & Ahmadshah, Solicitors for the abovenamed Judgment Creditor whose address for service is at Suite B-04-01, Lot 1, 4th Floor, Block B1, Warisan Square, 88000 Kota Kinabalu, Sabah. 287450(KK)KKG

MALAYSIA
IN THE HIGH COURT
AT SANDAKAN, SABAH

Petition No. SDK-32NCvC-46-7/2026 (HC)

In the estate of CHAU GUAN LEE
(I/C No. 231018-71-5425 / H0011467),
Deceased

PUBLIC NOTICE

All persons having claims against the Estate of the abovenamed Deceased died testate at Sandakan, Sabah on the 23rd day of May 2024 are required to submit their claims in writing to the undersigned within three (3) months from the date of this notice, after which the Estate will be distributed among the persons entitled thereto subject only to claims received within the said period.

Dated the 7th day of September 2026

CHUA SIEW PEO
Executrix & Trustee
C/o M/s Peter Lo & Co
Advocates & Solicitors
2nd Floor, Wisma Central
Jalan Pelabuhan Lama
Sandakan Town Centre
Sandakan, Sabah

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MALAYSIA
IN THE HIGH COURT IN SABAH AND SARAWAK
AT KOTA KINABALU
PETITION NO. BKI-32NCvC-180-8/2026

IN THE ESTATE OF TAN KOK CHOR,
DECEASED

PUBLIC NOTICE

ALL PERSONS having claims against the Estate of the above-named Deceased who died testate on 4th August 2026 are hereby requested to submit their claims in writing to the Executor of the said Estate not later than three (3) months from the date of the publication of this Notice, after which the assets comprised in the said Estate will be distributed among the beneficiaries entitled thereto subject only to just claims received within the said period.

Dated this 8th day of September 2026.

Messrs Lai & U
Advocates & Solicitors
23-2, 2nd Floor, Lorong Lintas Plaza 2, Lintas Plaza,
88300 Kota Kinabalu, Sabah
(Advocates for, Allister Brendan Tan Yu Kuan , the Executor of the above-named Estate)
(LAI/LIT/589-WL/DL) 287653(KK)KKG

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NEGERI SABAH, MALAYSIA
DALAM MAHKAMAH
RENDAH SYARIAH
DI KOTA KINABALU

PERMOHONAN NO:
2511-L0112-162-0851
2512-L0112-481-0931 (I)

ANTARA
PUTRI SHAFIKA BINTI MOHD SAAD PLANTIF
DAN
MOHAMAD SYAWAL BIN KAMSANI DEFENDAN

PENYAMPAIAN GANTI MENURUT PERINTAH MAHKAMAH

Kepada: **MOHAMAD SYAWAL BIN KAMSANI**
No KP / Passport:
010109-12-0073
Alamat Terakhir: **KAMPUNG SUANGSUKA INDARASON 89057 KUDAT SABAH**

SILA AMBIL PERHATIAN bahawa suatu tindakan telah dimulakan terhadap kamu di Mahkamah ini oleh Pemohon yang mana menuntut :

01. TUNTUTAN FASAKH

Dan bahawa telah diperintahkan penyampaian Saman/Notis kepada kamu dilaksanakan melalui **Iklan Akhbar Tempatan**.

Jika kamu ingin membela tindakan tersebut, kamu mestilah hadir sendiri atau diwakili oleh Peguam Syari'e di Mahkamah ini pada **03** haribulan **02** tahun **2026** jam **09.00 pagi**. Jika kamu engkar hadir sedemikian, penghakiman boleh diberikan terhadap kamu.

Pada **19** Haribulan **01** tahun **2026**

Penolong Pendaftar
Mahkamah
Rendah Syariah
Kota Kinabalu

Difailkan oleh **PUTRI SHAFIKA BINTI MOHD SAAD** yang alamat penyampaian baginya adalah di **KG. TEBOBON JALAN TUARAN MENGGATAL 88450 KOTA KINABALU SABAH.**

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NEGERI SABAH, MALAYSIA
DALAM MAHKAMAH
RENDAH SYARIAH
NEGERI SABAH
DI KENINGAU

PERMOHONAN NO:
2608-L0612-311-0451

DALAM PERKARA Harta Pusaka Simati:
ASRI HJ. MOHD KAMIL @ ASRI UTOH
No. KP/Surat Mati:
750515-12-6271 / SB 250568

Kepada:
Ahli waris dan sesiapa berkenaan

NOTIS PENYAMPAIAN GANTI

AMBIL PERHATIAN bahawa **NUR HIDAYAH BINTI ASRI** akan memohon ke Mahkamah Rendah Syariah Keningau pada **22 SEPTEMBER** tahun **2026** jam **09:00 pagi,** untuk pembahagian harta pusaka simati yang berikut:-

a) PRINCIPLE NO. AKAUN: PA2674430-001
i) PRINCIPLE DALI ASIA BERJUMLAH RM26,164.35
ii) PRINCIPLE DALI EQUITY FUND BERJUMLAH RM23,304.30
iii) PRINCIPLE ISLAMIC ASIA PACIFIC EQUITY FUND BERJUMLAH RM53,196.45

Sesiapa berhajat menentang permohonan hendaklah *memfailkan notis bantahan* dan *afidavit bantahan* di Mahkamah ini dan menyampaikan salinan kepada pemohon sebelum tarikh tersebut, atau hadir di Mahkamah pada tarikh itu.

Pendaftar
Mahkamah Rendah Syariah
KENINGAU

Notis difailkan oleh **NUR HIDAYAH BINTI ASRI,** Alamat penyampaian **KG. BAYANGAN, 89000 KENINGAU.**

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IN THE HIGH COURT IN SABAH & SARAWAK
AT TAWAU
PETITION NO. TWU-32NCvC-38-6/2025 (HC)

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
MARY CHONG SOON YIN @ CHONG KUI YIN, DECEASED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the estate of **MARY CHONG SOON YIN @ CHONG KUI YIN**, deceased, who died testate at TAWAU on the 21st day of February 2025 are required to submit their claims in writing to the undersigned within three months from the date of this notice after which the said estate will be distributed to the person or persons entitled thereto subject only to claims received by that date.

Dated this: 8th day of September 2026

MESSRS. CHONG & PANG
ADVOCATES & SOLICITORS
198, JALAN BAKAU,
P O BOX 652, 91008 TAWAU
ADVOCATES FOR THE EXECUTOR,
WOO TECK LIP

斗湖高等法庭

遺產管理申請2025年第TWU-32NCvC-38-6/2025 (HC)
任何人如對2025年2月21日在TAWAU逝世而有立遺囑之MARY CHONG SOON YIN @ CHONG KUI YIN的遺產有要求者須在本通知發出三個月內用書面寫明理由繳交本律師行，屆時將根據收到之文件將遺產分配給合法權益人。
日期：2026年9月8日

斗湖張彭大律師行
198, JALAN BAKAU,
P O BOX 652, 91008 TAWAU
EXECUTOR : WOO TECK LIP

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IN THE HIGH COURT IN SABAH & SARAWAK
AT TAWAU
PETITION NO. TWU-32NCvC-52-7/2026 (HC)

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
CHIENG HUNG KUO, DECEASED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the estate of **CHIENG HUNG KUO**, deceased, who died testate at TAWAU on the 23rd day of April 2026 are required to submit their claims in writing to the undersigned within three months from the date of this notice after which the said estate will be distributed to the person or persons entitled thereto subject only to claims received by that date.

Dated this: 8th day of September 2026

MESSRS. CHONG & PANG
ADVOCATES & SOLICITORS
198, JALAN BAKAU,
P O BOX 652, 91008 TAWAU
ADVOCATES FOR THE EXECUTOR,
LIAW KUEN PIN @ LIAU KUN PING

斗湖高等法庭

遺產管理申請2026年第TWU-32NCvC-52-7/2026 (HC)
任何人如對2026年04月23日在TAWAU逝世而有立遺囑之 CHIENG HUNG KUO 的遺產有要求者須在本通知發出三個月內用書面寫明理由繳交本律師行，屆時將根據收到之文件將遺產分配給合法權益人。
日期：2026年9月8日

斗湖張彭大律師行
198, JALAN BAKAU,
P O BOX 652, 91008 TAWAU
EXECUTOR : LIAW KUEN PIN @ LIAU KUN PING

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DALAM MAHKAMAH TINGGI
SABAH DAN SARAWAK
DI KOTA KINABALU
DALAM PERKARA
KEBANKRAPAN NO BKI-29NCC-530-9/2025

Ber: ROBIN NICHOLAS YONG TSIN YIT
850731-12-5431
Hse No 86 Taman Antarabangsa
Lorong Kelengkeng 7
Batu 3 Jalan Tuaran
88300 Kota Kinabalu, Sabah.

Kampung kobusak Penampang
P.O.Box 30019,
Beverly Post office
88700 beverly, Sabah.

Exparte: SMALL MEDIUM ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT BANK MALAYSIA BERHAD.

NOTIS MENGENAI PERINTAH KEBANKRAPAN

Notis adalah dengan ini diberi bahawa, atas permohonan pihak yang difailkan pada 28.01.2026 suatu perintah kebankrapan terhadap ROBIN NICHOLAS YONG TSIN YIT (No.KP:850731-12-5431) HSE NO 86 TAMAN ANTARABANGSA LORONG KELENGKENG 7 BATU 3 JALAN TUARAN 88300 KOTA KINABALU,SABAH dan/atau telah dibuat oleh Mahkamah Tinggi Kota Kinabalu pada 09.06.2026.

Bertarikh pada : 07.09.2026

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(STEPHANIE SHERRON ABBIE)
Pengarah Insolvensi Negeri
Jabatan Insolvensi Negeri Sabah
b.p Ketua Pengarah Insolvensi

No. Insolvensi : BP000923/2026
Ruj. : BKI-BP-196-07/2026faz

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DALAM MAHKAMAH TINGGI
SABAH DAN SARAWAK
DI KOTA KINABALU
DALAM PERKARA
KEBANKRAPAN NO BKI-29NCC-228-4/2025

Ber: EVINA ENGKUAN EYONG
840114-12-5146
Kampung Babah
89507 Penampang, Sabah.

Block E,Lot 60B,
1st Floor Regency Park,
Phase 1, Jalan Sahabat,
88300 Penampang, Sabah.

House No. T-13-A,
Jalan Kibabaig Penampang,
Kota Kinabalu, 89500 Penampang, Sabah.

Exparte: AMBANK ISLAMIC BERHAD.

NOTIS MENGENAI PERINTAH KEBANKRAPAN

Notis adalah dengan ini diberi bahawa, atas permohonan pihak yang difailkan pada 20.01.2026 suatu perintah kebankrapan terhadap EVINA ENGKUAN EYONG (No.KP:840114-12-5146) KAMPUNG BABAH 89507 PENAMPANG,SABAH dan/atau BLOCK E,LOT 60B,1ST FLOOR REGENCY PARK,PHASE 1,JALAN SAHABAT 88300 PENAMPANG, SABAH telah dibuat oleh Mahkamah Tinggi Kota Kinabalu pada 30.04.2026.

Bertarikh pada : 07.09.2026

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(STEPHANIE SHERRON ABBIE)
Pengarah Insolvensi Negeri
Jabatan Insolvensi Negeri Sabah
b.p Ketua Pengarah Insolvensi

No. Insolvensi : BP000631/2026
Ruj. : BKI-BP-190-07/2026faz

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DALAM MAHKAMAH TINGGI
SABAH DAN SARAWAK
DI KOTA KINABALU
DALAM PERKARA
KEBANKRAPAN NO BKI-29NCC-118-2/2026

Ber: FAUZAN BINTI IBRAHIM
920620-12-6360

Kg Kulambai Jalan Kuala Abai
89157 Kota Belud Sabah

Exparte: MALAYAN BANKING BERHAD.

NOTIS MENGENAI PERINTAH KEBANKRAPAN

Notis adalah dengan ini diberi bahawa, atas permohonan pihak yang difailkan pada 02.04.2026 suatu perintah kebankrapan terhadap FAUZAN BINTI IBRAHIM (No.KP:920620-12-6360) Kg Kulambai Jalan Kuala Abai 89157 Kota Belud Sabah dan/atau telah dibuat oleh Mahkamah Tinggi Kota Kinabalu pada 12.05.2026.

Bertarikh pada : 07.09.2026

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(STEPHANIE SHERRON ABBIE)
Pengarah Insolvensi Negeri
Jabatan Insolvensi Negeri Sabah
b.p Ketua Pengarah Insolvensi

No. Insolvensi : BP003012/2026
Ruj. : BKI-BP-182-06/2026faz

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DALAM MAHKAMAH TINGGI
SABAH DAN SARAWAK
DI KOTA KINABALU
DALAM PERKARA
KEBANKRAPAN NO BKI-29NCC-698-11/2025

Ber: JAMDIN BIN PERIN
741002-12-5965

c/o Majlis Daerah Tuaran
Peti Surat 580
89208 Tuaran, Sabah

Exparte : PUBLIC ISLAMIC BANK BERHAD.

NOTIS MENGENAI PERINTAH KEBANKRAPAN

Notis adalah dengan ini diberi bahawa, atas permohonan pihak yang difailkan pada 16.03.2026 suatu perintah kebankrapan terhadap JAMDIN BIN PERIN (No.KP:741002-12-5965) c/o Majlis Daerah Tuaran Peti Surat 580 89208 Tuaran, Sabah dan/atau telah dibuat oleh Mahkamah Tinggi Kota Kinabalu pada 13.05.2026.

Bertarikh pada : 07.09.2026

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(STEPHANIE SHERRON ABBIE)
Pengarah Insolvensi Negeri
Jabatan Insolvensi Negeri Sabah
b.p Ketua Pengarah Insolvensi

No. Insolvensi : BP002526/2026
Ruj. : BKI-BP-184-06/2026faz

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DALAM MAHKAMAH TINGGI
SABAH DAN SARAWAK
DI KOTA KINABALU
DALAM PERKARA
KEBANKRAPAN NO BKI-29NCC-92-2/2026

Ber : MOHD FAIZAL BIN ABDUL KAHAR
840423-12-6011

Kampung Kawang
89600 Papar, Sabah.

Kopetro Catering S/B, Lot 7,
Ground Floor Cyber Perdana
Comm Ctr, 88200 Kota Kinabalu,
Sabah

Exparte : HONG LEONG ISLAMIC BANK BERHAD.

NOTIS MENGENAI PERINTAH KEBANKRAPAN

Notis adalah dengan ini diberi bahawa, atas permohonan pihak yang difailkan pada 16.04.2026 suatu perintah kebankrapan terhadap MOHD FAIZAL BIN ABDUL KAHAR (No.KP:840423-12-6011) KAMPUNG KAWANG 89600 PAPAR SABAH dan/atau KOPETRO Catering S/B, Lot 7, Ground Floor Cyber Perdana Comm Ctr, 88200 Kota Kinabalu, Sabah telah dibuat oleh Mahkamah Tinggi Kota Kinabalu pada 09.06.2026.

Bertarikh pada : 07.09.2026

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(STEPHANIE SHERRON ABBIE)
Pengarah Insolvensi Negeri
Jabatan Insolvensi Negeri Sabah
b.p Ketua Pengarah Insolvensi

No. Insolvensi : BP003516/2026
Ruj. : BKI-BP-198-07/2026faz

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MALAYSIA
DALAM MAHKAMAH TINGGI
SABAH DAN SARAWAK
DI SANDAKAN
DALAM PERKARA
KEBANKRAPAN NO. SDK-29NCC-35-3/2026

BER : JAMILUDIN BIN AGING
(NO. K/P. : 760717-12-5583)
EX-PARTE : SABAH CREDIT CORPORATION

NOTIS MENGENAI PERINTAH KEBANKRAPAN

Notis adalah dengan ini diberikan bahawa, atas petisyen yang difailkan pada 20/08/2026 suatu Perintah Kebankrapan terhadap JAMILUDIN BIN AGING, No. K/P: 760717-12-5583, Kampung Kasih Sayang, 90200 Kota Kinabatangan, Sabah telah dibuat oleh Mahkamah Tinggi Sandakan pada 20/08/2026.

Bertarikh pada 7 September 2026

ANGELINA EVITA MOIGOL
Ketua Cawangan
Jabatan Insolvensi Malaysia
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Rujukan : BP006501/2026/
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MALAYSIA
IN THE HIGH COURT OF
SABAH AND SARAWAK
AT SANDAKAN
IN BANKRUPTCY MATTER
NO. SDK-29NCC-35-3/2026

RE : JAMILUDIN BIN AGING
(NRIC NO. : 760717-12-5583)
EX-PARTE : SABAH CREDIT CORPORATION

NOTICE OF BANKRUPTCY ORDER

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Dated this 7 September 2026

ANGELINA EVITA MOIGOL
Head Branch
Malaysia Department Of
Insolvency
Sandakan Branch
p.p. Director General Of
Insolvency
Reference: BP006501/2026/
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MALAYSIA
DALAM MAHKAMAH TINGGI
SABAH DAN SARAWAK
DI SANDAKAN
DALAM PERKARA
KEBANKRAPAN NO. SDK-29NCC-127-10/2025

BER : JURIANI BT HUSSIN
(NO. K/P. : 770316-12-5020)
EX-PARTE : SABAH CREDIT CORPORATION

NOTIS MENGENAI PERINTAH KEBANKRAPAN

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Bertarikh pada 7 September 2026

ANGELINA EVITA MOIGOL
Ketua Cawangan
Jabatan Insolvensi Malaysia
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MALAYSIA
DALAM MAHKAMAH TINGGI
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KEBANKRAPAN NO. SDK-29NCC-11/2-2026

BER : ROSDIN BIN MADIN
(NO. K/P. : 730214-12-5787)
EX-PARTE : RHB BANK BERHAD

NOTIS MENGENAI PERINTAH KEBANKRAPAN

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MALAYSIA
IN THE HIGH COURT IN SABAH AND SARAWAK AT KOTA KINABALU
IN BANKRUPTCY MATTERS NO. BKI-29NCC-596-10/2025 (HC1)
IN BANKRUPTCY PETITION NO. BKI-29NCC-596-10/2025 (HC1)

RE: RIDZUANSHAH BIN BAHDISHAH
(NRIC NO.: 930108-12-6299)
... JUDGMENT DEBTOR

Ex-Parte : BANK ISLAM MALAYSIA BERHAD
(Company No.: 98127-X)
... JUDGMENT CREDITOR

SUBSTITUTED SERVICE OF CREDITOR'S PETITION

To : RIDZUANSHAH BIN BAHDISHAH
1) Kampung Air Ganang, Jalan Putatan, Batu 5.5, 88100 Kota Kinabalu, Sabah
2) Lot AC 1160, Blok 179 Taman Indah Jaya 90000 Sandakan, Sabah.

TAKE NOTICE that a Creditor's Petition has been issued against you in this Court by BANK ISLAM MALAYSIA BERHAD of Level 14, Menara Bank Islam, No. 22, Jalan Perak, 50450 Kuala Lumpur and the Court has ordered that the said Creditor's Petition be served on you by publishing this notice in the newspaper THE BORNEO POST and that such publication shall be deemed good and sufficient service of the Creditor's Petition against you.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the said Creditor's Petition will be heard at this Court on the **29th September, 2026 at 9.00 a.m./ o'clock** in the morning, on which day you are required to appear, and if you do not appear the Court may make a Bankruptcy Order against you in your absence.

The Creditor's Petition can be inspected by you on application to this Court.

Dated this 27TH August, 2026

BY ORDER OF COURT
NUR FADRINA BINTI ZULKHAIRI
DEPUTY REGISTRAR
HIGH COURT IN SABAH AND SARAWAK
AT KOTA KINABALU
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This Notice is inserted by **Messrs JOHARI, ZELIKA & AMIN,** Advocates for the Judgment Creditor, whose address for service is at TB286, 2nd Floor, Block 30, Complex Fajar, Jalan Haji Karim, 91000 Tawau, Sabah, Malaysia.

JABATAN PERKHIDMATAN AWAM NEGERI
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Tawaran adalah dipelawa daripada kontraktor yang berdaftar dengan PUKONSA dalam Kepala dan Sub- kepala yang berkaitan dan masih dibenarkan membuat tawaran bagi kerja-kerja berikut:

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JPAN 6/2026	Establishing Feasibility Framework on Digital Government Ecosystem on Data for Chief Minister's Department	210100 – 06	Terbuka	24 Minggu
JPAN 7/2026	Renewal of Support and Maintenance Services for the Fortigate Firewall of the Digital Government Division, Sabah State Public Service Department	210100 – 06	Terbuka	20 Minggu

Dokumen sebutharga boleh diperolehi melalui laman portal https://portal.digitalsabah.gov.my/ mulai 1 September 2026 sehingga 9 September 2026 pada waktu pejabat dengan bayaran dokumen sebanyak RM 20.00. Bayaran ini tidak akan dikembalikan. Dokumen sebutharga tidak akan dijual selepas tempoh dinyatakan.

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SIASATAN TANAH PPHT (TONGOD)
NO. 18 TAHUN 2026

SCHEDULE XXIV
(Section 120, Land Ordinance (Sabah, Cap. 68)

NOTICE OF LOSS OF DOCUMENT OF TITLE

Application having been made to the Collector at **Tongod** by **TINAH BINTI DIROK** for a certified copy of NT No. **253068272** in the district of **Tongod** on the ground that **TINAH BINTI DIROK** is the registered owner thereof and that the issue document of title has been lost/destroyed:

In accordance with the provisions of section 120 of the Land Ordinance, notice is hereby given that, unless within **1** months of the date of publication of this notice good cause be shown to the Collector of Land Revenue for refusing this application, the certified copy applied for will, subject to the provisions of the said section, be issued.

Dated at **Tongod** this **11/08/2026**.

Kefley Tekin
Asst. Collector of Land Revenue
TONGOD
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR VOLUNTARY WINDING UP OF LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP

(Section 50(4)(a) of the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2012)

Notice is hereby given that Prosper Track PLT, 202204001813 will be making an application to the Registrar of Limited Liability Partnerships for a declaration of dissolution pursuant to section 50(2) of the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2012 within seven (7) days after the publication of this notice. Any partner or creditor of the LLP desiring to object to the application may do so in writing to the Companies Commission of Malaysia within thirty (30) days from the date of this notice.
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MALAYSIA
IN THE HIGH COURT OF SABAH AND SARAWAK AT TAWAU
APPLICATION FOR EXECUTION NO. TWU-38-2-12/2025 (HC)

BETWEEN

PUBLIC BANK BERHAD ...JUDGMENT CREDITOR
[COMPANY NO. 196501000672 (6463-H)]

AND

MEE HUA CORPORATION SDN. BHD. ...JUDGMENT DEBTOR
[COMPANY NO. 199601022860 (395212-V)]

PROCLAMATION OF SALE

IN PURSUANT to an Order by the High Court in Sabah and Sarawak at Tawau made on the application of the Judgment Creditor and obtained on the **23rd day of February 2026, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undermentioned Property will be sold by public auction on the **28th day of September 2026, at 9.00 a.m.** at the **High Court** at **Tawau.**

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY REFERRED TO:-

Title No.	:	Subsidiary Title not yet issued. Presently held under Master Title No. CL105529897
Lot Area	:	56.2 square metres (605 square feet) more or less
Building	:	Second floor of a 4-storey walk-up apartment
Term	:	Assumed 99 years upon issuance of Subsidiary Title
Location	:	Lot No. F2(C), TB655, Off Jalan James Power, Mile 3, Jalan Kuhara, 91000 Tawau, Sabah
Registered Owner	:	Mee Hua Corporation Sdn. Bhd.
Encumbrances	:	The property is charged to Public Bank Berhad
Reserve Price	:	RM182,250.00

All interested bidders are required to register with the Auctioneer appointed by the Judgment Creditor who shall submit the following:

(1). An amount equivalent to 10% of the reserved price.

(2). Board of Directors' Resolution and written Authorisation where the bidder is a Company bidding through an authorised person.

(3). Written authorisation where the bidder is acting as a proxy.

A deposit of 10% of the Reserve Price to be paid by **CASHIER'S ORDER** or by **BANK DRAFT** to **AKAUNTAN NEGARA MALAYSIA,** immediately after the fall of the hammer and the balance of the purchase price shall be paid **WITHIN NINETY (90)** days from the date of auction. Failure to pay the balance within the stipulated period will result in **FORFEITURE** of the deposit, unless otherwise extended by the Court.

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1. **Messrs Shim, Pang & Co.,**
Advocates & Solicitors,
2nd Floor, TB265, Block 27,
Fajar Complex, Jalan Mahkamah,
P. O. Box 60193, 91011 Tawau, Sabah.
Tel: 089-771000
[Ref: PPP/III/P-29(187)/cc]

2. **LMK Auction House**
Licensed Auctioneer
TB1335, Taman Yun Hwa, Mile 1½,
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H/P: 019-8537070 & 016-7022886

3. **Court Sheriff**
High Court at Tawau, Sabah
Tel: 089-772413, 098-778254

This Proclamation of Sale is prepared and approved by the High Court at Tawau, in the State of Sabah.
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF SABAH AND SARAWAK
AT KOTA KINABALU
IN THE STATE OF SABAH, MALAYSIA
BANKRUPTCY MATTER NO. BKI-29NCC-257-4/2026 (HC2)

RE : SHAHRUL NADIA BINTI HALID @ KHALID
(NRIC NO. 761013-10-5140),
A JUDGMENT DEBTOR

EX-PARTE : BANK ISLAM MALAYSIA BERHAD
(COMPANY NO. 198301002944(98127-X)),
A JUDGMENT CREDITOR

SUBSTITUTED SERVICE OF CREDITOR'S PETITION

In the matter of Creditor's Petition dated on 10th day of August 2026 and an Order granted by this Honourable Court on 28th day of August, 2026.

To: **SHAHRUL NADIA BINTI HALID @ KHALID**
G-3-1, Universiti Utama Condominium, Fasa 1,
Lorong Kayu Madang Telipok, 88450 Kota Kinabalu, Sabah.

AND/OR

SHAHRUL NADIA BINTI HALID @ KHALID
No. 10, Taman kingfisher 3, Lorong kingfisher 18,
88450 Kota Kinabalu, Sabah.

TAKE NOTICE that a Creditor's Petition has been issued against you in the High Court of Sabah and Sarawak at Kota Kinabalu, Sabah by BANK ISLAM MALAYSIA BERHAD c/o WV & Partners, Advocates & Solicitors of TB16331, 1st Floor, Lot No. 34, Perdanajaya Commercial Centre, Jalan Apas, 91000 Tawau, Sabah, Malaysia and the Honourable Court has on 28th day of August, 2026 ordered that the said Creditor's Petition to be served on you by publishing the particulars thereof in "The Borneo Post" newspaper in English language for one (1) day only, by affixing the Creditor's Petition on the notice board of the High Court of Sabah and Sarawak at Kota Kinabalu and at your last known addresses at G-3-1, Universiti Utama Condominium, Fasa 1, Lorong Kayu Madang Telipok, 88450 Kota Kinabalu, Sabah and No. 10, Taman kingfisher 3, Lorong kingfisher 18, 88450 Kota Kinabalu, Sabah and such publication, affixation and posting shall be deemed good and sufficient service of the Creditor's Petition herein on you.

Dated this 8th day of September, 2026.

The Creditor's Petition can be inspected by you on application to the High Court of Sabah and Sarawak at Kota Kinabalu

By Order of
Deputy/Senior Assistant Registrar,
High Court of Sabah and Sarawak at Kota Kinabalu.

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Sabah leading medal tally with 19 golds

Para swimmer Abdul Halim who won the 100m breaststroke in a new Para Sukma record.

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PARA SUKMA SELANGOR 2026
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KOTA KINABALU: Sabah extended its lead at the top of the medal standings following another stellar performance at the Para Sukma in Selangor on Monday.

As of 5:30pm, the state contingent has amassed 19 gold, 13 silver and 15 bronze medals, after adding 13 gold, seven silver and nine bronze medals to its overall tally.

On Sunday's opening day of medal events, Sabah had bagged six gold, six silver and six bronze medals. Trailing closely in second place was host Selangor with 16-8-11. Defending overall champions Sarawak (8-8-11) are third.

The state squad in athletics led the gold rush on day two, contributing six golds followed by swimming with four golds and tenpin bowling with three.

The latest gold winners were Doriah Paulus in the women's javelin F44/F64 class, Paijol Benhar (men's long jump T46/T47), Connie Zeno (women's shot put F40), Hazmi Bistani (men's javelin F12), Bartholomew Marius (men's discus F33) and Eljoe Gotuoh adding his long jump win from Sunday with a second gold in the men's triple jump T20.

In the swimming pool, the gold winners were Ethan Khoo (men's 100m backstroke S14 – meet record 1:04.01s), Suriyan Shah Malik (men's 100m breaststroke SB11), Abdul Halim Mohd (men's 100m breaststroke SB8 – meet record 1.15.79s) and Wahyu Eqwal Nazrey (men's 50m freestyle S4/S5 – meet record 41.84s).

The remaining gold medals were won in tenpin bowling through Muhd Azri Azman (men's singles TPB3), Azuan Amirhassan (mixed/open singles TPB1) and Muhd Haiqal Azani (mixed/open singles TPB2).

Meanwhile, Sabah's strong start in the Para Sukma has left Assistant Minister of Youth Development, Sports Advancement and Creative Economy Datuk Seri Dr. Anil Sandhu confident that the state contingent 66-gold medal target is well within reach. He said the positive progress of the state contingent was a reflection of athlete management and preparations for the competition.

"God willing, we will be able to achieve our target of 66 gold medals at this year's Para Sukma," he said while making the rounds to show his support for the state contingent.

Sabah is aiming for the 66-gold mark to clinch the Para Sukma overall champions title, seeking to replicate its sole overall victory from the 2022 edition. The 10-day Para Sukma will conclude on Sept 14.

Alysha Aryana Mohd Khairul Azli

Alysha, 12, making dream debut at Para Sukma

SHAH ALAM: What started as an effort to build her confidence in the water has blossomed into a record-breaking Para Sukma debut for 12-year-old Selangor swimmer Alysha Aryana Mohd Khairul Azli.

Competing at the Selangor Aquatic Centre here on Monday, Alysha won the women's 100-metre freestyle S14 (intellectual disability) in Alysha Aryana won the women's 100m freestyle S14 in 1 minute 4.84 seconds (1:04.84s) breaking her own national record of 1:07.34 set at the MSNM Para Circuit Series 2/2026.

Alysha was delighted to lower her own mark, saying hard work and constantly chasing personal bests were key to her progress in the pool.

"I'm happy because I broke the record too. I have to work hard and then break my PB (personal best)," she told reporters after the event here.

Interestingly, Alysha's specific preparations for Para Sukma lasted only about a week, although she has been swimming and training consistently from a young age.

Her mother, Nurul Ain Roslan, said Alysha was introduced to swimming at the age of eight after the family was shocked by the news of a child of the same age drowning, initially hoping only to help her daughter become more confident in the water.

"From there, I sent her for swimming and noticed that she became more interested and inclined towards it. This is what calms her down; it is really her comfort place," she said.

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Nurul Ain said Alysha initially trained three to four days a week before stepping up to daily two-hour sessions from the age of 10, eventually catching the attention of the Selangor State Sports Council (MSNS).

She now hopes her daughter's progress will open the door to a bigger stage, including representing Malaysia at the 2027 ASEAN Para Games, while Alysha continues to look up to swimming legend Michael Phelps because of his collection of Olympic gold medals.

Another national record also fell in the pool today when Sarawak's Rusdianto Rusmadi clocked 5:20.93s to win the men's 400m freestyle S8 (physical disability).

Rusdianto erased Abdul Halim Mohamad's record of 5:22.99 seconds set at the 2025 World Para Swimming Championships in Singapore, while Sabah's Shahafiq Abdullah took silver in 5:47.91 seconds and host state athlete Muhammad Aisy Mazlan settled for bronze in 7:08.37 seconds. — Bernama

M'sians got talent but less hunger, says LCW

KUALA LUMPUR: National badminton great Datuk Seri Lee Chong Wei said the national shuttlers need to show greater hunger and determination if they are to make a bigger impact on the international stage, despite having the talent to succeed.

The Badminton Association of Malaysia (BAM) Performance Committee Chairman said there was a stark contrast between the mentality of local players and the fighting spirit displayed by French players, particularly following the European nation's success in clinching two world titles in New Delhi last month.

"If you had asked me before, no one would have believed France could win two World Championships (titles). They proved themselves, and we must also prove how we can improve for the future.

"You can see the French players enter the court with such hunger to win. Our players have it, but maybe not enough," he said when met recently.

French badminton has steadily strengthened its presence on the international stage by reaching a historic new milestone, winning its first world titles in men's singles and mixed doubles on the same day.

Alex Lanier became the first French player to bag the men's singles world title, while Thom Gicquel-Delphine Delrue created a sensation by securing the mixed doubles title. The French badminton men's team also won silver at the Thomas Cup Finals 2026 in Horsens, Denmark, in May.

When asked specifically about Malaysian top-ranked men's singles player Leong Jun Hao, Chong Wei acknowledged the player's struggles while stressing the urgent need for a change in attitude and a stronger sense of personal desire.

The former world No. 1 said the 27-year-old has limited time left to make a significant impact on the international stage.

"I hope he knows what he needs and what he wants. He is no longer 18 or 20 years old...He doesn't have much time left and needs to know what he needs.He might have one last Olympic run in 2028 depending on his condition. It's about desire," he said.

The three-time men's singles Olympic Games silver medallist made it clear that discipline remains the ultimate cornerstone of success, reiterating that no player, regardless of talent, can reach the world level without it. — Bernama

Dr Mohammed Taufiq Johari

Muscat GP haul boosts Malaysia's confidence ahead of Asian Games

KUALA LUMPUR: Youth and Sports Minister Dr Mohammed Taufiq Johari has congratulated the national athletics squad after they returned from the 2026 Muscat Grand Prix in Oman with two gold and two bronze medals.

The two gold medals came from the men's and women's 4x100 metres (m) relay, while the two bronze medals were won by Malaysia's second men's 4x100m quartet and Andre Anura Anuar in the men's long jump.

Mohammed Taufiq said the achievement was a positive sign ahead of the 2026 Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games, which begin on Sept 19, while also providing a confidence boost for the national athletes to continue raising their performance on the international stage.

"Thank you and congratulations to all the athletes and Malaysian Athletics for their efforts, commitment and fighting spirit in bringing glory to the country.

"Congratulations once again! Keep fighting for the Jalur Gemilang!" he said in a post on his official Facebook page on Monday. — Bernama

Malaysia suffer third straight defeat at Women's Junior Asia Cup

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia's national women's junior hockey squad suffered their third straight defeat at the 2026 Women's Junior Asia Cup after going down 0-1 to South Korea in their Elite Group match in Moqi, China on Monday.

South Korea's Park Soyeon scored the only goal of the match with a field goal in the 45th minute, which proved enough to secure victory.

The defeat followed Malaysia's 1-6 loss to hosts China in their opening match last Friday and an 1-11 thrashing by defending champions India in their second group match yesterday.

Mohd Nasihin Nubli Ibrahim's charges will face Japan on Wednesday in their final Elite Group match before entering the quarter-finals.

Under the tournament format, all five teams in the Elite Group – Malaysia, China, India, Japan and South Korea – have already secured their places in the last eight. They will be joined by the top three teams from the Challenge Group, comprising Bangladesh, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Kazakhstan and Pakistan.

The Malaysian Hockey Confederation (MHC) has set a place in the 2027 Women's Junior World Cup as the team's main target, with five tickets to the tournament up for grabs.

A top-four finish would also mark Malaysia's best-ever performance in the Women's Junior Asia Cup. — Bernama

Taufiq (third right), Chong Wei together with other guest pose for a photograph after the prize giving ceremony during the Lee Chong Wei Cup Championship 2026 at Juara Stadium. — Bernama photo

Lee Chong Wei Cup needs to be strengthened and expanded to more levels

KUALA LUMPUR: Youth and Sports Minister Dr Mohammed Taufiq Johari hopes the Lee Chong Wei Cup badminton tournament can be further strengthened and expanded in the future, involving more players and competitions at more levels.

In a post on his official Facebook page today, he described the tournament as a significant example of prioritising sports talent development at the grassroots level.

"I had the opportunity to attend the inaugural Lee Chong Wei Cup. I would like to congratulate Datuk Seri Lee Chong Wei, the sponsors and everyone involved for successfully organising a high-quality tournament.

"Competitions like this are a significant example of prioritising grassroots sports development. We need more competitive tournaments so our young players have the space and opportunity to compete, test their abilities and gain experience in a real competitive environment," he said.

Mohammed Taufiq also stressed the importance of providing a conducive platform to develop the character and identity of young athletes from an early stage.

"As I have often emphasised, sport is not merely about winning or losing. More important than the result on the court is the platform we provide for young people to build experience, confidence and an athlete's mentality," he said.

The inaugural Lee Chong Wei Cup, which began on Aug 29 and concluded yesterday, offered total prize money of RM104,000. — Bernama

ASTAF toughens challenge review system for Asian Games 2026

KUALA LUMPUR: The Asian Sepaktakraw Federation (ASTAF) will tighten implementation of the Challenge Review Camera System at the Aichi-Nagoya 2026 Asian Games to ensure every officiating decision is made fairly, transparently and impartially.

The Games, scheduled from Sept 19 to Oct 4, will see sepak takraw contested at Paloma Mizuho Arena in Nagoya, Japan. Official Games information lists Nagoya City Mizuho Park Gymnasium as the venue for the sport.

ASTAF, together with the International Sepaktakraw Federation (ISTAF), reaffirmed its commitment to ensuring officiating remains at the highest level, in line with the Laws of the Game of Sepaktakraw and international officiating standards.

"The move to tighten the use of the Challenge System is considered important as sepak takraw is a fast-paced sport, with the ball travelling at high speed and players' movements requiring exceptional precision, flexibility and technical skill.

"The system uses high-framerate cameras to enable actions or player movements to be reviewed in greater detail when a challenge is made against an officiating decision," ASTAF said in a statement on Monday.

According to ASTAF, the technology enables review decisions to be made in real time based on visual evidence, helping referees make more accurate calls in situations that are difficult to determine through direct observation alone.

"Stricter implementation of the Challenge System in Nagoya is expected to enhance the credibility of the competition, while strengthening transparency and integrity in the officiating process.

"At the same time, the system is expected to reduce disputes after matches and questions over refereeing decisions, thereby increasing teams' and players' confidence in the officiating system being used," it said.

ASTAF said referees would continue to discharge their duties with professionalism, while the technology was considered essential to ensuring the highest level of fairness and impartiality for all competing teams. — Bernama

Zulkifli (third left) and his deputies with the SFD 2025 Annual Report and members of the editorial team.

Sabah maintains 63 pct forest cover

SANDAKAN: Sabah has maintained its forest cover at 63 per cent, the highest among Malaysia's three regions, according to the Sabah Forestry Department (SFD) 2025 Annual Report.

The 306-page report was showcased by the Chief Conservator of Forests Datuk Zulkifli Suara at the SFD headquarters here on Sunday, highlighted the department's achievements and activities throughout 2025.

Among the key achievements was the official recognition of the Pin Supu Forest Reserve in Kinabatangan as Malaysia's first terrestrial IUCN Green List of Protected and Conserved Area.

The recognition by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) is awarded for excellence in conservation and protected area management.

The department said Sabah was also moving towards achieving 30 per cent Totally Protected Areas (TPAs) through gazettement, in line with the State's efforts to address climate change and support the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

In legislation, the Forest (Amendment) Enactment 2025 was passed to regulate forest-based carbon activities and establish a framework for carbon trading.

Forest-based carbon activities in forest reserves, State land and titled land will be licensed under agreed terms and conditions to protect the State's interests.

Sabah also recently passed the Climate Change and Carbon Governance Enactment 2025, strengthening its framework for environmental conservation and climate change resilience.

The Sabah Timber Legality Assurance System (TLAS) was upgraded to Sabah TLAS+, while the department's e-Removal Pass System was launched in December in line with the international standard under the European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR).

Despite challenging global economic and trade conditions, the department collected RM164.7 million in forest revenue in 2025.

Throughout the five-year Greening Malaysia-100 Million Tree Planting Campaign from 2021 to 2025, nearly 27 million trees were planted in Sabah, equivalent to 67 per cent of the State's target of 40 million trees.

The department also organised various seminars, workshops, events, dialogues and training programmes, including the International Conference on the Green Heart of Borneo on Oct 22 and 23, themed "Advancing Climate Resilience, Conservation and Sustainable Livelihood".

The State-level International Day of Forests was held at Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) on April 24, themed "Forests and Food", while the Majlis Apresiasi Perhutanan (MAPT) 2025 was also held during the year.

The department said it also organised a statewide Forestry Speech and Quiz Competition for secondary schools to raise awareness among younger people about the importance of forests.

It received several awards in 2025, including the Special Award for Best Human Resource Management and a five-star rating for its Human Resource Information System (SM2) from the State Public Service Department.

It also received the Best Record Management award from the Sabah State Archives and was first runner-up for the Independent Web Innovator Award by the State Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation.

The year also marked the inception of major activities under the Integrated Landscape Management for Sustainable Food Systems, Land Use and Restoration Project in Sabah (FOLUR).

Under the 12th Malaysia Plan (2021-2025), the department undertook 30 State-funded and 30 Federal-funded development projects.

Expenditure reached 99 per cent for State development projects and 99.8 per cent for Federal development projects over the five-year period.

On forest protection and enforcement, existing initiatives were enhanced, including drone-based aerial surveys, honorary forest rangers and forest checking stations.

The department also strengthened partnerships and training with government agencies, the private sector, non-governmental organisations and local communities, alongside amendments to relevant forest laws.

In research, 113 publications and scientific reports were produced in 2025, with more than 50 research collaborations involving local and international agencies.

The Forest Research Centre conducted more than 40 research-related activities, while the Rainforest Discovery Centre organised about 107 environmental education programmes.

Meanwhile, 38 individuals graduated from forestry courses at the Sabah Forestry Institute (FORiNS) in 2025.

The report, which documents the department's projects, activities and achievements throughout the year, is available on the SFD website.

The department described the annual report as its key performance indicator or "report card" for 2025.

Zulkifli, meanwhile, acknowledged SFD personnel and stakeholders for their contributions towards sustainable forest management.

UMS discovers new fungus species at INFAPRO site

KOTA KINABALU: A team of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) researchers has discovered a new species of entomopathogenic fungus, Acanthomyces infaproensis sp. nov., at the INFAPRO Rainforest Rehabilitation Project site near the Danum Valley Conservation Area in Lahad Datu.

UMS said in a statement on Monday that the discovery demonstrated the potential of restored forest areas as important habitats for biodiversity, including species yet to be scientifically documented.

The species was found infecting adult moths attached to the underside of leaves at the INFAPRO site, with two specimens collected on March 12, 2024.

"Both specimens then underwent morphological examination and molecular phylogenetic analysis using five genetic markers, which showed that they formed a distinct lineage, supporting the recognition of the fungus as a new species," the statement said.

UMS said the species was named infaproensis after the INFAPRO Rainforest Rehabilitation Project, where it was discovered, and is so far known only from the site near the Danum Valley Conservation Area.

The study, published in the international taxonomic journal Phytotaxa on Aug 28, involved UMS researchers Muhammad Shahbaz, Chong Chuan Cheak and Associate Professor Dr Jaya Seelan Sathiya Seelan, as well as Ibrahem Ghani Wasti of Kolej Universiti Yayasan Sabah and Dr Yap Sau Wai of Yayasan Sabah.

Meanwhile, UMS Institute for Tropical Biology and Conservation (IBTP) director Associate Professor Dr Fiffy Hanisdah Saikim said the discovery underscored the importance of biodiversity research in generating knowledge that could benefit not only the scientific community but also conservation efforts and future innovation.

"Every new species we discover is a reminder that we have yet to fully understand the richness of biodiversity in Sabah. More importantly, this discovery occurred in a restored forest.

"This sends a very strong message that investing in ecosystem restoration is not just about restoring trees and landscapes, but also about rebuilding living spaces, ecological processes and opportunities for biodiversity to flourish again," she said.

Meanwhile, UMS vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Kasim Mansor said the discovery was particularly significant as IBTP celebrates its 30th anniversary this year, marking three decades of contributions to biodiversity research and conservation in Borneo.

"The discovery of Acanthomyces infaproensis demonstrates that this journey continues to generate new knowledge that is important not only to Sabah and Malaysia, but also to the global scientific community.

"UMS will continue to strengthen its role as a leader in biodiversity research and knowledge in Borneo, sharing knowledge from Borneo with the world while ensuring this natural treasure is preserved for future generations," he said.

The holotype specimen of Acanthomyces infaproensis, numbered BORH(EF)00008, is now deposited in the BORNEENSIS Collection at IBTP, UMS, as a reference for future taxonomic and biodiversity research. — Bernama

PES members take a group photo during the blood donation initiative.

Community support helps PES blood drive collect 52 bags

KOTA KINABALU: The Persatuan Elektrik Sabah (PES) collected 52 bags of blood during its one-day blood donation drive at Citymall Kota Kinabalu on Sunday.

The blood collected will be channelled to the Queen Elizabeth II Hospital (QEII) Blood Bank to support patients requiring transfusions, including thalassaemia patients.

PES said the campaign was conducted according to the blood bank's requirements, with blood groups B and O primarily collected as QEII Hospital was temporarily not accepting donations of A and AB blood groups.

PES spokesperson Simon Poh said the response from the community was encouraging and described the collection as a meaningful contribution to the hospital's blood supply.

"We are truly encouraged by the community's response today. Despite QEII Hospital temporarily being on hold in accepting A and AB blood groups, we successfully collected 52 bags of B and O blood.

"This is a meaningful contribution to the hospital's blood supply and reflects the strong spirit of unity and care within our community," he said.

Poh also thanked A and AB donors who came forward despite being unable to donate due to the temporary intake arrangement.

He said their willingness to support the campaign was appreciated, adding that every effort to promote blood donation was valuable.

The campaign was held with the cooperation of the QEII Hospital Blood Bank team and the Thalassaemia Association, while Citymall management provided the venue free of charge.

Sponsors also supported the campaign, with appreciation packs presented to donors as a token of gratitude.

PES thanked the hospital blood bank team, Thalassaemia Association, Citymall management, sponsors, volunteers, organisers and donors for their support.

The association said it remained committed to community initiatives and encouraging more people to donate blood, noting that every bag collected could help save a life.

Rare blood type needs management, special match

IPOH: Rare blood management requires accurate identification and matching to ensure patients in need of transfusions receive the appropriate blood supply.

Permaisuri Bainun Hospital (HRPB) transfusion medicine specialist and Transfusion Medicine Department head Dr. Sarah Mat Noh said that blood is categorised as rare when its occurrence rate is around one in 1,000 individuals in a population.

She said that rare blood does not mean that a person has health problems, but rather refers to a specific characteristic of antigens on the surface of red blood cells that are rarely found in certain population.

Rare blood types are more difficult to obtain when a patient requires a transfusion because the number of donors with the same blood type is limited. Therefore, a registry of donors and patients is needed to facilitate the search for matching blood.

"The antigen characteristics on red blood cells are genetically determined and inherited from either the mother or father, causing a certain blood type to be considered rare in one population but more common in another," she said during the recent 'Program Kembara Kesihatan Bersama Media', organised by the Ministry of Health.

Dr. Sarah said that the ABO and Rhesus (Rh) blood groups are among the most commonly known, while there are about 43 blood group systems identified worldwide.

For rare blood types, donor red blood cells can be frozen at the National Blood Centre and stored for up to 10 years to be used when needed, either by the donor or by other patients with the same blood type.

In Perak, among the identified donors with rare blood types is Mohd Fazrey Erwan Mohd Rasidi, 35, who has the Opos, R1R1, KK phenotype, which is a combination of specific antigen characteristics on red blood cells that are rarely found.

Dr. Sarah said that for Mohd Fazrey Erwan, the KK characteristic means he has a K antigen that is different from the antigen characteristics commonly found in most individuals.

Mohd Fazrey Erwan said that he only found out he had that blood type at the end of last year after being contacted by the doctor following a blood test he had done.

"I was quite surprised when I first found out that my blood is rare. But I feel grateful and happy if my blood can help others," he said.

Mohd Fazrey Erwan has donated blood eight times since 2010, but he has never been specifically called for a patient in need of his blood.

"Don't stop donating as long as your health permits. Our blood may be rare (to find), but for certain patients, our blood is very valuable and may save lives," he said.

Meanwhile, the two siblings, Wan Muhammad Faaiz Jazuli and Wan Muhammad Ashraf Jazuli, each have Parabombay A and Parabombay B blood types, which are also among the rare blood groups.

Wan Muhammad Faaiz said he discovered he had Parabombay A blood after there was a discrepancy in the blood test results, which initially showed group A, before the laboratory test indicated group O.

"In a family of five, only my brother and I have different blood types, while the others are normal," he said.

Wan Muhammad Faaiz said that blood donation for that group depends on the need because hospitals may not require it regularly, but donors can be called upon when there are patients who need matching blood.

In Perak, so far there have been four identified Bombay blood group patients, while five Parabombay patients have been recorded in the register.

Meanwhile, there are four identified Parabombay donors in this state, involving Parabombay groups A, B and O.

The HRPB Transfusion Medicine Department is the only blood processing and screening centre in Perak that manages the processes of donation, processing, screening, storage, and stock management until the supply to hospitals. — Bernama

MACC investigates delayed fertiliser distribution to Kedah padi farmers

KUALA LUMPUR: The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) has opened an investigation into delays in the distribution of supplementary compound fertiliser to padi farmers in Kedah.

In a statement on Monday, MACC said its Kedah branch opened the investigation following a complaint lodged by the Pertubuhan Persaudaraan Pesawah Malaysia (PESAWAH) organisation on Aug 26 over delays in the supply of the fertiliser.

The supplier appointed by the Agriculture and Food Security Ministry (KPKM) has delayed the fertiliser needed by padi farmers in the 100,000-hectare area under the Muda Agricultural Development Authority (MADA).

"Kedah MACC is conducting the investigation to look into not only the criminal aspect, but also any governance weaknesses that may have contributed to the delay," the statement read.

MACC said it had so far recorded the statement of a witness from PESAWAH and received several relevant documents.

"MACC welcomes the call and concern expressed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim over the issue and has engaged with KPKM and MADA for further investigation," the statement said.

Meanwhile, MACC chief commissioner Datuk Seri Abd Halim Aman, when contacted, confirmed the matter and said the investigation was opened under Section 18 of the MACC Act 2009.

The media had previously reported a call by Pengkalan Kundor assemblyman Mardhiyyah Johari for the government to consider compensation for padi farmers who suffered losses due to delays in the distribution of supplementary compound fertiliser, or 'Baja Padi 3', in the MADA area.

The delay has affected about 38,000 farmers, involving 78,117 hectares of padi fields.

On Aug 18, MADA said 22 per cent, or 137,560 bags, of Baja Padi 3 had been supplied against the total requirement of 616,015 bags. — Bernama

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Nepal holds day of mourning as families pray missing still alive

KATHMANDU, Nepal: Nepal held a national day of mourning on Monday for victims of devastating glacial floods, as families of missing hydropower workers feared trapped in tunnels prayed rescuers might yet find them alive.

The August 26 glacial and mountain collapse on the China-Nepal border killed at least 1,398 people, with more than 5,500 missing, including around 800 foreigners.

Flags flew at half-mast, with candlelight vigils planned later in the day, as the nation marked the 13th day after death, following Hindu mourning rituals.

Hundreds of hydropower workers are among the missing, but the rescue of three of them from deep inside tunnels – two Nepalis on Friday and a Chinese man on Saturday – have buoyed hopes that more could still be alive.

Nepal Army spokesman Raja Ram Basnet said rescue efforts were continuing at "the same tempo" to make sure "that no one is still stranded".

Entire communities have been swept away, roads destroyed and homes demolished.

But families of some of the missing workers who gathered in the capital Kathmandu said the government must move faster.

"We have a lot of hope," said Reena Amatya Shrestha, whose brother is among the missing.

"They say they are doing rescue. If the rescue is there, where's the result? We need the result." Australian tunnel rescue expert Arnold Dix, who is advising Nepali teams, said the operation presented an unprecedented challenge.

"We are facing something I have never faced before," said Dix, president of the International Tunnelling and Underground Space Association, in a post on social media.

"Not one rescue, but multiple potential rescues, unfolding at the same time, in different places, each with its own dangers, uncertainties, and lives that may still be saved."

Foreign experts, including from China, India and South Korea, are aiding Nepali teams in rescue efforts.

"We are measured not only by the lives we save, but by the lives we refuse to abandon," said Dix.

Nepal President Ram Chandra Paudel visited relief camps in Nuwakot district on Monday, speaking to those left homeless by the disaster "caused by the unprecedented flooding", his office said in a statement.

With mortuaries overflowing, Nepal has buried hundreds of bodies in mass graves after taking DNA samples for future identification, according to police.

In Nepal, rescuers have retrieved 1,355 bodies, while around 4,996 people are missing, according to the disaster agency.

In China, the toll is 43 dead and 519 missing, according to state media.

Despite the gloom, there have also been remarkable tales of survival. — AFP

Buddhist monks offer prayers for flash flood victims at a temple in Trishuli, in Nepal's Nuwakot district. — AFP photo

Airports extend closure as hundreds stranded

JAKARTA: Jakarta's main airport and three others delayed reopening on Monday after halting operations due to a volcanic eruption and leaving hundreds of thousands stranded.

Mount Anak Krakatau, about 150 kilometres from Indonesia's capital, erupted on Saturday, spewing a fountain of lava and a plume of volcanic ash.

Eight airports had halted operations over the weekend after ash was detected in their airspace, disrupting thousands of flights and leaving more than 270,000 passengers stranded, the transport ministry reported Monday.

"These figures are the cumulative operational impact since Sept 5, 2026 and cover flights that have been canceled, delayed, or diverted," the ministry said in a statement.

Italian tourist Michel Miegge was on holiday with his girlfriend and due to fly home in time for work on Tuesday, but their flight was cancelled.

"We don't have any news from the airline. We don't know if we stay another day in Jakarta or find another flight," the 32-year-old software engineer told AFP.

"I don't think it's possible now. We found a nearby hotel, but we saw that many hotels were fully booked. Fortunately, we booked a hotel last night, but it's a difficult situation."

Another tourist, French painter Carol Odile, said she came with a group of friends, excited to see Komodo dragons in Flores, when she was notified that her flight was cancelled.

"We discovered our flight was delayed yesterday morning when we arrived at the airport because we didn't know about the volcanic eruption. We are disappointed, but our group is optimistic, so we hope we can go to Flores Island very soon," the 60-year-old told AFP.

At least four airports, including Jakarta's Soekarno-Hatta International Airport, extended their closure from Monday morning to 6:00 pm (1100 GMT), airport operator Angkasa Pura said in a social media post.

Halim Perdanakusuma, a smaller airport that caters to both civil and military flights, will also remain closed.

Another small airport in south Sumatra resumed operations as of Monday morning 9:00 am, the transport ministry said.

More than 240 domestic and international flights had been cancelled or delayed due to volcanic ash on Monday morning alone, Jakarta's Soekarno-Hatta International Airport said, adding that nearly 30,000 passengers were affected.

"We understand that this situation affects passengers' travel plans.

"Therefore, from the start of the temporary closure, we have focused on ensuring that passengers' needs continue to be met," airport spokesman, Yudhistiawan, who like many Indonesians only has one name, said in a statement.

The probability of an eruption remains high until Monday morning, the country's geology agency warned.

"The threat from an eruption comes from the ejection of incandescent rocks accompanied by heavy ashfall.

"Another potential hazard arises from lava flows if the eruption resumes and continues," agency head Lana Saria said.

Anak Krakatau, which means Child of Krakatau, sits in a strait that separates the islands of Java and Sumatra.

The volcano has been sporadically active since it emerged from the sea at the beginning of last century in the caldera that formed after the 1883 eruption of Mount Krakatau.

A 2018 tsunami triggered by a collapse of parts of Anak Krakatau killed 429 people and left thousands displaced. — AFP

Handout aerial picture shows the Mount Krakatau in the Sunda Strait, in South Lampung, Lampung province, spewing smoke and volcanic ash during an eruption. — AFP photo

Firefighters spray water in a street to clear volcanic ash caused by the eruption of Mount Anak Krakatoa in Bandar Lampung. — AFP photo

Indonesia plans cloud seeking to clear volcanic ash

JAKARTA: Indonesia's National Disaster Mitigation Agency (BNPB) is preparing weather modification operations to help wash volcanic ash from Mount Anak Krakatau's eruption away, after it spread across parts of Greater Jakarta, Banten, and Lampung, reported Antara news agency.

BNPB Head Suharyanto said in Jakarta on Monday that the operations will begin once weather conditions and flight safety permit, noting the volcanic ash has disrupted operations at several airports.

"Once conditions are more favourable, we will launch the operation. The aircraft are ready at Pondok Cabe Airport," he said.

He noted that weather modification, or cloud seeding, is one of the government's measures to help clear volcanic ash from the atmosphere by triggering rain.

Additionally, BNPB is preparing water misting to boost the chances of rainfall in the affected areas.

In response to the volcanic activity of Mount Anak Krakatau, BNPB has coordinated with regional disaster management agencies (BPBD) in areas affected by the volcanic ash to monitor the situation on the ground and identify response needs.

BNPB has also dispatched personnel to several affected areas to monitor the situation firsthand and ensure local authorities are prepared for potential impacts of the volcanic activity.

In this regard, Suharyanto called on local governments to ensure the readiness of disaster management mechanisms, including early warning systems, evacuation shelters, contingency plans, and stocks of food and necessities.

"If additional supplies are needed, we will request assistance from the central government," Suharyanto said.

So far, he added, none of the affected regions have declared a state of emergency.

Nevertheless, BNPB will continue to coordinate with relevant ministries and agencies to anticipate further activity from Mount Anak Krakatau and its potential impact on the public. — Bernama-Antara

Five dead, five injured after Amazon cargo plane overshoots Miami runway

MIAMI: At least five people were killed when an Amazon cargo plane overshot a runway after it landed Sunday at Miami International Airport, crashed into vehicles and caught fire, officials said.

Miami-Dade County fire chief Ray Jadallah told reporters that in addition to five fatalities, three people were transported to trauma centers "in critical condition" and two more were treated at a local hospital.

"The airplane did strike a couple of vehicles," which left "a couple of victims that were actually trapped in the vehicles," Jadallah said. "A complex extrication with our technical rescue team" was needed, "including a search and rescue of the pilot and co-pilot that were trapped in this aircraft."

Jadallah did not clarify whether the pilot or co-pilot survived.

Video showed thick smoke billowing from the blue and white Boeing 767 after it arrived at 1:58 pm from Puerto Rico, as fire trucks raced to the scene. The plane operating as Prime Air Flight 7598 caught fire as a result of the "crash," fire officials said.

"A total of 60 fire apparatuses arrived, just short, just shy of 200 men and women from Miami-Dade Fire Rescue, to begin the actual search and rescue and firefighting," Jadallah said.

"The actual cause of the incident will be determined by the FAA and the NTSB," he added, referring to the Federal Aviation Administration and National Transportation Safety Board.

In a statement posted to X Sunday evening, fire officials said they used foam to extinguish a fire in the engine compartment.

"One person was trapped under one of the involved vehicles and had to be extricated by specialized technical rescue personnel. Specialized hazardous materials (HazMat) units safely shut down the aircraft's engine and worked to control a fuel leak," the statement said.

The NTSB said in an X post on Sunday the B-767-300 cargo airplane was flying into Miami from San Juan, Puerto Rico and they have "launched a go team to investigate Sunday's runway excursion accident." — AFP

Officials investigate a cargo plane at Miami International Airport after it overran the runway. — AFP photo

UN's Nepal chief makes emotional plea for flood-ravaged country

KATHMANDU, Nepal: The United Nations chief in Nepal issued an emotional plea for aid on Sunday, saying survivors of the catastrophic flooding had seen their lives transformed in just "one to two minutes".

After visiting battered mountain communities, UN Resident Coordinator Lila Pieters Yahia told AFP that people were struggling to comprehend how suddenly their Himalayan homes had become an expanse of ruin and destruction.

"You lose your home, you lose your livelihood, you lose your loved one and you lose the breadwinner of your family," Pieters Yahia said in Kathmandu.

"And you know, this happened in one to two minutes."

The devastating August 26 flood that crashed through the China-Nepal border killed at least 1,384 people and left more than 5,500 missing across both countries.

More than 800 foreigners from at least 34 countries are among those missing in both Nepal and Tibet in China. They include both tourists and pilgrims.

Many communities near the epicentre of the disaster remain cut off, with the UN working alongside Nepal's government to get emergency supplies into devastated areas. The UN has launched a US$50 million appeal to help more than 84,000 people affected by the disaster.

"Those people are cut off from the rest of the world because the road is gone," Pieters Yahia said.

"You try to find a solution to expedite access, and you find another bottleneck. We're looking into all means, but we need to to improve access."

Floods tore through mountain districts, destroying roads, bridges and hydropower dams.

The destruction means journeys that once took a couple of hours have now become day-long ordeals.

"The Himalayas are beautiful, they are amazing, they're spiritual," said Pieters Yahia.

"But also they are very, very difficult terrains... And we have the landslides –and, plus we're still in the monsoon season." — AFP

People stand atop damaged houses covered in sludge in the aftermath of flash floods in Trishuli, in Nepal's Nuwakot district. — AFP photo

Kim tours the destroyer 'Kang Kon' during a commissioning ceremony for the destroyer at Wonsan Port in Kangwon Province. — AFP photo

North Korea vows nuclear-armed navy as US ally drills open

SEOUL: Leader Kim Jong Un vowed to build North Korea's navy into a nuclear-armed force, state media reported yesterday as US allies' maritime drills kicked off.

This week's manoeuvres involving Japan, South Korea and the United States were established in 2023 in what officials called an effort to deter Pyongyang's missile and nuclear threats.

Kim's comments came at the commissioning of the Kang Kon – a warship that partially capsized when launched in May 2025 – in the port city of Wonsan on Sunday, the official Korean Central News Agency reported.

"We should make sure that the diversified and effective operation of nuclear combat systems is conducted for an actual war through developing our navy into a nuclear armed force," Kim reportedly told the ceremony.

"Once ordered anytime, the new-generation destroyer should deal a deadly retaliatory blow at the enemies as it is a force involved in the state nuclear counteraction system," he said.

Photos released of Kim showed him accompanied by his daughter, Ju Ae, who is reportedly designated as a successor to her father.

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Kim oversaw in July a test of the Kang Kon – one of two 5,000-tonne class warships launched last year – just over a year after it was damaged during its launch.

Kim's reference to a "nuclear-armed navy" suggests the vessels could serve as launch platforms for tactical nuclear-capable cruise missiles, said Lim Eul-chul, a professor at Kyungnam University.

Kim also said North Korea was carrying out an "important plan" to strengthen its navy that would be demonstrated to the world "in eight months".

That could foreshadow the unveiling of a major strategic asset, such as a new submarine capable of carrying submarine-launched ballistic missiles (SLBMs), Lim said.

By deploying the Kang Kon in the East Sea, Pyongyang is also seeking to keep the joint maritime exercises and deployments of nuclear assets "directly and within range", Lim said.

This week's US allies' drills, dubbed Freedom Edge, are set to run to Friday in international waters east and south of South Korea's Jeju Island.

The manoeuvres have pushed ahead despite President Donald Trump curtailing another set of drills with South Korea as the US leader aims to reopen diplomacy with Pyongyang about its nuclear programme.

Despite Trump's overtures, North Korea has shown little sign of reciprocating, firing missiles and condemning the downsized drills as well as Washington's approval of arms sales to South Korea and plans to fund programmes documenting human rights abuses in the North. — AFP

India teams search for trapped after deadly Delhi building collapse

NEW DELHI: Indian rescue teams searched the rubble of a building collapse in New Delhi yesterday, a day after the five-storey block crashed down killing at least six people, officials said.

Emergency teams fear there are people still trapped in in the rubble.

The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), which treated victims from the collapse, said its trauma centre received 10 people.

"Out of the 10 patients, five were brought dead, while one patient who was in critical condition later succumbed to his injuries," AIIMS said in a statement.

Disaster agency teams, as well as fire and police teams, are using heavy machinery as well as sniffer dogs to locate anyone who may be trapped.

The Satya Niketan area is home to hundreds of university students living in crowded accommodation. Building collapses are frequent in India, and illegal structures are common.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the incident was "distressing". — AFP

Bulldozers clear debris as rescue personnel conduct a search operation at the site following a building collapse in the Satya Niketan area in New Delhi. — AFP photo

Philippine president's lawmaker cousin charged over flood control scandal

MANILA: Philippine prosecutors filed a criminal charge yesterday against a lawmaker and cousin of President Ferdinand Marcos over his alleged involvement in a massive corruption scandal involving bogus flood control projects.

The case came more than a year after Marcos put the so-called "ghost" infrastructure projects, believed to have cost Filipino taxpayers billions of dollars, centre stage in a public address.

Several construction firm owners, government officials and politicians have been accused of pocketing funds from the projects.

Yesterday, Ombudsman Jesus Crispin Remulla said the "plunder" case against Martin Romualdez, the Philippine president's congressman cousin, involved a total of 7.4 billion pesos (US$117.9 million) in alleged bribes, anomalous budget insertions and project allocations.

Romualdez has repeatedly denied wrongdoing.

Ferdinand Marcos Jr

Plunder is a non-bailable offence referring to large-scale corruption punishable by life imprisonment.

"We don't pick and choose, there is no name here that we're trying to avoid. Everything here is based on evidence," Remulla told reporters.

"This case proves that there are no sacred cows."

Remulla said prosecutors intended to file additional cases against Romualdez and others implicated in the flood control scandal.

Romualdez's co-respondents include former lawmaker Elizaldy Co and several others accused of conspiring to unlawfully accumulate wealth through government funds.

He did not immediately respond to AFP's requests for comment.

In September last year, Romualdez resigned as speaker of the House of Representatives after his name surfaced in the widening investigation.

At the time, he said stepping down would allow investigators to perform their work without "undue influence". He remains a member of congress.

Over the past year, prosecutors have filed cases against a number of sitting and former lawmakers, public works officials and construction company representatives allegedly linked to the scheme.

Corruption has long been a problem in the Philippines' brand of free-wheeling democracy, and accounts for much of the massive poverty in the Southeast Asian nation of 112 million people. — AFP

'Truly scared': Blazes outpace firefighters in Indonesian Borneo

PONTIANAK, Indonesia: Toiling around the clock, haggard Indonesian firefighters on Borneo island cannot keep up with the blazes devouring landscapes and shrouding communities in a cloying haze.

They are fighting a perilous battle with limited weapons against fires blamed in part on a stronger-than-usual episode of the El Nino climate phenomenon parching Southeast Asia.

Experts also blame climate change, decades of forest degradation and slash-and-burn land clearing practices that have changed the naturally fire-resistant landscape.

"We are exhausted. Sometimes we carry out firefighting until dawn. Sometimes we don't sleep," said Sampe Ritonga, fire chief for Sintang regency.

"Our facilities and infrastructure for firefighting are very limited," he told AFP, standing on the smouldering embers of a peatland fire separated from a residential settlement by a narrow dirt road.

Behind him, veiled by the haze, the sun appeared as an eerie, rust-coloured ball in the brown-grey sky.

Sampe's team only has two 6,000-litre fire engines, and deploys one at a time while the other refills. They also face a shortage of hoses.

The team has fought dozens of fires this month.

With river levels low, "we look for available water in ditches... (and) small rivers", some far from active burn sites, Sampe said.

"So there are difficulties because they have to first carry out firefighting with high intensity, and second look for water," he added.

Forestry department firefighters extinguish a peatland fire at Kuala Dua village in Kubu Raya, West Kalimantan. — AFP photo

"With the limitations we have, we try as hard as we can to extinguish the fires and also to reduce the smoke."

Nearby, locals gathered to observe the team's efforts, offering drinking water to first responders.

"There are many houses here, and that is what we have to protect," said Sampe.

Resident Sutrismi, 47, said she was at home on Saturday when she heard a "crackling sound", looked out of the window and saw smoke rising from the peatland across the road.

Peatland fires, common in the area, generally smoulder and spread under the soil for weeks or months, emitting huge quantities of smoke and only rarely causing surface blazes.

"First thing, I looked for help. I contacted the village head, asked for assistance," Sutrismi told AFP.

"I am scared. Truly scared."

Some 400 kilometres away in Pontianak - the capital of West Kalimantan province - people have been breathing foul air for weeks.

The haze can be smelled even indoors in the city of about 700,000 people.

At one point on Sunday, the level of PM2.5 pollution exceeded 500 micrograms per cubic metre, according to IQAir, a Switzerland-based monitor.

That is more than 100 times the World Health Organization's recommended safe limit for airborne particles so small they can enter deep into the lungs and even the bloodstream, with potentially dire consequences for health.

Hundreds of schools have been closed indefinitely in West Kalimantan due to air pollution, with about 200,000 pupils learning from home, according to the education ministry.

The province has also recorded a surge in respiratory ailments.

"We really hope there will be some assistance or grants for us, so we can be faster, more alert and more responsive," said Sampe.

West Kalimantan governor Ria Norsan said the province was doing its best.

"We do not want officers in the field to work with limitations," he said in a statement to AFP.

"Every report regarding shortages of personnel, equipment, water, or other needs must be conveyed immediately so that solutions can be found."

The provincial government has said it has nearly 14,500 fire-fighting personnel out in the field, with nine aircraft available for water-bombing, three for patrols and one for cloud-seeding operations trying to make rain. — AFP

Japan issues landslide warnings

TOKYO: Heavy rain battered parts of Japan yesterday, killing a woman after her car was flooded in an underpass in the city of Iwaki in north-eastern Fukushima prefecture, German Press Agency (dpa) reported, citing broadcaster NHK.

Evacuation orders in Iwaki and parts of Ibaraki and Kanagawa prefectures were later lifted.

Authorities in the Fukushima town of Hirono also lifted an evacuation order for its 4,665 residents, a local official told dpa.

The Tokyo metropolitan area was also hit by the remnants of a typhoon and a storm front.

Japan's weather agency issued its second-highest warning level for parts of neighbouring Chiba and Saitama prefectures and parts of Fukushima over the risk of landslides.

The agency forecast further heavy rain across wide areas along Japan's Pacific coast.

The government has set up an emergency task force.

Heavy rainfall has repeatedly caused disruption in Japan in recent weeks.

Just days ago, authorities in central Fukui prefecture urged around 400,000 people to seek safety temporarily because of the risk of landslides.

Homes and roads were flooded before the warnings were lifted. — Bernama-dpa

Iran to declare 'prohibited zone' near Hormuz Strait

TEHRAN: Iran's top negotiator on Sunday threatened a more forceful response to any further US attacks after Tehran targeted American warships in their latest round of clashes.

The exchanges of fire, which began with US raids last week, come amid a deadlock in the six-month war between the two foes.

Iran has maintained its stranglehold on the strategic Strait of Hormuz while Washington continues a counter-blockade of Iranian ports.

Washington is also seeking to choke Iran's economy, rolling out sanctions on entities with financial links to the Islamic republic in a bid to force it into submission.

Iranian parliament speaker Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf, who has acted as chief negotiator in talks to end the war, said Sunday that "the era of proportionate responses has come to an end".

"Any aggression against Iran's interests and security will receive a faster, more intense and more painful response," he added, in a speech carried by state media.

Tehran's top security chief, meanwhile, said Iran would establish a 'prohibited zone' near the Strait of Hormuz in coming days.

"This zone will start from the US Navy's blockade line and include areas of the Persian Gulf. Any ship entering this new zone will be placed on the sanctions list" of Iran, Mohsen Rezaei told state TV.

On Saturday, US Central Command (CENTCOM), which oversees American military operations in the region, said Iran had unsuccessfully fired at two American warships -- an aircraft carrier and a destroyer.

In response, the US struck three oil tankers it said were linked to Iran's Revolutionary Guards (IRGC).

Video posted by the military showed large fireballs and billowing flames after projectiles slammed into the ships.

The bow of a vessel moored at the port of Kuhestak, is damaged following a US military strike earlier in the week on Kuhestak, Sirik County, in Iran's southern Hormozgan province. — AFP photo

The three vessels were "part of a multibillion-dollar shadow network that funds the IRGC and its regional proxies", CENTCOM said.

Iran quickly retaliated, with the Guards saying their naval forces "targeted three oil tankers on the unauthorised route of the Strait of Hormuz and three vessels affiliated with the child-killing America in other areas".

It warned ships not to attempt to transit the key trade waterway via routes not approved by Tehran.

Early on Sunday Iran's Guards also said they attacked a US naval drone trying to enter the strait, according to a statement carried by state television.

CENTCOM spokesman Captain Tim Hawkins, however, called the claim 'a complete lie'.

CENTCOM commander Admiral Brad Cooper had said after the exchange of strikes: "If you shoot at two of our ships, we will impose an even higher economic cost — taking out three of yours."

The Iranian foreign ministry condemned the attacks on its oil tankers as "illegal and aggressive actions".

The administration of US President Donald Trump has tried to downplay the significance of the six-month conflict, which has proven increasingly unpopular at home as midterm elections near.

US Vice President JD Vance has gone so far as to say that he "wouldn't call it a war".

Trump reiterated that view on Friday, calling the war "small potatoes" for Washington.

Iranian officials have maintained their defiant tone, but US Energy Secretary Chris Wright told ABC's 'This Week' programme on Sunday that Iran was 'doing everything they can to cling on to something'.

"They know their nuclear programme's coming to an end. Their navy has come to an end. Their air force has come to an end. They're clinging on to power," he said.

A fragile ceasefire between the two sides collapsed in July after attacks on commercial ships in the Hormuz strait, through which one-fifth of world oil supplies previously flowed.

Trump has in recent weeks repeatedly threatened to claim sovereignty over the strait, even posting a map showing it as "new US territory".

Vance has insisted the US will not reopen talks with Iran until it ends attacks on commercial shipping in the strait. — AFP

Trump suggests renaming New Mexico state 'New America'

WASHINGTON, United States: US President Donald Trump's name-changing spree found an unlikely new target on Sunday when he suggested the state of New Mexico could become 'New America.'

Donald Trump

His proposal, which was immediately dismissed by the state's governor, comes days after he signed an order to rename Lake Ontario as "Lake America" in the middle of a trade war with neighboring Canada.

"Many people suggested changing the name of New Mexico... to NEW AMERICA," the Republican president posted on social media. "So much more prestigious and beautiful for the people of that potentially incredible State. Wow, I Love It!!!"

The White House reposted an image showing the Mexico part of the state's name crossed out and replaced with "America."

Some US media reports said the idea originated as an internet hoax. State governor Michelle Lujan Grisham told Fox News that the name "isn't up for debate— it's been ours since before the United States existed."

She said the president wanted to "distract Americans" from issues such as soaring gas prices.

Trump last week suggested renaming the Strait of Hormuz as 'Trump Strait' as the war with Iran continues — then hours later implied he was not serious about the plan. He renamed the Gulf of Mexico as the "Gulf of America" on his first day back in the White House in 2025 in a move rejected by Mexico.

Canada has also rejected the attempt to rename Lake Ontario. — AFP

Iran warns S. Korea against involvement in Hormuz

TEHRAN: Iran's foreign ministry on Monday warned South Korea against military deployment or involvement in US operations in the Strait of Hormuz, saying such a move would have "serious consequences".

On Friday, Seoul said it was considering "contributions" to US security efforts in the strategic Strait of Hormuz, which Tehran has largely controlled since the outbreak of war against the United States on February 28.

South Korea said it would consider the move provided that its own military readiness was not compromised, but added that no decision had been made. On Monday, Iran's foreign ministry spokesperson Esmaeil Baqaei warned South Korea against succumbing to what he called "US pressure and intimidation".

"Any military deployment or participation in operations by other countries in the Persian Gulf or the Strait of Hormuz can only be regarded as direct support for the party responsible for that aggression and will have serious consequences," he said in a post on X.

Iran and the United States have continued to trade fire in and around the Strait of Hormuz, even after an April ceasefire brought the initial intense bombardment campaign to an end. Negotiations between the two foes have stalled as they vied for control over Hormuz, which normally carries around a fifth of the world's oil and liquefied natural gas exports.

Since the war erupted, traffic through the vital waterway has been virtually paralysed, disrupting global energy markets. Iran has required vessels to seek permission to transit — a move opposed by Washington and several regional countries — insisting that there will be no return to the pre-war system of unrestricted navigation. — AFP

Siegmund, far-right Alternative for Germany (AfD)'s main candidate in the Saxony-Anhalt state election, gestures as he addresses supporters at the AfD's election party following Saxony-Anhalt's state elections in Magdeburg, eastern Germany. — AFP photo

Merz a 'major burden' for Germany, says far-right AfD after vote win

BERLIN: Germany's far-right AfD, emboldened by a state election triumph, charged Monday that centre-right Chancellor Friedrich Merz had become 'a major burden' for the country.

"No chancellor before has been as unpopular as Friedrich Merz, who has become a major burden on Germany's prosperous development," said party co-leader Alice Weidel, after her party won Saxony-Anhalt state elections in a landslide.

Speaking at a Berlin press conference, she confidently predicted that her Alternative for Germany party would beat Merz's CDU/CSU bloc in 2029 national elections.

The AfD in Saxony-Anhalt is labelled a 'right-wing extremist' group by Germany's domestic intelligence agency, and its victory there has sparked alarm among mainstream parties, minority groups and many foreign-born residents.

Weidel said "the election in Saxony-Anhalt has shown that people expect a change in politics".

"The people in this country do not want things to continue as they are," she said, demanding an end to "illegal migration, open borders, skyrocketing rates of crime committed by foreign nationals, and a refusal to carry out deportations."

Weidel also slammed Germany's 'disastrous energy policy' and 'rampant deindustrialisation that is breaking Germany's backbone'.

AfD co-leader Tino Chrupalla meanwhile criticised German support for Ukraine in its fight to resist the Russian invasion.

"People are simply fed up; they see us transferring billions of our tax dollars to Ukraine... effectively shipping tax revenue abroad instead of using it for our own population," he said.

The AfD scored a landslide victory in the vote in the ex-communist eastern state with 44 percent of the vote, yet it fell three seats short of an absolute majority.

Ulrich Siegmund, the top candidate, stressed Monday that he wants a governing majority to become state premier and reached out to other parties or "individual MPs who want to join us in tackling this historic task".

"It is a very clear government mandate," he said of the poll result. "It could hardly be clearer." — AFP

Cape Verde in mourning after children killed in bus crash

PRAIA, Cape Verde: Cape Verde's government announced two days of mourning on Sunday after 25 people, mostly children and teenagers, were killed in a bus crash.

The west African country's leaders joined a Mass on Sunday at a local church on the island of Fogo, where 18 coffins were on display.

Such accidents are rare in the Atlantic archipelago, where roads are generally in good condition.

Officials said the bus veered off the road and plunged into a deep ravine late on Saturday, following an excursion to a village inside a volcanic crater.

The dead included the bus driver, who organised the excursion every year as a present for the pupils he drove to school during term time.

Prime Minister Francisco Carvalho told public television station TCV he had ordered two days of mourning and promised further measures would be taken.

President Jose Maria Neves, meanwhile, said he would order an inquiry into the circumstances of the accident.

"Right now the priority is to show solidarity with the families of the victims," he said.

Emergency personnel worked through the night to rescue victims trapped in the wreckage, in a remote, rocky valley.

Seven victims were buried early on Sunday. The rest were set to be buried later in the day, according to public radio network RCV. — AFP

A relative cries next to the coffin of one the victims killed in a bus crash during their funeral at Sao Lourenco Church in the town of Sao Lourenco, on the island of Fogo. — AFP photo

Yemen's Houthis accuse Saudi Arabia of air raids, missile strikes

DUBAI: Yemen's Iran-backed Houthis on Monday accused Saudi Arabia of carrying out airstrikes around the country as the rebels press a deadly offensive to seize territory bordering the strategic Bab al-Mandab strait.

The attacks targeted Houthi positions around the Arabian Peninsula's poorest country, which is divided between areas held by the rebels and the Saudi-backed, internationally recognised government.

"The Saudi enemy targeted the provinces of Jawf, al-Bayda, Marib and Taiz with several airstrikes and cruise missiles," said the Saba news agency, which is affiliated with the Houthi movement.

Days of fighting near the Red Sea coast has left more than 300 people dead and displaced hundreds of families as the Houthis try to capture land bordering the Bab al-Mandab.

The narrow waterway forms the southern entrance to the Red Sea, a shipping artery that has become a vital route for Saudi oil exports since Iran blockaded the Strait of Hormuz, the gateway to the Gulf, during the US-Iran war. — AFP

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Pasha (second right) speaks during a press conference in conjunction with the 'Ungu 3 Dasawarsa: Special Night in Kuala Lumpur' concert at Idea Live Arena in Kuala Lumpur. — Bernama photo

Ungu celebrates 30-year musical legacy at KL concert

KUALA LUMPUR: After three decades in the music industry, popular Indonesian band Ungu proved that its special bond with its Malaysian fans remains as strong as ever when it entertained thousands of fans at the 'Ungu 3 Dasawarsa: Special Night in Kuala Lumpur' concert at Idea Live Arena here on Saturday night.

The two-hour concert saw fans, including those from neighbouring countries such as Brunei, Singapore and Indonesia, turning up dressed in white and purple in keeping with the concert theme.

Adding a local touch to the special evening, all Ungu members looked dashing in baju Melayu as they opened the show with 'Cindai', originally performed by Datuk Seri Siti Nurhaliza Tarudin.

Ungu member Pasha later took the opportunity to greet the fans and share his thoughts on Ungu's long-standing relationship with Malaysia.

"We first came to Malaysia in 2007, which was 19 years ago. This also shows that Ungu and Malaysia have a strong relationship," Pasha said.

The concert was organised by COMs.Creative Studio and DM Diamond Entertainment.

Besides performing romantic songs, Ungu also showcased the spiritual side of its music with 'Andai Ku Tahu' and 'Bila Tiba', with the audience singing along with them.

The evening also saw Ungu sharing the stage with Malaysian singer Marsha Milan, who appeared as a guest artiste to perform 'Bismillah Cinta' and 'Tercipta Untukku'.

Marsha's appearance added colour to the show before Ungu took fans on a musical journey spanning 19 songs from various stages of the band's career, including 'Cinta Gila', 'Hampa Hatiku' and 'Percaya Padaku'.

Other songs performed that night included 'Sejauh Mungkin', 'Seperti Yang Dulu', 'Cinta Dalam Hati' and their latest release, 'Utara-Selatan'.

The band's three-decade musical journey was also celebrated with a birthday cake-cutting ceremony on stage, while a special tribute was paid to Makki, the only original member who has remained with Ungu since the band was formed in 1996.

Pasha also hinted that Ungu would be releasing new material soon, with the upcoming song expected to carry a similar musical nuance to 'Andai Ku Tahu' and 'Bila Tiba'. — Bernama

Venice festival turns gaze on war reporters, media industry

VENICE: An apartment building has just collapsed in an Israeli airstrike, hundreds are likely dead, and a cameraman runs towards the smoke and rubble in the opening scene of the Gaza documentary 'Citizen Osama'.

Palestinian director Ahmed Hassouna's film is one of several at the Venice Film Festival this year about journalism, whether the high stakes faced by war correspondents, or the morally ambiguous methods used by certain media to gain viewers.

'Citizen Osama', chosen as the Palestinian entry to compete for best foreign film in the 2027 Academy Awards, lays bare the life of a Palestinian journalist 'who suffers just like anyone else' in Gaza, said its director Hassouna.

"A journalist is not a soulless camera; he is a man struggling to find water, fighting to obtain food and constantly worrying about how to find milk for his newborn baby or how to feed his wife so she can breastfeed their child," Hassouna wrote in the film's liner notes.

The documentary powerfully captures the apocalyptic landscape of Gaza City, its streets reduced to rubble and mangled rebar, and the weighty sense of responsibility shouldered by the few remaining journalists on the ground.

"I wanted to show that the journalist who captures suffering for the world is himself living through that same tragedy behind the lens," wrote Hassouna, who remains in Gaza.

UN experts, rights groups and activists have accused Israel of deliberately targeting Palestinian journalists, with the Committee to Protect Journalists counting more than 200 killed in Gaza since October 2023.

'Citizen Osama' covers the killing of Al-Jazeera journalist Ismail al-Ghoul in an Israeli airstrike in July 2024, an incident that was internationally condemned.

In 2025, days after a film about Palestinian photojournalist Fatima Hassouna was selected to play at the Cannes Film Festival, she was killed in an airstrike.

Foreign reporters are still blocked from entering Gaza by Israeli authorities — unless they are in tightly controlled tours organised by the military.

Freedom of the press

In a politically charged season at the Venice festival, conflicts feature prominently — with films featuring variously the Vietnam War, Chile before Pinochet's military coup, Gaza and the West Bank.

Eagerly awaited next week is the premiere of 'NAZA', a documentary from Oscar winners Yuval Abraham and Rachel Szor about the Israeli military's killing of civilians in Gaza.

Another Venice film with the protagonist a war correspondent is 'La Ragazza con la Leica' (Girl with the Leica), which reimagines real-life Spanish Civil War photographer Gerda Taro.

Long overlooked, Taro was the photographer partner and companion of legendary lensman Robert Capa and the first woman photojournalist to die on the battlefield. The film's director, Alina Marazzi, said their work was part of the "golden age of photojournalism."

"If we think that at the time, probably the majority of the population was illiterate and couldn't read what was written in the newspapers, through photographs you could show what was happening in places of conflict, the effects of war on the civilian population, for example in the Spanish Civil War," she told a press conference earlier this week.

Today, in the age of artificial intelligence and with millions of people wielding cameras on their phones, the accuracy and transparency of published images are not necessarily guaranteed, Marazzi said.

"We must defend freedom of the press," she said. — AFP

German director Wenders clarifies views on film and politics

VENICE: German director Wim Wenders clarified his views about the relationship between filmmakers and politics on Sunday after he caused an outcry at the Berlin film festival earlier this year.

Speaking in Venice, where he is presenting a new film about Swiss architect Peter Zumthor, the "Paris, Texas" director said he had been misunderstood.

While serving as the head of the jury at the Berlin film festival in February, Wenders told reporters that filmmakers 'cannot really enter the field of politics' when he was asked about Germany's support for Israel throughout the Gaza war.

Wim Wenders

"What I said then is that as filmmakers, we are the opposite of politicians. We have empathy. Politicians work without empathy," Wenders told reporters at the Venice Film Festival when asked if he had reconsidered his views.

"We are not working with a mindset of politicians, we are working with a mindset of empathetic people. And we are into changing things. I say that again and I hope you're not misquoting me and saying we have to stay out of politics because we do the opposite. We are the antidote," he added.

At Venice's opening press conference last Wednesday, jury president Maggie Gyllenhaal weighed in on the topic, saying that movies are "fundamentally, undeniably political".

The war in Gaza has been a frequent political flashpoint at European film festivals, with organisers and movie industry leading lights asked for their views on the conflict. — AFP

Lonely woman director in Venice sees industry backsliding on gender

VENICE: When Danish director May el-Toukhy was selected for the top competition at the Venice Film Festival in July, she was the only female filmmaker in a 20-strong field — with a movie 'about the invisibility of women'.

She joked about the irony in a press conference on Sunday, while pointing out that progress on gender bias made in the wake of the 2017 #MeToo movement appeared to be reversing.

"After #MeToo, I think all of us were really aware of this gender imbalance," she told reporters.

"And something has happened over the course of the last couple of years where we're kind of returning to, you know, what it used to be — and so we have to be better," she added.

The protagonist of 'Woman Unknown' is a bride-to-be struggling to hide her wartime secret — a relationship with a Nazi during the German occupation of Denmark during WWII.

Women accused of having consorted with the enemy are seen in the film violently stripped, their heads shaved and red swastikas painted on their bare flesh.

The powerful film, which drew enthusiastic applause after a press screening Sunday, is "about being objectified on one hand and on the other hand being unseen and voiceless," said el-Toukhy.

El-Toukhy attends the photocall of 'Woman Unknown' (Kvinde Ukendt) presented in competition at the 83rd International Venice Film Festival, at Venice Lido. — AFP photo

Selection process questioned

The dearth of females in the top Venice competition has sparked nagging questions about the selection process and female representation.

Venice boss Alberto Barbera angered many observers in July when he said the initial 20-1 male domination of the top competition was because the submissions from women "were not enough to put them into the competition".

Since then, the festival has added another film co-directed by a woman, the documentary 'NAZA' about the Israeli killing of civilians in Gaza, which will premiere on Thursday.

El-Toukhy, a Danish-Egyptian director who has worked on Netflix's "The Queen", said she had encountered gender bias throughout her career and even with her latest film.

"When I pitched the film to people, I could see that they were glazing over because they were, like, 'Oh, another Second World War film,' which I feel is unfair because we've told so many stories about the male experience during war or post-war, and we haven't really explored what it meant to be a woman during that time as much," she said.

After film school, she said she struggled to find financing for her first film.

"I think it took me six or seven years, whereas my male peers, they were much faster than me," she explained.

"My second film was really hard to get done as well."

Structural

She sees the under-representation of women at the top of the industry as a 'structural problem' — echoing a similar point made by American star Maggie Gyllenhaal who is head of the competition jury in Venice this year.

"I do think it's much harder for women to get their films financed," Gyllenhaal said in the first week of the festival.

"Also, could it be possible that the things that women, having had a different experience of being alive in the world, want to make movies about are not always deemed high art?" she added.

Award-winning Italian actress Jasmine Trinca told AFP Sunday: "When I see that there is only one woman in competition, I'm alarmed, I'm angry."

"I think it's a question we really need to ask ourselves and confront," Trinca said. A study from the USC Annenberg Inclusion Initiative described 2025 as a "Great Recession" for women directors in the United States: just nine women were attached to the 100 top-grossing films at the box office. — AFP

(From left) Director Andrea Pallaoro, US Sarandon, Italian actor Luca Marinelli and Swedish actress Alicia Vikander attend the red carpet event before the screening of 'The Echo chamber' presented in competition at the 83rd International Venice Film Festival, at Venice Lido. — AFP photo

Susan Sarandon says still losing roles over Gaza stance

VENICE: US actress Susan Sarandon said Sunday she was still having roles 'taken away' from her in Hollywood because of her outspoken criticism of Israel's war in Gaza.

The 'Thelma & Louise' star was dropped by her agency UTA in November 2023 over controversial remarks at a pro-Palestinian rally which she later said she regretted.

Speaking at the Venice Film Festival, where she has a role in Italian film 'The Echo Chamber', she claimed the 'narrative' around the Gaza war and the United States' support for Israel had 'completely changed'.

"There's a lot of things that people are aware of now," the Oscar winner told a press conference, referring to the extent of US financial and military aid for Israel.

"I've still had movies taken away recently because there are agencies that are telling people not to hire me still. But that's the power structure," she added.

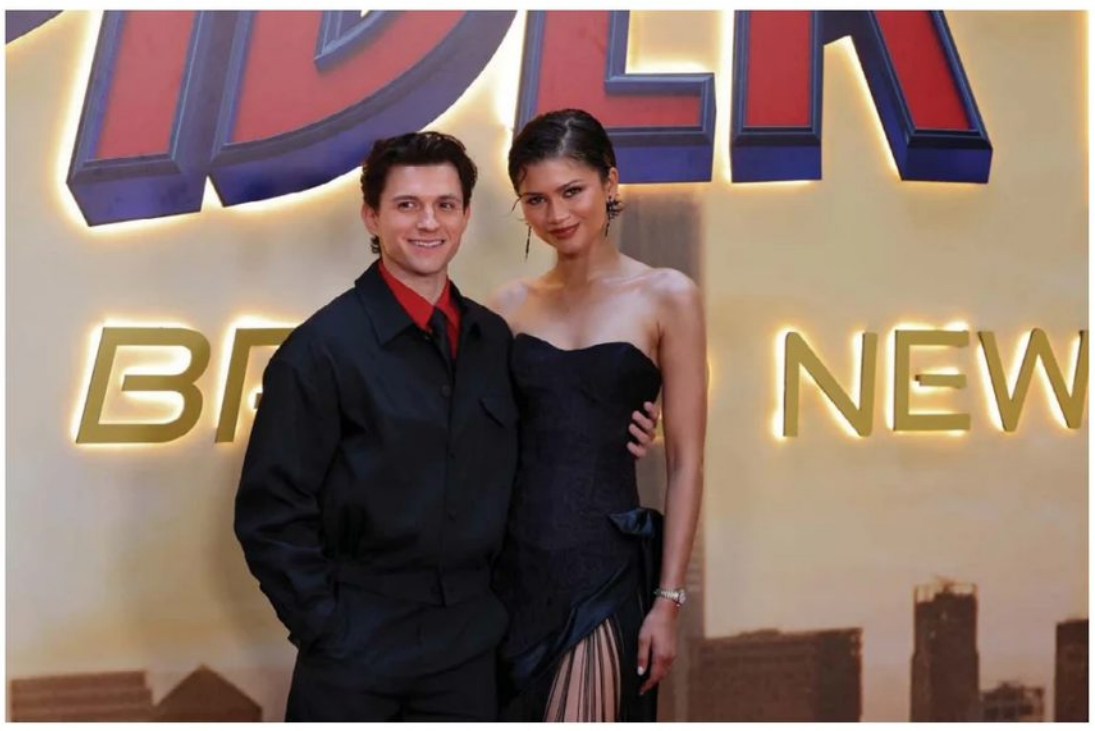
"I think there has been a change in terms of the understanding of the situation and the general public, but there are still very strongly held positions within my industry that are held by Zionists and who have not relaxed their feelings towards me.

"But I found my family, I found my people, and I'm okay," she added to a round of applause.

The veteran star of 'Dead Man Walking' has been one of Hollywood's most outspoken pro-Palestinian campaigners and critics of the Gaza war alongside others such as Marc Ruffalo, Richard Gere and Joaquin Phoenix. Many others have signed open letters criticising Israel's conduct of the war, which has left around 73,500 Palestinians dead and 174,500 injured since October 2023, according to Gaza's Hamas-run health ministry.

The premiere of 'NAZA' — about the killing of civilians in Gaza — by two Israeli directors looks set to be one of the most emotionally charged moments of the Venice festival when it premieres on Thursday.

Directors Yuval Abraham and Rachel Szor won an Oscar for 2024's 'No Other Land', which documented the displacement of a Palestinian community in the occupied West Bank by Israeli settlers. — AFP



US actress Zendaya and British actor Tom Holland pose during a photocall for 'Spider-Man: Brand New Day' movie in a hotel in Madrid. — AFP file photo

Still on top: 'Spider-Man' dominates North American box office

LOS ANGELES: "Spider-Man: Brand New Day" has claimed the top spot in North American box office sales for the sixth straight week, an industry group said Sunday.

The superhero film with by Tom Holland and real-life wife Zendaya brought in another US$18 million over the long Labor Day weekend in the United States, down 20 percent on last weekend's take.

The latest Marvel blockbuster, which had the biggest debut weekend of all time at the domestic box office, has now brought in US$918 million in the United States and Canada since its July 31 release – and an additional US$1.48 billion internationally, according to industry monitor Exhibitor Relations.

Christopher Nolan's epic "The Odyssey," distributed by Universal, moved up a notch to second place as it took in another US$13 million in its eighth week in theaters, for a domestic total of US$584.7 million.

Third place went to the much-delayed, mixed animation-and-live action Looney Tunes flick "Coyote vs. Acme," with revenue of US$11.3 million as it slipped from second place in its second week.

Warner Bros. shelved this work in late 2023 after filming wrapped up and sat on it for a US$30 million tax write off, until a company called Ketchup Entertainment swooped in, acquired the rights and finally released the movie to enthusiastic reviews and a strong start.

Making its debut, "By Any Means" from Paramount grabbed fourth place with US$7.4 million in sales. Mark Wahlberg and Yahya Abdul-Mateen II star in this civil rights-era crime thriller set in the deep south of the United States in the 1960s.

"This is a good opening for an original crime thriller," said David A. Gross, a film industry watcher with the FranchiseRe movie newsletter.

"Critics' reviews are lukewarm but the audience score is very good," he added.

Fifth place went to Sony Pictures' "Insidious: Out of the Further," which scared up US$6.5 million in the third week of viewing for this sixth installment in the horror franchise.

Starring Amelia Eve, Brandon Perea and Maisie Richardson-Sellers, it follows the story of a young woman who can bring spirits into the mortal world but is herself haunted.

Rounding out the top 10 were:
"CARS: 20th Anniversary" (US$6.1 million)
"Buddy" (US$5.7 million)
"Paw Patrol: The Dino Movie" (US$3.3 million)
"The End of Oak Street" (US$2.9 million)
"The Dog Stars" (US$2.7 million) — AFP

UKRAINIAN FASHION WEEK

Models and Ukrainian women veteran walk on the runway during the Sidletskiy fashion show in collaboration with the U+System Military Prosthetics Center during Ukrainian Fashion Week in Kyiv, amid the Russian invasion of Ukraine. — AFP photo

Director impressed by Damian Lewis's photographic memory on set

DAMIAN Lewis impressed 'Pressure' director Anthony Maras with his "photographic memory" on set.

The 55-year-old actor stars in the new World War II drama as British commander Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery opposite Andrew Scott as Royal Air Force meteorologist James Stagg and Brendan Fraser as US General Dwight D. Eisenhower in the story of how weather reports affected the planning of the D-Day landings - and Maras has revealed he was taken aback by Lewis' skill after the screen star managed to memorise a long and complicated speech just minutes before they were due to film the scene.

Speaking at the Pressure premiere in London, Maras told PEOPLE: "Damian Lewis has to do a scene where he has to speak for two minutes in front of a video or a film projector, showing what all the preparations have been done for D-Day up until that point. We didn't cut this until the last minute.

"He didn't have time to prepare, so initially, I was going to do it on a computer in such a way as to time it to how he spoke. He said, 'Forget all that, let me see the video'.

Damian Lewis

"He said, 'Let me have a look at it.' He looks, [says], 'Show me it one more time.' He goes, 'Alright, I'm ready.' I'm like, 'Come on, mate.' He goes, 'I'm ready'."

Maras explained Lewis managed to recite the speech perfectly even though he had only heard the words twice.

He added: "I don't know what kind of photographic, weird memory he has, but he synced his speech to the frame, to the second of what was playing behind him that he'd only seen twice.

"He's got some kind of special talent for that, or eyes in the back of his head maybe, I don't know."

Scott previously opened up about taking on the role of the wartime weatherman, telling the BBC he was happy to bring a real life "unsung hero" to the big screen.

He said: "Group Captain James Stagg may not have been the most charming person, but I think he had a huge amount of humility in the face of nature. And that's one of the themes I think of the film.

"He appeared to me to be an extraordinarily interesting cinematic character, as well as an unsung hero from history.

"It was a wonderful part to play ... [He] wasn't a particularly garrulous character ... So many of the heroes in our own lives don't have that big swashbuckling moment.

"And you know, a hero comes in all different shapes and sizes. I tried not to be afraid of the fact that perhaps, at the beginning, the audience might be like, 'Who is this guy?' And hopefully by the end we understand his motivations and his inner workings." — Bang Showbiz

Lilly Wachowski not likely to work on latest 'The Matrix'

LILLY Wachowski is "kinda done" with 'The Matrix' franchise.

The filmmaker and her sister Lana Wachowski are best known for helming 'The Matrix' movie series, but Lilly looks unlikely to be working on the fifth film, which is currently in the works.

Speaking on KCRW's weekly radio show The Business, she said: "Warner Bros., they want to make another thing.

"They're always going to make another thing.

"Personally, I don't wanna play in that sandbox anymore. I'm kinda done."

However, Lilly admitted she and Lana may be tempted to "stick our noses in a tiny bit and see how we feel" due to a "complicated situation" with The Matrix 5 director Drew Goddard.

She added: "But there may be a thing that's happening with Drew Goddard, and he doesn't wanna go forward unless he gets our blessing.

"And so, it becomes this complicated situation where, maybe we're gonna stick our noses in a tiny bit and see how we feel, and if we wanna pass on our blessing to Drew or not.

"So, it could be something that's coming down the road, but it's still unknown."

The Wachowskis co-wrote and co-directed Keanu Reeves-led 1999 movie The Matrix as well as 2003 follow-ups The Matrix Reloaded and The Matrix Revolutions.

But Lana directed 2021's The Matrix Resurrections on her own, and she co-wrote the motion picture alongside David Mitchell and Aleksandar Hemon.

It's not yet confirmed if Reeves will return for The Matrix 5, and Laurence Fishburne is unsure whether he will be back for the movie.

Speaking at The Matrix reunion at New York Comic Con last October, Laurence said: "It depends on how good it is, really.

"If it's great, then yeah, it makes sense. I don't know if it makes sense."

Fishburne recalled how he had contacted director Lana Wachowski about featuring in The Matrix Resurrections but didn't hear anything back. — Bang Showbiz

Glen Powell to produce remake of 'Confession of Murder'

GLEN Powell will produce a remake to the 2012 Korean film 'Confession of Murder.'

The 'Chad Powers' actor and creator will produce the film with Dan Cohen through their Barnstorm company, alongside Winged Tiger's Naomi Funabashi and Rishi Rajani.

According to Deadline, Chris MacBride is on board to write the script.

The original film starred Jung Jae-Yung and followed an investigation that took place after a suspected killer publishes a book detailing murders he cannot be tried for.

Powell and Cohen founded Barnstorm in 2025 and the company is currently in post-production on 'The Comeback King,' starring Powell and directed by Judd Apatow.

Meanwhile, it was recently revealed that Glen Powell is set to portray baseball great Lou Gehrig in a new feature directed by Richard Linklater.

The movie will reunite the filmmaker and actor, 37, for the third time as Universal Pictures brings the life of one of America's most celebrated sports figures back to the big screen.

Richard, 65, and Glen previously collaborated on Everybody Wants Some!! and the critically acclaimed Netflix comedy Hit Man, which Glen also co-wrote and produced.

Glen, whose profile has continued to rise following the success of Top Gun: Maverick, Anyone But You and Twisters, is also due to appear in J.J. Abrams' forthcoming film The Great Beyond.

Director Richard, meanwhile, most recently directed Blue Moon, which received Academy Award nominations for its screenplay and Ethan Hawke's lead performance, as well as Nouvelle Vague, a drama chronicling the making of Jean-Luc Godard's Breathless.

The new film will tell the story of Lou Gehrig, the Baseball Hall of Famer whose remarkable durability earned him the nickname "The Iron Horse".

Lou played a then-record 2,130 consecutive Major League Baseball games before his career was cut short after he was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, the neurological disease that later became widely known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

Star of the Year US actor Glen Powell arrives for the CinemaCon 2025 Big Screen Achievement Awards at Omnia Nightclub at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, Nevada. — AFP file photo

The sports great delivered one of the most famous speeches in sporting history during his farewell at Yankee Stadium in 1939, declaring himself "the luckiest man on the face of the Earth" before a packed crowd.

The address has since become known as baseball's "Gettysburg Address".

Lou died in 1941 at the age of 37. His story was previously adapted for the screen in the 1942 film The Pride of the Yankees, with Gary Cooper portraying the sporting icon in a performance that became one of the defining baseball biopics in Hollywood history.

The new adaptation will be produced by Saturday Night Live creator Lorne Michaels, alongside Erin David through Broadway Video under the company's first-look agreement with Universal Pictures.

Glen will also produce through Barnstorm with Dan Cohen, while Richard is in talks to produce through Detour Film production. — Bang Showbiz

Abigail Breslin joins Yasmin Kassim, Booboo Stewart in 'Pipe Cleaner Boy'

ABIGAIL Breslin, Yasmin Kassim and Booboo Stewart will star in 'Pipe Cleaner Boy.'

The trio have signed up for writer and director Anna Rose Moore's new road trip comedy, which will star Little Miss Sunshine actress Abigail as Rachel, with You star Kassim as her best friend Leeze.

According to Deadline the movie follows Rachel "whose carefully ordered life implodes after she catches her fiancé cheating and loses her job. Convinced it's karmic payback, she sets off on a cross-country road trip with her free-spirited best friend, Leeza, to track down a boy from her past and make amends".

Filming for Pipe Cleaner Boy will begin in October in Oklahoma City.

Pipe Cleaner Boy will be Anna Rose Moore's feature directorial debut, after she recently wrote comedy feature, Adulting, for BuzzFeed Studios, starring Leighton Meester, Tyler Posey and Sherry Cola.

Producer Brynn Lucas said: "There is a specific sweet spot for a film like Pipe Cleaner Boy. A cast that is trusted and loved by audiences, a female-led team pushing the envelope for fresh voices in both directing and producing, and a script that deeply resonates with Gen Z. Anna Rose's script is funny, irreverent, and captures what it feels like to be a young woman suddenly unsure if she's been climbing the right ladder."

Lucas will produce alongside Charles Papert and Mark Myers of Citizen Skull along with Cris Cordero's Paravox.

Meanwhile, although Breslin received a Best Supporting Actress Oscar nomination at age 10 for her role in the 2006 film Little Miss Sunshine, Hollywood has not always been kind to her and she revealed in 2024 that she was deemed "hysterical" for making complaints about a male co-star in recent years.

She wrote on Tumblr in 2024: "In my recent career, I've brought forward concerns about a male colleague and was deemed 'hysterical'. I was told my fears were figments of my imagination. Now, as I'm seeing this pattern pop up more, I see this is the norm.

"[I made] a confidential complaint against a coworker for unprofessional [actions].

"I had the silly and naive impression they would believe me. Instead of being believed and protected, a suit was filed against me for having the audacity to speak up.

"[I] was made to seem like someone who just goes after men, rather than being seen as someone who has been dealing as a professional in this world, since I was a child, standing up for herself...This was after I had taken all of the recommended, reasonable and appropriate measures of reporting confidentially to my union. The experience left me with a lot of questions, of the professionals in my industry, of the public, and of men." — Bang Showbiz

Highlights BURSA MALAYSIA

Bursa Malaysia rises on buying interest in banking, telco stocks

BURSA Malaysia traded higher yesterday, supported by renewed buying interest in selected banking and telecommunications heavyweights, an analyst said.

At 5 pm, the FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI (FBM KLCI) rose 6.69 points, or 0.39 per cent, to 1,714.79, compared with Friday's close of 1,708.10.

The benchmark index opened 1.60 points higher at 1,709.70 and fluctuated between 1,708.26 and 1,715.29 throughout the trading session.

The broader market, however, was negative with losers outpacing gainers 611 to 488, while 580 counters were unchanged, 1,109 untraded and 25 suspended.

Turnover declined to 3.60 billion units valued at RM2.45 billion from 4.33 billion units valued at RM2.98 billion on Friday.

Rakuten Trade Sdn Bhd equity research vice-president Thong Pak Leng said major regional indices ended mixed after a weaker lead from Wall Street last Friday, although technology stocks remained resilient as renewed artificial intelligence optimism spurred demand for chipmakers.

Meanwhile, he said sentiment in China received some boost after Beijing announced a 360 billion yuan capital injection into state-owned banks and insurers, including 300 billion yuan to be funded through special Treasury bonds.

Local institutions extend buying streak with RM120.3 mln inflow

KUALA LUMPUR: Local institutions extended their net buying streak on Bursa Malaysia to six consecutive weeks, recording net inflows of RM120.3 million last week, according to MBSB Investment Bank Bhd (MBSB IB).

In its weekly Fund Flow Report for the week ended Sept 4, 2026, the investment bank said average daily trading volume saw a broad-based decrease, with retailers down 10.8 per cent, local institutions by 9.4 per cent, and foreign institutions by 30.5 per cent.

"Meanwhile, retailers extended their net buying streak to two consecutive weeks, recording RM520 million in net inflows," it said.

It said foreign institutions extended their net selling streak to fifth consecutive weeks on Bursa Malaysia, recording RM640.3 million in net outflows last week.

"This came during a shortened trading week, with the market closed on Monday (Aug 31) in conjunction with Malaysia's National Day.

"Foreign institutions were net sellers on all five trading days during the week. The highest outflows were recorded on Tuesday with RM488.4 million, followed by Thursday (RM74.6 million), Wednesday (RM56.8 million) and Friday (RM20.5 million)," it said.

MBSB IB said the top three sectors to record net inflows from foreign institutions were plantation with RM138.2 million, followed by transportation and logistics (RM81.4 million), and energy (RM40.3 million).

Meanwhile, it said the top three sectors to record net foreign outflows were financial services, recording outflows of RM462.9 million, followed by technology (RM118.8 million) and utilities (RM106.8 million).

Across the eight Asian markets MBSB IB monitors, foreign investors extended their net selling streak to two consecutive weeks, recording US$4.88 billion in net outflows last week.

"Net outflows were led mainly by Taiwan, followed by South Korea, India, Malaysia, Vietnam and the Philippines.

"Meanwhile, Indonesia and Thailand were the only markets to record net foreign inflows, though these were insufficient to offset the region's overall net selling," MBSB IB added. — Bernama

Butterfield FB's ACE Market IPO oversubscribed 18.67 times

KUCHING: Butterfield FB Bhd's initial public offering (IPO) has been oversubscribed by 18.67 times under the public portion ahead of its listing on the ACE Market of Bursa Malaysia on Sept 15.

According to the coffee and tea extract powder blends manufacturer in a bourse filing on Friday, a total of 12,670 applications for 786.67 million new shares with a value of RM377.60 million were received from the Malaysian public for the 40 million new shares made available.

For the Bumiputera portion, a total of 7,773 applications for 439.61 million new shares were received, representing an oversubscription rate of 20.98 times.

For the public portion, a total of 4,897 applications for 347.06 million new shares were received, which represents an oversubscription rate of 16.35 times.

The 16 million new shares available for application by eligible persons have been fully subscribed.

The 100 million shares, comprising 94 million issue shares and six million offer shares, made available by way of private placement to Bumiputera investors approved by the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI), have been fully placed out.

Lee Mong Khai

The 66 million new shares made available by way of private placement to selected investors have also been fully placed out.

On the private placement tranche, a total of 166 million shares have been allocated to 1,083 investors.

Butterfield FB's IPO involves a public issuance of 150 new ordinary shares at RM0.48 per share, aiming to raise RM72 million.

It also involves an offer for sale of 72 million existing shares, equivalent to 9 per cent of its enlarged share capital.

Executive director and chief executive officer Lee Mong Khai said the response to its IPO reflects investor confidence in the group's growth trajectory and operational capabilities.

"With the proceeds raised, we are well-positioned to accelerate our strategic growth plans, expand our Bukit Minyak premises, install our fourth manufacturing line, and continue to innovate and expand our product range to meet the evolving lifestyle and needs of our customers," he said.

Lee added that the group has introduced a dedicated manufacturing for matcha powder blends with a production capacity of 312 tonnes annually, in line with growing market trends and the rising popularity of matcha.

He said the matcha powder blends manufacturing has commenced operations in February and the initiative reflects its commitment to diversifying our product portfolio and capturing growth opportunities in convenience-driven beverage markets.

"Moving forward, we will continue to enhance our product offerings, ensuring that we meet our customers' evolving requirements and provide high-quality, consistent and convenient beverage solutions," he said.

Upon listing, the group will have a market capitalisation of around RM384 million based on an enlarged share capital of 800 million shares at RM0.48 per share.

M&A Securities Sdn Bhd is the Principal Adviser, Sponsor, Underwriter and Placement Agent for the IPO exercise.

August foreign inflows into Malaysian govt bonds hit RM11.1 bln

KUALA LUMPUR: Foreign inflows into Malaysian government bonds totalled RM11.1 billion in August, according to Kenanga Investment Bank Bhd (Kenanga IB).

"Foreign investors turned net buyers of Malaysian government bonds, with RM11.1 billion of inflows in August and RM5.6 billion of that in the final week," it said in its Bond Market Weekly Outlook yesterday.

Kenanga IB said Malaysian Government Securities (MGS) and Government Investment Issues (GII) yields rose across the curve by between 1.3 basis points (bps) and 11.1 bps.

The 10-year MGS yield rose 11.1 bps to 3.985 per cent, while the 10-year GII yield increased 10.1 bps to 3.953 per cent, with the sell-off concentrated in the seven- to 10-year segment, it said.

"External rates led the move. Cautious remarks from US Federal Reserve chair Kevin Warsh at the Jackson Hole symposium tempered expectations for near-term Fed rate cuts, while escalating United States-Iran tensions lifted front-end US Treasury securities yields and oil prices," it said.

Kenanga IB said domestic factors played a smaller role, with Malaysia's manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index easing to 50.2 in August from 50.7 in July, while Bank Negara Malaysia kept the overnight policy rate unchanged for a seventh consecutive Monetary Policy Committee meeting.

"The local market closed before Friday's US payrolls release, so the MGS curve has yet to price in the beat," it said. — Bernama

Money Market

SHORT-TERM rates remained stable yesterday after Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) conducted operations in the financial system.

Liquidity in the conventional system slid to RM37.70 billion from RM40.87 billion earlier, while liquidity in the Islamic system decreased to RM22.57 billion from RM23.64 billion yesterday morning.

Earlier, BNM conducted reverse repo tenders as well as an Islamic reverse repo (sell-and-buyback agreements) tender.

At 4 pm, BNM called for a RM37.70 billion conventional money market tender and a RM22.60 billion murabahah money market tender, both for one-day funds.

The Malaysia Islamic Overnight Rate (MYOR-i) was at 2.75 per cent as of Sept 4, 2026.

Rubber

THE rubber market ended higher yesterday, with Standard Malaysian Rubber 20 (SMR 20) reaching a new high this year, amid supply concerns in Thailand due to persistent heavy rainfall.

The dealer said expectations of stronger demand and El Niño-related production risks supported sentiment, while tighter US monetary policy limited gains.

"El Niño risks provided additional support, as the weather phenomenon is expected to peak between September and November, increasing the risk of further production cuts," she told Bernama.

At 3 pm, the price of SMR 20 increased 27 sen to 985.5 sen per kilogramme (kg), while latex in bulk added 10 sen to 700. 5 sen per kg.

TOP 20 GAINERS

STOCK	CHANGE	LACP	BUY	SELL	L/DONE
PETGAS	407,200	1,770.0	1,722.0	1,770.0	+ 44.0
MPI	155,900	4,042.0	3,938.0	3,982.0	+ 42.0
KLK	509,900	2,266.0	2,208.0	2,250.0	+ 24.0
TENAGA	6,263,400	1,392.0	1,364.0	1,384.0	+ 22.0
NIKKEI-C10	10,800	81.5	75.5	81.5	+ 20.0
UTDPLT	773,100	3,266.0	3,194.0	3,220.0	+ 14.0
UMSINT	48,000	825.0	810.0	824.0	+ 14.0
SLVEST	5,388,600	338.0	315.0	330.0	+ 13.0
PEKAT	3,274,800	203.0	185.0	201.0	+ 12.0
CEPCO	3,000	400.0	390.0	400.0	+ 10.0
TM	2,845,100	796.0	776.0	790.0	+ 10.0
UMCCA	5,400	605.0	600.0	605.0	+ 10.0
AMBEST	3,155,800	143.0	132.0	143.0	+ 9.0
NIKKEI-C18	31,900	70.0	66.0	68.5	+ 8.5
MI	951,300	582.0	566.0	578.0	+ 8.0
UWC	1,607,400	644.0	632.0	640.0	+ 8.0
SERNKOU	277,400	85.0	77.5	85.0	+ 7.5
SWKPLNT	291,500	485.0	472.0	484.0	+ 7.0
FAREAST	6,500	399.0	399.0	399.0	+ 7.0
SAM	759,800	434.0	421.0	434.0	+ 7.0

TOP 20 LOSERS

STOCK	CHANGE	LACP	BUY	SELL	L/DONE
NESTLE	24,100	9,538.0	9,390.0	9,390.0	- 94.0
CARLSBG	739,600	1,310.0	1,260.0	1,276.0	- 26.0
HLIND	76,500	1,778.0	1,736.0	1,740.0	- 22.0
ALLIANZ	4,500	2,158.0	2,138.0	2,138.0	- 20.0
HLFG	71,500	1,908.0	1,882.0	1,882.0	- 18.0
PETDAG	190,600	2,030.0	1,996.0	1,998.0	- 18.0
NIKKEI-CZ	12,000	9.5	9.5	9.5	- 16.5
HEIM	579,000	1,498.0	1,460.0	1,468.0	- 16.0
F&N	22,800	2,492.0	2,460.0	2,460.0	- 16.0
KGB	2,483,900	873.0	851.0	855.0	- 14.0
HSI-CWSV	66,000	1.5	1.5	1.5	- 13.5
SUNCON	1,175,800	797.0	783.0	783.0	- 12.0
VITROX	1,897,300	928.0	899.0	904.0	- 12.0
FRONTKN-C	5620,500	16.0	16.0	16.0	- 11.5
HSI-CWS4	20,000	65.0	62.5	62.5	- 11.0
HENGYUAN	8,427,600	298.0	278.0	282.0	- 11.0
MCEMENT	1,201,600	618.0	599.0	603.0	- 11.0
HSI-CWSQ	3,562,000	43.5	35.5	35.5	- 10.5
HENGYUAN-WA	1,817,200	198.0	183.0	183.0	- 10.0
NIKKEI-H15	94,200	73.0	70.0	72.0	- 10.0

Closing Indices

KLSE	FBMEMAS	12,660.49	(+35.04)
	FBMKLCI	1,714.79	(+6.69)
	CONSUMER PRODUCTS	482.11	(-1.20)
	INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS	186.96	(-0.00)
	CONSTRUCTION	309.12	(-1.74)
	FINANCIAL SERVICES	20,188.74	(+27.25)
	ENERGY	809.21	(+3.59)
	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	400.87	(-2.55)
	HEALTH CARE	1,497.75	(+10.37)
	TRANSPORTATION	1,022.86	(-6.99)
	PROPERTY	1,082.35	(+1.39)
	PLANTATION	9,388.68	(+50.76)
	FBMSHA	12,410.53	(+49.83)
	FBMACE	5,258.31	(+40.84)
	TECHNOLOGY	72.62	(+0.17)
• S'PORE	STI	5,794.94	-7.02
• TOKYO	NIKKEI	66,399.84	+1,378.90
	TOPIX	4,125.80	+22.57
• HK	HANG SENG	25,413.12	-237.75
• AUST	ALL ORDS	9,200.60	+4.60

Lembaga Pemasaran Pertanian Persekutuan (FAMA)

Average Retail Prices Of Selected Commodities In Kuching (7 September 2026)

COMMODITIES

VEGETABLES	Prices (RM/Kg)
Round Cabbage	6.00
Spinach	7.00
Chinese Mustard	9.00
Chinese Kale	8.23
Bean Sprout	3.00
Cucumber	4.95
Brinjal	8.45
Local Tomato	6.00
Highland Tomato	9.00
Long Bean	7.75
French Bean	14.45
Lady's Finger	7.95
Loofah	6.00
Pumpkin	6.00
Bitter Gourd	10.00
Lembiding (Midin)	10.00
Old Ginger	8.23
Young Ginger	8.90
Red Chilli (Kulai)	18.00
Red Chilli (Local/Oil)	17.75
Shallot	6.00
Onion (Bombay)	4.50
Onion (Holland)	4.50
Garlic	7.50
Imported Potato	3.00
Imported Carrot	4.33
Grind Coconut	10.00
Seed Coconut	3.00
Santan	9.00
POULTRY	
Crossbreed Male/Female	TU
Kampung Male/Female	TU
Standard Chicken	10.70
Super Chicken	11.50
Fresh Meat Local	65.00
Imported Meat	40.00
EGGS(* RM/BIJI)	
Chicken Egg - Grade A*	0.57
- Grade B*	0.54
- Grade C*	0.50
- Salted Egg*	1.20
FRUITS(* RM/KG)/(* RM/BIJI)	
Papaya	5.45
Exotica Papaya	5.25
Watermelon	5.00
Guava	6.63
Starfruits 10	4.88
Orange (Local)	4.68
Mas Bananas	4.95
Embun Bananas	2.50
Rastali Bananas	4.38
Honey Dew	6.85
Sarawak Pineapple	3.50

* Prices collected at Medan Niaga Satok

Commodities

PEPPER

Date: 7.9.2026

* Average Pepper price (RM/tonne)

SOUTHERN REGION

	KUCHING	SERIAN	SRI AMAN	BETONG
BLACK G1	25,230	25,730	25,130	26,250
WHITE G1	36,290	36,380	35,750	37,810

NORTHERN REGION

	SARIKEI	BINTANGOR	SIBU	KAPIT	BINTULU	MIRI
BLACK G1	24,960	25,500	24,130	24,130	21,750	21,380
WHITE G1	36,180	36,500	34,450	34,450	31,500	31,250

Source: Malaysian Pepper Board
http://www.mpb.gov.my

COCOA

Dealer's buying prices of dry cocoa beans (RM/MT)
Centres in Sabah & Sarawak

	SMC 1			SMC 2		
	High	Low	Avg	High	Low	Avg
KUCHING	14,500	14,500	14,500	14,300	14,300	14,300
SARIKEI	14,500	14,500	14,500	14,300	14,300	14,300
SIBU	14,500	14,500	14,500	14,300	14,300	14,300
TAWAU	15,000	15,000	15,000	14,800	14,800	14,800
TENOM	15,000	15,000	15,000	14,800	14,800	14,800

* Not Graded
Source : Malaysian Cocoa Board

Exchange Rates

EXCHANGE RATES ISSUED BY MALAYAN BANKING BHD: SEPT 7

	SELLING TT/OD	BUYING TT	BUYING OD
1 US Dollar	4.1200	3.9700	3.9600
1 Australian Dollar	2.9770	2.8550	2.8390
1 Brunei Dollar	3.2460	3.1410	3.1330
1 Canadian Dollar	2.9690	2.8830	2.8710
1 Euro	4.7790	4.6200	4.6000
1 New Zealand Dollar	2.4250	2.3340	2.3180
1 Papua N Guinea Kina	N/A	N/A	N/A
1 Singapore Dollar	3.2460	3.1410	3.1330
1 Sterling Pound	5.5620	5.3800	5.3600
1 Swiss Franc	5.1090	4.8870	4.8720
100 UAE Dirham	113.160	107.190	106.990
100 Bangladesh Taka	3.4120	3.1680	2.9680
100 Chinese Renminbi	61.6300	58.9600	N/A
100 Danish Krone	65.5500	60.2500	60.0500
100 Hongkong Dollar	52.9600	50.2600	50.0600
100 Indian Rupee	4.4400	4.1200	3.9200
100 Indonesian Rupiah	0.0244	0.0215	0.0165
100 Japanese Yen	2.6580	2.5330	2.5230
100 New Taiwan Dollar	N/A	N/A	N/A
100 Norwegian Krone	45.3400	41.6600	41.4600
100 Pakistan Rupee	1.5400	1.3700	1.1700
100 Philippine Peso	6.6600	6.2500	6.0500
100 Qatar Riyal	113.890	108.120	107.920
100 Saudi Riyal	110.560	104.960	104.760
100 South Africa Rand	26.7000	24.1000	23.9000
100 Sri Lanka Rupee	1.3200	1.1500	0.9500
100 Swedish Krona	44.2700	40.2700	40.0700
100 Thai Baht	13.0500	11.5600	11.1600

Scoreboard

	UP	DOWN	+/-	TRADED
CONSUMER PROD & SERV	49	52	68	169
IND-PROD & SERVICES	73	60	68	201
CONSTRUCTION	13	15	23	51
TECHNOLOGY	27	21	12	60
FINANCIAL SERVICES	12	10	10	32
PROPERTY	26	23	38	87
PLANTATION	13	13	11	37
REIT	10	2	7	19
CLOSED END FUND	1	0	0	1
ENERGY	12	16	11	39
HEALTH CARE	9	5	8	22
TELECOMMUNICATIONS/MEDIA	6	7	3	16
TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS	4	8	12	24
UTILITIES	3	2	8	13
BUSINESS TRUST	0	0	1	1
STRCWARR	151	298	180	629
ACE-MKT	77	70	119	266
BOND&LOAN	1	1	1	3
ETF	0	7	2	9
LEAP-MKT	1	0	0	1
TOTAL	488	610	582	1,680

MRB Prices

SMR CLOSING PRICES (SEN/KG): SEPT 7

OCTOBER

SEN PER KG/CENTS PER KG

SMR CV	1,187.50 / 299.50
SMR L	1,177.50 / 296.95
SMR 5	1,005.50 / 253.60
SMR GP	1,000.50 / 252.35
SMR 10	990.50 / 249.80
SMR 20	985.50 / 248.55

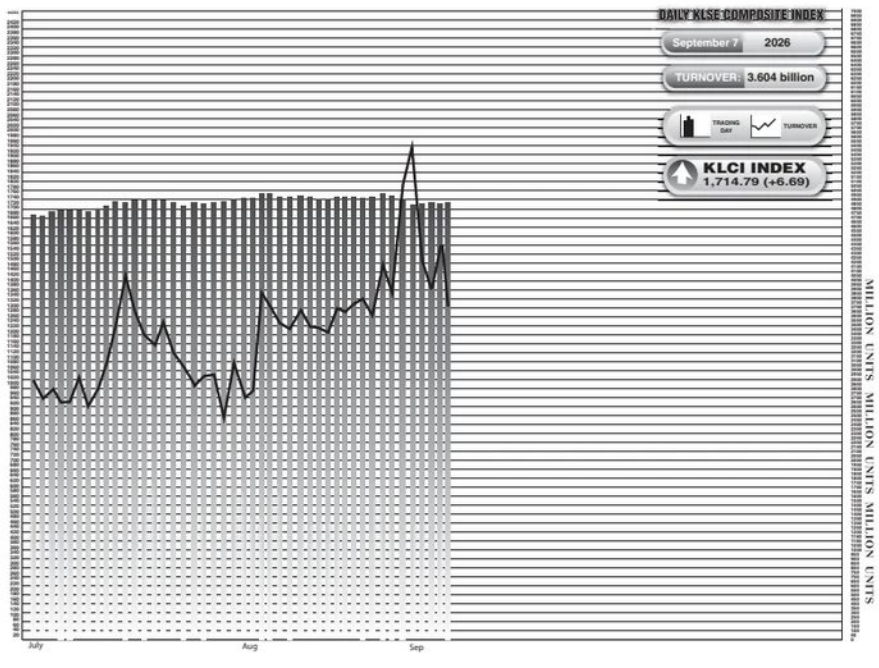
CENTRIFUGED LATEX: LOCAL PRICE(ISO 2004) IN SEN/KG (60% DRC)
LATEX IN BULK 700.50
TONE OF MARKET : FIRM

MPOB Reference Prices (Mill Gate)

MPOB MONTHLY FFB REFERENCE PRICE (MILL GATE BASIS): SEPT 7

REGION	RM/ 1% OER		RM/ 1% OER
NORTH	51.24	EAST COAST	51.12
SOUTH	51.46	SABAH*	45.53
CENTRAL	51.43	SARAWAK**	46.01

Note: *Sandakan, Lahad Datu and Tawau
**Miri and Bintulu
OER: Oil Extraction Rate



Ten Most Active

COUNTER (Mil)	VOL (SEN)	HI (SEN)	LO (SEN)	L/DONE (SEN)	+/-
ZETRIX	579,584,000	27.5	24.0	27.0	+ 1.5
HHRG	184,814,000	21.5	16.0	20.5	+ 6.0
INGENIEU	119,667,800	4.0	3.0	3.5	- 1.0
KEYASIC	60,054,100	8.5	7.0	7.0	+ 0.5
ZETRIX-CBK	50,700,100	0.5	0.5	0.5	unch
CAPITALA	37,542,300	31.0	28.5	29.0	- 2.0
NIHSIN	36,990,200	29.5	28.5	29.5	+ 1.5
HSI-CWSO	35,396,800	22.0	16.0	16.0	- 5.0
JAKS	34,238,500	13.0	11.0	12.5	+ 1.5
ZETRIX-CBQ	33,100,300	0.5	0.5	0.5	unch

Interbank Rates

KUALA LUMPUR INTERBANK OFFER RATES: SEPT 7

1M	3.01	HIBOR(HK$)	
2M	3.35	1M	2.85476
3M	3.47	2M	2.96708
6M	3.50	3M	3.06470
12M	3.79	6M	3.24292
		12M	3.59196

Gold

THE PHYSICAL PRICE OF GOLD AS AT 5 PM STOOD AT RM563.40 PER GRAMME, UP RM5.01 FROM RM558.39 AT 5 PM PREVIOUSLY.

Pictured at the signing ceremony are Crewstone International chief executive officer, Keng Fai Wong, Mirai Bridge Capital co-founder, Tommy Ng and Thirty Three Digitec Solutions director, Ng Kae Shen marking the formalisation of a strategic co-investment partnership between the three parties.

Crewstone, MBC enter strategic co-investment through Digitec

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KUCHING: Crewstone International Sdn Bhd has entered into a strategic co-investment with Mirai Bridge Capital Sdn Bhd through Thirty Three Digitec Solutions Sdn Bhd (Digitec), a non-bank financing platform.

The partnership is led by Crewstone through an initial RM5 million commitment and aims to scale a structured non-bank financing ecosystem supported by capital access, governance, origination data and repayment monitoring.

Digitec currently supports about 83,000 borrowers and processes around 8,000 applications a month, with its services reaching gig economy workers, micro-entrepreneurs and thin-file borrowers.

Following the partnership, Digitec expects to expand its footprint by about 40per cent over the next 12 to 18 months. Its digital acquisition has recorded year-on-year growth of 40per cent.

Crewstone chief executive officer Keng Fai Wong said the partnership would combine the firms' respective capabilities.

"By combining Crewstone's capital and growth capabilities with MBC's platform familiarity and operating proximity, we are building from a stronger base," Keng said.

MBC co-founder Tommy Ng said the partnership brought strategic value to Digitec.

"Crewstone's strength in capital formation, structuring, and growth strategy makes them a strong partner for this next phase," Ng said.

Digitec director Ng Kae Shen said the initial commitment would strengthen the platform's ability to scale its loan book and expand access to structured financing.

"This initial commitment strengthens our ability to scale the loan book, deepen our underwriting capability, and expand access to structured financing across segments that continue to be underserved," Ng Kae Shen said.

Steel Hawk recovery remains uncertain amid weak order visibility

KUCHING: Steel Hawk Berhad's (Steel Hawk) earnings recovery remains dependent on project execution, while limited orderbook visibility and uncertainty in the oil and gas (O&G) sector continue to weigh on its outlook, according to TA Securities Holdings Bhd (TA Securities).

The research house said management expected the company to at least break even in the third quarter of financial year 2026 (3QFY26), with profitability expected to resume in 4QFY26, supported by its RM63.4 million current orderbook scheduled for execution over the next three to four months.

However, the research house remained cautious on the pace of recovery following a sharp decline in Steel Hawk's gross profit margin to 10.4 per cent in 1HFY26 from 41.2 per cent in 1HFY25.

"Earnings recovery remains execution-dependent," the research house said. The research house stated lower work-order utilisation, higher raw material costs and the absorption of sales and service tax (SST) as factors affecting margins.

It said the company's RM63.4 million current orderbook provided some revenue visibility into 2HFY26, but remained modest compared with its RM575.8 million tender book.

Non-O&G projects accounted for 76.1 per cent of the current orderbook and 77.9 per cent of the tender book, covering power and utilities, infrastructure, data centres and healthcare.

The research house said management expected only 10 to 20 per cent of the tender book to be converted into awards, leaving earnings visibility beyond 2HFY26 uncertain.

On the O&G segment, the research house said work-order activity remained subdued, with competition intensifying among contractors for a limited pool of projects.

"O&G work-order recovery remains uncertain," it said.

The research house noting that several CMW tenders had been delayed to late September or early October.

It also said the ongoing transition of Petronas Carigali contracts to Searah Ltd, a 50:50 joint venture between PETRONAS and Eni, had disrupted three of Steel Hawk's O&G contracts.

It maintained its earnings forecasts and kept its Sell recommendation on Steel Hawk, with an unchanged target price of RM0.10 per share, based on 6.0 times CY27 earnings per share.

The research house's estimates show revenue rising from RM122.3 million in FY2025 to RM153.2 million in FY2026, before declining to RM145.9 million in FY2027.

Core net profit is projected at RM9.7 million in FY2026 and RM8.7 million in FY2027.

Steel Hawk's expanded EPCC orderbook comprises two projects with a combined estimated contract value of RM96 million, including a RM61 million TNB underground cable project and a RM35 million 275kV bulk supply project for a data centre in the southern region.

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From left Kenanga Investment Bank Berhad (KIBB) head of research, Peter Kong Nien Sian, KIBB executive director, head of group equity business, Chan Tuck Kiong, KIBB group managing director Datuk Chay Wai Leong and KIBB head, equity markets and group head equity derivatives, Philip Lim Kuok Wei.

Kenanga Investment Bank secures four accolades at Global Banking and Finance Awards 2026

KUCHING: Kenanga Investment Bank Berhad has been recognised with four awards at the Global Banking and Finance Awards 2026.

The awards are Best Investment Bank 2026, Best Securities House Malaysia 2026, Best Warrants Issuer Malaysia 2026 and Best Research House Malaysia 2026.

Kenanga said it retained the Best Investment Bank and Best Warrants Issuer Malaysia titles for the third consecutive year, while also receiving the Best Research House Malaysia award for the second year running.

"The awards underscore the Group's strengths across investment banking, brokerage, structured products and research," the group said.

It said the recognition reflected its continued commitment to corporate finance and advisory solutions, trading and brokerage services, structured warrants and research insights to support informed investment decisions.

Kenanga said the accolades reinforced its position in Malaysia's capital markets as it continued to strengthen its capabilities and expand its range of financial solutions.

Selangor's SDEC rebranded AiSEM@Selangor, sharpens focus on AI, semiconductors

KUALA LUMPUR: Selangor's flagship technology convention, formerly known as the Selangor Smart City & Digital Economy Convention (SDEC), has been rebranded as AiSEM@Selangor, the AI & Semiconductor Summit, reflecting the state's stronger focus on artificial intelligence (AI) and semiconductors.

Its organiser Selangor Information Technology & Digital Economy Corporation (Sidec) said the summit's 11th edition will be held from Oct 14-17, 2026, at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre (KLCC) and Grand Hyatt Kuala Lumpur, as part of the Selangor International Business Summit (SIBS) 2026.

The Advanced Semiconductor Academy of Malaysia (ASEM) will be the co-organiser of the summit, Sidec said in a statement.

"As the digital economy matured, AI and semiconductors became the bigger opportunity. AiSEM@Selangor carries that forward, spotlighting homegrown Malaysian chips powering robotics, autonomous systems, and the low-altitude and low-orbit economies," it said.

Sidec said the summit will feature more than 60 speakers, with ShunSin Technology Holdings Ltd chairman and Hon Hai Precision Industry Co Ltd (Foxconn) board member Chiang Shang Yi headlining the lineup.

They will be joined by FuriousaAI founder and chief executive officer (CEO) June Paik, Synopsys Taiwan global vice-president and chairman Robert Li, Amazon Web Services head of cloud solutions for semiconductor and high-tech Umar Shah, and TCab Tech chief executive officer Yon Wui Ng, it said.

It added that the summit will also feature more than 150 technology exhibitors, including global chipmakers Intel and Sandisk, homegrown players such as Oppstar, SkyeChip and Maistorage Technology, as well as national agencies including MIDA, MRANTI and several Selangor local councils.

"For job seekers, the draw is the Malaysia Semiconductor Recruitment Day, where more than 50 industry employers – including Sandisk, Sophic MSC and Tektronix – will meet directly with engineering and technical talent, from students to experienced professionals," it said.

The summit will open with the Triple Accelerator Programme Grand Final Demo Day at the Plenary Theatre, KLCC, on Oct 14, featuring 24 finalists comprising the top eight companies from each of Selangor's Deep-X, Retail-X and Token-X tracks.

Sidec said the programme has run 11 cohorts since its inception and drawn nearly 1,900 applications, and backed 380 companies that have collectively raised RM212 million in funding.

Sidec chief executive officer Yong Kai Ping said the summit would contribute to Malaysia's efforts to build a globally competitive AI and semiconductor ecosystem by bringing together talent, technology and investment.

"Selangor sees itself as one part of a national semiconductor story, and AiSEM – designed by Malaysia, for Malaysia – is our contribution to writing it, by putting talent, technology and investment in the same room, in the same week," he said.

Admission to the exhibition and Malaysia Semiconductor Recruitment Day is free, while conference passes are priced at RM399 for a two-day all-access pass or RM299 for a one-day pass. — Bernama

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Govt to review Bumiputera 31 pct GDP contributions

KUALA LUMPUR: The target for Bumiputera-owned companies to contribute 31 per cent to gross domestic product (GDP) by 2035 will be reviewed at the end of this year or early next year, said Economy Minister Akmal Nasrullah Mohd Nasir.

He said the review would be based on a report on the current progress of the Bumiputera Economic Transformation Plan 2035 (PuTERA35), which has a 10-year implementation period.

"When PuTERA35 was developed, the targets were set for 10 years up to 2035.

"At the same time, I see a need to review the overall progress to date.

By the end of this year or early next year, we hope to have a report on the current progress," the minister told reporters after attending a dialogue session with the economy minister titled "Bumiputera Wealth Creation and Corporate Control" here yesterday.

Tan Sri Abdul Wahid Omar moderated the session.

Akmal Nasrullah said the report would enable the government to assess which targets could be achieved within the stipulated timeframe and identify the shifts needed to improve implementation of the agenda.

However, he said the assessment of PuTERA35 should not focus solely on statistics or figures, but should also take into account the effectiveness of the implementation process and the actual outcomes to be achieved.

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>
> **Akmal Nasrullah Mohd Nasir**

Akmal Nasrullah said discussions at the forum also focused on equity ownership, available opportunities and efforts to enhance the potential of Bumiputera-owned companies, as well as land ownership issues.

"The country's six per cent economic growth in the second quarter of this year is a positive achievement at a time when the global economy is still facing an energy supply crisis.

"However, this achievement needs to be assessed in terms of how far the opportunities and benefits of economic growth are being enjoyed by the people, particularly Bumiputera.

With increased Bumiputera ownership, control and participation, the economy will continue to grow more strongly," he said.

Akmal Nasrullah also said the Ministry of Economy would examine mechanisms to ensure that salary offers were more transparent and fair, particularly for graduates entering the workforce.

"Economic growth needs to translate into higher wages for the people, especially given that income disparities persist among Bumiputera despite the national median wage being around RM3,600.

"Salary transparency is also important to ensure that young people and workers receive more commensurate returns," he said.

The forum, jointly organised by the Bumiputera Agenda Steering Unit (TERAJU), Ekuiti Nasional Bhd (EKUINAS) and UDA Holdings Bhd, brought together representatives from the government, government-linked investment companies, government-linked companies, financial institutions, capital market players, property developers and the private sector.

The forum aimed to outline strategic interventions to strengthen the transition of Bumiputera from economic participation towards ownership and control. — Bernama

Malaysia yet to decide on compulsory aviation carbon tax — Loke

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia has yet to decide whether to implement a compulsory carbon tax for the aviation sector, although the country remains committed to the International Civil Aviation Organisation's (ICAO) goal of achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2050, said Transport Minister Anthony Loke Siew Fook.

He said Malaysia would adopt a phased approach in implementing measures to reduce aviation emissions, with details to be announced from time to time.

"But in terms of our strategy and implementation, it differs from country to country.

As far as Malaysia is concerned, we have yet to determine whether to implement a carbon tax.

"Of course, implementation will take place in stages, and a more detailed implementation will be announced from time to time. But at this point, we have yet to make any decision."

CAAM (Civil Aviation Authority of Malaysia) has not made any decision regarding compulsory carbon taxation," he told a press conference in conjunction with the 61st Directors General of Civil Aviation Conference for the Asia-Pacific Region (DGCA/61) here yesterday.

Anthony Loke Siew Fook

Loke said reducing emissions was part of Malaysia's national obligation as well as an international obligation under ICAO, with all member states requiring to work towards the 2050 net-zero target.

Meanwhile, the conference, hosted by Malaysia for the first time, brings together civil aviation leaders from across the Asia-Pacific region to discuss issues including aviation safety, emerging technologies and sustainability.

Loke said the conference, themed "Smart Skies: Emerging Technologies for Safe, Secure, Sustainable, and Efficient Aviation", was significant as aviation demand continued to grow while new technologies developed rapidly.

"Technology is already transforming the way aircraft are operated, airspace is managed, and aviation risks are identified.

AI (artificial intelligence), unmanned aircraft systems, and advanced air mobility will create further possibilities for connectivity, logistics, and public services," he said.

He said innovation must be supported by clear policies, credible regulations and strong public confidence to ensure that technological advancement would enhance aviation safety and efficiency rather than create new risks.

Earlier, in his opening remarks, Loke said aviation remained a strategic pillar of national development for Malaysia as an open and trading nation.

"Malaysia aims to strengthen its position as a resilient and competitive regional aviation hub through modern infrastructure, more efficient airspace, strong regulatory institutions and a highly skilled workforce."

He said Malaysia had established a pathway towards net-zero carbon emissions for international aviation by 2050 through the Malaysia Aviation Decarbonisation Blueprint, aligned with ICAO's Long-Term Aspirational Goal. — Bernama

Malaysia hosts 61st Conference of Directors General of Civil Aviation, Asia and Pacific Region

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia is hosting the 61st Conference of Directors General of Civil Aviation, Asia and Pacific Region (DGCA/61) from Sept 7-11 2026, bringing together more than 500 participants from 35 countries for one of the region's most significant civil aviation gatherings.

In a statement, the Civil Aviation Authority of Malaysia (CAAM) said the conference convenes directors general of civil aviation, senior government officials, regulators, international organisations and aviation industry leaders from across the Asia and Pacific region.

With the theme, "Smart Skies: Emerging Technologies for Safe, Secure, Sustainable and Efficient Aviation", the conference reflects the aviation community's shared commitment to harnessing innovation and emerging technologies while ensuring that the highest standards of safety, security, sustainability and operational efficiency remain at the heart of the sector's continued growth.

Over the five-day conference, CAAM said delegates will deliberate on key priorities shaping the future of civil aviation, including aviation safety and air navigation, aviation security and facilitation, environmental sustainability, economic development, capacity building and regional cooperation.

Additionally, discussions will also focus on the responsible adoption of emerging technologies, digitalisation and innovation to strengthen regulatory capabilities, improve operational resilience and support the sustainable growth of air transport across the region.

Transport Minister Loke Siew Fook said Malaysia's hosting of DGCA/61 reflects the country's commitment to supporting stronger regional and international cooperation in civil aviation.

"DGCA/61 provides an important platform for the region to exchange perspectives, strengthen cooperation and develop practical approaches to the opportunities and challenges presented by emerging technologies," he said. — Bernama

Shin Yang to buy Pending industrial land for RM34 mln

KUCHING: Shin Yang Group Bhd (SYGroup) is acquiring a parcel of leasehold land together with the buildings erected on it at Pending Industrial Estate here for RM34 million in a related party transaction with Forescom Plywood Sdn Bhd.

The company said in a filing to Bursa Malaysia on Friday that it had on September 4 entered into a sale and purchase agreement (SPA) with Forescom Plywood as vendor.

The property is around 8.316 hectares and is held under Lot 2233, Section 66, Kuching Town Land District, at Jalan Semangat, Pending Industrial Estate.

The buildings on the land include a single storey office building, a double storey semi-concrete worker quarters, a double storey worker quarter/store, a single storey workshop building and an outbuilding.

SYGroup said the acquisition is to support the expansion of logistics development for door-to-door services in terms of constructing a warehouse and container depot as a complete logistic service provider.

It is also to "reduce rental dependency and related party transactions by acquiring instead of leasing from Forescom Plywood Sdn Bhd," it said.

It added that the property was strategically located within the industrial hub of Kuching and Kuching Port, which would enhance its operational capacity and logistical efficiency.

"The acquisition aligns with SYGroup's long-term expansion strategy and is expected to contribute positively to its operational performance and asset base," it said.

The acquisition is fully funded through partly bank financing and partly internally generated funds and is not expected to have a significant effect on the net assets per share and earnings of the group for the financial year ending Dec 31, 2026.

The land is held under a 60-year lease expiring on March 30, 2037 and is categorised as mixed zone land/town land with no encumbrances, meaning there is no bank charge, caveat or other third-party interest registered against the title.

Its market value was assessed at RM34 million based on a valuation report dated Aug 14 by CH Williams Talhar Wong & Yeo Sdn Bhd.

Forescom Plywood, which is principally involved in the manufacturing and sale of plywood and veneer, is held by Shin Yang Holding Sdn Bhd (SYHSB), the direct major shareholder of SYGroup.

Smart logistics modernises Malaysia-Singapore cross-border freight — FedEx

SINGAPORE: Express logistics operators are integrating artificial intelligence (AI) and remote monitoring technology across their ground networks to boost cross-border freight efficiency ahead of the Johor-Singapore Special Economic Zone (JS-SEZ) integration.

FedEx Malaysia managing director Woon Tien Long said that as trade volumes expand across the southern corridor, industry players are moving beyond traditional manual processes to digital platforms that support customers around the clock and secure cargo in transit.

He said digital innovation, particularly AI-driven customer operations, is essential to managing the increasing complexity of cross-border trade movements.

"For us, AI is about the ability to do multiple things at one time and the possibilities that it creates for our customers.

"Yes, productivity improves, and costs come down, but that is not the whole story," Woon told Bernama during the FedEx Johor-Singapore Cross-Border Media Tour at the FedEx South Pacific Regional Hub in Singapore.

"Historically, when you chat with us, there used to be a human behind it.

"But it is not practical to have someone staying up at two in the morning just to reply to a customer.

"When you build in technology to support your customers 24/7, the customer is able to self-serve and have that conversation," he added.

Woon Tien Long

Woon said physical security and ground infrastructure are undergoing a parallel digital upgrade to safeguard freight moving along the vital FedEx Asia Road Network, a 3,800-kilometre cross-border road corridor with over 100 weekly schedules connecting Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand.

He said the network's existing monitoring capability gives FedEx a head start as cross-border volumes grow under the JS-SEZ.

"We have the know-how, the technology and the infrastructure already set up.

"We have the ability to remotely monitor, and in the worst-case scenario of a highway hijack, we have the ability to remotely lock down that vehicle to protect the personnel, the driver, as well as the contents inside the truck.

"You cannot replace the experience that we have under FedEx when it comes to cross-border trucking.

"We have a view from the ground in each location and a macro view because we operate across multiple points," he added.

He said facilities along this corridor are already built for high-volume automated sorting, anchored by the FedEx South Pacific Regional Hub in Singapore, a 26,265-square-metre facility capable of sorting up to 12,000 packages per hour and the 2,676-square-metre FedEx Senai facility in Johor, which sorts up to 1,600 packages per hour using automated conveyor systems.

He said that to absorb seasonal demand surges during end-of-year peak periods, FedEx can dynamically scale up its cross-border routes into Singapore by up to 10 per cent through flexible fleet deployment, ensuring uninterrupted trade connectivity across the corridor.

According to FedEx, alongside operational scaling, the integrator has committed to carbon-neutral global operations by 2040 and is transitioning 30 per cent of its 140-vehicle fleet in Singapore to electric vehicles (EVs), with 43 EVs deployed across Malaysia.

Meanwhile, Woon said environmental stewardship remains integral to modern supply chains, noting that FedEx boxes are designed to be easy to recycle and that around 30 per cent are made from recycled materials. — Bernama

Globaltec Formation's Tanjung Enim PSC approved as Indonesia's national strategic project

KUALA LUMPUR: Globaltec Formation Bhd's (GFB) 70 per cent subsidiary clean energy company NuEnergy Gas Ltd has announced that the Indonesian government has approved the development of NuEnergy's Tanjung Enim production sharing contract (PSC) as one of Indonesia's national strategic projects.

The announcement was notified by Indonesia's Ministry of National Development Planning after President of Indonesia Probowo Subianto approved the project, it said in a filing with Bursa Malaysia yesterday.

"The designation of the Tanjung Enim PSC as a national strategic project represents formal recognition by the government of Indonesia of the project's strategic importance to the country's energy development priorities. The PSC's status is expected to facilitate closer coordination with the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources, other relevant central and regional government authorities and stakeholders as NuEnergy advances the Tanjung Enim PSC's first approved plan of development (Tanjung Enim POD 1)," it said.

The group also said the national strategic project designation is expected to support more effective coordination in areas including land access, permitting and supporting infrastructure, with the potential to reduce project execution risks and improve schedule visibility.

"The development of the Tanjung Enim PSC will contribute to Indonesia's energy security by increasing domestic gas supply and diversifying the country's energy mix through the development of its coal bed methane resources. The project is also expected to support economic activity in South Sumatra through local employment, skills development, infrastructure investment and opportunities for local industries," said GFB.

Meanwhile, the group said NuEnergy has announced a private placement to raise AUD$3.05 million (AUD$1=RM2.91) via the issue of new ordinary shares in NuEnergy at an issue price of AUD$0.038 per placement share. It said the placement was managed by Sequoia Corporate Finance Pty Ltd as lead manager, with assistance from SP Corporate Advisory Pty Ltd.

GFB said the proceeds from the placement will primarily support the company's growth, starting with the Tanjung Enim PSC, one of NuEnergy's four PSCs, and the early gas sales initiative of one million standard cubic feet per day (MMSCFD). It said this will be followed by Phase 2 of 24 MMSCFD of gas production from its first approved POD, and moving its remaining three PSCs toward development.

"The funds will also be used for NuEnergy's working capital purposes, and with the above advancement in NuEnergy, GFB will be able to reap the future profits and cash flows from NuEnergy. The placement is not expected to have any material effect on the earnings and net assets of GFB for the financial year ending June 30, 2027," it said. — Bernama