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Seeking respite: A customer browsing air-conditioners for sale at a shop in Petaling Jaya, Selangor, amid the hot weather. — FAIHAN GHANI/The Star

EC mulls MyKad scan for voters

The Election Commission may widen the use of a system that verifies voters by scanning their MyKad after testing it at the Negri Sembilan polls. Political parties want more transparency first, saying trust in the system matters most. > Read reports on page 7

'We will not defend haze wrongdoers'

PM: Asean must review existing pollution mechanisms, probe thoroughly

PUTRAJAYA: Asean needs to review the existing mechanisms in dealing with transboundary haze to avoid adverse impacts on the people's health, says Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

He said Asean ministers need to pay serious attention to the matter as the haze can have a direct impact on the health and lives of the people.

"There is room for improvement. I think the Asean ministers must seriously look at it, because

this is affecting lives, particularly of children and babies.

"And from what we have seen in Serian, it is really concerning," he said.

Anwar, who is also the Finance Minister, said this to the media after attending a Meeting with staff members of the Plantations and Commodities Ministry here yesterday, Bernama reported.

Air quality in Serian was reported to have returned to hazardous levels when the monitoring station at the

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district police headquarters in the area recorded an air pollutant index (API) reading of 302 yesterday morning.

Last Friday, His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim, King of Malaysia, declared a haze emergency in the entire Serian division following

air pollution that was hazardous to public health.

The declaration was lifted yesterday.

Anwar stressed that open burning in Indonesia needs to be thoroughly investigated, including identifying the real cause of the fires before any action or accusations are made against any party.

He said Malaysia would not intervene or protect any companies if investigations prove they are responsible for open

burning or other violations of the law in neighbouring countries.

"If there are Malaysian companies that are affected (involved), we will give Indonesia space to take action.

"We will certainly respect the actions there and we will not defend them," he said when asked if there are Malaysian companies operating in the republic that have committed wrongdoings that eventually contributed to the haze.

Anwar: Two of Razak's '3Cs' still threaten nation

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KUALA LUMPUR: Two of Tun Abdul Razak Hussein's reminder on "3Cs" – communalism and corruption – remain relevant today, says Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

The Prime Minister said the present generation should heed the second prime minister's warning about the three major threats facing the country at the time – communism, communalism and corruption.

"The first C, the communist threat, in terms of a militant communist insurgency, is no longer around. But we must remain vigilant against foreign or extremist ideologies.

"However, communalism remains strong and corruption continues to be one of our major problems," Anwar said at the "Remembering Statesman Tun Abdul Razak: Architect of National Development and Nation-Building" event at the Tun Abdul Razak Memorial here yesterday.

The programme, organised by the National Unity Ministry, through the National Archives

and the Tun Razak Foundation, is part of efforts to commemorate and highlight the legacy of the country's statesman for present and future generations.

Anwar said Razak's warning on corruption remained highly significant, particularly his message to young people that integrity was easy to pledge before assuming power, but could waver once a person gained authority.

"Hopefully, our discussions today will not lose sight of the message left by a statesman who could look beyond his own time and recognise the dangers that could threaten the country, dangers that our generation and future generations must avoid.

"Young people, in particular, must understand this," said Anwar.

On the New Economic Policy (NEP), Anwar said it was never intended to benefit an elite class driven by power and corruption.

He said much of the NEP had been misunderstood and misinterpreted.

"When Tun Razak formulated the NEP, its objective was clear. The Malays and ordinary people



Revisiting history:

Anwar taking a closer look of the interior at 'Sri Taman' while attending the 'Remembering Statesman Tun Abdul Razak' programme at the Tun Abdul Razak Memorial in Kuala Lumpur. With him are Tan Sri Nazir Razak (left) and Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi. — AZMAN GHANI/The Star

could not improve their position without targeted assistance to raise their standard of living. It was about empowering Malays who had the ability to become entrepreneurs and compete with other communities.

"That was the specific objective. It was quite a radical idea by the standards of the time," he said.

Anwar also praised Razak's efforts to eradicate poverty regardless of race.

"Many young people today have forgotten that when Tun Razak introduced the NEP, he

never departed from the principle of eradicating poverty regardless of race.

"I still remember his speeches and the discussions surrounding this," Anwar added.

The Prime Minister said Razak's principles of restructuring society and eradicating poverty regardless of race remain relevant and should be strengthened in line with current demands.

He urged Malaysians, particularly the younger generation, not to merely remember Razak as a historical figure, but to rekindle

the torch of his struggle and ideas in confronting the challenges of nation-building.

Anwar also hoped the programme would go beyond revisiting the life and contributions of Razak by highlighting his ideas and thinking for the new generation to appreciate.

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Zahid: Greater university autonomy must come with accountability

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KUALA LUMPUR: Universities must be granted greater operational autonomy but this freedom must be matched by measurable accountability, says Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi.

The Deputy Prime Minister said a new legal framework for higher education should allow institutions more flexibility while holding them accountable for learning quality, graduate mobility and research impact.

"Universities need more operational space, but that space must come with measurable accounta-

bility," he said at the close of the 2026 Malay Education Convention yesterday.

Ahmad Zahid noted that following the repeal of the Universities and University Colleges Act 1971 (AUKU), focus has shifted to drafting replacement legislation.

"The central question now is what shape the new Act will take as a governance guideline for higher education," he explained.

Ahmad Zahid said students must be given greater platforms to participate in decision-making and contribute new ideas.

He added that student activism should shift away from street

demonstrations, speeches or rallies to focus on intellectual and professional development.

"I am confident that students will develop a broader mindset without AUKU restricting their thinking," he said.

"We must not restrict students or academics through alternative methods."

Ahmad Zahid stressed that educational success should not be measured solely by enrolment, certificates or qualifications.

"Graduation is the output; mobility is the outcome," he said, noting that the proposed Education Mobility Index will track socioeconomic background,

academic achievement, study pathways, employment, skills matching and income progression.

He urged institutions with a bumiputra mandate to target an 80% graduate employment rate in fields matching their qualifications.

Highlighting Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) as a key vehicle for social mobility, Ahmad Zahid noted its 95.9% average graduate employability rate in 2025.

He said the government, alongside private sector partners, aims to secure a premium starting salary of RM3,500 month-

ly for TVET graduates.

"Certificates open doors, but skills, productivity and value determine progress," he said.

He added that Malaysia must transition from producing knowledge workers to creating knowledge owners – such as tech founders and patent holders – measuring research success through commercial patents, licensing, spin-offs and industrial solutions.

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	GEORGE TOWN	K. LUMPUR	JOHOR BARU	KOTA BARU	K. KINABALU	KUCHING
AM	No rain	Haze	Haze	No rain	Haze	Haze
PM	No rain	Haze	Thunderstorms	Thunderstorms	Isolated rain	Isolated thunderstorms

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	ALOR SETAR	PENANG	K. LUMPUR	JOHOR BARU	KUANTAN	KOTA BARU
Subuh	6:02	6:03	5:58	5:51	5:53	5:55
Zohor	1:18	1:18	1:13	1:05	1:08	1:11
Asar	4:20	4:18	4:17	4:11	4:12	4:12
Maghrib	7:23	7:22	7:17	7:08	7:11	7:16
Isyak	8:32	8:32	8:26	8:17	8:20	8:21

Nationwide Air Pollutant Index (API) readings (As of 8pm yesterday)

API reading categories: Good 0-50 | Moderate 51-100 | Unhealthy 101-200 | Very unhealthy 201-300 | Hazardous Above 300

231	232	202	161	163	161	156	165	163	154	85	73	157	152	138	83	80
Serian, Sarawak	Kuching, Sarawak	Seri Aman, Sarawak	Sibu, Sarawak	Miri, Sarawak	Cheras, FT K. Lumpur	FT Putrajaya	Johan Setia, Selangor	Shah Alam, Selangor	Petaling Jaya, Selangor	Sg. Petani, Kedah	Seberang Perai, Penang	Tanjung Malim, Perak	Seremban, N. Sembilan	Bukit Rambai, Melaka	Pasir Gudang, Johor	Larkin, Johor

Source: Air Pollution Index Management System (Apims)

Satellite hotspots flagged

Nearly 10,000 fire zones detected across M'sia, Indonesia

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PETALING JAYA: Satellites detected 9,841 potential fire hotspots in August across land managed by 53 Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) members in Malaysia and Indonesia.

The monitored regions encompass both RSPO-certified and non-certified land disclosed by members to the organisation.

Releasing the figure, RSPO said it, however, did not mean there were 9,841 fires because several satellite detections could be linked to the same flame, while some detections could later be found to have been caused by something other than fire.

"RSPO relies on the member's on-the-ground verification and supporting information to establish whether a hotspot represents an actual fire and, where possible, its cause," it said yesterday.



Danger in the air: Hazy conditions shrouding the Kuching skyline as the city continues to record very unhealthy air quality readings.
— ZULAZHAR SHEBLEE / The Star

It added that detecting a fire near or within a plantation does not automatically imply the landowner started it or breached RSPO standards.

While satellite hotspots can

indicate vegetation blazes, they may also stem from industrial facilities or non-fire heat sources.

Emphasising its strict prohibition on open burning for land preparation, the RSPO warned

that violations are taken seriously.

"Predetermined sanctions are not assigned solely based on reported fire causes," it stated.

"Where a breach of RSPO standards is formally established, penalties escalate strictly based on severity - ranging from corrective action and formal warnings to certification suspension or membership termination."

It said reported causes identified through the monitoring process and communication with members may include a range of activities and circumstances.

These include shifting cultivation, burning by local communities, hunting, fires spreading from neighbouring areas, sabotage, arson, the use of fire as a wildlife deterrent, encroachment or temporary occupation of land, and land preparation or new planting activities.

No formal investigations had been opened for the August monitoring period, it added.

Haze blanketing regions nationwide

PETALING JAYA: As Sarawak's south-west continues to endure the worst haze, with air pollutant index (API) readings over 200, hazy conditions have also blanketed other regions across the country.

Very unhealthy API levels were recorded in Sarawak's south-west areas of IPD Serian (239), Kuching (242), Sri Aman (215) and Samarahan (219) as of 6pm yesterday, according to the Air Pollutant Index Management System (Apims).

Unhealthy API levels were detected in seven other areas across Sarawak in Mukah (182), Sarikei (184), Samalaju (178), ILP Miri (174), Bintulu (167), Miri (164) and Sibu (163).

In Peninsular Malaysia, unhealthy API levels were detected across Selangor, Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya (156), Perak, Melaka and Negri Sembilan.

This includes areas in Selangor such as Johan Setia (164), Shah Alam (163), Banting (158), Petaling Jaya (154), Klang (155) and Kuala Selangor (151).

Perak saw unhealthy API levels at Tasek Ipoh (159), Seri Manjung (156), Tanjung Malim (152), and Pegoh Ipoh (152), together with Melaka's Alor Gajah (144) and Bukit Rambai (130).

Other affected areas include Nilai (159) and Seremban (152) in Negri Sembilan as well as Batu Muda (165), and Cheras (161) in Kuala Lumpur.

Thirty-nine other areas across the country recorded moderate to good API readings.

Meanwhile, critical water levels were recorded at two major dams that supply raw water to water treatment plants (WTP) across the country, with eight others also at warning status, according to the National Water Services Commission (SPAN).

Farmers fear that El Nino may impact crops

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JOHOR BARU: Farmers are bracing for a 'perfect storm' as the ongoing haze takes a toll on crops while the looming Super El Nino threatens to bring water shortages and push production costs even higher.

Federation of Vegetable Farmers Associations president Lim Ser Kwee said water scarcity was the main concern for farmers, especially those growing vegetables, as the crops are highly dependent on water for survival and growth.

Lim said when El Nino hits, there are bound to be water shortages, forcing farmers to spend more on pumping and storing water, irrigation, diesel, electricity,

ty, pest and disease management, as well as shading.

"If production costs continue to rise while vegetable prices do not increase accordingly, farmers will face even greater pressure, particularly small-scale farmers.

"Some farmers may be forced to reduce their planting or even leave the industry altogether.

"In the long run, this could affect the local vegetable supply and the country's food security," he said in an interview.

Lim said the previous Super El Nino episode, which hit the country between 2015 and 2016, should serve as a warning of what could happen.

"We cannot wait until farmers run out of water before taking action," he said, urging the feder-

al and state governments to improve water infrastructure and promote water-saving measures.

He also proposed assistance of between RM1,000 and RM2,000 per acre if the drought worsens, along with subsidies for water-saving equipment.

Johor Fruits Farmers Association chairman Alvin Lo said the haze was already affecting agricultural output, with some plants seeing lower yields due to the phenomenon.

"When there is a water shortage, our costs will increase further because we need to use diesel-powered machines to pump water to irrigate the crops.

"Many farmers are already stretched to the limit," he said, echoing Lim's view that many

farmers are likely to leave the sector altogether.

Lo hoped the government would provide additional assistance to help farmers cope with rising costs, including providing more subsidies or assistance for fuel and electricity.

When contacted, Johor agriculture, agro-based industry and rural development committee chairman Md Israk Abdullah said the state government would look into the matter.

"At the moment, we have yet to come up with a specific plan on this but we understand the concerns and will look at ways we could assist those affected by the Super El Nino," he said, adding that the state government welcomes suggestions from farmers.



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Azalina calls on parties to weigh in on political funding law

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KUALA LUMPUR: All 72 registered political parties in the country will be asked to formally state their position on the proposed Political Funding Act as part of the process of drafting the legislation.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Law and Institutional Reform) Datuk Seri Azalina Othman Said (pic) said she hopes the Act would come into force before the next general election.

She said the response from the public had been very good but

wants political parties to provide their views officially in writing.

"We have 72 political parties, and we want formal feedback officially from all of them in writing on this law. So we have proof.

"The written responses would show which parties supported the legislation and which did not, while allowing them to put forward their own suggestions.

"I would be surprised if there are political parties that speak about anti-corruption but object



to this law," she told reporters after the Political Funding Convention 2026 here yesterday.

Azalina said several issues surrounding political donations still needed to be resolved, including how foreign funding should be regulated to ensure such contributions do not influence the country.

She said the law would decide whether political donations should be tax-exempt or if donors should disclose the source of their

funds and if an individual could contribute to more than one political party.

"Extensive disclosure requirements could discourage legitimate donations," she said.

Azalina also said there is a need to protect such legitimate donors, including clarity over whether they could be investigated by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission simply for making political contributions.

She said these issues would have to be discussed when the proposed legislation went before Parliament, as politicians need to have their say as the law would

directly apply to them.

Earlier, Azalina said nine policy parameters were being refined, including sources and limits of contributions, foreign donations, traceable funding channels, reporting, auditing and disclosure, as well as offences and penalties.

She said the legal affairs division under the Prime Minister's Department had held 18 engagement sessions involving 1,544 participants since it began studying the Bill in May 2023.

A public perception study involving 3,422 respondents had also been conducted.

Bigger stake in the green economy

Youth leaders seek govt hand in honing skills for emerging roles

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KUALA LUMPUR: Six policy proposals championing youth voices were presented in a roundtable with Digital Minister Gobind Singh Deo.

It was aimed at steering Malaysia's growth direction for the next decade through artificial intelligence (AI) adoption, green-economy access and skills upgrading. Organised by the Perdana Fellows Alumni Association (PFAA) ahead of the Youth Economic Forum (YEF) 2026, the session at Menara MOF Inc highlighted the role of AI and the green economy in boosting productivity in traditional sectors, developing local talents and improving public services.

PFAA president Fanitsyara Kam Phon said the roundtable was a continuation of discussions with Deputy Finance Minister Liew Chin Tong on Aug 14.

Fanitsyara said they would refine youth-driven ideas with

the government and industry before submitting a final policy paper to the minister at YEF 2026 on Oct 3 in Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre.

"For today's session, we hope to get feedback from the ministry and discuss how the policies can bring changes to Malaysia.

"We already held a separate roundtable with employers and industry players to ensure these proposals reflected the views from all parties," she told reporters yesterday.

In line with the YEF 2026 theme "Decoding the Next Decade: Advancing Malaysia's Economic Frontier", the proposals seek to ensure technological advancement and investment translate into wider economic opportunities and tangible benefits for businesses, workers and the people.

The session brought together nearly 20 participants from PFAA, the YEF committee, industry and youth leaders, including representatives from sponsor partners Moomoo Securities Malaysia Sdn



Bright minds: Gobind receiving a token of appreciation from Fanitsyara, surrounded by other youth leaders.
— AZLINA ABDULLAH/The Star

Bhd and Gamuda Berhad, as well as the Malaysian Youth Council and the Kesatuan Mahasiswa Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia.

The six proposals are AI for Every Business, Every Malaysian to expand AI adoption among SMEs and traditional sectors; a Green Economy Access Fund to help youth enter the green value chain; a National Skills Upgrading Credit for Youth enabling modular certificates to stack toward professional qualifications or master's degrees.

Others are a National Foreign Direct Investment Mandate link-

ing FDI to local talent development and supplier opportunities; AI for Transforming Public Service Delivery to cut waiting times and simplify access to government services and a National Youth Economic Action Council to give youth a permanent platform in economic policymaking.

Fanitsyara said research showed more than 95% of "buyers" now use AI and digital tools while demand was shifting towards the green ecosystem where future jobs are expected to concentrate.

She added that many young people are pressing the govern-

ment not only for salary-related support but for help in building relevant skill sets that match emerging roles.

On the policy front, Fanitsyara outlined two key digital-related resolutions: a tax incentive for every successful AI use case and a micro-credit stacking scheme for digital and AI skills that can eventually be translated into a master's degree.

She also said this year's forum reached a milestone with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim confirmed as the first speaker.

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'Move beyond quotas in education'

Zambry says Malay and bumiputra communities must be able to excel globally

KUALA LUMPUR: The future of education for the Malay and bumiputra communities must move beyond quotas towards greater self-reliance and resilience.

Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abd Kadir (*pic*) said the success of the communities should instead be measured by their ability to excel in critical fields such as Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), develop new technologies and own intellectual property.

"The measure is not only the number of students entering uni-

versity, but how many can think critically, master STEM, build global companies and lead world-class institutions," he said when officiating the Malay Education Convention 2026 here yesterday.

Zambry said to achieve this goal, the education ecosystem needed to move beyond simply providing access towards improving quality, building competencies, promoting entrepreneurship and advancing from technology use to technology ownership.

He said Technical and



Vocational Education and Training should no longer be viewed as a second choice, but as a key pathway for developing national talent and producing highly skilled technicians and problem-solving experts.

Addressing the narrative of bumiputra dependency, Zambry said affirmative policies remained relevant as long as structural imbalances persisted, but their ultimate objective must be to empower the community to achieve excellence and become independent.

"Malay and bumiputra education cannot forever be built on the narrative that 'we need to be helped because we are weak'.

"The narrative of the future must be: 'We are given the opportunity to become strong, stand on our own, lead and help others,'" he said, Bernama reported.

Zambry also stressed that mastery of the Malay language was important as a language of knowledge and identity, while proficiency in English and other languages was essential to competing globally without compromising integrity.

"In the pursuit of global excel-

lence, we must never lose our identity and values. Education must produce not only intelligent people, but individuals of good character, integrity and the moral courage to lead," he said.

On the convention, which is a continuation of the Bumiputera Education Congress held on May 1, Zambry said it would culminate in the formulation of a comprehensive resolution.

He said the resolution would subsequently be submitted to Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi for consideration and further policy action by the government.

Johari: Women should shape digital economy

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KUALA LUMPUR: More women should be supported to become creators, entrepreneurs and owners in the digital economy, and not just be mere users of technology, says Datuk Seri Johari Abdul Ghani.

The Investment, Trade and Industry Minister said participation in the digital economy was no longer enough, as women needed to use technology to build businesses, enter supply chains and eventually become industry leaders.

"We do not want to just measure how many women participate in the digital economy. We want to see how many succeed in creating businesses.

"Participation alone is not enough.

"We want value creation; we want ownership of the value created," he said when officiating the Voices of HER Forum 2026 here yesterday.

Johari said a woman selling products online could progress further by becoming a supplier, vendor, manufacturer, exporter

or business partner.

He said this would allow women to become part of the economic value chain and create greater value through their businesses.

Johari said artificial intelligence (AI) would also transform jobs, with machines increasingly handling routine tasks while workers take on roles requiring human judgement, creativity and decision-making.

Citing International Labour Organization findings, he said one in four jobs globally had some level of exposure to AI in 2025, while 29% of jobs dominated by women were exposed to generative AI in 2026.

"The future is not humans versus AI, but humans together with AI," he said.

He said Malaysia must also ensure local jobs offer enough economic value to encourage Malaysians to take them up, instead of simply blaming workers for being unwilling to work.

"When people ask me, 'Datuk, we have offered the job, but workers do not want to take it', I ask them, 'What are you offering? What salary?'"



Guest of honour: Johari posing for a photograph at the Voices of HER Forum 2026 in Kuala Lumpur. — KAMARUL ARIFFIN/The Star

"If you offer RM1,700, does that job have enough economic value for a Malaysian?" he told reporters after the event.

Johari said Malaysians were willing to travel long distances for better-paying jobs, citing those who commuted to Singapore despite spending more than an hour each way.

Some might instead choose gig

work such as e-hailing because it offered immediate income and greater flexibility, he said.

He said Malaysia must gradually reduce its reliance on foreign workers, with foreign labour mainly used for 3D jobs, namely dirty, dangerous and difficult work.

Industries applying for foreign workers should explain why such

workers were needed, while applications for other positions should state the salary, entry-level requirements and qualifications.

Johari said greater automation and digitalisation were needed across industries, including micro, small and medium enterprises, to reduce dependence on foreign labour and improve productivity.

Joint enforcement drive to improve highway safety

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KUALA LUMPUR: Highway safety enforcement will take a whole-of-government approach with enforcement agencies working together to tackle traffic violations and respond to emergencies.

Works Minister Datuk Seri Alexander Nanta Linggi, who disclosed this, said the Smart Highway Traffic Monitoring Centre launched yesterday was part of the effort with its automated detection and monitoring to improve highway safety.

The system can detect vehicles travelling against the flow of traffic, illegal lane changes, traffic congestion and illegal stopping or parking.

It can also monitor rubbish

dumping, illegal advertising of banners, posters and signboards, as well as provide early flood warnings.

Other features include detecting potholes and road damage, liquid spills, vehicle breakdowns and pedestrian presence, as well as automatically counting and categorising vehicles.

Nanta said the system currently could not be used to directly issue traffic summonses to offenders, but added that data and footage captured by it could be used by police to assist in enforcement.

"The emergency response times for patrol teams has been reduced from 15 minutes to about eight to 10 minutes, following the introduction of the automated monitoring system," he said during the launch at the Besraya Traffic Monitoring Centre at Plaza Tol

Loke Yew here yesterday.

He said said the Malaysian Highway Authority's (LLM) monitoring centre monitored traffic conditions round-the-clock through 873 CCTVs while 278 Variable Message Signs (VMS) were used to communicate information and warnings to highway users.

The Traffic Control Centre integrates 144 CCTV, 87 Video Incident Detection System (VIDS), 35 Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) and 22 VMS units.

Nanta said the information enabled immediate action to be coordinated and warnings to be communicated to users via VMS, navigation apps, social media and traffic information channels, especially during peak hours or festive seasons.



Face of the future: Nanta (centre) arriving at the launch of the Smart Highway Traffic Monitoring Centre in Kuala Lumpur. — FAIHAN GHANI/The Star

El Nino pushes up power demand

Experts warn prolonged heat could strain electricity grid as cooling needs rise

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PETALING JAYA: The domestic demand for electricity spikes each time El Nino hits Malaysia, supporting the claim that hotter weather may risk straining the power system.

Figures from the Energy Commission's MyEnergyStats portal show that maximum electricity demand rose 26.2% in 2024 to 24,873 MW, from 19,716 MW in 2023, during the 2023-2024 El Nino episode.

A similar increase was recorded earlier when El Nino happened in 2015-2016, with maximum electricity demand in Peninsular Malaysia rising 5.7% to 17,788 MW in 2016, from 16,822 MW in 2015.

A council member of the Malaysia Association of Engineers, Dr Muhammad Arkam Che Munaaim, said higher outdoor temperature increases the amount of heat entering buildings, forcing air-conditioning systems to work harder to maintain comfortable indoor temperature.

"A heatwave raises the demand for cooling, increasing electricity consumption. Energy systems can overheat and become less efficient in producing electricity, or even result in power failures."

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"During prolonged hot weather season, two things generally happen. First, consumers use air-conditioning more frequently and for longer periods.

"Second, cooling systems themselves have to work harder to maintain the required indoor temperature," he said.

He added that Malaysia should prepare for the possibility of higher and more persistent electricity demand if hotter and drier weather conditions continue.

Dr Muhammad Arkam said that Malaysia must build greater resilience into its energy system

to cope with the issue.

He said although electricity demand is influenced by factors beyond weather, including economic and population growth, the increase in usage illustrates the pressure placed on the power system during periods of high demand.

"We cannot control the Earth's natural cycles, nor can we stop El Nino from developing.

"What we can control is how intelligently we use energy, how efficiently we design our buildings, how accurately we forecast electricity demand and how resili-

ently we plan our infrastructure," he said.

The International Energy Agency (IEA) also said that El Nino could increase cooling demand this year in many countries.

In its commentary, titled "Cooling a hotter world: El Nino meets strong growth in global electricity demand", the IEA said El Nino could create effects such as heatwaves extending well into 2027.

"Heatwaves affect cooling demand in two ways. First, they increase the utilisation of existing air conditioners. The more extreme the heat, the more consumers – even those who are price sensitive and use cooling sparingly – tend to switch on their ACs," it said.

The IEA added that heatwaves could also stimulate air-conditioner sales, increasing ownership and creating a longer-term increase in electricity demand.

The Electrical and Electronics Association of Malaysia (TEEAM) said prolonged hot spells during El Nino could drive sharp spikes

in residential electricity use, with space cooling being the primary driver.

It said Malaysia's national grid typically experiences its heaviest load between 7.30pm and 10pm, when households return home and switch on air-conditioners, cooking appliances and water heaters.

Meanwhile, commercial and retail demand is also high.

"El Nino does not necessarily imply round-the-clock max-load usage, but it significantly elevates demand during late afternoon and evening windows as millions of air-conditioning units are switched on simultaneously across the country," it said.

Southeast Asia Development Solutions, a platform of the Asian Development Bank, said higher temperatures could also pose risks to energy security.

"A heatwave raises the demand for cooling, increasing electricity consumption. Energy systems can overheat and become less efficient in producing electricity, or even result in power failures," it said.

Beat the haze without burning through electricity

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PETALING JAYA: As haze drives more Malaysians indoors, experts say smarter use of air-conditioning units – rather than blanket usage cuts – can keep households comfortable while optimising electricity costs.

"The combination of haze and hot weather puts consumers in a difficult position.

"People stay indoors with doors and windows closed, making homes warmer and driving up air-conditioning use and electricity bills," said Federation of Consumer Associations of Malaysia (Fomca) chief executive officer Dr Saravanan Thambirajah.

He stressed that consumers should focus on efficient usage rather than avoiding air conditioning during unhealthy air quality episodes.

Saravanan advised setting the thermostat between 24°C and 26°C while running a fan simultaneously, then raising the temperature or turning off the unit once the room cools down.

He noted that drawing curtains, cleaning filters regularly and blocking heat reduce compressor workload and preserve indoor air quality.

"Saving electricity must not come at the expense of health. Drink enough water, avoid strenuous outdoor activities and protect vulnerable family members, including children and senior citizens," he added.

To offset higher cooling costs,

households can reduce the use of other appliances such as water heaters and ovens, turn off unused lights and avoid standby power.

Selecting energy-efficient models, sizing units correctly for rooms and using timers or sleep functions are also recommended.

"The key is not using less electricity, but managing it wisely," Saravanan said.

Although Fomca receives frequent complaints regarding high bills, Saravanan cautioned against attributing spikes solely to haze without data.

S. Piarapakaran, president of the Association of Water and Energy Research Malaysia and CEO of the Centre for Water and Energy Sustainability, said that haze does not always mean higher outdoor temperatures.

"Generally, during the haze, the temperature will not be as high as when the skies are clear and sunny. There are times when the haze actually results in some form of cooling effect due to low sunlight penetration," he said.

The main driver of higher air conditioning use, he added, is increased indoor activity as people avoid being outdoors.

To lower power consumption, Piarapakaran suggested opening windows briefly before turning on air conditioners to release trapped heat.

He emphasised that air conditioners operate most efficiently in sealed spaces, advising householders to block gaps under doors – particularly bathroom doors – using towels or draft stoppers.

Cool smart, save more:
Reduce air-con use and stay healthy at home

Set the right temperature

- **Optimum setting:** 24°C (range 23–25°C for Malaysia)
- **Avoid:** Cranking to lowest temp—makes the unit work harder, not faster
- **Benefit:** Better comfort, lower bills, less "igloo" chill

Use fans to boost coolness

- Run ceiling or pedestal fans with the air-con
- Makes the room feel 2–3°C cooler
- Lets you raise the thermostat and save energy

Time it right

- Set a timer so the air-con doesn't run all night
- Cool the room before you arrive using smart controls
- Turn off when not needed (e.g., when leaving home)

Seal the space

- Keep doors and windows closed while cooling
- Check for gaps around windows/doors
- Prevents cool air from escaping > less compressor workload

Block heat before it enters

- Close curtains/blinds during peak sun
- Consider solar films on windows
- Switch to LED bulbs and unplug unused electronics (less heat)

Maintain air quality & unit health

- Clean/replace filters: monthly or every few months (weekly for heavy use)
- Service the unit: at least twice a year
- Reduces dust, mould, allergens > fewer allergies/respiratory issues

Ventilate naturally

- Open windows during cooler parts of the day
- Create cross-ventilation to flush stale air and pollutants
- Improves indoor air without running the air-con

Choose efficient equipment

- Use Energy Star rated appliances/equipment
- Prefer inverter air-cons: compressor adjusts speed > steady temp, lower power
- Example tech: R32 inverter models for better efficiency

Go smart with controls

- Use apps to:
 - > Turn off remotely if you forget
 - > Pre-cool rooms before arriving home
- Smart usage = lower consumption, same comfort

Source: Various sites

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Akmal: Power demand expected to keep rising

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SUBANG JAYA: Malaysia expects electricity demand to continue rising as hotter weather increases the need for air-conditioning and cooling, says Economy Minister Akmal Nasrullah Mohd Nasir (pic).

He said electricity demand was already on an upward trend, driven by population growth and increasingly energy-intensive users such as data centres, with warmer conditions expected to add further pressure.

"In terms of the projection for demand on energy, definitely we see a pattern of increase," he told reporters after officiating the Energy Regulatory Insights 2026 here yesterday.

"The weather or climate that tends to increase the need for cooling systems or air-conditioners will change the energy demand," he added.

Akmal was responding to a CIMB Securities warning on Monday that El Nino could put greater pressure on Malaysia's electricity and water systems into 2027.

The research house said hotter and drier conditions could spike electricity demand for cooling while worsening water shortages. Malaysia's peak electricity

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SMART to begin drone search for 55 missing Malaysians

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PETALING JAYA: Malaysia's Special Malaysia Disaster Assistance and Rescue Team (SMART) has moved to Dhunche, Nepal, to begin establishing a forward base ahead of drone surveillance operations across four sectors in Rasuwa as the search continues for the 55 missing Malaysians.

National Disaster Management Agency director-general Datuk Meor Ismail Meor Akim said the 10-member SMART team, led by Inspector Abdullah, flew from the Nepal Army Tactical Command in

Trishuli to Dhunche in an MI-17 helicopter yesterday.

He said the team will establish a forward base to support aerial surveillance operations.

"SMART will conduct drone surveillance and collect data in the field. Dhunche serves as the tactical forward base for the Rasuwa area, covering Timure, Syafrubesi, Dhunche and Mailung," he said in an update on the team's operations.

Meor Ismail said four sectors had been identified for drone surveillance between Syafrubesi and Timure, with two drone teams to be deployed over two days.

Each team comprises eight personnel, including four SMART members and four Nepal Army personnel.

However, he said the team was still assessing the most suitable operational approach due to the area's frequent rainfall to ensure aerial surveillance and photographic data collection could be carried out effectively.

Meanwhile, Malaysia Solidarity: Families in Hope spokesman Dr Manivannan Rethinam said the families of the 55 missing Malaysians were seeking an immediate and detailed explanation from the government over

alleged discrepancies involving the victims' last known locations and DNA collection records.

He said the families were questioning why operational details released by the authorities continued to differ from information provided directly by relatives.

One of their main concerns was an apparent change in the search coordinates.

"Official statements indicate that SMART is focusing its surveillance efforts on an area linked to the victims' last known locations.

"However, the families contend that none of the 55 missing individuals were reported to be near

SMART's current operational area," he said yesterday in a statement.

Dr Manivannan questioned whether the government had obtained tracking data or alternative coordinates that had not been disclosed to the families, adding that the families had also provided authorities with initial movement logs, timelines, and records of the victims' last communications.

So far, more than 5,000 people are still reported missing, while 1,300 others have been confirmed dead in the disaster. Of those still missing, 55 are Malaysians.

EC mulls digital voter verification

System automatically records attendance through MyKad scan

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PETALING JAYA: The Election Commission (EC) will consider expanding the use of a digital voter verification system in future elections if evaluations confirm it improves the voting process.

This follows a pilot run of the Optical Character Recognition – Voter Attendance (OCR-VA) system during the Negri Sembilan state election. The OCR-VA system was deployed across seven polling streams in Ampangan to record voter attendance automatically via MyKad scans.

The system aims to speed up voter verification while enabling real-time turnout monitoring.

"Overall, the system functioned well and successfully recorded

voter attendance digitally through MyKad scans," EC Chairman Datuk Seri Ramlan Harun said when contacted.

Ramlan said pilot findings are being refined across technical operations, data security, system integrity and user experience.

"If the evaluation demonstrates that the system adds value to election management, the EC will consider broader implementation."

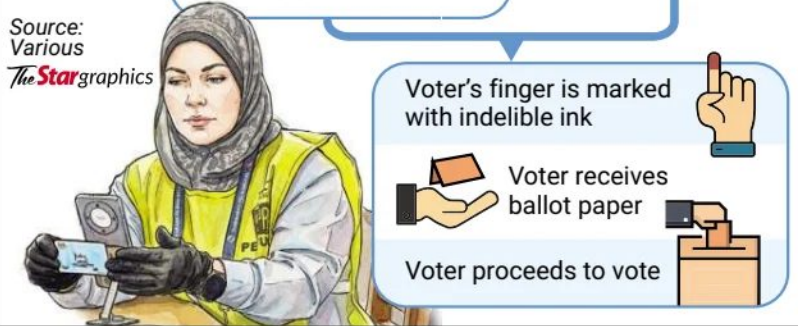
Asked whether the technology would be deployed in GE16, Ramlan said it was too early to commit, adding that no decision has been reached for any upcoming polls.

"Should the OCR-VA system be deployed in future state polls such as Melaka or Sarawak, the EC will ensure all stakeholders are thoroughly briefed," Ramlan said.

Voting process in Malaysia

This shows a comparison between the current voting process for ordinary voters and the process using the OCR-VA system by the Election Commission

Source: Various
The Star graphics



During the pilot project at SMA Dato' Klana Petra Maamor, the system reduced manual steps like searching for names and marking paper electoral rolls.

"However, technical analysis is ongoing to measure exact time savings, staff productivity and overall system effectiveness," he added.

Meanwhile, Ramlan noted that the EC continues to study the feasibility of electronic voting (e-voting) in Malaysia.

"We are examining internation-

al experiences, technological developments, security, integrity and public readiness," he said, emphasising that public confidence remains paramount.

"E-voting involves critical factors such as cybersecurity, vote confidentiality, infrastructure readiness and potential legislative amendments."

On digitising overseas postal voting, Ramlan said no decision has been made, though the EC continuously seeks ways to modernise electoral procedures.

'Energy efficiency is not about growing less'

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demand is projected to rise to 33.5GW by 2035 from 21.3GW in 2026, while data centres could account for 31% of Peninsular Malaysia's electricity demand by then, according to CIMB.

Akmal said managing demand through greater energy efficiency and conservation would therefore become as important as expanding supply.

"Managing demand for energy will become as crucial as managing the energy supply," he said.

Earlier in his speech, Akmal said Malaysia is determined to build an energy system that is secure, affordable and sustainable while remaining resilient and flexible enough to support higher-value economic growth.

"Our priority is not simply to produce more energy.

"It is to build an energy system that is secure, affordable and sustainable, with the resilience and flexibility needed to support a higher-value economy," he said.

Under the National Energy Transition Roadmap, renewable energy is targeted to account for 40% of installed capacity by 2035 and 70% by 2050.

Akmal said the immediate challenge was implementation, including bringing new capacity onto the grid, modernising infrastructure and ensuring regulation keeps pace with technology and investment.

He cited the LSS Petra 5+ programme, which is expected to add almost 2GW of large-scale solar capacity, mobilise about RM6bil in investment and create around 12,000 jobs as projects come onstream from 2027.

"The energy transition will not be won by megawatts alone. It will be won by whether the grid can connect, balance and deliver those megawatts reliably."

Akmal said Malaysia would also place greater emphasis on energy efficiency, with NEEAP 2.0 targeting an 11.6% reduction in energy demand against the business-as-usual scenario by 2035.

"Energy efficiency is not about asking industry to grow less. It is about producing more economic value from every unit of energy consumed," he said.

Build trust before going digital, say leaders

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KUALA LUMPUR: Going digital to verify voters is a trend but the real issue lies in trust, says MCA secretary-general Datuk Chong Sin Woon.

He said the Election Commission (EC) must build that trust through greater transparency and engagement with political parties as it considers wider use of digital systems to verify voters.

He said the verification process should also be transparent for representatives of contesting candidates to check on the spot.

"The verification cannot be carried out solely by the EC officer but must also be checked by the representatives," he said, referring to the polling agents and counting agents.

Chong said MCA supported digitalisation but stressed that political parties must be properly briefed on how the system works.

"I'm all for digitalisation but until I know the details and trust the system, we will still monitor it," he said when contacted.

Chong also said political parties should be informed before such systems are tested, although their consent was not necessarily required.

"You need to inform them. Don't do it quietly," he added.

Bersatu Youth chief Hilman Idham said the party supported the initiative but wanted the EC to disclose the pilot project's findings and engage political parties, election observers and technical experts before wider implementation.

"There must be clear safeguards on cybersecurity, personal

data protection and system reliability.

"The system should also be independently audited before nationwide implementation," he said.

The Gombak Setia assemblyman said there must always be a manual fallback, so voters would not be prevented from voting due to system failures, connectivity problems or inability to read MyKad.

PAS deputy president Datuk Seri Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man said any changes to the electoral system should involve wider consultation.

"What's important is for the EC to hold consultations with all parties involved," he said.

Transparency and preventing misuse or leakages that could affect voters were key concerns, he added.

Umno supreme council member Datuk Seri Ahmad Maslan questioned the EC's intention, saying the existing method of recording voter attendance was already transparent.

"At present, the number of voters who have attended is called out by the polling staff and marked by representatives of contesting parties," he said.

He also called for electoral boundaries to be reviewed based on the size and development of each constituency.

Tenggara MP Manndzri Nasib said digitalisation should be supported despite possible shortcomings during the early stages.

He urged the EC to study similar systems used in other democracies and consider technology-enabled ballot papers such as QR codes or digital sensors to speed up vote counting.

Senior medical officer remanded in RM1.5mil procurement probe

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MELAKA: A senior medical officer at a public hospital here has been remanded for five days for allegedly abusing his position in the procurement of

knee implants worth about RM1.5mil.

The remand order against the suspect, who is in his 50s, was issued by Magistrate Sharda Shienha Mohd Suleiman following an application by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission

(MACC) at the Ayer Keroh Magistrate's Court yesterday.

The suspect, who is a civil servant, was detained at about 3.30pm on Sept 7 after arriving at the MACC headquarters in Alai here to have his statement recorded.

Preliminary investigations

found that the alleged offence took place between 2024 and 2026.

The suspect is believed to have an interest in the company which was awarded the knee implant supply contracts, which is allegedly owned by one of his

family members.

Melaka MACC director Datuk Adi Supian Shafie confirmed the arrest.

He said the case was being investigated under Section 23 of the MACC Act 2009 for using one's office or position for gratification.



Tragic aftermath: The site of the copter crash in Marudi district.

Five killed in FDS copter crash

Medical personnel and pilot dead in fiery accident in northern Sarawak

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KUCHING: Five people were killed when a Flying Doctor Service (FDS) helicopter crashed near the Long Lellang STOLport (short take-off and landing airport) in the Marudi district in northern Sarawak.

The pilot, a medical officer, an assistant medical officer and two nurses were all killed.

Initial information from the Miri Airport Fire and Rescue Services (AFRS) indicated that the helicopter, which took off from Miri, crashed near the end of the airstrip at Long Lellang.

The Civil Aviation Authority of Malaysia (CAAM) confirmed the incident, saying that a BO-105 helicopter with the registration number 9M-LLF crashed near the STOLport. CAAM received notification of the crash at 3.58pm.

"The Air Accident Investigation Bureau, under the Transport Ministry, will investigate the incident," it said.

The Long Lellang STOLport, about 310km from Miri, serves the rural area of Long Lellang, including some of Sarawak's most remote Kelabit and Penan communities. The STOLport is located next to Long Lellang village.

A video that has gone viral shows a helicopter with its engine

on fire before crashing.

Sarawak police commissioner Comm Datuk Mohamad Zainal Abdullah said a search and rescue team had been deployed to the crash site, which was in a remote location about 10 hours' drive from Marudi.

"Air services by helicopter cannot be used at the moment because of hazy conditions, and the Civil Aviation Authority of Malaysia (CAAM) has not permit-

ted flights from the Kuching police air base.

"The search and rescue operation currently depends on assistance from local villagers, Rela personnel and Long Lellang STOLport auxiliary police," he said in a statement.

"The helicopter belonged to a private company and was hired for a Flying Doctor Service to Ba Lai, Long Siut and Long Lellang," he added.

Helicopter carrying five crashes in northern Sarawak

A helicopter crashed near the end of the airstrip at Long Lellang STOLport in the interior of Marudi district in northern Sarawak yesterday.

■ CAAM received notification of the incident from the Flight Information Service at 3.58pm.

■ The Flying Doctor Service flight was travelling towards Long Lellang when the crash occurred.

■ One pilot and four passengers on board.

■ STOLport is a short take-off and landing airport that serves the rural area of Long Lellang, including some of Sarawak's most remote Kelabit and Penan communities.



Sources:
Various reports
The Star graphics

BO-105 helicopter

Registration number: 9M-LLF
Country of origin: Germany
Aircraft crew: One or two pilots
Transport capacity: Four passengers

Aircraft dimensions

Length: 11.8m
Height: 3m
Max speed: 268 km/h



Kelantanese doctor among crash victims

PETALING JAYA: The doctor who was among the five killed in the helicopter crash near Long Lellang STOLport in Ulu Baram, Sarawak, has been identified as Dr Ainul Baroah Kamaruddin from Kelantan.

Her sister-in-law, Nureez Mohd Pauzi, confirmed Dr Ainul's death in a Facebook post following the crash.

"The Health Ministry helicopter carrying my sister-in-law crashed in Miri. I am getting ready to head to the airport," she wrote in a Facebook post.

She also posted a video of herself boarding a plane heading for Sarawak in a Facebook story.

Dr Ainul and the four others were on aboard a BO-105

helicopter that crashed.

The identities of the other passengers have not been confirmed.

Earlier, Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad confirmed that four ministry personnel and one pilot were on board the helicopter.

The healthcare personnel were part of the Flying Doctor Service programme.

He said search and rescue operations were conducted, together with medical and Fire and Rescue Department personnel, after the incident.

The Civil Aviation Authority of Malaysia, in confirming the crash, said it received a notification from Flight Information Services at 3.58pm.



Missing hikers return safely

Six people, including two children, who were reported missing while taking part in Trans Gerah Expedition on Mount Gerah, Kelantan, arrived safely yesterday at Trojan Jetty in Lake Temenggor, Gerik, Perak. The hikers Wan Ahmad Aslam Wan Zairudin, 39, his wife Siti Zulaiha Norizan, 39, and their children Diya Raisha, 13, and Ahmad Raef, nine, along with two guides, Shafie Sidek, 49, and Hazman Mamat, 43, were reported missing after they left on Aug 29 and failed to return by Sept 3. — Bernama

MACC releases ex-minister

He was detained for seven days over Tabung Haji investigation

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KUALA LUMPUR: A former minister who was remanded for seven days over the probe on issues raised in the Royal Commission of Inquiry (RCI) report on Lembaga Tabung Haji has been released.

The man, in his 60s, was released by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) yesterday upon the expiration of his remand.

MACC chief commissioner Datuk Seri Abd Halim Aman confirmed the matter, saying the former minister was released on MACC bail.

The former minister was initially remanded for five days before his remand was extended by two days.

He was detained on Sept 1 after

turning up at the MACC headquarters in Putrajaya to have his statement recorded.

The latest development comes after several former senior figures linked with TH were detained as part of the investigation.

A politician, who was a former TH chairman, and a former Treasury secretary-general were previously remanded for seven days in connection with the probe.

The RCI into TH was established to examine the management and operations of the pilgrimage fund, including allegations concerning its financial position, governance and investment decisions.

The report, which was completed four years ago and subsequently made public on July 29, contained 25 key recommendations aimed at improving trans-

parency, professionalism and governance within the institution.

The RCI's findings and recommendations have since been referred to the relevant authorities for further action.

Meanwhile, the chairman of a housing committee of a federal statutory body in Johor was detained over allegations of soliciting and receiving bribes and abusing his position in connection with the application for government housing lots.

The man, in his 40s, was detained after he turned up at the Johor MACC office on Monday to have his statement recorded.

Sources said the suspect allegedly committed the offences between 2016 and 2025.

"The suspect is believed to have abused his position by asking

about RM4,000 from each of 400 applicants for housing lots, involving a total of about RM1.6mil.

"The money was allegedly misappropriated for personal use through withdrawals from the committee's bank account using fake invoices," a source said.

Johor MACC director Datuk Hairuzam Mohamad Amin@Hamim said the case was being investigated under Sections 16(a) (A), 18 and 23 of the MACC Act 2009.

He said the suspect would be released on MACC bail after his statement was recorded.

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Johor govt to cover bills for girl mauled by strays

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JOHOR BARU: The road to recovery will be a long one for two-year-old Nur Haira Wafiqah Mohammad Hamizi, who was attacked by a pack of five dogs.

Johor Islamic affairs committee chairman Mohd Fared Mohd Khalid said the child's recovery would involve substantial medical and rehabilitation costs, which the state government had committed to helping her family with.

"The child is in a coma in the intensive care unit," Mohd Fared said after visiting her at Hospital Sultanah Aminah yesterday, adding that the Johor State Islamic Religious Council will bear all medical expenses to ease the family's burden.

He urged the toddler's parents and 12-year-old brother to seek hospital counselling, noting that the boy remains deeply traumatised after witnessing the attack and feeling guilty that he could not save his sister.

Mohd Fared added that the Batu Pahat Municipal Council is working urgently to capture the strays for rabies testing.

The victim's mother, 36-year-old Nur Wahyuni Harun, said the family remains shaken by the incident, which occurred at her mother's home in Kampung Tambak, Batu Pahat, at around 7am on Saturday.

"It was a nightmare, made worse by happening on my birthday," she said.

"My eldest son cries at night because he keeps reliving the attack whenever he closes his eyes."

Wahyuni was travelling from Batu Pahat to Johor Baru for a part-time job selling fritters at an event when her youngest child, who had been left in her grandmother's care, had been attacked.

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Sungai Perak's blue-hued mystery explained

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IPOH: Sungai Perak remains safe for recreational activities despite localised discolouration, state authorities confirmed.

Responding to social media images showing stretches of the river turning a greenish-blue hue, Perak environment committee chairman Teh Kok Lim said water samples classify the river under Class II of the Water Quality Index.

"Analysis across more than 30 water quality parameters confirms the river is safe for fishing and recreational use," Teh said in a statement yesterday.

"It is also suitable as a raw water source requiring conventional treatment. The state, through the Environment Department, will maintain strict enforcement against premises subject to the Environmental Quality Act."

Teh explained that the discolouration stems from high-volume surface runoff in mineral-rich Hulu Perak, where heavy rainfall washed deposits of copper, iron, aluminium and silica into the river system.



Still safe: The discolouration of Sungai Perak was due to heavy rainfall washing deposits of copper, iron, aluminium and silica into the river system, according to the Perak environment committee.

"Surface runoff was nearly double the seasonal average, washing fine mineral particles into the river basin," he said.

"When these accumulated particles interact with light under specific flow conditions, they produce a distinct blue hue."

Teh said the state Environment Department monitors the river

basin through eight manual stations, which conduct testing six times a year, alongside an automated station connected to the Environmental Quality Monitoring Programme System.

He said to safeguard the river long-term, several proposed measures would be considered.

These, he said, include conduct-

ing a Total Maximum Daily Load study on Sungai Perak and Sungai Rui to determine acceptable pollution limits, establishing a state-level task force for inter-agency enforcement, expanding real-time online water monitoring locations, and developing stricter mining guidelines based on international best practices.

Interpol tracking Yusoff Rawther in the UK

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PUTRAJAYA: The Court of Appeal was told that Interpol in Manchester is in the midst of locating Muhammed Yusoff Rawther, who is in the United Kingdom, following his attempt to seek asylum there.

Deputy public prosecutor Mohd Asnawi Abu Hanipah informed the appellate court that the prosecution sent a request to the NCB Interpol in Manchester two months ago to obtain information on Muhammed Yusoff, who is the respondent in the prosecution's appeal.

"The prosecution has sent out

the request to Interpol through a letter dated July 22.

"Until today, there is no confirmation of the respondent's whereabouts nor the attempts to hand him the notice of appeal," DPP Mohd Asnawi said here during a case mention yesterday.

The prosecution is appealing the Kuala Lumpur High Court's decision on June 12, 2025, which acquitted the 33-year-old former research assistant of two charges involving cannabis distribution and possession of two imitation firearms.

DPP Mohd Asnawi also told the court that Section 314 of the Criminal Procedure Code, which governs the non-appearance of a

respondent during a criminal appeal, was inapplicable in the case as Muhammed Yusoff's lawyer had informed parties that their client was ready to follow the appeal hearing through online proceedings on Zoom.

"To me, Section 314 is yet to be invoked because the respondent wants to participate but through a non-physical medium," the DPP said.

Justice Azman Abdullah, who chaired the three-judge panel, however, raised concern that such non-physical attendance in criminal proceedings would set a precedent for future cases.

The judge said a respondent's presence was required in crimi-

nal proceedings.

"The court does not want a situation where once a decision has been reached and it involves arrest, the arrest could not be executed," he added.

Other judges on the panel were Justices Hayatul Akmal Abdul Aziz and K. Muniandy.

Meanwhile, Muhammed Yusoff's lawyer Muhammad Rafique Rashid Ali told the court that his client was steadfast that the appeal must go on without him being physically present, as stated in his letter dated June 2 to the Court of Appeal.

Justice Azman then fixed Nov 4 for the next case mention.

On 12 Sept 2024, Yusoff was

charged with trafficking 305 grammes of cannabis allegedly found in his vehicle at the Kuala Lumpur police headquarters surau on 6 Sept 2024.

The charge under Section 39B(1)(a) of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952 carries life imprisonment and at least 12 strokes of the cane upon conviction.

He faced a secondary charge under Section 36(1) of the Arms Act 1960 for possessing two imitation firearms on Jalan Bukit Kiara.

On 12 June 2025, the High Court acquitted Yusoff without calling for his defence.

He left Malaysia later that month to seek human rights asylum in the United Kingdom.

Academics urge mathematics reforms to improve Pisa literacy

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PETALING JAYA: Malaysia must strengthen students' mathematical foundations from an early age and move away from rote learning to reverse the decline in Programme for International Student Assessment (Pisa) 2025 Mathematics literacy, academics say.

Prof Datuk Dr Ahmad Ibrahim of UCSI University's Tan Sri Omar Centre for Science, Technology and Innovation Policy said many local students continue to struggle with fundamental concepts like fractions, creating a domino effect that hinders their mastery of advanced mathematics.

"The curriculum must emphasise building a strong conceptual



Building foundations: Fadhlina announcing the results of Pisa 2025 in Putrajaya. — RAJA FAISAL HISHAN/The Star

framework during early primary years before advancing to complex topics," Ahmad said, adding that the education system must move away from memorising procedures without conceptual comprehension.

"Reforms must encourage teaching methods that help students grasp the 'why' behind the 'how'."

National STEM Association President and Founder Emerita Prof Datuk Dr Noraini Idris simi-

larly stressed the need to improve how core concepts are presented to learners.

"We must refine how concepts are introduced in textbooks so students can grasp topics such as quadratic equations more intuitively," she said.

National Union of the Teaching Profession secretary-general Fouzi Singon said the latest Pisa results should be seen not as a reflection of teacher performance but as a warning to identify learning gaps early.

"When these learning gaps at the primary level are not addressed early, teachers at the secondary level inherit students who may already have years of accumulated difficulties."

Parent Action Group for Education Malaysia President (PAGE) Datin Noor Azimah Abdul Rahman welcomed the slight

reading improvement.

"Continuous monitoring and rigorous programme evaluations are essential to ensure these gains are sustained," she said.

Announcing the results, Education Minister Datuk Seri Fadhlina Sidek said that compared to Pisa 2022, Malaysian students improved by three points in Science (419) and five points in Reading (393).

However, Mathematics scores dropped by 11 points to 397.

According to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Malaysia's Science ranking dropped by 10 spots, while Reading rose by two.

Fadhlina said targeted interventions are underway to address identified deficiencies, including the Malaysian Mathematics Education Transformation Plan 2026-2035.

United under the Jalur Gemilang

Rallying M'sians to celebrate diversity and shared identity

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KUALA LUMPUR: The Jalur Gemilang is more than a national symbol as Malaysia Day approaches, with business groups distributing the flags and patriotic T-shirts to promote unity.

The initiative is organised by the Associated Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia (ACCCIM) and the Kuala Lumpur and Selangor Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KLSCCCI) as part of the Malaysia Day 2026 celebration.

Deputy National Unity Minister R. Yuneswaran, who officiated at the programme, said the initiative reflected the importance of unity among different groups in society.

He said some of these chambers and associations pre-dated government agencies.

"Almost 100 years have passed since they played their role."

He said the Malaysia Madani theme of "Peace and Prosperity" went beyond economic and physical development, stressing that a harmonious society was essential to the country's progress.

"Peace and Prosperity has a deeper meaning when people can live in a safe environment, respect each other and have confidence in one another."

"The development of the country will not bring meaning if the people live in prejudice, hostility and division."

Yuneswaran described the Jalur Gemilang as a symbol of a shared Malaysian identity and pride.

"It brings a message that we are Malaysians, who share one identity, one land and one spirit of pride for the country."

He also urged young people to be discerning when consuming content on social media, saying technology could either bring people closer or deepen divisions.

"Technology can bring people closer, but if it is not used responsibly, it can also cause misunderstandings and divisions."

ACCCIM president Datuk Ng Yih Pyng said Malaysia Day was an opportunity for the rakyat to reflect on what they shared while celebrating the country's diversity.

"We may speak different lan-



Proudly Malaysian: Yuneswaran and Ng (on the right of the Deputy Minister) at the ACCCIM-KLSCCCI Malaysia Day Celebration 2026 in Kuala Lumpur, where Jalur Gemilang and patriotic T-shirts were distributed to promote unity. — ART CHEN/The Star

guages, practise different traditions but in many ways we are very much the same. That is what makes Malaysia special."

Ng described the Jalur Gemilang as "one of the most powerful symbols of our shared identity", urging the public to display it proudly

in offices, businesses, homes and communities.

He added that the patriotic T-shirts also carried a message of togetherness.

Ng said patriotism also involved contributing to the country's economy, with businesses creat-

ing jobs, generating investment and developing skills.

"A strong economy and a united society go hand in hand."

He said ACCCIM and KLSCCCI would continue contributing to Malaysia's economic and social development.

Consumer safety first as ingestible beauty trend grows

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PETALING JAYA: Consumer safety remains a key priority as interest in beauty-focused functional wellness products grows in Malaysia, with the National Pharmaceutical Regulatory Agency (NPRA) conducting post-market surveillance and taking regulatory action against those that fail to meet requirements.

The agency said this includes unregistered or adulterated products, as well as those found to carry misleading claims, in

response to questions from *StarLifestyle*.

The NPRA, which operates under the Health Ministry, acknowledged the growing cross-over between health and beauty as brands venture beyond topical products.

Ingestible beauty products broadly refer to foods, drinks or supplements, including those containing ingredients such as collagen, consumed to support skin, hair or other aspects of appearance.

From a regulatory perspective, however, these products are not all classified in the same way.

Health supplements fall under the NPRA's purview and must be registered under the Control of Drugs and Cosmetics Regulations 1984, with a valid MAL registration number required before they can be marketed.

Beauty products are also regulated under the same regulations but are intended for external application only.

They are subject to product notification with the NPRA.

Functional foods and drinks, meanwhile, are regulated separately under the Food Act 1983 and Food Regulations 1985 by the Health Ministry's Food Safety and

Quality Programme.

Unlike health supplements, these products are consumed as part of the normal diet and are not subject to the NPRA's product registration requirements.

The need for a clear distinction becomes increasingly significant as products are marketed based on beauty and wellness claims, including those relating to skin health, hair and overall appearance.

For consumers considering ingestible beauty products, the NPRA advises them to be wary of exaggerated or unrealistic claims and to assess whether products

are supported by scientific evidence, rather than relying solely on marketing claims or social media testimonials.

As the lines between wellness and aesthetics increasingly blur, the regulatory landscape highlights a growing challenge for the industry – determining where beauty ends and health begins, particularly when products are intended to be consumed.

> Read more about the rise of ingestible beauty products and what industry insiders have to say about the trend in today's *StarLifestyle* feature.

By LEE CHONGHUI

STEPPING away from digital screens, fostering genuine human connections and committing to continuous reading are the true foundations of leadership.

That was the core message shared by Gamuda Group managing director Datuk Lin Yun Ling during an informal coffee session at Menara Gamuda with a select group from the latest cohort of Gamuda scholars.

Appointed to lead the group at age 26, Lin spoke candidly about navigating complex challenges early in a career where academic theory meets real-world ambiguity.

The gathering comes as Gamuda marks a dual milestone – 50 years of operations and the 30th anniversary of its scholarship programme.

To mark the occasion, Yayasan Gamuda raised its allocation to RM39mil for 2026, backing 206 scholars selected from 4,096 applicants, with nearly 80% coming from B40 and M40 households, and 15% hailing from East Malaysia and indigenous communities.

Rather than a rigid corporate briefing, the session offered scholars a direct line to Lin and senior leadership.

Instead of simply receiving advice, the scholars had the opportunity to ask probing questions and gained rare insight into the strategic thinking behind sustained, long-term careers centred on personal judgement and character.

Real edge in an AI era

Lin offered a measured, grounded view on technology, critical thinking and the value of experience outside the classroom.

He reminded students to master the usage of artificial intelligence (AI), but to never surrender one's own thinking to it.

Most people overestimate what digital tools can do overnight, he noted, while underestimating how thoroughly they will reshape work over the horizon.

Routine tasks will be handled by machines, but the qualities that define real leadership – sound judgement under ambiguity, empathy, sharp observational skills and steadfast character, cannot be automated.

Academic excellence alone, he reminded them, only tells a fraction of the story.

"EQ, effective communication, keen observational skills to read environments and how one treats people matter far more than raw technical ability.

"The real test of an engineer or a leader happens outside lecture halls – getting onto project sites, stepping into unfamiliar environments and learning to adapt when the messy reality on the ground refuses to match the textbook," he said.

His warning against excessive screen time stemmed from a deep concern for mental health and genuine human connection.

A glowing screen, he cautioned, confines a young person to digital isolation.

"As users endlessly scroll, algorithms feed them content tailored strictly to their preferences, trapping them in an echo chamber that reinforces narrow narratives that may not reflect reality.

BUILDING THE FOUNDATION OF A REAL CAREER

Marking a record RM39mil commitment to nurturing talent, Gamuda paves the way for the next generation of leaders



Meet the scholars: Lin (back row, centre, in blue shirt) pictured with former scholars who are now key leaders, (standing on Lin's left) Hui Yan, (standing on Lin's right) John (in red) and Chin along with 27 scholars from the new cohort during an intimate engagement session, where he shared advice on leadership, personal growth and continuous learning. — LOW LAY PHON/The Star

"In contrast, stepping away from the screen to foster real relationships and engage in continuous reading builds the mental resilience, perspective and emotional maturity required to lead," he noted.

That exchange resonated deeply with Keane Wong Ren Yi. Ask most students about the toughest part of competing for a top scholarship and they will point to the gruelling interviews. For Keane, the biggest obstacle was applying for one.

"There are many people who never take that first step. But if you do not take it, you will never truly know how far you can go," he said.

Raised in Rawang and educated in Subang before completing his A-Levels at Sunway College, Wong's trajectory appeared seamless on paper.

He had already secured a place at a university in the United Kingdom to pursue a degree in pure mathematics. However, he later realised his interest lay in multidisciplinary engineering rather than pure mathematics.

Demonstrating the very judgement and self-awareness Lin emphasised, Wong made the bold decision to relinquish the offer and take a gap year – a choice that required as much conviction to step back as it did to re-apply for a scholarship.

"It came down to a single tipping point where I decided to commit fully and try again.

"Taking that time allowed me to reset and examine where I had faltered and how I could improve," he explains.

Today, Wong is bound for the University of Cambridge to pursue mechanical engineering as a newly minted Gamuda scholar.

Beyond academics, Wong is keen to immerse himself in Cambridge's vibrant college culture, particularly the traditional weekly dinners known as "formals".

"For me, it is all about the conversations. Sitting across from people in entirely different fields like Law or Economics gives you fresh perspectives.

"I just want to listen, learn from others and have a good time," said Wong.

Cambridge's curriculum, which provides a general engineering foundation covering electrical, mechanical, information and biomedical streams during the first two years, will also prepare him for his future career with Gamuda once he returns from studies.

"Gamuda is continuously innovating and pivoting. I hope to bring different perspectives to various projects and play a role in that ongoing evolution.

"Throughout this past year, so many people have impacted me in ways big and small. I hope to pay that forward," he said.

Adversity as fuel

Turning to personal backgrounds, Lin spoke with quiet empathy to scholars carrying family responsibilities, encouraging them to see how their unique circumstances can shape their ambitions.

Reflecting on his own early years managing immense pressures when he was barely older than the students across the table, he reminded them that coming from modest circumstances is not a setback.

When anchored by discipline, disadvantage becomes an enduring source of inner drive that classrooms simply cannot teach.

Twenty-year-old Ivy Doria embodies that resilience, showing how an individual opportunity can translate into broader impact for others.

Hailing from Kuching, Sarawak, her journey to higher education was paved with quiet determination and deep familial gratitude.



For, Ivy (left) and Wong, securing the Gamuda scholarship marks a key milestone as they head to Toronto and Cambridge. — LOW LAY PHON/The Star

Raised in a single-parent household by her mother alongside three siblings, financial limitations were a constant consideration.

Seeing her mother work tirelessly to support the family instilled in Ivy a profound sense of responsibility and a desire to ease her family's financial load.

"My mum raised four children on her own. Watching her struggle made me realise how much effort went into raising us. Getting this scholarship was a way to lift that burden off her shoulders and give back," she said.

Securing the Gamuda scholarship, however, required navigating an intense personal balancing act.

Ivy undertook the comprehensive, multi-stage selection process right in the middle of sitting for her final International Baccalaureate (IB) examinations at Kolej MARA Banting.

"I had to manage my time strictly between revising for papers and preparing for the

scholarship assessments.

"But looking back, that experience taught me invaluable lessons in stress management, time allocation and self-awareness," she recalls.

Ivy stood out from the crowd by articulating a razor-sharp vision for her academic and professional future.

She is set to attend the University of Toronto in Canada to pursue a degree in Computer Science, specialising in AI.

Besides providing full financial coverage and personal independence abroad, the scholarship guarantees a structured six-year career pathway with Gamuda upon her graduation.

"My goal is to integrate digital technology and AI into Gamuda's construction workflows to drive efficiency.

"At the same time, I want to bring that expertise back to Sarawak.

"Many underserved communities in East Malaysia are still left behind in terms of infrastructure and digital development. I want to be part of the effort that builds them up," Ivy shares.

Living proof of concept

What gave Lin's advice real resonance was that the scholars did not have to imagine what that trust looked like – they were looking right at it.

Sitting alongside him were three senior leaders, all still under 40, who once sat in those very same scholar chairs.

They included Gamuda Engineering managing director Justin Chin Jing Ho, Gamuda Engineering deputy managing director and Yayasan Gamuda head Lim Hui Yan, and group chief digital officer John Lim Ji Xiong.

Their lived experiences provided a tangible blueprint of what the scholars' own career paths could look like.

Chin advanced from a tunnel engineer through critical tunneling operations to helm Gamuda Engineering.

Hui Yan started as a tunnel engineer managing high-tech tunnel boring machines before rising to lead Gamuda's data centre portfolio.

John started as a mechanical engineer on the MRT Putrajaya Line before mastering coding and automation to direct the group's digital transformation.

Today, half of Gamuda's top 30 business leaders began as scholars. For Wong, Ivy and their cohort preparing to depart, the coffee session was less a formal orientation than a generational passing of the torch.

Just as Lin was trusted at 26, Gamuda continues to place deep faith in young talent, proving that 30 years on, the scholarship is a long game – shaping not just where scholars go, but who they become and what they ultimately contribute to nation-building.

OTHER

NEWS & VIEWS

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Noodles with a side of rat

Woman's video of live rodent in takeaway order goes viral

A VIDEO showing a takeaway order of beef noodles containing a live newborn rat has gone viral in Hong Kong, *China Press* reported.

The tiny creature was seen squirming in the sauce, leaving netizens disgusted.

The food was reportedly ordered from an eatery in an industrial building in Kwai Chung, and the customer involved has lodged a complaint with the Food

and Environmental Hygiene Department.

The person who uploaded the video described the tiny rodent as a "live baby rat dancing".

The incident sparked heated discussion online, with one netizen sarcastically commenting: "No extra charge for a free portion of rat sashimi".

> The daily also reported that a woman in Taoyuan, Taiwan,

caused a traffic jam after rushing into an intersection and using her body to obstruct a bus.

Eyewitnesses said the woman stood motionless in the middle of the road while scrolling through her phone for 20 to 30 minutes.

She refused to move despite the driver repeatedly honking until police arrived and took her away.

The woman was later fined NT\$500 (RM64).

> A 21-year-old college student in China was earning up to 7,000 yuan (RM4,221) a month as a companion photographer, *Sin Chew Daily* reported.

Besides taking pictures, she was also required to accompany clients on shopping trips.

She charged between 35 and 69 yuan (RM21 to RM41) an hour, with half-day packages from 200 to 300 yuan (RM120 to RM180).

Work finally begins on new school building

THE construction of the new building for SJKT Sungai Bakap in Penang, which had been delayed since 2015 due to various issues, including a legal action against the Education Ministry can finally proceed after the courts dismissed the case, *Makkal Osai* reported.

The RM12.6mil building for the school in Nibong Tebal, which is being developed by Yayasan Didik Negara, will have six classrooms, a staff room, a resource centre and other amenities.

Education Minister Datuk Seri Fadhlina Sidek said she was glad to present the Letter of Acceptance to the school management during a groundbreaking ceremony recently.

Fadhlina, who is also Nibong Tebal MP, said the new building is scheduled for completion within 56 weeks.

Penang state exco member Datuk Seri Sundarajoo Somu, who also spoke at the event, said the Madani government has now commenced work on two Tamil schools in the state since coming into power.

Zizan Razak recalls battles with stage fright

COMEDIAN Zizan Razak (*pic*) has revealed that he once struggled with stage fright, leading him to turn down many hosting offers, *Harian Metro* reported.

The 42-year-old, whose real name is Mohd Razizan Abdul Razak, said he was unsure whether what he experienced was anxiety or extreme worry, but he began feeling uncomfortable in crowded places and at events.



"I don't know if I was experiencing anxiety, but I was afraid to go on stage and people didn't know this," he said.

The *Polis Evo* actor believed the intense emotions he experienced while acting might have carried over into his personal life.

> *Berita Harian* reported that Malaysian student Afeef Hamizan Mohd Huzaizi, 20, put his Mandarin skills to the test on the international stage, emerging

third in the 25th World Chinese Language Proficiency Competition for University Students in China.

Afeef delivered three speeches, took part in quizzes and performed a Mandarin song while playing the guitar.

He said the achievement was particularly meaningful as Mandarin is not his major, and he spent about a year preparing for the competition.

"I first had to compete at the university level in Malaysia before I was eligible to compete

overseas," he said.

> *Kosmo* reported that widow Fadzlilah Mislam, 38, is now shouldering the responsibility of raising her four children alone after her husband Rahim Jamat, 40, drowned while trying to save their youngest child at Pantai Sedili Kecil, Kota Tinggi, on Aug 31.

Fadzlilah said the loss of the family's breadwinner and her source of support, was deeply felt but she had to remain strong for their children, aged between seven and 15.

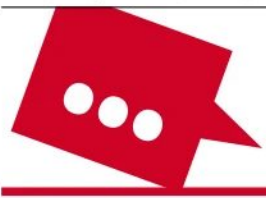
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Factors to consider when selecting kindergarten

WHAT do parents think about when selecting a kindergarten for their children?

For some, a kindergarten is primarily a place where their children can play, eat, rest, make friends and perhaps do a bit of learning.

Others may judge a kindergarten by how much work their child brings home, how much homework is given or whether the child has had a "good time".

There is a common perception that the work of kindergarten teachers is mainly to look after young children rather than as educators. This perception is both unfair and misleading.

A good kindergarten teacher is laying the foundation upon which a child's entire educational journey will be built.

Before children enter primary school, they need to learn more than their ABCs and 123s. They also need to learn how to listen, communicate, share and take turns. These are the foundations of learning and behaviour that children will carry with them into primary school and beyond.

And teaching these skills to groups of four-, five- or six-year-olds is certainly not easy. Imagine managing 15, 20 or even more young children with different personalities, abilities, levels of maturity and learning needs in one classroom.

The teacher has to manage all of them simultaneously while also ensuring that they are safe, emotionally secure, engaged and learning. This is education, so



Photo: 123rf.com

parents must also reconsider how they evaluate a kindergarten.

A kindergarten should not be considered as better simply because children receive more worksheets or homework. Nor should it be considered ineffective because children there spend lots of time playing.

Sometimes a child's greatest achievements during a day cannot be seen on a worksheet. They happen because someone has been observing, planning, teaching, encouraging, correcting, reassuring and repeating – sometimes over and over again.

This brings us to an uncomfortable issue.

If parents expect kindergarten teachers to educate their children, prepare them for primary

school, develop their social and emotional skills, communicate with them and keep them safe throughout the day, shouldn't these teachers be paid accordingly?

Most kindergartens are privately-owned businesses and lack the financial resources of large government institutions. Their ability to continue operating depends heavily on the parents who pay the fees and support them.

Parents naturally want affordable fees, but kindergarten owners need to cover operating costs, the most substantial being salaries for the teachers.

If parents continually demand the lowest possible fees, there is inevitably pressure on kindergarten operators to control costs.

And when a business has limited room to reduce expenses, staff salaries can become one of the areas affected. This creates a vicious cycle.

Low fees can contribute to low salaries, which can make it difficult to attract and retain capable teachers. Difficulty retaining good teachers can affect the consistency and quality of education. And ultimately, it is the children who may suffer.

This does not mean parents should simply accept whatever fees a kindergarten chooses to charge. Kindergarten operators must also be responsible and transparent. They should provide a safe environment, employ competent teachers and use parents' fees responsibly.

And parents also have a responsibility to understand what they are paying for. Instead of asking only about the cost, perhaps parents should also ask about the teachers, curriculum and how their child would be evaluated.

If we want kindergarten teachers who are knowledgeable, patient and committed, we must create conditions that make it possible for good people to remain in the profession, including fair salaries.

Paying kindergarten teachers better is therefore not simply about improving their lives. It is also an investment in our children.

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Highways are not places for reckless riding on motorcycles

RECKLESS motorcycle riding on highways and expressways is a problem that cannot be ignored anymore.

Motorcycles are an important and affordable means of transportation, but increasingly aggressive riding is creating serious risks for other road users.

Reckless riding has long been happening on our streets, but the behaviour is now becoming increasingly visible on highways where vehicles travel at much higher speeds.

Riders, including those on smaller-capacity motorcycles, can be seen speeding, weaving through traffic, changing lanes abruptly and overtaking dangerously. A single mistake at highway speed can have fatal consequences not only for the rider but also for other motorists.

According to the Royal Malaysia Police Traffic Investigation and Enforcement Department (JSPT), fatal motorcycle crashes on Malaysian highways and expressways rose from 805 cases in 2023 to 860 in 2024 and 1,067 in 2025. In just three years, there were 2,732 fatal motorcycle crashes on our highways. The figure rose by about 32.5% between 2023 and 2025.

These numbers demand immediate action. Highway traffic moves at significantly higher speeds, leaving drivers little time to react when motorcycles suddenly cut across lanes or move unpredictably. A motorist trying to avoid a motorcycle can easily lose control or collide with another vehicle.

The authorities should significantly increase highway patrols, deploy more speed and automated enforcement cameras, use drones at high-risk locations and impose heavier penalties on motorcyclists who engage in dangerous riding.

Repeat offenders should face substantially stronger sanctions, including suspension or revocation of their riding licences.

If stronger enforcement fails to curb the problem, the government should consider restricting motorcycles from selected expressways or particularly dangerous highway sections based on accident data and proper safety assessments.

Highways should provide a safe and predictable environment for everyone. Reckless riding has no place on them, and the authorities must act decisively before more innocent lives are lost.

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Current system of stray animal management not working

tem and its outcomes.

A method can have good intentions, be repeatedly implemented and still fail to solve the problem.

And the reality is that removing dogs from the streets without addressing where the next generation comes from does not solve the root cause.

New dogs continue to enter the population through abandonment, uncontrolled breeding, irresponsible ownership and inadequate enforcement.

At what point do we stop asking how many animals we can catch and start thinking about how we deal with a complex population-management problem involving animals, human behaviour, public health, veterinary science, legislation and enforcement?

Stray animal management is not simply an animal-catching problem. It is a population-management problem.

And population management requires data, science, preven-

tion, sterilisation, identification, responsible ownership, enforcement, education, proper legislation and long-term planning.

There are gaps in our laws, enforcement, responsible ownership, breeding control and identification and accountability.

While these gaps persist, we cannot expect catching and killing alone to somehow compensate for all of them.

This is not about choosing animals over people. This is about protecting people by finally adopting a system that is effective.

Public safety must come first. But public safety deserves better than a cycle that has been repeated for decades without eliminating the underlying problem.

The tragedy in Batu Pahat should not just stir another temporary wave of outrage, only for the same problem to return.

Perhaps it is time for governments and all stakeholders to honestly examine the results of

the approaches used for decades.

What has worked? What has failed? What does the science tell us? What are other countries doing differently? And what must Malaysia change?

No NGO or government agency has all the answers. But we have organisations, veterinarians, academics and practitioners who have spent years working on the ground and accumulated valuable knowledge and experience.

Use that expertise. Bring them to the table. Listen to the evidence. Fix the gaps and measure the results – for the sake of our communities, our children and, yes, for the animals, too.

Malaysia deserves a stray animal management system that actually works.

CHOONG KOON YEAN
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I REFER to the report "Toddler injured in attack by stray dogs outside Batu Pahat home" (*The Star*, Sept 6).

The incident has naturally sparked public outrage, and our thoughts are with the child and family.

But once the immediate anger subsides, we need to ask an uncomfortable question: Why are we still facing the same stray animal crisis today?

Malaysia does not have a single national policy for managing stray animals, but the Department of Veterinary Services (DVS) works alongside local state authorities and municipalities under the framework of the Animal Welfare Act 2015.

Local authorities across the country operate largely on a catch-and-impound or catch-and-cull model, which hasn't effectively addressed the root cause of the stray population despite decades of use.

So, how many more years do we need before we are prepared to admit that something within the system is simply not working?

This is not about blaming individual officers or agencies. It is about looking honestly at the sys-



Motherly blessings

Hindu women from the Dogra community performing traditional rituals and offering prayers for the long lives and well-being of their sons during the Bacch Dua festival in Jammu. The annual festival brings families together in a celebration of love, devotion and cherished traditions. — AP

Airports reopen amid risk of ash

Jakarta's main hub and four others resume operations after forced closures

Indonesia THE country has reopened its main airport in Jakarta and four others that had been closed due to volcanic ash from Mount Anak Krakatau, although fresh eruptions have raised the risk of further disruption.

Ash from Anak Krakatau, which sits halfway between Java and Sumatra islands, has blanketed Jakarta and some surrounding areas since its initial eruption late last Friday.

It led to the closure of eight airports for safety reasons, with more than 340,000 travellers impacted.

Soekarno-Hatta International Airport, Jakarta's main airport, resumed operations yesterday after wind blew the ash away, Transport Minister Dudy Purwagandhi said in a statement, adding that authorities would check the airworthiness of 178 planes that were grounded there during the closure.

"Perhaps it'll take a little extra time to prepare the planes,"



Back in service: Passengers walking at the terminal as the Soekarno-Hatta International Airport reopened following the eruption of Mount Anak Krakatau, in Tangerang, near Jakarta. — Reuters

Dudy said.

Traveller Alvin Pratama Putra, 31, who had arrived at Soekarno-Hatta on Sunday for a flight to South Korea for work, said his flight had now been rescheduled

to Thursday.

"What can you do? It's nature. It's dangerous for the plane if you force it," he said, adding that he had been sleeping on a bench at the airport.

Four other airports, including a smaller one in Jakarta and another in the neighbouring city of Bandung, also reopened yesterday.

Another airport had already reopened on Monday, while two remain closed.

Bayu Sutanto, Secretary General of the Indonesia National Air Carriers Association, said the delays put strain on airlines' finances, losing revenue from cancelled flights and facing higher operating expenses.

Bayu said airlines would have to incur various expenses such as extra fuel costs from route diversions, aircraft parking or crew-related costs, adding that a delay of one plane at Soekarno-Hatta could affect the next three or four flights using the same aircraft.

Airlines could lose up to 19 billion rupiah (RM4.35mil) a day during such a disruption, he said.

Anak Krakatau erupted again thrice yesterday morning, the volcano monitoring agency said.

While smaller than the earlier

eruptions, there was still potential for flight disruption, depending on ash height and wind direction.

"So far, the impact is not as big as the previous eruptions, but we'll continue to monitor," Lana Saria, head of the geological agency, said in a text message.

The volcano is one of about 130 active volcanoes in Indonesia, which straddles the "Pacific Ring of Fire", a highly seismically active zone where different plates on the Earth's crust meet to create a large number of earthquakes and volcanic eruptions.

Other volcanoes, including Mount Ibu and Ili Lewotolok, both on islands east of Java, also erupted yesterday.

Anak Krakatau, which means child of Krakatau, began emerging a century ago from the area previously occupied by Krakatau, then known as Krakatoa.

The older volcano destroyed itself in mass eruptions in 1883, which killed more than 36,000 people after triggering a series of tsunamis. — Reuters

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Ministers to get more pay

PM proposes 9% increase on salaries to 'attract top talent'

Singapore PRIME Minister Lawrence Wong (pic) said his government has accepted an independent committee's recommendations for a sharp increase in ministerial salaries, which are already the highest in the world.

Singapore pays its political leaders high salaries to attract talent and ensure good governance, and Wong told parliament a junior minister would now earn up to S\$1.8mil (RM5.7mil) and his own salary would rise to S\$3.6mil (RM11.5 million).

High ministerial salaries are a sensitive issue among the population, where the median monthly income was just S\$5,775 in 2025.

Wong said political office holders' salaries will start with a one-

off adjustment of up to 9% rather than immediately hitting the S\$1.8mil benchmark.

A 9% adjustment brings the salary of a junior minister to about S\$1.2mil (RM3.8mil), and there will be no further "special adjustments" to reach S\$1.8 million, said Wong, adding that subsequent changes would be based on individual performance and responsibilities.

For the next five years, Wong will donate the full increase in his salary to charity, which amounts to S\$1.4mil (RM4.47mil).

The high salaries are meant to attract top talent and prevent



corruption in a city-state that prides itself on its image of clean governance. Cases of graft by senior officials have been rare.

"This is not just a matter of pay. It is ultimately about whether Singapore will continue to have the quality of political leadership we need to take

our country forward and serve Singaporeans well in the years ahead," Wong said in a ministerial statement to parliament before announcing the proposal.

Singapore last adjusted salaries in 2012, when ministers took a 36% pay cut to allay public discontent about how much they earned.

Salaries were reviewed again

in 2017, but the government chose not to adopt a committee recommendation to hike.

Singapore uses the salary of the top 1,000 Singaporean earners as a benchmark for ministerial pay, saying the qualities and abilities of the top 1,000 "reflect the desired calibre of the people whom Singapore needs for good government", according to its Public Service Division.

The Singapore premier's salary compares to the Hong Kong chief executive's US\$719,000 (RM2.9mil) annually, the Swiss president's US\$606,000 (RM2.4mil), the British prime minister's US\$230,000 (RM930,145) and US President Donald Trump's US\$400,000 (RM1.6mil), according to data from non-profit PoliticalSalaries.com. — Reuters

Thousands of free-meal kitchens shut

Indonesia THE agency responsible for the country's free meals programme has temporarily closed nearly 2,000 kitchens for failing to register for hygiene checks, its chief said.

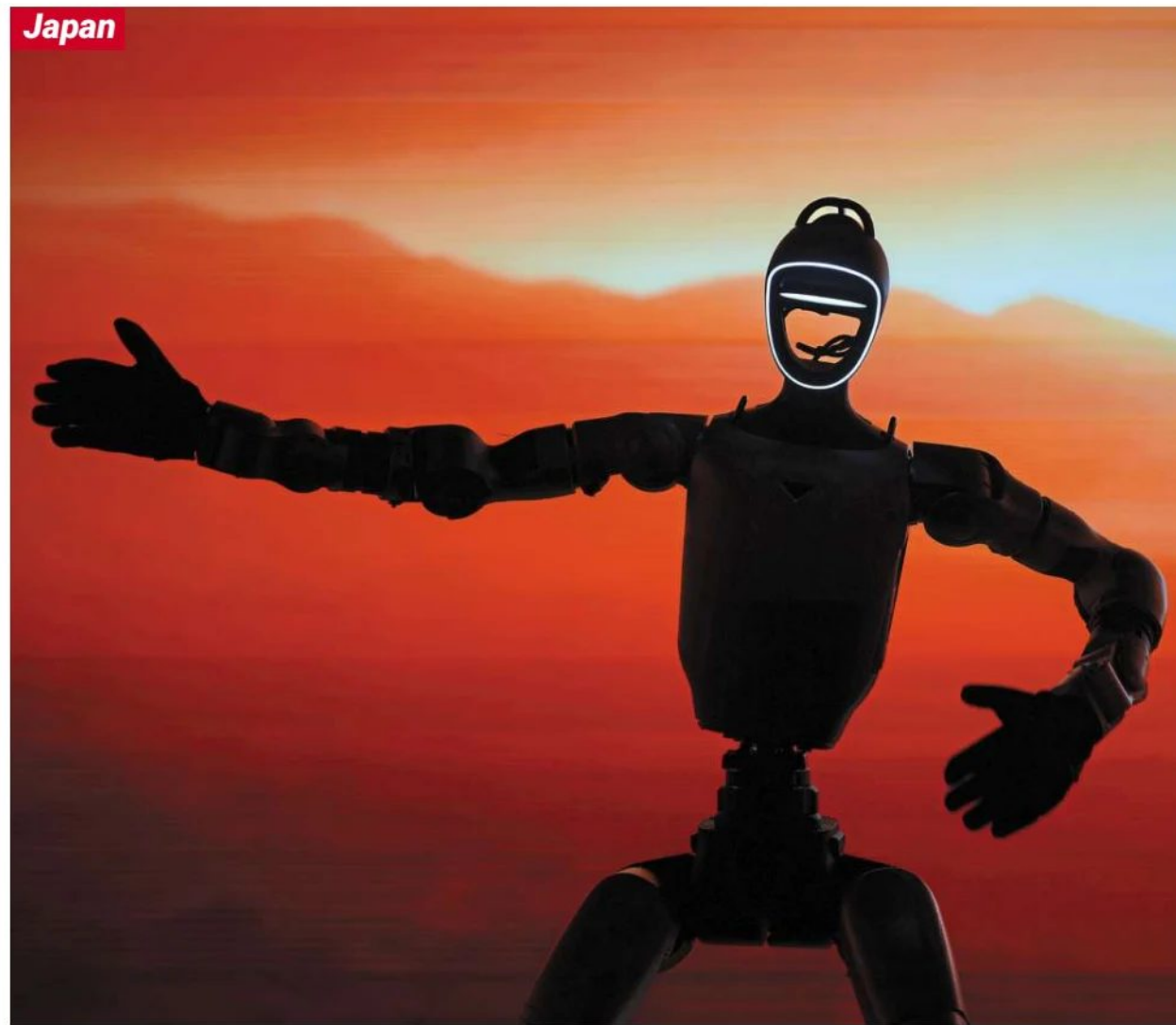
The National Nutrition Agency has suspended 1,999 kitchens across Indonesia because they did not register with the health ministry to undergo mandatory hygiene and sanitation certifications, agency chief Sudaryono said on Monday.

There are currently 27,022 kitchens distributing free meals across Indonesia as of Sept 7, he added.

The agency will investigate these kitchens before deciding what further action will be taken, he said, adding that compliance with hygiene and sanitation standards was non-negotiable to ensure food quality and the safety of the recipients of free meals.

Since its launch in January last year, President Prabowo Subianto's ambitious programme has been marred by a series of problems, including allegations of corruption, leadership changes and massive food poisoning outbreaks. — Reuters

Japan



Electric moves

A humanoid robot performing at a press conference by GMO, a Japanese internet infrastructure company in Tokyo. The role of humanoids has been expanded in recent years, with researchers exploring the possibility of deploying them for hazardous tasks in chemical plants. — AP

Pacquiao appointed anti-poverty agency head

Philippines BOXING great Manny Pacquiao spent decades throwing punches in the boxing ring.

Now, the Filipino sports icon will direct his fight at a more enduring opponent: poverty.

Pacquiao joined President Ferdinand Marcos Jr's cabinet yesterday as head of the government's anti-poverty agency, vowing to help Filipinos facing hardships all too familiar to him.

The 47-year-old former senator was appointed lead convener of the National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC), his first cabinet

post after a long political career that included service in Congress and the Senate, an unsuccessful 2022 presidential run and a failed bid to return to the Senate in 2025 as part of Marcos' administration-backed ticket.

As NAPC chief, Pacquiao will coordinate government efforts to reduce poverty, which he said he understands firsthand.

"I came from poverty. I experienced sleeping on cardboard on the streets, drinking only water, having nothing to eat and saving loose coins just to help my family," Pacquiao said in a statement.

Pacquiao, who came from impoverished beginnings, worked as a ship stowaway and fought on the streets as a boy, earning US\$2 per fight.

His net worth was US\$220mil (RM889mil) last year, according to a *Sports Illustrated* article.

Pacquiao takes over the anti-poverty agency as the Marcos administration seeks to cut poverty incidence to 8-9% by 2028.

Government data showed the rate fell to 9.7% in 2025, equivalent to about 11.08 million Filipinos living below the poverty line.

The only boxer to win world

titles in eight weight divisions, Pacquiao remains among the Philippines' most revered sporting figures, with his biggest fights drawing everyone from presidents and Hollywood stars to ordinary Filipinos, often bringing the nation of 119 million people to a standstill.

The southpaw retired in 2021, but returned to the ring in July 2025 to face Mario Barrios for the WBC welterweight championship on July 19 in Las Vegas.

He was inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame in 2025. — Reuters

China

Lorry test ends with five dead

FIVE people were killed after a lorry undergoing an uphill test lost control and collided with a minivan in the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region. Authorities said yesterday that the lorry experienced brake failure and rolled back into the minivan, which was following to collect data. — Xinhua

Japan

Common goal against disasters

TOKYO signed a memorandum of cooperation with Wellington yesterday to improve disaster preparedness, response and recovery. New Zealand's Emergency Management and Recovery Ministry said both nations face similar risks including earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanic activity, severe weather and flooding. — Xinhua

Sri Lanka

Water levels drop below 50%

THE nation's total reservoir capacity has dropped to approximately 47.3% as dry and hot weather persists. Despite the decline, the Water Management and Irrigation Department said that reserves are expected to be sufficient to complete the remaining period of the country's traditional Yala cultivation season. — Xinhua

Vietnam

Deadly blaze on sleeper bus

A 19-YEAR-OLD passenger was killed after a sleeper bus caught fire on an expressway in Khanh Hoa province late Monday. Authorities brought the blaze under control after more than 20 minutes, but the victim died and the bus was burned to its frame. — Xinhua

New bridge to further cement ties

Road link opens across N. Korea-Russia border as nations expand cooperation

North Korea THE country and Russia have opened the first road bridge across their narrow stretch of border, creating a new physical link between the two countries as they expand cooperation.

North Korea only shares a 17km border with Russia, a tiny part of its porous northern border that stretches more than 1,400km and is mostly shared with China.

But Pyongyang and Moscow have hailed the bridge's opening as yet another key moment in their booming ties.

Relations and exchange programmes between Russia and North Korea have been flourishing, with North Korea supplying ammunition and troops to support Russia's war against Ukraine in return for economic and military assistance.

The bridge built over the Tumen River is 1km long and has two lanes, which will allow up to 300 vehicles a day to pass through a newly-built border crossing point, the Russian government

said in a statement.

It was named after the late Soviet military officer Yakov Novichenko, who has been credited with protecting North Korean founder Kim Il-sung – the grandfather of current leader Kim Jong-un – from an assassination attempt in Pyongyang in 1946.

The bridge links North Korea's Rason and Russia's Khasan, border cities of the two countries.

The bridge's inauguration ceremony took place simultaneously in the two cities, with Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin and North Korean Premier Pak Thae-song attending via a video link.

"I am convinced that the expansion of transport infrastructure near the border will give a powerful boost to the further development of trade, economic, technological, scientific and cultural cooperation between the Russian Federation and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea," Mishustin said.

Pak said the bridge's comple-



Marking a milestone: A Zaporozhets car crossing the new North Korea-Russia road bridge during the opening ceremony. — AFP/Russian Transport Ministry

tion is "a significant event, adding a new dynamic movement to the overall bilateral cooperation," according to North Korea's official Korean Central News Agency.

While the bridge could accommodate a possible increase in small-scale freight transport and

the movement of people, some experts say it's still unclear how much that small bridge could expand traffic between the countries.

About 98% of North Korea's external trade in 2025 was with China. The South Korean govern-

ment said last year that there were at least 17 active road and rail links across the North Korea-China border.

There are also concerns that the new bridge could facilitate the movement of military equipment or trade in violation of UN resolutions against North Korea over its nuclear programme.

Vehicle traffic can be more difficult for satellites and other intelligence assets to monitor than the countries' ageing rail route, where cargo must be transferred between rail cars at the border, according to some experts.

North Korea and Russia, which are already served by a railway bridge and air service, agreed to construct the bridge in 2024.

Construction began last year. Tass, a state-run Russian news agency, said the existing 67-year-old railway route between the countries was "insufficient" to meet their growing transportation needs, and that the new road bridge would facilitate "year-round traffic". — AP

Tourists barred from heart of drought-hit park

Sri Lanka MUGGER crocodiles bask along the edge of the shrinking reservoir, waiting like everything else in Sri Lanka's drought-hit Yala National Park for the green tankers that come every day to pump in water.

From next week, park managers will be taking their emergency measures even further by banning tourists from the watering hole and other busy areas, to give the animals a breather after months without rain.

"We have to put the animals first," said 58-year-old wildlife ranger Sujeewa Nishantha.

"The closure is necessary as animals suffering from heat stress need easy access to water and visitors would be in the way," he said.

His tasks include tracking the water trucks trundling down dirt tracks, topping up ponds across the sanctuary, where spotted deer, wild water buffalo, Tufted Gray Langurs and the park's famed leopards all come to drink.

The rare month-long closure of the most visited areas is a potentially painful step in the build-up to the peak of tourism season – an important earner of foreign currency for the country.

But authorities have ordered water-management measures across large parts of the island as they face their worst dry spell in nearly a decade and brace for even more difficult conditions.

Sri Lanka's meteorological department has said the island is at the start of a nine-month cycle driven by the El Nino weather pattern that will build up to heavier rains in November to December and a second major drought from February onwards.

The World Meteorological Organization warned last week the planet as a whole could be about to face the strongest ever roll-out of the El Nino phenomenon – a



Feeling the heat: A group of langurs drinking from the remaining water in the mostly dried-out bed of a pond in Yala National Park, southern Sri Lanka. — Reuters

periodic warming of sea surface temperatures in the eastern Pacific that raises the risks of extreme weather.

Sri Lanka, an island nation surrounded by the Indian Ocean, is likely to feel the effects earlier and more intensely, according to the government, a situation made worse by global warming.

Tens of thousands of Sri Lankans are already relying on emergency drinking water supplies, and some smaller family farms are struggling to grow vegetables and raise cattle.

In Yala, managers said on their website that nothing would make them happier than being able to fully reopen the park to the jeeploads of tourists who usually flock in.

"When that happens, however, rests largely with the weather," they added. "And for now, Yala must be given the time nature asks of us." — Reuters



Parched earth: A mostly dried-out pond and a dead tree are seen in Yala National Park. — Reuters

Over 3,600 schools closed due to heavy rain

Japan A TOTAL of 3,661 schools were closed in 11 prefectures across Japan due to heavy rain, according to the education ministry.

As heavy rain lashed eastern Japan and elsewhere from the early hours of Monday, schools, including elementary, junior high and high schools as well as universities, were closed, with Chiba reporting the largest number of school closures at 894, followed by Tokyo with 739, Kanagawa with 646, Fukushima with 454 and Tochigi with 358, the ministry said.

Meanwhile, train suspensions caused by heavy rain affected more than 140,000 people in the Tokyo metropolitan area, railway operators said.

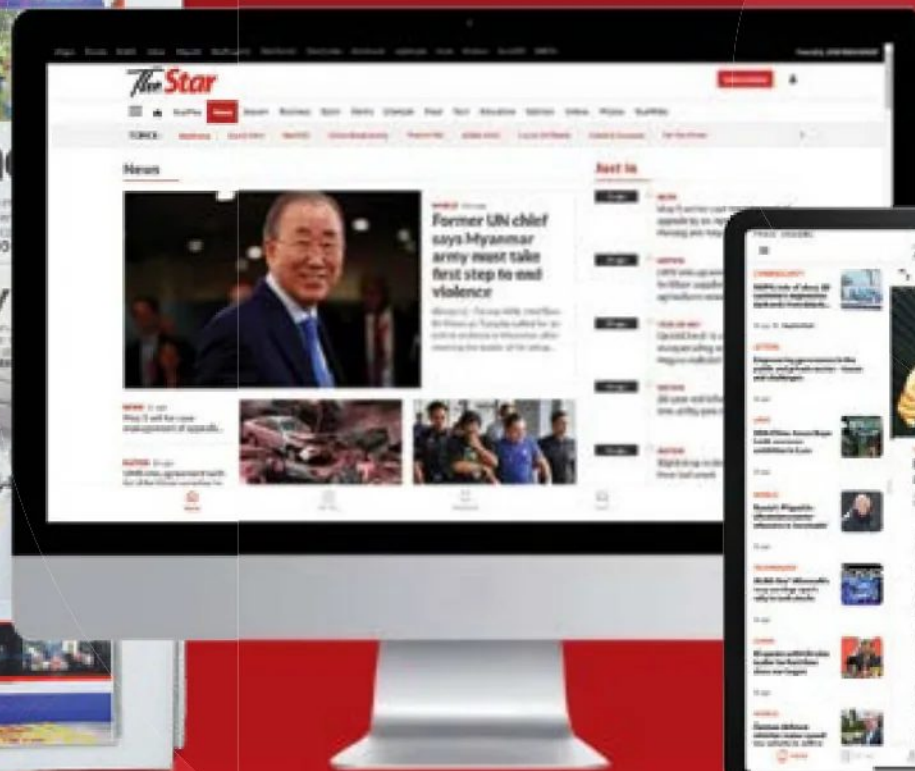
Major lines in Tokyo operated with services reduced by around 20% to 30% from normal levels.

A woman in her 60s was declared dead after being found unresponsive in a submerged car at an underpass in Iwaki, Fukushima prefecture, according to the local fire department.

The Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) issued Level 5 emergency landslide warnings for Nijima village, Oshima town and Toshima village in the Izu island chain south of Tokyo, the highest level of alert on the agency's scale of 1 to 5.

The JMA also issued a level 4 landslide alert for parts of Chiba and Saitama prefectures, neighbouring the capital.

Weather officials said heavy rain is expected through tomorrow, mainly along the Pacific coast from western to eastern Japan. — Xinhua



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'Missiles louder than words on diplomacy'

Ukraine slams Russia for ending halt to strikes

KYIV: Russian missiles and drones pounded Kyiv overnight, killing two people and sending smoke billowing above the Ukrainian capital, ending Moscow's temporary halt to strikes on the city.

Russian President Vladimir Putin had ordered the pause in attacks as US President Donald Trump's envoys Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner visited the Russian and Ukrainian capitals at the weekend.

Fresh explosions were heard ringing out in the early hours of yesterday, triggering fires and sending locals down into basements and metro stations for shelter.

"The moment the US president's peace envoys left, Putin launched another massive, horrific attack against Kyiv, damaging residen-

tial areas and killing at least two people," Ukrainian Foreign Minister Andriy Sybiga said on social media.

"His ballistic missiles speak louder than his words on diplomacy."

Witkoff and Kushner's trips provided no immediate breakthrough in ending the four-and-a-half-year war, but represented Washington's re-engagement with trying to broker a deal between the two sides, which had been on hold for months.

Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko said people were trapped in a residential building after the strikes.

Russia's army said it had carried out a "massive strike" on military-industrial sites, logistics hubs and storage centres in Kyiv and its suburbs.

Civilian deaths in Ukraine are

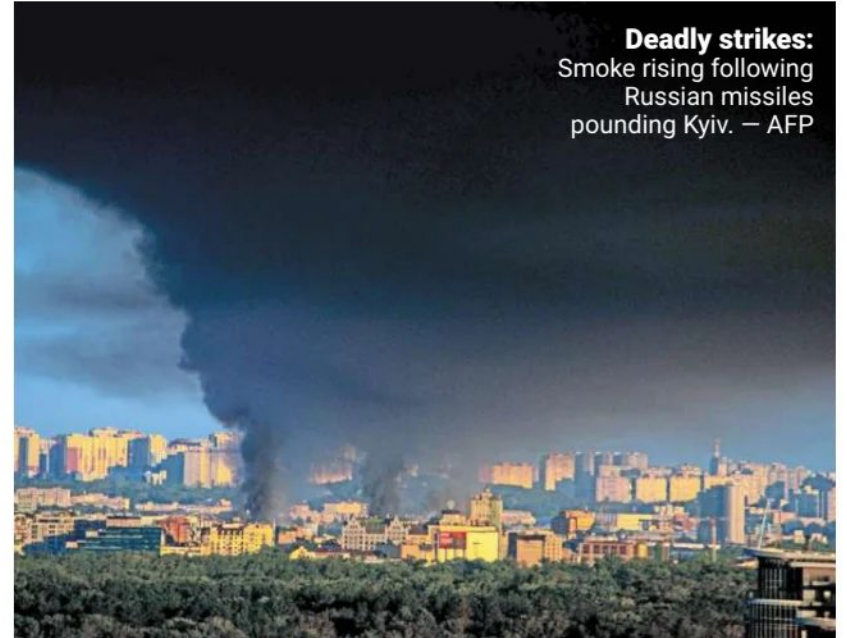
running at their highest rate since the first months of Russia's invasion, according to statistics verified by the United Nations.

In the Moscow-annexed Crimean peninsula, Russian-installed officials said a Ukrainian attack killed two people.

The strikes came hours after Witkoff touted "substantive progress" in the discussions with Ukraine and Russia, raising the prospect of reviving three-way peace talks to end Europe's deadliest conflict since World War II.

"President Trump is working hard to stop the killing and work towards a lasting and durable peace," he said on X.

Witkoff and Kushner met Putin in Moscow on Saturday, before holding separate talks with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in their first official



Deadly strikes: Smoke rising following Russian missiles pounding Kyiv. — AFP

trip to Kyiv.

The Kremlin announced on Monday that it did not rule out three-way talks, with spokesman Dmitry Peskov telling reporters "it is too early to say anything about the venue or the exact dates at this stage".

Zelenskyy told US news outlet Axios that the United States was pushing to de-escalate the conflict ahead of the long winter.

Russia has struck Ukraine's energy grid each winter since invading in February 2022, cut-

ting power and heating to millions in temperatures as low as -20°C.

Zelenskyy has said the weekend talks included US proposals around energy facilities, grain shipments and oil and gas exports, but declined to give further details.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov yesterday appeared to rule out a Turkish proposal for a truce on strikes in the Black Sea, saying it was "unrealistic" and "impossible to monitor". — AFP

Iceland summons US envoy over Trump's map

COPENHAGEN: Iceland summoned the US ambassador after President Donald Trump posted an image on social media showing the island and other countries covered by the American flag, local broadcaster RUV said.

The map showed the United States, Canada, Greenland, Iceland, Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean covered by the US flag, with the entire landmass labelled "United States of America".

Trump posted the image on his Truth Social platform without explanation.

Iceland's Foreign Minister, Thorgerdur Gunnarsdottir, called in Billy Long, the US ambassador to Iceland, who only took up the post last month, RUV reported.

"The position was clearly expressed that the post was completely inappropriate," the foreign ministry told RUV.

The US State Department, the US embassies in Copenhagen and Reykjavik, and the US consulate in Nuuk did not immediately reply to requests for comment.

Trump's assertions in recent years that the United States must acquire Greenland had sparked tensions between Washington and Copenhagen, both founding Nato members, and more broadly across Europe. — Reuters



Election tensions in the air

Supporters of opposition presidential candidate Flavio Bolsonaro marching with an effigy of US President Donald Trump holding a doll depicting Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva as a prisoner, during an Independence Day event in Sao Paulo, Brazil, a month before the general election. — AP

Houthi attacks disrupt Saudi energy facilities

DUBAI: Operations at some energy facilities in Saudi Arabia, the world's top oil exporter, were halted following attacks by Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthis that wounded 73 people, in what Saudi authorities described as a dangerous escalation.

Fires erupted at the sites yesterday and several people were injured as firefighting and other emergency teams rushed to contain the blazes and assess the damage, the Saudi energy ministry said.

The Houthis attacked the south-

ern cities of Abha, Khamis Mushait, Jazan and Najran, the Saudi-led coalition in Yemen said in an earlier statement, adding that the injured included women and children.

The flare-up in violence between Saudi Arabia and Houthis came as tensions mounted between the United States and Iran as the wider Middle East conflict sent oil prices soaring with diplomatic negotiations stalling.

Brent crude futures rose US\$1 (RM4.04) to US\$98/bbl

(RM396.30) after the Saudi energy ministry statement, while US crude futures rose over US\$2 (RM8.08) to US\$93.65/bbl (RM378.70).

On Monday, the *Financial Times* newspaper said Aramco's Jazan oil facilities were hit in new strikes and the damage was being assessed.

The Houthi military spokesperson said the group will announce in the coming hours a broad operation deep into Saudi territory.

The Saudi energy ministry said

concerned authorities were dealing with the repercussions of the attacks.

"The needed measures will be taken to ensure the safety of the facilities and workers and the continuation of work according to the approved operational plans," said the ministry.

Spokesperson Yahya Saree said that Riyadh had taken "escalatory steps" by conducting airstrikes on Yemen, warning that Houthi strikes would not go unanswered. — Reuters

IN PICTURES



Britain: Visitors admiring the 70m-long Bayeux Tapestry on display at the British Museum in London after its return to Britain, following a historic agreement between the country and France. — AP



Palestine: A resident building a room with handmade mud bricks as a traditional alternative amid a shortage of construction supplies in the Gaza Strip due to strict blockades and ongoing conflict. — AP



United States: Beachgoers walking along the pier as massive waves generated by Hurricane Marie hundreds of kilometres out in the Pacific Ocean crash against the shore in Huntington Beach, California. — AP

Seeking justice for 31 lives

14 suspects face trial in France over Channel crossing tragedy

PARIS: Fourteen people have gone on trial in France over the loss of 31 people including a seven-year-old child in 2021, in the deadliest small-boat crossing accident recorded in the Channel.

The defendants, believed to be linked to people-smuggling networks, are accused of playing a role in the sinking in which 27 people, mainly Iraqi Kurds, were confirmed dead when their inflatable dinghy sank in the early hours of Nov 24, 2021.

Four others are still unaccounted for. Only two men survived the tragedy.

On Nov 24, 2021, a French fishing vessel reported several lifeless bodies floating in the Channel off Calais, close to British waters.

According to testimony from the two survivors, their flimsy

boat began to deflate and take on water after several hours at sea.

Passengers fell overboard and drowned one after another, despite making around a dozen desperate calls for help to French and British rescue services.

The victims, aged between seven and 46, were mostly Iraqi Kurds, but also included Afghans, Ethiopians and Egyptians.

Thousands of migrants seek to reach Britain from France in search of a better life each year.

The trial carries particular significance because of the high death toll and sheer number of civil parties involved, 114 in all, including victims' families and around a dozen relatives who travelled from Erbil in Iraq's Kurdistan region.

The 14 individuals, most of

them born in Afghanistan, face charges including manslaughter and facilitating illegal immigration as part of an organised criminal group.

Two of them, including an Afghan man, are the subject of arrest warrants and will be tried in absentia.

The case that started yesterday is also high-profile because of another highly sensitive strand of the investigation, which is still ongoing.

Seven French military personnel, five members at a maritime rescue coordination centre and two sailors aboard a patrol vessel have been under investigation since 2023 for failing to help a person in danger.

A UK inquiry released in February found some of the deaths

would have been "avoidable" if British and French authorities had acted sooner to rescue those on board.

Despite several distress calls, it was nearly 12 hours after the first pleas for help before the boat was finally found by a French fishing vessel. By that time, most of those on board had drowned.

The separate case could eventually lead to another trial.

"Justice must hold accountable everyone who played a role in this tragedy," said lawyer Matthieu Chirez, who represents 113 civil parties.

The defendants have denied being smugglers and disputed their responsibility, or have presented themselves as migrants seeking to make the journey themselves. — AFP

Renoir Museum hit by art thieves

PARIS: Thieves have stolen three paintings from the Renoir Museum on the French Riviera, the local mayor said.

The raiders broke into the museum just before 6am yesterday and took four paintings, Cagnes-sur-Mer mayor Bryan Masson said on his Facebook page.

Police spotted the thieves and gave chase, during which they dropped one painting but escaped with the other three, he said.

"Attacking the Renoir museum is attacking a part of the history and heritage of Cagnes-sur-Mer. These actions are particularly serious," Masson said.

The museum was created in 1960 in the mansion of the impressionist painter Pierre-Auguste Renoir on a hill in Cagnes-sur-Mer, near Nice, where he died in 1919.

The collection on display in the museum includes 13 paintings from the master and some 40 sculptures, furniture and photographs.

Masson did not identify the paintings that were stolen.

Renoir's most valuable works have fetched dozens of millions of dollars at auctions in the past.

Art thieves in Europe are committing more violent robberies and specialist gangs have been replaced by ad hoc opportunists recruited through social media, pan-European police body Europol said last month.

The heist at the Louvre Museum in Paris in October last year was a prime example of this, Europol said, as the thieves threatened guards and visitors and stole €88mil worth of jewels. — Reuters

Eiffel Tower reopens after 'sidelining' women staff

PARIS: The Eiffel Tower has reopened after staff walked out over the removal of women colleagues during a visit by a Hindu religious group which later apologised.

The operating company that runs the Paris landmark, Sete, acknowledged that the Hindu delegation had requested the visit be organised so as to limit "interactions with women" and said that "these conditions should not have been accepted".

The spiritual movement organisation apologised for "any pain or inconvenience caused" by the incident.

"To the best of our knowledge, at no point was anyone prevented access to the Eiffel Tower," the group wrote on X.

Eiffel Tower staff said in a statement that it condemned "professional instructions that led to female employees being sidelined, replaced and made invisible because of their sex" during the visit by the delegation.

"Instructions were given to female employees of the Eiffel Tower and those of its contractors to make themselves invisible in order to welcome this delegation," the staff said in the statement. — AFP



Ready to rumble

A participant of the West Indian Day Parade taking a selfie as she waits to walk the Brooklyn borough of New York. — AP

Aussie firefighters bracing for a blazing season

CLARENCE TOWN: Australian firefighters say they are on alert as temperatures in the southern hemisphere begin to pick up, following a devastating fire season in Europe.

Australia is already experiencing a strong El Nino weather event that typically brings with it hotter, drier weather and an increased risk of wildfires.

"We're concerned this year that we'll see increased fire risk versus prior years," said Trent Curtin, head of the New South Wales

Rural Fire Service, the world's largest volunteer firefighting force.

Large parts of Europe, the world's fastest-warming continent, endured sweltering summers, leaving vegetation tinder-dry and fuelling severe wildfires.

Britain had its hottest summer since records began, with Italy's experiencing the warmest in 75 years.

"We're seeing some extraordinary conditions in the northern hemisphere at the moment.

"They're experiencing fires that they haven't seen for a couple of decades or maybe never seen before," Curtin said.

Australia has a long history of fighting wildfires, including the 2019 to 2020 Black Summer blazes that destroyed an area the size of Turkey and killed 33 people.

Authorities frequently conduct hazard reduction burns, where sections of forest are burnt in a controlled manner to reduce the spread of wildfires should they happen.

"For this year, we're alert but not alarmed.

"We're conscious of the fact that the seasonal outlook is expecting a busier than usual fire season – conditions will be quite dry, hot," said Alex Capararo, a sector commander for the Forestry Corporation of New South Wales.

Peak fire danger season usually starts in mid-October in northern New South Wales and in December in southern parts of the state, according to the Bureau of Meteorology. — Reuters

Harry and Meghan not 'working royals'

King Charles classes them as 'private citizens'

LONDON: King Charles III said his son Harry and the prince's wife Meghan are not to be considered "working members of the royal family" after they moved back to Britain from the United States.

The couple left Britain and quit royal duties in 2020 amid a royal family feud.

But in a surprise move last month, Harry, 41, and Meghan, 45, returned to live in the United Kingdom with their two children Archie, seven, and Lilibet, five.

In the letter on Monday, Charles made it clear that the couple's position is "akin to private citizens" and that they should not be addressed as his and her royal highness.

So-called "working royals" are members of the royal family who

carry out official duties on behalf of the monarch.

They receive administrative and other support from the Royal Household to do so.

A letter issued by Lord Chamberlain, the most senior official in the Royal Household, said that following the couple's relocation, there had been "a number of requests for guidance".

The letter was issued "to help avoid doubt or confusion".

"It is well known that in January 2020, the Duke and Duchess stepped down from undertaking representative duties on behalf of the sovereign, and are no longer working members of the royal family," it said.

"This position, distinct from the state and royal duties undertaken by the working royal family, and

with the personal latitude it brings the couple in respect of financial independence and protection of their privacy as they would wish, will continue to be fully respected."

Current senior working royals are Charles, his wife Queen Camilla, his son and heir Prince William and his wife Catherine, Princess of Wales, as well as Charles's sister Princess Anne and brother Edward as well as his wife Sophie, known as the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh.

Others include several of the late Queen Elizabeth II's cousins.

Harry and Meghan, formally known as the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, are reportedly living in central England's Cotswolds region and are said to have enrolled their children at private schools



It's personal: The charitable work of Harry and Meghan is a personal matter for them both and undertaken in their private capacity, according to a letter issued by Lord Chamberlain. — Reuters file photo

there for the coming academic year.

Harry's grandmother Queen Elizabeth stripped them of their "Royal Highness" titles, police protection and public funding when they quit royal duties in 2020.

"The charitable work of the duke and duchess is a personal matter for them both and undertaken in their private capacity.

"In short, their position is akin to private citizens with commercial and charitable interests," the letter said.

The clarification comes amid uncertainty over what, if any,

security the Sussexes will have paid for by the state.

Britain's Royal and VIP Executive Committee (Ravec) – an independent body overseen by the interior ministry – decides which politicians, royals and others get police protection.

Harry battled the ministry in the courts after Ravec downgraded his security following his 2020 move.

He lost his bid to reverse the decision, but with his permanent return, Ravec's risk management board will likely be re-evaluating the threat level he faces. — AFP

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Dr. Harjit Kaur & Dr. Yiadvinder Singh Dhadli
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Dr. Sunil Singh Pentlia
Dr. Pradeep Singh Ruba & Dr. Reshmin Kaur Cheema
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In Loving Memory of a Remarkable Life

At 94, our beloved father passed away peacefully leaving behind a life that was rich in purpose, service, love and family. To the world he was a pioneer oncologist who dedicated years of his life to medicine and his patients. He served the government with distinction until retirement and continued caring for patients in private practice until he was 87. His contributions to oncology in Malaysia will be remembered by the many patients he treated, the colleagues he inspired and the generations of doctors who followed.

To us, he was a devoted husband and a wonderful father. Together with our mother, Madam Manjit Kaur, he built a family that became his greatest source of pride and happiness. He leaves behind 4 children, 11 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren – a family that is a living testament to the love and values he believed in.

A prominent and respected member of the Sikh community, he served with humility and generosity and made a lasting contribution to the community he held dear. He also embraced life with remarkable zest. Taking up golf at the age of 70, he continued playing well into his later years – a fitting reflection of his energy, curiosity and determination to keep enjoying life. He served with compassion, lived with dignity, loved generously and left an enduring legacy in the many lives he touched.

He will be deeply missed, lovingly remembered and forever cherished. May his soul rest in eternal peace. Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa, Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh.

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Wednesday, 9 September 2026

9.00am : Sukhmani Sahib Path & Kirtan
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10.45am : Ardas
11.00am : Cortege leaves from residence
12.00pm : Saskaar (cremation) at Bercham
Chinese Crematorium, Ipoh.

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Date : 19th September 2026
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Osaka exits tourney, but not before displaying one more 'swaggy' fashion ensemble

NEW YORK: Naomi Osaka may not have gone out of the US Open with much of a bang. But she surely went out with a burst – of colour, and a bit of swag.

The two-time US Open champion lost a lopsided fourth-round match on Monday to Elena Rybakina. But she continued to make her mark as the undisputed fashion queen on tour.

Osaka, already known for her walk-on fashion reveals at tournaments, has been upping her game at the year's final major with a series of dramatic ensembles – all with a basketball theme, as her sponsor, Nike, honours the New York Knicks' championship win.

For her last look, she arrived on court in a coat of many colours: a fur-trimmed cloak designed by Brooklyn-based label KidSuper.

"I felt really swaggy when I put it on," Osaka said after the match. "I feel like it embodied New York a lot."

For her increasingly dramatic looks the past week or so, Osaka has worked with celebrity stylist Law Roach – also known as Zendaya's stylist – displaying the work of multiple designers.

Monday's eclectic walk-on ensemble from KidSuper, the label of designer Colm Dillane, included not only the lavish coat, but a headband that echoed the blue, red and white NBA logo – only now, displaying a racquet-wielding tennis



Last look: Naomi Osaka arrives before the match against Elena Rybakina. — AFP

player, not a basketball player.

For her first-round match a week ago, Osaka channelled NBA great Allen Iverson in a long, white tulle skirt and a dramatic gray, hooded robe.

When she removed the hood, Osaka's hair was in cornrows under a headband, recalling Iverson's look when he was the NBA MVP while playing for the Philadelphia 76ers.

Her ensemble was designed by Who Decides War, the New York-based streetwear brand.

For round two, Osaka arrived on court in an ensemble by Thom Browne, with a flowing white jacket embroidered with crossed tennis racquets. Underneath, her tennis skirt's mesh fabric resem-

bled a basketball net.

For the third round, Osaka, a four-time Grand Slam champion, wore the label Monse – an oversized hybrid of a gray suit jacket and hoodie sweatshirt over flowing gray fleece pants, an outfit meant to mesh business wear with sports wear.

After her loss, Osaka was asked if she was disappointed that there may have been other fashion looks she'd been planning to display, had she remained longer.

But the 28-year old – who noted that she'd been hampered during Monday's match by pain in her leg – was philosophical about her loss. — AP

Former champ Gauff holds off Jovic to reach quarter-finals

NEW YORK: Coco Gauff bested rising US star Iva Jovic on Monday to reach the quarter-finals of the US Open for the first time since winning the title three years ago.

Gauff, seeded fourth this year, beat the 14th-seeded Jovic 6-1, 6-4 in 80 minutes.

The match marked a rare instance in which two-time Grand Slam champion Gauff, still only 22, faced a younger American in the 18-year-old Jovic, who pushed Gauff in the second set after being routed in the first.

"She plays beyond her years," Gauff said. "I'm looking to many more battles out here."

Gauff said she served "really well" and called the win, along with a second-round victory over Spain's Paula Badosa, her best matches so far this year.

Gauff has yet to lose a set so far in New York and has pointed to an improved serve as a source of confidence.

"I'm able to rely on a lot of different things to win points in many different ways, and I think that gives me confidence," Gauff said after the match.

Broken to open the contest, Gauff reeled off six straight games to take the first set.

Gauff said some of the marathon rallies left her breathless, but she came out on top of them more often than not.

Jovic picked up the pace in the second set, rushing the net behind strong shots to keep Gauff on the defensive.

Their net exchanges won loud applause from fans, and Gauff finished the match with a surprise serve-and-volley ambush, landing a volley that Jovic couldn't put back in play.

Gauff will next face French Open champion and fifth-seeded Mirra Andrejeva of Russia in the quarter-finals.

Gauff has won all five of their prior meetings. — AFP

Ostapenko vents fury on opposing coach after doubles clash

NEW YORK: Jelena Ostapenko was at the centre of another heated US Open exchange on Monday, confronting an opposing coach after reaching the women's doubles quarter-finals with Taiwanese partner Hsieh Su-wei.

The fourth seeds beat Australian-Taiwanese pair Maya Joint and Chan Hao-ching 6-4, 6-4, but tempers flared after Ostapenko took exception to the behaviour of their opponents' coach.

Su-wei had approached the umpire during a changeover and Ostapenko pointed toward the opposing team's coach, urging the official to intervene.

The Latvian said the coach had been clapping and shouting after their mistakes, and sarcastically praising their shots in Chinese, which Su-wei translated for her.

"They do this because they know they cannot beat us," Ostapenko told the umpire, calling the behaviour "very disrespectful" and asking for the presence of a Chinese translator.

After the umpire agreed to deal with the situation, the pair returned to the court and turned up the heat to seal the straight-sets win.

Ostapenko then celebrated by roaring toward the opposing box while Su-wei and Hao-ching did not shake hands at the end of the fiery encounter.

Ostapenko, the 2017 French Open singles champion, has been involved in several on-court disputes. — Reuters



Spectacular win: Zheng Qinwen returns a shot to Iga Swiatek during their match. — Reuters

Zheng mounts another fightback to stun Swiatek in US Open

NEW YORK: Chinese qualifier Zheng Qinwen produced another spectacular fightback to upset six-time major winner Iga Swiatek 7-5, 6-3 in the US Open on Monday, recovering from 0-5 down in the opening set to reach the quarter-finals.

The Olympic champion battled her way through qualifiers amid a career slump and has recaptured her top form in New York, getting the best of an opponent who had led 7-to-1 in their head-to-head before Monday.

"I start the match really slow. That's why she's able to lead 5-0. After that, I start to play more freely, let's say, because I think I need to try to find my rhythm at least for the second set," said Qinwen, whose chronic right elbow injury stunted her career and forced her to undergo sur-

gery last year.

"Somehow, I felt really comfortable on court, and in one moment I also lose (track of) the score, because I'm so focused to playing every single point. I think that's the key for me to come back. I didn't expect that today, but somehow it's just happening again."

She next plays second seed Elena Rybakina of Kazakhstan.

Qinwen appears to do her best work with her back against the wall, recovering from five games to love in the deciding set of her third round match this week, and she found the magic again at Arthur Ashe Stadium, saving three set points to the increasing frustration of the 2022 champion Swiatek.

Swiatek took a medical timeout after

the third game of the second set, having a physio come and massage her left thigh, but did not appear to struggle as she returned to the court.

Qinwen broke her opponent with a backhand winner down the line in the seventh game and broke again on the fourth match point, leaving Swiatek in tears again two years after she stunningly beat the Pole in the Olympic semi-finals.

"It's tough to get over that when it happens. And maybe I could have played more safe or something, but I also didn't feel like I had space with Qinwen to do that," said Swiatek.

"If I would be more solid than her, I would win this game, but I wasn't solid and I was missing too much." — Reuters

Historic Blockx-buster



Pain to glory: Alexander Blockx celebrates after beating Francisco Cerundolo in the last 16. — AFP

Alexander first Belgian man to reach last eight in US Open

NEW YORK: Alexander Blockx beat Francisco Cerundolo in four sets on Monday to become the first Belgian man ever to reach the US Open quarter-finals.

The 21-year-old Blockx, seeded 28th in his Flushing Meadows debut, out-last 24th-seeded Cerundolo 6-3, 4-6, 7-5, 7-5.

Blockx, who upset fifth-seeded Flavio Cobolli in the third round, backed up that win with a determined performance during which he received "magical medication" from the doctor to combat a "sharp pain in my rib".

"I was just holding on to be honest," Blockx said. "Even though I won that first set 6-3, it could have been the other way round."

Later, Blockx told reporters he might have retired had he lost the third set.

"I was really close to retiring, to be honest,"

he said. "I was just hanging in there, but I think if I would have lost the third set, I think the chances were really high of me retiring."

"Even before the match I was already under medication, and during the match I had medication. So if you feel that much pain while having a lot of medication, that's not a good sign."

But "eventually it got better," he said. "It would have been a shame if I would have retired and then it got better afterwards. I was just lucky."

The win marks the latest stepping stone for Blockx, who began the year outside the top 100 and had to qualify for the Australian Open.

After splitting the first two sets, Blockx and Cerundolo stood level at 5-5 when the Belgian fell behind 0-40 on his serve.

Blockx worked his way back with big serves and booming strokes, holding serve and breaking Cerundolo in the next game to take the third set.

A tight fourth set went with serve until Blockx gained the winning break in the final game, falling to the ground in delight when a shot from the Argentine landed out.

"This morning I stepped onto this court for the first time to warm up and that felt unreal, so to play a match here and win a match here is even crazier," Blockx said.

Blockx next faces Russian Karen Khachanov, who edged 14th-seeded American Learner Tien in five sets, 7-5, 4-6, 6-7 (6-8), 6-1, 6-4.

A former US Open semi-finalist, Khachanov beat third-seeded Felix Auger-Aliassime in the second round. — AFP



Zverev beats Darderi and the clock to reach quarters

NEW YORK: Alexander Zverev put a slow start to his US Open campaign further behind him as the top-seeded German defeated Italian Luciano Darderi (pic) 6-2, 6-2, 7-6 (7-3) on Monday and moved into the quarter-finals.

Playing his fourth straight night-session match and having endured two five-setters along the way, the 29-year-old was in no mood to hang around and powered through the first set after absorbing some late pressure on his otherwise solid serve.

The 2020 finalist raced through the next set and staved off a spirited comeback attempt in the third to finish before midnight for the first time this year in New York.

"I don't know what to do with myself, because it's before midnight," said Zverev, who pointed to his watch when the match ended at around 11.48 p.m.

"I might go to a practice court, or a bar ... that was a joke, so relax."

"I'm feeling happy, compared to the first two matches the level has been going up."

After a misplaced drop shot from 21st seed Darderi gifted Zverev a second break in the next set, the French Open champion took full advantage to rack up a 4-0 lead that provided the perfect platform to double his advantage in the match.

Zverev suddenly lost momentum and was tested a lot more in the third set by Darderi's powerful first serve and drop shots, but he regrouped late on to prevail and become the only man to reach the quarter-finals at all four Grand Slams this year.

"I thought that my level was consistent, but he started incredibly well in third set," Zverev added.

"I barely saw anyone hit so hard so consistently."

"He made it very difficult for me. I'm happy to be in the quarter-finals and playing this way."

Zverev, who reached his fifth quarter-final at the tournament, will face Dutchman Botic van de Zandschulp for a place in the final four. — Reuters

Van de Zandschulp ends Gea's lucky loser dream in five-set thriller

NEW YORK: Botic van de Zandschulp rallied from two sets down to beat Arthur Gea 3-6, 6-7 (0-7), 7-6 (9-7), 7-6 (7-3), 6-4 and return to the US Open quarter-finals on Monday.

The Dutch veteran denied 21-year-old Gea a slice of Grand Slam history.

The French player had been vying to become the first men's lucky loser to reach a Grand Slam quarter-final.

A dozen lucky losers — players who lost in qualifying but made it into the draw when someone withdrew — had made it to the round of 16 at this level, but none had gone further.

Gea, ranked 87th in the world, lost in the final round of qualifying but reached the main draw when 18th-seeded Casper Ruud withdrew with a back injury.

He nearly broke through, but Holland's Van de Zandschulp saved a match point in the third set and almost two hours later sealed a win that put him into the quarter-finals for the first time since 2021.

The five-hour, 13-minute mara-

thon was just shy of the record-longest US Open match, Dan Evans' five-hour 35-minute first-round victory over Karen Khachanov in 2024.

An exhausted Van de Zandschulp told the crowd he didn't know how he did it.

"No clue actually," the 30-year-old said. "Crazy comeback — five hours, 15 minutes, still standing, so that's a good thing."

"I think this is probably even better than the first quarter-final I made here," added Van de Zandschulp. "It's been some tough years, but started to play better this year again."

"It hasn't really sunk in yet, but I think tomorrow it's going to be a great feeling."

Next up for Van de Zandschulp could be top-seeded Alexander Zverev.

The Dutch player has some history with upsets at the US Open. In 2024 he stunned then third-seeded Carlos Alcaraz in straight sets in the second round. — AFP



Epic comeback: Botic van de Zandschulp returns the ball to Arthur Gea during their match. — AFP

Olympic long jump champion Davis-Woodhall ends season after concussion

BUDAPEST: Olympic long jump champion Tara Davis-Woodhall has ended her season after a severe concussion suffered in a car accident left her unable to train for this week's World Athletics Ultimate Championship.

The 27-year-old American revealed last week that she sustained the injury in a head-on collision while driving to a training session.

"After careful consideration with my team, we have decided to end the 2026

season," Paris Games gold medallist Davis-Woodhall wrote on social media on Monday.

"This one hurts. I'm sad, disappointed and just hurt by all of it."

"I know this has to be part of my story."

There has to be a reason for this ... I will be back."

The Ultimate Championships, World Athletics' new season-ending showcase, runs from September 11 to 13 in Budapest. — Reuters

Kylian's golden shot

Mbappe embraces Ballon d'Or talk after historic World Cup exploits

MADRID: Real Madrid striker Kylian Mbappe said on Monday it was natural for people to consider him a potential Ballon d'Or winner this year after his World Cup exploits.

The France captain scored 10 goals at the tournament this summer to win the Golden Boot, with his country finishing fourth.

He has netted 22 in the competition, making him the World Cup's all-time top scorer.

Mbappe, 27, has not yet won the prestigious trophy given to the world's best player.

"I think that when you play for Real Madrid, who are the best club in the world, naturally people associate you with that kind of award, they associate you with collective awards, individual awards," Mbappe told reporters.

"A lot of people, when they see me in the street, talk to me about the Ballon d'Or, a lot of people talk about me as a possible Ballon d'Or winner ...

"Of course, I made a lot of history this summer in the most important competition in sport, but we'll see.

"I have the feeling that it's a good year for that, but there's still a long time to go and people are free to vote for whoever they think is the best player in the world."

Since joining Real in 2024, Mbappe has scored huge quantities of goals but the club has failed to win a major trophy.

During Mbappe's first two years at Real the team have appeared unbalanced, with too many star names, including the Frenchman and Brazilian winger Vinicius Junior, widely considered not to be contributing enough to the team effort – in contrast to Ousmane Dembele at Paris St Germain and Raphinha at Barcelona.

"We have to improve," admitted Mbappe. "But I could play dumb and tell you that I score more goals than (Dembele and Raphinha), and that they need to score more goals to be like me."

"Everyone is different, but I want to do things intelligently and say that of course I have to improve and all that, but I don't like comparisons because I think I



Waiting game: Real Madrid's Kylian Mbappe has yet to win the prestigious trophy given to the world's best player. — Reuters

do a lot of things that others don't do."

Real coach Jose Mourinho recently said he would prefer if Mbappe scored fewer goals but also worked hard to help the team win titles.

Mbappe said he would accept lower numbers if it led to trophies, but noted they were not mutually exclusive.

"I'd take 30 goals with titles, yes, but ... for me it's an absurd debate," said Mbappe.

"I always want to score goals and win titles ... you don't have to choose, you can do both things."

Veteran Portuguese coach Mourinho led Inter to Champions

League glory in 2010 at the Bernabeu before he departed to take over at Real.

Despite his history with the Italian side, whom he steered to the treble that year, the coach said that only mattered before and after, but not during the match.

"There aren't many (people) left from my time, but it'll always be a pleasure to see people, even if I don't know them, but people who defend Inter, before and after," said Mourinho.

"During the game I want to win, they want to win, and there won't be time to think about things from a wonderful past." — AFP

Coach Pochettino's goal – keep US drama to a minimum

NEW YORK: United States men's national team head coach Mauricio Pochettino is ready to get his squad together for training camp ahead of a cluster of friendlies into October, while starting the road towards a spot in the 2030 World Cup.

US's 2026 World Cup run, on home soil no less, was filled with promise, hope and ultimately disappointment as the squad failed to reach the quarter-finals with a 4-1 loss to Belgium that was not competitive after half-time.

There was even the controversy of Folarin Balogun's red card in the round of 32, then the stir that came with the surprise decision that the suspension was lifted, allowing him to play in the last-16 defeat.

The theme of the next four years for Pochettino is to avoid drama, at least of the self-inflicted kind.

A number of young players from the US are expected to move to the forefront in the next four years, such as 16-year-old Cavan Sullivan of the Philadelphia Union and 17-year-old Adri Mehmeti of the New York Red Bulls.

Other promising teenagers include Julian Hall of the Red Bulls, Neil Pierre of the Union and Justin Ellis of Orlando City, as well as Xavier Gozo, now at Crystal Palace in England.

"We are very happy to have all these potential good players," Pochettino said.

"Only we need to be careful.

"When you are young, of course, you need to be confident.

"You need to have trust in yourself, but there is a limit.

"The balance is the most important, and one of our responsibilities is to protect these guys because sometimes if you play well and you are 17, 16 or 18, people start to talk about you are (Lionel) Messi or you are a big star in the world because you do a few good things.

"If you don't manage it well, that can be dangerous for your career."

In other words, Pochettino wants the young players to let their play do the talking.

How many of those young players will be invited to the US camp this month remains to be seen. Pochettino ultimately will select 26 players for friendlies against Peru on Sept 26 at Orlando; Chile on Sept 29 at St Louis; Mexico on Oct 3 in Glendale; and Canada on Oct 6 at St Paul.

The roster is expected to be selected on or around Sept 17.

It is also not known if established players like Balogun, Christian Pulisic and Weston McKennie will participate in the camp.

Balogun was the subject of transfer speculation, with a number of rumoured moves from Monaco not coming to pass.

The first major tournament on the horizon is the 2027 Concacaf Gold Cup.

At that point, a closer look at the 2030 World Cup can take place, with the team headed towards the qualifying process. — Reuters

Lazio give good fight at Udinese to stay perfect in Serie A

ROME: Lazio fought back in the second half to score more than one goal for the first time this season and win 2-1 at Udinese on Monday and remain perfect in Serie A.

Lazio joined Roma and Inter Milan as one of three teams with 100 per cent records after three games. Lazio, who won their first two games 1-0, are third on goal difference.

Four minutes into the second half, Jesper Karlstrom became the first player to score against Lazio this season.

English centreforward Keinan Davis backheeled the ball to send the charging Swedish midfielder into a space behind the defence.

Karlstrom took his time with an elaborate delayed back lift before shooting through the legs of goalkeeper Christos Mandas.

Lazio had won their first two matches with goals by Davide Frattesi (pic).

After 75 minutes he scored his third of the season.

Mattia Zaccagni skipped past



his defender on the left and drove a low cross into the six-yard box where Frattesi stretched to lift the ball into the roof of the net.

Coach Gennaro Gattuso decided someone else would have to score the winner and replaced Frattesi with Albert Gudmundsson after 80 minutes.

Zaccagni then drilled a shot against the post.

After 88 minutes, the visitors again exploited the left flank again as Danilo Doekhi found space near the goal line and drove in an outswinging cross that Gudmundsson stretched to head into the net. — AFP

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LAZIO		3	3	0	0	4	1	9		
COMO		3	2	1	0	7	3	7		
AC MILAN		3	2	1	0	5	2	7		
JUVENTUS		3	2	1	0	4	1	7		
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ATALANTA		3	2	0	1	4	3	6		
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LECCE		3	1	0	2	2	5	3		
BOLOGNA		3	0	1	2	2	4	1		
PARMA		3	0	1	2	1	4	1		
MONZA		3	0	1	2	4	8	1		
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Maresca agrees with Haaland that players started season jaded



PORTO: Manchester City coach Enzo Maresca said on Monday finding form early in the season “was not easy” for his World Cup players.

“I think it’s correct that you see these kind of players that they start to be tired,” Maresca said at the Dragao Stadium.

Maresca was responding to remarks by Erling Haaland (*pic*) posted on the striker’s his YouTube channel earlier in the day.

The Norwegian has three goals in three league matches but did not play in warm up games, following Norway’s run to the World Cup quarter-finals.

“The new season started and I

didn’t even have a pre-season. I normally have a bit of pre-season but this time, just nothing,” said Haaland.

“The physical side will come, if you manage to stay injury free, but you need to be sharp mentally as well, and that’s not easy.

“We need to have that eager feeling to go back but we don’t because there is no time to properly stay away from football because there are so many games and the season is longer.

“I’m not complaining because it’s still a positive thing that you get to play football throughout the whole year and live off it.

“But sometimes we need a break as well.

“I never played a World Cup so I don’t know how it is.”

Maresca was sympathetic.

“It’s it’s not easy for them it’s not easy for Erling, it’s not easy for most of the players that they continue to play for their international team,” said the coach.

“It’s correct to give them some rest that can be one game out or can be one week away depends a little bit in which moment we are.

“To be focused on the day by day makes it very complicated to think where we can be in February, March, April in terms of expectation.

“The most important thing is to see that we are improving game after game.” — AFP

Going for three-peat treat



PSG chase historic third straight European crown under hungry Luis Enrique

PARIS: Luis Enrique’s Paris St Germain have already secured their status as one of the Champions League’s greatest teams by winning the trophy in back-to-back years, and now they have their sights set on a rare treble.

“Doing the treble is the objective, but we know it’s going to be very difficult and that there will be obstacles in our way,” said PSG captain Marquinhos on the eve of the campaign.

After years of disappointment in Europe for the Qatar-owned club, PSG became the real deal after former Barcelona and Spain coach Luis Enrique was appointed in 2023.

They reached the semi-finals in his first season, then kicked on following the departure of Kylian Mbappe in 2024.

No longer beholden to one or two superstar names, PSG went on to blow the rest of Europe away en route to winning a first Champions League title in 2025 as they destroyed Inter Milan 5-0 in the final.

They followed that up by edging Premier League champions Arsenal on penalties in last season’s final in Budapest, becoming just the second side to retain the trophy since the inception of the modern Champions League in 1992.

But a three-peat at this level would be an achievement on another scale again.

Real Madrid did it under

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE FIXTURES	
■ TODAY	
(All matches at 3am tomorrow unless stated)	
STUTTGART vs VIKING	(12.45am tomorrow)
BARCELONA vs FEYENOORD	(12.45am tomorrow)
SPORTING CP vs GALATASARAY	
LIVERPOOL vs A. MADRID	
NAPOLI vs ARSENAL	
PSG vs SLOVAN	
■ TOMORROW	
(All matches at 3am on Friday unless stated)	
PSV vs SHAKHTAR	(12.45am Friday)
FENERBAHCE vs ROMA	(12.45am Friday)
B. MUNICH vs BODO-GLIMT	
MAN UTD vs SABAH	
COMO vs LEIPZIG	
SLAVIA vs LENS	

Zinedine Zidane, reigning over the continent from 2016 to 2018.

Johan Cruyff’s Ajax and Franz Beckenbauer’s Bayern Munich both won three successive European Cups in the 1970s, while Alfredo Di Stefano’s Real won five on the bounce at the dawn of the competition between 1956 and 1960.

That is the kind of exalted company PSG are hoping to join, but the demands in Europe’s elite

Dangerman: Paris St Germain’s Khvicha Kvaratskhelia has turned into a huge threat for their rivals. — Reuters



club competition are now greater than ever – the new Champions League format led to the Parisians playing a total of 17 games in order to win the trophy in each of the last two campaigns.

When at their best, they are utterly thrilling. Their pace in an attack led by Ousmane Dembele and Khvicha Kvaratskhelia is utterly terrifying, and is supported by flying fullbacks Achraf Hakimi and Nuno Mendes.

Meanwhile their midfield three, led by diminutive Portuguese playmaker Vitinha, can dominate games against far more physical opponents.

Hence PSG winning their two titles, and two UEFA Super Cups, despite playing 18 matches against Premier League teams in the last two years.

The number of games might be the biggest danger for PSG, who played 121 competitive matches across the last two seasons with a meagre three-week break in

between because of the Club World Cup.

Either side of that, the majority of their squad were involved in major tournaments in 2024 and have had another shortened summer holiday due to the World Cup.

That may explain why they have looked rusty at the beginning of this campaign.

However, their margin over the rest of France’s top flight is so great that they are still favourites to win Ligue 1 again, even if they choose to regularly rest key players to keep them fresh for the Champions League.

Their European campaign could not start with a kinder fixture either, with Slovan Bratislava up first – things will quickly move up a notch, though, as they visit Manchester City and host Barcelona in October.

PSG do not often sell one of their star players but that is what they have done with Bradley

Barcola, who joined Liverpool for huge money. Goncalo Ramos, Lee Kang-in and Ibrahim Mbeye, all useful squad options last season, have been sold too.

However, Maghnes Akliouche, who played for France at the World Cup, and Ferran Torres – Spain’s final match-winner in North America – are headline new arrivals.

The latter played under Luis Enrique for his country.

“He was like a footballing father for me when I played for him in the national team,” Torres said after signing from Barcelona.

Luis Enrique is the star now, more than any individual player, and he has just signed a new contract to stay in Paris until 2030.

“It is the first time I have stayed four years at the same club, and I am more motivated than I was in my first year,” he said, insisting that he has lost none of his hunger. That is ominous for PSG’s rivals. — AFP

A Kelantan stunner

Division Two side dump Negri out of FA Cup

By T. RAHULESH

PETALING JAYA: A1 Semi-Pro League side Kelantan City stormed into the FA Cup quarter-finals after knocking out Super League veterans Negri Sembilan yesterday.

The division two side entered Tuanku Abdul Rahman Stadium in Paroi with a two-goal advantage from the round of 16, first leg in Kota Baru last Wednesday.

However, the home side were fired up to make amends and managed to win the match 3-2, but ultimately lost 3-4 on aggregate.

Negri took the lead with a head-



Out of my way: Negri Sembilan's Park Yi-young (right) in action during the match against Kelantan City. — Bernama

FA CUP
LAST 16, SECOND LEG
RESULT

NEGRI 3 KELANTAN CITY 2
(Kelantan City won 4-3 on aggregate)

TODAY'S FIXTURES
PENANG vs MELAKA (1-0)
(City Stadium, Georgetown, 4.30pm)
K. LUMPUR vs PERAK (1-0)
(Cheras Football Stadium, 8.15pm)
SELANGOR vs SABAH (2-2)
(Petaling Jaya Stadium, 9pm)
LAST 16, FIRST LEG
TERENGGANU vs BRUNEI
(Sultan Mizan Stadium, Gong Badak, 9pm)

ed effort from forward Yusuke Minagawa in the fourth minute, and then levelled the aggregate score in the 34th minute after Kelantan goalkeeper Mohd Fikri Che Soh brought winger Akhyar Rashid down in the penalty area.

The 27-year-old Akhyar made no mistake from the spot, placing his penalty to the right of the goal.

Despite appearing to have ended Kelantan's dream run at halftime, the away side made a

remarkable comeback after the break.

Their two-goal aggregate advantage was restored within two minutes, beginning with a 52nd-minute header from Dandy Arbdallah and a wonder goal from striker Mohd Asraff Aliffuddin Yasin in the 54th minute.

Asraff noticed Negri skipper Azri Ghani off his line and took the opportunity with a shot from just past the halfway line.

However, the Deer refused to concede defeat, scoring a third goal of the evening in the 90th minute with another headed effort, this time from Korean defender Park Yi-young.

The final play of the match saw every home player, including Azri, positioned in the Kelantan box, but their efforts were ultimately unsuccessful. The victory marks Kelantan's first appearance in the knockout stages of the FA Cup.

No home roar for Red Giants

PETALING JAYA: Selangor will have to make do without their fans tonight when they face Sabah in their FA Cup round of 16, second-leg match at the Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) Stadium.

The Red Giants' appeal to overturn a sanction requiring them to play behind closed doors was rejected yesterday, leaving them without home support for a match in which they are already without suspended defender Safuwan Baharudin.

The no-fan sanction was originally imposed by the Football Association of Malaysia's (FAM) Disciplinary Committee on Nov 15 last year and subsequently upheld by the FAM Appeals Committee on Nov 26 following incidents involving spectator conduct and match

organisation.

Selangor then made a fresh appeal through the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC), but an Emergency Sole Arbitrator rejected the plea on Monday, meaning the sanction remains in force for tonight's match.

"Following the decision, the sanction imposed on Selangor Football Club to play without spectators for the 2026/2027 FA Cup match against Sabah on Sept 9, 2026, at their home venue remains in force," FAM said in a statement yesterday.

This will be another blow for the home side, who are already without defender Safuwan Baharudin after he was sent off in the 2-2 draw in the first leg in Kota Kinabalu last Wednesday.



Big blow: Selangor's Safuwan Baharudin (left) will not play in the second-leg match against Sabah. — IZZRAFIQ ALIAS/The Star

Junior hockey team lose to Pakistan despite early lead

KUALA LUMPUR: The national men's junior hockey squad suffered their first defeat in the Junior Asia Cup after losing 2-5 to Pakistan in Hulunbuir City, China, yesterday.

In their third Pool B match at the Moqi Training Base, the Young Tigers took the lead in the ninth minute through Mohd

Safwan Salihe's penalty stroke.

Pakistan, however, fought back with five goals through Nadeem Khan (32nd minute), Rana Abdul Rana Sami (36), Waleed Rana (39, 40) and Hamza Ali (41).

Malaysia's second goal was scored by G. Dheeresh in the 54th minute.

The result means Pakistan continue to lead Pool B with nine points, while Malaysia remain second with six points, followed by China, who also have six points.

Bangladesh and Kazakhstan have yet to earn any points.

Malaysia will determine their fate in their final group match

against China today, with a win crucial to strengthening their position for a place in the semi-finals.

The Young Tigers were crowned Junior Asia Cup champions in 2012 and finished fourth in the last two editions in 2023 and 2024. — Bernama

Malaysian citizenship is enough for a player to register as local, say MFL

PETALING JAYA: Malaysian citizenship is enough for a player to be registered as a local in the domestic league, the Malaysian Football League (MFL) said yesterday, as they moved to address concerns over the status of naturalised and heritage players.

"Players who have Malaysian citizenship and present valid identification documents can be registered as local players," MFL said in a statement.

The league organiser said the registration process was conducted in accordance with Article 4.5.9 of the Malaysian League Manual 2025-2026 and the FAM MYPAS Football Information Management System (FIFA CONNECT).

MFL said their position was also supported by an official circular dated June 12, 2025, and confirmed by AFC secretary-general Datuk Seri Windsor Paul John.

The clarification came after Selangor supporters' group Ultrasel urged the club to take a more assertive stance on integrity issues affecting the Super League, even if it meant challenging MFL and the Football Association of Malaysia (FAM).

MFL also defended their decision to increase the local-player quota to five for the 2026-27 season, saying the request was initially made by Kuching City and Johor Darul Ta'zim (JDT).

"Although the original application was submitted by the two clubs, we determined that the additional quota should be open to all clubs," they said.

MFL said the decision was made before the Sept 3 transfer-window deadline and therefore did not disadvantage any club.

The league organiser also addressed Kuala Lumpur FC's difficult start to the season, including the club's special clearance to field only 10 players in their 0-6 defeat by Kuching City.

"The special approval was based on the circumstances and facts of the case, and does not imply that the registration requirements outlined in the Malaysian League regulations have been amended or waived in general," MFL said.

Meanwhile, Kuala Lumpur's fortunes have improved since their thrashing against Kuching, as they are on a three-game winning streak.

They will be aiming to capitalise on their 1-0 advantage against Perak in the second leg of the FA Cup round of 16 at Cheras Stadium tonight.

RUN-UP TO ASIAN GAMES

20th Asian Games
Aichi-Nagoya 2026
(Sept 19 - Oct 4)

Golden six in sight as Malaysia target Asian Games glory

KUALA LUMPUR: The Malaysian contingent have been set a target of winning six gold, seven silver and 20 bronze medals at the Asian Games, which will open in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, on Sept 19.

Chef de mission Datuk Sumali Reduan announced the target after Youth and Sports Minister Dr Mohd Taufiq Johari officiated the flag-handing ceremony for the contingent in Bukit Jalil yesterday.

Sumali believes it is a realistic target based on the recent performances of national athletes and the strength of the opposition.

The target is almost identical to Malaysia's haul at the last Asian Games in Hangzhou – six gold, eight silver and 18 bronze medals.

"The target was agreed on after taking into consideration various factors, including our own form as



Over to you: Youth and Sports Minister Dr Mohd Taufiq Johari (second from right) handing over the Jalur Gemilang to the chef de mission Datuk Sumali Reduan during the flag-handing over ceremony at NSC in Bukit Jalil yesterday. — AZMAN GHANI/The Star

well as that of the opposition," said Sumali.

"We believe it is a realistic target. We all know that the Asian

Games is a very tough competition. This is not the SEA Games.

"Of course, we hope that we can score bonus gold medals.

"We have targeted seven silver medals and there is always the possibility that those silver medals could turn into gold."

Sumali also disclosed that 13 sports have been earmarked as medal prospects. The sports are squash, badminton, archery, diving, sepak takraw, hockey, athletics, sailing, karate, wushu, e-sports, shooting and track cycling.

Malaysia will be sending 352 athletes to compete in 30 sports at the Games.

This includes 15 athletes from the Road to Gold (RTG) programme, 158 athletes from the Podium Programme and 14 national backup athletes.

A total of 110 athletes in the contingent are below 21 years of age.

National Sports Council (NSC) director-general Jefri Ngadirin, at the same press conference, also confirmed that track cycling great Azizulhasni Awang, whose participation had previously been in doubt, will compete at the Asiad.

"Yes, Datuk Azizul will be competing. His name is in the list and he is now undergoing a final training camp with the rest of the national squad in Brisbane," said Jefri.

It will be the fourth Asian Games for Azizul, who already has won two gold medals in his career.

Azizul had to miss the last Asiad in Hangzhou because he could not recover in time after sustaining a freak training incident two weeks before the team's departure.

Busy bee eyes Asiad buzz



Shahmalarani aiming for more success after balancing studies, sport and marriage

By LIM TEIK HUAT

PETALING JAYA: Karate exponent C. Shahmalarani has been one busy bee.

While juggling her studies, teaching career and commitments with the national team, the 27-year-old still found time to win a hatricket of SEA Games gold medals, claim three World Karate 1 Series A titles, take Asian Championships silver, finish runner-up at the World Championships – and even get married.

Now, after finally adding a Masters degree in actuarial science to her list of achievements, Shahmalarani is buzzing with excitement for another major challenge – the Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya later this month.

The women's below 50kg kumite exponent, who recently received her Masters degree, admitted that earning the qualification while pursuing her sporting ambitions was far from easy.

In fact, she submitted her final thesis on the very day she won her third straight SEA Games gold medal at last year's Thailand SEA Games on Dec 12.

"This isn't just another degree. It's a Masters earned while winning a hatricket of SEA Games gold medals, three World Karate 1 Series A gold medals, an Asian Championships silver and also my career-best finish as a world runner-up. And somewhere in between, got married," she posted on her social media account recently.



Full of power: Shahmalarani in action in the 50kg karate finals in the SEA Games on Dec 12, 2025. — GLENN GUAN/The Star

"Behind this milestone were missed classes, extended assignment deadlines, deferred semesters, countless assignments submitted while competing and a final thesis submission completed exactly on the day I won my third SEA Games gold medal.

"The price of chasing two dreams was a deferred graduation but I finally get to wear this gown and it was worth every sacrifice."

The World Championships silver medalist is now putting all her focus into her second Asian

Games appearance, where she is aiming to finally finish on the podium.

"Obviously, the target is a podium but I don't want to put much pressure (on myself) like I did in the first Asian Games four years ago.

"The pressure will be there and that's the responsibility of every athlete.

"We can't deny that but I am more experienced and know how to overcome the pressure.

"It will be a tough challenge for me as I will be up against the top

four exponents in the world who are all from Asia.

"So even winning at the Asian Games is like winning a world title," added Shahmalarani, who missed out on the podium at her Asiad debut in Hangzhou in 2023.

Her approach this time, however, is markedly different.

Having successfully balanced academics, teaching, marriage and a demanding international karate career, Shahmalarani believes she has also gained the experience to handle the pressure that comes with competing



Proud moment: Shahmalarani posing with her mother after graduating with a Masters degree in actuarial science recently. — Shahmalarani's Facebook

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Competition dates: Sept 20-23
Venue: Toyohashi City Gymnasium
Squads
Men: K. Thevendran (kumite below 55kg), H. Sureeya Sankar (kumite below 60kg), Haznil Henry, Aiqal Asmadie and Mukhriz Mazlan (men's team kata).
Women: C. Shahmalarani (kumite below 50kg), Adeola Fay Robert (kumite below 55kg), Zakiah Adnan (kumite below 61kg).
How they fared at last Asian Games
Gold: Mohd Arif Afifuddin Malik (men's below 84kg)
Silver: Lovelly Anne Robberth (women's individual kata), Lovelly, Naccy Nelly Evvaferra and Niathalia Sherawinnie (women's team kata).
Target: Two medals

against the world's best.

Five Malaysian kumite exponents will compete at the Asian Games, with Shahmalarani joined by Adeola Fay Robert (below 55kg), Zakiah Adnan (below 61kg), K. Thevendran (below 55kg) and H. Sureeya Sankar (below 60kg).

Malaysia will also field the men's kata team of Haznil Henry, Aiqal Asmadie and Mukhriz Mazlan.

At the 2023 Asian Games, Malaysia won one gold through Mohd Arif Afifuddin Malik in the men's below 84kg kumite, while Lovelly Anne Robberth took silver in the women's individual kata and combined with Naccy Nelly Evvaferra Rojin and Niathalia Sherawinnie to claim another silver in the team event.

Flag bearer honour fuels podium hunt for Cheong Min

By LIM TEIK HUAT

KUALA LUMPUR: Wushu world champion exponent Tan Cheong Min added a coveted milestone to her distinguished career after she was named as the national contingent's flag bearer for the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games from Sept 19-Oct 4.

Cheong Min, who already has multiple world titles to her name, described it as an honour to be awarded the role.

"I am grateful to the National Sports Council (NSC) as there are many other athletes, including other world champions who could have potentially been

selected," said the Melaka-born exponent.

"I feel proud and honoured to be selected as this is the first time I have been given the role.

"It has definitely given me added motivation to do well at the Games. I will try my best to fight for a podium position in Japan."

Cheong Min has already experienced being on the Asiad podium.

She won the women's nanquan-nandao combined event silver medal at the Hangzhou edition, held a year later than scheduled in 2023 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

She is looking to replicate that performance in Japan.

"The Wushu Federation of Malaysia and NSC have given us strong support and we went to train in China in two phases.

"It is not only me, I think the whole team are well-prepared for the Asian Games.

"As a senior athlete, of course my target is to finish on the podium once again," added the 28-year-old.

National sprinter Mohd Azeem Fahmi, who won the 100m bronze in Hangzhou, was named as pledge reader for the Asian Games contingent.



Leading the way: Tan Cheong Min feels proud to be selected to carry the flag at the Asiad. — AZMAN GHANI/The Star

Reunited to reignite



Comeback trail: Aaron Chia-Soh Wooi Yik have been challenged to win at least one title in Europe. — Reuters

Aaron-Wooi Yik urged to rebuild confidence with European silverware

By ADAM ZAMRI

PETALING JAYA: National men's doubles head coach Herry Iman Pierngadi wants Aaron Chia-Soh Wooi Yik to return from Europe with at least one trophy as they look to rebuild their confidence after being reunited.

Herry has already mapped out the pair's post-Asian Games campaign, with Denmark, France and the Hylo Open providing three opportunities to rediscover their best form.

And while no official key performance indicator (KPI) has been set, Herry believes Aaron-Wooi Yik should win at least one title from the three tournaments.

"There is no specific KPI, but whenever we compete, we want the best possible result. From the three tournaments, they should win at least one title, whether in

Denmark, France or at the Hylo Open," said Herry.

"It is important to rebuild their confidence. They did quite well at the World Championships and now they need more time together.

"There is no specific KPI, but personally, I feel they should win one of these tournaments."

The pair's European campaign will begin after the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games, which run from Sept 19-Oct 4.

Herry has withdrawn three scratch combinations from the Arctic Open in Finland from Oct 6-11 after Aaron-Wooi Yik and Man Wei Chong-Tee Kai Wun were reunited with their original partners following the recent trial with different combinations.

Aaron had initially been entered with Kai Wun, while Wooi Yik was due to partner

Choong Hon Jian. Wei Chong-Wan Arif Wan Junaidi have also been withdrawn.

With the original partnerships restored, Herry saw little reason to continue with the experimental combinations, especially with the Arctic Open coming just days after the Asian Games.

"The first reason is that it is too close to the Asian Games. They only have about a week after the Games and I don't think there will be enough time to prepare for the Arctic Open, so we decided not to go," said Herry.

"The second reason is that they have already committed to returning to their original partners, so I don't think there is any need to play at the Arctic Open."

Aaron Tai-Yap Roy King will be the only pair under Herry competing at the Arctic Open.

Cheh Chang keeps mum amid senior promotion speculation

PETALING JAYA: National junior doubles coach Pang Cheh Chang remained tight-lipped over speculation that he could be promoted to take charge of the senior mixed doubles squad.

Cheh Chang, who was approached after the national team's training session at the Academy Badminton Malaysia (ABM) in Bukit Kiara yesterday, declined to comment and said the matter should be left to the Badminton Association of Malaysia (BAM).

"I have no comment. Just wait for the announcement from BAM," said Cheh Chang.

The 52-year-old confirmed that he has been helping with the senior squad since last week to ease the coaching shortage after newly-appointed Teo Kok Siang accompanied the national players to the China Masters.

That left Lutfi Zaim to oversee the rest of the squad training at ABM, with Cheh Chang stepping in to assist. He added that he still has duties with the junior squad.

Cheh Chang has emerged as one of the leading candidates to replace Nova Widianto, who stepped down in July due to family commitments.

It would not be Cheh Chang's first stint with the senior mixed doubles squad, having previously taken charge in 2018 after replacing Chin Eei Hui.

He was later moved to the junior squad in 2019.

Meanwhile, BAM clarified that they have yet to appoint a head coach for the national mixed doubles department.

"BAM wish to clarify that no appointment has been finalised for the position of head coach of the national mixed doubles department.

"The association are still in the process of evaluating and vetting the candidates under consideration.

"BAM will make an official announcement once the appointment has been finalised."

Kok Siang returns to national set-up with a strong reputation for a new challenge

PETALING JAYA: After several years working with independent players, Teo Kok Siang felt the time was right to return to the national set-up and take on a new challenge.

The newly-appointed mixed doubles coach, who reported for duty on Sept 1, was immediately thrown into action when he accompanied the national players to the China Masters last week.

Kok Siang returned to BAM with a strong reputation after spending the past few years coaching several independent players, including Goh Sze Fei-Nur Izzuddin Rumsani, who went on to become world No. 1.

The 36-year-old also coached Goh Soon Huat-Shevon Lai Jemie and worked with Lai Pei Jing during her

partnerships with Tan Kian Meng, Jimmy Wong and most recently Hoo Pang Ron.

Kok Siang, however, will now have a different task at BAM, where most of the mixed doubles players are still young and gaining experience, apart from Chen Tang Jie-Toh Ee Wei and Jimmy-Cheng Su Yin.

"It feels like the old days again. I'm proud to be back with the team and I hope I can help BAM get good results.

"I wanted a change of environment and also a new challenge for myself.

"The two generations are different. In the past, there was more focus on strategy and tactics. Now, there is more emphasis on improving speed, power and consistency. The game has changed

a lot," said Kok Siang.

Kok Siang is no stranger to the national set-up, having previously served with BAM from 2017 to 2022 alongside Chin Eei Hui and Paulus Firman.

His return also sees him reunited with several familiar faces, including former world champion Chen Tang Jie, whom he had worked with during the shuttler's early years.

"I'm happy because when I first worked with him, he was still an up-and-coming player, but now he is already a world champion.

"He has matured a lot, not only in the way he thinks but also in his attitude towards training," added Kok Siang.



New mission: Teo Kok Siang (second from left) spent the past few years coaching independent players, including former world No. 1 Goh Sze Fei-Nur Izzuddin Rumsani. — IZZRAFIQ ALIAS/The Star

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Great honour

Sprinter Mohd Azeem Fahmi and wushu exponent Tan Cheong Min have been selected as Malaysia's Asian Games pledge reader and flag bearer respectively.



No time to lose

Herry Iman Pierngadi has thrown down the gauntlet to Aaron Chia-Soh Wooi Yik, demanding at least one title from their three-tournament European campaign next month. The coach believes the reunited pair need silverware to restore their confidence and prove they are back on the right track.

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Not just skin deep

As aesthetics and
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Looking good is increasingly being framed as part of a wider approach to health and wellbeing.

Beauty **from within?**

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LOOKING good is no longer just about what you apply to your skin. It is about what you put into your body – or so it seems.

There is a fast-growing trend towards ingestible beauty products, from supplements to drinks that promise to support everything from a glowing complexion to healthier hair and nails from within.

It certainly challenges the old adage that "beauty is only skin deep".

Yet questions remain about how effective these formulations and their active ingredients really are.

Safety is another issue that warrants closer examination, particularly as more beauty products move from the bathroom shelf to the kitchen cabinet.

Dr Lim Ing Kien, a practising medical doctor, points out that these products are already subject to regulation.

He estimates that about 80% of beauty ingestibles on the Malaysian market are classified as food supplements.

According to Dr Lim, these typically come in formats such as liquids, sachet powders and, increasingly, gummies. They fall under the Food Act 1983 and Food Regulations 1985, overseen by the Health Ministry's food safety and quality division.

The remainder, he says, are sold as conventional health supplements.

These are available in capsule or tablet form and require registration with the National Pharmaceutical Regulatory Agency, including a MAL registration number.

The distinction is partly down to the format.

Capsules and tablets can resemble medicines, potentially making it easier for consumers to mistake supplements for pharmaceutical products.

Cosmetics and topical skincare products, meanwhile, fall under a separate regulatory framework, Dr Lim explains.

Unlike medicines and health supplements, cosmetics are generally notification-based rather than subject to full registration, with comparatively limited testing requirements.

Cosmetic companies in Malaysia must notify the National Pharmaceutical Regulatory Agency (NPRA) before marketing their products, unlike medicines and health supplements, which require separate registration.

When contacted by *StarLifestyle*, the Health Ministry confirms this in a press statement but still cautions consumers to remain vigilant.

The issue is whether this is enough to address concerns about ingestible beauty products occupying something of a grey area.



Ingestible beauty supplements include drinks that promise to support healthier skin, hair and nails from within.



Tan says consumers should not think that if a product is marketed for beauty, it must be effective or suitable for everyone. — Optimax



Boon (right) and Fam believe consumers are extremely savvy when it comes to health and beauty matters. — AZLINA ABDULLAH/The Star



Dr Lim says people are now thinking more about prevention than correction when it comes to beauty. — Dr LIM ING KEAN

This is particularly pertinent as consumers may also assume that regulatory oversight means the products have been proven to deliver the promised results.

Looking good goes beyond the surface

As it is, beauty ingestibles are indeed having a moment.

A report by market research and consulting firm InsightAce Analytic estimates that the global market was valued at US\$4.2bil (approximately RM16.95bil) in 2024 and is projected to reach US\$13.1bil (RM52.86bil) by 2034.

International celebrities including Kourtney Kardashian and Elle MacPherson have also launched their own brands, selling wellness products designed to be eaten or drunk for their purported beauty benefits.

In Malaysia, former television personality Marion Caunter offers “botanical beverages” under her own haircare brand, described as being “formulated with multivitamins” to enhance overall hair quality, thickness and lustre.

Dr Lim says one of the turning points for the beauty industry was the Covid-19 pandemic.

“People started thinking about prevention instead of correction, and they started thinking about health generally,” he says, noting that while beauty ingestibles were already on shelves before then, the category really took off in 2021.

Pointing to skincare as an example, Lim says people often forget that the skin is an organ.

“On the outside you have UV, pollution, heat. On the inside you have hormones, diet, stress, everything your body is doing. If you treat only the outside, you’re treating only half of it.”

He adds that the idea of consuming products for beauty and wellness is hardly new in Asia.

Drinkable collagen, he claims, can be traced to traditions ranging from Chinese herbal soups and Malay jamu to Indian Ayurveda.

“Every one of those traditions has something you swallow or drink for skin, hair, general vitality,” he says.

“Our grandmothers were doing this long before anyone called it a beauty trend.

“What’s new is the scientific evidence. We now have scientific data supporting the ingestible side.”

He gives the example of studies like the treatment of melasma with ingested pine bark extract (Pycnogenol), and a placebo-controlled trial examining ingested fern extract (Polypodium leucotomos) as an add-on to sunscreen.

Lim has also entered the mar-

ket himself, launching his own range of “drinkable skincare” products.

This raises an obvious question about potential conflicts of interest, particularly when the medical professional recommending a beauty ingestible is also involved in developing and selling it.

Lim acknowledges that it may become a problem, but says he is transparent about his commercial interest, disclosing that he owns and formulated the product whenever he recommends it to patients.

He argues that doctors can bring a valuable perspective to health-related businesses, given their understanding of patients’ needs and ability to assess scientific evidence.

“What the patient actually wants matters more than what I recommend,” Lim says.

“Some want a capsule, some want something to drink, some want neither, and any of those is a reasonable answer.”

Broader convergence of health and beauty

There is a broader expansion of what beauty means, with consumers looking beyond skincare and cosmetics to wellness practices that support both how they look and how they feel.

Sleep therapy, stress management, nutrition, fitness and other aspects of holistic health are becoming intertwined with beauty.

This shift is prompting healthcare companies to broaden their portfolios to include beauty and wellness solutions – and positioning themselves in an increasingly blurred market where looking good and feeling good are part of the same proposition.

Sandy Tan, CEO of Optimax Holdings Bhd, says that consumers are becoming more proactive about their overall health and appearance, the reason being that people today are looking for sustainable ways to age well and maintain their quality of life.

Optimax began as an eye specialist before expanding into aesthetics and holistic beauty services.

Tan believes that research into healthy ageing and the connection between overall health and skin health has advanced significantly in recent years.

She however cautions that the growing popularity of these topics has also resulted in increased marketing, making it difficult for consumers to distinguish established science from emerging theories.

“As a healthcare provider, we encourage consumers to evaluate claims carefully and look for credible clinical evidence rather

than marketing promises,” Tan stresses.

“While innovation is important, consumers should understand that scientific evidence develops over time, and not every trending ingredient or concept has been conclusively proven.”

She adds that a person should not have to think that if a product is marketed for beauty, it must be effective or suitable for everyone.

Her view is that professional advice is particularly important because supplements and wellness products may not work for some people.

In the end, individual health conditions, medications and treatment goals should always be taken into consideration before incorporating them into a daily routine.

At Neumax, Optimax’s aesthetics arm, medical doctor Datuk Dr Liow Tiong Sin serves as medical director, reflecting the increasingly medicalised nature of aesthetics.

Tan says that beauty is, without a doubt, evolving from being largely appearance-focused to becoming part of a broader wellness journey.

She observes that consumers are increasingly looking for solutions that support healthy ageing and long-term wellbeing rather than simply addressing visible concerns.

“I believe this integrated approach will define the future of beauty, where looking good is increasingly seen as a reflection of overall health and wellbeing.”

Consumer awareness is always important

At the end of the day, consumers have a responsibility to assess the claims made by brands.

In February last year, the Health Ministry flagged a China-based cosmetics brand over suspected contraventions of the law in its marketing campaigns.

While the products were intended for topical use, they were depicted in social media videos in ways that suggested they were edible.

The case is a reminder that not everything seen online should be taken at face value – particularly when it comes to claims about beauty and health.

Co-founder of local wellness brand Boony & Co, Boon Hau Hng, says that, in his experience, consumers are becoming savvy.

He relates how his customers come in asking very specific questions about active ingredients.

They take it seriously and want to know whether a particular product is safe for them or their family members to consume.

“Everyone has been focusing on skincare for the longest time,” Boon says, referring to topical products. “But skincare is a great complement; it is not the be-all and end-all.”

He admits that as the ingestible beauty market grows, marketing efforts by different brands are also getting louder, whereby consumers have to be extra careful to cut through the noise.

On whether people let their guard down when it comes to beauty products compared with health products, Boon says what everyone expects is results.

“Everyone is checking with AI first, but then they don’t even completely believe the answers they get,” he says.

“Especially the younger generation. They will come in asking about the formulation of products.

“So they don’t just believe everything they read or are told.”

The other co-founder of the brand, his wife Fam Swee Ying, says ingestible beauty products also mirror some of the traits seen in the cosmetics market, including the fact that women continue to make up much of the customer base.

This perhaps illustrates just how closely beauty and health have come together.

She also points out that even skincare brands are seeing their customers become more discerning.

“You will notice they are asking about specific active ingredients in a face cream,” Fam notes.

“So it shows that consumers, buying beauty or other products no longer need you to hold their hands and tell them what to buy. They come in shopping for specific needs as well.”

Ultimately, the growing overlap between beauty and wellness may mean that looking good is no longer simply about what happens in front of the mirror, but also about the choices we make beyond it.

As the beauty shelf continues to expand into the wellness aisle, a little curiosity – and a healthy dose of scepticism – may be the best things consumers can bring to the shopping basket.



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Resilience on-the-go

Going between air-conditioned spaces and blazing environments can significantly dry out the skin.

To counter that, the Aestura AtobARRIER365 Cream Mist is the ideal option to have on your person for when that problem arises.

Formulated with an intensely hydrating amount of ceramides, the ultra-fine mist delivers a light yet effective veil of nourishment to the skin without overwhelming the senses. It's also suitable for those with dry and sensitive skin, even those struggling with eczema.

Upon application, the mist forms a moisture film that seals in the moisture, binding comforting ingredients into the skin while protecting the skin against external aggressors.



VANITY FARE

Liquid radiance

This week's Vanity Fare stars five serum mists that make easy work of dry patches, dull skin and more.

Bubbles of brightness

Following the success of its first serum mist, Anua heads down the brightening route with the launch of the new Vita C Glutathione Brightening Capsule Mist. Adopting its in-house innovation, the South Korean brand takes its dual-brightening system and transposes it into a three-second skin-care step that imbues the skin with hydration and glow.

In addition to that, the mist is also enriched with ingredients that eradicate dark spots, refine texture, plump up the skin and dose the skin with instantaneous and long-lasting hydration.

Instant calm

Inspired by the realm of dermatology, Dr Althea leans on essentials to gently return the skin to a state of balance.

Its minimalist, clean formulations are ideal for all skin types, but it's especially designed for intolerant skin.

Combining the calming powers of panthenol and madecassoside, the 345 Relief Cream Mist is a refreshing burst of featherlight hydration that simultaneously soothes the skin.

Created with 60% rice bran water, the bi-phase emulsion is a lighter formula than most, great for the Malaysian weather.

Add it to your skin-care routine, use it as makeup prep, or carry it for on-the-go moisture boosts; the cream mist plumps up the skin with multi-layer hydration without leaving a sticky feel.



Fountain of youth

As a champion of plant-powered remedies, Haruharu Wonder harnesses the best of the natural wonders around us and reinforces it through innovation.

The Black Rice Probiotics 2% NAD+ Serum Mist features ingredients that can help fortify the skin barrier, aid cellular repair and provide microbiome support – all without sending the skin into hyper-reactivity.

In a single spritz, the emulsion delivers all that goodness through a silky, fast-absorbing layer that floods the skin with instant comfort, making this mist the perfect go-to for those who get flare-ups throughout the day.



Dimensional lift

One of the most ambitious serum mists on the market, the new Bioheal Probiaderm 3D Lifting Cream Mist seeks to enhance skin firmness, elasticity and volume.

Through a combination of key features and patented technology, the mist acts as a spray-on anti-ageing skincare solution. With a 17-peptide complex, the formulation is capable of addressing structural ageing, a factor that not many other mists are tuned in to.

It's also imbued with ferments that can rapidly repair damaged skin barriers, so the skin can retain its natural plumpness, inducing a lifting effect.



Croc couture

FASHION has been venturing into the wildness and turning to the animal kingdom for inspiration.

Moving on from the zany zebra stripes and the demure Bambi prints, a more ferocious, scaly texture steps to the fore: crocodile.

It has been quite the popular option over on the 2026 runways.

Renewing the public's intrigue for the embossed leather pattern, creative directors at various ateliers have crafted with the material modern pieces that seamlessly fit into today's wardrobes, both professional and casual.

Appearing across staples such as jackets and skirts, the effect is also seen on accessories such as bags and shoes.

This wide variety allows you to inject just the right amount of the animal print into a particular ensemble.

Over at Chanel, the timeless silhouette of a daytime handbag is made dramatic.

Shifting away from the supple calfskin and suede materials, creative director Matthieu Blazy elevates the Maxi flap bag with a croc-embossed, high-shine finish that projects luxury.

A bright cherry red tone com-

mands attention. A sensible khaki green colour showcases practicality. Whichever way you swing, there's bound to be something that tickles your fancy within the collection.

The same material is also transposed into many other bag styles at the maison.

A similar reverence for the material can be spotted at Prada too.

Its latest collection features two standout bags, and both are dressed in crocodile leather.

Ideal for casual evenings out, the bags are just the right size to fit necessities such as a slim cardholder, a lip product and a clam-shell phone.

Seen here is the Prada Buckle handbag, which can be worn as a top handle and a crossbody – a hardworking accessory that can be dressed up or down, depending on the occasion.

Dipped in an incredible shade of Marina Blue, it is accented with a gold buckle, just as its name hints at.

The strap is functionally interchangeable, allowing its wearer to essentially style the bag as they wish.

Last, but not least, Gucci's creative director, Demna, took a dive into the maison's archive for his



Contrary to popular belief, the animal print, when paired well, can actually form a sophisticated ensemble. — Gucci

first Autumn/Winter collection at the label and surfaced with structured, embossed leather pieces that take direct inspiration from the brand's Tom Ford era.



Here, the inky black crocodile print pieces are layered one over the other in a tone-on-tone manner, resulting in a cohesive and sleek look.



The crocodile print and the pop of colour add just the right amount of flair to a basic wardrobe. — Chanel

The use of this material demands unparalleled craftsmanship and attention to detail, making the Buckle bag one of the most exquisite pieces of leatherwork.. — Prada

The result is a graceful play between shiny and matte finishes where the material takes centre stage, without going over the top. — Najiah Rashid

Cut

the number of

choices

Research shows that having more options can make people anxious, indecisive and paradoxically, less happy.

By ALBERT STUMM

JEANS that fit perfectly. The ideal Netflix show for a Tuesday night. Your one and only soulmate. Modern life promises that with enough options, you will happily find the best of everything.

But behavioural scientists say the increasing flood of choices – whether it comes to shopping, social lives or relationships – is doing the opposite.

The idea that more choice is better is baked into Western culture, but research shows that having more options can make people anxious, indecisive and paradoxically, less happy with what they pick, said Barry Schwartz, an emeritus psychology professor at Swarthmore College and author of *The Paradox Of Choice*.

“There have been hundreds of studies showing that there can be too much of a good thing,” Schwartz said.

To minimise the mental noise, he said, limit the number of choices you make, and your brain will thank you for it.

Schwartz offered several examples of cases where more options left people worse off.

In the case of United States’ Medicare Part D prescription drug plans, people in states with more choices were less likely to choose any of them, he said. The same goes for 401(k) investments. The more options a company had, the less likely employees were to sign up, even when the employer offered matching money.

Less consequential choices are no different. Schwartz pointed to one often-cited study that showed shoppers at a gourmet grocery store bought more jars of artisanal jam when they were presented with six flavours rather than with a wider array of 24. In a follow-up study, students were more likely to complete an extra-credit assignment when they were given six topics to choose from instead of 30.

Driven by emotions

Schwartz’s research expanded on those findings to learn the emotional responses to this phenomenon.

“Instead of being liberated by all this choice, you’re paralysed,” he said. “You can do anything, and you can’t figure out which of those many things to do.”

People also often end up making worse decisions since more options

suggest more potentially bad outcomes, he said. And once someone finally decides from all the possibilities, they may be less satisfied with even a good choice because they fear there was a better alternative.

Schwartz said the satisfaction problem is especially acute for people whose aim is to get the best, whom psychologists call maximisers.

“People who are maximisers especially suffer from the proliferation of options,” he said. “Only the best will do.”

The tendency isn’t true for all people in all situations, Schwartz noted. Car buffs will gladly dive into the details of nearly unlimited choice when buying a new one.

“But you don’t feel that way when it comes to buying jam,” he said.

Daniel Willingham, a psychology professor and neuroscience researcher at the University of Virginia, said the phenomenon occurs because the brain is designed to save people from having to think.

Problem-solving requires more energy than relying on memory, a fact that has roots in evolutionary survival mode, Willingham said. When faced with a goal, whether it be an immediate need like responding to a threat or something longer term like finding shelter, the mind first searches for what’s worked before. The problem-solving part of the brain only kicks in afterward.

“Another way to put it is that if you’re thinking, things are not going well,” he said.

That explains why sometimes people move through parts of their day on autopilot, he said. Throughout the day, people are confronted with hundreds of situations where they could do something different, but they almost always take the same route to work.

Satisfying and sufficing

Schwartz said the proliferation of choices also has become tangled with identity in the social media age, where everyone can easily compare their choices to others.

“When all you’ve got to choose from is Lee’s and Levi’s, nobody expects the jeans they buy to fit perfectly,” he said. “When there are 2,000 options, well, now, you do expect your jeans to fit perfectly.”

David Epstein said that after

researching his book, *Inside The Box: How Constraints Make Us Better*, he began to shift away from his maximalist tendencies. Now, he limits his opportunities for making choices, such as when he bought 10 of the same well-fitting T-shirts in different colours.

He was following the example of Herbert Simon, a psychologist and 1978 Nobel laureate in economics, who had three sets of clothes and ate nearly the same thing every day. Simon introduced the term “satisficing,” a combination of satisfying and sufficing that means setting good-enough criteria for decisions and moving on.

Epstein sets satisficing rules for himself when shopping online by first focusing on the purpose of the purchase.

“When I find one that does that, I’m buying it, instead of reading all the reviews and getting sucked into, ‘Well, this one has all these other features.’”

Willingham and Schwartz suggested farming out some decisions. If you’re looking for a new phone, find a friend who is happy with theirs and buy that one.

For larger decisions like financial planning, you’ll be happier if you rely on someone else’s professional expertise, Willingham said.

“If you’re thinking, ‘Well, I’m a clever guy, I can figure that out,’ I think nine times out of 10, you’re fooling yourself,” he said.

Schwartz acknowledged that for people who have trouble making decisions, changing is difficult. But it’s worth it.

“What happens over time is you find it easier to make decisions, you end up more satisfied with the decisions you make, and all of a sudden, you’ve got an extra two hours in every day,” he said. – AP



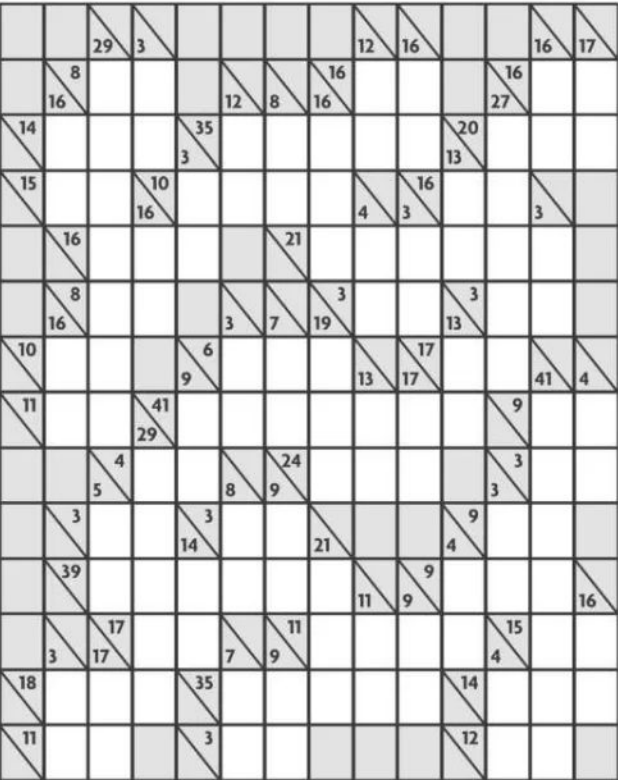
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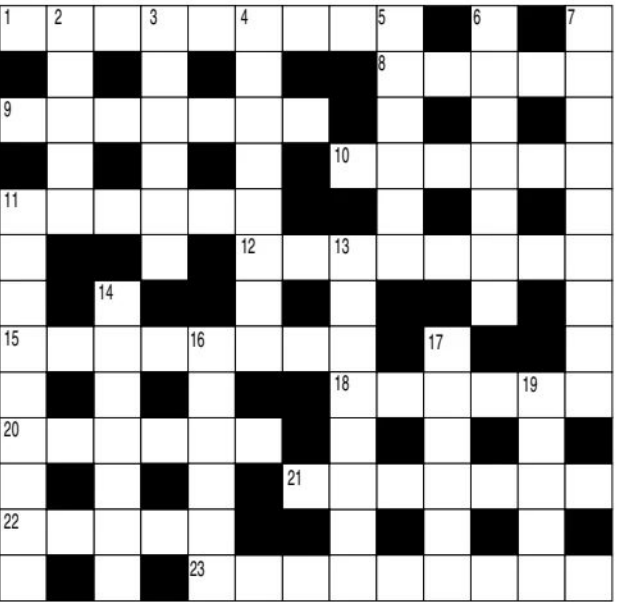
PUZZLE



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2. A number in a cell divided by a diagonal line tells the sum of the numbers in the consecutive cells to its right or downward.
3. No number may appear more than once in consecutive cells.

CROSSWORD



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- Down
- 1 Replacing the one-ply material (9)
- 2 Love game perhaps - last of the series (5)
- 8 It won't throw much light on the subject (5)
- 3 Sycophants, according to an enemy's version (3-3)
- 9 The rest of one's days (7)
- 4 Severe trouble encountered in a difficult craft (8)
- 10 Old court official - namely one standing before the queen (6)
- 5 An extremely self-conscious person (6)
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- 6 Finished work, so went to bed (7)
- 12 They don't believe he requires foreign capital (8)
- 7 Forced to go into service and deeply affected (9)
- 15 Go to pieces and pass a mistake (8)
- 11 Inspection by an officer finishes the game on board (9)
- 18 Communist holding out, though badly beaten (6)
- 13 A particular form of dislike (8)
- 20 Powerful fighter gains height reaching Yemen's capital (6)
- 14 Advertising jingles transcribed on glass (7)
- 21 Unusual seaside shingles for instance (7)
- 16 A model employer (6)
- 22 Grasping secret societies in China? (5)
- 17 He needs her, but reformed (6)
- 23 It makes one admission after another (9)
- 19 Stand a rough sea and a bit of a swell (5)

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KEE'S WORLD

by C.W. Kee



REDROVER

by Brian Basset



SHOE

by Jeff Macnelly



GARFIELD

by Jim Davis



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7.00 Berita Pagi Nasional	7.00 Abus	8.00 Hospital Loveline	8.00 Pecutan	8.30 Wow Shop	8.30 Wow Shop
8.00 Selamat Pagi Malaysia	7.30 A-Do...B-Re...C-Me	9.00 Wow Shop	9.00 Menengah Atas	9.45 Great Times	10.30 Nasi Lemak Kopi O
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11.30 Eksporasi Intern	9.00 Masjid Yang Tak Dirindukan	11.00 Supa Strikas	11.30 Tahap I	1.00 Anonymous Signal	1.00pm Radio Atok
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4.30 Coklat	4.00 Sollathathu				

STARSCOPE

♈ ARIES (March 21-April 20): It's one of those days that brings out the best in you. You'll feel confident, full of fun and ready to make the most of life. A friend, partner or new connection can add to your good fortune as something you explore together could open a door or take you on a new creative adventure. Plus, a collaboration could work well, or a relationship might be extra loving.

♉ TAURUS (April 21-May 21): You'll be inclined towards comfort and the pleasures of life which can be a good thing. Been extra busy? The cosmos encourages you to take a break and enjoy being with family and friends in relaxed surroundings. Even a cosy get-together after work can lead to warm conversations, plenty of laughs and a chance to unwind in positive and uplifting company.

II GEMINI (May 22-June 21): Been planning to talk to someone about a new project? Today's encouraging line-up reveals that it might all go much better than anticipated. Even that awkward discussion you've been dreading might be a piece of cake, and lead to the positive outcome you want. People are in a warm and accommodating mood, so a blend of charisma and tact can work wonders.

CANCER (June 22-July 23): You'll be aware of the good things that make your life so special. A lovely Moon-Venus tie can find you in a generous mood and ready to share with those you care about, as well as those you've just met. Feel like treating yourself? It's a good day to invest in yourself so if you feel like a makeover, do it. Want to give something nice to the family? Today is the day.

♏ LEO (July 24-Aug 23): It's a good time for negotiations and constructive talks, especially if you need to ramp up interest in an idea or project. Your way with words is at a premium, and your warm and outgoing personality can be very persuasive. You'll have just the right amount of diplomacy and verbal dexterity to impress the right people, win friends and attract fresh opportunities.

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23): Quiet moments can be surprisingly productive as the Moon in a private zone inspires you to step back and take stock. Dreams, past experiences and intuition can offer answers your eager brain may have overlooked. At the same time, Venus in your financial zone can be a call to recognise your true worth. You may get a strong sense of how special your talents really are.

LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23): It's a good day for socialising and moving in new circles, and you'll be in your element. Attending an event or a celebration? You can expect it to be a friendly and special occasion. Even if you're with people you don't know very well, you'll feel welcomed and could make exciting new acquaintances over the evening. One person may stand out from the crowd.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22): Your talents may be easy for others to see, so don't be surprised if you get a few compliments even if you never expected them. You might also be offered opportunities or responsibilities that can enhance your image and reputation. Even so, you'll accomplish more if you dare to initiate that crucial discussion, Scorpio. Trust your gut and when it says go, make a move.

 **SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21):** Try exploring a new place, book or perspective, as every fresh discovery opens up your world a little more. Friendships and group connections may be especially rewarding, and someone might introduce you to an opportunity that will lead to growth-filled trips and adventures. It could all begin with one conversation or casual encounter and go from there.

♏ CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20): Deeper discussions can pave the way for powerful change and a new beginning. The Moon's link with Venus suggests that knowing the right people sets you up to take a positive step forward. You may discover something that no one else knows about, and as long as it's safe to work with, you could leverage this on journey to success.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19):
Relationships are like mirrors that reflect your strengths and reveal your hidden qualities and foibles too. Try to listen as much as you talk as someone else's viewpoint could prove extremely illuminating, and just what you need to hear. You and another may decide to go on a short trip, break or vacation, and it could really open your eyes to new ideas.

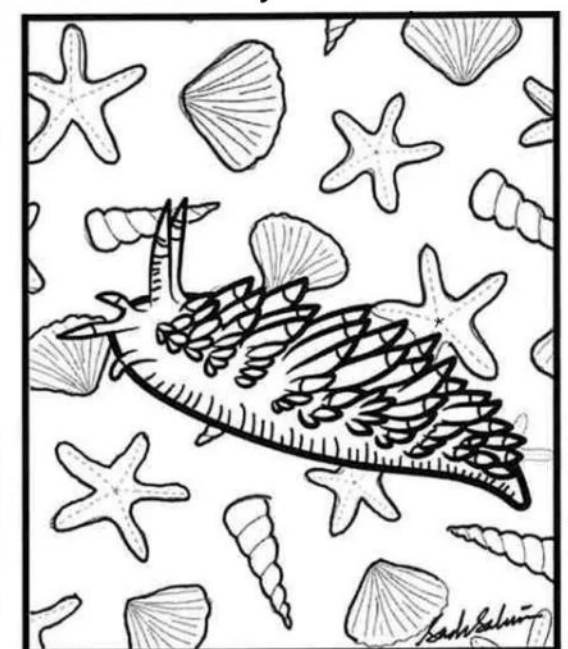
PISCES (Feb 20 - March 20): Adding a creative touch to your everyday tasks can make them more enjoyable and bring a better result. A fresh routine or healthier habit could lift your spirits rather than you going through the motions. You're not alone today, as you have a powerful source of support which could come from someone you know well or even an acquaintance. Both will have your back.

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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Kuala Lumpur City Hall to check on illegal Chinese temple in Taman Yarl
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Johor farmers say poor air quality has not affected fruit production so far
>5



Klang Valley hotels reveal tastefully crafted mooncakes for Mid-Autumn Festival
>8&9



Charity, not clutter

Penang thrift shops urge well-wishers to donate usable goods rather than those worse for wear, while the state champions sustainable consumption and circular economy. >2&3



TRAFFIC MATTERS

> Motorcycle lanes in both directions along the Federal Highway near Wyndham Acmar Hotel in Klang are closed until Sept 22 for drainage and upgrading works.

> Traffic diversion on the New Klang Valley Expressway (NKVE) from Damansara to Shah Alam until Feb 9, 2027, to facilitate a pedestrian link bridge project and maintenance work. For details, call 1-800-88-0000 (Plusline).

COUNCIL NOTICES

> Klang Royal City Council invites residents aged 18 and above to participate in a Basic Canva Course on Sept 13, from 8am-5pm, at its Staff Competency Training Centre (PLICT), Jalan Tengku Kelana, Klang. Fee is RM30, inclusive of refreshments.

> Seremban City Council (MBS) is offering discounts of up to 70% on selected compounds until Sept 30. All offences under Entertainment Enactment are entitled to 20% discount. Payment can be made at physical counters or online. For details, visit www.mbs.gov.my

> Penang Island City Council (MBPP) is accepting applications for trading rental lots at open markets and food courts until Sept 14. Shortlisted applicants will be called for an interview on Sept 18. There are 208 available lots at over 40 locations. For details, call MBPP Licensing Department at 04-263 8818 (ext 215/218/219) or visit ulesen.mbpp.gov.my

FOOD MARKET

From comforting favourites to fun new bites and refreshing drinks, 'Pasar Selambe: Edisi Hari Malaysia 2026' is bringing together over 100 brands for a delicious lineup of homegrown food and beverages this Sept 11-13, 10am-10pm, at Central Market Kuala Lumpur. Entry is free.

SLICE OF MALAYSIAN LIFE

'Rentak MalaysiaKu 2026: Slice of Life' is taking place at GMBB, Bukit Bintang, Kuala Lumpur, until Sept 13. It features exhibitions, performances, workshops, films, poetry, city walks, pop-ups and other cultural experiences that explore the everyday moments that shape life in Malaysia.

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

School students are invited to spend the night at Terengganu State Museum in Kuala Terengganu to learn more about the history and heritage of the state. The event will take place on Sept 15 and 16. For details and registration, call 011-3755 0069 (Zamberi).

PHOTO CONTEST

Subang Jaya City Council's city photography contest is ongoing until Sept 30 in conjunction with its sixth anniversary celebration. Categories include panorama, architecture, arts, culture and heritage. For details, call 03-5621 0060 ext 102.

ART EXHIBITION

Merdeka Art Exhibition at Shoppes at Four Seasons Place, Kuala Lumpur, is ongoing until Sept 16. The event, organised by non-governmental organisation Saksama alongside Art Market Malaysia, brings together veteran and young artists, and highlights the talents of people with disabilities.

AEROBIC CONTEST

Selangor-level aerobic dance contest for mixed teams aged nine to 17 will be held at SACC Mall, Shah Alam, on Sept 26, 8am-3pm. Participation is free with cash prizes of RM1,000, RM800 and RM600 for the top three teams. Registration closes on Sept 20. For details, visit malaysiafitness.com/team-registration or call 010-261 8651 (Noratika).

PENANG



Kawan shop staff member Susan Chin, 64, mending a pre-loved bag.

Sorting mixed bags of pre-loved gems from junk

Penang charity shops struggle to vet donations, encourage mindful giving

By LOW CO SIN

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Photos by CHAN BOON KAI, LIM BENG TATT and ZHAFFARAN NASIB/The Star

A BAG of unwanted belongings that is given away for donation can easily be a bag of trouble for a charity centre.

Dirty clothes, worn-out household items and damaged goods are still being dropped off at these support hubs in George Town, Penang, with some donors even passing on stained bras and panties.

For those receiving the donations, the message is simple – charity should not become a convenient way to get rid of rubbish.

Reusable or rubbish

At the Lighthouse Thrift Store in Jalan Penang, a staff member said more clothing and household goods were arriving in such poor condition that they could neither be resold nor reused.

Some items were dusty or damaged, while others had not even been washed and were stinky.

"Some donors appear to treat the outlet as a place to dispose of unwanted items.

"The items are so old, dirty or damaged that we simply have to throw them away," she said.

The shop sells pre-loved items donated by well-wishers to raise funds for Lighthouse's programmes, including a soup kitchen open to all regardless of background.

The staff member, who did not wish to be identified, recalled a recent case involving a woman moving house who brought in her late mother's belongings.

"She brought many things that were very old and dirty.

"Some were covered in dust and could not possibly be resold.



Worn-out children's footwear received at the Lighthouse Thrift Store in Jalan Penang.

"I think she was rushing to clear the house, so she brought everything here," she said.

The store has also received used underwear.

"We have repeatedly reminded the public not to donate such items, because of hygiene concerns and the difficulty of ensuring they are suitable for redistribution," said the staff member.

Despite this, staff remain careful not to turn away every bag at the door.

Donations are usually accepted first and sorted later to avoid discouraging genuine givers.

"Sometimes when donors bring a whole bag, we only find out what is inside after they have left," said the worker.

She said the problem worsened when bags were dumped outside after operating hours.

"They just put the bags outside

and leave.

"We cannot check the items or explain what we can and cannot accept."

She said there was strong demand for wearable clothing, particularly among foreign workers and local residents.

"There is nothing wrong with passing on something you no longer need.

"The problem is passing on something that is no longer fit for use.

"If you are donating, please think about whether someone else can actually use the item.

"A donation should be a gift, not a chance to dump unusable items."

She encouraged donors to approach staff during operating hours to find out what items were needed, before making a donation.

"Some donors do ask first and that makes things much easier."

Quality over quantity

At the WCC Value Shop in Tanjung Tokong, only about 40% of items donated are suitable for resale, said lead manager Lim Ai Lay.

She said some donated clothes were too old or faded.

"Whenever someone shows interest in donating, I bring them around the shop and show them the quality of items we sell.

"I tell them their donations should be of a similar standard," she said.

The shop relies on expatriate volunteers from the United States, Japan, France and Great Britain, while a fashion designer helps with merchandise displays.

Lim said women's clothing was

Penang's green push reduces consumption, promotes reuse

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CHANGING public behaviour and consumption habits is key to reducing waste and moving Penang towards a circular economy, says Penang Green Council (PGC) chief executive officer Josephine Tan.

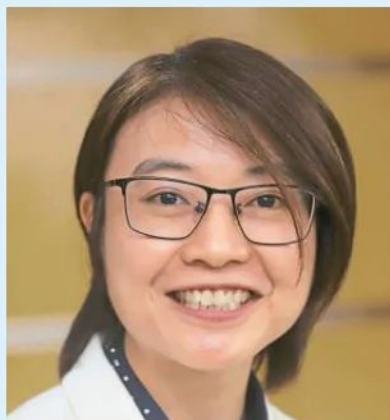
She said environmental efforts should not stop at recycling, but begin with reducing consumption and waste, followed by reusing items before recycling them.

"Many people already understand the importance of protecting the environment, but there is still a gap between knowing and doing."

"For example, people might know they should bring reusable bags, reduce single-use items and separate their waste, but they would easily fall back into old habits when it was inconvenient," she told *StarMetro*.

Tan said PGC, established by Penang government in 2011, had been focusing on environmental education and encouraging more sustainable habits among the public.

She cited the state's efforts to reduce single-use plastic bags, from the "No Free Plastic Bag" campaign and plastic bag charges to the "No Plastic Bag Every



Tan wants people to think about whether something can be reused or given to someone else.

Day" initiative introduced in September 2025.

"This year, we are further promoting measures to reduce single-use plastic bags and items such as straws."

"The aim is not simply to ban these items, but to gradually change the habits of consumers and businesses," she said.

Tan said PGC had also introduced the "Pilihlah Reusable" concept, encouraging people to choose reusable products in their shopping, dining and daily activities.

As part of the initiative, Rebag Stations have been set up at Gama Supermarket and Departmental Store, Gurney



Items like used cooking oil should be collected responsibly under programmes such as this one held at Taman Serina in Sungai Pinang recently. — ZHAFFARAN NASIB/The Star

Plaza and Design Village, where people can donate excess reusable bags for others to use.

"An item that you no longer need does not necessarily mean it has become waste."

"We want people to think about whether something can be reused or given to someone else before throwing it away," she said.

Tan said public participation should not be viewed solely as a matter of compliance, as behavioural change also required convenient alternatives, clear information and a supportive environment.

"This means we need to work with local authorities, businesses, schools, communities and other stakeholders to make envi-

ronmentally friendly choices more accessible," she added.

Tan also urged the public to consider donating, selling, exchanging or sending unwanted but usable items to organisations and shops that accepted pre-owned items, instead of treating them as rubbish.

"Recyclable materials should be sent to legitimate recycling facilities and operators."

She said the public could also use PGC's Mampan directory (www.pgc.com.my/ms/direktori-mampan/) to locate nearby recycling centres, environmental facilities and second-hand goods shops.

"Penang already has a strong environmental foundation and more people are willing to participate."

"The next challenge is to turn environmental protection from a one-off activity into a daily habit and part of our social culture," she said.

Tan said legislation and policies could discourage certain behaviour, but lasting change required people to understand why change was necessary and have practical alternatives.

"Ultimately, the circular economy is about changing how we see the value of an item, as well as how we consume and dispose of things," she said.



Lim sorting used clothes at WCC Value Shop in Tanjung Tokong.

rotated three times a week, while men's clothing was changed weekly to give items maximum exposure.

Staff also audit displays to ensure only quality merchandise remains on sale.

The WCC Value Shop was set up in 2017 by the Women's Centre for Change (WCC Penang) to raise funds for its work with vulnerable women and children.

It sells pre-loved clothing, accessories, household items and books, with most items priced between RM2 and RM30.

Proceeds help fund WCC's services, including counselling for victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse, alongside school awareness programmes.

Some things salvageable

Not all donated items end up

in the bin, as Kawan Shop manager Idy Kong pointed out.

She said some donors took the effort to clean and prepare their items before dropping them off.

"We really appreciate their thoughtfulness."

"Some donors wash their clothes and make sure the items are clean," she said.

Kong said the shop also tried to salvage branded clothing when minor repairs or cleaning could restore them to saleable condition.

"If a branded piece of clothing has a loose button or a small stain, we will repair or clean it."

"But if an item has little value and is in very poor condition, we will dispose of it," she said.

Kawan Shop operates under Youth With A Mission, a non-governmental organisation that established the Kawan Centre in

Lebuh Klang.

The centre provides free meals to homeless people, senior citizens and the underprivileged every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

The shop accepts clothing, stationery and toys, with some goods sent to the Orang Asli communities in Perak.

Kong said the shop in Lebuh Chulia had received luxury brand items, including shoes and a handbag which fetched higher resale prices.

She said growing interest in pre-loved goods had also brought more customers to Kawan Shop, with online searchers discovering the physical store.

"Although there are many online shopping platforms, shoppers cannot try on clothes."

"Here, we have fitting rooms, so customers can make sure the



Used household items for sale at Lighthouse Thrift Store.



Pre-loved jewellery on display at WCC Value Shop in Tanjung Tokong.

clothes fit before buying them," she elaborated.

She said that only about 10% of donated items they received were unusable, including foul-smelling clothes, worn-out underwear, broken vases and cracked crockery.

"Sometimes, when people bring in a big bag, they place

good items on top and damaged ones underneath, so we may not realise it immediately," she said.

Kong urged potential donors to consider whether their unwanted items were genuinely suitable for resale.

"If you think someone will be willing to pay for the item, then bring it to us," she said.

'Check on illegal Taman Yarl tokong'

KL mayor takes firm stand against open burning activities

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THE house in Taman Yarl, Kuala Lumpur, which nearby residents have alleged is being illegally used as a Chinese temple (*tokong*) will be inspected.

Kuala Lumpur mayor Datuk Seri Fadlun Mak Ujud said he would send a team of enforcement officers to check on the premises that was also said to be conducting open burning activities.

He added that Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) took a firm stand against open burning activities.

The mayor, however, said he viewed the prayer activities as an individual religious observance that should not be made an issue.

When *StarMetro* highlighted the issue and residents' plight in December last year, DBKL had said it would take action.

The residents said it has been nine months since then and the prayer activities at the house were still ongoing.

DBKL Planning Department confirmed in a Jan 28, 2025, letter that the property was strictly residential and had no planning approval for renovation, extension or temple-related structures.

The complaint was referred to its Enforcement Department, but residents said no action followed.

A view from the main road shows that the double-storey semi-detached house is concealed with tarpaulin and screens.

But its next-door neighbour Uma Devi Panchacharam has a clear view from her bedroom of prayer rituals, open flames and



Uma Devi has been battling smoke, soot and noise pollution.



Neil: Lorry deliveries show the house is used as a tokong.

smoke rising just metres from her window.

Uma Devi, 52, said nothing had changed except that the operation was now less visible from outside.

She said smoke still entered her home, soot settled on her clothes and her family kept the windows shut.

"The country is treating the haze as a serious public health



The first floor of the Taman Yarl house is covered with tarpaulin while religious objects can be seen on the ground floor.

threat, yet we are being exposed to additional smoke next to our home," she said.

"We are not asking DBKL to interfere with anyone's religion.

"We are asking it to stop activities at premises not approved for such use and which are affecting neighbouring families.

"At the very least, all burning and large-scale prayer activities must stop until DBKL completes its investigation," she added.

Uma Devi said she would not hesitate to take legal action against DBKL and the neighbour if the matter remained unresolved.

A lorry was recently photographed at the house at about 2am where residents claimed it delivered prayer paper, religious statues, chairs and large metal vessels.

Photographs and videos sup-

plied to *StarMetro* showed ritual paper, lion statues, incense burners and cooking vessels stored there.

Other images show rituals involving large joss sticks and paper being burned openly.

Another neighbour, Neil Naveen Kamalanathan, 50, said the evidence showed an organised operation, not private prayers at home.

"People continue coming for rituals while residents deal with the smoke, noise and pests.

"DBKL said action would be taken, but nothing has changed.

"How much more evidence do the authorities need?"

Ravindran Sivasupramaniam, 61, said smoke repeatedly entering neighbouring homes raised genuine health concerns.

"DBKL must treat this as urgent. Residents should not

have to wait until someone falls ill before action is taken."

Seputeh People's Representative Council Zone 6 chairman Alvin T. Ariaratnam said the owner denied operating a temple.

"The owner claimed prayers were held only once a year and that only incense was burned," he said.

Alvin said the video and photographic evidence, however, pointed to activities beyond private worship.

"Taken together, the evidence suggests a serious nuisance, with potential health and fire safety implications.

"This cannot simply be dismissed as a dispute between two households.

"DBKL must urgently investigate the actual use of the premises," he added.

IVAN LOH at Perak State Assembly

Ipoh Sentral project set to create 10,000 jobs

ABOUT 10,000 job opportunities will be created once the Ipoh Sentral project is completed.

Perak Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Saarani Mohamad said job opportunities would be in various sectors including construction, logistics, services and trade.

"During the construction phase, which started earlier this year for a public park, between 8,000 and 9,000 job opportunities opened up," he said during the Perak state assembly sitting at Bangunan Perak Darul Ridzuan in Ipoh yesterday.

Saarani said this in reply to M. Thulasi (PH-Buntong) who asked about the impact of Ipoh Sentral project on her constituency.

The project, launched in 2025 by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, is expected to be developed in the next two decades.

It will consist of two phases, including the public park and a mosque, over the next two years.

It will be followed by a mixed-use development comprising serviced apartments, office spaces, retail outlets and other community amenities.

Saarani said the people of Ipoh, especially in Buntong, would benefit from the long-term mega project, which would be developed in phases over the next few years.

"It will have positive impact on small-medium enterprises, transportation and also increase land value in the surrounding area," he said.

To a supplementary question, Saarani said the land for the project belonged to Railway Asset Corporation (RAC) which has permitted its use for development.



Ipoh Sentral project is expected to create 10,000 jobs once it is completed. — Filepic

Two Perak districts' agriculture boosted by smart technology

ABOUT 38% of the hydroponic and fertigation projects in Kinta and Kampar districts have adopted smart farming technologies to improve productivity.

Perak agriculture committee chairman Datuk Mohd Zolkafly Harun said these projects had adopted technologies in their bid to lower the cost of operation.

These, he said, included usage of Internet of Things (IoT), artificial intelligence, electrical conductivity and pH level detector

and automatic nutrient dispersal system.

"Through the State Agriculture Development Corporation, the state would focus on developing Smart Indoor Farming in the Kinta Valley.

"One of the pioneer projects uses a fully climate-controlled indoor farming system, including vertical farming with light, temperature, humidity, nutrient and air quality control," he said in reply to Wong Chai Yi

(PH-Simpang Pulai) during the state assembly sitting at Bangunan Perak Darul Ridzuan in Ipoh yesterday.

"Such an approach is suitable for urban areas, due to the limited space," said Mohd Zolkafly.

He said the state was also exploring the usage of abandoned buildings in the city as a modern farming facility.

In the poultry industry, he said the switch to closed farming system was a step towards modern-

ising the industry.

The transition period would end this year, with full enforcement to start Jan 1, 2027, he said.

"This system is the foundation for Smart Farming through control of temperature, humidity, ventilation and feeding, which can be done systematically."

Separately, Mohd Zolkafly said the state has achieved 100% self-sufficient rate in 18 out of 30 main food commodities.

These included *padi*, coconut,

sweet corn and durian, he said.

"Perak contributes about 98% of the country's jicama production, 45% of sweet potato and 30% of sweet corn.

"The state is also the country's second highest producer of *padi* since 2023 and are third in producing bananas and durian.

"These achievements showed that Perak has a good foundation, which can be empowered more, to be the country's main food producer," he added.



Prolonged harsh environments, including haze, can have an adverse impact on fruits grown in Johor.

Johor fruit production unaffected by haze so far

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FRUIT production in Johor, especially bananas and papayas, is expected to remain unaffected even though parts of the state have been blanketed by haze over the past few weeks.

Johor Fruit Farmers Association secretary Melvin Long said the situation could change if the air quality in Johor, currently at moderate levels, turned hazardous.

"So far, none of our members have reported crop damage due to the haze," he told *StarMetro*.

Long said fruit farmers in Johor were closely monitoring

But growth rate and yield of bananas, papayas will be impacted if condition turns hazardous, says association

the situation, and expressed hope that the haze conditions would improve significantly by next month, as reported by news outlets.

He said the majority of commercial banana farmers in Johor grew Cavendish banana plants.

Long said Cavendish banana farms in Johor were equipped with sprinklers, which is a must for the tissue-cultured variety.

"Demand for Johor Cavendish bananas is good and most of the fruits are sent to local

supermarkets and Singapore," he said.

Long said prior to the Middle East conflict, Malaysia also exported the fruits there.

"Despite receiving queries from Dubai importers, we are not going to export our bananas there any time soon because of instability in the region."

Regarding the haze, he said the overall growth rate and yield of fruits would be severely compromised if it worsened in the state.

He also said if the haze were

to prolong, it would have a negative impact on the production of papayas by affecting the photosynthesis process.

"Harsh environments, including haze and chemicals, damage plant cells, block gas exchange and destroy chlorophyll."

Long said Batu Pahat, Kluang and Pontian were the major Cavendish banana producing districts in Johor, while papayas were commercially grown in the districts of Batu Pahat, Kluang, Muar and Segamat.

PERAK

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SMK St Bernadette's Convent in Batu Gajah, Perak, needs funds for a soil erosion mitigation project at the school.

Principal V. Krishnaveni said a slope at the back of the school was in danger of further eroding and required fixing for the safety of students and staff.

"Following consultations with contractors, engineers as well as geologists, a retention structure needed to be built, so that the perimeter wall in the affected area would not collapse."

"The quotation for the mitigation work is about RM690,000, which includes building a drainage system, as well as a retention structure on the slope."

"At the moment, we could only cordon off the area to prevent students from going near it," she said when met at the school.

Krishnaveni said the problem arose in 2022, when water started to stagnate at the affected area.

"The wall also showed signs of slanting, which we later found to

Batu Gajah school raising funds for RM690k project to solve slope erosion



Krishnaveni (right) and Perak Convent Schools coordinator Regina Joseph Cyril at the slanting perimeter wall that is in danger of collapsing due to the weakened slope (right) at SMK St Bernadette's Convent.

be due to soil erosion. Sinkholes appeared later.

"We hired a contractor to build a manhole so that water could disperse, but the issue has persisted," she added.

Krishnaveni said the school would hold a charity event on

Sept 12 to raise funds for the mitigation work.

"So far, we have collected about RM37,000," she said, while expressing hope that Education Ministry and relevant governmental agencies would also help.



Its board of governors chairman Prof Dr B. Vishalache from Universiti Malaya's Education Faculty called on former students to donate.

"We hope that they can play a part to help the school," she said. The school can be contacted at 05-366 1577.

Earlier, alumni from the Class of 1973 visited the school and donated RM10,100.

Singapore tv

Channel 5

6.00AM: Yu-Gi-Oh! Duel Monsters
6.30: Ben 10 S1 **6.45:** Ben 10 S1
7.00: Brave Bunnies **7.30:** The Melon Patch **8.00:** Bugsville **8.30:** Pinkfong Songs & Stories **9.00:** Piggy Builders **9.15:** Piggy Builders
9.30: JoJo and GranGran: Sr1 **9.45:** JoJo and GranGran: Sr1 **10.00:** Cows & Crayons **10.30:** Zoonicorn
10.45: Zoonicorn **11.00:** Brave Bunnies **11.10:** Brave Bunnies **11.20:** Brave Bunnies **11.30:** Rubble & Crew
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12.30PM: Ben 10 S1 **12.45:** Ben 10 S1 **1.00:** Alvin!!! & The Chipmunks **1.15:** Alvin!!! & The Chipmunks
1.30: Cosmicrew **1.45:** Cosmicrew **2.00:** Jonny Jetboy **2.15:** Jonny Jetboy **2.30:** Pokemon Horizons: Season 2 - The Search for Laqua
3.00: Wheel Of Fortune **3.30:** Yes Captain! **4.00:** Kin **4.30:** Alleys: Off The Beaten Tracks **5.00:** Cooking Up A Fortune **5.30:** The Frugal Foodie **6.00:** Unbeatable **7.00:** Wheel Of Fortune **7.30:** Old Enough! Canada **8.00:** Hollywood Squares **8.30:** Yes Captain! **9.00:** News Tonight **9.30:** Mayday: Air Disaster **10.30:** I Met My Murderer Online **11.00:** Dear Singapore **MIDNIGHT:** Yes Captain! **12.30AM:** So Help Me Todd **1.30:** Wheel Of Fortune **2.00:** Old Enough! Canada **2.30:** Hollywood Squares **3.00:** Unbeatable **4.00:** Films & Stars **4.30:** The Frugal Foodie **5.00:** Cooking Up A Fortune **5.30:** Alleys: Off The Beaten Tracks **6.00AM:** See tomorrow's schedule

Channel 8

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Vasantham

9.00AM: Rusiyai Thedi **9.30:** Parachute **10.00:** Tamizh **10.30:** Ketta Payyan, Sir! **11.00:** Samaippoma **NOON:** Tik Tik Tik **12.30PM:** Tik Tik Tik **1.00:** Knock Knock **1.30:** Knock Knock **2.00:** Sandamarutham **2.30:** Sandamarutham **3.00:** Thirai Express **4.00:** Kalamellam Kaathiruppen (Movie) **7.00:** Samaippoma **8.00:** Parachute **8.30:** Seithi **9.00:** Ketta Payyan, Sir! **9.30:** Ethiroli **10.00:** Alumbunatias **10.30:** Vilangu **11.00:** Mellisai Hits Season 4 **11.30:** Seithi **MIDNIGHT:** Close

PERAK

Solar power lights up Orang Asli village in Perak

Semai community can now access electricity generated during the day, making tasks like studying and cooking easier at night in Sungkai

Photos: Bernama

THE absence of electricity previously forced some Orang Asli children in Kampung Sat, Sungkai in Perak, to put aside their books after sunset, leaving little time to revise lessons and complete school assignments.

But those days are gradually changing with GoRental Global's #PowerToEmpower initiative, which provides solar power systems and portable batteries that store energy generated during the day for use after sunset.

The village is home to about 350 members of the Semai Orang Asli community, with electricity currently available in around 22 concrete houses, said Kampung Orang Asli Sat Tok Batin (village chief) Yok Raman Yok Ankeh.

He said for families living in traditional houses made of wood and bamboo, having reliable power supply was particularly important for studying and carrying out activities after sunset.

"Getting electricity connected to these traditional houses is not easy.

"With this kind of help, at least families without electricity can use it for their daily needs, especially children who need to do



The portable battery energy storage systems (BESS) can be charged using solar power.

their schoolwork at night," he said when met by Bernama.

Yok Raman said some residents had bought small solar systems to have lighting at night, but the equipment did not last long and was easily damaged.

He said the solar system from GoRental Global was especially

helpful to families still living in traditional houses, where getting conventional electricity supply was difficult.

Another recipient, Bah Kosong Ahmad said the assistance had made a big difference to his family, particularly his children who could now study at night.

"At night, my child can use the light to do schoolwork, and we can use it when cooking.

"We can also charge our phones and other devices through USB.

"It's really helpful because before this, we didn't have electricity in the house," he said.

Through the initiative, 10 portable battery energy storage systems (BESS) were installed to support families in the village, providing the community with a much-needed source of power where access to electricity remains limited.

According to GoRental Global founder and managing director Colin Peh, the system harnesses solar energy during the day and stores it in batteries for use after sunset, mainly for lighting, charging mobile devices and meeting other basic needs.

"Sometimes we take electricity for granted.

"But when you don't have it, even simple things like switching on the lights, charging your phone or letting the children study at night can be a challenge.

"That's what we are trying to help through this initiative.

"For us, what matters most is making sure these families have something safer and more reliable, especially after sunset.

"It's not just about giving them the equipment.

"We want them to have power they can use every day, and hopefully it will make things a little easier for them."

Peh said the company hoped to bring the model to about 200 families within two years, par-

Climate Pause

Installing a low-flow shower head at home could help reduce hot water use while showering, allowing a reduction in carbon emission of about 158kg per household.



Yok Raman says getting electricity connected to traditional houses is not easy.



Maria Ahmad charging her phone using the portable BESS.



BESS provides light for the villagers in Kampung Sat, Sungkai.

ticularly those living in rural areas where access to the electricity grid remains limited, including Sarawak.

He said the system could last for up to about 6,000 charging cycles, potentially giving it a lifespan of almost 12 years, while also reducing fuel dependency among communities who rely on generators for power.

Peh said the initiative in Kampung Sat was GoRental Global's first project in Malaysia and part of an effort to develop a community energy model that could be used in locations with limited access to conventional electricity grids.

The system is projected to generate about 43,800 kilowatt-hours of renewable energy over a 10-year period, potentially avoiding around 120 tonnes of carbon emissions and reducing

reliance on diesel and kerosene.

He said the project was developed with community partner Kenneth Toon of New Life Restoration Centre and his wife, Ann Toon, who helped connect the company with residents and identify the community's needs before the project was implemented.

"This could never be about simply arriving with equipment and assuming we know what a community needs," said Kenneth.

"The starting point was listening. For these families, having dependable power after dark can change their everyday life, and this project gives us a foundation to build on together."

The initiative followed an earlier project in Chiang's Mai Huay Nam Rin Village in Thailand, involving 31 battery systems and 60 solar panels.

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(From left) Nor Asyikin Mat Yeng, Siti Zulaika M. Jasni and Rajeah Amud proudly cradling their newborns, born on Aug 31, at Hospital Tunku Azizah in Kuala Lumpur.



Spectators gathering at Dataran Merdeka in Kuala Lumpur to photograph dynamic illuminated displays projected across the facade of Bangunan Sultan Abdul Samad. The visual show was part of the Malaysia World Light Festival, held to mark the 2026 National Day celebrations.

Pride across the states

Malaysians mark National Day with parades, heritage displays and Merdeka-themed costumes



Photos: Bernama

ASIDE from the National Day celebration in Putrajaya, Malaysians elsewhere in the country celebrated the day with local festivities organised by their respective states and communities.

Many came dressed in red, blue, white and yellow, alongside themed outfits and traditional attire.

In Negri Sembilan, Persatuan Peminat Sejarah Pahlawan members brought history to life by donning military uniforms from different eras.

Held at Dataran Majlis Bandaraya Seremban, the display offered younger generations a

glimpse into the nation's military past.

National Day countdowns were also held around the country, featuring cultural performances, light shows and fireworks, followed by parades.

Others chose to express their patriotic spirit through art and creativity.

Artist Shasharizah Mohd Said, better known as Shasha M Said, paid tribute to the nation's history by drawing portraits of national heroes.

Her works are among a diverse collection of artworks, including pieces by children and people with different abilities, showcased at the Merdeka Art Exhibition at The Shoppes, Four Seasons Place, Kuala Lumpur, until Sept 16.

Newborns sharing their birthday with the nation on Aug 31 were also celebrated, giving their families an extra-special reason to mark the occasion with pride and joy.



Left: About 200 residents of Kampung Wang Kelian in Perlis taking part in a 8km convoy while flying the Jalur Gemilang in conjunction with National Day celebrations.



Below: Persatuan Peminat Sejarah Pahlawan members showing military uniforms from various eras of the country's history, during the parade for Negri Sembilan state-level National Day celebrations at Dataran Majlis Bandaraya Seremban.



Vintage bicycle owners join the National Day 2026 parade at Dataran Shahbandar in Kuala Terengganu. Around 10,000 visitors lined the streets from early morning to watch the National Day procession, which featured 3,500 participants.



Shasha with the portrait of national hero Leftenan Adnan Saidi during the Merdeka Art Exhibition at The Shoppes, Four Seasons Place, Kuala Lumpur.

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Amari Kuala Lumpur

The hotel's Mid-Autumn Festival collection features four handcrafted mooncakes, presented in two elegant gift boxes. The Floral Blossoms Gift Box, priced at RM138nett, features delicate floral artwork in an eco-friendly wooden keepsake box. The Premium Jade Treasure Box, priced at RM158nett, is adorned with intricate floral motifs, elegant birds and luxurious jade-inspired accents. Each gift box comes with four baked mooncakes: Musang King Lava, Creme de Pistachio, Pure Lotus Paste and Pure Lotus Paste with Single Yolk. To order, call 03-2330 5800/5855.



Banyan Tree Kuala Lumpur, Pavilion Hotel Kuala Lumpur

This year's exclusive mooncake collection captures the essence of traditional reunions while paying tribute to the nation's rich cultural tapestry. The concept and design reflect a deep connection to our shared heritage. Priced at RM228nett, each box offers four flavours: White Lotus Paste with Single Yolk, Pandan Lotus Paste with Single Yolk, Yam Lotus Paste with Single Yolk and Assorted Nuts and Sun-Dried Fruits. To order, WhatsApp 010-397 7833 or visit bit.ly/UrbanMoonrise2026



Concorde Hotel Kuala Lumpur

Mid-Autumn Treasured Petals is a collection that beautifully blends artistry and craftsmanship. Each gift box is crafted with real pressed flowers, featuring handpicked botanicals from China's Yunnan province. There are three exquisite designs – Floral Round, Floral Square (RM175nett each) and Floral Round with Metal Carrier (RM205nett). The mooncakes come in a set of four flavours, such as Pure Lotus Single Yolk, Assorted Fruit Nuts, Black Sesame Lotus and Japanese Red Bean. The snow skin flavours include Yam Paste Single Yolk, Crimson Velvet Cheese Crunch and signature Imperial Musang King Durian. To order, call/ WhatsApp 012-399 5021.

Courtyard by Marriott Setia Alam

The hotel's Moonlit Voyage Collection is a curated mooncake gift set inspired by the spirit of travel, meaningful connections and timeless traditions. Each set, which comes with a collectible mini luggage, is priced at RM169nett. It includes two baked moon-

cakes paired with a Janat Paris international tea series. The mooncake flavour options are: Pandan Single Yolk, Pure Red Bean and Assorted Fruits and Nuts. The tea flavour options include High Mountain Oolong, English Breakfast, Earl Grey, Japanese Sencha, chamomile, peach, strawberry, muscat and apple. The mooncakes are priced at RM29nett per piece and RM169nett per set. To order, call 03-5021 9887 or WhatsApp 012-560 9077.



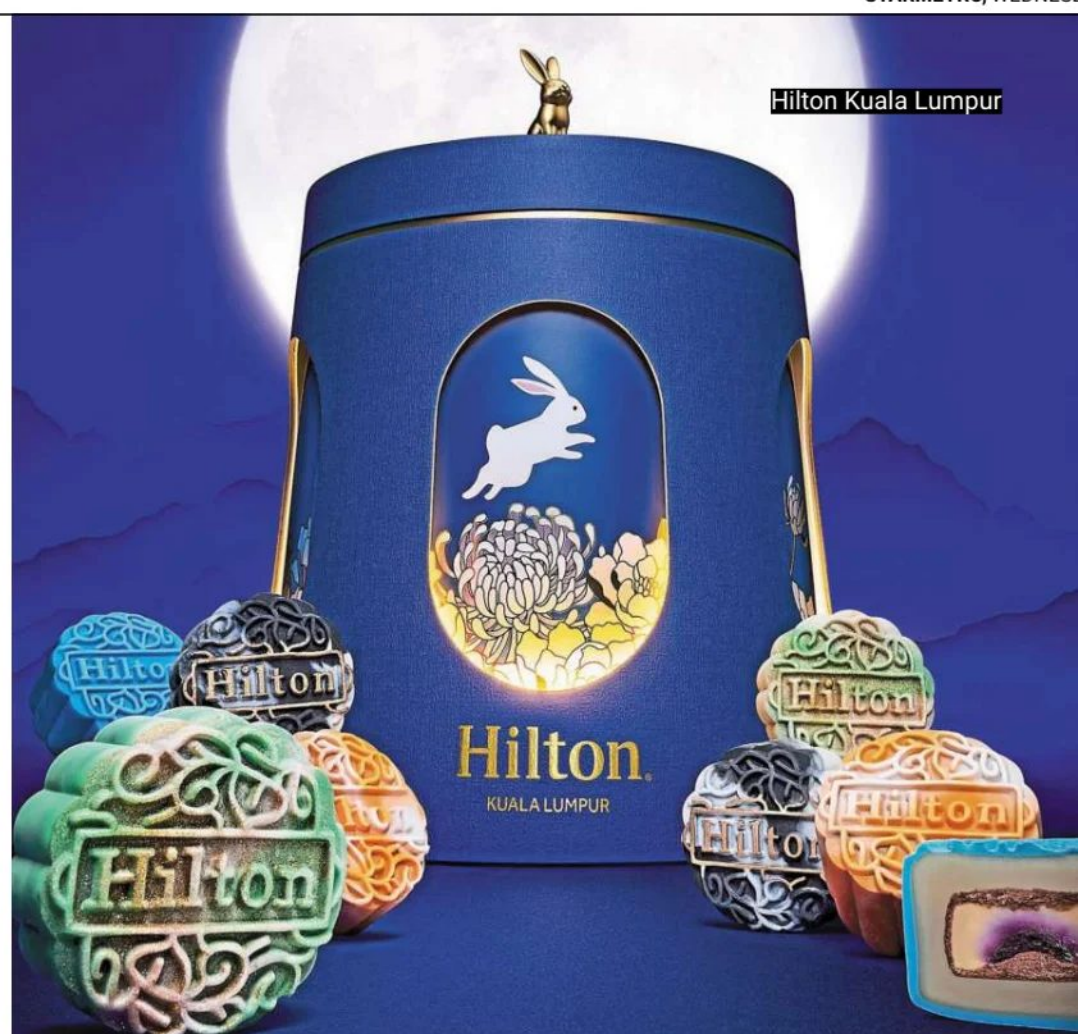
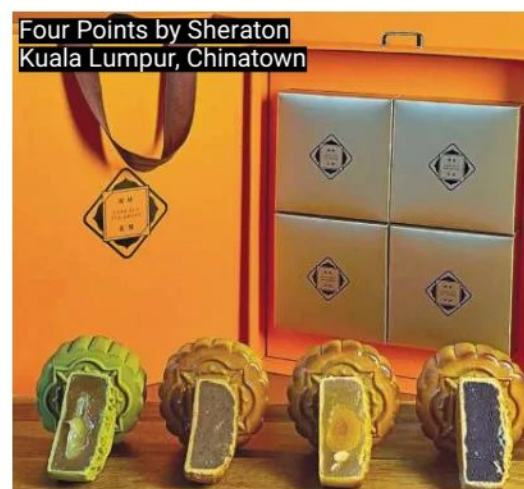
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Celestial Treasures is a collection that honours reunion, gratitude and the enduring beauty of festive gifting. Snow skin flavours include Golden Charcoal Musang King Durian, Emerald Yuzu Pandan, Mint Chocolate with Hawaiian Macadamia and new Uji Matcha Snowy Pistachio. Traditional baked options include Signature Pearl of Prosperity, White Lotus Single Yolk and Traditional Cantonese Mixed Nuts. Also available is the much-loved Miniature Collection, featuring a box of bite-sized traditional baked mooncakes in White Lotus and Green Tea flavours. The mooncakes are priced from RM128+ for a gift set and from RM1,088+ for a premium set with a choice of alcoholic beverage. To order, call 03-2789 7839 or visit <https://tinyurl.com/4u6ma7s2>



Four Points by Sheraton Kuala Lumpur, Chinatown

The Lunar Homecoming mooncake collection is crafted to bring the warmth of home and togetherness to every celebration. The mooncake gift box embodies the essence of homecoming – carrying treasured memories, heartfelt wishes and cherished traditions across generations. The mooncakes are priced at RM188nett for a box of four pieces, including the new Musang King Lava with a molten durian centre. The other flavours are White Lotus Single Yolk, Red Bean and Lady Yi's 11 Treasures that blends 11 botanicals including Ceylon black tea, green rooibos, raspberry, plum, lemongrass and ginger. To order, WhatsApp 012-507 3327 or visit <https://tinyurl.com/2s3b658m>



Blending tradition and artistry

To mark Mid-Autumn Festival, hotels in Klang Valley unveil artisanal mooncake collections presented in lavishly crafted gift boxes



Four Points by Sheraton Kuala Lumpur, City Centre

Celebrate the season with a curated collection that honours tradition while embracing modern lifestyle needs and certified halal. The Lunar Reverie collection features two packaging sets. Artisan Collection (RM128nett), presented in a modern fabric knot bag, offers two baked mooncakes per set. Flavour options are White Lotus Single Yolk, Pure Lotus Single Yolk, Red Bean with Almond Flakes, Black Sesame Lotus, Green Tea Lotus and Chocolate Lotus. Signature Collection (RM198nett) that comes in a refined wooden keepsake box has four fixed flavours: White Lotus Single Yolk, Pure Lotus Single Yolk, Red Bean with Almond Flakes and Black Sesame Lotus. To order, call 03-2706 9099 or visit sichuankitchenkl.com

Grand Millennium Kuala Lumpur

Celebrate one of the year's most treasured traditions with the hotel's Premium Mix and Match Mooncake Collection 2026.

Guests can curate their own mooncake gift box by selecting any four mooncakes from six signature baked varieties, priced at RM168+ per box. The available flavours are Red Bean Paste, White Pure Lotus Paste, White Lotus Paste with Single Yolk, Pandan Lotus Paste with Single Yolk, Yam Lotus Paste with Single Yolk and Assorted Fruits and Nuts. The gift boxes are designed to make festive gifting more meaningful. To order, WhatsApp 012- 204 6217.



Hilton Kuala Lumpur

The Moonlit Carousel Premium Collection, available from RM358nett, takes its design cues from Claude Debussy's *Clair de Lune*. Presented in an elegant keepsake music box, the collection features eight premium handcrafted mooncakes. Returning favourite Heavenly Gold, crafted with premium Musang King durian, is joined by two new artisanal snow skin creations: Ocean Pearl, featuring cod fish, black pepper, macadamia nuts and pumpkin seeds, and Amber Moonlight, where red bean, lotus paste and fragrant orange come together in a refreshing interpretation of a festive classic. Guests may also enjoy the Supermoon Snow Skin, available at RM478nett and designed to serve up to 10 persons. To order, WhatsApp 019-228 1253 or visit <https://tinyurl.com/2esm6e49>

Hilton Petaling Jaya

The Phoenix Prestige takes inspiration from the enduring symbolism of the phoenix, representing renewal, harmony and prosperity. Priced at RM159nett, the collection is presented in a striking red keepsake accompanied by a commemorative tote bag. It features a set of four baked mooncakes that honour familiar flavours. The mooncakes are also available in individual pieces from RM40nett, in flavours such as Baked Pure Lotus Paste with Single Yolk, Baked White Lotus Paste, Baked Red Bean Paste with Almond Flakes and Baked Chocolate Lotus. To order, WhatsApp 012-938 2466 or visit <https://tinyurl.com/4jrscx83>



JW Marriott Kuala Lumpur

Shanghai restaurant presents a curated selection of traditional baked mooncakes, meticulously crafted by chefs who take great pride in preserving this cherished tradition. Mooncakes are decadent delights that symbolise unity in Chinese culture, typically eaten in the company of family and friends during the Mid-Autumn Festival. Savour intricately Baked Shanghaiese mooncakes with luscious fillings, including Shanghaiese Crispy Yellow Lotus Paste with Salted Egg Yolk, along with perennial favourites like Baked White Lotus Paste and Black Sesame with Salted Egg Yolk. The mooncakes are priced from RM38+ per piece and RM152+ for a box of four pieces. To order, call/WhatsApp 018-623 0069.



Le Meridien Putrajaya

Inspired by the spirit of Mid-Autumn, the collection showcases a curated selection of mooncakes, pairing timeless favourites with new creations. The elegant gift boxes transform the timeless tradition of festive gifting into a thoughtful gesture of appreciation for family, friends and business associates. The Premium Gift Box (RM189nett) features four flavours: White Lotus with Egg Yolk, Scarlet Snow Lotus, Red Bean with Tangerine Peel and Toffee Butterscotch. The Signature Gift Box (RM98nett) presents two flavours: White Lotus with Egg Yolk and Green Tea Apricot. To order, contact 012-823-4101 or visit <https://tinyurl.com/2wzwmnmx>



Mandarin Oriental, Kuala Lumpur

The hotel's collection of mooncakes celebrate timeless traditions and artistry infused with Malaysian heritage. Featured flavours include Lotus Paste with Single Yolk and Assorted Mixed Nuts (traditional baked), Musang King Durian and Red Bean Paste with Bird's Nest and Rose (snow skin) as well as Pistachio Kataifi Chocolate and Hazelnut and Fig Chocolate (artisanal chocolate). The mooncakes are priced at RM218+ and RM288+ respectively for a four-piece and eight-piece box. This year's box hue draws inspiration from the ancient art of celadon ceramic, which embodies sophistication and quiet elegance. To order, call 03-2330 8797 or visit <https://tinyurl.com/yebyyhsp>



One World Hotel, Petaling Jaya

This year's collection is themed Echoes of the Earth. Its two elegantly designed gift sets represent growth, resilience and togetherness. The Blossom set (RM218nett per box) features four maruchi mooncakes: White Lotus with Golden Yolk, Pure Lotus with Kaya Lava, Purple Sweet Potato Lotus with Salted Mung Bean and Dragon Fruit Lotus with Black Sesame Mochi. The Continuum set (RM128nett per box) offers four baked mooncakes: White Lotus, Pandan Lotus, Red Bean, White Lotus with Single Yolk and Supreme Mixed Nuts. To order, WhatsApp 016-339 0995.



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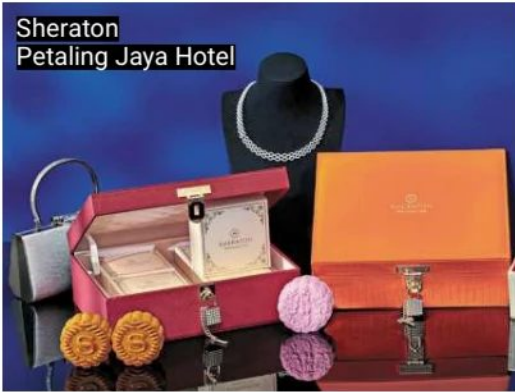
The collection is designed to honour cherished traditions while creating memorable moments shared with family, friends and business associates. The Essence of Tradition set (RM238nett) includes Baked Pandan Lotus with Single Yolk and Baked Mixed Nuts. The Premium Collection set (RM248nett) includes Baked White Lotus with Single Yolk and Baked Green Tea with Red Bean (Matcha Skin). The Sip and Savour Collection offers mooncakes and selected alcoholic drinks pairing, priced from RM628nett per box. To order, WhatsApp 010-229 7156 or visit <https://tinyurl.com/f96t86x9>

Shangri-La Kuala Lumpur



Inspired by the natural elegance of blooming peonies and the enduring symbolism of ancient coin motifs, this year's collection is crafted as a celebration of both heritage and modern design. The baked selection offers Lotus Seed Paste with

Double Yolk, White Lotus Seed Paste with Yolk, Assorted Nuts and Sun-Dried Fruits and Yuzu Lotus Seed Paste with Bird's Nest and 40-Year-Old Dried Tangerine Peel. The snow skin selection features Matcha Strawberry, Musang King, Bird's Nest and Coconut and Black Sesame and Nutella. The mooncakes are presented in keepsake boxes, priced between RM177nett for a four-piece set and RM528nett for an eight-piece set. To order, call 03-2786 2378 or visit <https://tinyurl.com/3be4cjmu>



Sheraton Petaling Jaya Hotel

The Luna Radiance mooncake collection blends timeless heritage with contemporary elegance. Every mooncake set is presented in a premium leatherette keepsake box available in four colour options, and is adorned with this year's signature crystal padlock. The classic, halal-certified baked selection offers Pure Lotus Paste, Red Bean Paste and White Lotus Paste with Single Yolk flavours. The Premium Baked Mooncake features an indulgent Black Truffle Lotus Paste with Single Yolk. The snow skin range pairs premium fruit-forward profiles with delicate textures, such as Cherry Yuzu Bliss, Passion Jackfruit and Raspberry Lychee Rose. The mooncakes are priced between RM158nett and RM320nett per box. To order, call 03-7622 8888 or visit <https://tinyurl.com/aajwxxy56>



Sunway Resort Hotel, Petaling Jaya

At the heart of this year's Garden of Moonlight collection is a premium gift box inspired by the traditional Chinese lantern. Each gift box, which can later be repurposed as a wine bottle holder, houses four pieces of mooncakes. There are seven flavour options: White Lotus Paste with Single Egg Yolk, Pure Red Bean, Assorted Fruits and Nuts, Sea Salt Chocolate, Cendol with Coconut, Longan Custard with Black Sesame and Lychee with Coconut. Individual mooncakes are priced at RM45nett each; the gift box is RM288nett. To order, WhatsApp 019-381 5568 or visit <https://tinyurl.com/5bs5n5mr>



Sofitel Kuala Lumpur Damansara

Maison of Mid-Autumn Elegance is a collection inspired by the beauty of reunion and meaningful connections. It features two pretty gift boxes, Golden Reverie and Autumn Harmony. The baked mooncake flavours are Red Bean, Pure White Lotus,

White Lotus with Single Egg Yolk and Pandan Single Yolk. Snow skin options include Mango Cream Cheese, Matcha with Red Bean, Pandan Custard and Black Sesame with Cheese. There are also exclusive flavours such as Pumpkin Lotus Paste with Mung Bean Paste, Dark Chocolate with Sea Salt and Musang King Durian. Individual mooncakes are priced from RM42+ per piece; a box of four pieces is from RM178+. To order, contact 017-511 7725 or e-mail Jasmine.Yap@sofitel.com



The Ritz-Carlton, Kuala Lumpur

Li Yen restaurant presents a curated selection of baked and snow skin mooncakes this Mid-Autumn Festival. Signature classics include the Moet and Chandon Champagne Snow Skin and Moet and Chandon Rose Imperial Champagne Snow Skin. Other mooncake flavours include White Lotus Paste with Double Egg Yolk, Lotus Paste with Single Egg Yolk, Red Bean Paste, Kam Tui (Mixed Nuts and Ham), Mini White Lotus Paste and Cream Cheese with Port Wine Mini Snow Skin. Prices start from RM19+ per piece and from RM132+ per box. To order, call/WhatsApp 018-623 0038.



The St Regis Kuala Lumpur

The hotel presents The Jade Archive: At Moonrise, an exquisite collection inspired by the timeless legend of Chang'e and the Jade Rabbit. The mooncakes come in the classic-sized Lotus Seed Paste Single Yolk Mooncake or 16.5cm Super Mooncake with Eight Yolks. For gifting, there are options such as Classic Mooncake Trunk with four pieces of mooncakes and Luxury Mooncake Trunk that includes a pair of limited-edition Chinese tea cups. Prices start from RM45nett per piece and from RM338nett per trunk. To order, call 03-2727 6696 or visit stregiskl.oddle.me/en_MY



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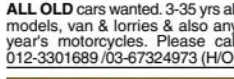
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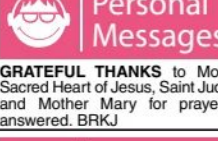


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Notis adalah dengan ini diberikan bahawa, bankrap yang dinamakan dalam jadual di bawah telah dilepaskan daripada kebangkrutan melalui Sijil Ketua Pengarah Insolvency berkuatakuasa pada tarikh seperti yang dinyatakan dalam ruang (5)

(1) BIL	(2) NAMA BANKRAP	(3) NO. K/P	(4) NO. KEBANKRAPAN	(5) TARIKH KUAT KUASA PELEPASAN
1	SHAMSUDDIN BIN MUHAMMAD	590708-01-5965	3265-08 TAHUN 2014	07.08.2026
2	FATIMAH BINTI AHMAD	511124-01-6026	1741-05 TAHUN 2015	07.08.2026
3	SEAGAR A/L PATCHAIAPPAN	590313-01-6285	4210-10 TAHUN 2012	06.08.2026
4	MOHAMAD PAIZOL BIN MAHMOOD	820414-01-5805	214-01 TAHUN 2015	06.08.2026
5	HAMZUL BIN ABDUL HAMID	740330-01-5373	1129-03 TAHUN 2014	06.08.2026
6	PRIYA LATHA A/P VASUDEVAN	730730-01-5250	746-11 TAHUN 2013	06.08.2026
7	ALSETDEK BIN ALI	690403-10-5423	1589-04 TAHUN 2014	06.08.2026
8	PARMASWARI A/P MUNIANDY	620516-08-6472	1484-05 TAHUN 2013	06.08.2026
9	LOW CHIN LIM	660727-01-6219	2675-06 TAHUN 2012	06.08.2026
10	NORAWATI BINTI KASSAN	820621-01-5920	4074-09 TAHUN 2012	06.08.2026
11	S. RAVI A/L SANGKUNY	630501-01-5865	234-01 TAHUN 2013	06.08.2026
12	NOORPADILAH BINTI MD ALI	780917-01-5598	5134-12 TAHUN 2012	06.08.2026
13	MUHAMMAD KHULDI BIN KASSIM	RF153870	2777-07 TAHUN 2014	11.08.2026
14	AMPON A/P WEANG	840830-02-5760	4072-10 TAHUN 2014	11.08.2026
15	JUMAYIN BIN RASAT	624013-01-5081	4822-12 TAHUN 2014	11.08.2026
16	MOHD JAMRI BIN MAIDUM	850502-12-5569	4592-11 TAHUN 2014	11.08.2026
17	NORAISSAH BINTI MAHMUD	781108-01-6448	681-02 TAHUN 2015	11.08.2026
18	TAN LYE CHUAN	711210-07-5571	764-02 TAHUN 2015	11.08.2026
19	ROSDI BIN RASHID	740929-03-5709	689-02 TAHUN 2015	11.08.2026
20	NORAZLAN BIN ABDULLAH	840806-01-5685	682-02 TAHUN 2015	11.08.2026

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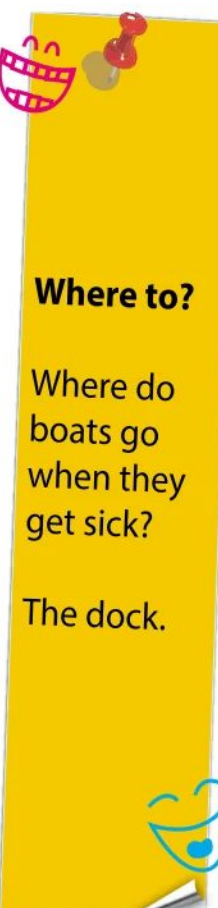
FREE HOLD | JALAN BARU, PERAI

Semi Detached & Bungalow
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Built up area
9,522sq.ft. | 15,586sq.ft. | 42,000sq.ft.

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DALAM MAHKAMAH MAJISTRET DI KUANTAN
DALAM NEGERI PAHANG DARUL MAKMUR, MALAYSIA
GUAMAN NO. CA-A72NCvC-134-06/2026
ANTARA

TENAGA NASIONAL BERHAD
(No. Syarikat: 199001009294 (200866-W))
DAN
CHIA HEE JUAK
(No. K/P: 600228-10-6231/5955663)
NOTIS

..PLAINTIF
DAN
..DEFENDAN

Kepada:
Chia Hee Juak
No 9, TKT 1,
Lrg Industri Tanah Putih 15,
Tanah Putih,
Pahang Darul Makmur.
dan di/atau
Lot 21597, Lrg Permatang,
Perkuburan Cina,
Kg Sg Soi, 26060 Penor,
Pahang Darul Makmur.
dan di/atau
A 1011, Taman Selamat,
Lorong Selamat 28,
25050 Kuantan, Pahang Darul Makmur

No 11-A, Lrg Industri Tanah Putih,
Baru 15, Tanah Putih,
25100 Kuantan, 25100 Kuantan,
Pahang Darul Makmur.
dan di/atau
No 23, Lrg Seri Setali 77,
Tmn Megah Jaya,
25300 Kuantan,
Pahang Darul Makmur.

A 1011, Taman Selamat,
Lorong Selamat 28,
25050 Kuantan, Pahang Darul Makmur

AMBIL PERHATIAN bahawa suatu tindakan telah diambil terhadap kamu di Mahkamah Majistret di Kuantan dalam Guaman No: CA-A72NCvC-134-06 tahun 2026 oleh Tenaga Nasional Berhad dalam mana Plaintiff menuntut:-

(a) Bayaran bagi jumlah tunggakan bil-bil elektrik bulanan yang dikeluarkan oleh Plaintiff kepada Defendan sebanyak RM26,888.65 setakat bil bertarikh 16/6/2025 untuk Nombor Akaun Pengguna 220630774703;

(b) Faedah atas jumlah penghakiman pada kadar 5% setahun dari tarikh pertialian tindakan ini sehingga tarikh penghakiman;

(c) Faedah atas jumlah penghakiman pada kadar 5% setahun dari tarikh penghakiman sehingga tarikh penyelesaian penuh;

(d) Kos; dan

(e) Apa-apa perintah dan/atau relif lanjut yang difikirkan patut dan suamfaat oleh Mahkamah ini.

DAN ADALAH DIPERINTAHKAN bahawa Writ Saman serta Pernyataan Tuntutan ini diserahkan keatas kamu dengan menampalkan salinan Perintah bagi penyampaian ganti bersama-sama Writ Saman serta Pernyataan Tuntutan itu di Papan Kenyataan Mahkamah Majistret di Kuantan dan ditampalkan di alamat terakhir kamu di **No 9, TKT 1, Lrg Industri Tanah Putih 15, Tanah Putih, 25100 Kuantan, Pahang Darul Makmur** dan di **Lot 21597, Lrg Permatang, Perkuburan Cina, Kg Sg Soi, 26060 Penor, Pahang Darul Makmur** dan di **No 11-A, Lrg Industri Tanah Putih, Baru 15, Tanah Putih, 25100 Kuantan, Pahang Darul Makmur** dan di **No 23, Lrg Seri Setali 77, Tmn Megah Jaya, 25300 Kuantan, Pahang Darul Makmur** dan di **A 1011, Taman Selamat, Lorong Selamat 28, 25050 Kuantan, Pahang Darul Makmur** dan penampalan di Papan Kenyataan Mahkamah Majistret di Kuantan serta pengiklanan dalam Notis ini dan bahawa penampalan dan pengiklanan demikian disifatkan penyampaian Writ Saman serta Pernyataan Tuntutan yang cukup sempurna dan memuaskan keatas kamu selepas empat belas (14) hari dari tarikh penampalan dan pengiklanan mengikut yang mana lebih lewat.

Sekiranya kamu berhajat untuk membuat pembelaan terhadap tindakan tersebut, kamu mestilah memasukkan kehadiran sama ada secara sendiri atau melalui peguambela kamu di Pejabat Pendaftaran Mahkamah dalam masa 14 hari dari tarikh penyampaian yang terakhir Writ Saman serta Pernyataan Tuntutan dalam tindakan ini disampaikan terhadap kamu. Sekiranya kamu gagal berbuat demikian, maka Penghakiman akan dimasukkan terhadap kamu.

Writ Saman serta Pernyataan Tuntutan ini boleh diperiksa oleh kamu dengan memohon kepada Mahkamah ini.

Bertarikh pada 10 Ogos 2026
sgd DAING KHATIJAH & AMRAN
Peguamcara Plaintiff

Notis ini dikeluarkan oleh Tetuan Daing Khatijah & Amran, Peguambela dan Peguamcara yang beralamat di A33 & A35, Tingkat Bawah, Lorong IM 7/18, Bandar Indera Mahkota, 25200 Kuantan, Pahang Darul Makmur (DKA/L/327/105/25)

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DALAM MAHKAMAH TINGGI MALAYA DI KUALA LUMPUR
(BAHAGIAN DAGANG)
DALAM PERKARA KEBANKRAPAN NO: WA- 29NCC - 2606 - 10/2025

BER :YAP MOOK SANG
(NO. K/P : 591110-10-7245/5825705)
EX-PARTE:TENAGA NASIONAL BERHAD
(NO. SYARIKAT: 199001009294/200866-W)
NOTIS IKLAN

..PENGHUTANG
PENGHAKIMAN
...PEMIUTANG
PENGHAKIMAN

Kepada :-
YAP MOOK SANG
No. 553, Jalan 24
Salak South Baru
57100 Kuala Lumpur
Wilayah Persekutuan
Kuala Lumpur
DAN
YAP MOOK SANG
24-2 Jalan Pusat BCH ½
Bandar Country Homes
48000 Rawang, Selangor
DAN
YAP MOOK SANG
10-2, Jln Pusat BCH 1/3
Bandar Country Homes
48000 Rawang, Selangor
DAN
YAP MOOK SANG
No. 72-1-A, Jln 7A/2
Bdr Tasik Puteri
48020 Rawang, Selangor
DAN
YAP MOOK SANG
No. 7-03 Jln Kenari 17F
47170 Puchong, Selangor

AMBIL PERHATIAN bahawa suatu Petisyen Pemiutang telah dikemukakan terhadap kamu di Mahkamah Tinggi Malaysia di Kuala Lumpur oleh **TENAGA NASIONAL BERHAD** [199001009294/ 200866-W] beralamat di TNB Platinum, No. 3, Jalan Bukit Pantai, 59100 Bangsar, Kuala Lumpur dan Mahkamah telah memerintahkan bahawa Petisyen Pemiutang bertarikh 01 Julai 2026 ini diserahkan kepada kamu secara penyampaian ganti dengan mengesposkan secara Pos Berdaftar sesalinan Perintah penyampaian ganti dan Petisyen Pemiutang ini di alamat-alamat terakhir kamu yang diketahui di atas dan dengan mengiklankan satu Notis sekali di dalam akhbar tempatan bernama **"The Star"** dan menampalkan sesalinan Perintah penyampaian ganti dan Petisyen Pemiutang ini di Papan Notis di Mah-kamah Tinggi Malaysia Kuala Lumpur **DAN AKHIRNYA DIPERINTAHKAN** bahawa pengesposan penampalan dan pengiklanan tersebut hendaklah dianggap penyampaian sempurna dan cukup ke atas kamu empat belas (14) hari selepas tarikh akhir penampalan dan pengiklanan tersebut.

DAN AMBIL PERHATIAN bahawa Petisyen Pemiutang ini akan di dengar di hadapan Penolong Kanan Pendaftar (Bahagian Dagang) di Aras 3, Tengah di Mahkamah Tinggi Malaysia di Kuala Lumpur pada **10 November 2026 jam 9.00 pagi** dan kamu dikehendaki hadir pada hari tersebut dan sekiranya kamu gagal hadir, Mahkamah boleh memasuk-kan perintah kebangkrapan ke atas kamu.

Petisyen Pemiutang ini boleh diperiksa oleh kamu atas permohonan kamu di Mahkamah ini.

Bertarikh 07 Ogos 2026

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NUR DIYANA KAMILAH BINTI SHOBRI
Penolong Kanan Pendaftar
Mahkamah Tinggi Malaysia
Kuala Lumpur

NOTIS IKLAN ini telah difailkan oleh Tetuan Sidek Teoh Wong & Dennis di Level 16, Menara Aras Raya, No. 11, Jalan Raja Laut, 50350 Kuala Lumpur, peguambela dan Peguamcara bagi Pemiutang Pempetisyen yang dinamakan di atas.
[Tel: 03-26923000 Fax: 03-26930300]
[Ref: 22508544/TNB/SF/ALKM/ILJ] (ka)

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LAMPIRAN A

BANKRUPTCY ACT 1967
NOTICE UNDER SECTION 33A

Notice is hereby given that, the bankrupts in the schedule below have been discharged from bankruptcy by Certificate of Director General of Insolvency with effect from the date mentioned in column (6) schedule below.

(1) NO	(2) BANKRUPTCY NAME	(3) I/C NO.	(4) CASE NO.	(5) FILE NO.	(6) RELEASE DATE
1	SOON HOCK HYE	571209-07-5089 / 5266099	29-583-2005	302/2006	17.04.2026
2	CHEAH ENG HWA	630926-07-5687 / 7124725	29-681-2007	300/2008	21.04.2026
3	LEE SOON SING	531228-08-5227 / 4541321	29-3325-2001	292/2003	17.04.2026
4	LIM YING LEE	840814-07-5274	PA-29NCC-3004 -12/2016	912/2017	12.06.2026
5	OOI SHUEN CHIEW	741003-07-5832 / A2885947	29-2126-2011	610/2012	12.06.2026
6	KHOR WEI LING	600929-02-5215 / 5996439	29-354-2004	42/2006	12.06.2026
7	RAJKUMAR A/L KANDIAH	600422-08-6289 / 5900642	29-153-1995	214/1996	12.06.2026
8	NORMASHITA BINTI NOORDIN	670926-07-5384 / A0847676	29-495-2003	1576/2003	15.06.2026
9	MOHAMMED ZULKHIFLI BIN ISMAIL	661007-07-5645 / A0532241	29-737-2004	14/2006	15.06.2026
10	YAP PENG PENG	610907-07-5181 / 6257166	29-697-2002	1242/2004	15.06.2026
11	CHEAH KOK WAI	720124-07-5393 / A2427022	29-2271-2000	314/2002	15.06.2026
12	RAGU A/L SONIEYAN	630424-07-5919 / 7020136	29-1336-2004	1444/2005	15.06.2026
13	TYE CHEE KHEONG	630403-07-5565 / 7017949	29-2250-2002	1374/03	15.06.2026
14	KHAW AH HAI	640514-07-5049 / 7323593	29-127-2002	946/2003	15.06.2026
15	WONG SWEE JAN	791004-07-5370	29-1894-2004	60/2006	15.06.2026
16	QUEK JOO HEE	710707-07-5521 / A1914016	29-3013-2000	882/2003	12.06.2026
17	YAAKOB BIN OTHMAN	571024-04-6185 / 5255371 / T1022142	29-5-2011	1158/2010	12.06.2026
18	CH'NG ENG TEONG	730823-07-5009 / A2550316	PA-29NCC-1149 -05/2017	58/2018	12.06.2026
19	CH'NG TENG CHUA	550530-07-5453 / 4779897	29-3340-1999	1670/2003	12.06.2026
20	TAN AH BAH @ TAN CHENG SIN	480216-07-5235 / 1753899	29-78-2005	88/2006	12.06.2026

Dated this : 28 August 2026

(SITI HAFIZA BINTI JAAFAR)
State Director of Insolvency
Penang
p.p. Director General of Insolvency

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(1) NO	(2) BANKRUPTCY NAME	(3) I/C NO.	(4) CASE NO.	(5) FILE NO.	(6) RELEASE DATE
1	WONG SEONG SEW @ BONG SEONG SEW	490112-02-5101 / 7911532	29-801-2004	552/2006	13.07.2026
2	MAH CHOW @ MAH TENG CHOOI	540401-07-5247 / 4604041	29-1920-2008	460/2009	13.07.2026
3	SU SING HWA	641206-10-5677 / 7479942	29-1060-2005	540/2007	13.07.2026
4	TANG CHUN KEAT	751124-07-5491 / A3196681	29-1656-2006	20/2008	13.07.2026
5	KAUSALYA A/P ANDEE	720318-07-5500 / A2170151	29-1803-2008	1010/2009	13.07.2026
6	NG NYOKE THAI	611224-10-5294 / 6358889	29-834-2007	494/2009	13.07.2026
7	KRISHNASAMY A/L RAMAYAH	440114-07-5297 / 1905554	29-1087-04/2013	1269/2013	12.06.2026
8	LAW CHAN FOONG	760220-07-5189 / A3201264	29-223-01/20132	1360/2014	30.07.2026
9	TEH HOCK KUANG	560921-02-5065 / 5317039	29-3124-10/2012	174/2013	27.07.2026
10	LEE CHEONG LOONG	640827-07-5533 / 7437543	29-109-2006	420/2011	30.07.2026
11	SOW LOON CHIU	900120-08-5760	29NCC-1884-08/2015	1380/2016	30.07.2026
12	AMINUDIN BIN ABU TALIB	820622-02-5207	29-1617-2006	1036/2009	03.08.2026
13	AZMI BIN JAMALUDDIN	650205-07-5407 / A0046069	29-1147-2003	2030/2004	30.07.2026
14	P'NG HOCK SENG	730321-07-5359 / A2430144	29-1796-2008	636/2009	03.08.2026
15	FUM MOOK TAT	600430-07-5037 / 5908434	29-1309-2006	984/2007	03.08.2026
16	AZMI BIN ABU BAKAR	721226-08-5183 / A2346148	29-494-2003	1174/2003	03.08.2026
17	ZAINOL ABIDIN BIN MOHD SAWI	660508-07-5585 / A0411943	29-2988-1999	842/2003	03.08.2026
18	KANG GIM HOOI	680812-07-5107 / A1117889	29-2454-2000	912/2002	03.08.2026
19	SIVANANTHAN A/L THUNATHAYALAN	810715-07-5175	29-2287-09/2013	90/2014	30.07.2026
20	NG MEE LEE	520923-02-5038 / 8106419	29-3979-2000	1608/2004	30.07.2026

Dated this : 1 September 2026

(SITI HAFIZA BINTI JAAFAR)
State Director of Insolvency
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p.p. Director General of Insolvency

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BORANG IKLAN NOTIS PELEPASAN SIJIL KPI
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(1) BIL	(2) NAMA BANKRAP	(3) NO. K/P	(4) NO. KEBANKRAPAN	(5) TARIKH KUAT KUASA PELEPASAN
1	YONG TACK WEE	660513-05-5191	29-4476-10 TAHUN 2012	07.07.2026
2	HENRY BIN MASAYU	790228-12-6187	JB29NCC-4376-11 TAHUN 2014	14.07.2026
3	RACHEL UNIKA ALCANTARA	840219-12-5628	29NCC-4139-12 TAHUN 2015	17.07.2026
4	ONG YU HOCK	750811-01-6763	29-602 TAHUN 1999	03.08.2026
5	KALIDAS A/L PARAMASIVAN	731126-01-6411	29-547-06 TAHUN 2011	06.08.2026
6	SHAHROL BIN MOHD HANAFIAH	740331-01-6845	29-2085 TAHUN 2011	11.08.2026
7	BALAMURUGAN A/L ARUMUNGAM	760209-08-5095	29-2334 TAHUN 2011	11.08.2026
8	LEE YAW MENG	690524-01-5491	29-3708 TAHUN 2009	11.08.2026
9	TOH MANN YAW	701203-01-5723	29-2912 TAHUN 2006 PERYATUAN DENGAN 29-1926 TAHUN 2007 DAN 29-3210 TAHUN 2006	17.07.2026
10	CHAM TAU CHOY	860815-23-5151	JA-29NCC-367-02 Tahun 2017	13.08.2028
11	LAU SOON HENG	611211-01-5687	29-1726 TAHUN 2003	15.05.2026
12	LAU SOON HENG	611211-01-5687	29-594 TAHUN 2000	15.05.2026
13	WONG KWEE ANN	630512-04-5373	29-892 Tahun 2010	13.08.2026
14	LEE SEE FOO	820715-08-5153	29-1155-04 TAHUN 2012	06.10.2025
15	MOHD ASRI BIN ZAKARIA	670307-08-6201	JA-29NCC-3017-08 TAHUN 2016	17.07.2026
16	VIRASEGARAN A/L NADARAJAH	800902-06-5555	JA-29NCC-3498-11 TAHUN 2017	17.07.2026
17	RAVINDREN A/L MOORTHY	700726-01-5971	29-2556 TAHUN 2011	17.07.2026
18	WEE CHONG SEN	681031-01-5499	29-1149 TAHUN 2006	01.10.2025
19	V P SELVAN A/L VENGILTOPANA	770222-01-5437	29-1077-03 TAHUN 2012	17.07.2026
20	MOHAMAD AS'RI BIN ISMAIL	701122-71-5007	29NCC-4630-12 Tahun 2014	17.07.2026

Bertarikh pada 9.9.2026

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(SHARIFAH MALEEHA BINTI SYED HUSSIN)
Pengarah Insolvensi Negeri,
Mdl Cawangan Johor Bahru.
b.p. Ketua Pengarah Insolvensi, Malaysia.

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(1) BIL	(2) NAMA BANKRAP	(3) NO. K/P	(4) NO. KEBANKRAPAN	(5) TARIKH KUAT KUASA PELEPASAN
1	SITI KHASLIZA BINTI A.HAMID	820930-01-6142	29-3571-10 TAHUN 2015	11.08.2026
2	NOOR AMIN BIN MAHBAB	771014-01-5701	29-2979-08 TAHUN 2015	11.08.2026
3	MANEIMARAN A/L SUPPAYA	670529-08-5239	29-1402-04 TAHUN 2015	11.08.2026
4	JEFFRA BIN RAZALI	710725-01-6365	29-3343-09 TAHUN 2015	11.08.2026
5	ARMAN BIN OMAR	720813-01-5767	29-2324-06 TAHUN 2014	11.08.2026
6	NAGALETCHUMY A/P RACHIAPPA KAVANDAN	760824-01-7350	29-623-02 TAHUN 2014	11.08.2026
7	NURIYLIA IZZATI BINTI MOHMED	881128-01-6072	29-2546-06 TAHUN 2014	11.08.2026
8	KAMALAVEANY A/P RAJENDRAN	730822-08-5790	29-2474-06 TAHUN 2014	11.08.2026
9	FARIDA BINTI MOHAMED AMIN	690804-66-5042	29-76-01 TAHUN 2015	11.08.2026
10	LAU HEOK HEONG	611210-01-5060	29-2716-07 TAHUN 2015	11.08.2026
11	VARATHARAJU NAIDU A/L SUBRAMANIAM	680425-08-5719	29-1191-03 TAHUN 2015	11.08.2026
12	NOR FAIZAL REZA BIN ZAINUDDIN	830403-06-5523	29-799-02 TAHUN 2015	11.08.2026
13	NORMA BT ABD RASID	860827-29-6058	29-3190-09 TAHUN 2015	11.08.2026
14	LIM ENG LENG	1459952E	29-199-01 TAHUN 2015	11.08.2026
15	SHAHIZAM BIN SHAHADAN	850805-01-5623	29-3985-11 TAHUN 2015	11.08.2026
16	SUZINDA BINTI MOHD ZIN	731215-01-5306	29-2841-08 TAHUN 2016	11.08.2026
17	LIM JOO HUAT	630512-07-5169	29-3202-09 TAHUN 2015	11.08.2026
18	YEU AH CHUAN	781226-01-5083	29-1498-04 TAHUN 2015	11.08.2026
19	FAZIANA LILI BINTI ABDUL GHANI	821125-01-6160	29-4617-11 TAHUN 2014	11.08.2026
20	ROSNIZA BINTI YA'ACOB	670727-01-5434	29-2500-07 TAHUN 2015	11.08.2026

Bertarikh pada 9.9.2026

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(SHARIFAH MALEEHA BINTI SYED HUSSIN)
Pengarah Insolvensi Negeri,
Mdl Cawangan Johor Bahru.
b.p. Ketua Pengarah Insolvensi, Malaysia.

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BANKRUPTCY ACT 1967 NOTICE UNDER SECTION 33A				
Notice is hereby given that, the bankrupts in the schedule below have been discharged from bankruptcy by Certificate of Director General of Insolvency with effect from the date mentioned in column (5) schedule below.				
NO	NAME OF BANKRUPT	NRIC NO	CASE NO	EFFECTIVE DATE OF DISCHARGE
1.	ZAHARAH BINTI OMAR	680815-03-5186	29-1083-2000 BP007633/2003 (347/2003)	16 JULY 2026
2.	MOHD SABRI BIN RAMLI	730802-03-5243	29-3553-2003 (JB) BP014467/2005 (88/2012)	19 JULY 2026
3.	MOHD SAIFULASRAD BIN MOHD NOOR	810716-03-5933	DA-29NCC-579-05/2017 BP029284/2017 (352/2018)	19 JULY 2026
4.	ZALEHA BINTI CHE SOH	751114-03-5218	DA-29NCC-514-04/2017 BP026645/2017 (221/2018)	19 JULY 2026
5.	SAIFUL FARHAM BIN MOHD NOR	870823-03-5271	DA-29NCC-1273-10/2016 BP016346/2017 (49/2018)	19 JULY 2026
6.	ZAINUDDIN BIN ASAN	851225-04-5169	DA-29NCC-886-07/2017 BP031715/2018 (609/2018)	19 JULY 2026
7.	ZABAH I BIN ISMAIL	730116-03-5745	DA-29NCC-902-11/2019 BP001430/2020 (119/2020)	19 JULY 2026
8.	MOHAMMAD HANIFF BIN MAT HASSAN	910727-03-5603	DA-29NCC-393-05/2018 BP045155/2018 (107/2019)	19 JULY 2026
9.	ZAHARI BIN IBRAHIM	610301-03-5011	29-NCvC 850-08/2012 BP010952/2013 (280/2013)	19 JULY 2026
10.	ZAMZUAINI BIN AWANG	731229-03-5121	DA-29NCC-377-05/2018 BP039845/2018 (632/2018)	19 JULY 2026
11.	MOHAMAD ROSSYAZWAN BIN ROSLAN	880528-09-5027	DA-29NCC-1136-08/2017 BP014365/2018 (552/2018)	19 JULY 2026
12.	MOHD RAHADI BIN HASSAN	580321-03-5225	DA-29NCC-461-06/2018 BP043212/2018 (662/2018)	19 JULY 2026
13.	MOHD HAFIZIE BIN GHAZALI	880420-03-5903	DA-29NCC-1400-11/2017 BP005309/2018 (421/2018)	19 JULY 2026
14.	SYUKRI BIN RAMLI	761113-03-5661	29-NCVC 1247-12/2012 BP010960/2013 (288/2013)	26 JULY 2026
15.	AHMAD SAFAWI BIN ABDULLAH	751129-03-5157	29-NCVC-1202-12/2012 BP010956/2013 (284/2013)	26 JULY 2026
16.	ELIS FAIZAL BIN CHE FAUZI	771126-03-6187	DA-29NCVC 1017-10/2012 BP006875/2014 (214/2014)	26 JULY 2026
17.	MUKHTAR BIN DOLLAH	690115-11-6099	29-NCVC 518-04/2012 BP001330/2014 (24/2014)	26 JULY 2026
18.	NUR EDELEN BINTI MOHD NAWI	770722-03-6568	29-NCVC 139-02/2012 BP001376/2014 (28/2014)	26 JULY 2026
19.	BURHANUDIN BIN ISMAIL	710101-03-7213	29-736-10/2014 BP035286/2015 (455/2016)	26 JULY 2026
20.	AZLINDA BINTI ALIS	740805-14-6052	DA-29NCC-1254-12/2015 BP005132/2016 (365/2016)	26 JULY 2026
MOHD IZUDDIN BIN MOHD SHUKRI State Director of Insolvency State of Kelantan p.p. Director General of Insolvency				

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(1) NO	(2) BANKRUPTCY NAME	(3) I/C NO.	(4) CASE NO.	(5) FILE NO.	(6) RELEASE DATE
1	KHOO BOO SWEE	650817-07-5037 / A0255007	29-3245-2001	982/2003	12.06.2026
2	CHOR PHEK YONG	751115-07-5502 / A3195546	29-1455-2009	1582/2010	12.06.2026
3	MAZLI KHAN BIN AHMAD MIFTAH	621231-08-6131 / 7122591	29-23-2000	28/2003	12.06.2026
4	NG BAK SENG	660404-07-5169 / A0409189	29-1073-2008	222/2009	12.06.2026
5	ANG THEAN SENG	690901-07-5669 / A1361516	29-636-2006	1080/2007	12.06.2026
6	NERMALADAVI A/P KATAYA	720208-07-5008 / A2094250	29-2094-2009	788/2010	12.06.2026
7	HASYANI BINTI YAHAYA	750508-02-5456 / A3135753	29-664-2005	80/2006	12.06.2026
8	MOHAMAD AKHIR BIN NASIR	710518-02-6077 / A1885020	29-2678-09/2012	198/2014	16.07.2026
9	VIMALA A/P GOPALA KRISHNAN	801027-07-5708	29-1392-05/2013	1568/2013	16.07.2026
10	GOOI CHIN GUAN	690829-07-5575 / A1359748	PA-29NCC-686-06/2019	548/2019	13.07.2026
11	LIM SIN BU	670117-02-5459 / A0609920	29-2052-2011	1060/2012	13.07.2026
12	LOH SIM BOK	700218-07-5433 / A1510257	29-6-2008	970/2007	03.07.2026
13	LOH LIN THAI	610910-08-6324 / 6294336	29-679-2010	1236/2010	03.07.2026
14	ABDUL RAHIM BIN ALI	570403-07-6259 / 5142063	29-624-2007	1010/2007	03.07.2026
15	YEE CHEE SENG	741115-07-5327 / A2887483	29-1380-2008	1034/2010	03.07.2026
16	CHEAH SAIK CHIN	650105-07-5880 / A0045503	29-132-2002	476/2004	03.07.2026
17	YEAP CHYE HUAT	600918-07-5663 / 5995501	29-720-01/2012	376/2013	03.07.2026
18	NOR HAYATI BINTI AHMAD	750419-02-5454 / A3081849	29-1344-05/2012	1568/2012	16.07.2026
19	NG TEK ONG	720516-07-5501 / A2170928	29-1282-2006	140/2008	13.07.2026
20	TEH KIM LAI	641215-07-5705 / A0044214	29-918-2005	646/2006	13.07.2026
Dated this : 1 September 2026					
(SITI HAFIZA BINTI JAAFAR) State Director of Insolvency Penang p.p. Director General of Insolvency					

DALAM MAHKAMAH TINGGI MALAYA DI KUALA LUMPUR DALAM WILAYAH PERSEKUTUAN, MALAYSIA (BAHAGIAN KELUARGA) PETISYEN PERCELAHAN NO : WA-33-281-06/2026 Dalam Perkara mengenai Seksyen 53, 54 (1)(a), (b), 58 (1) (2) (3), 59, 76 (1) (2), 88 (2), 92 dan 93 Akta Membaharu Undang-Undang (Perkahwinan dan Perceraian) 1976 Dan Dalam Perkara 106(5)(b) Akta Membaharu Undang-Undang (Perkahwinan dan Perceraian) 1976 ANTARA CHIN PEI PEI @ TAN PEI PEI (NO. K/P : 840814-07-5258) ..PEMPETISYEN DAN FU HEE BOON (NO. K/P : 830203-14-5545) ..RESPONDEN DAN AILY TAN (P) (NO. K/P : 801220-14-5616) ..RESPONDEN BERSAMA NOTIS IKLAN	
Kepada :- 1. FU HEE BOON Block C-6-2 Ketumbar Heights Taman Cheras Utama Cheras Kuala Lumpur 2. AILY TAN Block C-6-2 Ketumbar Heights Taman Cheras Utama Cheras Kuala Lumpur AMBIL PERHATIAN bahawa Petisyen telah dikemukakan terhadap kamu masing-masing sebagai Responden dan Responden Bersama di Mahkamah Tinggi Kuala Lumpur vide Petisyen Perceraian No. WA-33-281-06/2026 oleh CHIN PEI PEI @ TAN PEI PEI (P) di E-22-17, Symphony Height, Jalan Medan, Batu Caves, 56100 Selangor yang mana Pempetisyen memfailkan suatu Petisyen Perceraian untuk pembubaran perkahwinan bersama dengan satu Salinan Notis Prosiding dan salinan Akuterima Penyampaian ke atas kamu sekiranya kamu ingin membela kes ini. ADALAH DIPERINTAHKAN bahawa Petisyen tersebut diserahkan ke atas kamu masing-masing dengan menampalkan kertas-kertas kausa perceraian bersama salinan Perintah untuk Penyampaian Ganti yang diakui sah di papan notis Mahkamah Tinggi di Kuala Lumpur dan penampalan salinan serupa di hadapan pintu gril premis Responden dan Responden Bersama di Block C-6-2 Ketumbar Heights, Taman Cheras Utama, Cheras, Kuala Lumpur dan juga dengan menyebabkan satu Notis akan Petisyen Perceraian terhadap kamu dalam tindakan ini diiklankan dalam suratkhabar 'The Star' dan bahawa penampalan-penampalan dan pengiklanan tersebut dipadati penyampaian yang sempurna dan mencukupi Petisyen Perceraian tersebut terhadap Responden dan Responden Bersama EMPAT BELAS (14) hari selepas tarikh terakhir penampalan dan pengiklanan. Petisyen Perceraian ini boleh diperiksa oleh kamu atas permintaan di Mahkamah Tinggi Kuala Lumpur. Jika kamu ingin membela terhadap tindakan ini kamu dikehendaki hadir secara diri atau melalui peguambela kamu di hadapan Mahkamah Kuala Lumpur, Mahkamah Keluarga, Tingkat 3, Sayap Kanan, Kompleks Mahkamah Kuala Lumpur, Jalan Duta, Kuala Lumpur pada 24 September 2026 jam 9.00 pagi. Adalah dimaklumkan bahawa Mahkamah akan meneruskan dengan Petisyen Perceraian dalam ketidakhadiran kamu. Bertarikh 10 Ogos 2026 T.T. Penolong Kanan Pendaftar / Timbalan Pendaftar NOTIS IKLAN ini adalah difail oleh Tetuan Yong & Co., Peguamcara bagi Pempetisyen tersebut di atas di No. 131-B, Main Street, Salak South, 57100 Kuala Lumpur. No. Tel : 03-7982 4140 / 5326 No. Faks : 03-7980 8250 (Ruj kami : CV/3816/2026) (Alamat emel : yongcompanyadvsol@gmail.com)	

DALAM MAHKAMAH MAJISTRET DI PETALING JAYA DALAM NEGERI SELANGOR DARUL EHSAN, MALAYSIA NO. SAMAN/GUAMAN SIVIL : BB-A71NCVC-249-06/2026	
ANTARA KERAJAAN MALAYSIA ... PLAINTIF DAN KWAN WEE MENG (NO. K/P: 841201-05-5427) ... DEFENDAN NOTIS	
Kepada : KWAN WEE MENG NO. 26, JALAN AP 2, ANDIRA PARK, BANDAR BUKIT PUCHONG 2, PUCHONG, 47120 PUCHONG, SELANGOR DARUL EHSAN AMBIL PERHATIAN bahawa satu Writ Saman dan Pernyataan Tuntutan telah dikeluarkan terhadap kamu dalam Mahkamah ini oleh Kerajaan Malaysia yang alamat penyerahan ialah Lembaga Hasil Dalam Negeri Malaysia, Cawangan Guaman Lembah Klang, Aras Bawah, 1, 2 & 3, Kompleks Bangunan Kerajaan, Jalan Tuanku Abdul Halim, 50600 Kuala Lumpur dan Mahkamah ini telah memerintahkan bahawa Writ Saman dan Pernyataan Tuntutan ini diserahkan kepada kamu secara penyampaian ganti dengan menampalkan sesalanan Writ Saman dan Pernyataan Tuntutan tersebut beserta dengan salinan Perintah Penyampaian Ganti di pintu hadapan alamat terakhir kamu di No. 26, Jalan AP 2, Andira Park, Bandar Bukit Puchong 2, Puchong, 47120 Puchong, Selangor Darul Ehsan dan papan kenyataan Mahkamah Majistret Petaling Jaya dan juga memasukkan satu pengiklanan di akhbar tempatan iaitu "The Star" dan penampalan dan pengiklanan tersebut hendaklah dianggap penyampaian sempurna dan cukup 14 hari ke atas kamu selepas tarikh akhir penampalan atau pengiklanan tersebut, Writ Saman dan Pernyataan Tuntutan ini boleh diperiksa oleh kamu atas permohonan kamu di Mahkamah ini. Sekiranya kamu berhasrat untuk membela dalam tindakan tersebut, kamu mestilah dalam masa empat belas (14) hari dari tarikh tersiarnya iklan ini, memasukkan kehadiran di Pejabat Pendaftaran, Mahkamah Majistret Petaling Jaya. Jika ingkar memasukkan kehadiran, penghakiman boleh diberikan atau perintah dibuat terhadap atau berhubungan dengan dirinya sebagaimana yang difikirkan adil dan suai manfaat oleh Mahkamah. Bertarikh 13 Ogos 2026t..... PENOLONG PENDAFTAR MAHKAMAH MAJISTRET PETALING JAYA Notis Iklan ini difailkan oleh Kerajaan Malaysia yang alamat penyerahan ialah Lembaga Hasil Dalam Negeri Malaysia, Cawangan Guaman Lembah Klang, Aras Bawah, 1, 2 & 3, Kompleks Bangunan Kerajaan, Jalan Tuanku Abdul Halim, 50600 Kuala Lumpur. No. Rujukan: IG 20435617020	

DALAM MAHKAMAH MAJISTRET DI TEMERLOH DALAM NEGERI PAHANG DARUL MAKMUR, MALAYSIA GUAMAN NO. CB-A72NCVC-35-06/2026	
ANTARA TENAGA NASIONAL BERHAD [No. Syarikat: 199001009294 (200866-W)] ... PLAINTIF DAN NATRAH BINTI JAMALUDDIN (No. K/P: 860219-06-5002) ... DEFENDAN NOTIS	
Kepada: Natrah binti Jamaluddin 39 TKR 1, Jln Dagang 1 Dynton Bkt Angin, 28000 Temerloh, Pahang Darul Makmur dan di/atau Kampung Sanggang Seberang, 28000 Temerloh, Pahang Darul Makmur. AMBIL PERHATIAN bahawa suatu tindakan telah diambil terhadap kamu di Mahkamah Majistret di Temerloh dalam Guaman No: CB-A72NCVC-35-06 tahun 2026 oleh Tenaga Nasional Berhad dalam mana Plaintiff menuntut:- (a) Bayaran bagi jumlah tunggakan bil-bil elektrik bulanan yang dikeluarkan oleh Plaintiff kepada Defendan sebanyak RM14,372.37 setakat bil bertarikh 6/12/2024 untuk Nombor Akaun Pengguna 210133013009; (b) Faedah atas jumlah penghakiman pada kadar 5% setahun dari tarikh pemfailan tindakan ini sehingga tarikh penghakiman; (c) Faedah atas jumlah penghakiman pada kadar 5% setahun dari tarikh penghakiman sehingga tarikh penyelesaian penuh; (d) Kos; dan (e) Apa-apa perintah dan/atau relif lanjut yang difikirkan patut dan suaimanfaat oleh Mahkamah ini. DAN ADALAH DIPERINTAHKAN bahawa Writ Saman serta Pernyataan Tuntutan ini diserahkan keatas kamu dengan menampalkan salinan Perintah bagi penyampaian ganti bersama-sama Writ Saman serta Pernyataan Tuntutan itu di Papan Kenyataan Mahkamah Majistret di Temerloh dan ditampalkan di alamat terakhir kamu di 39 TKR 1, Jln Dagang 1, Dynton Bkt Angin, 28000 Temerloh, Pahang Darul Makmur dan di Kampung Sanggang Seberang, 28000 Temerloh, Pahang Darul Makmur dan penampalan di Papan Kenyataan Mahkamah Majistret di Temerloh serta pengiklanan dalam Notis ini dan bahawa penampalan dan pengiklanan demikian disifatkan penyampaian Writ Saman serta Pernyataan Tuntutan yang cukup sempurna dan memuaskan keatas kamu selepas empat belas (14) hari dari tarikh penampalan dan pengiklanan mengikut yang mana lebih lewat. Sekiranya kamu berhajat untuk membuat pembelaan terhadap tindakan tersebut, kamu mestilah memasukkan kehadiran sama ada secara sendiri atau melalui peguambela kamu di Pejabat Pendaftaran Mahkamah dalam masa 14 hari dari tarikh penyampaian yang terakhir Writ Saman serta Pernyataan Tuntutan dalam tindakan ini disampaikan terhadap kamu. Sekiranya kamu gagal berbuat demikian, maka Penghakiman akan dimasukkan terhadap kamu. Writ Saman serta Pernyataan Tuntutan ini boleh diperiksa oleh kamu dengan memohon kepada Mahkamah ini. Bertarikh pada 6 Ogos 2026 sgd DAING KHATIJAH & AMRAN Peguamcara Plaintiff Notis ini dikeluarkan oleh Tetuan Daing Khatijah & Amran, Peguambela dan Peguamcara yang beralamat di A33 & A35, Tingkat Bawah, Lorong IM 7/18, Bandar Indera Mahkota, 25200 Kuantan, Pahang Darul Makmur (DKA/L/327/107/25)	

DALAM MAHKAMAH MAJISTRET DI KUANTAN DALAM NEGERI PAHANG DARUL MAKMUR, MALAYSIA GUAMAN NO. CA-A72NCVC-133-06/2026	
ANTARA TENAGA NASIONAL BERHAD [No. Syarikat: 199001009294 (200866-W)] ... PLAINTIF DAN MOHD ZAIDI BIN SA'AIBON (No. K/P: 820617-06-5319) ... DEFENDAN NOTIS	
Kepada: Mohd Zaidi bin Sa'aibon 989, Jln Kemaman, Kg Chengal Lempong, 26100 Balok, Pahang Darul Makmur dan di/atau B-2, Rumah Kedai LKNP, Baru 10 1/2 Balok, 26100 Kuantan, Pahang Darul Makmur. AMBIL PERHATIAN bahawa suatu tindakan telah diambil terhadap kamu di Mahkamah Majistret di Kuantan dalam Guaman No: CA-A72NCVC-133-06 tahun 2026 oleh Tenaga Nasional Berhad dalam mana Plaintiff menuntut:- (a) Bayaran bagi jumlah tunggakan bil-bil elektrik bulanan yang dikeluarkan oleh Plaintiff kepada Defendan sebanyak RM13,072.39 setakat bil bertarikh 4/12/2024 untuk Nombor Akaun Pengguna 210084373509; (b) Faedah atas jumlah penghakiman pada kadar 5% setahun dari tarikh pemfailan tindakan ini sehingga tarikh penghakiman; (c) Faedah atas jumlah penghakiman pada kadar 5% setahun dari tarikh penghakiman sehingga tarikh penyelesaian penuh; (d) Kos; dan (e) Apa-apa perintah dan/atau relif lanjut yang difikirkan patut dan suaimanfaat oleh Mahkamah ini. DAN ADALAH DIPERINTAHKAN bahawa Writ Saman serta Pernyataan Tuntutan ini diserahkan keatas kamu dengan menampalkan salinan Perintah bagi penyampaian ganti bersama-sama Writ Saman serta Pernyataan Tuntutan itu di Papan Kenyataan Mahkamah Majistret di Kuantan dan ditampalkan di alamat terakhir kamu di 989, Jln Kemaman, Kg Chengal Lempong, 26100 Balok, Pahang Darul Makmur dan di B-2, Rumah Kedai LKNP, Batu 10 1/2 Balok, 26100 Kuantan, Pahang Darul Makmur dan penampalan di Papan Kenyataan Mahkamah Majistret di Kuantan serta pengiklanan dalam Notis ini dan bahawa penampalan dan pengiklanan demikian disifatkan penyampaian Writ Saman serta Pernyataan Tuntutan yang cukup sempurna dan memuaskan keatas kamu selepas empat belas (14) hari dari tarikh penampalan dan pengiklanan mengikut yang mana lebih lewat. Sekiranya kamu berhajat untuk membuat pembelaan terhadap tindakan tersebut, kamu mestilah memasukkan kehadiran sama ada secara sendiri atau melalui peguambela kamu di Pejabat Pendaftaran Mahkamah dalam masa 14 hari dari tarikh penyampaian yang terakhir Writ Saman serta Pernyataan Tuntutan dalam tindakan ini disampaikan terhadap kamu. Sekiranya kamu gagal berbuat demikian, maka Penghakiman akan dimasukkan terhadap kamu. Writ Saman serta Pernyataan Tuntutan ini boleh diperiksa oleh kamu dengan memohon kepada Mahkamah ini. Bertarikh pada 10 Ogos 2026 sgd DAING KHATIJAH & AMRAN Peguamcara Plaintiff Notis ini dikeluarkan oleh Tetuan Daing Khatijah & Amran, Peguambela dan Peguamcara yang beralamat di A33 & A35, Tingkat Bawah, Lorong IM 7/18, Bandar Indera Mahkota, 25200 Kuantan, Pahang Darul Makmur (DKA/L/327/106/25)	

DALAM MAHKAMAH TINGGI MALAYA DI KUALA LUMPUR DALAM WILAYAH PERSEKUTUAN, MALAYSIA (BAHAGIAN DAGANG) DALAM PERKARA KEBANKRAPAN NO : WA - 29NCC - 1730 - 07/2026 BERKENAAN : LEE CHAK CHUN ..PENGHUTANG PENGHAKIMAN (NO. K/P : 870824-56-5469) EX-PARTE : AFFIN BANK BERHAD [197501003274 (25046-T)] ..PEMIUTANG PENGHAKIMAN NOTIS IKLAN	
Kepada : LEE CHAK CHUN Unit B2-2-3, Solaris Dutamas Jalan Dutamas 1 50480 Kuala Lumpur dan LEE CHAK CHUN No. 18, Jalan 9/17 Fadason Villa, Taman Fadason 52000 Kuala Lumpur dan LEE CHAK CHUN 85, Jalan Benteng Timor Taman Nanyang Estate, Jinjang Utara 52000 Kuala Lumpur AMBIL PERHATIAN bahawa satu Notis Kebankrapan telah dikeluarkan terhadap kamu dalam Mahkamah Tinggi Malaysia Kuala Lumpur ini oleh Affin Bank Berhad [197501003274 (25046-T)] yang beralamat di Tingkat 4, Block C, Menara Glomac, Kelana Business Centre, No. 97, Jalan SS7/2, 47301 Kelana Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan dan Mahkamah telah memerintahkan bahawa Notis Kebankrapan disampaikan secara penyampaian ganti ke atas kamu dengan menampalkan satu salinan Notis Kebankrapan bersama dengan satu salinan Perintah Penyampaian Ganti di Papan Notis Mahkamah Tinggi Malaysia di Kuala Lumpur dan dengan mengesposkan secara pos berdaftar satu salinan Notis Kebankrapan dan satu salinan Perintah Penyampaian Ganti ke alamat-alamat terakhir LEE CHAK CHUN yang diketahui di Unit B2-2-3, Solaris Dutamas, Jalan Dutamas 1, 50480 Kuala Lumpur dan di No. 18, Jalan 9/17, Fadason Villa, Taman Fadason, 52000 Kuala Lumpur dan di 85, Jalan Benteng Timor, Taman Nanyang Estate, Jinjang Utara, 52000 Kuala Lumpur dan mengiklan Notis ini dalam satu keluaran akhbar tempatan "The Star". Penampalan, pengesposan dan pengiklanan ini dianggap penyampaian sempurna dan cukup Notis Kebankrapan terhadap kamu, selepas penamatan, empat belas (14) hari selepas tarikh akhir penampalan, pengesposan dan pengiklanan. Jika kamu ingin mempertahankan Notis Kebankrapan tersebut, kamu mestilah dalam masa tujuh (7) hari selepas tarikh penyampaian menjadi sempurna, pohon kepada Mahkamah untuk mengesepikan Notis Kebankrapan dengan menfailkan dengan Pendaftar satu Affidavit yang mempunyai efek seperti di atas. Jika kamu ingkar memfailkan satu Affidavit sebegini, Petisyen Pemliutang mungkin diambil terhadap kamu. Notis Kebankrapan boleh diperiksa oleh kamu atas permohonan di Mahkamah ini. Bertarikh 19 Ogos 2026. t..... Penolong Kanan Pendaftar Mahkamah Tinggi Malaysia Kuala Lumpur NOTIS IKLAN ini telah difailkan oleh Tetuan Sidek Teoh Wong & Dennis Peguamcara bagi pihak Pemliutang Penghikaman yang beralamat di Tingkat 16, Menara Aras Raya, Jalan Raja Laut, 50350 Kuala Lumpur. [Tel : 03-26923000] [Faks : 03-26930300] [Ruj Kami : 22635668 (AFFIN HP) SF/THK] - nb	

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LAMPIRAN A

BORANG IKLAN NOTIS PELEPASAN SIJIL KPI

AKTA KEBANKRAPAN 1967 / AKTA INSOLVENSII 1967 (AKTA 360)

NOTIS DIBAWAH SUBSEKSYEN 33A(3)

Notis adalah dengan ini diberikan bahawa, bankrap yang dinamakan dalam jadual di bawah telah dilepaskan daripada kebangkrapan melalui Sijil Ketua Pengarah Insolvensi berkuatkuasa pada tarikh seperti yang dinyatakan dalam ruang (5)

(1) BIL	(2) NAMA BANKRAP	(3) NO. K/P	(4) NO. KEBANKRAPAN	(5) TARIKH KUAT KUASA PELEPASAN
1	HAIRULNIZAM BIN AHMAD	711015-01-6293	29-1763-05 TAHUN 2016	17.07.2026
2	MUHAMMAD HAFIZ BIN JUSTIN KARIM	811231-12-5759	JA-29NCC-2424-07 Tahun 2017	17.07.2026
3	CHONG KOK TONG	820303-01-5319	JA-29NCC-1867-06 Tahun 2017	17.07.2026
4	SAU MEI CHAN	880112-05-5224	29-2257-06 TAHUN 2012	17.07.2026
5	YONG YUKE FOONG	830505-14-6199	JA-29NCC-4591-11 TAHUN 2016	17.07.2026
6	HANIZAH BINTI ABD GHANI	840222-01-5876	JA-29NCC-4679-12 TAHUN 2016	17.07.2026
7	ABDUL RAHMAN BIN HASBI	690227-01-5671	JA-29NCC-3944-10 TAHUN 2016	17.07.2026
8	WONG KIM CHIOW	670226-01-5049	JA-29NCC-481-02 TAHUN 2016	17.07.2026
9	KECK KANG LONG	760331-01-6835	29-2794-07 TAHUN 2012	17.07.2026
10	MUHAMAD HANAFFI BIN MD NOR	901124-01-6353	JA-29NCC-3541-09 TAHUN 2016	17.07.2026
11	MOHD MUHAJIMIN BIN MOHAMAD	850319-11-5151	29NCC-1340-12 TAHUN 2013	17.07.2026
12	HO POH MENG	590505-08-6181	29-932-03 TAHUN 2012	17.07.2026
13	NOOR HIDAYU BINTI MAMAT	831011-08-6100	29-412-03 TAHUN 2018	17.07.2026
14	ASA TAZARINA BINTI MASNAN	830407-01-5232	JA-29NCC-4820-12 TAHUN 2016	17.07.2026
15	KONG CHUN MENG	861121-23-5477	29NCC-2733-08 Tahun 2017	17.07.2026
16	YOGESVARAN A/L MANIVELOO	810321-01-6359	29-896 TAHUN 2011	17.07.2026
17	GANBIMADI A/P MUNISAMY	650821-06-5018	29NCC-4270-12 TAHUN 2015	14.07.2026
18	CHEONG PEI ENG	881219-08-5356	JA-29NCC-1400-04 TAHUN 2016	14.07.2026
19	DANIEL NG PENG HUA	570217-01-6527	JA-29NCC-2033-05 TAHUN 2016	14.07.2026
20	YU KEH PENG	740529-01-5151	JA-29NCC-536-02 TAHUN 2016	14.07.2026

Bertarikh pada 9.9.2026

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(SHARIFAH MALEEHA BINTI SYED HUSSIN)

Pengarah Insolvensi Negeri

Mdl Cawangan Johor Bahru.

b.p. Ketua Pengarah Insolvensi, Malaysia.

LAMPIRAN A

BANKRUPTCY ACT 1967

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 33A

Notice is hereby given that, the bankrupts in the schedule below have been discharged from bankruptcy by Certificate of Director General of Insolvency with effect from the date mentioned in column (6) schedule below.

(1) NO	(2) BANKRUPTCY NAME	(3) I/C NO.	(4) CASE NO.	(5) FILE NO.	(6) RELEASE DATE
1	MEOR SHAHARUDIN BIN ABU BAKAR	770914-07-6337 / A3705522	29-1696-2009	108/2011	30.07.2026
2	MEI KHENG LEONG	760810-07-5699 / A3149350	29-952-2006	728/2008	07.08.2026
3	LEE CHONG HUI	780713-07-5505	29-1558-2010	22/2012	07.08.2026
4	MUHAMMAD SYAKIR BIN MAT ESA	870216-07-5327	29NCC-233-02/2014	1582/2014	16.07.2026
5	BEH THEAN PENG	670827-07-5645 / A0776420	29-1802-2004	218/2006	30.07.2006
6	NG CHEE WOOL	780216-07-5387 / A3791808	29-592-2005	926/2006	03.08.2026
7	GOH CHUN HOCK	640601-07-5143 / 7373292	29-1615-2006	502/2008	10.08.2026
8	POH CHAI BOON	551101-07-5281 / 4901693	29-3479-2001	146/2004	10.08.2026
9	LIM LAY EIM	651218-07-5224 / A0305068	29-969-2007	800/2008	03.08.2026
10	ENG BOON HONG	770127-07-5597 / A3559514	29-1065-2008	122/2010	10.08.2026
11	RAKAPPEN A/L AMMUGAM	671014-07-5677 / A0847181	PA-29NCC-409-02/2016	1634/2016	10.08.2026

Dated this : 1 September 2026

(SITI HAFIZA BINTI JAAFAR)

State Director of Insolvency

Penang

p.p. Director General of Insolvency

Borang K5 – Pengeluaran Sijil Pelepasan KPI

AKTA KEBANKRAPAN 1967

NOTIS DI BAWAH SEKSYEN 33A

Notis adalah dengan ini diberikan bahawa, bankrap yang dinamakan dalam jadual di bawah telah dilepaskan daripada kebangkrapan melalui Sijil Ketua Pengarah Insolvensi berkuatkuasa pada tarikh seperti yang dinyatakan dalam ruang (5) jadual berikut :

BIL	NAMA	NO. K/P	MAHKAMAH TINGGI (NO. KES)	TARIKH KUATKUASA
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1	CHIEW TIAN CHYE	721230-04-5117 / A2414309	29NCC-1198-12-2014	21.04.2026
2	NURHAYUDDIN BIN MOHAMED HAMDAN	720526-08-6167 / A2137567	MA-29NCC-312-09/2020	08.07.2026
3	SEH MOHD NAZRI BIN SEH ABDULLAH	841201-04-5325	MA-29NCC-285-09/2020	21.07.2026
4	SAGUNTALAH NAYER A/P RAMASAMY	890702-05-5194	MA-29NCC-182-06/2020	21.07.2026
5	YAP HOCK SWEE	810329-14-5585	MA-29NCC-264-11/2023	27.07.2026
6	HELMI BIN ZUBER	820527-08-5965	MA-29NCC-190-06/2020	27.07.2026
7	ZAINUDIN BIN HASIM	650411-04-5057 / A0132866	29NCC-238-03/2015	27.07.2026

Bertarikh pada : 01.09.2026

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(NURSYAMIM FATEHA BINTI MOHD AMIN)

Pengarah Insolvensi Negeri,

Jabatan Insolvensi Negeri Melaka

b.p. Ketua Pengarah Insolvensi Malaysia

BANKRUPTCY ACT 1967

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 33A

Notice is hereby given that, the bankrupts in the schedule below have been discharged from bankruptcy by Certificate of Director General of Insolvency with effect from the date mentioned in column (5) schedule below.

NO	NAME OF BANKRUPT	NRIC NO	CASE NO	EFFECTIVE DATE OF DISCHARGE
1.	SARIZAN BINTI SHAFIL	810918-03-5384	DA-29NCC-1153-09/2016 BP000438/2017 (162/2017)	09 JULY 2026
2.	SITI KHAIRUNNADIRA BINTI RUSLAN	850805-03-6010	DA-29NCC-281-03/2016 BP017339/2016 (2/2017)	09 JULY 2026
3.	HAZIZOL BIN HUSIN	840917-03-5611	DA-29NCC-838-07/2016 BP025160/2016 (212/2017)	09 JULY 2026
4.	MUHAMMAD ASMULIADI BIN OTHMAN	840601-03-5471	29-563-07/2011 BP016180/2014 (454/2014)	09 JULY 2026
5.	WAN HALIM BIN WAN HASSAN	720530-08-6725	29-15-2008 BP001195/2009 (32/2009)	12 JULY 2026
6.	NOR AZMAN BIN MAT HUSSIN	740114-03-5281	29-449-07/2014 BP010087/2006 (397/2014)	16 JULY 2026
7.	AB GHANI HISYAM BIN ABDULLAH	510910-03-5027	DA-29NCC-536-04/2016 BP017541/2016 (781/2016)	16 JULY 2026
8.	DALI BIN HUSIN	670505-03-5085	DA-29NCC-1183-09/2017 BP024050/2017 (875/2017)	16 JULY 2026
9.	MOHD HAPIZ BIN MOHD NASIR	700929-03-5059	DA-29NCC-367-03/2016 BP015204/2016 (751/2016)	16 JULY 2026
10.	WAN ZULFAN BIN WAN MD ZAIN	800106-03-5881	DA-29NCC-55-01/2017 BP009806/2017 (592/2017)	16 JULY 2026
11.	NOR HASLIZA BINTI MAHADZA	830209-03-5566	DA-29NCC-912-09/2015 BP004526/2016 (318/2016)	16 JULY 2026
12.	MOHD FADZLI BIN ADNAN	800106-03-5339	DA-29NCC-1583-12/2016 BP009716/2017 (589/2017)	16 JULY 2026
13.	RAJA MOHD HAKIM BIN RAJA HASSAN	880414-03-5341	29-NCvC-193-12/2011 BP015341/2012 (330/2012)	16 JULY 2026
14.	AZIZ BIN MAT NAWI	740204-03-5779	29-471-06/2011 BP004461/2013 (100/2013)	16 JULY 2026
15.	CHE MOHD FAIZUL BIN OMAR	850525-11-5937	DA-29NCC-1117-09/2016 BP009169/2017 (472/2017)	16 JULY 2026
16.	KHAIRU ANUAR BIN KHAITHIR	730724-03-5503	29-780-10/2014 BP028715/2015 (585/2015)	16 JULY 2026
17.	AZLI BIN AZIZ	680104-03-6721	29-NCvC-137-11/2011 BP000143/2013 (1/2013)	16 JULY 2026
18.	MOSMAWADI BIN MUSTAPA	770417-03-6641	29-NCvC-103-02/2013 BP011463/2013 (301/2013)	16 JULY 2026
19.	FAKARUDDIN BIN SULAIMAN	770625-03-6427	29-7-01/2015 BP010389/2015 (485/2015)	16 JULY 2026
20.	MOHD ZAID BIN MOHAMED	730606-03-5393	DA-29NCC-363-03/2017 BP009953/2017 (562/2017)	16 JULY 2026

MOHD IZUDDIN BIN MOHD SHUKRI

State Director of Insolvency

State of Kelantan

p.p. Director General of Insolvency

BANKRUPTCY ACT 1967

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 33A

Notice is hereby given that, the bankrupts in the schedule below have been discharged from bankruptcy by Certificate of Director General of Insolvency with effect from the date mentioned in column (5) schedule below.

NO	NAME OF BANKRUPT	NRIC NO	CASE NO	EFFECTIVE DATE OF DISCHARGE
1.	SABRI BIN MOHD @ MUHAMMAD	690105-03-6941	DA-29NCC-1459-11/2016 BP009830/2017 (702/2017)	16 JULY 2026
2.	LIM SEE POI	710731-03-5132	DA-29NCC-1435-11/2016 BP003697/2017 (312/2017)	16 JULY 2026
3.	SITI RAHIMAH BINTI AWANG TEH	880905-03-5426	DA-29NCC-230-02/2017 BP011410/2017 (618/2017)	16 JULY 2026
4.	AHMAD ZAFIR SHAH BIN ZAKARIA	770113-03-5615	29-185-02/2015 BP020203/2015 (358/2015)	16 JULY 2026
5.	FOO SAY TOON	580422-03-5451	29-89-02/2015 BP027504/2015 (58/2016)	16 JULY 2026
6.	MOHD IZAHAM BIN RAMLI	850820-03-5251	DA-29NCC-199-02/2017 BP011741/2017 (551/2017)	16 JULY 2026
7.	NOR SHAMIRA BINTI ABDULLAH	880720-03-5278	DA-29NCC-1171-09/2016 BP009254/2017 (682/2017)	16 JULY 2026
8.	MOHD ALIWI BIN GHAZALI	810915-04-5077	29-831-09/2013 BP002753/2016 (762/2016)	16 JULY 2026
9.	AZWANDI BIN ARIFFIN	821208-03-6001	DA-29NCC-540-04/2017 BP017477/2017 (689/2017)	16 JULY 2026
10.	HASANUDDIN BIN HASAN	791008-03-5595	DA-29NCC-438-04/2017 BP013831/2017 (629/2017)	16 JULY 2026
11.	KAMSIYAH BINTI RIDZUAN	670104-03-5332	DA-29NCC-853-08/2015 BP037256/2015 (313/2016)	16 JULY 2026
12.	MOHD ROSHAIREE BIN RAZALI	830208-03-5409	29-NCVC-604-05/2012 BP005662/2013 (146/2013)	16 JULY 2026
13.	MUHAMMAD NAZMI BIN ZAKARIA	900503-03-6851	DA-29NCC-1519-12/2017 BP037564/2018 (19/2019)	16 JULY 2026
14.	ROSMAH BINTI ABDUL RAHMAN	630405-03-6068	DA-29NCC-643-08/2018 BP043101/2018 (679/2018)	16 JULY 2026
15.	NORMEY BINTI ABDULLAH	840305-03-5776	DA-29NCC-571-08/2018 BP020000/2017 (303/2018)	16 JULY 2026
16.	LAU CHIK MUN	770120-01-5209	DA-29NCC-1270-10/2016 BP005956/2017 (602/2017)	16 JULY 2026
17.	RAJA JOHARI BIN RAJA IBRAHIM	680925-03-5339	DA-29NCC-822-06/2017 BP020370/2017 (749/2017)	16 JULY 2026
18.	HASMIRAWATI BINTI MOHD GHAZALI	800916-03-5162	DA-29NCC-187-02/2017 BP012492/2017 (522/2017)	16 JULY 2026
19.	CHE AZURA BINTI CHE MUSTAFA	800517-03-5368	DA-29NCC-1377-10/2016 BP009383/2017 (742/2017)	16 JULY 2026
20.	ABDULLAH HADI BIN DAUD	530712-03-5665	29-169-1994 BP000438/1994 (350/1994)	16 JULY 2026

MOHD IZUDDIN BIN MOHD SHUKRI

State Director of Insolvency

State of Kelantan

p.p. Director General of Insolvency

AKTA KEBANKRAPAN 1967

NOTIS DI BAWAH SEKSYEN 33A

Notis adalah dengan ini diberikan bahawa, bankrap yang dinamakan dalam jadual di bawah telah dilepaskan daripada kebangkrapan melalui Sijil Ketua Pengarah Insolvensi berkuat kuasa pada tarikh seperti yang dinyatakan dalam ruang (5) jadual berikut.

(1) BIL.	(2) NAMA BANKRAP	(3) NO. K/P	(4) NO. KES	(5) TARIKH KUAT KUASA PELEPASAN
1.	SIAH POH LAI	630311-10-6811 / 7063722	29-6874-2001 [No. Ruj. : BP010993/2003 (179/2020)]	23.01.2026

Bertarikh pada : 26.08.2026

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(MOHAMMAD FAUZAN BIN ZAMRI)

Pengarah Insolvensi Negeri

Jabatan Insolvensi Negeri Sembilan

b.p. Ketua Pengarah Insolvensi

MALAYSIA

IN THE HIGH COURT IN SABAH AND SARAWAK AT KUCHING COMPANIES (WINDING UP) NO. KCH-28NCC-46-7/2026 (HC 3)

In the matter of Section 465(1)(e) of the Companies Act, 2016

AND

In the matter of TORNG MEEI IMPORT & EXPORT SDN. BHD. [Company No. 201301024956 (1054785-W)]

BETWEEN

MAYBANK ISLAMIC BERHAD [Company No. 200701029411 (787435-M)]

3rd Floor, Sublots 6, 7 & 8, Lot 1970, Block 10, KCLD, Jalan Laksamana Cheng Ho, 93350 Kuching, Sarawak.

.. PETITIONER

AND

TORNG MEEI IMPORT & EXPORT SDN. BHD. [Company No. 201301024956 (1054785-W)]

Lot 2250, Jalan Daya, Bintawa Industrial Estate, 93450 Kuching, Sarawak.

.. RESPONDENT

ADVERTISEMENT OF PETITION

NOTICE is hereby given that a Petition for the winding-up of the abovenamed Respondent Company by the High Court was, on the 29th day of July, 2026, presented by the said Petitioner. And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at Kuching at 9.00 o'clock in the forenoon, on the 5th day of October, 2026; and any Creditor or contributory of the said Respondent Company desiring to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing by himself or his counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished to any Creditor or contributory of the said Respondent Company requiring the same by the undersigned on payment of the regulated charge for the same. The Petitioner is MAYBANK ISLAMIC BERHAD and the Petitioner's address is 3rd Floor, Sublots 6, 7 & 8, Lot 1970, Block 10, KCLD, Jalan Laksamana Cheng Ho, 93350 Kuching, Sarawak. The Petitioner's advocates is Messrs. REDDI & CO., 2nd & 3rd Floors, Reddi Building, No. 393, Jalan Datuk Abang Abdul Rahim, 93450 Kuching, Sarawak.

Dated this 6th DAY OF AUGUST, 2026.

SIGNED

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REDDI & CO.,

Advocates for the Petitioner.

NOTE -

Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition, either to oppose or support, must serve on or send by post to the abovenamed Messrs. REDDI & CO., notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any) and must be served, or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the abovenamed Messrs. Reddi & Co. not later than twelve o'clock noon of the 2nd day of October, 2026.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF MALAYA AT KUALA LUMPUR (COMMERCIAL DIVISION)

COMPANIES (WINDING UP) NO: WA-28NCC-574-06/2026

In the matter of Sections 464, Section 465(1) and Section 466 (1) of the Companies Act, 2016;

And

In the matter of DEMAZ ENTERTAINMENT SDN BHD [Company No. 199701034236 (449735-K)]

BETWEEN

CIMB BANK BERHAD [COMPANY NO: 197201001799 (13491-P)]

AND

DEMAZ ENTERTAINMENT SDN BHD [Company No. 199701034236 (449735-K)]

... RESPONDENT

ADVERTISEMENT OF PETITION

NOTICE is hereby given that a Petition for the Winding Up of the abovenamed Company by the High Court of Malaya at Kuala Lumpur was on the 8th June 2026 presented by the said company CIMB BANK BERHAD [Company No. 197201001799 (13491-P)] And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at High Court of Malaya at Kuala Lumpur (Insolvency Court) at 9.00 a.m. in the forenoon, on Wednesday, the 13th October, 2026; and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desiring to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing by himself or his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring the same by the undersigned on payment of the regulated charge for the same. The Petitioner's address is at Secured Collection & Recovery, Mezzanine Floor, Wisma CIMB, No. 11, Jalan 4/83A, Off Jalan Pantai Baru, 59200 Kuala Lumpur. The Petitioner's Solicitors are Messrs. Che Mokhtar & Ling of Level 21, main Block, Menara Takaful Malaysia, No. 4, Jalan Sultan Sulaiman, 50000 Kuala Lumpur.

Dated this 8th June 2026

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MESSRS. CHE MOKHTAR & LING

Solicitor for the Petitioner

NOTE:-

Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or sent by post to the abovenamed solicitor for the Petitioner, Messrs. Che Mokhtar & Ling, notice in writing of his intention so to do. The Notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any) and must be served, or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the abovenamed not later than 12.00 o'clock noon of the 12th October, 2026. REF: CML-08A/CIMB1/DE/46506/23(U)-Nor

TEL NO: 03 - 2274 0413

FAX NO: 03 - 2274 8191

E-MAIL: general@chemokhtarling.com

IN THE HIGH COURT OF MALAYA AT JOHOR BAHRU IN THE STATE OF JOHOR DARUL TAKZIM, MALAYSIA (COMMERCIAL DIVISION)

COMPANIES (WINDING UP) NO. JA-28NCC-176-08/2026

In the matter of Section 465(1)(e), (h) and Section 466(1) of the Companies Act 2016;

And

In the matter LM Installation Sdn Bhd [Company No.: 202501001731 (1603145-U)];

And

In the matter of the Companies (Winding Up) Rules 1972.

BETWEEN

HORIZON CONSTRUCTION OVERSEAS (MALAYSIA) SDN. BHD. [COMPANY NO.: 202101037002 (1437302-T)]

..PETITIONER

AND

LM INSTALLATION SDN BHD [Company No.: 202501001731 (1603145-U)]

..RESPONDENT

ADVERTISEMENT OF PETITION

NOTICE is hereby given that a Petition for the Winding up of the above-named Company by the High Court was, on the 4th day of August 2026, presented by HORIZON CONSTRUCTION OVERSEAS (MALAYSIA) SDN. BHD. (Company No.: 202101037002 (1437302-T)) of 13A-01, Tower 8, UOA Business Park, Jalan Pengaturcara U1/51A, 40150 Shah Alam, Selangor.

And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the High Court of Malaya at Johor Bahru at 9.00 in the morning, on the 6th day of October 2026, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desiring to support or oppose the making of an order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing by himself or his Counsel for that purpose and a copy of the Petition will be furnished to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring the same by the undersigned on payment to the regulated charge for the same. The Petitioner's address is at 13A-01, Tower 8, UOA Business Park, Jalan Pengaturcara U1/51A, 40150 Shah Alam, Selangor. The Petitioner's solicitors are Messrs Tang Hong & Lock of B15-3-2, Block 8, Megan Salak Park, Jalan 1/125E, Taman Desa Petaling, 57100 Kuala Lumpur.

Dated this 1st September 2026.

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Messrs Tang Hong & Lock

Solicitors for the Petitioner

NOTE :

Any person who intends to appear at the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to the above-named Solicitors MESSRS TANG HONG & LOCK, notice in writing of his intention to do so. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitors (if any) and must be served, or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the abovenamed not later than twelve o'clock noon of the 5th day of October 2026 (the day before the day appointed for the hearing of the Petition). [Ref No.: TYH.LIT.11656]

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DALAM MAHKAMAH MAJISTRET DI KUANTAN
DALAM NEGERI PAHANG DARUL MAKMUR, MALAYSIA
GUAMAN NO. CA-A72NCvC-145-06/2026

ANTARA

TENAGA NASIONAL BERHAD
[No. Syarikat: 199001009294 (200866-W)]
DAN
..PLAINTIF

JESEAN SDN BHD
[No. Syarikat: 201901032524(134185-U)]
NOTIS
..DEFENDAN

Kepada:
Jesean Sdn Bhd
No 83-1B, Jalan 3/62A,
Bandar Menjalara,
52200 Kuala Lumpur
Wilayah Persekutuan

dan di/atau **dan di/atau** Lorong Seri Kuantan 47,
No A2000, Floor G,
Lorong Seri Kuantan 47,
Section Seri Kuantan,
25200 Kuantan,
Pahang Darul Makmur

AMBIL PERHATIAN bahawa suatu tindakan telah diambil terhadap kamu di Mahkamah Majistret di Kuantan dalam Guaman No: CA-A72NCvC-145-06 tahun 2026 oleh Tenaga Nasional Berhad dalam mana Plaintiff menuntut:-

(a) Bayaran bagi jumlah tunggakan bil-bil elektrik bulanan yang dikeluarkan oleh Plaintiff kepada Defendan sebanyak RM5,769.61 setakat bil bertarikh 16/2/2022 untuk Nombor Akaun Pengguna 210160851610;

(b) Faedah atas jumlah penghakiman pada kadar 5% setahun dari tarikh pemfailan tindakan ini sehingga tarikh penghakiman;

(c) Faedah atas jumlah penghakiman pada kadar 5% setahun dari tarikh penghakiman sehingga tarikh penyelesaian penuh;

(d) Kos; dan

(e) Apa-apa perintah dan/atau relif lanjut yang difikirkan patut dan suaimanfaat oleh Mahkamah ini.

DAN ADALAH DIPERINTAHKAN bahawa Writ Saman serta Pernyataan Tuntutan ini diserahkan keatas kamu dengan mengeposkan sesalinal Perintah bagi penyampaian ganti bersama-sama Writ Saman serta Pernyataan Tuntutan itu di alamat-alamat terakhir kamu secara pos berdaftar di **No 83-1B, Jalan 3/62A, Bandar Menjalara, 52200 Kuala Lumpur, Wilayah Persekutuan** dan di **No A2000, Floor G, Lorong Seri Kuantan 47, Section Seri Kuantan, 25200 Kuantan, Pahang Darul Makmur** dan di **Lorong Seri Kuantan 47, No A2000-GF, Jin Berserah, Taman East Coast, 25250 Kuantan, Pahang Darul Makmur** dan penampalan di Papan Kenyataan Mahkamah Majistret di Kuantan serta pengiklanan dalam Notis ini dan bahawa penggeposan, penampalan dan pengiklanan demikian disifatkan penyampaian Writ Saman serta Pernyataan Tuntutan yang cukup sempurna dan memuaskan keatas kamu selepas empat belas (14) hari dari tarikh penggeposan, penampalan dan pengiklanan mengikut yang mana lebih lewat.

Sekiranya kamu berhajat untuk membuat pembelaan terhadap tindakan tersebut, kamu mestilah memasukkan kehadiran sama ada secara sendiri atau melalui peguambela kamu di Pejabat Pendaftaran Mahkamah dalam masa 14 hari dari tarikh penyampaian yang terakhir Writ Saman serta Pernyataan Tuntutan dalam tindakan ini disampaikan terhadap kamu. Sekiranya kamu gagal berbuat demikian, maka Penghakiman akan dimasukkan terhadap kamu.

Writ Saman serta Pernyataan Tuntutan ini boleh diperiksa oleh kamu dengan memohon kepada Mahkamah ini.

Bertarikh pada 19 Ogos 2026

sgd DAING KHATIJAH & AMRAN
Peguamcara Plaintiff

Notis ini dikeluarkan oleh Tetuan Daing Khatijah & Amran, Peguambela dan Peguamcara yang beralamat di A33 & A35, Tingkat Bawah, Lorong IM 7/18, Bandar Indera Mahkota, 25200 Kuantan, Pahang Darul Makmur (DKA/L/327/122/26)

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DALAM MAHKAMAH MAJISTRET DI KUALA LUMPUR
DALAM WILAYAH PERSEKUTUAN KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA
GUAMAN NO. WA-A72NCvC-2709-06/2026

TENAGA NASIONAL BERHAD
(NO. SYARIKAT: 200866-W)
DAN
..PLAINTIF

CHENG KHA FAI
[NO. K/P: 700418-10-6425]
...DEFENDAN

NOTIS PENYAMPAIAN GANTI BENTUK IKLAN

Kepada:-

CHENG KHA FAI
6, Jalan Setia Marina 2/5
Setia Eco Glades Park
63000 Cyberjaya
Selangor Darul Ehsan
dan/atau

CHENG KHA FAI
A-30-05 Eco Sky
No. 972, Jalan Ipoh, Batu 6 ½,
68100 Kuala Lumpur
W/P Kuala Lumpur
dan/atau

CHENG KHA FAI
J03-10-07, Pangsapuri Seri Jati,
Jalan Setia Gemilang U13/45C
40170 Shah Alam
Selangor

AMBIL PERHATIAN bahawa satu tindakan telah dimulakan terhadap kamu di dalam Mahkamah Majistret di Kuala Lumpur dalam Guaman Sivil No: **WA-A72NCvC-2709-06/2026** oleh Tenaga Nasional Berhad yang mempunyai alamat berdaftar di Pejabat Setiausaha Syarikat, Tingkat 16, Tower A, TNB Platinum, No. 3, Jalan Bukit Pantai, Bangsar, 59100 Kuala Lumpur melalui Perintah Mahkamah yang bertarikh 21 haribulan Ogos 2026 di mana Plaintiff telah membuat tuntutan untuk:-

(a) bayaran bagi jumlah tunggakan bil-bil elektrik yang dikeluarkan oleh Plaintiff kepada Defendan sebanyak **RM 39,762.30**;

(b) faedah atas jumlah penghakiman pada kadar 5% setahun dari tarikh penghakiman sehingga tarikh penyelesaian penuh;

(c) kos; dan

(d)apa-apa perintah dan/atau relif lanjut yang difikirkan patut dan suaimanfaat oleh Mahkamah.

Dan bahawa telah diperintahkan bahawa penyampaian Writ dan Pernyataan Tuntutan bertarikh 24 Jun 2026 dalam tindakan tersebut kepada kamu dilaksanakan melalui iklan ini. Jika kamu berhasrat untuk membela dalam tindakan tersebut kamu mestilah dalam masa 14 hari dari tarikh tersiarinya iklan ini, termasuk hari penyiaran itu, memasukkan kehadiran di Pejabat Pendaftaran Mahkamah. Jika ingkar apa-apa kehadiran yang demikian, maka penghakiman boleh dibuat terhadap kamu.

DAN AMBIL PERHATIAN bahawa tarikh pengurusan kes bagi Writ Saman dan Pernyataan Tuntutan tersebut ditetapkan pada 11 September 2026 pada pukul 9.00 pagi secara dalam talian (e-review).

Bertarikh pada 07 haribulan September 2026.

.....t.t.....
Penolong Kanan Pendafatar
Mahkamah Majistret
Kuala Lumpur

NOTIS PENGIKLANAN ini dikeluarkan oleh Tetuan Marina Mohamed & Associates, peguamcara bagi pihak Plaintiff yang mempunyai alamat penyampaiannya di No. 15-1, Jalan Putra Mahkota 7/8C, Putra Heights, 47650 Subang Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan. [No. Ruj: MM/LIT/TNB/2026-4694/KUPM(17/4)/NA] [No. Tel: 03-5103 5226] [Emel: office@marinamohamed.com.my]

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DALAM MAHKAMAH TINGGI MALAYA DI PULAU PINANG
DALAM NEGERI PULAU PINANG, MALAYSIA
KEBANKRAPAN NO: PA-29NCC-201-03/2026

Re : LOH YEONG LEE
(No. K/P: 900422-07-5277 (BARU))
Experte : CIMB BANK BERHAD (197201001799 [13491-P])
...Peghutang Penghakiman
...Pemuitang Penghakiman

NOTIS
(Dalam perkara Notis Kebankrapan bertarikh 11/03/2026)

Kepada:

LOH YEONG LEE
(No. K/P: 900422-07-5277 (BARU))
42, Lorong Bayu Aman 2,
Taman Bayu Aman,
Teluk Air Tawar,
13050 Butterworth, Pulau Pinang.

AMBIL PERHATIAN bahawa suatu Notis Kebankrapan telah dikeluarkan terhadap kamu di Mahkamah Tinggi Malaysia di Pulau Pinang dalam Kebankrapan No. PA-29NCC-201-03/2026 oleh CIMB BANK BERHAD (197201001799 [13491-P]) yang beralamat di Secured Collection & Recovery, Mezzanine Floor, Wisma CIMB, No. 11, Jalan 4/83A, Off Jalan Pantai Baru, 59200 Kuala Lumpur DAN ADALAH DIPERINTAHKAN bahawa Notis Kebankrapan tersebut disampaikan ke atas kamu secara penyampaian ganti iaitu dengan menampalkan sesalinal Notis Kebankrapan tersebut bersama dengan Perintah untuk penyampaian ganti di Papan Notis di Mahkamah Tinggi Malaysia di Pulau Pinang, penampalan di alamat terakhir kamu yang diketahui iaitu di 42, Lorong Bayu Aman 2, Taman Bayu Aman, Teluk Air Tawar, 13050 Butterworth, Pulau Pinang dan melalui iklan ini di dalam surat khabar harian tempatan berbahasa Inggeris iaitu "The Star" dan penyampaian tersebut hendaklah menjadi penyampaian yang sempurna dan mencukupi akan Notis Kebankrapan tersebut ke atas kamu tujuh (7) hari selepas tarikh terakhir penampalan dan pengiklanan tersebut.

Jika kamu berniat untuk menentang Notis Kebankrapan ini, kamu hendaklah dalam tempoh tujuh (7) hari selepas memohon kepada Mahkamah untuk mengemukakan Notis ini dengan memfailkan dengan Pendafatar satu Affidavit bagi maksud di atas.

Notis Kebankrapan ini boleh diperiksa oleh kamu dengan memohon kepada Mahkamah ini.

Bertarikh pada 19 Ogos 2026.

.....t.t.....
TIMBALAN PENDAFATAR
MAHKAMAH TINGGI MALAYA
GEORGETOWN

Notis ini difailkan oleh Tetuan V.M. Mohan, Murugiah & Associates, yang beralamat di 2-3A-A, NB Plaza, 3000 Jalan Baru, 13600 Perai, Pulau Pinang. Peguamcara bagi Pemuitang Penghakiman yang dinamakan di atas.

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DALAM MAHKAMAH MAJISTRET DI KUANTAN
DALAM NEGERI PAHANG DARUL MAKMUR, MALAYSIA
GUAMAN NO. CA-A72NCvC-142-06/2026

ANTARA

TENAGA NASIONAL BERHAD
(No. Syarikat: 199001009294 (200866-W))
DAN
..PLAINTIF

MUHAMMAD NAN BIN MUSADIR
(No. K/P: RF989565)
DAN
..DEFENDAN

NOTIS

Kepada:

Muhammad Nan bin Musadir
F-3-2, Lot 783, Seksyen 38,
Alor Akar,
25250 Kuantan,
Pahang Darul Makmur

AMBIL PERHATIAN bahawa suatu tindakan telah diambil terhadap kamu di Mahkamah Majistret di Kuantan dalam Guaman No: CA-A72NCvC-142-06 tahun 2026 oleh Tenaga Nasional Berhad dalam mana Plaintiff menuntut:-

(a) Bayaran bagi jumlah tunggakan bil-bil elektrik bulanan yang dikeluarkan oleh Plaintiff kepada Defendan sebanyak RM8,457.94 setakat bil bertarikh 6/8/2021 untuk Nombor Akaun Pengguna 220751207202;

(b) Faedah atas jumlah penghakiman pada kadar 5% setahun dari tarikh pemfailan tindakan ini sehingga tarikh penghakiman;

(c) Faedah atas jumlah penghakiman pada kadar 5% setahun dari tarikh penghakiman sehingga tarikh penyelesaian penuh;

(d) Kos; dan

(e) Apa-apa perintah dan/atau relif lanjut yang difikirkan patut dan suaimanfaat oleh Mahkamah ini.

DAN ADALAH DIPERINTAHKAN bahawa Writ Saman serta Pernyataan Tuntutan ini diserahkan keatas kamu dengan menampalkan sesalinal Perintah bagi penyampaian ganti bersama-sama Writ Saman serta Pernyataan Tuntutan itu di Papan Kenyataan Mahkamah Majistret di Kuantan dan menampalkan di alamat terakhir kamu di **F-3-2, Lot 783, Seksyen 38, Alor Akar, 25250 Kuantan, Pahang Darul Makmur** dan penampalan di Papan Kenyataan Mahkamah Majistret di Kuantan serta pengiklanan dalam Notis ini dan bahawa penampalan dan pengiklanan demikian disifatkan penyampaian Writ Saman serta Pernyataan Tuntutan yang cukup sempurna dan memuaskan keatas kamu selepas empat belas (14) hari dari tarikh penampalan dan pengiklanan mengikut yang mana lebih lewat.

Sekiranya kamu berhajat untuk membuat pembelaan terhadap tindakan tersebut, kamu mestilah memasukkan kehadiran sama ada secara sendiri atau melalui peguambela kamu di Pejabat Pendaftaran Mahkamah dalam masa 14 hari dari tarikh penyampaian yang terakhir Writ Saman serta Pernyataan Tuntutan dalam tindakan ini disampaikan terhadap kamu. Sekiranya kamu gagal berbuat demikian, maka Penghakiman akan dimasukkan terhadap kamu.

Writ Saman serta Pernyataan Tuntutan ini boleh diperiksa oleh kamu dengan memohon kepada Mahkamah ini.

Bertarikh pada 10 Ogos 2026

sgd DAING KHATIJAH & AMRAN
Peguamcara Plaintiff

Notis ini dikeluarkan oleh Tetuan Daing Khatijah & Amran, Peguambela dan Peguamcara yang beralamat di A33 & A35, Tingkat Bawah, Lorong IM 7/18, Bandar Indera Mahkota, 25200 Kuantan, Pahang Darul Makmur (DKA/L/327/73/25)

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In The High Court In Malaysia At Pulau Pinang
In Bankruptcy No : 29-2867-2000

Re : NORSIAH BINTI ALI
NRIC No : 720204-08-5292/A1967416

NO 9, HILIR NIBONG SATU, BAYAN BARU,
11950 BAYAN LEPAS, PULAU PINANG

Ex Parte: PUBLIC FINANCE BERHAD

NOTICE OF ANNULMENT ADJUDICATION ORDER AND RESCISSION OF RECEIVING ORDER

Notice is hereby given that the Adjudication Order and Receiving Order made against **Norsiah Binti Ali, No 9, Hilir Nibong Satu, Bayan Baru, 11950 Bayan Lepas, Pulau Pinang** on 17.08.2026 has been annulled and rescinded, respectively.

Dated this : 24 August 2026

.....t.t.....
(ROSLINA BINTI IDRIS)
Assistant State Director of Insolvency Penang
p/p Director General of Insolvency

Ref. No : MDI/PP/1137/03
Insolvency No. : BP008801/2003

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF MALAYA AT KUALA LUMPUR
IN THE FEDERAL TERRITORY OF KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA
(COMMERCIAL DIVISION)
COMPANIES (WINDING UP) PETITION NO. : WA-28NCC-832-08/2026

In the matter of Section 465(1)(e), (h) and Section 466(1) of the Companies Act 2016;
And
In the matter of Suzhou Construction Engineering Group (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd [Company No.: 202201042079 (1487776-H)];
And
In the matter of the Companies (Winding Up) Rules 1972.

BETWEEN

HORIZON CONSTRUCTION OVERSEAS (MALAYSIA) SDN. BHD.
[COMPANY NO. : 202101037002 (1437302-T)]
..PETITIONER

AND

SUZHOU CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING GROUP (MALAYSIA) SDN BHD
[COMPANY NO. : 202201042079 (1487776-H)]
..RESPONDENT

ADVERTISEMENT OF PETITION

NOTICE is hereby given that a Petition for the Winding up of the above-named Company by the High Court was, on the 6th day of August 2026, presented by **HORIZON CONSTRUCTION OVERSEAS (MALAYSIA) SDN. BHD.** (Company No.: 202101037002 (1437302-T)) of 13A-01, Tower 8, UOA Business Park, Jalan Pengaturcara U1/51A, 40150 Shah Alam, Selangor.

And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the **High Court of Malaya at Kuala Lumpur at 9.00 in the morning, on the 6th day of October 2026**, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desiring to support or oppose the making of an order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing by himself or his Counsel for that purpose and a copy of the Petition will be furnished to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring the same by the undersigned on payment to the regulated charge for the same.

The Petitioner's address is at 13A-01, Tower 8, UOA Business Park, Jalan Pengaturcara U1/51A, 40150 Shah Alam, Selangor.

The Petitioner's solicitors are Messrs Tang Hong & Lock of B15-3-2, Block B, Megan Salak Park, Jalan 1/125E, Taman Desa Petaling, 57100 Kuala Lumpur.

Dated this 1st September 2026.

.....t.t.....
Messrs Tang Hong & Lock
Solicitors for the Petitioner

NOTE :
Any person who intends to appear at the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to the above-named Solicitors **MESSRS TANG HONG & LOCK**, notice in writing of his intention to do so. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitors (if any) and must be served, or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the abovenamed not later than **twelve o' clock noon of the 5th day of October 2026** (the day before the day appointed for the hearing of the Petition).
[Ref No.: TYH.LIT.11708]

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DALAM MAHKAMAH MAJISTRET DI KUALA LUMPUR
DALAM WILAYAH PERSEKUTUAN KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA
GUAMAN SIVIL NO. : WA-A72NCvC-3003-07/2026

ANTARA

TENAGA NASIONAL BERHAD
(NO. SYARIKAT: 200866-W)
DAN
..PLAINTIF

WONG WENG SUM
[NO. K/P: 790318-14-5453]
NOTIS PENYAMPAIAN GANTI
...DEFENDAN

WONG WENG SUM
1) 20, Jalan 2/105, Taman Midah
56000 Kuala Lumpur
WP Kuala Lumpur

2) No 8 Lot 1531,
Jalan Sungai Kandis
Batu 3 1/2 Kampung Jawa
41000 Klang,
Selangor Darul Ehsan

AMBIL PERHATIAN bahawa suatu tindakan telah dimulakan terhadap kamu di Mahkamah Majistret Kuala Lumpur dalam Writ Saman No. **WA-A72NCvC-3003-07/2026** oleh pihak Plaintiff, Tenaga Nasional Berhad yang mana tuntutan Plaintiff adalah untuk jumlah sebanyak RM57,640.25, faedah pada kadar 5% setahun atas jumlah penghakiman dari tarikh penghakiman sehingga penyelesaian penuh jumlah penghakiman tersebut, kos tindakan dan lain-lain relif atau perintah yang Mahkamah fikir adil dan patut; dan bahawa adalah diperintahkan yang penyampaian Writ Saman tersebut hendaklah diserahkan terhadap kamu melalui penyampaian ganti iaitu melalui penampalan Writ Saman tersebut dan Perintah Penyampaian Ganti di atas papan kenyataan Mahkamah Majistret di Kuala Lumpur, dan di alamat kamu di 20, Jalan 2/105, Taman Midah, 56000 Kuala Lumpur, WP Kuala Lumpur dan No. 8 Lot 1531, Jalan Sungai Kandis, Batu 3 1/2 Kampung Jawa, 41000 Klang, Selangor Darul Ehsan dan dengan mengiklankan Notis ini dalam terbitan akhbar ini, dan bahawa penyampaian itu hendaklah dianggap sebagai penyampaian yang sempurna dan memadai terhadap kamu selepas lapan (8) hari dari tarikh penampalan dan pengiklanan, yang mana terkemudian. Jika kamu berhasrat untuk membela tindakan tersebut, kamu mestilah memasukkan kehadiran samada secara kediri dan/atau melalui peguambela kamu dalam masa empat belas (14) hari dari tarikh penyampaian menjadi sempurna. Jika kamu ingkar hadir sedemikian, penghakiman boleh diberikan terhadap kamu.

Sila ambil perhatian bahawa kes ini ditetapkan untuk pengurusan kes secara atas talian melalui e-Review di hadapan Majistret, Puan Fatin binti Mohd Nor pada 17hb September 2026, jam 9.00 pagi.

Bertarikh pada 19hb Ogos 2026

.....t.t.....
Tetuan Rao & Kamal
Peguamcara Plaintiff

Notis Penyampaian Ganti ini dikeluarkan oleh Tetuan Rao & Kamal, Peguamcara bagi pihak Plaintiff yang beralamat di 15-3, 3rd Mile Square Business Centre, No.151, Old Klang Road, 58100 Kuala Lumpur. [Tel: 03-7981 6323, 7981 6324, Fax: 03-7981 6325] [RK/2403/26(5)]
[E-Mel: admin@raokamal.com.my]

Proclamation

PERISYTIHARAN JUALAN MAHKAMAH
TINGGI MALAYA DI IPOH AE NO. : AA-38-1807-06/2026

LEMBAGA PEMBIAYAAN PERUMAHAN SEKTOR AWAM

... PLAINTIF

HISHAMUDDIN BIN HUSSAIN
(NO. K/P: 680621-02-6185)
... DEFENDAN

Lelongan Awam pada Hari Khamis, 12hb November 2026, jam 11.00 pagi, melalui sistem E-Lelong di laman web: <https://elelong.kehakiman.gov.my/bidderweb>

Bakal pembeli adalah dinasihatkan agar membuat carian Hakmilik secara rasmi di Pejabat Tanah dan memeriksa semua tanggungan,bebanan serta mengenal pasti dengan tepat hartanah tersebut sebelum jualan lelongan dijalankan.

HARTANAH: Rumah Teres 1 Tingkat – Lot Hujung – yang beralamat di No. 42, Lorong Lekir Indah 4, Taman Lekir Indah, 32020 Lekir, Perak Darul Ridzuan di bawah Pegangan Geran Mukim No. 1937, No. Lot 6356 (dahulu dikenali sebagai H.S.(M) 2022, No. PT 5403), Mukim Lekir, Daerah Manjung, Negeri Perak Darul Ridzuan dan Taraf Pegangan Hakmilik Kekal.

KELUASAN HARTANAH: 297.00 m.p. Syarat Nyata: Kediaman – Rumah Teres Kawasan Rizab: Pengisytiharan Rezab Melayu (Kawasan Lekir) Sekatan Kepentingan: Tanah ini boleh dipindahmilik atau dipajak dengan kebenaran bertulis oleh Pihak Berkuasa Negeri Pemilik: Hishamuddin Bin Hussain. Bebanan digada kepada Minister of Finance (Incorporated) Malaysia.

HARGA RIZAB: RM 120,000.00 (Ringgit Malaysia Satu Ratus, Dua Puluh Ribu Sahaja).

Penawar yang berminat dikehendaki mendeposit 10% daripada harga Rizab dalam bentuk **Bank Draft** diatas nama **"LEMBAGA PEMBIAYAAN PERUMAHAN SEKTOR AWAM"** tempoh satu (1) hari bekerja sebelum tarikh lelongan kepada Pusat Operasi e-Lelong Kompleks Mahkamah Kuantan.

Untuk Maklumat dan selanjutnya sila pohon kepada:-
PEGUAM: Tetuan Mad Diah Faizal Ima Shafini, Ipoh
(Tel:05-5250001/2) Rujukan: LPPSA-507/2019 (NOA) sh

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DALAM MAHKAMAH TINGGI MALAYA DI PULAU PINANG
DI DALAM NEGERI PULAU PINANG, MALAYSIA
PETISYEN PENGGULUNGAN SYARIKAT NO: PA-28NCC-129-08/2026

Dalam perkara **GNW SPEED TOP ENGINEERING SDN. BHD.**
(No. Syarikat: 200701029910 / 787935-P)
dan
Dalam perkara Seksyen 465(1)(e) dibaca bersama Seksyen 466 (1) (a) Akta Syarikat 2016 (Akta 777)
dan
Dalam perkara Kaedah 8(1) Kaedah-Kaedah (Penggulungan) Syarikat 1972
ANTARA

SMBE ASSET MANAGEMENT SDN. BHD.
(NO. SYARIKAT: 199901002270 / 477170-A)
DAN
..PEMPETISYEN

GNW SPEED TOP ENGINEERING SDN. BHD.
(NO. SYARIKAT: 200701029910 / 787935-P)
..RESPONDEN

IKLAN PETISYEN

NOTIS ADALAH DENGAN INI DIBERI bahawa suatu Petisyen untuk Penggulungan Syarikat yang dinamakan di atas oleh Mahkamah Tinggi Malaysia di Pulau Pinang telah pada 26 Ogos 2026, dikemukakan oleh **SMBE ASSET MANAGEMENT SDN. BHD.**

DAN bahawa Petisyen tersebut diarahkan supaya dibicarakan di hadapan Mahkamah yang bersidang di Mahkamah Tinggi 4, Mahkamah Tinggi Malaysia di Pulau Pinang, Kompleks Mahkamah Pulau Pinang, Lebu Light, 10200 Georgetown, Pulau Pinang pada hari Rabu, **28 Oktober 2026, jam 9.00 pagi.**

DAN mana-mana pihak pemuitang atau penyumbang Syarikat tersebut yang ingin menyokong atau menentang sesuatu perintah mengikut Petisyen tersebut boleh hadir dengan tujuan itu secara peribadi atau melalui peguamcaranya pada masa perbicaraan. Salinal Petisyen tersebut akan dibekalkan oleh pihak yang bertandatangan di bawah ini kepada mana-mana pemuitang atau penyumbang Syarikat tersebut yang memintanya dengan membuat bayaran yang ditetapkan.

Alamat Pempetisyen adalah di Aras 22, Menara SME Bank, Jalan Sultan Ismail, 50774 Kuala Lumpur.

Peguamcara Pempetisyen ialah Tetuan J.Lee & Associates, A-16-13, Tower A, Menara UOA Bangsar, No. 5 Jalan Bangsar Utama 1, 59000 Kuala Lumpur.

.....t.t.....
Tetuan J.Lee & Associates
Peguamcara bagi Pempetisyen

PERINGATAN: Sesiapa yang ingin hadir pada perbicaraan Petisyen tersebut hendaklah menyampaikan atau menghantar dengan pos, kepada **Tetuan J.Lee & Associates** yang dinamakan di atas suatu notis bertulis tentang niatnya sebegini. Notis tersebut mestilah menyatakan nama dan alamat pihak berkenaan, atau jika ia sebuah firma, nama dan alamat firma dan mestilah ditandatangani oleh pihak atau firma berkenaan atau peguamcaranya, jika ada. Notis hendaklah disampaikan, atau jika dihantar dengan pos, hendaklah dihantar dalam jangka-masa mencukupi, supaya sampai kepada pihak yang dinamakan di atas sebelum pukul **12.00 tengahari pada 27 Oktober 2026, Selasa.**
[No. Telefon: 03-22881699/No. Faksimili: 03-22881799/ Rujukan Fail: 83.1250356.JL.]

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF MALAYA AT SHAH ALAM
IN THE STATE OF SELANGOR DARUL EHSAN, MALAYSIA
(COMMERCIAL DIVISION)
COMPANIES (WINDING UP) NO. BA-28NCC-560-07/2026

In the matter of Section 465(1)(e), (h) and Section 466(1) of the Companies Act 2016;
And
In the matter BRD New Materials (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd [Company No: 202001005766 (1362086-K)];
And
In the matter of the Companies (Winding Up) Rules 1972.

BETWEEN

HORIZON CONSTRUCTION OVERSEAS (MALAYSIA) SDN. BHD.
[COMPANY NO. : 202101037002 (1437302-T)]
..PETITIONER

AND

BRD NEW MATERIALS (MALAYSIA) SDN BHD
[COMPANY NO: 202001005766 (1362086-K)]
..RESPONDENT

ADVERTISEMENT OF PETITION

NOTICE is hereby given that a Petition for the Winding up of the above-named Company by the High Court was, on the 20th day of July 2026, presented by **HORIZON CONSTRUCTION OVERSEAS (MALAYSIA) SDN. BHD.** (Company No.: 202101037002 (1437302-T)) of 13A-01, Tower 8, UOA Business Park, Jalan Pengaturcara U1/51A, 40150 Shah Alam, Selangor.

And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the **High Court of Malaya at Shah Alam at 9.00 in the morning, on the 19th day of October 2026**, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desiring to support or oppose the making of an order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing by himself or his Counsell for that purpose and a copy of the Petition will be furnished to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring the same by the undersigned on payment to the regulated charge for the same.

The Petitioner's address is at 13A-01, Tower 8, UOA Business Park, Jalan Pengaturcara U1/51A, 40150 Shah Alam, Selangor.

The Petitioner's solicitors are Messrs Tang Hong & Lock of B15-3-2, Block B, Megan Salak Park, Jalan 1/125E, Taman Desa Petaling, 57100 Kuala Lumpur.

Dated this 30th July 2026.

.....t.t.....
Messrs Tang Hong & Lock
Solicitors for the Petitioner

NOTE :
Any person who intends to appear at the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to the above-named Solicitors **MESSRS TANG HONG & LOCK**, notice in writing of his intention to do so. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitors (if any) and must be served, or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the abovenamed not later than **twelve o' clock noon of the 18th day of October 2026** (the day before the day appointed for the hearing of the Petition).
[Ref No.: TYH.LIT. 11354]

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PERISYTIHARAN JUALAN MAHKAMAH
TINGGI MALAYA DI IPOH AE NO. : AA-38-1508-05/2026

LEMBAGA PEMBIAYAAN PERUMAHAN SEKTOR AWAM

... PLAINTIF

KAMARIH BINTI KADER (WAKIL DIRI KEPADA NOR SHAMSHAL BIN BOKHRI (SIMATI))
(NO. K/P: 570930-09-5080)
... DEFENDAN

Lelongan Awam pada Hari Rabu, 11hb November 2026, jam 11.00 pagi, melalui sistem E-Lelong di laman web: <https://elelong.kehakiman.gov.my/bidderweb>

Bakal pembeli adalah dinasihatkan agar membuat carian Hakmilik secara rasmi di Pejabat Tanah dan memeriksa semua tanggungan,bebanan serta mengenal pasti dengan tepat hartanah tersebut sebelum jualan lelongan dijalankan.

HARTANAH: Rumah Teres 1 Tingkat – Lot Tengah – yang beralamat di No. 33, Lorong Lekir Indah 3, Taman Lekir Indah, Lekir, 32000 Sitiawan, Perak Darul Ridzuan di bawah Pegangan Geran Mukim No. 1920, No. Lot 6339 (dahulu dikenali sebagai No. H.S.(M) 2005, No. PT 5386), Mukim Lekir, Daerah Manjung, Negeri Perak Darul Ridzuan dan Taraf Pegangan Hakmilik Kekal.

KELUASAN HARTANAH: 121.00 m.p. Syarat Nyata: Kediaman – Rumah Teres Kawasan Rizab: Perisytiharan Rezab Melayu (Dalam Kawasan Lekir) Sekatan Kepentingan: Tanah ini boleh dipindahmilik atau dipajak dengan kebenaran bertulis oleh Pihak Berkuasa Negeri Pemilik: Nor Shamsal Bin Bokhri. Bebanan digada kepada Minister of Finance (Incorporated) Malaysia.

HARGA RIZAB: RM 160,000.00 (Ringgit Malaysia Satu Ratus, Enam Puluh Ribu Sahaja).

Penawar yang berminat dikehendaki mendeposit 10% daripada harga Rizab dalam bentuk **Bank Draft** diatas nama **"LEMBAGA PEMBIAYAAN PERUMAHAN SEKTOR AWAM"** tempoh satu (1) hari bekerja sebelum tarikh lelongan kepada Pusat Operasi e-Lelong Kompleks Mahkamah Kuantan.

Untuk Maklumat dan selanjutnya sila pohon kepada:-
PEGUAM: Tetuan Mad Diah Faizal Ima Shafini, Ipoh
(Tel:05-5250001/2) Rujukan: LPPSA-179/2017 (NOA)sh

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DALAM MAHKAMAH MAJISTRET DI KUALA LUMPUR
DALAM WILAYAH PERSEKUTUAN MALAYSIA
GUAMAN NO:WA-A72NCC-20786-06/2026

ANTARA

PUSAT PAKAR TAWAKAL SDN BHD (No.Syarikat:116066-D) PLAINTIF

DAN

1. NUR UMMUL NADTRAH BINTI MOHD NIZAM (No.K/P:950121-02-5204)

2. MOHD SHOKRI BIN ABDULLAH (No.K/P:740524-02-6185)

3. SHAZRUL SHAMIR BIN SHAHAR (No.K/P:870802-02-5947) DEFENDAN

NOTIS

Kepada:

NUR UMMUL NADTRAH BINTI MOHD NIZAM No.46, Jalan Taj 1/2, Taman Alam Jaya 42300 Puncak Alam Selangor Darul Ehsan

SHAZRUL SHAMIR BIN SHAHAR No.227, Lorong Gunung Angsi 6/2 Taman Kelab Tuanku , Mambau 70300 Seremban Negeri Sembilan

AMBIL PERHATIAN bahawa suatu tindakan Mahkamah telah dimulakan terhadap kamu dalam Mahkamah Majistret Kuala Lumpur oleh PUSAT PAKAR TAWAKAL SDN BHD yang beralamat di No 1, Jalan Pahang Barat, 53000 Kuala Lumpur, dan Mahkamah telah perintahkan bahawa Writ Saman dan Pernyataan Tuntutan bertarikh 9 Jun 2026 disampaikan ke atas kamu dengan menampalkan satu salinan Writ Saman dan Pernyataan Tuntutan tersebut dan Perintah Penyampaian Ganti pada papan kenyataan Mahkamah Majistret Kuala Lumpur dan juga di alamat akhir Defendan Ke-1 yang diketahui di No.227, Lorong Gunung Angsi 6/2, Taman Kelab Tuanku, Mambau, 70300 Seremban, Negeri Sembilan dan mengiklankan sekali dalam bentuk yang ditetapkan tindakan tersebut di dalam akhbar "The Star" dan bahawa penyampaian cara sedemikian dianggap sebagai penyampaian yang sempurna dan cukup akan Writ Saman dan Pernyataan Tuntutan itu kepada Defendan Ke-1 dan Defendan Ke-3, lapan (8) hari selepas tarikh penampalan dan pengiklanan tersebut yang mana adalah tarikh terakhir.

DAN AMBIL PERHATIAN bahawa tindakan tersebut telah ditetapkan di hadapan Mahkamah Majistret Kuala Lumpur pada 15.9.2026 pukul 9.00 pagi secara e-review, dimana kamu dikehendaki hadir pada tarikh tersebut dan jika tidak, Mahkamah boleh memasukkan penghakiman ingkar terhadap kamu.

Bertarikh 18.8.2026

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Penolong Kanan Pendaftar Mahkamah Majistret Kuala Lumpur

NOTIS ini telah difailkan oleh KS Roy & Co yang mempunyai alamat penyampaian di 95A, Jalan Sri Hartamas 2, Taman Sri Hartamas, 50480 Kuala Lumpur, peguamcara bagi Plaintiff yang dinamakan di atas.

Tel: 03-6201 3371 / 012-2070624 Email: roy.sree@yahoo.com

Ref:KSR/KPJT-NUN/2610

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PERISYTIHARAN JUALAN
DALAM MAHKAMAH TINGGI MALAYA DI KUALA LUMPUR
PERMOHONAN UNTUK PERLAKSANAAN NO:
WA-38-1288-04/2026

Dalam perkara mengenai Seksyen 256 dan 257 Kanun Tanah Negara 2020 (Akta 828)

Dan

Dalam perkara mengenai Gadaian Perserahan No: 4657/2004(bertarikh : 17/06/2004) ke atas semua bahagian tanah yang dipegang di bawah PN 2532/M10/6/198, Lot 361, Mukim Tanah Rata, Daerah Cameron Highlands, Pahang

Dan

Dalam perkara mengenai Aturan 83 Kaedah-Kaedah Mahkamah, 2012

ANTARA

Public Bank Berhad [No. Syarikat : 196501000672 (6463-H)] ...PLAINTIF

DAN

ANTHONY VINCENT DEVARAJAH (No. Kad Pengenalan : 700729-08-6429)

TSAREENA A/P RAMASAMY (No. Kad Pengenalan : 750104-05-5480) ...DEFENDAN-DEFENDAN

Menurut Perintah Mahkamah Tinggi Malaysia di KUALA LUMPUR mengenai Perintah Jualan dan Perintah bertarikh 10 Mac 2026 dan 15 Julai 2026, adalah dengan ini diisytiharkan bahawa Timbalan Pendaftar/Penolong Kanan Pendaftar Pusat Operasi e-Lelong di Kuantan

AKAN MENJUAL SECARA LELONG AWAM

Pada Hari Khamis, 24 September 2026, Pada Jam 9:00 pagi, SECARA ELEKTRONIK DI LAMAN WEB e-LELONG, PUSAT OPERASI e-LELONG, KOMPLEKS MAHKAMAH KUANTAN, PAHANG DARUL MAKMUR

NOTA: Bakal pembeli adalah dinasihatkan agar membuat carian Hakmilik secara rasmi di Pejabat Tanah dan memeriksa semua tanggungan, bebanan serta mengenal pasti dengan tepat hartanah tersebut sebelum jualan lelongan dijalankan.

Sila layari <https://lelong.kehakiman.gov.my/bidderweb>

BUTIR-BUTIR HAKMILIK:

No. Hakmilik : PN 2532/M10/6/198

No. Lot : Lot 361

Mukim / Daerah / Negeri : Tanah Rata / Cameron Highlands / Pahang

Pegangan : Hakmilik Pajak

No. Petak/No. Tingkat/ No. Bangunan : 198 / 6 / M10

Keluasan Tanah : 968.75 kaki persegi

90 meter persegi

Pemilik Berdaftar : Anthony Vincent Devarajah & Tsareena A/P Ramasamy

Syarat Nyata : Kediaman

Sekatan Kepentingan : Tanah ini tidak boleh dipindahmilik, dipajak, digadai melainkan setelah mendapat kebenaran bertulis daripada Pihak Berkuasa Negeri

Bebanan / Lain-Lain : Tiada

Kawasan Rizab : Tiada

Kaveat : Tiada

LOKASI DAN PERIHAL HARTANAH: Hartanah tersebut adalah A walk-up Apartment yang beralamat pos di No. K-21, Desa Anthurium, 39000 Tanah Rata, Pahang Darul Makmur.

HARGA RIZAB: Hartanah tersebut akan dijual atas "seperti mana sedia ada" tertakluk kepada satu harga rizab sebanyak RM 180,000.00 (RINGGIT MALAYSIA: SATU RATUS LAPAN PULUH RIBU SAHAJA) dan kepada syarat-syarat jualan yang diilmpirkan. Pembida yang berminat hendaklah menandatangani 10% daripada harga rizab dalam bentuk Bank Draf di atas nama PUBLIC BANK BERHAD 1 HARI BEKERJA sebelum tarikh lelong awam. Baki harga belian hendaklah dibayar oleh pembida yang berjaya kepada PUBLIC BANK BERHAD dalam tempoh seratus dua puluh (120) hari dari tarikh jualan. Untuk butir-butir selanjutnya, sila berhubung dengan:-

Firma Guaman : CHE MOKHTAR & LING

Alamat : LEVEL 21, MAIN BLOCK MENARA TAKAFUL MALAYSIA NO.4, JALAN SULTAN SULAIMAN, 50000, WPKL, MY

No. Telefon : 03-22740413

No. Fax : 03-22748191

No. Rujukan : CML-08A/PBB/AV/54142/25/E(S)

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PERISYTIHARAN JUALAN MAHKAMAH
TINGGI MALAYA DI IPOH: PELAKSANAAN NO.: AA-38-1832-06/2026

LEMBAGA PEMBIAYAAN PERUMAHAN SEKTOR AWAM

... PLAINTIF

MOHD YUSUF BIN MAT NOR [NO. K/P: 851117-03-5625 /T832100] ... DEFENDAN

Lelongan Awam pada Hari Isnin 05hb Oktober 2026 jam 11.00 pagi, melalui sistem E-Lelong di laman web: <https://lelong.kehakiman.gov.my/bidderweb>

Bakal pembeli adalah dinasihatkan agar membuat carian Hakmilik secara rasmi di Pejabat Tanah dan memeriksa semua tanggungan,bebanan serta mengenal pasti dengan tepat hartanah tersebut sebelum jualan lelongan dijalankan.

HARTANAH: Rumah Teres Tengah Satu Tingkat beralamat di No. 716, Laluan Kiedang 3/5, Taman Kiedang, 31100, Sungai Siput (U), Perak Darul Ridzuan di bawah Pegangan Pajak Negeri No.: 298904 (dahulunya dikenali sebagai H.S (D) No. 10264) No. Lot 24156 (dahulunya dikenali sebagai P.T No. 11232) Mukim Sungai Siput, Daerah Kuala Kangsar, Perak Darul Ridzuan dan Taraf Pegangan Pajak 99 tahun tempoh berakhir pada 17hb Jun 2103.

KELUASAN HARTANAH: 130.00 m.p. Syarat Nyata: Kediaman – Sebuah Rumah Kediaman Sekatan Kepentingan: Ada Pemilik: Mohd Yusuf bin Mat Nor Bebanan digadai kepada Minister of Finance (Incorporated) Malaysia.

HARGA RIZAB: RM113,400.00 (Ringgit Malaysia Satu Ratus Tiga Belas Ribu Empat Ratus Sahaja).

Penawar yang berminat dikehendaki mendeposit 10% daripada harga Rizab dalam bentuk Bank Draf diatas nama "LEMBAGA PEMBIAYAAN PERUMAHAN SEKTOR AWAM" tempoh satu (1) hari bekerja sebelum tarikh lelongan kepada Pusat Operasi e-Lelong Kompleks Mahkamah Kuantan.

Untuk Maklumat dan selanjutnya sila pohon kepada:-

PEGUAM: Tetuan Mad Diah Faizal Ima Shafini, Ipoh (Tel:05-5250001/2) Rujukan:[LPPSA-206/2016 SFDS] eda

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PERISYTIHARAN JUALAN MAHKAMAH
TINGGI MALAYA DI IPOH AE NO.: AA-38-1832-06/2026

LEMBAGA PEMBIAYAAN PERUMAHAN SEKTOR AWAM

... PLAINTIF

MOHAMAD SHAHRUL SHAKIRIN BIN SANUSI (NO. K/P: 980612-03-5543 /T841186) ... DEFENDAN

Lelongan Awam pada Hari Khamis 22hb Oktober 2026 jam 11.00 pagi, melalui sistem E-Lelong di laman web: <https://lelong.kehakiman.gov.my/bidderweb>

Bakal pembeli adalah dinasihatkan agar membuat carian Hakmilik secara rasmi di Pejabat Tanah dan memeriksa semua tanggungan, bebanan serta mengenalpasti dengan tepat hartanah tersebut sebelum jualan lelongan dijalankan.

HARTANAH: Sebuah rumah teres satu tingkat – lot tengah beralamat di No. 54, Jalan Bemban Indah 9, Taman Bemban Indah, 31000 Batu Gajah, Perak Darul Ridzuan di bawah Pegangan Hakmilik Sementara No. H.S.(D) 237745, No. PT 42972 Mukim Sungai Terap, Daerah Kinta, Negeri Perak Darul Ridzuan dan Taraf Pegangan Hakmilik Pajak 99 tahun luput pada 30 Ogos 2117.

KELUASAN HARTANAH: 121.00 m.p. Syarat Nyata: Kediaman – Kediaman Mampu Milik. Sekatan Kepentingan: Tanah ini hanya boleh dipindahmilik atau dipajak dengan kebenaran bertulis oleh Pihak Berkuasa Negeri. Sekatan ini dikecualikan kepada kaum Bumiputera bagi pindahmilik kedua dan seterusnya Kawasan Rizab: Tiada Pemilik: Mohamad Shahrul Shakirin Bin Sanusi Bebanan digadai kepada Lembaga Pembiayaan Perumahan Sektor Awam.

HARGA RIZAB: RM180,000.00 (Ringgit Malaysia Satu Ratus Lapan Puluh Ribu Sahaja).

Penawar yang berminat dikehendaki mendeposit 10% daripada harga Rizab dalam bentuk Bank Draf diatas nama "LEMBAGA PEMBIAYAAN PERUMAHAN SEKTOR AWAM" tempoh satu (1) hari bekerja sebelum tarikh lelongan kepada Pusat Operasi e-Lelong Kompleks Mahkamah Kuantan.

Untuk Maklumat dan selanjutnya sila pohon kepada:-

PEGUAM: Tetuan Mad Diah Faizal Ima Shafini, Ipoh (Tel:05-5250001/2) Rujukan: LPPSA-35/2025(NO)A)sh

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PERISYTIHARAN JUALAN MAHKAMAH
TINGGI MALAYA DI IPOH AE NO.: AA-38-1932-06/2026

LEMBAGA PEMBIAYAAN PERUMAHAN SEKTOR AWAM

... PLAINTIF

NADZIDDIN BIN HASHIM (NO. K/P: 610714-08-6191)

JAMALIAH BINTI ABD RAUF (NO. K/P: 610916-08-5226) ... DEFENDAN-DEFENDAN

Lelongan Awam pada Hari Selasa, 10hb November 2026, jam 11.00 pagi, melalui sistem E-Lelong di laman web: <https://lelong.kehakiman.gov.my/bidderweb>

Bakal pembeli adalah dinasihatkan agar membuat carian Hakmilik secara rasmi di Pejabat Tanah dan memeriksa semua tanggungan,bebanan serta mengenal pasti dengan tepat hartanah tersebut sebelum jualan lelongan dijalankan.

HARTANAH: Rumah Teres Satu Tingkat – Lot Tengah yang beralamat di No. 23, Lebuhr Bercham (S) 2/5, Desa Impian, 31400 Ipoh, Perak Darul Ridzuan di bawah Pegangan Pajak Negeri No. 139272 , No. Lot 171448 (dahulu dikenali sebagai H.S.(D) KA 9739/89, PT 92948), Mukim Hulu Kinta, Daerah Kinta, Negeri Perak Darul Ridzuan dan Taraf Pegangan Pajak 99 tahun dan berakhir pada 18 Oktober 2088.

KELUASAN HARTANAH: 111.00 m.p. Syarat Nyata: Kediaman – Kediaman Kos Rendah Sekatan Kepentingan: Tanah ini tidak boleh dipindah milik melainkan kepada orang yang diluluskan secara bertulis oleh Menteri Besar Perak. Sekatan ini tidak terpakai selepas 7 tahun daripada tarikh pindahmilik pertama. Pemilik: Nadziddin Bin Hashim & Jamaliah Binti Abd Rauf. Bebanan digadai kepada Minister of Finance (Incorporated) Malaysia.

HARGA RIZAB: RM 54,000.00 (Ringgit Malaysia Lima Puluh Empat Ribu Sahaja).

Penawar yang berminat dikehendaki mendeposit 10% daripada harga Rizab dalam bentuk Bank Draf diatas nama "LEMBAGA PEMBIAYAAN PERUMAHAN SEKTOR AWAM" tempoh satu (1) hari bekerja sebelum tarikh lelongan kepada Pusat Operasi e-Lelong Kompleks Mahkamah Kuantan.

Untuk Maklumat dan selanjutnya sila pohon kepada:-

PEGUAM: Tetuan Mad Diah Faizal Ima Shafini, Ipoh (Tel:05-5250001/2) Rujukan: LPPSA-152/2019 (NOA) sh

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PERISYTIHARAN JUALAN MAHKAMAH
TINGGI MALAYA DI IPOH AE NO.: AA-38-1944-06/2026

LEMBAGA PEMBIAYAAN PERUMAHAN SEKTOR AWAM

... PLAINTIF

MUHAMMAD EZRY BIN ESA [NO. K/P: 750918-01-6931]

NOR YASMIN BINTI YAHYA [NO. K/P: 780608-01-6394] ... DEFENDAN-DEFENDAN

Lelongan Awam pada Hari Rabu, 11hb November 2026, jam 11.00 pagi, melalui sistem E-Lelong di laman web: <https://lelong.kehakiman.gov.my/bidderweb>

Bakal pembeli adalah dinasihatkan agar membuat carian Hakmilik secara rasmi di Pejabat Tanah dan memeriksa semua tanggungan,bebanan serta mengenal pasti dengan tepat hartanah tersebut sebelum jualan lelongan dijalankan.

HARTANAH: Rumah Kluster Berkembar 1 Tingkat – Lot Hujung dengan penambahan rumah yang beralamat di No. 437, Jalan Residen 2/4, Residen 2, Bandar Baru Setia Awan Perdana, 32000 Sitiawan, Perak Darul Ridzuan di bawah Pegangan Hakmilik Sementara No. H.S.(D) 47076, No. PT 47320, Mukim Sitiawan, Daerah Manjung, Negeri Perak Darul Ridzuan dan Taraf Pegangan Taraf Pegangan Hakmilik Kekal.

KELUASAN HARTANAH: 229.00 m.p. Syarat Nyata: Kediaman – Rumah Kluster Kawasan Rizab: Tanah Simpanan Melayu (Kawasan Rezab Melayu Sitiawan) Sekatan Kepentingan: Tanah ini tidak boleh dipindahmilik, dipajak, dicagar atau dibebankan tanpa kebenaran Menteri Besar Perak Pemilik: Muhammad Ezry Bin Esa, Nor Yasmin Binti Yahya Bebanan digadai kepada Lembaga Pembiayaan Perumahan Sektor Awam.

HARGA RIZAB: RM 225,000.00 (Ringgit Malaysia Dua Ratus Dua Puluh Lima Ribu Sahaja).

Penawar yang berminat dikehendaki mendeposit 10% daripada harga Rizab dalam bentuk Bank Draf diatas nama "LEMBAGA PEMBIAYAAN PERUMAHAN SEKTOR AWAM" tempoh satu (1) hari bekerja sebelum tarikh lelongan kepada Pusat Operasi e-Lelong Kompleks Mahkamah Kuantan.

Untuk Maklumat dan selanjutnya sila pohon kepada:-

PEGUAM: Tetuan Mad Diah Faizal Ima Shafini, Ipoh (Tel:05-5250001/2) Rujukan: LPPSA-9/2025 (NOA)sh

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PERISYTIHARAN JUALAN MAHKAMAH
TINGGI MALAYA DI IPOH AE NO.: AA-38-1981-06/2026

LEMBAGA PEMBIAYAAN PERUMAHAN SEKTOR AWAM

... PLAINTIF

YUSOFF BIN SAAD (NO. K/P: 791029-07-5203) ... DEFENDAN

Lelongan Awam pada Hari Selasa 17hb November 2026 jam 11.00 pagi, melalui sistem E-Lelong di laman web: <https://lelong.kehakiman.gov.my/bidderweb>

Bakal pembeli adalah dinasihatkan agar membuat carian Hakmilik secara rasmi di Pejabat Tanah dan memeriksa semua tanggungan, bebanan serta mengenalpasti dengan tepat hartanah tersebut sebelum jualan lelongan dijalankan.

HARTANAH: Sebuah Rumah Teres Satu Tingkat- Lot Tepi beralamat di No. 1, Laluan Wawasan 6, Taman Tronoh Wawasan, 31750 Tronoh, Perak Darul Ridzuan di bawah Pegangan Pajak Negeri No. 302368, No. Lot 307572, Mukim Tronoh (Belanja), Daerah Kinta, Perak Darul Ridzuan dan Taraf Pegangan Pajak 99 tahun luput pada 07 Mac 2106.

KELUASAN HARTANAH: 167.00 m.p. Syarat Nyata: Kediaman – Sebuah Rumah Kediaman. Sekatan Kepentingan: Tanah ini boleh dipindahmilik atau dipajak dengan kebenaran bertulis oleh Pihak Berkuasa Negeri Kawasan Rizab: Tiada Pemilik: Yusoff Bin Saad Bebanan digadai kepada Minister of Finance (Incorporated) Malaysia.

HARGA RIZAB: RM90,000.00 (Ringgit Malaysia Sembilan Ribu Sahaja).

Penawar yang berminat dikehendaki mendeposit 10% daripada harga Rizab dalam bentuk Bank Draf diatas nama "LEMBAGA PEMBIAYAAN PERUMAHAN SEKTOR AWAM" tempoh satu (1) hari bekerja sebelum tarikh lelongan kepada Pusat Operasi e-Lelong Kompleks Mahkamah Kuantan.

Untuk Maklumat dan selanjutnya sila pohon kepada:-

PEGUAM: Tetuan Mad Diah Faizal Ima Shafini, Ipoh (Tel:05-5250001/2) Rujukan: LPPSA-70/2018(NO)A)sh

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PERISYTIHARAN JUALAN MAHKAMAH
TINGGI MALAYA DI IPOH AE NO.: AA-38-1947-06/2026

LEMBAGA PEMBIAYAAN PERUMAHAN SEKTOR AWAM

... PLAINTIF

ABDUL RASID BIN AMRON HALIN (NO. K/P: 810213-10-5709) ... DEFENDAN

Lelongan Awam pada Hari Khamis, 12hb November 2026, jam 11.00 pagi, melalui sistem E-Lelong di laman web: <https://lelong.kehakiman.gov.my/bidderweb>

Bakal pembeli adalah dinasihatkan agar membuat carian Hakmilik secara rasmi di Pejabat Tanah dan memeriksa semua tanggungan,bebanan serta mengenal pasti dengan tepat hartanah tersebut sebelum jualan lelongan dijalankan.

HARTANAH: Rumah Teres Satu Tingkat – Lot Tengah yang beralamat di No. 5, Lorong Lekir Indah 2, Taman Lekir Indah, 32020 Lekir, Perak Darul Ridzuan di bawah Pegangan Geran Mukim 1893, No. Lot 6312 (dahulu dikenali sebagai Hakmilik Sementara No. H.S.(M) 1978, No. PT 5359), Mukim Lekir, Daerah Manjung, Negeri Perak Darul Ridzuan dan Taraf Pegangan Hakmilik Kekal.

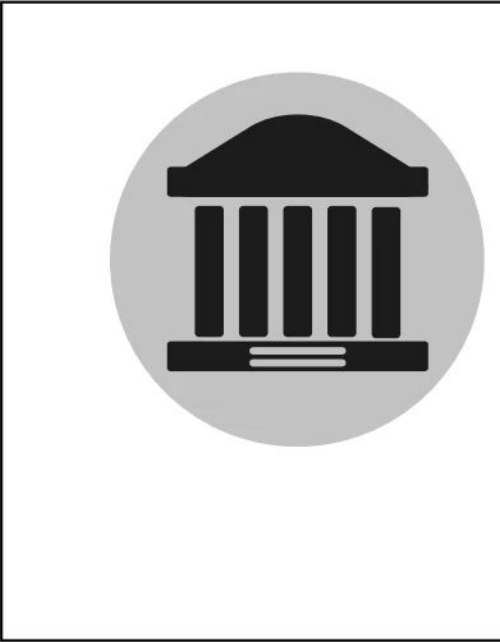
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an Extraordinary General Meeting ("EGM") of Superlon Holdings Berhad ("Superlon" or the "Company") will be held at Botanic Room, Botanic Resort Club, No. 1, Jalan Ambang Botanic, Bandar Botanic, 41200 Klang, Selangor on Thursday, 24 September 2026 at 11.00 a.m., or immediately after the conclusion of the Twentieth Annual General Meeting of Superlon scheduled to be held at the same venue on the same day at 10.00 a.m., whichever is later, or at any adjournment thereof, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit, passing with or without modifications the resolutions set out in this notice.

ORDINARY RESOLUTION

PROPOSED EXEMPTION UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH 4.15(1) OF THE RULES ON TAKE-OVERS, MERGERS AND COMPULSORY ACQUISITIONS ISSUED BY THE SECURITIES COMMISSION MALAYSIA TO LIU LEE, HSUI-LIN (ALSO KNOWN AS JESSICA HSUI-LIN LIU) ("MADAM JESSICA") AND PERSON(S) ACTING IN CONCERT ("PACS") WITH HER FROM THE OBLIGATION TO UNDERTAKE A MANDATORY TAKE-OVER OFFER FOR ALL THE REMAINING ORDINARY SHARES IN SUPERLON ("SUPERLON SHARES" OR "SHARES") NOT ALREADY OWNED BY THEM ARISING FROM THE PURCHASE BY SUPERLON OF ITS OWN SHARES PURSUANT TO ITS SHARE BUY-BACK AUTHORITY ("PROPOSED EXEMPTION")

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AND THAT the Board is hereby empowered and authorised to take all such steps and do all acts, deeds and things to enter into any arrangements, transactions, agreements and/or undertakings and to execute, sign and deliver on behalf of the Company, all such documents as may be necessary, expedient and/or appropriate to implement and give full effect to the Proposed Exemption with full powers to assent to any conditions, modifications, variations and/or amendments as the Board may in its absolute discretion deem fit, necessary, expedient, appropriate and/or as may be imposed or permitted by any relevant authorities in connection with the Proposed Exemption and to do all such things as the Board may consider necessary or expedient or in the best interest of the Company."

By order of the Board

NG MEI WAN
(SSM Practicing Certificate No. 201908000801) (MIA 28862)
Company Secretary

Kuala Lumpur
9 September 2026

Notes:

- Only depositors whose names appear in the Record of Depositors as at 14 September 2026 shall be regarded as members and be entitled to attend, participate, speak and vote at the Extraordinary General Meeting.
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William Shakespeare

Crude rebalancing hits the mark

Strategy to shield Malaysia from future geopolitical energy shocks

OIL AND GAS

By KIRENNESH NAIR
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PETALING JAYA: Malaysia's efforts to diversify its crude oil supply amid global geopolitical uncertainties appear to be paying off, with the country becoming less reliant on Middle Eastern sources and increasingly tapping supplies from Africa and other regions.

Economist Yeah Kim Leng described the shift as a "highly successful" rebalancing of Malaysia's energy import sources, saying it would strengthen the resilience of the economy.

He said the shift would also better position Malaysia to withstand future energy shocks, particularly those stemming from disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz.

Yeah said the rapid diversification over the past six months reflected both the urgency created by the crisis and the need to ensure economic growth was not disrupted by energy shortages.

"This was particularly important given the dependence of a wide range of industries on oil and gas for energy and petrochemical feedstock.

"The spectrum of industries that depend

Saudi Arabia, previously Malaysia's largest source of crude oil, saw its share fall sharply to 7% in March to July 2026 from 32.6% in January 2025 to February 2026.

on oil and gas, alongside petrochemical feedstocks, spans from fertiliser to plastics and other speciality gases and materials that are important to many critical industries," he said.

In a report yesterday, Phillip Capital Research said Malaysia has become less reliant on crude oil supplies linked to the Strait of Hormuz, with imports from African countries gaining share.

"The broader sourcing base has reduced Malaysia's vulnerability to Strait of Hormuz disruptions, strengthening the resilience of its crude oil supply," it noted.

Citing data from the Statistics Department, the research house said Hormuz-linked countries accounted for roughly two-thirds of Malaysia's crude oil imports between 2023 and 2025.

But reliance on these sources had already

been declining, falling from 74.7% in 2023 to 59.1% in February 2026.

"The disruption nevertheless accelerated a significant rebalancing of Malaysia's crude oil import sources," it added.

"Their share fell to 32.3% in March to July 2026, below that of African suppliers, whose share increased to 35.6% from 19.6% previously."

The research house classified Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Kuwait, Qatar, Iraq, Bahrain and Iran as Hormuz-linked suppliers, leaving Oman out of the classification.

Saudi Arabia, previously Malaysia's largest source of crude oil, saw its share fall sharply to 7% in March to July 2026 from 32.6% in January 2025 to February 2026.

Still, the UAE, another Hormuz-linked supplier, became Malaysia's largest source,

with its share edging up to 21.1% from 20.5%.

Oman, Sudan and Angola were among the biggest beneficiaries, with their shares rising to 16.1%, 13.3% and 9.3%, respectively, from 8.6%, 7.6% and 1.5% previously.

The United States remained a source of supply, although its share eased to 5.3% from 6%, while Cameroon's share rose to 5.9% from 4.5%. The share of imports from other countries also rose to 22% from 18.7% previously.

Phillip Capital Research said the changes showed Malaysia had adapted "relatively well" to the changing supply environment by diversifying its crude oil import sources.

The research house used the Herfindahl-Hirschman Index (HHI) to measure the concentration of Malaysia's crude oil imports, with a lower HHI indicating greater diversification.

Its analysis showed that the HHI fell to 1,131 in March to July 2026 from 1,710 in January to February 2026.

"Our HHI analysis further indicates that the improvement in diversification was driven less by an increase in the number of suppliers, but by a more balanced distribution of import shares, reflecting lower

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Bursa expansion unlikely to trigger major flow shift

Index exposure to move beyond heavyweight sectors

STOCK MARKET

PETALING JAYA: Malaysia's benchmark equity market is likely to see a gradual reshaping of liquidity and investor demand as the FBM KLCI expands to 50 constituents from the current 30.

The adjustment should be more visible at the individual-stock level than across the broader market, with changes in index exposure spread over two stages from December 2026 to June 2027.

CIMB Research said the relatively small pool of passive assets tracking the FBM KLCI means the expansion is unlikely to trigger a major market-wide flow shift, despite potentially significant changes in individual index weights.

"With passive KLCI-tracking assets under management relatively small and inclusion phased at 50% in December 2026 and 100% in June 2027, we expect the near-term flow impact to be more stock-specific than market-wide," the research house said.

CIMB Research expects index exposure to move away from existing heavyweight sectors, particularly banks and utilities, towards the 20 new constituents.

However, it noted that the absolute passive-flow impact could be smaller than changes in index weights might suggest.

"The absence of a 10% company-level cap also removes an additional source of forced selling among existing heavyweights," it said.

"The two-stage implementation would spread the adjustment from December 2026 through June 2027.

The changes follow a Sept 7 industry dialogue between Bursa Malaysia and FTSE Russell, which provided further details on the expansion.

FTSE clarified that full market capitalisa-

"While the change may dilute the influence of existing heavyweights on index performance, greater sector diversification could make the benchmark more representative of the broader market over time."

An analyst

tion will determine final stock selection, while free float will determine index weights.

As a result, CIMB Research expects market attention to centre increasingly on full market-cap rankings ahead of the Nov 23 cut-off, particularly among stocks near the inclusion threshold.

"We expect investor attention to increasingly focus on changes in full market cap rankings as the November 2026 cut-off approaches, particularly for stocks close to the inclusion threshold and where potential index demand is significant relative to liquidity," it said.

Bursa Malaysia has provided an indicative list of 20 potential additions based on market data as at June 30, although the final line-up will only be announced on Dec 3.

CIMB Research's simulation using Aug 20 market prices identified Eco-Shop Marketing Bhd as a potential entrant instead of Unisem (M) Bhd, underscoring how changes in market-cap rankings could alter the final composition.

Meanwhile, the FBM70 will be cut to 50 constituents and renamed the FTSE Bursa Malaysia Mid Cap Index on Dec 21, while the FBM100 will remain unchanged.

The FBM KLCI's phased inclusion factor

does not apply to other FTSE Bursa Malaysia indices.

CIMB Research said the second-stage transition by June 2027 is not automatic, as constituents must remain eligible at that point.

FTSE Russell is also reviewing the fast-entry threshold for large initial public offerings, with details expected in updated ground rules by end-September.

CIMB Research has not incorporated the proposed relaxation into its index-screening assumptions as the revised threshold has yet to be formally specified.

Meanwhile, an analyst told *StarBiz* that bringing more large-cap names into the benchmark should broaden institutional participation and improve trading liquidity in the new constituents, particularly those that currently sit outside the FBM KLCI and have more limited index-related demand.

"The expanded FBM KLCI should provide a more balanced reflection of Malaysia's equity market, reducing the dominance of banks and utilities.

"While the change may dilute the influence of existing heavyweights on index performance, greater sector diversification could make the benchmark more representative of the broader market over time," he said.

TRC Synergy wins RM150mil DC contract

PETALING JAYA: TRC Synergy Bhd has secured a contract from Gamuda Engineering Sdn Bhd, in relation to a hyperscale data centre sub-contract for underground services works, worth RM149.98mil.

In a filing with Bursa Malaysia, TRC said the contract, which commenced on Aug 14, 2026, is scheduled for completion by Nov 25, 2026.

"The contract will not have any effect on the issued share capital, the shareholdings of the substantial shareholders of the company.

"It is expected to contribute positively to the future earnings, earnings per share, and net assets per share of the firm throughout the duration of the contract.

"The board, after having considered all aspects of the contract, is of the opinion that the acceptance of the contract is within the ordinary course of business of the company and is in the best interest of the firm," it added.

TT Vision unit bags RM9.5mil purchase order

PETALING JAYA: TT Vision Holdings Bhd's (TTVHB) wholly-owned subsidiary, TT Vision Technologies Sdn Bhd, has secured a purchase order worth approximately RM9.5mil from one of the world's leading semiconductor manufacturers.

The order involves the supply of automated vision inspection equipment and test automation solutions to support the customer's manufacturing operations for its global semiconductor product portfolio, including microcontrollers, microprocessors, and mixed-signal and radio-frequency semiconductor products.

TTVHB said the purchase order is expected to be fulfilled within five months from the date of its announcement yesterday.

The order is expected to contribute positively to the earnings and net assets of the group for the financial year ending Dec 31, 2027.

Firms urged to explore alternative energy sources

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reliance on previously dominant sources, particularly Saudi Arabia," it said.

Malaysia consumes around 700,000 barrels of crude oil per day, roughly double its domestic production of 350,000 barrels per day, according to the Finance Ministry.

This leaves the country vulnerable to supply disruptions, given its previous reliance on Middle Eastern oil to meet domestic consumption.

Against this backdrop, Phillip Capital Research said the now lower concentration of Malaysia's crude oil imports strengthens the country's energy resilience.

"The sharp decline in Malaysia's import concentration and reduced reliance on Hormuz-linked suppliers suggest that the country is now better positioned to withstand future disruptions, thus reducing the risk of a prolonged crude oil shortage that could affect domestic economic activity," the research house noted.

An industry observer said Malaysia's ability to diversify its crude oil sources showed that the country had weathered the supply disruption "decently".

"The security of supply is basically there," he said.

He pointed to recent comments by Nurhisham Hussein, economic adviser at the Prime Minister's Office, that Malaysia's fuel supply remained stable despite lower global supply levels, with the government confident of securing sufficient supplies

through the end of the year.

Nurhisham also heads the secretariat of the Crisis Management Task Force under the National Economic Action Council.

For Malaysia, the diversification means greater flexibility in choosing suppliers based on availability and cost.

The industry observer said crude oil was a commodity and, as long as Malaysia could secure sufficient supplies when needed, the source of the crude was less important. "Oil is oil. Crude is crude. It is a commoditised product. It doesn't matter where you get it from."

He added that securing supply was largely a government-to-government matter, with Malaysia addressing the situation "day by day, step by step".

Meanwhile, an oil and gas executive said the change in ownership of Pengerang Refining Company Sdn Bhd and Pengerang Petrochemical Company Sdn Bhd, collectively known as PRefChem, had given Petrolia Nasional Bhd (PETRONAS) greater flexibility to source crude oil from other regions.

PRefChem operates the 300,000-barrels-per-day refinery at the Pengerang Integrated Complex, which was previously jointly owned by PETRONAS and Saudi Aramco. Under the original arrangement, Aramco was to supply 50% of the refinery's crude feedstock requirements, with an option to increase this to 70%.

Following Aramco's exit from PRefChem, the executive said the national oil company

could now source crude from elsewhere, including Africa.

"That is allowing us to have a free hand to import from anywhere we like. Earlier, we were tied to that," he told *StarBiz*.

"After the Aramco exit, that allowed us to go to all the African countries and into West Africa."

Still, the current shift in sourcing is unlikely to represent a permanent departure from Middle Eastern crude.

Yeah said Malaysia was unlikely to completely move away from Mideast suppliers once conditions in the Strait of Hormuz normalised, with cost remaining a key consideration alongside supply reliability.

"The government needs to strike a balance between stability in the supply and the cost," he said, adding that some reversal in sourcing was "inevitable" once the situation stabilises.

He said maintaining a "nimble" sourcing strategy would allow Malaysia to balance supply resilience with profitability and international competitiveness.

Yeah said Malaysian industries would also need to explore alternative energy sources, including biomass, solar and other renewables, as sustainability and carbon emissions become increasingly important to international competitiveness.

He said this was particularly relevant as advanced economies increasingly imposed carbon taxes on imports.

"Profitability is important, but of course, sustainability too," he said.

Genting divests 5% stake in FLNG project

PETALING JAYA: Genting Bhd has divested a 5% stake in its Indonesian floating liquefied natural gas (FLNG) project to local energy company PT Rukun Raharja Tbk, while retaining a 95% interest in the project.

In a statement, Genting said the divestment of its 5% interest in PT Layar Nusantara Gas (PTLNG), held through its 95%-owned indirect subsidiary Genting LNG Pte Ltd, to PT Raharja Gas Kasuri, a 99.99%-owned subsidiary of PT Rukun Raharja (downstream divestment), was completed on Sept 4.

Genting said PTLNG is the entity developing the midstream facility and downstream inaugural FLNG vessel in Indonesia, which is one of the offtakers of the natural gas produced from the Kasuri block, located in West Papua, under the Kasuri Production Sharing Contract.

It said PT Rukun Raharja's strategic involvement is expected to bring valuable local expertise, while reinforcing the firm's pivotal role in the liquefied natural gas value chain and enhancing its regional growth prospects.

Genting Malaysia rating cut to BBB-

US expansion supports longer-term growth prospects

CORPORATE

PETALING JAYA: Fitch Ratings has downgraded Genting Malaysia Bhd's (GenM) long-term issuer default rating (IDR) to BBB- from BBB.

In a statement, Fitch said the outlook for the company is stable.

"Fitch has also downgraded the rating on the GenM-guaranteed US\$1bil senior unsecured notes due 2031 to BBB- from BBB.

"These rating actions follow the downgrade of the long-term IDR of GenM's 73.8% parent, Genting Bhd (GENT), to BBB- from BBB. GenM's IDR reflects its standalone credit profile (SCP) of BBB-, which is at the same level as GENT's IDR.

"We consider GENT's incentives to support GenM to be high. Therefore, any weakening of GenM's SCP would not by itself lead to a downgrade, as GenM's IDR would be equalised with that of GENT."

In addition, Fitch has affirmed the IDR of GenM's wholly-owned subsidiary, Genting New York LLC, at BBB-.

"The outlook is stable. Genting New York's rating is aligned with Fitch's internal credit assessment of Genting America Inc (Genai), which owns 100% of Genting New York."

Fitch said Genting New York is on track to open 400 table games by January 2027, with phase two of the expansion beginning in July 2026, in line with its expectations.

"We forecast capital expenditure (capex) to remain high, averaging about US\$800mil

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Fitch Ratings

a year over the medium term.

"Out of the remaining US\$4.4bil pledged for the expansion, about US\$700mil has been spent to date, including US\$500mil for the licence fee.

"The remaining US\$3.7bil will be deployed over the next five years and will put pressure on Genting New York's credit metrics during the construction period."

Fitch said gaming revenue has risen sharply since the opening of table games in April 2026, reflecting robust early demand.

"However, we now forecast a slower earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation (Ebitda) ramp-up, with 2026 Ebitda of US\$208mil against our previous estimate of US\$215mil.

"The revision is due to higher start-up operating costs tied to the phased rollout."

Fitch said it expects Ebitda to reach around US\$450mil by 2028 as more tables and slot machines are added and margins normalise with scale.

"Resorts World New York City continues to benefit from the first-mover advantage

in New York, supported by a dense population base and high income levels in the surrounding catchment area."

Additionally, Fitch said GenM has reorganised its US and Bahamas operations, placing all US properties, including Genting New York and Empire Resorts Inc, under Genai. "Genai has raised US\$2bil of secured bank loans to refinance Empire's US\$300mil bond due 2026, refinance Genting New York's existing US\$775mil term loan drawn and fund Genting New York's capex."

Fitch expects the performance of GenM's Malaysia operations to rise by 2% in 2026 as revenue continues to recover from the weak first quarter of financial year 2026.

"Revenue increased marginally by 1% year-on-year in the first half of financial year 2026 (1H26) due to soft very important player gaming volume in 1H26.

"We expect earnings to stay soft for the rest of the year, as revenue from international tourists and domestic traffic may still face challenges due to high airfares and macroeconomic uncertainties."

Gas power capacity to jump 9GW by 2044

By **DANIEL KHOO**

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PETALING JAYA: Malaysia expects to add about nine gigawatts (GW) of gas-fired power generation capacity as it phases out coal by 2044, as rapidly growing electricity demand, including from data centres, puts increasing pressure on the country's power generation needs.

Data centres are now consuming about 9.28% of the country's electricity, while keen interest is also being seen under the Corporate Renewable Energy Supply Scheme as large electricity users increasingly seek renewable energy supplies.

The Energy Commission (EC) said there is currently no cap on electricity consumption by data centres, with approvals instead determined by the amount of electricity that the power system is capable of supplying.

Economy Minister Akmal Nasrullah Mohd Nasir said that the government will not pursue further development of coal-fired power plants, with Malaysia's last coal power plant expected to be retired by 2044.

"At the same time, in order to manage electricity, I think we expect about 9GW to

be deployed or to be put into the system through our gas power plants," he said yesterday at the Energy Regulatory Insights 2026 organised by the EC.

"The phase-out for coal power plants will be seen by 2044, which will see the country retiring its final coal power plant then," he added.

Akmal Nasrullah said Malaysia's challenge would increasingly extend beyond simply building additional generation capacity as electricity consumption continues to grow.

"But looking ahead, managing demand for energy will become as crucial as managing the energy supply," he said.

The next five to 10 years would require continued discipline in upgrading the country's electricity system, including both generation capacity and the infrastructure required to deliver that power.

"Malaysia must really remain disciplined enough to ensure our system needs to be continuously upgraded and that our power systems remain affordable, safe and sustainable."

He also pointed to prevailing environmental conditions as another factor affecting the efficiency of energy use.

"The ongoing haze means there may be

changes in terms of energy efficiency."

Meanwhile, EC chief executive officer Siti Safinah Salleh said the country's electricity system is presently experiencing peak demand of slightly above 21GW, with the current hot weather, including the haze, contributing to broadly higher consumption.

"We do expect that there will be an increase from last year, both from the consumption due to weather and also because of data centre demand," Siti Safinah said at a press briefing yesterday.

She said electricity consumption by data centres had risen sharply from around 7% at mid-year to 9.28% of total consumption presently: partly due to the hot weather that's driven by the El Nino phenomenon.

Siti Safinah said the increase in electricity demand was therefore not being driven by data centres alone, as weather-related consumption was also pushing up the system's underlying load.

Demand is expected to rise further towards the end of the year as additional data centre capacity starts operations.

"There are a few data centres that are anticipated to come online or become operational somewhere in November," she noted.

Favelle Falco bags RM131.7mil crane supply contracts

PETALING JAYA: Favelle Falco Bhd has revealed that its subsidiaries, Favelle Favco Cranes (M) Sdn Bhd and Favelle Favco Cranes Pty Ltd have secured contracts for the supply of offshore and tower cranes from Aug 21, 2026 to date, totalling RM131.7mil.

In a filing with Bursa Malaysia, Favelle Falco said it had secured tower crane sup-

ply contracts from Shinwoo Development Co Ltd and Marr Contracting Pty Ltd, which are expected to be delivered by the end of 2026.

Additionally, Favelle Falco said it had secured an offshore crane supply contract from PVD Trading and Technical Services Joint Stock Company, which is expected to be delivered by mid 2027.

It also won an offshore crane supply contract from Zhuhai Jutal Offshore Oil Services Ltd, which involves a staggered delivery from the second quarter of financial year 2027 (2Q27) to 3Q27.

"The contracts are expected to contribute positively to the earnings and net assets of Favelle Falco for the financial year ending Dec 31, 2026 and beyond," it said.

Maybank, Ageas seal RM4.83bil deal

KUALA LUMPUR: Malayan Banking Bhd (Maybank) has entered into an unconditional share purchase agreement (SPA) with Belgium-based Ageas Insurance International NV to acquire the remaining 30.95% equity interest in Maybank Ageas Holdings Bhd for RM4.83bil.

In a filing with Bursa Malaysia yesterday, Maybank said the agreement involves acquiring 78 million Maybank Ageas shares from Ageas Holdings.

It signed the SPA after receiving approval from Bank Negara Malaysia on Sept 1, 2026, and that the purchase consideration will be funded entirely through internally generated funds.

Maybank said the proposed acquisition is intended to enable it to wholly own Maybank Ageas and provide the group with greater strategic flexibility.

"The acquisition is also aimed at strengthening Maybank Ageas' position as a national insurance and takaful player, supporting expansion across South-East Asia, enhancing sustainable and resilient long-term value for the Maybank group." — Bernama

Theta Edge unit secures Prasarana job

PETALING JAYA: Theta Edge Bhd's wholly-owned subsidiary, Theta Telecoms Sdn Bhd (TTEL), has been appointed as a network operator and strategic partner by Prasarana Integrated Development Sdn Bhd for the development of a telecommunications common network infrastructure along the Shah Alam Line right of way.

Theta Edge said TTEL accepted the letter of acceptance from Prasarana on Sept 7, with the initial contract running for five years from Sept 1, 2026.

The agreement may be renewed for two successive five-year periods, subject to performance reviews.

Under the project, TTEL will undertake network design and engineering, civil works, fibre-optic cable installation, network integration and equipment installation, as well as provide telecommunications services and generate revenue.

QES Group eyes RM17.5mil office acquisition

PETALING JAYA: QES Group Bhd is proposing to acquire two office units at New Industrial Road, Singapore, from JVA Nir Pte Ltd for RM17.49mil.

In a filing with Bursa Malaysia, QES Group said the proposed acquisition will allow it to anticipate strong business growth, driven by its product and market expansion initiatives in the coming years.

"With this foresight, the company has decided to prepare ahead in order to eliminate possible business bottlenecks caused by the lack of physical operating space and limited space available for demonstration rooms for customers' visitation."

The strategic location also provides good accessibility for employees and business partners. Its modern industrial design, established industrial precinct, and proximity to amenities and residential areas support employee convenience and operational efficiency," it added.

By MANDY FREUND

THE world is bracing for the strongest El Nino in history.

The United Nations has made the grim prediction that our planet now sits in the “danger zone” of extreme weather. That’s based on data suggesting the current El Nino will break all previous records.

El Nino is a naturally occurring weather phenomenon that drives variations in temperature and winds across the Pacific Ocean and influences weather around the globe.

Globally, we have endured many strong El Ninos in the past, but none have been as exceptionally strong and developed as quickly as this one.

So, what’s behind this potentially record-breaking El Nino? And how might it affect weather across the globe?

Scientists track El Nino activity using temperature data from the tropical Pacific Ocean near the equator.

Historically, this has involved measuring how high or low temperatures are across this region.

However, scientists and weather organisations, including Australia’s Bureau of Meteorology, now use a relative index.

Instead of simply measuring temperatures, this relative index accounts for any background warming due to climate change. This makes it much easier for scientists to identify how intense an El Nino is in a warming climate.

The current El Nino stands out for two main reasons. El Nino typically peaks in the period between November and January, but this one is already unusually warm this early in the season and is yet to peak during summer.

Recent data show the relative index for August was 2.3 degrees Celsius above average, stronger compared to other El Nino years.

In Australia, El Nino years tend to coin-

What El Nino means for the world’s weather

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cide with hotter and drier conditions.

However, every El Nino is different and can lead to different impacts.

However, this El Nino will lead to record-breaking global temperatures in 2027.

This historic El Nino is already altering weather around the globe. We see its most direct and severe impacts in countries surrounding the Pacific Ocean.

Indonesia, for example, is battling massive wildfires. Scientists understand the current El Nino is a major driver of these increasingly fierce blazes.

El Nino is also reshaping how and where cyclones form. Satellite pictures reveal there are currently four active tropical cyclones in the Pacific, from near Japan to as far away as Hawaii.

This is extremely unusual. El Nino typically boosts cyclone activity in the eastern and central Pacific by carrying warmer water to those regions.

Usually, we only see one or two such

cyclones. In Australia, we are slightly more removed from the effects of El Nino.

However, we can expect to feel its presence more strongly as we head into spring.

The Bureau of Meteorology’s seasonal forecast suggests Australia has so far had a textbook response to El Nino.

Temperatures are rising, up to an unseasonable 37 degrees this week in parts of northern Australia, and conditions are getting drier.

Much of eastern and central Australia can expect an unusually dry spring and summer, potentially heightening bushfire risk.

However, a record-breaking El Nino will not necessarily trigger catastrophic bushfires in Australia.

Consider three of the last strong El Nino we’ve experienced.

In 1982, a robust El Nino coincided with drought-like conditions. In contrast, during the El Nino years of 1997 to 1998 and 2015 to 2016, some parts of Australia

received drenching rain while other regions barely registered any moisture.

The intensifying El Nino will likely exacerbate the consequences of climate change. As El Nino strengthens, countries around the world will be forced to grapple with increasingly extreme weather.

Tragically, the most disadvantaged will be the hardest hit, with nearly 50 million people in vulnerable communities likely to be pushed into acute hunger.

Farmers across the globe face more unpredictable weather, from crop-destroying floods in South America to severe drought in parts of Africa.

To protect the world’s people and ecosystems, governments must invest in robust research. We urgently need more modelling capability to identify which regions will be worst affected by the strengthening El Nino.

This is particularly true for Australia, where a lack of understanding of how climate change on top of a strong El Nino will affect local conditions.

This record-shattering El Nino is already compounding the destructive effects of climate change.

But it may be just the catalyst we need to finally abandon fossil fuels and curb our world-warming emissions. — The Jakarta Post/ANN

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Security drives smooth transition to renewable energy

By NAJIB SAAB

THE global energy crisis, triggered by the conflicts in Ukraine and the Gulf, is profoundly affecting energy transition plans.

Beyond the immediate turmoil, today’s shortages and higher prices of oil and gas are likely to accelerate the shift to renewables.

Renewables are localised, secure and decentralised sources of energy. They don’t depend on large production plants and complex global logistics, which makes them less vulnerable to accidents and armed conflicts.

This has already been demonstrated in Europe in recent years.

Energy gains

The countries least affected by gas and oil shortages and high prices were those with a higher share of renewables in their energy mix and electricity consumption.

In the first quarter of 2026, renewable energy sources surpassed 45% of the European Union’s (EU) energy generation, led by Austria, Sweden, Denmark, Portugal and Spain (60% to 90%).

The same pattern is visible in China, which is leading in electrification powered by renewables.

The global shift to renewables is accelerating, despite the United States’ campaign against carbon-reduction regulations and climate action.

Notably, the recent acceleration has been driven largely by security and economic factors stemming from the conflicts in Ukraine and the Gulf, rather than by climate commitments alone.

In June, the United States leader had proclaimed that “oil prices will drop like a rock”. Three months later, shortages and price hikes have become the norm.

These higher prices have not benefited

producers due to increased shipping and insurance costs, along with extortion fees imposed by multiple parties.

This dilemma, combined with climate considerations, has strengthened interest in locally controlled renewables and smaller, decentralised plants.

Once the chaos of wars and the global disruptions subside, the lessons must inform long-term green economy planning rather than a mere reaction to calamities.

A green economy will remain a slogan unless it is rooted in sound resource management and respect for nature’s limits.

One common misconception, often promoted by global consulting firms active in Arab countries, is that technology alone can deliver sustainability without altering consumption patterns.

This mindset produced extravagant projects such as irrigated golf courses or artificial ski slopes in deserts, which squander scarce freshwater resources.

Given extreme water scarcity, water use – including recycled wastewater – should be prioritised.

Playing with fire

The recent conflicts and climate extremes have exposed the vulnerabilities of nuclear power as a secure energy source.

Nuclear power plants, which are typically large and centralised, are potential targets in conflict zones, threatening power outages and deadly radiation leaks.

This is a major threat in the Ukraine conflict, as well as in the US-Israel-Iran conflict, where nuclear facilities were destroyed in Iran, a missile landed near the Dimona nuclear site in Israel, and the United Arab Emirates’ (UAE) Barakah nuclear energy plant was nearly hit by a drone.

In Europe, major nuclear plants had to shut down or sharply reduce output as water levels in rivers dropped to historic lows, eliminating the only source for cooling.

In France, the electricity output of several reactors was curtailed due to regulations on hot-water discharge, and jellyfish, attracted by the warm water, blocked intake systems.

Beyond oil pollution from war or accidents, extreme heat could pose a major threat to desalination plants as well as to existing and planned nuclear power plants in the Arab region.

Green economy transition

The outcomes of bilateral cooperation initiatives, such as the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between the EU and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), must be closely monitored for their impact on accelerating the transition to a green economy.

Despite the conflicts in the Gulf, FTA negotiations have been revived, beginning with the EU-UAE track.

These talks had stalled in 2008 because of irreconcilable differences on several issues, including environmental measures.

The chances of reaching an agreement are now much higher, as major developments have occurred on both sides: the EU approach has become more realistic, and the Gulf countries, mainly the UAE and Saudi Arabia, have integrated sustainability into their development plans.

Saudi Arabia has put into action its ambitious Vision 2030, while the UAE has adopted its Green Agenda to build a competitive green economy.

Taxes on fossil-fuel imports have long been a contentious issue in negotiations between the GCC and the EU.

In the early 1990s, I presented a paper suggesting that parties not categorically oppose a “carbon tax”, but instead negotiate a middle ground.

Proceeds of this tax, which was intended to reduce the carbon emissions largely responsible for climate change, could be shared between producers and consumers.

Oil producers, most of which are developing countries, need funding to diversify their economies beyond fossil fuels.

They also need technology transfer and joint investments to achieve this goal.

Sharing a common ground

While the parties were not ready to endorse such an approach at the time, they now stand much better chances, as they share more common ground.

Saudi Arabia has strongly supported this path by starting major partnerships for the production of green hydrogen, adhering to the highest norms.

Besides the EU, China is an obvious global partner for Arab countries in greening their economies.

While the United States is moving toward the production and use of more fossil fuels, regardless of science and ethical norms, China has led the transition in the opposite direction, boosting the renewables industries in solar and wind energy, while also making quantum leaps in batteries and electric vehicles.

Successful transition to a green economy requires the right choice of partners. This is the only guarantee of a sustainable future. — China Daily/ANN

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Peak in capital market net inflows

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia's capital market recorded a 15-month-high net inflow of RM13.9bil in August 2026, reversing from a net outflow of RM5.3bil in July, driven mainly by a sharp reversal in bond flows.

Kenanga Investment Bank Bhd (Kenanga IB) said foreign investors turned net buyers of Malaysian bonds in August with inflows of RM15.9bil, the third-largest monthly inflow on record and the highest since September 2013 versus July's RM5.6bil net outflow.

"Global duration repricing amid heightened United States fiscal concerns drove the reversal; Malaysia's resilient domestic fundamentals supported the shift into local debt," it said in a note yesterday.

Kenanga IB said total foreign holdings rose to RM320.1bil in August 2026 from RM304.2bil in the previous month, lifting foreign ownership of total outstanding debt to 13.5% from 12.9% in July 2026.

"The recovery in Malaysian Government Securities holdings, however, remained partial at RM235.2bil, still below June's RM237.6bil," it said.

On equities, it said foreign investors turned net sellers in August 2026, recording outflows of RM2bil against RM300mil in July, with selling concentrated in the financial, industrial and technology sectors. — Bernama

Palm oil production in 2H26 set to remain firm

Emerging dry conditions unlikely to affect output

PLANTATIONS

PETALING JAYA: The palm oil production is expected to remain seasonally firm over the next two to three months as the industry enters its peak-crop period.

BIMB Research, which remains "overweight" on the plantation sector, said emerging dry conditions are unlikely to materially affect the output in the second half of financial year 2026 (2H26), given the normal biological lag between rainfall deficits and oil-palm yields.

However, the risk to regional lower production is increasing for 2027, particularly if the very strong El Nino and below-normal rainfall persist through end-2026.

For the month of July 2026, Malaysian Palm Oil Board (MPOB) data showed that the country's crude palm oil (CPO) production rose 9.4% month-on-month to 1.79 million and lifted inventories to 2.63 million tonnes.

BIMB Research said higher biodiesel demand and concerns over the strengthening El Nino have supported CPO prices.

The MPOB's average CPO price for the first seven months of 2026 stood at RM4,388 per tonne.

"Prices should remain firm in 2027 as the lagged impact of El Nino could tighten regional supply."

BIMB Research

"We expect prices to remain at current elevated levels over the next three months, although seasonally stronger production and high Malaysian inventories may limit sharp near-term upside.

"Prices should remain firm in 2027 as the lagged impact of El Nino could tighten regional supply.

"We maintain our CPO price forecasts of RM4,400 per tonne for 2026 and RM4,500 per tonne for 2027."

The research house noted that upside risk to its forecasts could emerge if the regional palm-oil or global edible-oil supply shortfall becomes more pronounced.

On the cost front, BIMB Research said higher fertiliser and logistics expenses remain key earnings risks.

"Earlier procurement and firm CPO prices should partly mitigate

the near-term impact for most companies under our coverage, while upstream planters with strong balance sheets and improving crop profiles are better positioned to absorb the cost pressure."

BIMB Research prefers upstream-focused planters, which offer the clearest earnings leverage to higher CPO prices going into 2027, given the potential supply tightness.

It added that downstream exposure provides diversification, but the earnings uplift remains less predictable amid persistent overcapacity and thin refining margins.

Commenting on the concluded second quarter, BIMB Research said the upstream segment delivered a strong sequential recovery as the industry moved out of the seasonal low-crop period.

Total under coverage fresh fruit bunch production increased 13.8% quarter-on-quarter (q-o-q) to 5.91 million tonnes, while CPO and palm kernel output rose 15% and 13.7% q-o-q.

Average realised CPO average selling price increased to RM4,215 per tonne. Higher volumes and prices supported margins mitigating higher costs.

"We expect resilient 2H26 upstream earnings on seasonally stronger third quarter production and firm CPO prices," the research house said.

BIMB Research said downstream earnings improved sequentially in the second quarter of 2026, although performance remained uneven across products and geographies.

"We expect near-term oleochemical demand to remain supported by supply disruptions in global petrochemical markets, which have improved the relative competitiveness of palm-based products.

"Nevertheless, commodity refining and kernel-crushing margins are likely to remain thin because of excess regional capacity, intense competition from Indonesian producers and volatile feedstock costs."

MYDIN SET TO EXPAND INTO LBS' KITA @ CYBERSOUTH

PETALING JAYA: Leading property developer guided by people-first values, LBS Bina Group Bhd (LBS) is set to elevate the retail and commercial landscape at its flagship township, KITA @ Cybersouth.

This followed the formalisation of a tenancy agreement with one of Malaysia's leading halal home-grown retailers, Mydin Mohamed Holdings Bhd (Mydin).

The collaboration marks a significant milestone in the ongoing development of KITA @ Cybersouth, with Mydin set to become the first supermarket in the township.

Its arrival will bring greater convenience and accessibility to residents and surrounding communities, while strengthening the township's growing commercial ecosystem and supporting its transformation into a vibrant, well-connected community.

The agreement was formalised at an official signing ceremony held on Sept 5 at the LBS Discovery Gallery, KITA @ Cybersouth, in conjunction with the company's KITA Merdeka celebration.

The agreement was signed by LBS group managing director and chief executive officer Datuk Lim Hock Guan and Mydin managing director Datuk Dr Ameer Ali Mydin, and witnessed by LBS group executive chairman, Tan Sri Ir Dr Lim Hock San and Mydin executive director Ahimmat Mydin.

Mydin's arrival marks an important milestone in the evolution of KITA @ Cybersouth. As



LBS Bina Group Bhd and Mydin Mohamed Holdings Bhd mark the formalisation of their tenancy agreement at KITA @ Cybersouth, paving the way for the township's first hypermarket and further enhancing its commercial and lifestyle offerings for residents and the surrounding community.—LOW BOON TAT/The Star

the township matures, so does its community.

A growing population brings with it increased demand for the everyday amenities that make a neighbourhood truly feel like home – from groceries and household essentials to convenient places to shop and gather.

The store is set to address the evolving needs of this expanding community while adding greater vibrancy to the township's commercial offering.

Commenting on the milestone, Hock San said, "As KITA @ Cybersouth continues to grow, it is important that the amenities and services within the township

evolve in line with our residents' needs.

"The introduction of Mydin as the township's first supermarket is another step towards creating a more complete community, where everyday essentials are within easy reach. Mydin is a trusted Malaysian brand with a strong understanding of local consumers, and we are pleased to welcome them to KITA @ Cybersouth."

Ameer Ali said, "This collaboration with LBS is significant to Mydin, given its experience in developing established communities and new growth areas.

"Our decision to open Mydin as the first supermarket in KITA

@ Cybersouth also reflects our confidence in the strong potential of Cybersouth, which is developing rapidly and attracting a growing number of residents, particularly young families.

"We want Mydin to be more than just a place to shop, we want to be part of the community as it grows by providing affordable everyday essentials and a convenient and comfortable shopping experience for residents."

Spanning around 256 hectares (633 acres) of Malay Reserved Land, KITA @ Cybersouth is thoughtfully planned as an integrated township that brings together homes, commercial

offerings, connectivity and community amenities within a well-connected environment.

Mydin will occupy a land area of approximately 0.55 hectares (1.37 acres) with a built-up of 24,000 sq ft, complementing the ongoing development of KITA Avenue Square, where shoplots are currently under construction and priced from RM1,399,000.

Together, these retail offerings are expected to provide residents with a broader range of products and services while creating greater synergy within the township's commercial ecosystem.

With an estimated population catchment of approximately 67,000 people, KITA @ Cybersouth is supported by a predominantly young and growing demographic, with approximately 63% of its purchasers aged 40 and below.

The township has a total planned development of around 16,000 units, with nearly 40% completed to date, another 5% currently under development, and the remaining 55% in the planning stage.

As the township continues to expand, MYDIN will help meet the growing demand for everyday essentials, retail offerings and lifestyle services.

The collaboration between LBS and Mydin marks another step forward in LBS' commitment to "Building Tomorrow Together", strengthening KITA @ Cybersouth as a vibrant and connected township where quality homes, everyday convenience and community come together.

Public Bank proposes RM379mil privatisation

Offer values remaining stake at RM1.29 per share

CORPORATE

KUALA LUMPUR: Public Bank Bhd (PBB) has proposed to privatise its 73.23%-owned Public Financial Holdings Ltd (PFHL) and withdraw the latter's listing from the Hong Kong Stock Exchange (HKSE).

In a filing with Bursa Malaysia, PBB said it intends to privatise PFHL through a scheme of arrangement, offering HK\$2.50 in cash, or about RM1.29, for each share it does not already own.

PBB currently owns 804.02 million PFHL shares, representing 73.23% of its issued share capital, while the remaining 293.9 million shares, or 26.77%, are held by other shareholders.

Based on the HK\$2.50 cancellation price, PBB would pay about HK\$734.75mil, or approximately RM378.6mil, to acquire the remaining shares.

Upon completion of the exercise, PFHL will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of PBB and its shares will be delisted from HKSE.

The offer price represents a 61.29% premium to PFHL's closing price of HK\$1.55 on Aug 19, 2026, the last trading day before the announcement.

It also represents premiums of 78.57% and 81.16% over PFHL's 30-day and 60-day average closing prices, respectively.

However, the offer price is at a 64.69% discount to PFHL's unaudited consolidated net asset value of about HK\$7.08 per share as at June 30, 2026.

"The proposals provide the scheme shareholders with an opportunity to realise their investment immediately at an

"The proposals are expected to be earnings accretive and contribute positively to the future earnings and earnings per share of the PBB Group."

Public Bank Bhd

attractive premium to the historical trading prices of the PFHL shares," PBB said.

The lender also noted that the trading liquidity of PFHL shares has been relatively low.

During the 12-month period up to and including the last trading day, the average daily trading volume of PFHL shares represented approximately 0.027% of the total issued PFHL shares, with an average daily turnover of approximately HK\$414,000.

"In these circumstances, a scheme shareholder wishing to dispose of a sizeable shareholding through the market may not be able to do so within a short period without potentially affecting the prevailing market price," it added.

PBB said the proposed privatisation would simplify PFHL's ownership structure and facilitate closer alignment and more efficient coordination between PFHL and the banking group.

The lender pointed out that taking PFHL private would also eliminate costs and administrative requirements associated with maintaining its listing, allowing resources to be focused more directly on

its banking operations.

PFHL is principally involved in banking and financial services, stockbroking, investment property leasing, financing for purchasers of taxis and public light buses, as well as the trading and leasing of taxis.

For the six months ended June 30, 2026, PFHL had recorded an operating income of HK\$692.22mil, as well as a net profit of HK\$25.19mil.

"The proposals are expected to be earnings accretive and contribute positively to the future earnings and earnings per share of the PBB Group," it said.

The exercise does not require approval from PBB shareholders but is subject to approvals from PFHL shareholders, the Supreme Court of Bermuda and HKSE, among other conditions.

The conditions must be fulfilled or, where applicable, waived by March 8, 2027, failing which the proposed privatisation will lapse.

Public Investment Bank Bhd has been appointed the Malaysian principal adviser, while Quam Capital Ltd is the Hong Kong financial adviser for the exercise.

Pioneer Heat's IPO oversubscribed

PETALING JAYA: Pioneer Heat Holdings Bhd's initial public offering (IPO) has been oversubscribed by 47.8 times, ahead of its listing on the ACE Market of Bursa Securities on Sept 17.

In a statement, the mechanical engineering services provider said its IPO comprises a public issue of 86.7 million new ordinary shares and an offer for sale of 17.35 million existing ordinary shares.

Additionally, 17.35 million new shares, representing approximately 5% of the group's enlarged issued share capital, will be made available for application by the Malaysian public.

Meanwhile, 10.41 million new shares, representing approximately 3% of the group's enlarged issued share capital, will be allocated to eligible directors and employees, as well as persons who have contributed to the success of Pioneer Heat and its subsidiaries.

"The group received a total of 9,512 applications for 846.47 million issue shares from the Malaysian public, representing an overall oversubscription rate of 47.8 times.

"Of this, 5,142 applications for 506.08 million shares were received under the bumiputra public portion, representing an oversubscription rate of 57.35 times, while 4,370 applications for 340.4 million shares were received under the other Malaysian public portion, representing an oversubscription rate of 38.25 times," the statement noted.

Malacca Securities Sdn Bhd is the principal adviser, sponsor, underwriter and placement agent for this IPO.

SCA Solutions gets nod for ACE Market listing in fourth quarter

KUALA LUMPUR: Mechanical and electrical engineering solutions provider SCA Solutions Bhd has received Bursa Malaysia Securities Bhd's approval to list on the ACE Market, expected by the fourth quarter of financial year 2026.

Managing director Tan Cheng Eng said in a statement that the initial public offering will solidify SCA Solutions' foundation to scale up operations and drive innovation.

"Our integrated solutions and services have earned the trust of customers across mission-critical facilities, including data centres (DCs), higher learning institutions, industrial facilities, and hospitals.

"Clients rely on our expertise to ensure safety, optimise building performance and maintenance, and enhance operational resilience. As buildings and industrial facilities grow in complexity, we continue to enhance our knowledge and capabilities to execute massive and sophisticated projects nationwide."

SCA Solutions has extensive experience across diverse building projects, spanning shopping malls, hotels, office buildings, hospitals and educational institutions.

It offers a comprehensive portfolio of instrumentation components and accessories, including temperature and pressure sensors, motorised control valves, and metering devices used in heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, and fire safety instrumentation and related components.

"The group distributes 13 global brands such as *Belimo*, *Honeywell* and *ABB*.

"Its track record encompasses industrial facilities such as DCs and semiconductor plants, in addition to infrastructure including tunnels, airports, and rail transit stations," Tan added. — Bernama

AI drive expected to create 500,000 new jobs

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KUALA LUMPUR: The government expects its push into artificial intelligence (AI) to create 300,000 to 500,000 new jobs, underscoring the need to translate rising investments in digital infrastructure into broader economic gains.

"Our progress should not be measured simply by computing capacity but by the economic value and opportunities that we create from it," Communications Minister Datuk Seri Fahmi Fadzil said.

He highlighted growing concerns among university students over AI's impact on jobs. This included those studying fields ranging from law to electrical engineering questioning whether their careers would remain relevant as the technology advances, according to him.

The concerns come as AI reshapes the job market, with young jobseekers facing tougher competition for entry-level roles as demand for some positions declines.

Back in June 2026, Human Resources Minister Datuk Seri R Ramanan cited a Talent Corp Malaysia study that found

697,000 jobs were expected to be heavily affected by AI, digitalisation and the green economy over the next three to five years if workers do not reskill.

Fahmi stressed that the push to build Malaysia's digital future must go hand in hand with addressing concerns over AI's impact on jobs, particularly among the youth.

"This is a real fear because we cannot have a situation where we experience so much growth and progress, but the youth find that AI has replaced their jobs," he said at the World Artificial Intelligence Conference Connect Malaysia 2026 yesterday.

The event is an international extension of China's flagship AI industry event.

Fahmi said these initiatives could shed light on where the economy needs to pay closer attention, particularly in terms of job growth and the youth.

He added that it connects China's AI expertise with Malaysian and Asean industry needs, fostering practical partnerships and applications that turn AI capability into real economic value.

Fahmi also applauded Huawei's plan to support 30,000 Malaysian AI talents and

develop 200 local AI partners over the next three years through knowledge transfer and cloud and AI collaborations.

According to him, Malaysia is targeting an additional 0.8 to 1.2 percentage points in annual gross development product (GDP) growth, equivalent to about RM13bil to RM20bil a year, from AI by 2030.

He said the target reflects Malaysia's ambition to move beyond building digital infrastructure to developing, deploying and applying AI across the economy.

Fahmi said the aim was to enable more Malaysian businesses to participate in AI, expand local participation in the AI economy and retain more AI-generated value within the domestic economy.

Fahmi noted the digital economy already contributes 25.5% of Malaysia's GDP and is on track to reach 30% by 2030.

"Our data centre (DC) capacity is also expanding rapidly, with national capacity expected to double to 2,055 megawatts by the end of this year," he said.

Meanwhile, the Malaysian Investment Development Authority has approved RM144.4bil in investments in DCs and cloud computing.

Censof unit appointed Microsoft public sector provider

PETALING JAYA: Censof Holdings Bhd said its wholly-owned subsidiary Century Software (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd has been appointed by Microsoft Malaysia as a scale solution provider for Malaysia's public sector.

In a statement, the group said the appointment positions Century Software

as an appointed channel for delivering Microsoft's full suite of cloud, productivity and security solutions, including Microsoft Azure, Microsoft 365, and Microsoft Copilot, to the federal government, state governments, statutory bodies, as well as government-linked companies nationwide.

The appointment elevates Century Software from a specialist provider of financial management systems to a full-stack cloud and artificial intelligence channel partner for Microsoft.

This broadens the group's addressable market beyond its traditional software base.

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PETALING JAYA: For decades, retirement planning has largely been about one question: how much is enough to save?

As Malaysians live longer and face rising living costs, the bigger challenge may come after retirement: how to turn decades of accumulated savings into a dependable income for the long term.

Hence, this points to the “second half” of retirement planning that the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) head of policy and strategy Balqais Yusoff said deserves greater attention, as the focus extends further, from accumulating savings to managing and drawing them down sustainably.

“For many years, the retirement conversation has focused on how much we need to save. That remains fundamental,” Balqais said.

“But a Malaysian may spend 30 or 40 years building retirement savings, followed by another 20 or 30 years living on what has been accumulated. We must give equal attention to both sides of that journey,” she told *StarBiz*.

This requires a clear plan for how those savings can support financial independence, well-being and dignity throughout retirement.

This, Balqais noted, brings the focus to the “second half” of retirement planning, which is often overlooked.

“The ‘second half’ matters because retirement fundamentally changes how we manage our finances.

“Malaysians are living longer, the cost of living continues to rise, and people are increasingly expected to make important financial decisions both in preparing for retirement and in managing their savings after they retire,” she said.

Accordingly, circumstances can shift significantly with time, bringing new and potentially stronger financial demands.

This is especially true when regular employment income comes to an end, even as everyday expenses continue.

“Retirement today is very different from what it was a generation ago,” she said.

Balqais stressed that savings built over the years may have to stretch much further, potentially supporting decades to come, as inflation persists and needs evolve with age.

She noted that the conversation goes further, from how much Malaysians realistically save each month and how long those savings will last, to managing unexpected expenses.

Most importantly, Balqais said it is about turning savings accumulated into regular income we can depend on in the long term.

“A retirement balance, on its own, does not guarantee a sustainable retirement income,” she said.

The challenge therefore extends to whether those savings will be enough to cover living costs throughout retirement.

Against this backdrop, several financial risks deserve greater attention.

Balqais pointed out longevity risk, whereby individuals may outlive the savings they have accumulated for retirement.

“Longevity risk is becoming increasingly important as Malaysians live longer.”

Although longer life expectancy is a positive development, it also means a longer retirement to fund, she added.

“Someone retiring at 60 could potentially spend another 20 or 30 years in retirement.

“Food, housing, utilities, healthcare and other needs will continue, so retirement savings may need to support us for several decades,” she explained.

This raises the risk of inflation, as the cost of living does not stop rising when retirement begins.

“The same amount of money will buy less in 10 or 20 years than it does today.”

Balqais stressed that savings need to keep generating returns to preserve purchasing power throughout retirement.

“Retirement planning therefore cannot focus only on the amount accumulated at the point of retirement,” she said.

This then points to a key aspect of financial sustainability: decisions made before

Having a dependable income for the long-term

Join the Star Live Session with EPF's head of policy and strategy in a discussion on retirement planning



“The key is to find a sustainable balance. This is where the distinction between accumulation and decumulation becomes important.”

Balqais Yusoff

and during retirement determine whether savings are sufficient and how long they last.

Another key risk is financial behaviour, which relates to the decisions made along the way.

“Before retirement, delaying planning, saving too little or not adjusting our plans as circumstances change, can leave us with insufficient savings later in life.

“However, drawing down too much too quickly, during retirement, can cause savings to run out prematurely,” Balqais explained.

On the other hand, she noted that if retirees are being overly cautious, it may mean they do not fully utilise their savings to support their needs and quality of life.

“The key is to find a sustainable balance,” she said, stressing that retirement planning must cover both sides of the journey.

“This is where the distinction between accumulation and decumulation becomes important.”

Accumulation is where sufficient savings are built during the working years, while decumulation is about how those savings are subsequently drawn down and managed to support us throughout retirement, she noted.

An equilibrium is reached when individuals build sufficient savings during their working years and manage those savings carefully, Balqais said.

This is to provide a sustainable source of income once they retire.

Against these risks, Balqais highlighted a key gap in how retirement planning is approached.

“Retirement planning is still largely seen as a savings exercise: how much we can accumulate by the time we retire.”

She said that accumulating savings is only one side of the equation.

“Throughout our working lives, most of us become accustomed to having a regular flow of income.

“For salaried employees, a salary comes in every month; for others, income may come in at different intervals, but there is still an expectation that earnings will continue as long as we are working.”

As it is, spending patterns are built around that regularity: groceries, utilities, housing, transport and other expenses continue from one month to the next.

That makes the retirement challenge clear: how do we turn our accumulated savings into a regular and dependable income to meet these ongoing expenses?

“That transition requires a different mindset,” she stated.

At face value, a large retirement savings balance may create the impression that there is plenty to spend.

However, the same amount takes on a very different meaning when it must provide an income for the next 20 or 30 years.

Instead of treating that retirement balance as a pool of money to withdraw, it is more useful to think of those savings as a source of future income that needs to be managed carefully and sustainably, Balqais said.

There is also a tendency to think of retirement as one long, uniform period, Balqais pointed out.

“In reality, our financial needs are likely to change as we move through different stages of retirement. The early years may involve a more active lifestyle, including travel, family activities or other plans that were postponed during our working years.

“And while spending could moderate as we get older, healthcare, medical and care-related needs may become more significant later in life,” she explained.

Therefore, Balqais noted retirement planning needs to provide some flexibility as those needs transition over time.

That said, individuals often prepare for the expected but overlook the unexpected, she added.

A retirement plan may account for regular monthly expenses, but unexpected healthcare costs, home repairs, family responsibilities or other financial shocks can arise.

“Some flexibility and financial buffers are important so that these events do not unnecessarily disrupt longer-term retirement needs,” she emphasised. “In simple terms, retirement planning should not stop when we reach our savings target.

“Before retirement, the focus is: how much do I need to build? Once we retire, the question becomes: how do I make what I have built provide a regular and sustainable income for the years ahead?”

Closing this gap will require sustained efforts towards improving income levels, and strengthening financial resilience, enabling more Malaysians to maintain a decent standard of living, before and during retirement.

Overall, Balqais said the country's retirement landscape is progressing, but its financial security remains uneven.

“Strengthening the system requires action on widening retirement income coverage so that more Malaysians are protected, and improving adequacy so that this protection translates into meaningful financial security in old age.”

Balqais highlighted two important questions to assess the health of retirement plans.

“Are enough Malaysians covered by some form of retirement income protection, and are they building sufficient savings to sup-

port an adequate income in retirement?”

Balqais noted that this requires Malaysians to look beyond savings balances alone.

On retirement income coverage, she said the country has a relatively established system for those in formal employment, via the EPF and public service pension arrangements.

The bigger challenge, however, is ensuring that retirement protection also extends more consistently to people outside traditional formal employment, such as the self-employed, gig workers and those with irregular or intermittent incomes.

“For these groups, participation and contributions may be less consistent, which can translate into gaps in retirement protection later in life.

“As the way Malaysians work continues to change, retirement coverage also needs to evolve with it,” Balqais said.

Meanwhile, she noted retirement income adequacy has seen encouraging signs of improvement.

“EPF members’ savings have continued to recover following the Covid-19-related withdrawals.”

As at the end of June 30, 2026, 38.9% of active formal sector members had achieved the basic savings threshold by age, compared with 25% at the end of June 30, 2022, according to Balqais.

For adequate savings, the proportion increased from 15.9% to 27.3% over the same period.

“While these improvements are encouraging, they also highlight that a significant proportion of members have yet to achieve savings levels that can support an adequate retirement income,” she said.

Balqais indicated that while the direction is positive, Malaysia still has considerable ground to cover.

“With the median monthly wage at around RM2,900, approximately 54% of EPF formal sector members earn below the living wage of RM3,100.

“This limits their capacity to build sufficient retirement savings,” she pointed out.

Balqais said these savings outcomes cannot be viewed in isolation.

Ultimately, Malaysia's retirement landscape depends not only on broad coverage and adequate savings, but on whether those savings can provide a dependable income throughout retirement.

Balqais reiterated that financial preparedness for retirement hinges on contribution consistency, inflation, healthcare and care needs, debt obligations and increasing longevity.

That said, she remains optimistic about the longer-term outlook.

Balqais highlighted that Malaysia has made meaningful progress in strengthening retirement security, with encouraging signs of a recovery in retirement savings.

“Progressive wage growth, more consistent employment and contributions, longer working lives, and measures that encourage greater retirement savings can all help strengthen retirement outcomes,” she said.

Balqais will lead a session to explore the often-overlooked “second half” of retirement planning, from knowing how much you need and growing your savings, to turning accumulated savings into a sustainable income that can last through retirement, on Sept 12, 2026.

The event will be hosted by The Star Live Session, bringing together pre-retirees and Malaysians aged 40 and above for a conversation on navigating life after retirement.

TELECOMS

PETALING JAYA: The domestic telecommunications companies (telcos) are expected to gain from a growth in service revenue, supported by the consumer and enterprise segments while keeping a tight lid on costs, says MBSB Research.

The research house, which has kept a "positive" stance on telco stocks, shared that the inclusion of stakes in 5G network operator Digital Nasional Bhd (DNB) scheduled to take place soon, would not have an impact on their financial performance in the fourth quarter of 2026 (4Q26) while dividend yield of 5% remains decent.

It has maintained "buy" calls on CelcomDigi Bhd and Maxis Bhd with a target price (TP) of RM3.54 and RM4.05, respectively.

It considers CelcomDigi as the top pick, noting that the company's execution of a cost transformation initiative would be sufficient to make up for the inclusion of DNB's financials.

"Meanwhile, we also favour Maxis' operational consistency which has translated to steady profit margin expansion as seen in the past three years," it said, adding that the company's impending enterprise segment merger and acquisition exercise would serve as another catalyst to further boost the bottomline.

It said revenue contribution from the consumer mobile segment remains the primary contributor to total revenue, constituting 70.2% and 76.9% of Maxis' and CelcomDigi's service revenue, respectively.

"Nonetheless, Maxis has a higher postpaid revenue mix of 61.4% as opposed to CelcomDigi's 49.9%. As at 2Q26, both Maxis and CelcomDigi posted 4.9% year-on-year

Telco operators poised for service revenue gains

Resilient fibre, postpaid growth among key contributors

"Maxis has a higher postpaid revenue mix of 61.4% as opposed to CelcomDigi's 49.9%. As at 2Q26, both Maxis and CelcomDigi posted 4.9% y-o-y and 3.8% y-o-y expansion in postpaid customer base respectively."

MBSB Research

(y-o-y) and 3.8% y-o-y expansion in postpaid customer base respectively," it said.

It anticipates that the proportion of postpaid revenue would gradually increase as they continue to push the pre-to-post migration.

"Compelling plans and/or incentives are being offered to the prepaid and/or prospective customers," it added.

It observed that a possible higher mix of entry level postpaid subscribers may have caused a slight dilution in both Maxis and CelcomDigi postpaid average revenue per user or Arpu to RM70.5 per month (minus 1.1% y-o-y) and RM60 per month (minus

4.5% y-o-y), respectively.

It said this should not be a concern as both telcos continue to advocate convergence bundling propositions that should translate into better average revenue per account.

Both continue to face challenges in customer retention based on 2Q26 financial results, with CelcomDigi's prepaid revenue contracting by 4.2% while Maxis just managed to defend its prepaid revenue with a 0.3% improvement.

While Arpu stayed resilient for both, there was customer churn and in the case of CelcomDigi, the prepaid subscription

base contracted by 5.5% while Maxis active prepaid customers saw a 0.5% dip.

"Apart from the ongoing pre-to-post, we suspect that they could potentially be losing out to their smaller peers. To defend the market share, some of the initiatives being carried out include a portfolio refresh, upselling efforts as well as a targeted marketing approach," it said.

It said the outlook for the fibre business remains resilient, with Maxis posting stable fibre business performance in 2Q26 although revenue fell by 0.8%, mainly impacted by lower Arpu of RM109.1 compared with RM110.2.

CelcomDigi posted 33.8% revenue growth for its fibre business, supported by subscription expansion and higher Arpu.

"The low base effect further amplifies CelcomDigi's fibre business appeal. We anticipate the fibre business would remain resilient, mainly supported by the convergence bundling," it said.

Both companies continue to focus on connectivity-led services to boost enterprise income and it noted that for the enterprise segment, future growth would be dictated by the array of connectivity and solutions available while the enterprise mobile will serve as the revenue base.

Pekat's solar, DC wins lift order book to RM936mil

PETALING JAYA: Pekat Group Bhd's prospects will be driven by sustainable growth across all its operating segments, riding on the growth in large-scale and rooftop solar, and earthing and lightning protection (ELP)-related jobs for data centres (DCs), according to analysts.

Further growth is also envisaged by its subsidiary EPE Switchgear (M) Sdn Bhd, which specialises in the medium voltage category (11 kilovolts and 33 kilovolts), where it competes mainly with four other companies in Tenaga Nasional Bhd's supply chain.

On Monday, Pekat announced that it bagged three ELP contracts worth about RM57mil for DCs in Johor. In a report, Phillip Capital Research said Pekat's year-to-date or y-t-d contract wins (including the latest three contracts) have increased to RM290mil. This represents 48% of the research house's 2026 order book replenishment assumption of RM600mil.

Its y-t-d ELP wins have also risen to RM76.9mil, or 51%, of its RM150mil ELP replenishment target.

Furthermore, the group's outstanding order book has expanded to RM936mil, equivalent to 1.5 times 2025 revenue cover-

age, comprising power distribution (37%), solar (33%), ELP (29%) and trading (1%).

Phillip Capital Research noted: "Assuming a 13% to 14% profit after tax margin, we estimate the three contracts will contribute about RM7mil to RM8mil in profit after tax over 2026 to 2027."

Based on an estimated ELP contract value of RM200,000 to RM300,000 per megawatt, Malaysia's seven gigawatt DC pipeline implies a potential addressable market of RM1.4bil to RM2.1bil.

Against this, Pekat's current ELP order book of around RM270mil represents only about 13% to 19% of the opportunity, suggesting ample room for further contract wins, said Phillip Capital Research.

The research house maintained a "buy" call on the stock and raised its target price (TP) higher at RM2.37 per share.

On Pekat's outlook, Apex Research in a note to clients said the group's order momentum now sits with ELP rather than solar.

The research house noted that both segments are geared towards DC and grid capital expenditure, which Apex Research expects to hold through financial year 2027 (FY27) as DC demand has continued to

remain strong in Malaysia.

With this latest contract award by Pekat, Apex Research said: "The FY26 y-t-d ELP wins have exceeded our previous full-year replenishment assumption of RM75mil, with nearly four months of the financial year still to run."

"We therefore raise the FY26 assumption to RM80mil, core net profit upward by 0.8%, 1.3% and 1.1% to RM51.8mil, RM64mil and RM71.5mil for FY26, FY27 and FY28, respectively."

The research house has maintained a "buy" call on Pekat with an unchanged TP of RM1.88.

MBSB Research has also kept a "buy" call with a TP of RM2.46.

"We believe the premium against its peers is justified, given that Pekat differentiates itself from other solar companies through its involvement in manufacturing power distribution equipment and ELP, which is benefiting from the rise in DC projects," it noted.

MBSB Research expects Pekat's proposed transfer to the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia to enhance the group's credibility, prestige and reputation, reflecting its growth since listing in June 2021.

Flour demand supports MFM earnings outlook

PETALING JAYA: Malayan Flour Mills Bhd's (MFM) earnings potential remains supported by sustained demand growth for wheat flour, which should help partially buffer impact from higher wheat prices arising from Russia-Ukraine tensions.

Additionally, capacity expansion of Vimaflour operations and silo storage, as well as potential opportunities for downstream ventures, underpin the group's longer-term growth outlook.

Hong Leong Investment Bank (HLIB) Research said MFM's flour milling business margin could be weighed down by the elevated wheat prices as a result of escalating conflict between Russia and Ukraine, which has disrupted grain export flows.

"Nevertheless, the impact could be at least partly mitigated by sustained demand growth for wheat flour, supported by its affordability relative to rice and the region's structural growth potential," the research house said.

MFM's higher earnings in its first half (1H26) were driven by stronger contributions from the flour milling and poultry integration businesses, according to HLIB Research.

The company saw 1H26 core earnings rise by 28.1% year-on-year to RM84.7mil, with flour sales volume improving across all key markets.

Sales volumes in the poultry integration business also rose by 6% in 1H26, as demand weakness from the food services channel was more than mitigated by stronger demand from the retail channel.

The research house said initiatives such as the ongoing expansion of MFM's Vietnamese subsidiary Vimaflour provide additional growth catalysts.

The Vimaflour expansion, which involves a capital expenditure of approximately US\$20mil (RM80.09mil), is expected to raise production capacity by 20% to 2,500 tonnes per day upon its target completion at end-2027.

Ni Hsin seeks shareholder nod for EV diversification

PETALING JAYA: Ni Hsin Group Bhd is seeking shareholders' approval to diversify its principal business activities into electric vehicles (EVs), as it looks to expand its electric motorcycle operations through contract manufacturing, new products and wider market coverage.

The group said its EV business remains at an early stage and has yet to contribute positively to its earnings, but it expects the segment could eventually become a material contributor to net profit and account for at least 25% of its net assets.

Ni Hsin's EV business generated RM1.43mil in revenue and recorded a loss after tax of RM1.43mil for the financial year ended June 30, 2026.

The proposed diversification would

allow the group to further develop its EV operations, which began in 2021 through its wholly owned subsidiary Ni Hsin EV Tech Sdn Bhd.

It currently assembles and markets electric motorcycles at its facility in Seri Kembangan, Selangor, including the *EBIXON TORQ*, *BOLD* and *KRUZ*, as well as *TC Max* and *CPX* models.

Ni Hsin has also expanded into original equipment manufacturing, signing a contract manufacturing agreement with MARS Greentech Sdn Bhd in April to assemble selected electric two-wheeler models.

The group is seeking further growth through an expanded product portfolio, including electric off-road motorcycles, and greater penetration of corporate, fleet

and institutional customers such as government agencies, universities and last-mile logistics operators.

It also recently signed a memorandum of understanding with Apex Ventures (Labuan) Ltd to promote and distribute its products, including EVs, initially in Turkey and the Middle East.

Ni Hsin said Malaysia's EV market is expected to grow 59.9% in 2026 to 91,527 vehicles, with the market forecast to expand at a compound annual growth rate of 36.8% between 2026 and 2030.

The proposed diversification will not involve any share issuance, acquisition, disposal or fundraising and is not expected to have an immediate impact on earnings or earnings per share.

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RM131,300 Shop Unit 242 sq. ft. Lot 1 : DC10053653 Assignee : CIMB BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Noorhuda & Partners Assignor/Borrower : Kuit See Boon Unit No. F 80, First Floor, Kuantan Parade, Jalan Haji Abdul Rahman, 25000 Kuantan, Pahang.	RM249,400 Condominium Unit With 2 Car Park Bays 1,000 sq. ft. Lot 2 : DC10071049 Assignee : CIMB ISLAMIC BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Che Mokhtar & Ling Assignor/Customer : Lee Ti Chuan Unit No. A-20-9, Block A, Pangsapuri Damai Vista, Jalan Damai Perdana 1/1, Bandar Damai Perdana, 56000 Kuala Lumpur.	RM450,000 3-bedroom Condominium Unit 1,033 sq. ft. Lot 3 : DC10072890 Assignee : CIMB BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Azhar & Wong Assignor/Borrower : Yong See Wei Unit No. 2-13-01, Kondominium Alam Saujana, No.9, Jalan 1/12D, Off Batu 4 1/2, Jalan Ipoh, 51100 Kuala Lumpur.	RM460,000 Condominium Unit 1,195 sq. ft. Lot 4 : DC10063847 Assignee : CIMB BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Zairina Loh & Wong Assignor/Borrower : Lim Chung Fatt Unit No. A-27-3A, Residensi Ascenda, Jalan Arena 1, Setapak, 53200 Kuala Lumpur.	RM430,000 Service Apartment 1,141 sq. ft. Lot 5 : DC10066026 Assignee : CIMB ISLAMIC BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Nik Hussain & Partners Assignors/Customers : Muhd Ammerul Faizal Bin Ainul Jamilus & Nor Nurul Ain Binti Hassan Blok D3-37-12, Residensi Bandar Razak, Jalan Razak Mansion, Sungai Besi, 57100 Kuala Lumpur.	RM500,000 Service Suite 560 sq. ft. Lot 6 : DC10071620 Assignee : CIMB BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Zairina Loh & Wong Assignor : Dinesh A/L Rajendra Borrowers : Dinesh A/L Rajendra, Vigneswary A/P K Mylvaganam & Rajendra A/L C Thevendram Unit No. 10-17, Menara Teguh Bangsar (Establishment Bangsar), Jalan Ang Seng, 50470 Kuala Lumpur.
RM388,800 Apartment 1,001 sq. ft. Lot 7 : DC10070677 Assignee : CIMB ISLAMIC BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Mirirahayu Haniff Heng & Partners Assignor/Customer : Fatimah Adila Binti Che Awang Unit No. C-L22-05, Block C, Residensi Hijauan Bukit Jalil, Jalan Jalil Perwira 2, Bukit Jalil, 58200 Kuala Lumpur.	RM600,000 Office Lot 1,754 sq. ft. Lot 8 : DC10070746 Assignee : CIMB BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Mirirahayu Haniff Heng & Partners Assignor/Borrower : Izwan Bin Ismail Unit No. 8-3, Block 3E, Jalan Wangsa Delima 11, Wangsa Maju, 53300 Kuala Lumpur.	RM1,200,000 2 And A Half-storey Semi-detached House 3,638 sq. ft. Lot 9 : DC10015163 Assignee : CIMB BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S K Y Sim & Co. Assignor/Borrower : Jamaliah Binti Jamaludin No. 78, Jalan Plumbum 7/103, Seksyen 7, 40000 Shah Alam, Selangor.	RM1,591,800 3-storey Detached House 7,039 sq. ft. Lot 10 : DC10070019 Assignee : CIMB BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Seow & Megat Assignors/Borrowers : Chuan Hooi Keat & Leong Wei Yi No. 13, Jalan Kemuning Mutiara 33/158B, Mutiara 33, Seksyen 33, 40400 Shah Alam, Selangor.	RM526,500 Stratified 2-storey Terrace House 1,539 sq. ft. Lot 11 : DC10067652 Assignee : CIMB ISLAMIC BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Che Mokhtar & Ling Assignor/Customer : Azizul Affendy Bin Othman No. 48, Jalan Eco Majestic 8/2C, Eco Majestic, 43500 Semenyih, Selangor.	RM1,400,000 2 Storey Bungalow House 3,456 sq. ft. Lot 12 : DC10071433 Assignee : CIMB ISLAMIC BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S K Y Sim & Co. Assignors : Mohamad Azrein Bin Mohd Shariff & Juliani Binti Jufri Customer : Mohamad Azrein Bin Mohd Shariff No. 22, Jalan Diamond B5/5, Diamond Residence, 43500 Semenyih, Selangor.
RM2,200,000 Stratified 2-storey Semi-detached House 4,402 sq. ft. Lot 13 : DC10072898 Assignee : CIMB ISLAMIC BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Nik Hussain & Partners Assignor : John Antung Dainal @ John Aloysius Customers : John Antung Dainal @ John Aloysius & Premiata A/P Saparmariam No. 7, Jalan Aman Hana 3, Bandar Tropicana Aman, 42500 Telok Panglima Garang, Kuala Langat, Selangor.	RM259,900 Stratified 2 Storey Mid Terrace House 1,195 sq. ft. Lot 14 : DC10071291 Assignee : CIMB ISLAMIC BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Kuah, Lim, Chin & Ooi Assignor : Ahmad Fuad Bin Sazeli Customers : Ahmad Fuad Bin Sazeli & Sazeli Bin Adnan No. 61, Jalan Irama 9, Irama Perdana, LBS Alam Perdana, 42300 Bandar Puncak Alam, Selangor.	RM292,700 Stratified 2 Storey Terraced House 1,195 sq. ft. Lot 15 : DC10057120 Assignee : CIMB ISLAMIC BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Nik Hussain & Partners Assignors/Customers : Mohamed Shahmi Bin Muhammad & Nur Samila Binti Abdul Mulib No. 13, Jalan Irama 9, Irama Perdana, LBS Alam Perdana, 42300 Bandar Puncak Alam, Selangor.	RM420,000 2 Storey Terraced House 1,200 sq. ft. Lot 16 : DC10072671 Assignee : CIMB ISLAMIC BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Kuah, Lim, Chin & Ooi Assignors/Customers : Puteri Nur Asyiqin Binti Saharudin & Muhammad Fikri Bin Jamaluddin No. 68, Jalan Rentak 1/3, Rentak Perdana, LBS Alam Perdana, 42300 Bandar Puncak Alam, Selangor.	RM421,200 Stratified 2 Storey Mid Terrace House 1,399 sq. ft. Lot 17 : DC10067308 Assignee : CIMB ISLAMIC BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Nik Hussain & Partners Assignor/Customer : Abdullah Bin Mahmud No. 32, Jalan MG 4, Taman Myra Gardens, 48050 Rawang, Selangor.	RM436,500 2 Storey Terrace House Within A Gated And Guarded Scheme 1,560 sq. ft. Lot 18 : DC10070370 Assignee : CIMB ISLAMIC BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S K Y Sim & Co. Assignors/Customers : Wee Cheng Wah & Tan Poh Ann No. 56, Jalan M Panora 1/3, Taman M-Residensi, 48020 Rawang, Selangor.
RM500,000 Stratified 2-storey Terraced House 1,302 sq. ft. Lot 19 : DC10064521 Assignee : CIMB ISLAMIC BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Nik Hussain & Partners Assignor/Customer : Nur Asikin Binti Yahya No. 3, Jalan KH 6, Kita Harmoni, Cybersouth, 43800 Dengkil, Selangor.	RM282,200 Lower Unit - One And Half (1 /2) Storey Townhouse 1,141 sq. ft. Lot 20 : DC10065319 Assignee : CIMB BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Azhar & Wong Assignor/Borrower : Leong Weng Foon Unit No. 35-1, Jalan Elegan 1, Elegan Residensi, Taman Putra Perdana, 47130 Puchong, Selangor.	RM687,700 Corner Townhouse (upper Unit) 3,154 sq. ft. Lot 21 : DC10063056 Assignee : CIMB BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S K Y Sim & Co. Assignors/Borrowers : Ravindran A/L M Krishnan & Puniah A/P Muniandy No. 40-A, Jalan Ariza, Taman Raintree, 68100 Batu Caves, Selangor.	RM405,000 Townhouse (lower Unit) 1,507 sq. ft. Lot 22 : DC10071131 Assignee : CIMB ISLAMIC BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Nik Hussain & Partners Assignors/Customers : Nurul Liyana Binti Tajurahim & Ashraf Rehan Williams Unit No 17, Jalan Puteri 5D/2, Bandar Puteri Bangi, 43000 Kajang, Selangor.	RM607,500 Townhouse Unit 2,422 sq. ft. Lot 23 : DC10061339 Assignee : CIMB ISLAMIC BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Che Mokhtar & Ling Assignor/Customer : Rozaidi Bin Abdul Rahim No. 3-2, Jalan Tropicana Heights 3/3, Tropicana Heights, 43000 Kajang, Selangor.	RM324,000 Condominium 1,130 sq. ft. Lot 24 : DC10072061 Assignee : CIMB BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Nik Hussain & Partners Assignor/Borrower : Teh Kuang Kiak No. 6-22, Emerald Residence, Jalan Mutiara Cheras 1, 43200 Cheras, Selangor.
RM610,000 Condominium 1,349 sq. ft. Lot 25 : DC10072458 Assignee : CIMB ISLAMIC BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S K Y Sim & Co. Assignors/Customers : Abdul Atuf Bin Mohd Yusof & Nur Hidayu Binti Azizan Unit No. A-3A-3A, Blok Alstonia, Residency Bayu 1, Jalan Bayu Utama, Bukit Ampang Permai, 68000 Ampang, Selangor.	RM200,000 3 Bedroom Serviced Apartment 750 sq. ft. Lot 26 : DC10072166 Assignee : CIMB BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Shaw & Co Assignor/Borrower : Nur Fadhillah Binti Mohd Unit No. D-06-03, Blok D, Flora Damansara, No. 1, Jalan PUJ 8/9, Bandar Damansara Perdana, 47820 Petaling Jaya, Selangor.	RM255,200 Service Apartment Unit With A Carpark 561 sq. ft. Lot 27 : DC10071970 Assignee : CIMB BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Sidek Teh Wong & Dennis Assignor/Borrower : Chow Boon Cheng Unit No. C-01-02, Blok C, Cascades Residency, No. 13A, Jalan PUJ 5/1, Kota Damansara, PUJ 5, 47810 Petaling Jaya, Selangor.	RM490,000 Service Apartment 850 sq. ft. Lot 28 : DC10056447 Assignee : CIMB ISLAMIC BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Che Mokhtar & Ling Assignors/Customers : Narul Naim Bin R Azani & Siti Aisyah Binti Adam Unit No. B-25-11, Block B, Aera Servis Residensi, Jalan PJS 5/28A, 46300 Petaling Jaya, Selangor.	RM612,000 Serviced Apartment 818 sq. ft. Lot 29 : DC10072451 Assignee : CIMB BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S K Y Sim & Co. Assignor/Borrower : Chong Chin Hien Unit No. B-06-17, Residensi Ryan & Miho, No. 74, Jalan Profesor Diraja Ungku Aziz (Jalan Universiti), Seksyen 13, 46200 Petaling Jaya, Selangor.	RM1,200,000 Service Apartment 1,905 sq. ft. Lot 30 : DC10053161 Assignee : CIMB BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S K Y Sim & Co. Assignor/Borrower : Shahrin See Bin Abdullah Unit No. A-12-03, Block A, Azelia Residence, No. 3, Jalan PUJ 9/1, Damansara Avenue, Bandar Sri Damansara, PUJ 9, 47830 Petaling Jaya, Selangor.
RM194,400 3 Bedroom Service Apartment 678 sq. ft. Lot 31 : DC10056790 Assignee : CIMB ISLAMIC BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Kuah, Lim, Chin & Ooi Assignors/Customers : Zainal Abidin Bin Mansor & Roziah Nie Unit No. 14 12, 14th Floor, Pangsapuri Servis Brunsfield, No. 3, Jalan Yoga 13/42, Seksyen 13, 40100 Shah Alam, Selangor.	RM510,000 Service Apartment 1,119 sq. ft. Lot 32 : DC10071873 Assignee : CIMB ISLAMIC BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Mirirahayu Haniff Heng & Partners Assignor/Customer : Wong Tsae Hoong Unit No. SA2-25-01, Dsara Sentral, Jalan Welfare, Kampung Baru Sungai Buloh, Seksyen U19, 40160 Shah Alam, Selangor.	RM175,700 Serviced Apartment Unit 646 sq. ft. Lot 33 : DC10072030 Assignee : CIMB BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Che Mokhtar & Ling Assignor/Borrower : Lim Chun Chun Unit No. 20-18, 20th Floor, Saville @ D'Lake Puchong, Jalan Saville, 47130 Puchong, Selangor.	RM202,500 3-bedroom Service Apartment 955 sq. ft. Lot 34 : DC10071656 Assignee : CIMB BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S K Y Sim & Co. Assignor/Borrower : Tan Chong Fook Unit No. D-10-24, Block D, Kompleks Suria Kinrara, Persiaran Kinrara Seksyen 3, 47190 Puchong, Selangor.	RM226,000 2-bedroom Service Apartment Unit 753 sq. ft. Lot 35 : DC10071763 Assignee : CIMB BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Sabarudin Othman & Ho Assignor : Tehivanathan A/L Tamil Selvam Borrowers : Tehivanathan A/L Tamil Selvam & Nitiyavathi A/P Tamil Selvam Unit No. A-20-2, Block A, KR7 Residences, Jalan TPP 5, Taman Mas Langat, 47130 Puchong, Selangor.	RM380,700 Corner 3+1 Serviced Apartment With 2 Car Park Bays 1,130 sq. ft. Lot 36 : DC10071215 Assignee : CIMB BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Sabarudin Othman & Ho Assignor/Borrower : Loo Chu Bin Unit No. B-05-02, Blok B, Twin Residences, Jalan Pipit, Bukit Tandang, 47170 Puchong, Selangor.
RM501,500 Service Apartment 958 sq. ft. Lot 37 : DC10072325 Assignee : CIMB ISLAMIC BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Zairina Loh & Wong Assignor/Customer : Yee Thin Soon Unit No. B-08-03, Pavilion, Jalan Puteri 7/13, Bandar Puteri, 47100 Puchong, Selangor.	RM595,000 Service Apartment 1,216 sq. ft. Lot 38 : DC10070893 Assignee : CIMB BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Mirirahayu Haniff Heng & Partners Assignor/Borrower : Gai Kah Wai Unit No. B-07-3A, Block B, Pavilion, Jalan Puteri 7/13, Bandar Puteri, 47100 Puchong, Selangor.	RM440,000 3 Bedroom Serviced Apartment 990 sq. ft. Lot 39 : DC10072452 Assignee : CIMB ISLAMIC BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Nik Hussain & Partners Assignor/Customer : Mohd Faizal Helmi Bin Rosli Unit No. ET2-26-14, Menara Eclipse 2, Persiaran Multimedia, Cyber 11 63000 Cyberjaya, Selangor.	RM212,100 Service Apartment 850 sq. ft. Lot 40 : DC10071287 Assignee : CIMB ISLAMIC BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Kuah, Lim, Chin & Ooi Assignor/Customer : Wong Kok Wah Unit No. A-16-18, Blok A, Prestige Residence, Persiaran Lestari Perdana, Taman Lestari Perdana, 43300 Seri Kembangan, Selangor.	RM212,500 Service Apartment 657 sq. ft. Lot 41 : DC10072522 Assignee : CIMB ISLAMIC BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Che Mokhtar & Ling Assignors/Customers : Ahmad Farhan Fariduddin Bin Ibrahim & Nurfahana Syakyla Binti Ramli Unit No. 2-23A-13A, Bayu Residensi @ Seri Temenggung, Jalan Temenggung, 68100 Batu Caves, Selangor.	RM283,500 One-bedroom Service Apartment 618 sq. ft. Lot 42 : DC10071574 Assignee : CIMB BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Seow & Megat Assignor/Borrower : Kenneth Kery Anak Bugi Unit No. B-15-2, The Mark @ Cheras, Jalan Cheras Hartamas, Taman Bukit Segar, 43200 Cheras, Selangor.
RM585,000 3 Bedroom Serviced Apartment 1,259 sq. ft. Lot 43 : DC10072440 Assignee : CIMB BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Zairina Loh & Wong Assignor/Borrower : Tan Boon Lan Unit No. A-15-1, Block A, Emerald 9 Cheras, Persiaran Awana, 43200 Cheras, Selangor.	RM146,700 Service Apartment Unit 728 sq. ft. Lot 44 : DC10044757 Assignee : CIMB BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Mirirahayu Haniff Heng & Partners Assignor/Borrower : Ghazanee Bin Ghazalee Unit No. A-10-20, Pangsapuri Servis Springvilla, Jalan UP 1/1A, Taman Ukay Perdana, 68000 Ampang, Selangor.	RM245,700 Service Apartment 947 sq. ft. Lot 45 : DC10066072 Assignee : CIMB ISLAMIC BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Nik Hussain & Partners Assignor/Customer : Jofri Anuar Bin Mohamad Unit No. AR1-17-03, Almera Residensi, Laman Puteri 3, Bandar Puteri Bangi, 43000 Kajang, Selangor.	RM260,100 3 Bedroom Serviced Apartment 947 sq. ft. Lot 46 : DC10071680 Assignee : CIMB ISLAMIC BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Nik Hussain & Partners Assignor/Customer : Natasha Aimee Binti Hashim Unit No. AR1-15-06, Almera Residensi (on site is Block AR1 Almyra Residence), Laman Puteri 3, Bandar Puteri Bangi (R/P), 43000 Kajang, Selangor.	RM300,000 Service Apartment Unit 904 sq. ft. Lot 47 : DC10070876 Assignee : CIMB ISLAMIC BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Zairina Loh & Wong Assignor/Customer : Md Suhafiz Bin Hazri Unit No. A-34-22, Blok A, Residensi Emas, Jalan Zamrud 2, Sungai Tangkas, 43000 Kajang, Selangor.	RM380,000 Service Apartment 689 sq. ft. Lot 48 : DC10072507 Assignee : CIMB ISLAMIC BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Che Mokhtar & Ling Assignor/Customer : Sabreenah Binti Mohd Salim Unit No. B-19-02, Pangsapuri Maya, Jalan Cove Sentral 1, Bandar Gamuda Cove, 42700 Banting, Selangor.
RM178,700 3 Bedroom Service Apartment 1,044 sq. ft. Lot 49 : DC10051265 Assignee : CIMB ISLAMIC BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Zairina Loh & Wong Assignor/Customer : Kumaran A/L Ratha No. B-01-03A, BSP 21, Persiaran Saujana Putra Utama, Bandar Saujana Putra, 42610 Jenjarom, Selangor.	RM195,100 Service Apartment Unit 1,044 sq. ft. Lot 50 : DC10058279 Assignee : CIMB ISLAMIC BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Zairina Loh & Wong Assignor/Customer : Muhammad Firdaus Bin Aziz Unit No. H-06-05, BSP 21, Persiaran Saujana Putra Utama, Bandar Saujana Putra, 42610 Jenjarom, Selangor.	RM200,000 3-bedroom Serviced Apartment Unit 901 sq. ft. Lot 51 : DC10071727 Assignee : CIMB ISLAMIC BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Kuah, Lim, Chin & Ooi Assignors/Customers : Muhammad Amjad Bin Mohamed Rahim & Nurul Izzati Binti Mohd Zaki Unit No. A-G-20, Blok A, Pangsapuri Kita Impian, Persiaran Cybersouth Perdana, Cybersouth, 43800 Dengkil, Selangor.	RM260,000 Corner 3-bedroom Serviced Apartment 904 sq. ft. Lot 52 : DC10072751 Assignee : CIMB ISLAMIC BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Zairina Loh & Wong Assignors/Customers : Nurfazeen Binti Zainudin & Muhammad Ezzat Emir Bin Suhaimi Unit No. B-16-02, Blok B, Pangsapuri Kita Impian, Persiaran Cybersouth Perdana, Cybersouth, 43800 Dengkil, Selangor.	RM225,000 Service Apartment 635 sq. ft. Lot 53 : DC10064063 Assignee : CIMB ISLAMIC BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Kuah, Lim, Chin & Ooi Assignor : Farah Rathnah Binti Mohd Isa Customers : Farah Rathnah Binti Mohd Isa & Marliya Binti Mohd Isa Unit No. A-28-02, Cerrado (Block A), Jalan Southville 1, Southville City, 43800 Dengkil, Selangor.	RM230,000 Service Apartment Unit With 2 Carpark Bays 635 sq. ft. Lot 54 : DC10070956 Assignee : CIMB BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Sabarudin Othman & Ho Assignor/Borrower : Claudia Chan Mei Tang Unit No. 16-03, Tangerine Suites, Persiaran Sunsuria, Bandar Sunsuria, 43900 Sepang, Selangor.
RM146,300 3 Bedroom Apartment 678 sq. ft. Lot 55 : DC10063597 Assignee : CIMB BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Nik Hussain & Partners Assignors/Borrowers : Mohd Nizam Bin Md Daud & Azzah Binti Ibrahim Unit No. H-331, Block H, Permai Apartment, No. 13, Jalan PUJ 10/1, Damansara Damai, 47830 Petaling Jaya, Selangor.	RM170,000 Medium Cost Apartment 850 sq. ft. Lot 56 : DC10072605 Assignee : CIMB BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Sidek Teh Wong & Dennis Assignor/Borrower : Azman Shah Bin Abdul Aziz Unit No. 6-09-20, Pangsapuri Lagoon Perdana, Jalan PJS 9/1, Bandar Sunway, 46150 Petaling Jaya, Selangor.	RM200,000 Medium Cost Apartment 992 sq. ft. Lot 57 : DC10072614 Assignee : CIMB BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Sidek Teh Wong & Dennis Assignor/Borrower : Azman Shah Bin Abdul Aziz Unit No. 2-15-12, Pangsapuri Lagoon Perdana, Jalan PJS 9/1, Bandar Sunway, 46150 Petaling Jaya, Selangor.	RM220,000 3-bedroom Apartment 850 sq. ft. Lot 58 : DC10061939 Assignee : CIMB BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Mirirahayu Haniff Heng & Partners Assignor/Borrower : Norhayati Binti Alias Unit No. F-11-10, Blok F, Flora Damansara, No. 1, Jalan PUJ 8/9, Bandar Damansara Perdana, 47820 Petaling Jaya, Selangor. There is an outstanding sum of RM2,500.00 due to Developer under the Original Sale & Purchase Agreement.	RM262,500 Apartment (with 1 Carpark) 1,001 sq. ft. Lot 59 : DC10043227 Assignee : CIMB BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Zairina Loh & Wong Assignor/Borrower : Rizawati Binti Johari Unit No. D-2-17, Pangsapuri D'rimba, No. 11, Jalan Kenyalang 11/14, Seksyen 11, Kota Damansara, 47810 Petaling Jaya, Selangor.	RM127,500 3 Bedroom Apartment 657 sq. ft. Lot 60 : DC10016430 Assignee : CIMB BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Nik Hussain & Partners Assignor/Borrower : Mohd Helmi Bin Omar @ Ahmad No. E-08-02, Block E, Pangsapuri Angsana, Persiaran Mewah, USJ 1, 47620 Subang Jaya, Selangor.
RM336,700 Apartment Unit Together With 2 Car Parks 904 sq. ft. Lot 61 : DC10071102 Assignee : CIMB ISLAMIC BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S K Y Sim & Co. Assignors : Anil Fadzilah Binti Yaakob & Shamsu Baharudin Bin Che Abdullah Customer : Anil Fadzilah Binti Yaakob Unit No. A-01-05, Rimbun Sanctuary, Jalan Birai U8/54, Bukit Jelutong, Seksyen U8, 40150 Shah Alam, Selangor.	RM204,200 Apartment Unit 1,022 sq. ft. Lot 62 : DC10067735 Assignee : CIMB ISLAMIC BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S K Y Sim & Co. Assignor/Customer : Suganthi A/P Shanmugam Unit No. B-19-14, Pangsapuri Idaman BSP, Jalan SP 11/1, Bandar Saujana Putra 1, 47130 Puchong, Selangor.	RM380,000 3-bedroom Apartment With 3 Car Parking Bays (affordable Home) 1,045 sq. ft. Lot 63 : DC10072056 Assignee : CIMB ISLAMIC BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Mirirahayu Haniff Heng & Partners Assignors/Customers : Mohd Faiz Bin Kamaruzaman & Muhammad Fadhriul Bin Kamaruzaman Unit No. A-28-4, Pangsapuri Seri Topaz, Jalan Intan 2, Taman Puchong Indah, 47150 Puchong, Selangor.	RM226,800 Apartment (with 2 Carparks) 904 sq. ft. Lot 64 : DC10072004 Assignee : CIMB ISLAMIC BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S K Y Sim & Co. Assignors : Muhammad Farid Bin Wahab & Maria Binti Jilani Customer : Muhammad Farid Bin Wahab Unit No. A-2-4, Blok A, Residensi Bukit Tiara, Jalan Karunmas 10, 43300 Seri Kembangan, Selangor.	RM127,700 Apartment Unit 775 sq. ft. Lot 65 : DC10066402 Assignee : CIMB BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Tan Norizan & Associates Assignors/Borrowers : A Sami Nathan A/L Alagan & M Barathy A/P Muniandy Unit No. P8-C-03-10, Sri Ros Apartment, Jalan Sepakat Indah 6, Taman Sepakat Indah, Sungai Chua, 43000 Kajang, Selangor.	RM255,200 Apartment (with 2 Carparks) 1,045 sq. ft. Lot 66 : DC10072109 Assignee : CIMB ISLAMIC BANK BERHAD Solicitor : M/S Kuah, Lim, Chin & Ooi Assignors/Customers : Ramesh A/L Loganathan & Jayanthi A/P Sri Murugan Unit No. B-10-1, Block B, Residensi Adelia 4, Jalan Persiaran Bangi Avenue 3, Taman Bangi Avenue, 43000 Kajang, Selangor.

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Hong Leong Industries ramps up parts business

Guocera's tiles expansion also strengthens prospects

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PETALING JAYA: Despite intensifying Chinese competition, Hong Leong Industries Bhd (HLI) should be able to sustain its growth by expanding its *Yamaha Genuine* spare parts and higher margin big-bikes businesses, and sticky brand loyalty.

Following record profits for the year, Kenanga Research said HLI remained well-placed to uphold volume and revenue growth, underpinning continued profitability amid ongoing expansion of Chinese motorcycle manufacturers in Malaysia.

According to the research house, HLI's spare parts business is seen as a strategic pillar supporting long-term earnings growth and sustainability.

The company aims to introduce a second *Yamaha Genuine Parts* brand, positioned as a value-for-money alternative, to capture a larger share of the Malaysian motorcycle spare parts market, which is worth an estimated RM2bil to RM3bil annually.

"This should enable HLI to compete more effectively against lower-priced after-market and non-genuine spare parts, which currently account for a substantial portion of the market," Kenanga Research said.

"Given that HLI's current spare parts revenue is estimated to be in the region of RM200mil, even a modest increase in market penetration could provide a meaningful growth runway."

As part of its growth strategy, HLI also intends to expand its big bike segment, which currently makes up 25% of the Malaysian market, from RM300mil to

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RM500mil share of revenue over the next two to three years.

The plan is to start with completely built-up big bike imports with smaller niche volume, while pushing for completely knocked-down localisation for its higher volume top selling models, the research house said.

In the next two to three years, HLI is set to introduce 15 to 17 models with attractive pricing within their respective target market range.

Additionally, its digital customer loyalty reward platform, coming online by the end of 2026, is expected to further increase brand loyalty and retain market share, Kenanga Research said.

While Chinese motorcycle players have expanded aggressively in Malaysia, it said demand is largely concentrated among price-sensitive customers, and a sizeable customer segment still prefers *Yamaha* motorcycles due to their proven quality, reliable after-sales service, and strong resale value.

Meanwhile, HLI's non-core tiles segment should see improved earnings, as it

expands into large-format porcelain slabs and doubles manufacturing capacity.

"Large-format porcelain slabs command higher selling prices and better margins, while strengthening Guocera's position in the premium building materials segment," the research house said.

The tiles division currently generates about RM220mil to RM250mil in annual revenue.

"Currently contributing less than 5% of total sales, large-format tiles are targeted to account for approximately 25% of total sales within the next three years."

Kenanga Research noted that Guocera's expansion is aimed at enhancing value for a later divestment, as it had been at risk of falling into losses due to rising operating costs. It has maintained an "outperform" call on the stock with an unchanged target price of RM21.

The research house said it continues to favour HLI as a strong proxy to the booming gig economy, its association with the market-leading *Yamaha* motorcycle brand in Malaysia and a solid war chest with net cash of RM2.1bil.

Goh steps up to managing director in Excel Force reshuffle

PETALING JAYA: Excel Force MSC Bhd announces another new boardroom change, involving its former executive director Goh Jooi Shen, who has been redesignated as managing director.

Excel Force, which develops software solutions for the financial services industry, such as stockbroking companies and investment banks, made the announcement via a Bursa Malaysia filing.

Last Friday, Goh, 35, was appointed as Excel Force's executive director. He has a background in corporate administration, financial management, strategic planning, and business operations.

The announcement of Goh's appointment coincided with a change to some of the other board members of the company, with him replacing 57-year-old Wong Kok Chau, who has been redesignated as executive director, while a slew of independent directors resigned from their posts.

Accountant Teo Beng Wei, 47, was appointed independent non-executive director of Excel Force last Friday.

It was also announced last week that Excel Force's co-founder and former managing director Wang Kuen-Chung – also known as Jeff Wang, a Taiwanese businessman – had returned as a substantial shareholder of the company.

This comes seven years after relinquishing that status and stepping down from Excel Force.

According to a Sept 7 bourse filing, Wang currently holds 94.4 million shares of the company, representing a direct interest of 15.481%.

For the half-year ended June, Excel Force posted a net profit of RM5.28mil, a 4.1% improvement over the same period last year, with revenue at RM29.2mil.

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JAKARTA: Indonesia aims to create more than three million new jobs in 2027, amid a sluggish labour market.

Businesses and economists have called the goal ambitious, stressing that achieving it would require reducing the cost of doing business to spur investment and incentivise labour-intensive industries to improve their competitiveness.

In a meeting with the House Budget Committee (Banggar) on Aug 27, Finance Minister Purbaya Yudhi Sadewa revealed a target to create between 2.57 million and 3.49 million jobs next year.

The government has also included the proportion of formal jobs as a development indicator in the State Budget draft for 2027, aiming to increase the share from 37.95% this year to 40.81%.

Purbaya said that economic growth is targeted at 6%, which can be achieved through fiscal and monetary policy, as well as by encouraging state asset fund Danantara to pursue strategic investments.

Manpower Minister Yassierli also said his ministry would support the jobs target through internship programmes and vocational education.

The Indonesian Employers Association (Apindo) called the job creation goal "quite ambitious", but said it was attainable if economic growth could further spur business expansion and investment in the real sector.

Apindo chairwoman Shinta Kamdani said on Aug 31 that the real challenge was to sustainably create decent jobs, given that around two million to four million people join the workforce each year, while Indonesia's employment structure is still dominated by the informal sector.

"Boosting industrialisation, including labour-intensive industries, becomes crucial if the government wants to improve both the quantity and the quality of jobs," she said.

Shinta noted that the government should focus on the manufacturing sector as a key growth driver, citing the sector's high formal employment rate of 61%.

Businesses are also generating jobs in the services, accommodation and food and beverage sectors, the digital economy, as well as new emerging industries linked to the green transition.

However, she said hurdles remained in ensuring that growth in these sectors could translate into increased productivity,

Jakarta sets ambitious new 2027 jobs target

Businesses warn of logistics and compliance costs



Real challenge: A man goes about his daily business of fishing in the waters of Banda Aceh. Indonesia's employers say the government's multi-million job target is ambitious, but achievable with faster growth and wider business investment. — AFP

improved workforce skills and the expansion of formal employment.

With this, businesses are grappling with domestic and global challenges, including Indonesia's long-standing "high-cost economy" covering logistics, energy, financing and compliance costs.

Frequent regulatory changes have also complicated budget planning for both the middle and long-term.

"At the end of the day, these factors will affect companies' decisions to increase investment and recruit new talent in both the short and long-term," Shinta said.

The association urged the government to pursue "parallel reforms", including improving regulatory certainty and consistency through measures such as a Manpower Law that promotes industrial competitiveness and job creation.

Additionally, the government needs to

address structural issues that contribute to the high-cost economy, simplify business licensing and adopt more supportive policies for labour-intensive industries, which have higher capacity to absorb workers and are sensitive to rising production costs.

Researcher Yusuf Rendy Manilet from the Centre of Reform on Economics (CORE) said on Sept 1 that the lower end of the three million jobs target was "relatively realistic", but the upper target was "ambitious".

He cited data showing that Indonesia added only 1.9 million workers from February 2025 to February 2026, meaning that even the lower-end target of 2.57 million jobs would represent a significant jump.

Yusuf also pointed out that Indonesia's employment elasticity of economic growth, at around 0.25, was relatively low.

It means that 6% growth could only generate 2.2 million additional jobs.

To reach the 3.49 million target, Indonesia would need higher economic growth and employment elasticity in a range between 0.36 and 0.4.

"Economic growth has increasingly been driven by capital-intensive sectors, such as mineral downstreaming and commodities.

"Their investment value is huge, but the employment absorption is relatively limited," he said.

Yusuf argued that the government should revive labour-intensive industries and improve the business ecosystem, by reducing energy and logistics costs, stepping up industry protection against unfair and illegal imports, and streamlining access to working capital for companies within the supply chain.

Overhauling the design of fiscal incentives to be assessed not only based on investment value but also on job creation could also help ensure that large investments generate both additional capital and employment.

Head of the University of Indonesia's Demographic Institute, I Dewa Gede Karma Wisana, also raised doubts over the quality of jobs created under the government target.

"Given the current pressures faced by businesses, it seems difficult to ensure that half of the new jobs are decent and can guarantee sustainable working conditions," he said.

Dewa said that the greater challenge was in creating demand for labour.

Without new large-scale enterprises or labour-intensive businesses that can utilise the available skills in the workforce, opportunities for quality jobs would remain limited.

"The government needs to ensure legal certainty for business operations and encourage businesses and industries to expand so they can significantly absorb the existing workforce," he concluded. — The Jakarta Post/ANN

China's push for innovative global cooperation

BEIJING: China's deeper opening-up of the services sector is set to bolster the global competitiveness of Chinese service providers and generate new growth opportunities for the business community.

That's according to market analysts and business executives.

Rather than merely aim to narrow its services trade deficit, China is poised to make more room for both imports and exports, via wider market access and regulatory liberalisation.

Digital services, technology-intensive services and other emerging segments are expected to prove the key drivers behind the services trade growth, experts have noted.

The comments came ahead of the 2026 China International Fair for Trade in Services, which will open today in Beijing and through Sunday.

Around 90 countries, regions and international organisations are to stage exhibitions or events through Sunday, while more than 1,800 companies will participate offline, underscoring the fair's role as a key platform for opening up China's services sector and for international cooperation.

Unlike trade in goods, services trade involves cross-border transactions in activities ranging from transportation and tourism to telecommunications, computing, education and professional services.

Digital services and technology-intensive services are expected to emerge as key drivers of services trade growth.

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In a congratulatory letter to the 2025 China International Fair for Trade in Services, held in Beijing last year, President Xi Jinping said China will remain firmly committed to expanding high-standard opening-up.

Furthermore, he also noted that there would be an acceleration of the opening of its services market in an orderly manner on platforms, including pilot free trade zones and national demonstration zones for the innovative development of trade in services.

China is ready to work with all parties to jointly promote open and innovative cooperation in global trade in services, build an open world economy, and continuously inject new impetus into building a community with a shared future for humanity, Xi said.

China's trade in services totalled nearly 4.45 trillion yuan (US\$663bil) in the first seven months of 2026, up 8.3% year-on-year (y-o-y), data from the Commerce Ministry showed.

Services exports rose 17.1% y-o-y to over 1.77 trillion yuan.

Services imports reached 2.67 trillion yuan, up 3.2% from a year earlier.

The country's services trade deficit stood at 900.25 billion yuan in the first seven months of this year.

Analysts and government officials said China's services trade should not be judged solely by the size of its deficit, as shifts in the composition of imports and exports point to a broader structural transformation.

They added that the country's growing demand for high-quality services is creating substantial opportunities for businesses worldwide. — China Daily/ANN

CapitaLand targets third Asian credit fund

SINGAPORE: Singapore's CapitaLand Investment is targeting US\$500mil (S\$633.4mil) in commitments from investors for its third Asia-Pacific credit programme, according to people familiar with the matter.

The latest fundraising effort by the Temasek Holdings-controlled asset manager is taking place months after it secured US\$320mil for its second vehicle ACP II, which added about US\$600mil to its funds under management.

APC III will continue its previous credit strategies' focus on senior secured asset-backed investments, said the people, who asked not to be identified discussing private matters.

CapitaLand Investment will primarily target existing investors for the third fund and is aiming for a first close by year-end, the people said. A spokesperson for CapitaLand declined to comment.

The fundraising initiative comes as private credit in Asia faces mounting scrutiny, with investors questioning whether loans backed by collateralised assets remain safe bets. — Bloomberg

Liquid Network hack highlights crypto risks

SAN FRANCISCO: A blockchain used by several cryptocurrency exchanges to move bitcoin has been hacked for US\$320mil, the latest in a spate of breaches to shake confidence in digital-asset security.

Roughly 4,000 of the 4,200 bitcoin held in a wallet used by Liquid Network were taken, the platform operator said in a post on X.

It said the perpetrators appear to be “white-hat hackers” who exploit security flaws and typically return the funds, sometimes in exchange for a fee.

“Liquid wallets will be impacted, and we’re sorry for any inconvenience,” Liquid Network wrote, adding it has halted all new transactions.

“Federation members are actively working on resolving this so we can restore normal network activity.”

Alex Thorn, head of research at crypto firm Galaxy Digital Inc, said in a post on X that the hackers had returned 3,400 bitcoin, apparently keeping some US\$47mil worth for themselves.

The hack is the latest in a string of recent attacks that have put crypto cybersecurity in the spotlight. Just last week, an attacker drained US\$6mil from a Crypto.com-linked digital-asset lending platform.

In August, a hack of the popular offline bitcoin wallet Coldcard raised questions about the safest way to store the digital asset.

“While these events may shake consumer confidence, they highlight where critical infrastructure safeguards need to be strengthened, and why comprehensive security across the full stack is essential for operators,” said Ziqing Ang, head of policy in Asia-Pacific at TRM Labs.

Liquid Network was started in 2018 by Blockstream Corp, a blockchain technology company co-founded by cryptographer-turned-bitcoin enthusiast Adam Back. — Bloomberg

Stopgap funding for Bathla as crisis lingers

SYDNEY: Bathla Group, the insolvent Australian builder that’s shaken the nation’s real estate and private credit markets, secured stopgap funding to stay afloat for a couple of weeks as it rushes to make headway repaying creditors owed A\$3.4bil (US\$2.45bil).

The company’s representative, the administrator Teneo, agreed to the emergency funding with five lenders, it said in a statement Monday, without specifying the amount or identifying the creditors.

The financing is about A\$4mil, a person familiar with the matter said, an amount that was discussed with several private lenders last week. Teneo declined to comment on the size of the deal.

The crisis at Bathla is spotlighting broader risks that the nation’s regulator had warned about in private lending, particularly in the real estate sector.

After Australia’s central bank raised interest rates three times since February, it’s also adding to concerns about the property market at a time when the government is pursuing a five-year supply target of 1.2 million units by June 2029.

The collapse of Bathla will have significant impacts on the economy just as sliding home prices could curb consumer spending, according to Tim Church, Morgan Stanley’s investment banking chief in Australia.

“It is the hammer blow,” Church said. The knock-on effects “will be significant”. — Bloomberg

VW finds defence future for site amid big overhaul

Carmaker pivots jobs while battling rivals, overcapacity

OSNABRUECK: Volkswagen has struck a preliminary deal that will see one of its German sites switch to defence production under new ownership, a first in the automaker’s efforts to restructure plants struggling to compete with lower-cost Chinese rivals.

The deal offers a potential blueprint for other Volkswagen sites facing an uncertain future as Europe’s largest carmaker embarks on its biggest ever restructuring to revive margins and battle chronic overcapacity in its stagnant European market.

Under the initial terms of the deal, Volkswagen will sell its factory in Osnabrueck to Israel’s Aurelius Capital and Volkswagen’s home state of Lower Saxony, in a move labour officials said could preserve about 1,400 of the site’s 1,800 jobs.

The agreement comes days after Volkswagen unveiled a major revamp to cut jobs and simplify its structure, highlighting how rising defence spending in Europe could help absorb excess manufacturing capacity in the automotive sector.

Volkswagen has warned that up to four German plants could face closure or repurposing unless alternative uses can be found amid weak demand, high costs and growing competition from China.

Aurelius Capital and Lower Saxony, Volkswagen’s second-largest shareholder, signed a statement of intent on Monday to take over the factory, where vehicle production is due to end in 2027.

Volkswagen said an initial “anchor project” for Osnabrueck would be a cooperation with Israel’s Rafael Advanced Defence Systems, one of the key partners behind Israel’s Iron Dome, Arrow and David’s Sling air and missile defence systems, confirming what sources told *Reuters* in May.

“These plans involve the potential manufacture of systems and components for air defence systems for Germany and Europe,” Volkswagen said.

Additional projects could involve converting Volkswagen Amarok pick-up trucks into military vehicles, a person familiar



Repurposed site: Trade unionists of IG Metall demonstrate in front of the Volkswagen plant in Osnabrueck. The automaker says one of its plants would be converted to make defence equipment for an Israeli group after car production ends there next year. — AFP

with the matter said, adding Polish defence firm WB Group could do the same for vehicles from MAN, owned by Volkswagen’s Traton business.

Lower Saxony and WB Group declined to comment on the plans, which were first reported by German newspaper *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*.

Defence production is increasingly being seen as a solution for underused automotive plants, with companies including Rheinmetall and Continental pursuing similar initiatives.

Aurelius Capital would take a majority

stake in the site alongside Lower Saxony, whose premier Olaf Lies said the state’s engagement would be similar to its purchase of a stake in the Meyer Werft shipyard in 2024. At the time, Lower Saxony spent €200mil (US\$232.6mil) for a 40% stake in the shipyard.

“Osnabrueck brings with it something that cannot be built from scratch: many years of experience with demanding products, precise manufacturing processes and high-quality, well-coordinated teams and a strong tradition,” Aurelius Capital’s Tomer Jacob said. — Reuters

CD Projekt boosts investment on Witcher games

WARSAW: CD Projekt Red SA is ramping up investment as it prepares the next chapter of its flagship monster-hunting *Witcher* franchise, with several projects now in development.

Five years after betting its fortunes on a single title, Poland’s biggest gaming studio is at a “completely different stage” today, chief financial officer Piotr Nielubowicz said in an interview.

The Warsaw-listed company plans to reinvest most of its strong cash flow from older titles directly into an expanding development pipeline, making capital expenditure a primary consideration in decisions over shareholder payouts.

Research and development costs jumped 53% from a year earlier to more than 200 million zloty (US\$54mil) in the second quarter as headcount swelled past 1,000 people.

Still, the studio continues to find new ways to monetise its core intellectual property between major releases.

The centrepiece of this massive investment is the next mainline *Witcher* game, starring Ciri, tentatively planned for 2028.

Following the troubled 2020 launch of *Cyberpunk 2077*, CD Projekt is prioritising development readiness, with Nielubowicz emphasising that release timing will not be dictated by rival blockbusters.

“We don’t want to discuss what the pub-

“Any estimates regarding sales of the expansion may be subject to a large margin of error, as releasing it 12 years after the launch of the main game is an unusual situation in our industry.”

Piotr Nielubowicz

lishing gap should be among the *Witcher 3* expansion, the release of *GTA VI* and *The Witcher 4*,” Nielubowicz said.

“The release date of the new game will depend on our readiness and the state of development.”

Licensing made a significant contribution to first-half sales, expanded through collaborations with external studios, a trading-card game and another season of Netflix Inc’s *Cyberpunk: Edgerunners*.

Nielubowicz said licensing could become an increasingly important revenue stream as the firm’s brands gain deeper global recognition.

The studio is mining its legacy franchise. A remastered version of *The Witcher 3* is due on Sept 29, followed by a paid expansion, dubbed *Songs of the Past*, next year.

The 2015 game recently saw a pick-up in

sales following last month’s Gamescom trade fair, adding to the 65 million copies sold over its lifetime.

However, Nielubowicz cautioned against precise sales forecasts for the upcoming expansion.

“Any estimates regarding sales of the expansion may be subject to a large margin of error, as releasing it 12 years after the launch of the main game is an unusual situation in our industry,” he said.

“We have never been in a publishing situation like this before, and it is difficult for us to forecast it precisely.”

Broader market dynamics are also working in the developer’s favour.

CD Projekt hasn’t seen higher hardware prices, fuelled by artificial intelligence-related demand for memory and graphics chips, weigh on game sales. — Bloomberg

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Much has changed in those 55 years. How Malaysians consume information has changed. Technology has trans-



formed how news is gathered and delivered. Audiences today expect information instantly, wherever they are and on the platforms they choose.

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This year, we especially honour 50 colleagues receiving our Long Service Awards – 24 who have served SMG for 15 years and 26 who have reached an extraordinary 25 years.

Their commitment reminds us that institutions are ultimately built by people – through their professionalism, resilience and belief in what we stand for.

Most importantly, I thank our readers, subscribers, advertisers, partners and shareholders. Your trust and support have sustained us for 55 years. We do not take that trust for granted.

As we look towards the next chapter, our responsibility is not simply to preserve what we have built, but to make it relevant for the generations that follow.

Across multiple platforms, we will continue to pursue one purpose: to be a trusted place for news, knowledge, conversations and communities – one that helps Malaysians understand today and participate in shaping tomorrow.

Fifty-five years ago, *The Star* began by telling Malaysia's stories. Today, we remain committed to helping shape the stories to come.

Happy 55th Anniversary to Star Media Group. Here's to continuing to Inspire Progress and Shape Tomorrow.

Championing the human factor in journalism

IN a small office in Penang, where *The Star* was born 55 years ago today, a skeletal number of staff sat amid chunky telephones and the now archaic typewriters complete with ink ribbons and carbon copies.

There were no PCs, search engines, social media, personal devices, artificial intelligence or any trendy tool of the now to help ease the process.

Yet, for all that has changed, the most important things about a great media (only newspapers then) remains comfortably the same.

As we celebrate our 55th birthday, let's also raise our glass to certain fundamentals about journalism that never go away.

While the tools of our trade – the note-worthy battery-operated recorder, notebook and pen – have changed and improved by leaps and bounds, our main tasks remain remarkably old-fashioned.

We still need to be there to know what really happened, talk to eyewitnesses to get the full picture on the ground, ask the difficult questions, cross-examine everything, check the story and tell it in a way that everyone gets it.

And most importantly, we still need to be credible.

Sticking to these basics, which form the foundation for everything else, should never be compromised.

A story still needs a solid introduction. Photographs, videos, graphics, data and interactive content still need to stand on their own and tell their own stories by themselves.

A media needs to have its own personality, meaning never forgetting who we are.

The Star is much bigger than our updated, bold masthead in our print products or the familiar logo on The Star Online or on our social media accounts.

You remember us when we stood up for educating our kids in Mighty Minds and Newspaper-in-Education (NIE), for moderation via Anak-Anak Malaysia, for getting youngsters to join us via BRaTs, investigating difficult issues via R.Age, for being in the collaborative forefront in the ESG realm, honouring SMEs via The Star Outstanding Business Awards (Soba) and tipping our hat to unsung heroes with The Star Golden Hearts, among many other efforts.

We adapted to current times, embraced and countered challenges throughout the years.

The advent of social media and AI forced us to reconsider how to reach our audience, making them part of our lives.

And then Covid-19 came and right behind it, the Movement Control Order.

I was genuinely worried for the first time in my life as Chief Content Officer. There was no precedent to such an event, but we learned quickly and got into position to tackle the chaos and uncertainty.

The advent of AI, of course, has changed the way we work. But we should do so with our eyes open, riding the waves but keeping our feet firmly on the surfboard.

It can help us research, translate,

analyse data, even generate ideas and take some of the heavy lifting of routine tasks, but it cannot replace the thing that makes journalism what it is – the human factor.

By all means, embrace the tool but please, question it as well.

Today, we are increasingly inviting our readers to join in in pursuing the story.

Data journalism is a powerful part of what we do now. Numbers in a spreadsheet can now become compelling stories, visualisations and interactive experiences that help readers understand what is happening around them immersively.

It's no longer a one-way street.

Our readers now take part in telling us their thoughts, vote in polls, test their knowledge with quizzes, FAQs, explore interactive graphics – just telling what they think. They are now part of the conversation.

We invite our audience to join in telling the stories still waiting to be told.

Here's to the next 55!

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(From left) Siblings retired Colonel Vijandran, 68, Susiela, 80, and Kausalia, 70, have been reading 'The Star' for decades. — YAP CHEE HONG/The Star

Growing up with *The Star*

The pages that defined the childhoods of many a reader.

WHEN *The Star* arrived in Kuala Lumpur as a national newspaper in 1976, it quickly became part of the morning routine in the Arumugam household in Bangsar.

There was only one copy each day. Before breakfast was over, sisters Susiela, Kausalia and their younger brother, retired Colonel Vijandran, were already waiting for their turn to read it.

More than five decades later, they are still loyal readers.

As children, they rushed to the comics. As teenagers and young adults, they turned to the sports pages, Tell It To Thelma, the Star Jackpot Crossword Puzzle and the classified advertisements.

Today, they laugh that they sometimes flip to the obituary pages first. Each remembers a different part of the newspaper that stayed with them.

For Susiela, 80, it was Chong Sheau Ching's "Stories for My Mother".

"I always looked forward to it. Her writing was gentle, comforting and very relatable. As a mother and now a grandmother of seven, many of her stories reminded me of my own experiences raising

a family," she recalled.

Kausalia, 70, rarely missed Tell It To Thelma, now known as Dear Thelma, a column that has helped readers navigate life's challenges for four decades after debuting in 1986.

"We grew up in a time when people rarely spoke openly about personal problems.

"Reading about other people's experiences and the advice they received was comforting. It reminded us that we weren't alone," said Kausalia.

For Vijandran, 68, nothing matched the excitement of the Star Jackpot Crossword Puzzle.

"People spent hours trying to solve it. Families discussed the answers together around the dining table.

"Even if you didn't win, the excitement of trying was half the fun," he said.

Looking back, the siblings say the newspaper chronicled not only the nation's story, but their own: "We've grown older with *The Star*. Every stage of our lives has a memory tied to its pages. It's never been just a newspaper to us. It's part of our family's story."

Sangheetarasi Santharan, 23, UKM student

"I mainly read the digital version because it's convenient. Whether I'm travelling to campus or taking a break between classes, I can quickly catch up on the latest news on my phone."



Noorul Najwa Amni, 24, UKM student

"I enjoy reading the fashion and health sections. As a student, I usually read the online version because it's more affordable. I can keep up with the latest news on my phone wherever I am."



Of community stories, comics and columns

For 55 years, *The Star* has been part of many Malaysians' lives. Readers from across generations share the columns, comics, crosswords and community stories that have stayed with them over the years.

Pola Singh, 77, former director general of Maritime Institute of Malaysia

"My bond with *The Star*, particularly *StarMetro*, comes from its strong focus on community and everyday urban issues. Its letters pages give ordinary citizens a valuable platform to raise concerns, hold authorities accountable and help bring about change. Whether writing on neighbourhood problems, infrastructure or protecting green lungs such as Bukit Kiara, I value the opportunity to speak for residents who may otherwise go unheard. This is why I remain an avid reader of the newspaper."



Sandra Thavaraja, 52, HR personnel

"Growing up in Bentong, Pahang, Sundays were special because our parents would buy a copy of *The Sunday Star*. I always turned straight to the comics, especially Spider-Man and Brenda Starr. I couldn't wait to read them, and those Sunday mornings remain among my fondest childhood memories."



Shafendy Mat Hassan, 47, building assistant

"Back then, the classifieds were where you looked for almost everything – jobs, cars, rooms to rent and even secondhand furniture. I found work through those pages more than once. The section isn't what it used to be, but I still browse it out of habit."



Fauzi Abdullah, 46, advertising rep

"I always enjoyed the sports pages, especially during the 1990s. Reading *The Star* every morning was part of my routine. The match reports and opinion columns were always interesting, and my friends and I would often talk about them after football matches."



Joshua Low, 35, local governance advocate

"I started reading *The Star* because my parents always had a copy at home. It wasn't just something we read; it sparked conversations around the dining table about local issues and what was happening in our neighbourhood. I also enjoy reading *StarMetro* because it gives residents a platform to raise concerns that matter to their communities."



Elma Tarani Elan, 25, environmental activist

"I enjoy reading environmental and ESG (environmental, social and governance) stories because they're relevant to both my work and what's happening around us. It's a good way to keep up with issues such as climate change, sustainability and responsible business practices."



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AS *The Star* marks its 55th anniversary, one thing remains constant: its appetite for hard-hitting investigative journalism.

Over the decades, Star Media Group (SMG) has built a reputation for taking on difficult stories and delivering impact, earning recognition along the way.

A standout chapter in that journey was the work of R.AGE, whose investigations into child exploitation and trafficking not only won top honours, but also helped push real-world change.

In 2017, the team bagged the Kajai Award under the Malaysian Press Institute (MPI), the country's highest journalism honour, for its "Predator In My Phone" investigation which exposed child sexual abuse and exploitation.

The momentum continued in 2018, when it clinched the Kajai Award again for its "Student/

Reports that stand out

From hard-hitting investigations to award-winning graphics, *The Star* has turned journalism into stories that inform, engage and drive change.

Trafficked" series, leading to action against implicated colleges.

Beyond the newsroom, its impact extended further.

The "Predator In My Phone" campaign also swept three golds at the Marketing Excellence Awards 2017 and contributed to the passing of the Sexual Offences Against Children Act 2017.

The Star's investigative pedigree, however, goes back even further.

In 2010, journalists Elan Perumal and Stuart Michael delivered the paper's first MPI Gold Prize for Best Investigative Reporting with "Sand pirates", exposing a cross-border operation in Johor where millions of ringgit worth of sand was illegally extracted and smuggled out via Sungai Johor, highlighting serious enforcement gaps.

The Star's strengths also extend to visual storytelling.

In 2025, Tung Eng Hwa,

Hassan Bahri and Muhammad Hafeez Aminuddin won gold for Best Climate Infographics at the WAN-IFRA Asia Media Awards.

Earlier in 2019, Tung clinched gold for Best Cover Design at the MPI Awards, underscoring the role of strong visual presentation in complementing newsroom storytelling.

In 2024, guided by whistleblower disclosures, Bavani M and Shalini Ravindran uncovered issues surrounding flood retention ponds in a series of

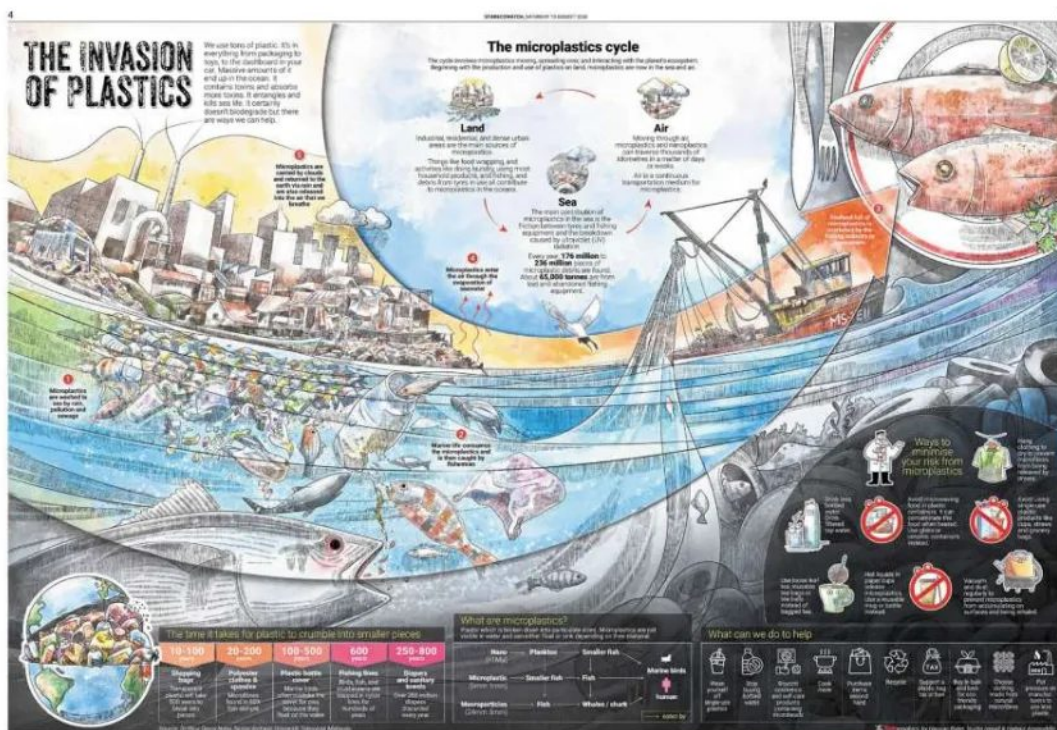
investigative reports in *StarMetro*.

The series went on to win gold in the Best Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) category.

The Star's success spans multiple sections, with wins in photojournalism, sports journalism, editorial writing, features, community service, newspaper marketing, social media, tablet publishing, online video, digital content and best lifestyle website – among the many accolades collected over the past two decades.

Recognition has also extended beyond journalism.

At the 2025 Putra Brand Awards, SMG retained gold for the third consecutive year in the Media and Networks category, reflecting the trust and credibility it continues to build with readers while evolving with changing media habits.



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SMG retains gold for third year

Group shines in Media and Networks category at the 2025 Putra Brand Awards

KUALA LUMPUR: Star Media Group (SMG) struck gold again in the Media and Networks category at the 2025 Putra Brand Awards.

This marks a significant "triple crown" for the group, having secured the award for three consecutive years.

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"We are incredibly honoured that the public has chosen *The Star* once again. This third consecutive gold award shows that Malaysians still value authentic, credible journalism. It is a reminder of the immense responsibility we carry as the 'people's paper'."

"Even as we modernise how news is delivered, our focus remains on providing the honest, reliable reporting that Malaysians expect from us. We are truly grateful for this continued trust."

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Reports by DIYANA PFORDTEN and SHYAFIQ DZULKIFLI

SMG wins big at WAN-IFRA

Media's fact-checking excellence earns prestigious award

KUALA LUMPUR: Recognised for its best fact-checking project, Star Media Group (SMG) bagged the Gold Award at WAN-IFRA Digital Media Awards (DMA) 2025.

Organised by the World Association of News Publishers (WAN-IFRA), the event has been a pivotal platform for transformation in the news media industry since its inception in 2009.

This year, it returned, bringing global media leaders to share innovations in digital revenue, artificial intelligence, and newsroom technology.

Deputy executive officer Sim Lee said the award is a reflection of the team's effort and dedication in creating *The Star* Online's fact-check content.

"We would like to thank all the



Newsrooms urged to adapt to reading trends

KUALA LUMPUR: Newsrooms need to recognise that the younger generation has a shorter attention span, says co-founder of *The Daily Australia*, Sam Koslowski.

Koslowski said acknowledging the problem is the first step to successfully engaging Gen Z readership.

"We need to realise that in a world where truth is less certain than ever, we have a bigger responsibility to do better and to understand our processes a lot more," he said during the Audience Engagement Strategies as Alternatives to Social Media Platform plenary session at WAN-IFRA Digital Media Asia (DMA).

Reporting with impact, designing with purpose

A strong record of excellence across journalism, photography, design and digital storytelling reflects the award-winning talent and dedication behind *The Star's* coverage.



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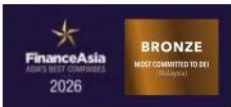
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Reinvent Spaces. Enhance Life.

By BERNARD SEE

FOR 55 years, *The Star* has done more than report Malaysia's history. It has helped shape it by giving ordinary Malaysians a voice.

Since publishing its first edition in 1971, the newspaper has served as a platform for residents concerned about crime, unsafe roads, housing, environmental degradation and the quality of life in their communities.

Across decades of Letters to the Editor, *StarMetro* reports, investigative stories and community features, these voices have prompted action from local councils and government agencies while encouraging greater public participation in shaping the nation's future.

During the rapid urbanisation of the 1980s and 1990s, readers highlighted poorly lit streets, clogged drains, illegal dumping, dangerous junctions, neglected playgrounds and shrinking green spaces.

In Kuala Lumpur, residents highlighted that dark lanes encouraged crime. Families in Petaling Jaya, Selangor, sought better traffic safety around schools while Penang residents warned of unsafe hillside developments long before landslides became a national concern.

When these concerns appeared in print, agencies including the Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL), Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ), Penang Island City Council (MBPP) and Seberang Perai City Council (MBSP) were compelled to respond.

The Star became an important bridge between communities and decision-makers.

Neighbourhood safety is one example.

Residents in several Petaling Jaya neighbourhoods organised voluntary patrols to combat break-ins and snatch thefts.

Their efforts, highlighted by *The Star*, eventually evolved into wider Safe City initiatives with improved lighting, closer cooperation with local authorities and additional resources.

Housing issues also received similar attention. Reports on ageing flats with broken lifts, deteriorating buildings and rising housing costs humanised policy debates through the experiences of ordinary families, encouraging more structured engagement between residents, local councils and housing agencies.

But nowhere has public participation been more evident than in environmental protection.

Long before sustainability and ESG became familiar terms, *The Star* was already reporting on disappearing forests, polluted rivers, wildlife conservation and community-led efforts to protect Malaysia's natural heritage.

It gave a voice to fishermen, conservationists, scientists, residents and schoolchildren, helping transform environmental protection into a national conversation.

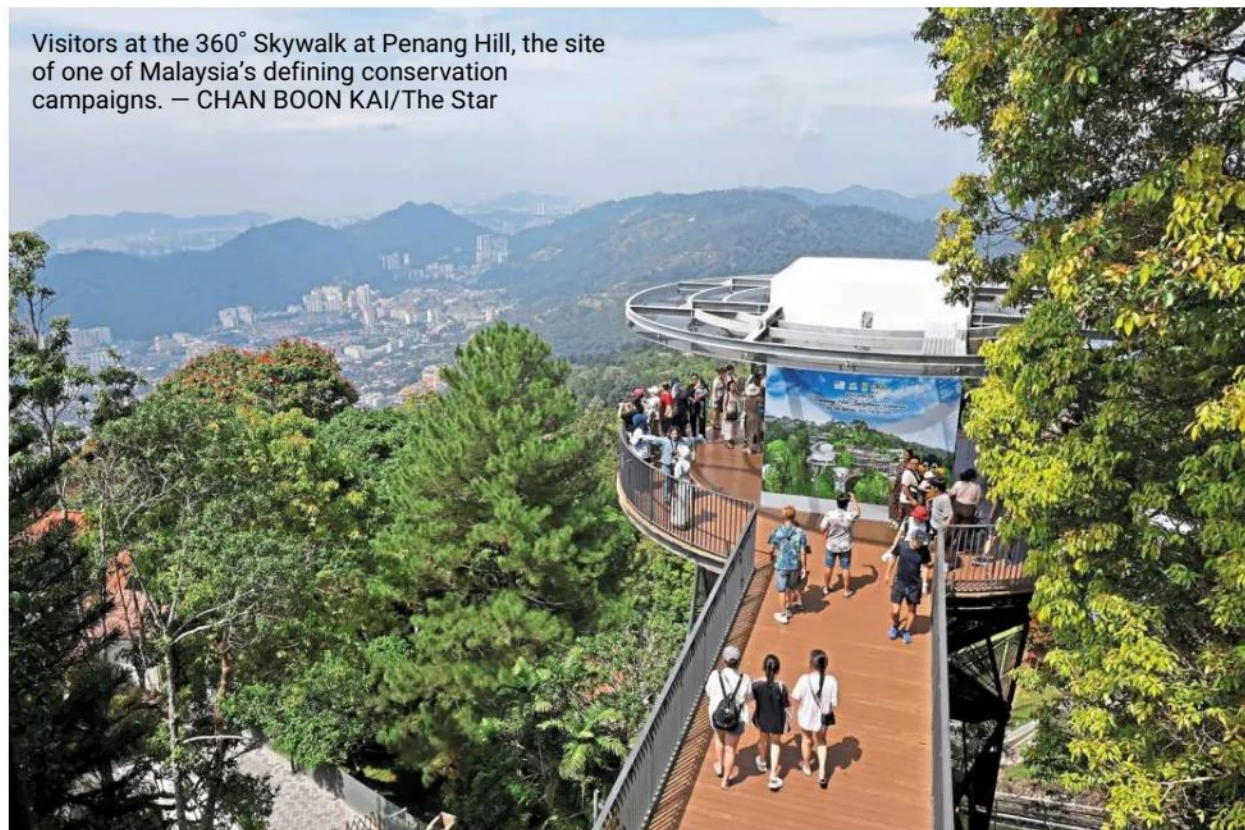
Environmental organisations such as EcoMy, WWF-Malaysia, the Malaysian Nature Society, Sahabat Alam Malaysia and Reef Check Malaysia regularly used the newspaper to reach wider audiences, ensuring scientific evidence and community concerns entered public awareness.

One of Malaysia's defining conservation campaigns centred on Penang Hill.

Giving the people a platform

For decades, *The Star* has amplified community voices, inspiring change nationwide.

Visitors at the 360° Skywalk at Penang Hill, the site of one of Malaysia's defining conservation campaigns. — CHAN BOON KAI/The Star



Ong (right) is the founder of NatureWalks@Penang Hill which offers free daily guided walks introducing visitors to the hill's rainforest, biodiversity and heritage. — BERNARD SEE/The Star

In 1989, plans were announced to develop a 365ha mega-resort comprising hotels, condominiums, a golf course, shopping complexes and even a casino.

Many Penangites feared the project would destroy one of the island's most important forests and water catchment areas.

"I remember feeling shocked when I first heard about the proposal.

"Those forests were part of my childhood. I knew that once they were cleared, they could never be replaced," recalled KP Ong.

Concerned citizens, environmental groups and residents united under the Friends of

Penang Hill coalition, launching petitions, public forums and a massive postcard campaign opposing the project.

Retired teacher SH Lim, 75, remembered the widespread support as people from all walks of life joined in: "It wasn't about politics. It was all about protecting something precious for the state and its future generations."

The Star's extensive coverage helped bring the issue to national attention.

Environmental concerns became a major election issue in 1990 before the Department of Environment rejected the project's Environmental Impact

Assessment, eventually leading to its withdrawal.

For Ong, the victory proved that ordinary citizens could shape the future, noting: "People often think conservation is the work of governments or experts. Penang Hill proved that communities can also shape the future of the places they love."

The campaign left a lasting legacy, strengthening planning controls and contributing to the Penang Hill Local Plan.

In 2021, Penang Hill's international standing was further enhanced with its designation as a Unesco Biosphere Reserve.

Today, Ong continues that legacy as founder of NatureWalks@Penang Hill, a volunteer initiative offering free daily guided walks introducing visitors to the hill's rainforest, biodiversity and heritage.

"Penang Hill was my playground when I was growing up. I explored the forests, streams and trails every day.

He believes the Penang Hill Corporation has played a major role in balancing conservation with public access.

"Many people come up for the scenery and cool climate but once they learn about the wildlife, plants and history of the hill, they begin to see it in a different light.

"Our goal at NatureWalks is to help people connect with nature. When people understand the environment, they are more likely to care for it and protect it."

According to Ong, Unesco's

recognition has expanded educational programmes involving schools, universities, researchers and local communities.

Community-led initiatives including NatureWalks, Nature Green Farm, Eco-Heritage Guides, the Penang Hill Festival and the Penang Hill Forest Challenge continue demonstrating how tourism and conservation can work hand in hand.

The Star has consistently highlighted these efforts, recognising that conservation stories are also nation-building stories that encourage shared responsibility for Malaysia's natural heritage.

In recent years, *The Star* has further embraced sustainability through ESG initiatives such as the Climate Pause campaign, bringing together policymakers, businesses, environmental experts and communities to discuss climate resilience and practical environmental action.

The campaign reflects Malaysia's broader commitment to biodiversity conservation, renewable energy, responsible development and inclusive economic growth. Increasingly, businesses recognise that long-term success depends on environmental stewardship, good governance and community engagement.

Throughout its history, *The Star* has demonstrated how responsible journalism can strengthen these partnerships.

Reports on river pollution have led to enforcement action, while stories on wildlife conservation and sustainable tourism have inspired volunteerism and greater public sense of ownership.

The same principle has shaped urban planning. Over the years, readers' concerns about pedestrian safety, accessibility, affordable housing and public transport gradually influenced wider discussions on creating more liveable cities.

As planning consultations became more open, citizens were better informed and more willing to participate constructively.

Neighbourhood associations evolved from organising security patrols into stakeholders capable of scrutinising development proposals. Environmental groups that once struggled for attention now influence national sustainability policies.

Businesses increasingly understand that earning public trust is as important as and vital to commercial success.

As *The Star* marks its 55th anniversary, its greatest contribution extends beyond reporting events. It has helped create a culture where Malaysians expect to be heard and believe they can influence the future of their communities.

From safer neighbourhoods and improved housing to protected forests and greener cities, the newspaper has demonstrated that informed public participation can produce lasting change.

For 55 years, *The Star* has provided that platform, ensuring that the voices of Malaysians continue to shape a safer, fairer and more sustainable nation.



The funicular train at Penang Hill, which is now a Unesco Biosphere Reserve. — CHAN BOON KAI/The Star

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Letters that spark change

Five decades of giving readers a platform to raise concerns and share ideas.

By BAVANI M

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FOR 55 years, editors at *The Star* have opened envelopes and – in recent years – e-mails carrying the hopes, frustrations, gratitude and ideas of ordinary Malaysians.

Many reflected the issues of the day and faded with the headlines. Others left a lasting impression, touching lives and sometimes inspiring real change.

The dialogue began almost as soon as *The Star* did. In its earliest editions in 1971, when the letters page was known as "Starmail", readers welcomed the arrival of a new newspaper.

Some suggested new sections, others penned poems celebrating its launch, and many shared ideas on how it could better serve Malaysians.

From the very beginning, readers were not just responding to *The Star*; they were helping to shape it.

Over time, the letters page became more than a forum for opinions. It evolved into a place where ordinary people could seek help, highlight problems and spark change.

One editor still remembers a letter from an elderly couple struggling to obtain printed bank statements.

They had been told to access everything online, but they were not computer savvy. They wrote to *The Star* hoping someone would listen.

And someone did.

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Negara stepped in and helped resolve the issue.

Stories like this have unfolded many times over the decades. Readers have written about utility bills, pensions, public services and countless everyday issues.

Agencies such as Tenaga Nasional and the Employees Provident Fund have responded. In many cases, what began as a complaint ended with a solution.

But not every letter is about solving a problem.

Some celebrate quiet acts of kindness – neighbours helping neighbours, strangers

stepping forward and communities coming together across racial and cultural lines. These are often the letters that stay with editors the longest, reminding them why the letters page matters.

It has also been a space where readers hold *The Star* to account.

Even in its early years, readers wrote in to challenge reports they believed were inaccurate or incomplete, reinforcing the page as a genuine conversation rather than a one-sided arena of views.

From housing matters and rubbish collection to public health, pesticides and

the environment, letters from the 1970s to the 1990s show concerns that still resonate today.

More recent letters have turned to the cost of living, artificial intelligence, climate change and national unity. Yet the desire to question, understand and contribute remains unchanged.

Over the years, the voices have grown more diverse. Academics, doctors, lawyers and other professionals now regularly contribute, helping readers navigate complex issues and enriching public discourse.

There are also familiar names among the contributors. Long-time advocates continue to write in, championing causes close to their hearts.

Among them is Tan Sri Lee Lam Thye, a loyal reader and regular contributor to *The Star* over the years.

To him, the letters page remains one of the newspaper's most important spaces, where ordinary Malaysians can raise concerns, exchange ideas and contribute to the nation's progress.

"I have always believed that when people speak up responsibly and with sincerity, they can make a positive difference," said Lee.

"For 55 years, *The Star* has given readers that opportunity, and that is something worth celebrating."

Fifty-five years on, that remains the enduring purpose of *The Star*'s letters page – to give people a voice and remind us that at times, a single letter can help make life better.



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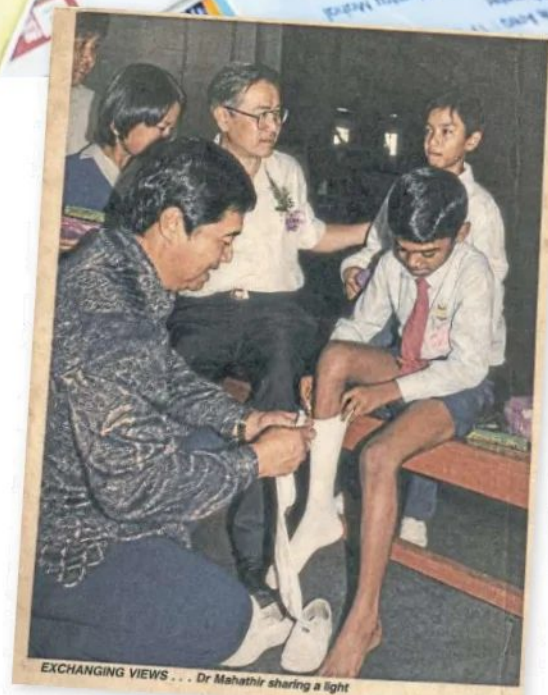


**LET'S CONTINUE SHAPING MALAYSIA'S
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Yogentharan showing the newspaper clippings of his memorable encounter with former Transport minister and MCA president Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik, to his pupils at SJK (T) Bandar Springhill in Lukut, Negri Sembilan.

A newspaper clipping dated Dec 31, 1994, of an 11-year-old Yogentharan with the late Dr Ling, who helped him put on his socks.



Annastasia sharing her treasured collection of 'The Star' newspaper clippings with her family members (from left) Asher Joseph, Joseph Anthony and Azriel Joseph. The clippings document her journey from national racewalker to Malaysia's first female Olympic racewalker, and the story that later opened the door to a university scholarship and a new chapter in life.

A newspaper clipping dated Dec 15, 1995, featuring Annastasia posing for a picture with 5,000m racewalk silver medallist Cheng Tong Lean.

The stories we kept

From headlines to precious memories, we unearth moments from our archive that have stood the test of time.

By **BAVANI M**
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Photos: **YAP CHEE HONG** and **GLENN GUAN**

FOR most people, a newspaper tells the day's stories. For a few, it becomes part of their own. As *The Star* marks its 55th anniversary, readers look back at the articles, photographs and memories that have stayed with them for decades.

The photo that came home

More than three decades after a photograph captured a fleeting act of kindness between a Cabinet minister and an 11-year-old schoolboy, the image finally found its way home.

For years, Yogentharan Murugiah remembered only fragments of that day. It was 1994. A Standard Five pupil, school prefect and the sole representative from SJK (T) Mukundan in Bukit Pelandok, Port Dickson, he had been selected to receive a scholarship under the MCA Langkawi Project for outstanding students from underprivileged families.

Then Transport minister and MCA president Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik was there to present the awards.

Yogentharan remembered removing his shoes and socks before going on stage. He remembered struggling to put them back on afterwards.

What he never knew was that a photographer from *The Star* had quietly captured what happened next.

As the young boy crouched beside the hall, fumbling with his socks, Dr Ling happened to walk past. Seeing his difficulty, the minister stopped, bent down and helped him put them on.

The gesture lasted only seconds.

The photograph appeared in *The Star's* year-end edition on Dec 31, 1994, quickly becoming the talk of the neighbourhood.

"I remember a neighbour bringing the newspaper to our house and showing my mother the photograph," recalled Yogentharan, now 43.

"But we never kept a copy. As the years went by, I forgot about it."

The memory resurfaced unexpectedly this year after Dr Ling's passing on April 4 at the age of 82.

Today, Yogentharan is married with two children and serves as headmaster of SJK (T) Bandar Springhill in Lukut, Negri Sembilan, where he also teaches Mathematics.

Determined to find the photograph, he contacted *The Star's* library with little more than three clues.

"I couldn't remember the exact date. I only knew it happened in 1994, Brazil had won the World Cup, and Tun Ling had stopped to help me with my shoes or shoelaces after the scholarship presentation.

"That was all I had to go on." Time, it turned out, had blurred one small detail.

When the photograph was finally found, it showed Dr Ling helping the young Yogentharan with his socks, not his shoes or shoelaces.

But the kindness itself had remained crystal clear.

The library team eventually tracked

down the long forgotten newspaper cutting, tucked among *The Star's* year-end photographs.

For Yogentharan, seeing the image again nearly 32 years later was deeply emotional.

"It brought back so many memories," he said.

"What touched me most was that Dr Ling didn't have to stop. He didn't have to help me. But he did."

Today, the photograph is far more than a newspaper cutting.

It is a reminder of a brief childhood encounter, a tribute to a leader whose passing prompted its rediscovery, and proof that even the smallest acts of kindness can leave a lasting impression.

As an educator, Yogentharan hopes to pass on the same compassion that has stayed with him for more than three decades.

Every piece tells a story

The plastic folders are thick with memories.

Inside are hundreds of newspaper cuttings, carefully collected over two decades by Olympian Annastasia Karen Raj.

They chronicle the highs, heartbreaks and milestones of a sporting career that once captivated the nation.

As she turns the yellowing pages, the headlines trace the journey of a young athlete who rose from the local track to the world's biggest sporting stage.

At just 20, Annastasia made history as Malaysia's first female racewalker to qualify for the Olympic Games.

She was also one of just three women in the Malaysian contingent at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, a year after winning gold at the 1995 SEA Games and setting national records.

But for Annastasia, the clippings are about far more than medals.

Each one captures a moment in her life, preserving the sacrifices, setbacks and triumphs that shaped her journey.

"I've always had a soft spot for *The Star*," the 51-year-old said.

"Growing up in the 1980s, reading the newspaper was part of everyday life.

"There was something special about holding the newspaper, turning its pages and discovering the stories.

"That's why I've kept so many of the cuttings. They remind me of a very important chapter of my life," she added.

While Annastasia still enjoys the print edition, *The Star Online* has become her connection to home while living overseas.

"It keeps me updated on what is happening in Malaysia and makes me feel close to home, even when I'm far away," she said.

One newspaper article published after she retired from athletics remains especially close to her heart.

After retiring from athletics at 26, Annastasia, a mother-of-three who is now head of human resources at a bank in Singapore, faced an uncertain future.

Having devoted her youth to sport, she had no tertiary education and little idea what would come next.

A feature by journalist Wani Muthiah



(From left) Dr Resha, her mother M. Shamini, Mirrsha and her husband Andy Queliz. Though the sisters now live in New York, they continue to share their homes with beloved cats and care for rescued animals whenever they can.

A story dated April 14, 2010, featuring Mirrsha and Resha, eight years after their first article in 'The Star'.



changed that.

"The article changed my life," Anastasia recalled.

"After it was published, I started receiving calls from people who had read my story.

"Several institutions offered me scholarships because they believed I deserved the opportunity to continue my education," said Anastasia, who eventually accepted a local private university's offer of full scholarship.

"It opened doors when I wasn't sure what my future would look like," she said. "Without that opportunity, my life might have taken a very different path."

Today, the folders remain safely tucked away, their pages fading with age but never in meaning.

They are more than a scrapbook of an athlete's career.

They are a record of a remarkable journey, and a reminder that sometimes a story in *The Star* does more than capture a moment.

Sometimes, it changes a life.

Eight years later, *The Star* featured the sisters again. The little girls who had once appealed for homes for rescued kittens, had grown into dedicated young animal rescuers, earning the title Animal Whisperers among family and friends.

"Our parents hoped the stories would encourage people to adopt instead of buying pets, while helping us find homes for the kittens," Mirrsha recalled.

"We never imagined we'd appear in *The Star* twice. Those memories will always stay with us. The newspaper helped us find homes for the kittens and even today, although we're living overseas, we still read *The Star* online. It keeps us connected to what's happening back home," she added.

Today, Mirrsha, 29, is a science writer and Resha, 27, is a doctor. Both now live in New York, but their love for animals has never faded. They continue to share their homes with beloved cats and care for rescued animals whenever they can.

Still friends after Amsterdam

In 2014, Mah Soon Sin, Kimberly Lau and Jerry Siau won a Heineken contest that took them to Amsterdam for simulated astronaut training, a G-force ride and a zero gravity flight.

They returned home with something they never expected – a lifelong friendship.

StarMetro travelled with them, documenting the adventure in a feature published in June that year.

The trip lasted only a few days, but the friendship it created has endured for more than a decade.

Today, Mah, 41, is a lawyer based in Shanghai; Lau, 46, is an entrepreneur in Puchong, Selangor; and Siau, 45, is a car salesman in Cheras, Kuala Lumpur.

Marriage, careers and distance have changed their lives, but not their bond.

The trio still keep in touch through WhatsApp, Facebook and occasional catch-ups.

"Heineken, friendship and of course, zero gravity," Mah said with a laugh.

For Lau, the experience remains one of the highlights of her life.

"I was very lucky to win. It gave me a once-in-a-lifetime experience I'll never forget."

The three also treasure the *StarMetro* feature that captured the beginning of their friendship. Lau even had her copy laminated.

"Whenever I look at that newspaper article, I don't just remember Amsterdam," she said. "I remember where our friendship began."



Lau, her husband Lim Kee Aun (left) and their son together with fellow Amsterdam travel companion Siau looking through an old clipping from 'The Star'.

The feature, published in June 2014, detailed the Amsterdam trip that marked the beginning of a lifelong friendship.



"Most people keep travel photos," Mah rejoined.

"We kept a newspaper cutting because that's where our story was told," he said.

More than a decade later, they still read *The Star* online to keep up with the news.

Every now and then, the laminated newspaper cutting resurfaces in their con-

versations, reminding them not just of a once-in-a-lifetime adventure, but of the friendship that has endured long after the journey ended.

The thrills of zero gravity lasted only moments.

The friendship, and the memories preserved in *The Star*, have lasted a lifetime.

THERE was a time when a single page in *The Star* could capture the attention of an entire household.

Every week, families gathered around the newspaper, debating clues, arguing over spellings and reaching for well-thumbed dictionaries in the hope this would finally be their lucky week.

Parents, children and even grandparents joined in, each convinced they knew the answer to that one elusive clue.

Long before Google settled every argument in seconds, *The Star's* Jackpot Crossword Puzzle (later known as the Star Rewards Crossword Puzzle) became a ritual for thousands of Malaysians.

First introduced in 1991, the contest returned in several rounds throughout the 1990s and into the early 2000s.

The promise of attractive prizes gave readers a compelling reason to linger over the newspaper, crack the clues and learn new words along the way.

From 1991 to 2009, *The Star* continued to engage readers through a succession of newspaper contests such as the 25-week Bumper Crossword Puzzle and the 20-week Word Puzzle.

Whatever the format, the excitement often stretched far beyond the living room table.

Newspaper vendors sold out and copies disappeared quickly from petrol stations.

Some readers bought dozens of newspapers to improve their chances, while others drove from one post office to another in search of the official entry postcards.

At *The Star* office, meanwhile, boxes upon boxes of crossword

More than *just* a crossword

The Star's weekly puzzles brought joy like no other to households nationwide.



Lo Guat Sim, pictured here with her husband and children, was the second-prize winner of *The Star* Rewards Crossword Puzzle 2004 (Puzzle Nine).

entries arrived from every corner of the country every week, keeping staff busy long after the newspapers had rolled off the presses.

Working with Pos Malaysia, *The Star* staff painstakingly sorted every entry by hand, bundling them together with rubber bands before preparing them for judging.

Once all the entries had arrived, a panel of judges, made up of heads of department, gathered in a secured room to determine the official answers.

"There were two security guards outside the room," said

Linda Sharini, who was just 24 when she joined *The Star's* marketing and services department in August 1992.

"Nobody was allowed in and nobody discussed the answers. Everything was very private and confidential," she said.

Only after the official answers had been agreed upon did another team of volunteers begin the meticulous task of marking every entry and identifying the winners.

The scale of the competition was enormous. The prizes made every week's wait worthwhile.

The competition began with



Puzzle winner Mahalingam (centre) celebrating with his family in 1992. — SS KANESAN/*The Star*

cash jackpots. If no one produced the winning entry, the prize rolled over to the next week.

"It could run on for 10 to 13 weeks," Linda said. "The jackpot could grow to RM30,000."

Over the years, the competition evolved to include holidays, cars and savings certificates, but the excitement never faded.

Official Pos Malaysia postcards produced specially for the competition also sold like hot cakes.

Looking back, Linda said the prizes were undoubtedly a major attraction. But the competition also became something families enjoyed together.

"It wasn't just about winning," she said.

"It was one of those products of *The Star* that brought people together," she noted.

Perhaps that is why the Jackpot Crossword still occupies such a special place in the memories of many Malaysians.

Before search engines answered every question, before spellcheck settled every argument and before smartphones became part of everyday life, there was a newspaper on the dining table, a dictionary within reach and a family determined to solve one more clue together.

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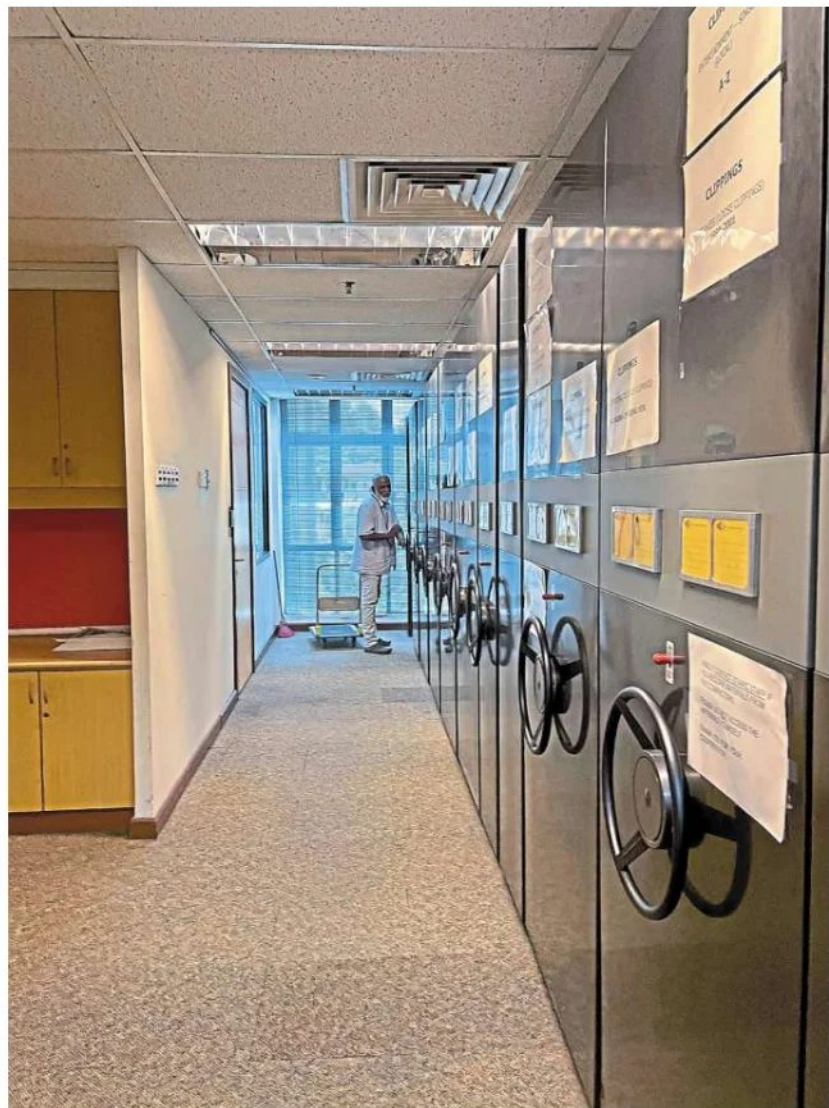
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In 2015, film director Dain transformed the Info Centre into a set for his supernatural thriller 'Interchange'. Drawn to the library's striking compact shelving, the production crew spent a day turning the normally quiet space into an atmospheric cinematic backdrop.



The newsroom's *memory keepers*

Long before digital archives, *The Star's* Info Centre has been preserving decades of clippings, photographs and pages.

By **BAVANI M**
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THE phone would ring late at night.

A story had broken. A reporter needed photographs and newspaper reports that had been published years earlier. Somewhere in *The Star's* library, the answers were waiting.

While the newsroom raced to meet the deadline, someone in the library would silently walk to the filing cabinets and begin searching by hand. For much of *The Star's* history, that was simply how the newsroom worked.

Long before search engines and digital databases, every newspaper cutting, photograph and background file had to be processed manually.

Newspaper reports were carefully cut out and pasted onto sheets of white paper or photocopied, then labelled and filed by subject.

Over the years, they grew into a living archive of *The Star's* reporting that generations of journalists relied on almost daily.

Keeping yesterday alive

"When reporters needed

information on a particular subject, they would come to the library and borrow the relevant files," recalled Star Media Group Info Centre (Staric) head Aminuddin Omar, who joined the department in 1997.

Keeping track of those files was often an adventure in itself.

"Sometimes reporters forgot to return them, so we'd have to go around the newsroom looking through desks and workstations to find the missing folders," he said with a laugh.

For Ravi Chandran, the deputy head of the Info Centre, the memories stretch back even further.

Since joining *The Star* in 1983, he has witnessed the department's transformation from rows of filing cabinets and shelves overflowing with newspaper clippings to today's searchable digital archive, where decades of reporting are just a few clicks away.

Back then, the library employed about 30 staff working in two shifts, from 9am to 5pm and from 6pm until 2am, ensuring that reporters covering breaking news always had someone to turn to.

"If news broke at night and reporters needed background information, photographs or

archive material, someone had to be there to help," said Ravi.

From filing cabinets to digital archives

The turning point came in 2001, when *The Star* moved from its Section 13 office to its current home of Menara Star in Section 16, Petaling Jaya.

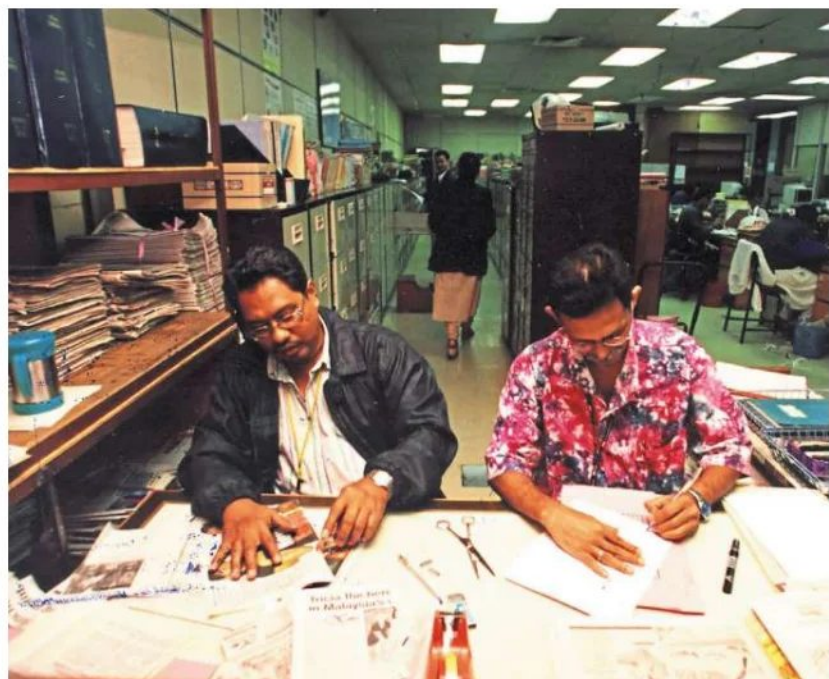
Recognising that the traditional filing system could no longer keep pace with the volume of materials being produced, the team began laying the groundwork for a large-scale digitisation effort.

Over the next decade, millions of pages of newspapers, photographs and archival material were scanned and indexed.

By 2010, the night shift was gone. What had once been an almost round-the-clock operation had evolved into standard office hours, as reporters and editors gained direct digital access to archived materials from their desks.

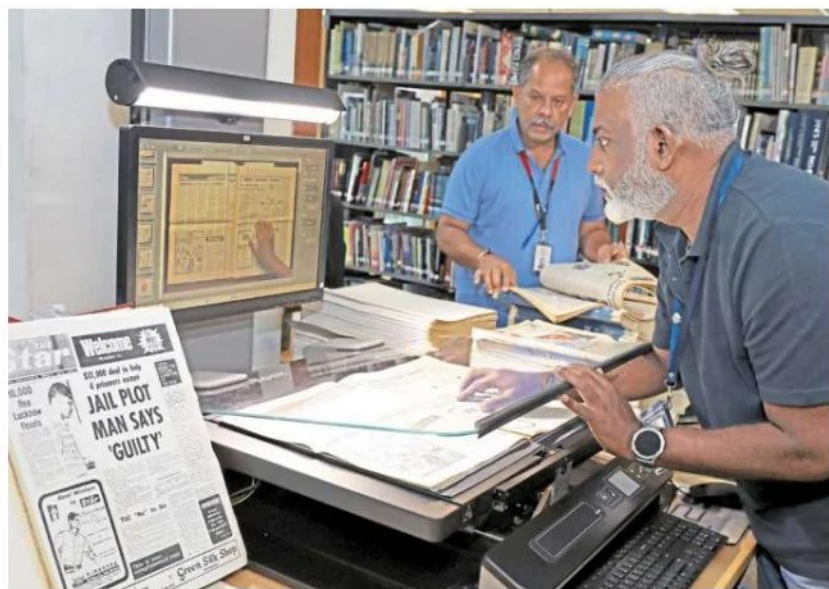
Today, the Info Centre operates with just five full-time staff, supported by interns from Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) – down from 30 staff previously, but with its mission unchanged.

"Our policy is to deliver the



Long before search engines and digital databases, every newspaper cutting, photograph and background file was painstakingly processed and catalogued by hand.

(Below) Library staff member P. Nathan (right) digitising archived editions of *The Star* with a specialised CopiBook scanner, while Ravi checks archival material.





The Star's library in Section 13, Petaling Jaya, was once a hive of painstaking research, where staff sifted through newspaper clippings, maintained physical archives and retrieved information from rows of filing cabinets, long before digital databases transformed the newsroom.

Left: Rows of manila folders containing decades of The Star's newspaper clippings line the Info Centre shelves.

Right: (From right) Aminuddin, Nathan and Ravi at work.



Aminuddin browsing photographic negatives preserved in The Star's archive, documenting decades of Malaysia's changing news landscape.



UiTM interns assisting the Info Centre in digitising decades of newspaper archives, helping preserve The Star's rich history while making its vast collection of records more accessible to future generations.

right information to the right person at the right time," said Aminuddin.

The digitisation effort is still very much a work in progress.

The team has already scanned newspaper clippings dating from Sept 9, 1971, the paper's launch, through to Dec 31, 1994, converting them into searchable PDF files for internal use.

Work is now underway to cover the years 1995 to 2003, with a further nine years of materials still waiting to be processed.

At the current pace, completing the project could take another three years, and that is only for the newspaper clippings.

The library also houses decades' worth of photographs and negatives that have yet to be fully digitised.

A specialised CopiBook scanner is used to digitise old newspapers page by page; the files are

then converted into PDF format and uploaded into the archive database.

"It's a huge undertaking," said Ravi.

What once required a trip to the library and a search through filing cabinets can now be done from a newsroom desk in seconds.

But getting there has taken years, and will take several more.

The tools may have changed, but the work remains the same: preserving yesterday so today's journalists can tell tomorrow's stories.

While the Info Centre's primary role is to serve The Star's journalists, its use extends beyond the newsroom.

More than a newsroom library

Lawyers, academics, students, researchers, authors and the general public regularly make

their way here in search of information that can no longer be found elsewhere.

Law firms are among the library's most consistent users, some seeking stock exchange pages published years ago, needed as evidence in court proceedings.

"Those pages are no longer available in print, but we still have them in our archives," said Ravi.

University students come in search of material on high-profile criminal cases that once dominated national headlines.

Among the most frequently requested are records relating to the Mona Fandey case, the murder of Batu Talam assemblyman Datuk Mazlan Idris and the 1979 killing of former beauty queen Jean Perera Sinnappa as well as the subsequent trial.

Authors and researchers have

found the library's photo archive equally invaluable.

Former professional footballer Datuk Abdul Shukor Salleh drew on Staric's collection for his coffee-table book *Datuk Shukor Salleh Jeneral Padang*, while the historical volume *Chronicles of Malaysia 1957-2007* also featured a large number of photographs sourced from the same archive.

In many cases, the library holds images and records that exist nowhere else, making it a unique repository of Malaysia's social, political and sporting history.

Then there was the day the researchers were replaced, briefly, by filmmakers.

In 2015, director Dain Iskandar Said transformed the Info Centre into a film set for his supernatural thriller *Interchange*.

Drawn by the library's striking archive compactors, the production crew spent a day

turning the normally quiet space into something altogether more cinematic.

In the finished film, actor Iedil Putra's character searches the archive for a photograph that holds the key to a mystery.

"It was a different kind of research happening that day," said Ravi with a smile.

The Star was founded in Penang on Sept 9, 1971.

As the paper marks its 55th anniversary this year, the Info Centre stands as one of its most enduring institutions, smaller than it once was, but no less vital.

The filing cabinets are mostly gone. The late-night calls are fewer. The archives now live on computer screens.

But behind every click is the work of generations who make sure that The Star's history and a part of Malaysia's are never lost.

Paving the way for sustainability

How decades of reporting helped drive action and accountability.

By **BERNARD SEE**

LONG before Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) became a familiar corporate term, there were already voices warning about the consequences of unchecked development.

Among Malaysia's earliest ESG advocates was *The Star*, which played a pioneering role in highlighting environmental issues long before sustainability became a national priority.

For decades, the English-language national daily consistently reported on deforestation, habitat destruction, pollution and wildlife conservation, helping to elevate environmental issues from niche topics into matters of public concern.

Editors recognised that environmental protection was closely linked to public health, economic resilience and the wellbeing of future generations.

One of its earliest commitments was documenting Malaysia's forests, reporting on biodiversity, indigenous communities and the pressures created by rapid development.

Stories from Sabah and Sarawak examined the impact of log-

ging, while reports from Peninsular Malaysia explored the balance between economic growth and environmental conservation.

Environmental organisations such as EcoMY and WWF-Malaysia also became key partners in raising awareness.

As awareness grew, sustainability evolved beyond environmental protection into a broader economic and social issue.

The Star launched initiatives such as its Climate Pause campaign, which helped Malaysians to better understand climate change and explore practical solutions to reduce carbon emissions.

Through interviews with scientists, policymakers, business leaders and affected communities, the campaign translated complex climate issues into meaningful public discussion.

The impact extended beyond raising awareness. Conservation groups reported stronger public participation and volunteer support, while more businesses began integrating sustainability into their operations.

The newspaper also recognises that credibility depends on practising what it advocates.

Over time, *The Star* incorporated ESG principles into its own operations by accelerating its digital transformation, reducing paper consumption, improving publishing efficiency and lowering its operational footprint.

It also strengthened workplace inclusivity, employee wellbeing and volunteerism, encouraging staff to join environmental conservation, education and community outreach programmes.

Today, ESG has become central to Malaysia's development agenda. National commitments under the Paris Agreement, expanding renewable energy efforts, sustainable finance and stronger corporate disclosure requirements have encouraged organisations to add ESG into long-term strategies.

Investors increasingly assess businesses based on environmental impact, social responsibility and governance standards. Consumers are becoming more conscious of sustainable products and services, while younger employees increasingly seek employers whose values reflect responsible business practices.

Among the companies embracing ESG is Yuan Seng Building



Star Media Group client brand marketing general manager Simone Liong receiving the ESG Pioneer Award from then Yang di-Pertua Negri of Penang Tun Ahmad Fuzi Abdul Razak in October 2023. At centre is Advance Dispute Resolution Centre honorary senior adviser Tan Sri Mohd Yusoff Latiff.
— LIM BENG TATT/
The Star

Trading Sdn Bhd.

Its chairman and chief executive officer Datuk Yeoh Teong Eng said ESG was not merely a corporate slogan, but a guiding philosophy embedded in the company's long-term vision.

"The buildings we construct today will stand for generations. They will influence communities, impact the environment and shape the future."

"We have a responsibility to create lasting value while protecting society and the environment," he said in an interview.

In the view of food court and restaurant operator Ho Swee Choon, sustainability is becoming increasingly relevant within the food and beverage industry.

"Many associate ESG with large corporations, but it is also relevant to businesses operating at the community level," he said.

Beyond environmental concerns, Ho said food safety, hygiene

and regulatory compliance remained essential in maintaining public confidence.

He added that accessibility and inclusivity were receiving greater attention, with operators recognising the importance of providing comfortable environments for senior citizens, families and persons with disabilities.

Malaysia has come a long way from the days when environmental issues struggled to gain public attention.

Yet, significant challenges remain. Climate change is accelerating, biodiversity faces growing pressure and communities face more environmental risks.

From journalists who first brought environmental issues into the spotlight, to conservationists protecting endangered species, and businesses embedding ESG into their operations, each has a role in shaping a more sustainable future.

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Taman Desa Kulai residents and RT members coming together to take part in a 'bubur lambuk' cooking programme in Kulai. — Courtesy photo



Waller Court RT chairman Chung Kok Heung (left, in blue shirt) joining cleaning works being carried out by residents and RT members at the historic flats in Ipoh. — Courtesy photo

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THROUGH stories of volunteerism, resilience and collective action by Malaysians of different races, religions and backgrounds, *The Star* has over these five decades brought to life the work of Rukun Tetangga (RT) committees across the country.

The newspaper celebrates the enduring role of these community organisations in supporting the nation's unity agenda, by showcasing how grassroots initiatives have brought neighbours together, strengthened community ties and fostered harmony in Malaysia's diverse neighbourhoods.

The RT groups were originally established with a focus on neighbourhood safety and crime prevention. But it has gained even more importance amid increasingly fast-paced and digital world where neighbours can live side by side yet barely know one another.

Here, *The Star* brings to you stories of public housing flats in Ipoh to suburban neighbourhoods in Petaling Jaya and mixed townships in Johor, to show how RTs continue to demonstrate how strong communities are built through everyday acts of neighbourliness and shared responsibility.

True strength

At Waller Court in Ipoh, one of the city's oldest public housing communities, RT chairman Chung Kok Heung said the organisation has grown far beyond its traditional role as a neighbourhood watch group.

While safety remains important, the committee now focuses on fostering community harmony through programmes that encourage interaction among residents.

Among its initiatives are festive celebrations, *gotong-royong* activities, educational workshops, health and safety campaigns, youth programmes and welfare assistance for vulnerable groups.

The RT also works closely with government agencies, healthcare organisations, the police and Fire and Rescue Department to organise community-based programmes.

One recent collaboration

The power of community

Rukun Tetangga institution shows unity is built through daily acts, big and small, of care and mutual respect.

involved fire safety training for residents, including demonstrations on handling kitchen fires and the proper use of fire extinguishers.

Chung said the RT has also placed increasing emphasis on supporting senior citizens, with some elderly residents receiving food aid, healthcare assistance and smart emergency devices equipped with SOS and fall-detection features.

"The true strength of Rukun Tetangga lies not in large events but in the small acts of care that happen every day.

"Whether it is helping a neighbour through difficult times, checking on an elderly resident or bringing people together regardless of race and religion, these are the values that keep our community strong," he shared.

Bringing people together

Over in SS20 Damansara Kim, Petaling Jaya in Selangor, community policing remains one of the neighbourhood's most enduring initiatives.

Launched in 2008 by SS20 Damansara Kim RT, the monthly programme brings together residents and police personnel to discuss crime prevention, local concerns and neighbourhood issues.

Its RT chairman James Lee said the meetings served as a reminder that public safety was a shared responsibility.

However, he noted that RTs today were no longer focused solely on crime prevention.

"They are platforms that bring people together regardless of race, religion or political beliefs," he said.

The RT regularly organises health screenings, anti-scam awareness talks, smartphone

workshops for senior citizens and emergency response training involving automated external defibrillators (AEDs).

For older residents, its Jiran Usia Mas group conducts social activities, outings and classes aimed at keeping senior citizens active and connected.

According to Lee, such programmes help foster mutual understanding and strengthen residents' sense of belonging.

The RT also acts as a bridge between residents and local authorities, by helping to channel community concerns and improve neighbourhood liveability.

Care for all

Further south, in Johor, Taman Desa Kulai RT has found another way to strengthen community ties – through a recycling centre that benefits both the environment and residents in need.

The centre receives donations of pre-loved household items such as clothing, furniture and electrical appliances, which are then made available to families who require them.

Taman Desa Kulai RT chairman Chan You You said the initiative has received support from residents, who regularly contributed items after announcements were posted in the neighbourhood WhatsApp group.

Besides reducing waste, the programme has become a practical way for neighbours to help one another.

Committee members also assist in delivering donated items to residents who are elderly, sickly or unable to collect them personally.

Chan said the RT continued to organise a wide range of community activities, including neigh-



Women coming together for a bread-making workshop organised by the SS20 Damansara Kim RT in Petaling Jaya; and (below) SS20 Damansara Kim RT members and residents participating in an AED and CPR workshop. — Courtesy photos



bourhood patrols, *gotong-royong* programmes and river clean-up efforts participated by residents of different backgrounds.

Working closely with the police through its "*Skim Rondaan Sukarela*" (voluntary patrol scheme), the RT has helped improve neighbourhood security and reduce incidents such as house break-ins.

The committee also addresses everyday community concerns, from raising awareness about children's safety near rivers to tackling issues involving stray animals.

"By encouraging residents to look out for one another and lend support during times of need, we have created a close-knit community where everyone feels valued

and cared for," Chan said.

As Malaysia continues to urbanise, community leaders believe the role of RT remains as relevant as ever.

Beyond organising activities and addressing neighbourhood concerns, RTs embody the values of mutual respect, cooperation and unity that underpin the nation's social fabric.

Their work may often go unnoticed, but in communities across the country, they continue to serve as the social glue that binds people together.

As Chung puts it, unity is not built through slogans alone, but through everyday human connections, neighbourly care and a willingness to look out for one another.

By JEREMY TAN

FOR 55 years, *The Star* has chronicled various aspects of Malaysia's journey, from nation-building to economic transformation, social change and technological progress. It never wavered from its commitment to quality journalism, with the aim of informing, educating and connecting communities across Malaysia.

But the media landscape has undergone rapid changes in recent times.

Malaysians of all demographics are increasingly turning to digital formats to consume information.

The Star has kept pace by expanding beyond its printed page into a multi-platform ecosystem which presents content that is visually engaging, conversational and interactive in nature, as well as being available on demand.

Through *Kuali*, podcasts, *StarTV* and *StarPlus*, *The Star* has not just embraced digital evolution but is reimagining storytelling for whole new generations.

This transformation comes at a time when digital literacy has become increasingly important.

As the country advances its aspirations of becoming a knowledge-based, high-income nation, access to credible information and the ability to understand complex issues has never been more essential.

Kuali

One platform that exemplifies this evolution is *Kuali*, *The Star's* long-running digital food portal.

More than just a collection of recipes and cooking videos, it celebrates Malaysia's diverse culinary heritage by documenting traditional dishes, family recipes and regional specialities that have been passed down through generations.

Food has long been one of our strongest unifying forces. Regardless of ethnicity or background, Malaysians readily bond over

Next generation of storytelling

From print to podcasts, *The Star's* new digital formats have kept journalism engaging and relevant.



(From left) *StarMetro's* Life & The City podcast hosts Farid Wahab and Aida Ahmad with their guests, banker Wendy Woon and techpreneur Sheau Jye Eng.

shared meals and culinary traditions.

And by preserving these stories in digital form, *Kuali* helps safeguard an important aspect of the nation's cultural heritage while making it accessible and engaging to younger audiences who depend on online platforms for inspiration.

StarPlus

While *Kuali* focuses on food and culture, *StarPlus* demonstrates how journalism

itself has evolved.

Designed as an interactive storytelling platform, it combines multimedia elements such as graphics, animations, timelines, maps and data visualisations to explain issues that may otherwise seem complex or intimidating.

Subjects ranging from public policy to elections, environmental challenges and technological developments are presented in ways that are easier to understand without sacrificing depth or accuracy.

By transforming complicated information into engaging visual narratives, *StarPlus* supports the broader national agenda of cultivating an informed and digitally literate society.

Podcasts

The growing popularity of podcasts represents another chapter in *The Star's* digital journey. Programmes featuring journalists, subject-matter experts and newsmakers allow audiences to explore topics through thoughtful conversations rather than brief headlines.

The Star's podcast format is tailored to changing lifestyles, enabling people to stay informed wherever they are.

More importantly, it encourages deeper engagement with issues affecting Malaysians such as economic developments, public policy, education, health and social affairs.

StarTV

There is also *StarTV*, which delivers news through on-location reporting, interviews and concise video explainers.

StarTV combines the immediacy of visual reporting with the broad appeal of short-form videos and credibility of professional journalism.

Whether covering breaking news, highlighting community initiatives or producing explainers on current issues, the platform ensures that factual reporting remains accessible in digital form.

Collectively, these platforms illustrate a broader shift in journalism from a one-size-fits-all model, to one that recognises audiences consume information differently depending on context.

By offering diverse formats without compromising editorial standards, *The Star* is meeting audiences where they are while maintaining the trust it has built over five and a half decades.




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Attendees of the AnakAnak Malaysia Walk 2019 enjoying a nighttime fireworks show at Eco Ardence.
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The thousands-strong crowd celebrating Malaysia's 62nd year of independence during the walk.
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Keeping the middle ground

Through journalism and community engagement, *The Star* has championed dialogue, understanding and more thoughtful national conversations.

By JEREMY TAN

WITH public discourse today increasingly shaped by polarisation and algorithm-driven echo chambers, the need for moderation has never been more urgent.

Social media has made it easier than ever for opinions to be heard, but that has also created environments where nuance is drowned out by sensationalism and where people are increasingly exposed only to views that reinforce their own.

Which is why "Voices of Moderation", a campaign initiated by Star Media Group, is just as relevant today as when it was first introduced in 2014.

The issue it sought to address then remains unchanged – can reason, restraint and unity still prevail in a divided world?

As a media organisation that has chronicled Malaysia's growth over the past 55 years, such topics are more than an editorial position.

It reflects the group's long-standing belief that journalism should not only report on happenings, but also contribute positively to society by promoting rational discourse and inclusivity.

"Voices of Moderation" sought to push back against extremism in all forms.

Rather than allowing differences in race, religion or ideology to divide, the campaign encouraged

people to approach their differences with respect, empathy and openness.

It also spawned the "Brave Views, Bold Ideas" platform, a space for thought-provoking discussions and diverse perspectives on issues affecting the nation.

The core message for both was simple: to build a society where disagreements are resolved through dialogue and where unity is strengthened through mutual understanding.

Beyond editorial content, the campaign was also brought to life by a series of community initiatives designed to translate ideals into tangible experiences.

The Harmony Walk was launched in Brickfields, Kuala Lumpur, in 2015.

In 2016, Star Media Group (SMG) joined forces with Eco World Development Group to organise the AnakAnak Malaysia Walk, which was held in Bukit Bintang City Centre. Both became much-loved annual events.

SMG is also a longstanding partner of the annual Penang Bridge International Marathon. The events allowed Malaysians of different backgrounds to interact beyond online spaces.

Conversations were sparked, friendships were formed and common ground was discovered through simple shared experiences. The encounters helped humanise those who might otherwise be seen only through the



lens of stereotypes of online rhetoric.

It reinforces the idea that moderation begins with recognising one another's shared humanity.

Why moderation matters

Veteran social activist Tan Sri Lee Lam Thye said the message of moderation championed by such events has become more important than ever.

"Modern society is increasingly fractured by extremism, intolerance, misinformation and polarising rhetoric. We need voices that build bridges instead of deepening divisions.

"The values of moderation, such as mutual respect, understanding, dialogue and reason, remind us that differences can be resolved peacefully.

"That we should also reject hatred and violence, while upholding the ideals of justice, compassion and inclusiveness.

"For a diverse and multicultur-



2018

Some 10,000 participants turned up for the AnakAnak Malaysia Walk 2018, with some gathering as early as 5.30am, at Eco Ardence.



2017

The 5km AnakAnak Malaysia Walk 2017 brought together about 6,000 participants who gathered at Dataran Kemerdekaan Shah Alam.
— AZHAR MAHFOF/The Star



With social media amplifying division, the call for reason, respect and understanding has never been more relevant.
— AZHAR MAHFOF/
The Star

al nation like Malaysia, moderation is not just an aspiration. It is a necessity that underpins national unity, social harmony and sustainable progress.

"We must never allow narrow interests, racial or religious prejudices, nor inflammatory rhetoric to erode the bonds that hold our society together," he stressed.

Lee believes every Malaysian has a responsibility to reject divisive narratives and work together to build a society that values respect, tolerance and peaceful coexistence based on the five principles of the Rukun Negara.

"The voice of moderation must become the voice of the majority, for it is the surest path towards a stable, united and prosperous nation," he pointed out.

Brickfields B Rukun Tetangga chairman SKK Naidu said family-friendly events like the Harmony Walk – which created opportunities for Malaysians to interact

beyond ethnic, religious and cultural boundaries – can sow the seeds of moderation at the grassroots level.

"It promotes understanding, breaks down stereotypes, encourages meaningful conversations and strengthens friendships across different communities.

"When people know each other personally, trust develops naturally. This stronger sense of community encourages everyone to care for one another, creating a more united society.

"Community programmes like the Harmony Walk remind us that national unity begins with simple everyday interactions.

"When people participate in something together, they develop a sense of belonging and shared responsibility," Naidu opined.

These events also complement National Unity Ministry's broader nation-building initiatives, which seek to strengthen social cohesion, intercultural understanding, volunteerism and

community engagement.

It showed that unity could be built through everyday interactions.

Ongoing effort

Lee believes media organisations, in particular, have an increasingly important role to play in safeguarding constructive public discourse at a time when misinformation can spread faster than ever.

"Anyone with a cellphone can share something that is false within minutes, which can cause fear or conflict.

"That is why trusted media such as *The Star* must continue to uphold facts, give people an accurate picture of things and counter misinformation," he said.

Beyond fact-checking, Lee also hopes news publications will continue to highlight stories that demonstrate the best of Malaysia.

"There are countless examples of ordinary Malaysians helping

one another, be it neighbours of different races helping each other during floods, families sharing festive meals or communities caring for vulnerable members.

"These stories remind us that unity is already part of our daily lives," he pointed out.

However, both Lee and Naidu stressed that moderation could not be sustained through campaigns and annual events alone.

"Slogans and unity walks are good for raising awareness, but being a true Malaysian should not be a once-a-year thing. It needs to become part of everyday life," said Lee.

He encouraged companies, places of worship, neighbourhood associations and sports clubs to organise more activities that bring diverse communities together, while urging parents to nurture their children's friendships across racial and religious lines from a young age.

"We should encourage our chil-

dren to befriend classmates from different backgrounds, or revive the tradition of visiting neighbours during festive celebrations.

"Just as importantly, we must reject racist jokes and hateful remarks, even in our private conversations," Lee urged.

Naidu echoed those sentiments, describing sustained community engagement as essential in transforming goodwill into lasting social cohesion.

He pointed to neighbourhood clean-up campaigns, volunteer programmes, cultural celebrations and regular community dialogues as other avenues for residents to interact, strengthen friendships and build a stronger sense of belonging.

"When people respect and include one another, they are more willing to communicate, cooperate and support each other.

"Strong community relationships reduce misunderstandings and create an environment where residents work together to resolve conflicts peacefully," he said.

In Naidu's view, communities that embrace diversity are also better equipped to respond to challenges because trust encourages residents to actively contribute and look out for one another.

"Simple acts such as checking on elderly neighbours, welcoming new families and volunteering during community activities can create more tight-knit and inclusive communities," he reasoned.

As Malaysia continues to navigate an increasingly complex social and digital landscape, both men believe the principles championed by "Voices of Moderation" and its related programmes should serve as the guiding light.

"Real change starts with each of us. Because at the end of the day, we're all in this together.

"We may have arrived by different paths, but we share one future.

"Living with moderation just means treating other Malaysians the way we ourselves want to be treated – with respect, fairness and compassion," Lee added.

Ultimately, moderation is not defined by slogans or symbolic gestures, but by the everyday choices Malaysians make.



2015

The Harmony Walk in Brickfields, Kuala Lumpur, had some 40 participants, emphasising Malaysia's multi-culturalism.
— AZMAN GHANI/The Star

A 2015 event in Shah Alam under The Voices of Moderation youth campaign, which was first introduced in 2014 and aimed at encouraging youth to speak up against extremism.

2016

(From left) Cartoonist Datuk Mohammad Nor Khalid, better known as Lat, with his friend the late Soo Ewe Jin, the then executive editor of *The Star*, and Miss Malaysia 2009 Thanuja Ananthan after signing on the AnakAnak Malaysia Walk 2016 display board. — SAM THAM/The Star



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