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PM: Bigger Sabah, Sarawak allocations due to geographical challenges, infrastructure requirements

KUALA LUMPUR: The government has defended its decision to provide larger development allocations for Sabah and Sarawak, citing their geographical challenges and infrastructure needs.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said these needs included the poor condition of roads in several areas of Sabah, despite its smaller population compared with other states.

"We should not look at this from the perspective of just one state when it comes to addressing the needs of Sabah and Sarawak. No, the Malaysia Agreement 1963 (MA63) must be viewed as a national covenant.

"It is in our collective interest to safeguard the interests of everyone," he said in response to a supplementary question from Datuk Seri Dr Ronald Kiandee (PN-Beluran) during the Ministers' Question Time in the Dewan Rakyat yesterday.

Ronald sought clarification on the decision to reduce or withhold allocations for certain projects in Sabah and Sarawak under the Ministry of Rural and Regional Development (KKDW), despite the two states being entitled to greater allocations under MA63.

He also raised the possibility that the decision was influenced by political differences.

In response, Anwar said the development allocations for Sabah and Sarawak announced in Budget 2027 did not include expenditure for the projects under KKDW raised by the MP.

"What we announced were projects approved based on the latest assessments," he said.

Anwar said the government acknowledged that development allocations would not be



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Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim

sufficient to meet every need, but stressed that good governance must be ensured to prevent leakages.

He said procurement processes and contract awards also needed to be scrutinised to ensure compliance with regulations and take into account the capacity to implement the projects.

Replying to another supplementary question, Anwar said development allocations for the people continue to be channelled to all parliamentary constituencies regardless of the political parties representing them.

He said the Madani Government adopted the same approach in distributing development allocations, including for repairing dilapidated schools, religious schools, minor roads and mosques.

"And to assume that no allocations have been approved is something I disagree with, because allocations for the people are being provided," he said in response to Datuk Che Mohamad Zulkifly Jusoh (PN-Besut). — Bernama



Mohamad Asfia shows the letter of notification of the DUN's dissolution, flanked by Nur Azhar (left) and Abang Mohammad Adib. — Photo by Roystein Emmor

Sarawak DUN dispatches notice of dissolution to Election Commission



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KUCHING: The State Legislative Assembly (DUN) yesterday sent out a letter of notification of its dissolution to the Election Commission (EC).

DUN Speaker Tan Sri Datuk Amar Mohamad Asfia Awang Nassar said the EC is now expected to fix key dates for the 13th Sarawak state election.

"In this regard, I have informed the chairman of the Election Commission of Malaysia, Datuk

Seri Ramlan Harun, that the DUN was dissolved on Oct 26.

"My letter is dated today, Oct 27, and we have sent it to the chairman of the EC," he told a press conference.

Mohamad Asfia said earlier Sarawak Governor Tun Pehin Sri Dr Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar had exercised his powers under Article 21(2) of the Constitution of the State of Sarawak to dissolve the 19th DUN effective Oct 26.

"With the said dissolution, all proceedings of the current state assembly have concluded, paving the way for the state democratic process to take its

course," he said.

He explained that following the dissolution, the EC will issue a Writ of Election and publish a Notice of Election in the government gazette.

From this point, he said the EC assumes full responsibility for administering the state election, including announcing the specific dates for Nomination Day and Polling Day.

Under Regulation 3(1) of the Elections (Conduct of Elections) Regulations 1981, Nomination Day must be set no less than four days after the Notice of Election is published, whereas Polling Day must be scheduled

no less than 11 days after Nomination Day, guaranteeing a minimum campaign period of 11 days for all candidates, he said.

"In strict accordance with Article 21(4) of the Constitution of the State of Sarawak, a general election must be held within 60 days from the date of the dissolution.

"Once the voters of Sarawak have cast their ballots and the returning officers have declared the winning candidates, the official election results will be gazetted," he added.

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Russia keen on sharing aerospace devt expertise with Sarawak

KUCHING: Russia is ready to share its expertise with Sarawak in aerospace development, including the construction of rocket launch facilities and satellite manufacturing, said Russian Ambassador to Malaysia Naiyl M. Latypov.

He said Sarawak had potential locations for a rocket launch centre, although developing such facilities would require supporting infrastructure, technical expertise and a trained local workforce.

"I hope this cooperation will

benefit both parties, as we can share our experience in building rocket launch sites.

"We are also ready to cooperate in satellite production and construction, as well as capacity building," he said, according to a Sarawak Public Communications

Unit report.

He said this after paying a courtesy call on caretaker Premier Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Abang Johari Tun Openg at the Satria Pertiwi Complex here yesterday.

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Batu Lintang incumbent See Chee How applies to join SUPP

Samuel Aubrey

KUCHING: Batu Lintang incumbent See Chee How yesterday submitted his application to join the Sarawak United People's Party (SUPP), a day after the dissolution of the State Legislative Assembly (DUN).

His application form was submitted to SUPP central organising secretary Datuk Matthew Chen, witnessed by party president Datuk Amar Dr Sim Kui Hian and secretary-general Datuk Sebastian Ting.

See's move indicates the likelihood of him representing SUPP to defend the seat on a Gabungan Parti Sarawak (GPS) ticket.

He was first elected Batu Lintang assemblyman in the 2011 state election under Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR), and retained the seat in 2016.

He was sacked by PKR in April 2020 following disagreements



See (second right) hands over his membership form to Chen. Also seen are Dr Sim (right) and Ting.

within the party and went on to join Parti Sarawak Bersatu (PSB) in May the same year.

See contested the 2021 state election on a PSB ticket and

retained Batu Lintang with a narrow 93-vote majority, polling 4,420 votes against closest challenger Sih Hua Tong of GPS in a five-cornered fight.

The other three candidates were PKR's Cherishe Ng (1,823 votes), Parti Bumi Kenyalang's Voon Lee Shan (1,570 votes), and Parti Aspirasi's Leong Shaow



Tung (187 votes).

See resigned from PSB in August 2022 and became an independent assemblyman up until the DUN's dissolution on Monday.

Meanwhile, SUPP headquarters in a statement said further details regarding the acceptance of See's membership would be provided in the coming days.

See is also expected to issue a

full statement soon.

In January this year, Sih—currently SUPP Batu Lintang chairman—had expressed his desire for another shot at contesting the Batu Lintang seat in the coming state polls.

Speaking at the branch's 39th anniversary commemoration ceremony, he said he was prepared to continue shouldering the responsibility as long as he had the trust of the party and grassroots.

See and Sih have contested against each other in the last three state elections, with the former victorious each time albeit with his majority reducing each round—8,381 in 2011, 4,385 in 2016, and 93 in 2021.

It is worth noting that the voter turnout for Batu Lintang in the 2021 state election was 42.08 per cent, down from the over-60 per cent recorded in the two earlier polls, amid strict Covid-19 standard operating procedures at the time.

EC to meet Nov 6 to set key dates for S'wak polls

KUCHING: The Election Commission (EC) will hold a special meeting on Nov 6 to determine key dates for the 13th Sarawak Election following the dissolution of the 19th State Legislative Assembly (DUN) on Oct 26.

EC secretary Datuk Khairul Shahril Idrus said the commission had officially received notification of the dissolution from DUN Speaker Tan Sri Datuk Amar Mohamad Asfia Awang Nassar through a letter dated Oct 27.

"In addition to the key dates, the special meeting, which will be chaired by EC chairman Datuk Seri Ramlan Harun, will also discuss the issuance of the election writ, nomination day, and polling day, as well as the electoral roll to be used and other preparations for the election.

"A press conference will also be held immediately after the meeting concludes," he said in a statement.

Khairul Shahril said following the dissolution, which was in accordance with Article 21(2) of the Sarawak State Constitution, an election must be held within 60 days of the dissolution under Article 21(4).

Earlier, Mohamad Asfia told a press conference here that the DUN had sent out a letter of notification of its dissolution



Datuk Khairul Shahril Idrus

to the EC after which the commission is expected to fix the key dates for the state election.

He said following the dissolution, all proceedings of the current state assembly have concluded, paving the way for the democratic process to take its course.

He also said that from this point, the EC assumes full responsibility for administering the state election, including announcing the specific dates for Nomination Day and Polling Day.

Meanwhile, Khairul Shahril said applications for postal voting for the 13th Sarawak Election are now open for eligible voters, including media personnel and Malaysians residing overseas.

He said applications for all three categories of postal voting opened on Oct 26.

"Category 1A covers police and military personnel, election workers, EC members



and officers, as well as media personnel while Category 1B is for Malaysian citizens residing overseas.

"For agencies and organisations, they fall under Category 1C," he said, adding that all applications must be submitted online via the MySPR portal at <https://myspr.spr.gov.my>.

"Eligible voters who wish to vote by post must first register for a MySPR account or ensure they already have one before submitting their applications," he said.

He said the closing date for postal voting applications for all categories would be announced later.

For enquiries, the public may contact the EC on 03-88927080 or email upup@spr.gov.my.



(From right) Jack, Sikie, Awang Tengah, Len Talif and others check out an environmental-themed artwork on display at the conference venue. — Photo by Chimon Upon

Proposed environmental education module to equip educators with practical knowledge — Awg Tengah

KUCHING: A proposed environmental education module for schools and communities will be able to equip educators with practical resources combining international perspectives with Sarawak's local environmental knowledge and experience, said Datuk Amar Awang Tengah Ali Hasan.

The caretaker Deputy Premier welcomed the proposal by Natural Resource and Environment Board (NREB) Controller of Environmental Quality Datu Jack Liam at the Environmental Education Conference (EEC) 2026 here yesterday, adding it could draw on the knowledge and experiences shared during the conference.

"Such an initiative can provide educators with practical resources that combine international perspectives with local environmental knowledge and experience," he said when officiating at the conference.

Awang Tengah said environmental education must go beyond imparting knowledge by equipping young people with the skills and values needed to respond to environmental challenges, especially those in rural and remote communities.

"Every child, regardless of where they live, deserves the opportunity to understand

environmental issues and participate in protecting our natural heritage," he said.

He said indigenous and local knowledge should also be combined with modern science to help young people understand the links between environmental conservation, livelihoods and sustainable development.

He also encouraged the use of digital tools, including artificial intelligence (AI), to improve access to educational resources and facilitate knowledge sharing.

However, he stressed technology should support learning rather than replace hands-on experience and opportunities to explore and understand nature.

Earlier, Jack said developing the module was one of the key objectives of EEC 2026.

"One of our key objectives is to come up with an environmental education module for schools and communities.

"The module will help consolidate existing efforts, provide accessible and relevant learning materials and guide the subsequent phases of environmental education development in Sarawak," he said.

Jack said the conference was aimed at translating discussions and knowledge-sharing into practical outcomes,

including helping educators adopt innovative teaching approaches and better integrate environmental and sustainability concepts into their programmes.

He said environmental education should foster awareness, responsible behaviour and informed decision-making among young people who would become future leaders, scientists, engineers and policymakers.

He also highlighted NREB's existing PALS Club, or Kelab Pencinta Alam Sekitar, which was introduced in 1999 with 74 schools comprising 44 primary and 30 secondary schools.

"Today, the initiative has expanded to 1,011 schools, with the remaining 455 schools targeted for registration by the end of 2027.

"This progress reflects our continued commitment to making environmental education accessible to students throughout Sarawak," he said.

Also present were caretaker Deputy Minister for Natural Resources and Urban Development Datuk Len Talif Salleh; caretaker Minister in the Premier's Department Dato Sri John Sikie Tayai; and caretaker Deputy Minister for International Trade, Industry and Investment Datuk Dr Malcolm Mussen Lamoh.

No need for DUN Speaker to also be an elected representative, says Asfia

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Under Article 21(4) of the Sarawak State Constitution, the new DUN must be summoned by the Governor to convene for their first meeting no later than 120 days from the date of the dissolution, said Mohamad Asfia.

He also pointed out that the proposed creation of 17 new DUN seats, which required finalisation processes, have yet to be completed by the EC and would therefore not be utilised in the upcoming election.

"For the Sarawak state election, only the 82 existing seats will be contested. Unfortunately, the

17 additional seats approved by the DUN on July 7, 2025, cannot be used in this election because there is insufficient time to implement them."

Mohamad Asfia said in Sarawak, there is no need for the DUN Speaker to also be an elected representative.

However, the former Semop assemblyman said if he were to be nominated again by Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB) as a candidate in the next state election, he would not hesitate to comply.

On another matter, Mohamad Asfia said the names of any candidate's proposer and seconder must be in the electoral roll.

"If the names of the proposer and seconder do not appear on the electoral roll of that particular constituency, their nomination papers will be rejected.

"The proposer and seconder must be registered electors in that particular constituency where their names appear in the electoral roll. If their names do not appear, they should not be the one nominating and supporting the candidacy of that person," he stressed.

Also present at the press conference were DUN Secretary Nur Azhar Bujang and acting Deputy DUN Secretary Abang Mohammad Adib Abang Sallehadin.

Russia also keen to explore collaboration in rice cultivation technology

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Latypov said the proposed cooperation could also be extended to i-CATS University, particularly in education and training related to the aerospace industry.

"We are ready to offer Malaysian students opportunities to pursue their studies in Russia and hope to meet with i-CATS University to identify potential areas of cooperation in capacity building.

"We have experience working

with UniKL MIAT and hope similar cooperation can be extended to i-CATS University or other universities," he said.

He added that further discussions between experts from both countries would be necessary to translate the proposed areas of cooperation into concrete follow-up actions.

Latypov also said Russia was keen to explore collaboration with Sarawak in agriculture, particularly in rice cultivation technology, agricultural research and animal feed production.

He said Sarawak's expertise and technological capabilities in these areas could pave the way for knowledge exchange and joint research initiatives to boost agricultural productivity.

"We are very interested in Sarawak's experience and capabilities in veterinary science, particularly in animal feed production, including the methods used to produce it and the types of medicines that can be developed for animals.

"We are also interested in Sarawak's technology and

knowledge in rice cultivation," he said.

He noted that despite Russia being widely associated with a cold climate, its vast geographical expanse encompassed regions with varying climatic conditions, including areas suitable for rice cultivation.

As such, he said Sarawak's experience and technological know-how could provide opportunities for cooperation through the exchange of expertise and collaborative research to improve agricultural yields.

Kuching North now Smart City

KUCHING: Kuching North has achieved Smart City Level 1 under the Smart City Rating Criteria set by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, with efforts now geared towards meeting the requirements for Level 2.

Caretaker Minister in the Premier's Department Datuk Dr Abdul Rahman Junaidi said the achievement reflected Kuching North City Commission's (DBKU) continued efforts to strengthen urban governance through technology and innovation.

In his welcoming speech at the

Sarawak Urban Forum 2.0 here on Monday, he said DBKU had been strengthening its smart city agenda through the digitalisation of services and adoption of technology to improve the efficiency of urban management.

"Through the i-DBKU platform, DBKU continues to expand digital service delivery to provide more efficient, integrated and people-friendly services," he said.

Among the smart city initiatives implemented by DBKU are smart street lighting, smart traffic lights, and Geographic Information System.

Develop waste management innovations, students urged

SERIAN: Primary and secondary school students should continue developing their waste management innovations beyond competitions, as their ideas could evolve into practical solutions that benefit society.

Caretaker Minister of Education, Innovation and Talent Development Dato Sri Roland Sagah Wee Inn said students should not be discouraged if their projects did not win awards, as their innovations could still have potential for future development.

"Innovative projects that do not win competitions today may develop into something useful in the future.

"Keep asking questions, keep trying and do not give up easily if your first attempt does not succeed," he said.

He said this prior to officiating at the closing of InnoWaste MPHILG 2026 held in conjunction with Sarawak Public Service Innovation Month, here yesterday.

Sagah said the programme



Sagah presents a prize to a kindergarten pupil in the colouring competition category at InnoWaste MPHILG 2026.

provided students with opportunities to understand how knowledge acquired in school could be applied to address real-life problems affecting their communities and the environment.

He encouraged students to observe problems in their daily surroundings, including food wastage at home and school, and identify opportunities to reuse items or make recycling practices easier for their

peers.

"You do not necessarily need to invent something complicated to become an innovator. What is important is curiosity, determination and the commitment to bring about

change."

He also called on teachers, parents and educational institutions to continue nurturing creativity and curiosity among young people to help develop the next generation of innovators.

Beyond schools, Sagah urged local communities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices into their daily routines rather than limiting them to environmental awareness campaigns.

He said households could contribute by reducing food waste, reusing items that remained in good condition, separating recyclable materials and keeping their surroundings clean.

"These practices must become part of our way of life, not something we do only during environmental awareness campaigns," he said.

Sagah added that businesses and industries could support the circular economy by reducing waste, reusing materials and

developing innovative products that could create new economic opportunities.

He said Sarawak had identified waste management and the circular economy as priority areas under its development agenda, with the aim of reducing waste, recovering valuable resources and creating new economic opportunities.

He expressed hope that InnoWaste would encourage collaboration among schools, higher education institutions, local authorities, non-governmental organisations, the industrial sector and the community to develop young people's innovative ideas into solutions that benefit society.

Organised jointly by the Ministry of Public Health, Housing and Local Government and Serian District Council in conjunction with Sarawak Public Service Innovation Month, the two-day event showcased youth-led eco-friendly innovations and highlighted local sustainability efforts.

Pay & Go ends advance parking payments for users with overdue notices

KUCHING: Pay & Go users with outstanding parking notices overdue by more than a month may face RM5 compounds for future parking offences following the end of the platform's advance payment arrangement.

In a notice, Pay & Go management said the change takes immediate effect and applies to users with prolonged or substantial unpaid Outstanding Parking Notices (OPNs). For almost a year, the

platform had been advancing the RM0.21 parking fee on behalf of users who forgot or failed to pay, helping them avoid an immediate RM5 compound. However, the management stressed that the RM0.21

was not free parking, as the amount remained payable by users and was recorded as an OPN for subsequent settlement. "After a year of education and reminders, we believe sufficient time has been given

for users to fulfil their payment responsibilities," it said. It urged users to check their Pay & Go applications regularly and ensure their outstanding parking notices were not more than a month overdue to avoid losing the advance payment

benefit and facing RM5 compounds for future parking offences. It added that the move was intended to encourage users to fulfil their payment responsibilities and ensure fairness in the parking system.



(From third left) Foo, Mohammed Sepuan, Dr Nanthakumar, Dr Yap (third right) and others pose during the handover ceremony.

Sibu Hospital expands specialist services for regional status

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SIBU: Sibuh Hospital is working towards becoming a regional hospital with more specialised services for patients across central Sarawak, its director Dr Nanthakumar Thirunavukkarasu said.

He said the state's second-largest hospital had expanded its specialist services from 18 or 19 to nearly 28 over the past six years, alongside improvements to its infrastructure and facilities.

Dr Nanthakumar said he had been advocating for Sibuh to become a regional hospital for the past six years.

"That means we are equipped as well as SGH (Sarawak General Hospital). So that's what has been happening for the last six years. We have transformed a lot. We have improved a lot of infrastructure development. At the beginning, we only had 18 to 19 specialisations.

"Over the last six years, we have developed to almost 28 specialisations. That means we have various specialties, not just the core ones. The core specialties include radiology, medical, surgical and orthopaedic services.

"Now we have rheumatology and dermatology," he said at the presentation ceremony of three Hillrom Centuris electric beds for the hospital's Neurosurgery

Department yesterday.

The beds were donated by TAS Offshore Sdn Bhd and Hartanah Kenyalang Bhd, with the donation coordinated by the Sarawak Heart Foundation.

Dr Nanthakumar said Sibuh Hospital served a wide area stretching from Bintulu and Kapit to Belaga and Saratok, making access to specialised treatment in Sibuh important for patients who faced difficulties travelling to Kuching.

"Sending them from here to Kuching is also another big challenge. So you only have a fraction of patients going to Kuching. Most of them either refuse or tend to stay here," he said.

He said improving facilities and equipment was significant to support specialists and provide better patient care.

He pointed out that timely treatment was particularly crucial in neurosurgery especially for patients with traumatic brain injuries or bleeding in the brain.

According to him, the hospital has upgraded 10 beds to provide high-dependency care, with appropriate power outlets and backup switches to support patients requiring closer monitoring.

The three donated electric beds would improve comfort and care for patients who were bedridden or had difficulty moving independently, he said.

"The hospital had also completed its neuro-intensive care unit over the past year, with nurses undergoing specialised

training to support the service," he added.

Meanwhile, Neurosurgery Department head Dr Nelson Yap said the department, established in 2013, had performed nearly 6,000 surgeries and handled about 500 to 600 elective and emergency cases annually.

He said the department had helped reduce the need to transfer patients to Kuching for treatment, saving the government an estimated RM60 million in medical evacuation costs alone.

He said at least half of the patients would otherwise require medical evacuation, with each transfer costing at least RM20,000.

"We treat a wide range of conditions, including brain and spinal tumours, spinal trauma, aneurysms and other neurovascular diseases.

"We also provide 24-hour spine surgery and visiting specialist clinics in Kapit, Sarikei, Bintulu and Mukah," he said.

Dr Yap highlighted the department's need to replace its ageing ward beds, some of which dated back to 1994.

"Three beds mean a lot for us. Three beds mean three victories for us in replacing our 30-year-old beds," he said.

Also present were TAS Offshore chairman Datu Mohammed Sepuan Anu, TAS Offshore directors Yong Leh Ing and Lau Choo Chin, Hartanah Kenyalang chief financial officer Desmond Foo, and Sarawak Heart Foundation representative Pauline Kon.

MP questions Sarawak, Sabah rural project cancellations

KUCHING: Puncak Borneo MP Datuk Willie Mongin has expressed shock and disappointment over the cancellation of development projects under Ministry of Rural and Regional Development (KKDW) in Sabah and Sarawak, questioning why the two states appeared to bear the brunt of such decisions despite receiving a smaller share of development funding.

He urged Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, who is also KKDW minister, to explain the cancellations especially while those in Peninsular Malaysia appeared less affected.

"I was also quite taken aback when the issue of projects in Sabah and Sarawak being cancelled was raised.

"Why are Sabah and Sarawak often the victims? Why are projects in Peninsular Malaysia not cancelled?" he asked during the winding-up session for the KKDW in the Dewan Rakyat on Monday.

Willie pointed out that Sabah and Sarawak received only about 20 per cent of development allocations compared with 80 per cent for Peninsular Malaysia, and expressed concern that projects in the two states were now facing further setbacks.

He also requested a comprehensive list of projects in Sarawak that had already



Screengrab shows Willie speaking during the winding-up session for the KKDW.

been tendered so that he could determine whether any of those involved his constituency.

Among the projects he highlighted were the Puncak Borneo Phase 2 water supply project, the Biak Nabir road project, and an extension road project for the Bengoh Resettlement Scheme (BRS).

Willie said the status of these projects needed to be clarified given that they had already reached the tender stage.

"I would be very grateful if the list could be provided, even in writing, so I can find out whether these projects are included among those cancelled," he said.

He also appealed to the KKDW to ensure that residents in his constituency were

not disadvantaged by the cancellations.

In response, Ahmad Zahid expressed sympathy for Willie and assured him that, if his application was successful, Puncak Borneo would be given the highest priority.

Ahmad Zahid had earlier disclosed in the Dewan Rakyat that some rural development projects approved for 2026 in Sabah and Sarawak had been cancelled despite allocations being available.

During the winding-up debate on the 2027 Budget at the policy stage, he said the projects could not proceed because the funds had not been channelled, leaving rural communities waiting for the planned development.



Len Talif (seated centre) poses for a group photo with guests, Tegas Board of Trustees, staff and members of the media at the event. — Photo by Roystein Emmor

Tegas rolls out new initiatives to boost digital innovation

KUCHING: Tabung Ekonomi Gagasan Anak Sarawak (Tegas) will introduce new initiatives, including the Tegas Community PlayFarm, focusing on Internet of Things (IoT) smart agriculture, and the Sarawak Rocketeer CubeSet Challenge to attract digital nomads and nurture young innovators.

Tegas chairman Datuk Len Talif Salleh said the initiatives form part of the organisation's intensified efforts to encourage young Sarawakians to become innovators and entrepreneurs capable of competing internationally.

"These efforts complement the development of Tegas Lodge Sarawak (TLS). Through exposure such as the Startup World Cup, we want the children of Sarawak to reach for the stars," he said when officiating at the Tegas media appreciation dinner here on Monday.

Since its establishment in 2012, Tegas has remained committed to promoting Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education, Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), and digital entrepreneurship.

Len Talif said Tegas had benefitted 361,000 students through practical programmes, while its initiatives had also achieved international

recognition in countries including Vietnam and Thailand.

Tegas also leads the Sarawak Career Training Fair (SCaTFair), a one-stop career and training platform organised with the state Ministry of Education, Innovation and Talent Development, Petroleum Sarawak Berhad (Petros) and the Social Security Organisation (Socso).

The 12th edition of SCaTFair this year attracted 35,000 visitors offered 2,000 job vacancies.

To promote basic artificial intelligence (AI) skills, Tegas partnered with the Sarawak Artificial Intelligence Centre (SAIC) to organise the Tegas Borneo Makers Festival: AI For Makers' on Aug 23, attracting more than 5,000 visitors to Tegas Digital Village (TDV).

Len Talif stressed the importance of expanding opportunities and bridging the urban-rural gap, citing the Project of Dreams Realised (PRO-DR), which covers 14 locations, and Think and Tinker Mini Labs established in 25 rural schools.

He said Tegas also supports local startups through digital innovation hubs in Miri and Bintulu, providing seed funding, mentorship and global exposure.

Its programmes cater to businesses at different stages of development, including the

Tegas Pre-Accelerator Bootcamp for business fundamentals, the EFXCO Unreal Engine Programme for game design and virtual production, and the High-Impact Business Scaling Programme, organised in collaboration with Endeavor Malaysia.

Tegas also collaborates with Shell Malaysia on Sarawak Shell LiveWire, an entrepreneurship initiative that equips young entrepreneurs with business skills through an intensive five-day bootcamp.

Successful participants can receive funding of up to RM15,000 at state level, comprising RM10,000 from Shell and RM5,000 from Tegas, or up to RM50,000 at national level, comprising RM30,000 from Shell and RM20,000 from Tegas.

Winners also receive three years of mentorship, supply chain integration opportunities and access to compete in the Shell Global Top Ten Innovators Awards.

Len Talif said media partners played an important role in highlighting entrepreneurs' success stories and inspiring the public.

"Moving into 2027 and the coming years, Tegas will remain competitive and continue to step forward to stay ahead of the curve," he said.

Reconsider support for federal govt if cooperation does not safeguard S'wakian interests, GPS told

KUCHING: Parti Islam Se-Malaysia (PAS) Sarawak has called on Gabungan Parti Sarawak (GPS) to reassess its support for the federal government if the cooperation fails to safeguard the rights and interests of Sarawakians.

Its state commissioner Mohammad Arifiriazul Paijo said this in response to the reported cancellation of Rural and Regional Development Ministry (KKDW) projects in Sabah and Sarawak that had already received approval letters.

In a statement yesterday, he said Putrajaya must provide an immediate explanation following the disclosure by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi in the Dewan Rakyat on Monday.

He said Sarawakians deserved to know why approved projects, particularly those intended for rural communities, had been cancelled.

"If support for the federal government cannot protect

the rights and interests of the people of Sarawak, the spirit of cooperation should be reviewed," he said.

Mohammad Arifiriazul said cancelling projects that had been approved and were eagerly awaited by rural communities would be an injustice to the people of Sarawak and Sabah.

He added that such a decision would disregard the needs and future of communities most in need of development.

He also stressed that federalism must be respected, with the federal and state governments treated as equal partners regardless of the political parties in power.

Mohammad Arifiriazul said the interests of the people must take precedence over those of any political party or leader, urging Sarawakians to stand united in defending the state's rights and future.

Ahmad Zahid, also Rural and Regional Development Minister, told Parliament that some rural

development projects approved for 2026 in Sabah and Sarawak had been cancelled despite allocations being available.

During the winding-up debate on the 2027 Budget at the policy stage, he said the projects could not proceed because the funds had not been channelled, leaving rural communities waiting for the planned development.

Ahmad Zahid also confirmed that the cancellations involved not only approved projects but also those for which Letters of Acceptance (SST) had been issued.

He said the Rural and Regional Development Ministry had to comply with a Finance Ministry directive dated Sept 10, 2026, to suspend the issuance of SSTs for Rural Roads Programme (JALB) projects that had yet to begin, with immediate effect.

The disclosure prompted several Sabah and Sarawak MPs to seek further clarification on the status of development projects in their respective constituencies.

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Nancy: Denying spouse money may constitute domestic violence

KUALA LUMPUR: Being denied money for clothing, reprimanded over online purchases or forced to rely entirely on a partner for personal needs are among the situations that may constitute economic abuse within a household.

Women, Family and Community Development Minister Datuk Seri Nancy Shukri said domestic violence extended beyond physical and emotional abuse to include economic control, which could affect a victim's well-being and self-confidence.

She said this form of abuse warranted attention as it could occur in everyday situations, such as when a partner failed to provide money for basic family necessities or controlled personal spending, leaving the victim without financial autonomy.

"For example, a husband returns home expecting his wife to prepare a meal. If she is not working and has no money of her own, and he fails to provide funds for household necessities,

how is she supposed to cook?

"Another example is when a wife wants to buy clothes but does not have the means to do so, leaving her unable to shop like other women. If she orders items online, she may end up being scolded by her husband.

"This is a common occurrence and has become a new challenge in life today," she said during an appearance on Bernama TV's 'Ruang Bicara' programme on Monday night.

Nancy said such financial control could strip victims of the freedom to make decisions about their own needs, particularly if they had no income or access to funds.

According to her, police statistics showed an increase in domestic violence cases, from 5,507 in 2023 to 7,016 in 2024 and 7,391 in 2025, with 5,278 cases recorded from January to August this year.

"Domestic violence can take various forms and occur in different situations, but the challenge arises when victims choose to remain silent and do

not seek help.

"In some cases, even after lodging a report, they later withdraw it out of fear," she said.

In this regard, she said the ministry provided various forms of support to help victims escape abusive situations and rebuild their lives, including counselling services, intervention measures and financial assistance to attend court proceedings if necessary.

She stressed that addressing domestic violence was also vital to protect children who witnessed abuse at home, as such experiences could influence how they viewed family relationships as they grew older.

"We do not want children who witness such behaviour to grow up and repeat it because they have come to view it as normal," she said.

Nancy therefore urged the public not to treat domestic violence as merely a private family matter, but to report any known or suspected incidents by calling Talian Kasih at 15999 or sending a WhatsApp message to 019-2615999. — Bernama



Lau (facing camera, centre) and his team seen during a visit to a resident's house in Tanjung Kunyit.

SUPP Bawang Assan team continues door-to-door outreach in Tg Kunyit

SIBU: The Bawang Assan branch of Sarawak United People's Party (SUPP) has continued its outreach in Tanjung Kunyit here.

Branch chief Councillor Kevin Lau said the latest door-to-door visit brought the team closer to 26 households through this mobile service initiative.

"Through direct engagement and listening to the residents' feedback, we have learned that some local issues have been addressed. Among them is the water pressure problem, which

had troubled the residents for some time. Now, the daily water supply has improved.

"Additionally, the residents also raised concerns about potholes and unstable telecommunications signals. Our team has gathered the relevant information about the road issues and forwarded it to the responsible authorities for further follow-ups," he said in a statement.

On the unstable telecommunications signals affecting many areas, Lau assured the residents that his

team would continue monitoring this matter.

He said the team will continue their community visits to listen to residents' concerns, gather feedback on issues faced, and forward the information to the relevant authorities for follow-ups, with the aim of gradually resolving these issues.

"Only by gaining a deeper understanding of residents' actual circumstances can we better identify community needs and seek practical and feasible solutions," he said.



Handout photo shows a 4WD vehicle fixed with bucket fence railing.

Senator urges JPJ to temporarily suspend enforcement on modified pickups in Belaga, Murum

KUCHING: Smallholder oil palm farmers in Murum and Belaga have raised concerns over Road Transport Department (JPJ) enforcement action against modified single-cab four-wheel-drive (4WD) pickup trucks fitted with rear railings, said Senator Abun Sui Anyit.

The Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) Hulu Rajang chief said the vehicles were essential to many rural farmers who relied on them to transport oil palm fresh fruit bunches and other agricultural produce.

He urged the federal government, through the Transport Ministry and JPJ, to temporarily suspend enforcement action over the modifications while a practical solution was being studied, subject to road safety and existing legal requirements.

Abun said he understood JPJ's responsibility to enforce the law, but stressed that the authorities should also consider the economic realities and transportation challenges faced by communities in the interior.

"For smallholders, a 4WD pickup is not merely a vehicle for daily use, but one of their main means of earning a living," he said in a statement.

He explained that rear railings were commonly installed to facilitate the transportation of harvested oil palm fruit and other agricultural goods, particularly in areas with limited transport facilities.

Many smallholders could not afford lorries or other suitable commercial vehicles, he said, adding that a single pickup often served multiple purposes, including transporting harvests, carrying essential supplies and meeting family needs.

Abun said vehicle owners should not automatically be regarded as deliberately breaking

the law without considering the circumstances behind the modifications.

He called on the Transport Ministry and JPJ to engage with affected smallholders, community leaders, farmers' associations and other relevant parties to understand their needs and prevent further misunderstandings.

He also proposed reviewing existing regulations, including the possibility of amending the law or introducing specific guidelines for smallholders' vehicles in rural areas, provided road safety standards were maintained.

He said a practical and affordable approval mechanism for vehicle modifications should also be established so farmers could transport their produce while complying with safety requirements.

Abun stressed that his appeal was not intended to reject the law or challenge JPJ's responsibilities, but to ensure enforcement was carried out fairly and with due consideration for lower-income rural communities.

"Do not look at an offence solely from the perspective of regulations, but also consider the lives of the people behind it.

"For smallholders in Murum and Belaga, every bunch of oil palm fruit they transport represents their hard work to support their families," he said.

He hoped the government and JPJ would listen to the complaints raised by the affected farmers and find a fair and practical solution that would not disproportionately affect their livelihoods while discussions and reviews were underway.

"Regulations must safeguard people's safety, but their implementation must also understand the realities of people's lives," he said.

Indonesians fined for having laptops tied to illegal online gambling ads

KUCHING: The Magistrates' Court here yesterday fined eight Indonesian men RM500 each in default two weeks' jail for conspiring to commit an offence and failing to account for possessing laptops suspected of being linked to illegal online gambling advertisements.

Senior Assistant Registrar Nuraini Ahmad convicted Felipe Enrico, 19; Falinus Obrein, 22; Ivander Fillmore, 21; Kendrix Chanrio, 21; Felix Chanrio, 25; Reja Harpan, 33; Edrick Jestin, 19; and Susanto Chandra, 37; on their guilty pleas to charges under

Section 37(1) of the Sarawak Minor Offences Ordinance 1958 read together with Section 120B(2) of the Penal Code.

The Section provides for up to six months' imprisonment or a fine, or both, upon conviction.

They committed the offence at a service apartment unit on Jalan Datuk Tawi Sli here at about 8.30pm on Oct 22, 2026.

According to the facts of the case, police arrested the eight accused on suspicion of operating a call centre to promote non-existent online gambling games by promising lucrative rewards

through websites targeting Indonesian nationals.

Analysis of the seized laptops indicated a suspected scam website-hosting operation involving online gaming platforms Galaxy77, King999Jongkok, King999Udara, and Giga88Potato.

The laptops were found to be in good working condition and capable of connecting to the internet.

Deputy public prosecutor Ahmad Fauzulutfi Suriani handled the prosecution, while the accused were unrepresented.



The accused are escorted by police at the court.

RM383,000 set aside for improvement works on Kwong Ann area in Pelawan

SIBU: A total of RM383,000 has been allocated for road resurfacing and park improvement works in Kwong Ann area in Pelawan under the Rural Transformation Programme (RTP).

Pelawan incumbent Datuk Michael Tiang said the two projects are aimed at improving local infrastructure and providing better recreational facilities for the residents.

The first project involves resurfacing of a 158m stretch at Lorong Kwong Ann 3, with an allocation of RM83,000.

"As you can see, the road surface is quite old and requires resurfacing. The project is relatively straightforward," the caretaker Deputy Minister of Public Health, Housing and Local Government told reporters during a site visit yesterday.

Meanwhile, he said RM300,000 had been allocated for Phase 2 of the upgrading works on Lorong Kwong Ann 5 Park.

Tiang said the budget had been increased to accommodate additional facilities, including



Tiang inspects the Kwong Ann Park site. On his left is a representative of Sibu Municipal Council. — Photo by Maxwell Atan

LED lighting, a rubberised walkway, a children's playground and landscaping improvements.

"As I promised the residents here, we would come back for Phase 2. We have increased the budget to RM300,000 to do more things under this phase," he said.

He also said the rubberised walkway would be a new feature for the area, with its performance to be assessed after installation.

"This is the first time we are installing this type of material for

a walkway. Let's see how good it is."

He said the project would also include landscaping to make the park greener.

"This (park) is one of the favourite spots for the locals, but they do not have a walking track. So this time, we are going to install one," he added.

Both projects are scheduled to kick off on Nov 6, with the works expected to take four months to complete.

Sabah 40 pct claim: Law society issues protocol guidelines for public attending appeal

KOTA KINABALU: Members of the public planning to attend the Court of Appeal proceedings on Sabah's 40 per cent constitutional revenue entitlement tomorrow (Oct 29) have been urged to observe registration requirements, court protocols, and security arrangements.

Sabah Law Society (SLS) president Datuk Mohamed Nazim Maduarin said in a press release that arrangements had been made in coordination with the court administration and relevant security authorities to facilitate public attendance while maintaining security.

The conference hall at the Kota Kinabalu Court Complex will serve as an extension of the public gallery, with proceedings transmitted through the court's audiovisual feed for on-site viewing.

Members of the public are advised to arrive early and comply with instructions from court officials and security personnel throughout the registration and admission process.

Registration will take place at a designated checkpoint near the court complex entrance, where attendees must scan a QR code provided by the court and complete an online registration form.

Following verification, admission passes will be issued to eligible attendees.

The passes will be checked at a second checkpoint, and only those holding valid passes will be allowed into the conference hall.

SLS also reminded attendees to dress appropriately, stressing that formal attire suitable for court proceedings is required.

Slippers, shorts, and unsuitable casual clothing are not permitted.

It also pointed out that photography, audio, and video recording, livestreaming, and rebroadcasting of the proceedings are strictly prohibited, including through Facebook Live, TikTok Live, Instagram Live, YouTube Live, and other social media platforms.

The audiovisual feed provided in the conference hall is strictly for on-site viewing.

Food and drinks are also prohibited inside the hall, although drinking water will be available at the foyer outside.

SLS urged attendees to maintain proper decorum and comply with all applicable court rules and directions from court officials and security personnel.

The Society said it appreciated the public's interest in the constitutional proceedings and called for cooperation to ensure the hearing is observed in a manner consistent with the dignity of the court and the independence of the judicial process.

RM30,000 grants for new cooperatives to boost youth participation, Dewan Rakyat told

KUALA LUMPUR: The Ministry of Entrepreneur Development and Cooperatives is offering start-up grants of up to RM30,000 to new cooperatives to encourage youth participation in the cooperative movement, including in rural areas.

Deputy minister Datuk Mohamad Alamin said the ministry also offers collateral-free loans of up to RM200,000 through the Co-operative Societies Commission of Malaysia (SKM), while fisheries- and agriculture-based cooperatives

are eligible for financing of up to RM600,000 at a profit rate of 3 per cent on a reducing balance basis.

"I support the proposal to establish a cooperative for young people from fishing families in Kuala Kedah. I will ask the Kedah

SKM director to meet with them to discuss how the cooperative can be set up," he said in the Dewan Rakyat.

He was responding to a supplementary question from Dr Ahmad Fakhruddin Fakhruddin (PN-Kuala Kedah) on whether

the ministry would introduce a support package for youth cooperatives, covering financing, management advice and market access, with pilot projects for young people from fishing and rice-farming families in Kuala Kedah. — Bernama

Tg Batu man: 2021’s razor-thin majority constantly on my mind

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BINTULU: Tanjong Batu incumbent Johnny Pang is well aware that his victory in the 2021 state election was down to a mere 23-vote majority.

The narrow win has been constantly on his mind during his time as the area’s elected representative.

Pang, who is from Gabungan Parti Sarawak (GPS) component Sarawak United People’s Party (SUPP), polled 4,092 votes against Democratic Action Party (DAP)’s Chiew Chan Yew, who managed 4,069 votes.

His victory ended the DAP’s 20-

Johnny Pang

year hold on the seat.

“Twenty-three votes. A number I will never forget for the rest of my life,” he said when reflecting on his five years in office.

“Behind every single vote was a precious trust that I could never afford to betray.”

Recalling the closely-fought election, Pang said his team began visiting communities three years

earlier to introduce themselves, listen to residents, and understand their aspirations.

He said the slim majority reinforced his determination to fulfil his responsibilities and serve the people to the best of his abilities. Over the past five years, Pang said his team has worked on issues involving roads, drainage, flood mitigation, water supply, schools, healthcare, community facilities, and places of worship.

Based on a preliminary compilation, he said his team had helped coordinate and secure over RM100 million in development and community-related allocations for the constituency.

He said the team was active during Covid-19 relief efforts, distributing food and essential supplies to families and assisting healthcare workers during the vaccination programme.

The 2025 Bintulu floods were another defining experience, he said, as the team helped affected residents with flood relief and post-flood clean-up operations.

Pang thanked his team, government departments, community leaders, and residents for their support, while acknowledging that some projects remained ongoing and required further work.

“The people who truly deserve to evaluate my performance are the voters of Tanjong Batu,” he said.

“Five years together. Forever grateful for every one of you.”

Pang added his hopes for Tanjong Batu to continue to develop with better public facilities, more opportunities for young people, and an improved environment for children and senior citizens.

Set clear targets for female candidates, political parties urged

KUCHING: Major political parties should move beyond verbal support for women participation in politics by setting clear targets for female candidates, said Sarawak United National Youth Organisation (Saberkas) Batu Lintang secretary Wilson Tan.

He expressed his support for social activist Voon Shiak Ni’s call for political parties to address barriers faced by women in politics and increase nomination quotas for female candidates.

“Women’s political participation must never remain confined to verbal commitments in pre-election campaigns or symbolic slogans; it must be translated into binding and actionable institutional goals.

“As the core hubs for nominating candidates and supplying political talent, major political parties should demonstrate due political responsibility and proactively take on the historical duty of breaking down gender barriers,” he said in a statement.

Tan said increasing female nomination quotas should not be seen as lowering candidate standards, but as creating fairer opportunities for qualified women to enter politics and public service.

“Increasing nomination quotas aims to establish a more open and inclusive institutional entrance, allowing more outstanding women with professional competence, enthusiasm for public service, moral integrity and political ideals to gain fair opportunities to step onto the political stage,” he said.

He stressed that candidates should still be assessed based on capability, track record, integrity, and policy positions.

“Genuine fair competition is built on discarding gender bias and providing an equal playing field.”

Tan said women have long contributed significantly to education, economic development, social welfare, healthcare and grassroots community governance, yet remained underrepresented in political decision-making.

He said traditional social perceptions, unequal access to campaign resources and limitations within the existing political environment continued to hinder greater female participation.



Roland (front, fourth left) with party members during the special committee meeting. — Photo from Facebook / Keadilan P220 Baram

PKR Baram eyes three seats in S’wak polls

MARUDI: Parti Keadilan (PKR) Baram wants to contest in all three state seats under the Baram parliamentary constituency during the upcoming Sarawak state elections.

In a statement on Facebook, branch chairman Roland Engan said a special committee meeting on Oct 25 had resolved to field candidates in the Marudi, Telang Usan, and Mulu state seats.

He said the move aimed to bring forward the aspirations of the people and champion “more just and comprehensive development” in Baram.

According to Roland, the party’s prospective candidates for the three constituencies had been identified long ago and were

already making preparations for the polls.

“We are confident that thorough preparation, commitment to the struggle, and the support of the people are important foundations for offering better leadership and service to the community,” he said.

He opined that the next state election would be fought in a different political context from previous elections.

Roland said while PKR contested as an opposition party at the state level in the past, the party is now part of the federal government together with Barisan Nasional (BN), Gabungan Rakyat Sabah (GRS), and other government partners.

“This position gives the opportunity to Keadilan Baram to raise the issues and needs of rural communities at a higher level while strengthening cooperation to ensure Sarawak’s development is carried out in a fair, balanced, and effective manner,” he said.

“For Keadilan Baram, politics is not merely a contest to win seats. Politics is a trust to defend the people, fight for legitimate rights, and ensure that every layer of society has a fair opportunity to enjoy progress.”

He added that the future of Baram and Sarawak should be built through responsible leadership, sincere cooperation, and development policies that put the interests of the people first.

Seat negotiations among component parties ongoing — PKR Sarawak

KUCHING: Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) Sarawak’s machinery is fully prepared and on high alert to face the upcoming 13th state election, even as negotiations over seat distributions and target constituencies remain ongoing.

Newly-appointed PKR Sarawak State Leadership Council (MPN) chairman Mahmud Epah confirmed that the party’s grassroots machinery is primed for action despite the compressed timeline following the dissolution of the State Legislative Assembly (DUN) on Monday.

“The machinery is always ready to face the election scheduled in the near future,” he told The Borneo Post when asked to gauge the party’s operational readiness ahead of the state polls.

While the party’s ground operations are on standby, Mahmud said PKR Sarawak has yet to finalise the exact number of state seats it will contest or



Mahmud Epah

disclose specific constituencies that have been locked in.

He said negotiations are actively taking place within the broader Pakatan Harapan (PH) coalition to establish a consensus among component partners.

“PKR Sarawak is still in the negotiation process. It is not finalised yet and will be announced later,” he said.

The state chief also refrained from confirming whether PKR would shift its strategic

focus toward consolidating its presence in urban and semi-urban strongholds or mounting an aggressive push into rural and interior seats.

Addressing the prospective outcome of the Election Commission’s (EC) ongoing electoral redelineation exercise, which proposes adding 17 new seats to raise the total number of state constituencies from 82 to 99, Mahmud stated that the party’s full electoral blueprint remains tied to the final gazette.

Asked how many of the 17 proposed new state constituencies that PKR Sarawak aims to claim within the PH framework, he said candidate placement and constituency mapping can only be completed once the redelineation boundaries are officially finalised.

“Targets can only be evaluated after the redelineation process is completed,” he added.

PKR Hulu Rajang to contest in Murum, undecided on Belaga and Baleh

KUCHING: Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) Hulu Rajang wants to contest the Murum state seat in the upcoming 13th Sarawak Election.

PKR Hulu Rajang chief Senator Abun Sui Anyit said the decision was reached during the branch’s 18th committee meeting on Oct 24 and would be communicated to the party’s higher leadership soon.

“The meeting has finalised the branch’s position to take the Murum state seat for PKR to contest,” he said in a statement.

Abun said for the Belaga and Baleh state seats, the branch had yet to make any official decision.

“We will continue to monitor developments in the negotiations before making any official decision.

“Candidates for these areas will be finalised in the near future to be presented to the party leadership,” he said.

According to him, among the

key issues in the constituency is Native Customary Rights (NCR) land, as some longhouse communities have yet to obtain land titles despite occupying, cultivating, and inheriting the land for generations.

“If PKR candidates are given the mandate by the people, we will ensure these land disputes are brought to the Sarawak State Legislative Assembly to be debated and fought for until a fair resolution is achieved,” he said.

Abun said PKR Hulu Rajang would continue preparing for the state polls based on the branch’s decisions and the progress of seat negotiations. He added the branch remained open to parties and movements sharing its aspirations of defending NCR land rights, supporting oil palm smallholders, and pursuing fair development for rural communities.

Ministry seeks extra flights, bus services for Sarawak election

KUCHING: The Ministry of Transport Sarawak (MoTS) has reached out to airlines and express bus operators to explore the possibility of adding services before and after polling day for the 13th state election.

In a statement yesterday, the ministry – currently running in caretaker capacity pending the election – said the initiative aimed to help Sarawakians return to their registered constituencies to cast their votes.

MoTS noted that many Sarawakians work in Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Singapore, and may face difficulties

securing transport home during periods of high travel demand.

To ease travel arrangements, the ministry had requested airlines to consider increasing flight frequencies during the week leading up to polling day and the week after, particularly on routes between Peninsular Malaysia and Sarawak.

“The additional services, if implemented, are intended to accommodate voters travelling home to fulfil their civic responsibilities before returning to their workplaces.”

For land transport, MoTS had advised and encouraged express

13th SARAWAK ELECTION

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N.03 Tanjong Batu

Locality/Demographics

- Parliamentary seat: P.193 Santubong
- Total registered voters: 11,384 (2021 electoral roll)*
- Racial composition: Malay-Melanau 53.3% | Chinese 17.7% | Iban 17.6% | Bidayuh 10.1% | Orang Ulu 0.2% | Others 1.0%**
- Age distribution: 18-29: 26.9% | 30-39: 20.6% | 40-49: 16.9% | 50-59: 15.8% | 60-69: 11.6% | 70-79: 6.0% | 80 and above: 2.3%**

Incumbent/Polls history

- Incumbent: Azizul Annuar Adenan, 35
- Party: GPS-PBB

- 2021 election results:*
Majority: 4,502 votes
Voter turnout: 61.2%
Runner-up: Jery'in Fauzi (PSB)
- Winner of past polls:**
2017 (by-election): Jamilah Anu (BN-PBB), Majority: 6,443
2016: Adenan Satem (BN-PBB), Majority: 5,892

Local concerns/Issues

- Water supply reliability and upgrading ageing water infrastructure.
- Rural roads, agricultural roads and connectivity.
- Electricity disruptions and power network capacity.

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13th SARAWAK ELECTION

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N.04 Pantai Damai

Locality/Demographics

- Parliamentary seat: P.193 Santubong
- Total registered voters: 20,506 (2021 electoral roll)*
- Racial composition: Malay-Melanau 88.4% | Iban 5.5% | Chinese 2.8% | Bidayuh 2.4% | Orang Ulu 0.2% | Others 0.9%**
- Age distribution: 18-29: 35.5% | 30-39: 21.5% | 40-49: 16.9% | 50-59: 13.2% | 60-69: 8.1% | 70-79: 3.6% | 80 and above: 1.2%**

Incumbent/Polls history

- Incumbent: Datuk Dr Abdul Rahman Junaidi, 65
- Party: GPS-PBB

- 2021 election results:*
Majority: 8,381 votes
Voter turnout: 64.4%
Runner-up: Mahmud Sabli (PSB)
- Winner of past polls:**
2016: Abdul Rahman Junaidi (BN-PBB), Majority: 9,260
2011: Abdul Rahman Junaidi (BN-PBB), Majority: 5,071

Local concerns/Issues

- Road connectivity, congestion and village road conditions.
- Drainage, flash flooding and monsoon-related waterlogging.
- Water supply coverage and low water pressure.

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13th SARAWAK ELECTION

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N.05 Demak Laut

Locality/Demographics

- Parliamentary seat: P.193 Santubong
- Total registered voters: 14,813 (2021 electoral roll)*
- Racial composition: Malay-Melanau 84.1% | Chinese 9.2% | Iban 3.7% | Bidayuh 2.3% | Orang Ulu 0.2% | Others 0.7%**
- Age distribution: 18-29: 31.8% | 30-39: 23.4% | 40-49: 17.3% | 50-59: 13.6% | 60-69: 8.6% | 70-79: 3.9% | 80 and above: 1.4%**

Incumbent/Polls history

- Incumbent: Datuk Dr Hazland Abang Hipni, 61
- Party: GPS-PBB

- 2021 election results:*
Majority: 6,399 votes
Voter turnout: 67.5%
Runner-up: Yatikla Jelani (PSB)
- Winner of past polls:**
2016: Hazland Abang Hipni (BN-PBB), Majority: 7,382
2011: Hazland Abang Hipni (BN-PBB), Majority: 3,752

Local concerns/Issues

- Road connectivity and traffic congestion.
- Flooding and drainage.
- Balancing rapid development with residents’ housing and socio-economic needs.

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bus operators in Sarawak to temporarily increase service frequencies from three days before polling day until three days after polling day.

The ministry also urged operators to deploy reserve buses, schedule extra trips where necessary and make tickets available for early online booking to minimise shortages and facilitate smoother travel along major routes across the state.

MoTS pointed out that changes to express bus schedules would remain subject to notification to and approval from the Commercial Vehicle Licensing Board (CVLB) Sarawak.

It added that additional flights would depend on airlines’ operational capacity and the necessary regulatory approvals.

“Details of any additional flight or bus services, including schedules and ticket availability, will be announced by the respective operators once confirmed.”

Meanwhile, MoTS advised travellers to plan their journeys early and to refer to operators’ official communication channels for the latest information on schedules, fares and ticket bookings.

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Lorry turns turtle after rear-ended by express bus

BALINGIAN: A 53-year-old man was left with head pain after the lorry he was driving was struck by an express bus at KM28 of Jalan Balingian-Kuala Balingian on Monday.

Mukah police chief DSP Muhamad Rizal Alias said the bus driver and all 12 passengers escaped unhurt, with the passengers subsequently transferred to another bus to continue their journey to Bintulu.

"Based on initial investigation, the express bus was travelling from Mukah to Bintulu when it allegedly attempted to overtake the lorry.

"At the time of the 2.15pm incident, the lorry was making a right turn when the bus struck its rear, causing it to go out of control and overturn by the roadside," he said in a statement.

The bus sustained damage to its front section, while the lorry



Police photo shows the overturned lorry following the collision. Partially seen at left is the express bus.

had damage to its rear and roof, he added.

Muhamad Rizal said the lorry driver was referred to Bintulu Hospital for further treatment.

He said police are seeking independent witnesses, closed-circuit television footage and

dashcam recordings to assist in investigations under Section 43(1) of the Road Transport Act 1987.

"Those with relevant information may contact investigating officer Sergeant Jimmy Langan on 011-15616525," said Muhamad Rizal.

Arrest leads to discovery of cannibalised stolen motorcycle

SARATOK: Police on Monday arrested a 34-year-old man in connection with the theft of a motorcycle from a bus stop here last month.

Saratok police chief DSP Mathew Manggie said the suspect was detained at an oil palm plantation in Awik, and subsequently led police to a house where the cannibalised motorcycle was found in the kitchen.

"The motorcycle belonged to a 52-year-old labourer who had left it at the Krian junction bus stop on Sept 29 after it broke down.

"He returned the next day to discover it missing and filed a police report," he said in a statement.

Mathew said during interrogation, the suspect admitted to taking the motorcycle on Sept 30 with two accomplices.

Following the arrest, he said police recovered the motorcycle's frame, fuel tank, exhaust pipe, and body covers, and also seized pliers, spanners and screwdrivers believed to have been used to dismantle the bike.

He said the suspect was tested positive for amphetamine and methamphetamine, and possessed five prior criminal records.

In a related development, Mathew said one of the two



Handout photo shows the suspect and police with the cannibalised stolen motorcycle.

accomplices was found to have been arrested earlier in connection with an unrelated case involving criminal intimidation.

"He is currently remanded at Sri

Aman Prison in connection with that case. The same individual had also been previously arrested in connection with the theft of scrap rubber in Ulu Awik," he said.

Croc attack: Search underway for teen dragged away while loading oil palm fruits

KUCHING: A teenage boy is missing following a crocodile attack in Ulu Sungai Plaie, Sebuyau on Monday afternoon.

The Fire and Rescue Department (Bomba) in a statement said it was notified of the incident at around 7pm.

It added that personnel from the Simunjan fire station were deployed to the location yesterday to commence a search-and-rescue (SAR)

operation for the boy, identified as Mohamad Nordin Mohamad Othman.

"The incident occurred when the victim was loading oil palm fruits into the boat at Sungai Plaie. The incident was witnessed by his uncle," the department said.

Bomba said the SAR involves a radius of 2km upstream and downstream of where the boy was last seen.

Jobless man jailed 6 months for disposing of stolen vehicle parts

KUCHING: A jobless man was sentenced to six months' jail and fined RM3,000 in default four months' jail after pleading guilty in separate Magistrates' Courts here yesterday to disposing of stolen vehicle components.

Chang Li Ngee, 34, entered the pleas after the two charges under Section 414 of the Penal Code were read to him before magistrates Nureina Syafika Mohd Najib and Ling Hui Chuan.

The Section provides for up to seven years' imprisonment or a fine, or both, upon conviction.

He committed the offences at a recycling centre on Jalan Stephen Yong at about 3.58pm on Sept 5 this year, and at another recycling facility on Jalan Matang at about 3.30pm on Sept 29.

According to the facts of the case, a mechanic lodged a police report on Sept 29 after discovering two brake drums, a long shaft from different commercial trucks, and a tyre rim and tyre from a sport utility vehicle missing from his workshop in Kampung Sungai Rayu Iban, Jalan Matang.



Chang is led away after sentencing.

The open-sided workshop, which had no walls, was located beside the complainant's house.

At the time of the incident, the complainant had returned home for his lunch break.

Police arrested Chang on Oct 19 and discovered that he had disposed of the reported missing items by selling them to the two

recycling centres.

Sales receipts dated Sept 5 and Sept 29 were also obtained from the centres.

Deputy public prosecutors Muhammad Aidil Akmal Sharidan and Ahmad Fauzulutfi Suriani appeared separately for the prosecution, while Chang was unrepresented.

Man freed from drug charges without defence called

KOTA KINABALU: The Sessions Court here yesterday discharged and acquitted an unemployed man from four charges of possessing drugs.

Judge Amir Shah Amir Hassan freed Victor Chin, 25, without calling for his defence after ruling that the prosecution had failed to establish a prima facie case.

Chin was charged under Section 12(2) of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952, punishable under Section 39A(2) of the same Act, with four counts of possessing 41.10g of ecstasy, 4.20g of methamphetamine, 135.20g of ketamine, and 0.10g of ecstasy, respectively.

He allegedly committed the offences in Penampang on May 27, 2024.

The trial began on April 9 this year with the prosecution calling eight witnesses to testify.

The prosecution closed its case on July 24.

Deputy public prosecutor Nurul Shafeerah Mad Iskrim prosecuted, while Chin was represented by lawyer Luke Ressa Balang.

Chinese national pleads guilty to engaging in prostitution, fined RM3,000

MIRI: The Magistrates' Court here yesterday fined a woman from China RM3,000 in default three months' jail for engaging in prostitution.

Magistrate Ashok Linggam imposed the fine after Xu Tian Tian, 34, pleaded guilty to a charge under Section 372B of the Penal Code, which provides for up to a year in prison or a fine, or both, upon conviction.

According to the facts of the case, police raided a premises on Jalan Bendahara here at

about 2.30pm on Oct 24, 2026 following a tip-off that sexual services were being offered there.

During the raid, police arrested Xu in a room after she offered sexual services to a male customer for RM600.

Seized from the accused were 12 pieces of RM50 notes, totalling RM600.

Deputy public prosecutor Mohammad Syafiq Samry prosecuted, while lawyer Gurvir Singh represented the accused.

Vietnamese spa worker fined RM3,000 for prostitution

SIBU: A Vietnamese woman was fined RM3,000 by the Magistrates' Court here yesterday for soliciting a man for prostitution at a spa and sauna centre.

Magistrate Romario Jonoi convicted Thanh Nha on her guilty plea to a charge under Section 372B of the Penal Code, which provides for imprisonment of up to one year or a fine, or both.

The accused, represented by lawyer Terence Tiong, paid the fine.

She committed the offence at

the Jalan Pahlawan premises at about 8.55pm on Oct 23, 2026.

According to the brief facts of the case, police inspected the premises and found the accused naked with a 34-year-old male customer in a room there.

Seized as evidence were a used condom, massage oil, and RM200 in cash.

Investigations found that the accused had offered sexual services for RM200.

The case was prosecuted by deputy public prosecutor Mohd Syazani Izzaddin Abdul Muadzam.

Sexual harassment claims: Student's mother, school principal lodge separate police reports

IPOH: A school principal in Bagan Datuk, who came under scrutiny on social media following allegations of sexual harassment against a Form 3 student, lodged a police report on Sunday.

Perak police chief Datuk Mohd Alwi Zainal Abidin said the man, 56, filed a police report over a viral video depicting him being attacked by the student's family.

He said police were investigating the case under

Section 323 of the Penal Code for voluntarily causing hurt, and Section 233 of the Communications and Multimedia Act 1998 for improper use of network facilities and services.

"Our findings indicate that the student's family attacked the principal after he was accused of calling the student to express his romantic feelings for her," he told a press conference yesterday.

He said police have so far recorded statements from nine people, including the principal.

Meanwhile, Mohd Alwi said an investigation had been launched under Section 15(a) of the Sexual Offences Against Children Act 2017 following a report lodged by the student's mother.

The allegations first gained attention on social media through a post on Threads, which claimed that the principal

had sent inappropriate messages to a female student, including one saying 'I love you'.

Education Minister Datuk Seri Fadhlina Sidek had earlier directed the Perak Education Department to investigate the allegations.

The principal has been temporarily transferred to the Bagan Datuk District Education Office pending the outcome of the probe. — Bernama

Op Mabuk: Man detained in Miri for suspected drink-driving

MIRI: A 45-year-old man was detained for suspected drink-driving during a special 'Op Mabuk' operation conducted along Miri Airport Road from Oct 22 to 23.

Miri police chief ACP Mohd Farhan Lee Abdullah said the operation, conducted by the Traffic Investigation and Enforcement Division, ran from 11.30pm to 4am.

"A breathalyser test using a Screening Device 2 (SD2) found alcohol in the suspect's system while he was driving.

"A blood sample was subsequently taken at Miri Hospital's Forensic Department for further investigation," he said

in a statement.

Mohd Farhan said anyone convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol under Section 45A(1) of the Road Transport Act 1987 faces a fine of between RM10,000 and RM30,000 and up to two years' imprisonment for a first offence.

Convicted offenders may also be disqualified from holding a driving licence for two years.

During the operation, he said police issued 20 summonses for various traffic offences after checking 103 individuals and 92 vehicles.

"The offences detected included driving without a valid driving licence, unauthorised exhaust

modifications, expired road tax, failure to display 'P' plates, and other technical violations," he said.

Mohd Farhan stressed that police would not compromise with drivers or motorcyclists who operated vehicles under the influence of alcohol, putting themselves and other road users at risk.

He also advised the public to comply with traffic laws, avoid vehicle modifications that deviate from original specifications and refrain from activities that could disturb public order.

Separately, he said an 'Ops Motosikal' operation at the

Taman Tunku and Taman Jelita housing areas as well as Kampung Lusut on Monday saw a total of 51 summonses issued.

"During the operation, 78 men and three women were checked, along with 66 motorcycles," he said.

He said among the offences detected were riding without a valid licence, illegal structural modifications to motorcycles, excessively noisy modified exhausts, and absence of side mirrors.

"The most common offence was riding without a helmet. Summonses were also issued for using fancy licence plate numbers," he added.



A driver is subjected to a breathalyser test during the Op Mabuk operation. — Police photo

Entrepreneur centre, industrial park to steer rural growth

KUCHING: The Sematan Entrepreneur Centre and Sematan Industrial Park are expected to drive rural economic growth by attracting investment and creating more business and employment opportunities for the local community.

Caretaker Deputy Premier Datuk Amar Awang Tengah Ali Hasan said the development of the two facilities reflected the Sarawak government's commitment to extending the benefits of industrial and commercial growth beyond major urban centres.

"The Sematan Entrepreneur Centre would not only provide the space for food and beverage businesses, but it also has the potential to become a hub for entrepreneurial activities, offering various services, product promotions and support facilities for local business operators.

"The development of this centre alongside the Sematan Industrial Park will create a more integrated economic ecosystem, allowing micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to expand their operations and strengthen their competitiveness," he said during the centre and park's opening ceremony on Sunday, according to a Sarawak Public Communications Unit report.

Awang Tengah said Sarawak's industrial development should be inclusive and take into account the economic potential and needs of industrial divisions and districts.

"The establishment of industrial parks at the district



Awang Tengah presents the Go Digital Tech Grant to a recipient (fourth left). — Sarawak Public Communications Unit photo

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level will provide local businesses with opportunities to join industrial supply chains by supplying products and services to domestic and international investors," he said.

He also said the potential of Sematan and Lundu's natural

attractions, proximity to an international border, and improving road connectivity offered opportunities to further develop tourism and attract international events.

"These advantages should be leveraged to strengthen

the tourism sector, attract international events and stimulate economic activities that could directly benefit local residents," he said.

At the event, Awang Tengah presented entrepreneurial assistance through several Sarawak government financing schemes and incentives aimed at strengthening the capabilities and competitiveness of local entrepreneurs.

These included RM1.439 million in financing under the Sarawak Micro Credit Scheme, involving 33 recipients, as well as RM100,000 in assistance under the Small and Medium Industries Loan Scheme and RM10,000 under the Go Digital Sarawak initiative.

430 folks from eight villages in Tanjong Datu receive land titles

KUCHING: A total of 430 residents from eight villages in Tanjong Datu constituency have received land titles, with the Sarawak government allocating about RM40 million to support land surveying works across the state.

Caretaker Deputy Premier Datuk Amar Awang Tengah Ali Hasan said this was part of the ongoing efforts by the Sarawak government to strengthen its land surveying initiatives to ensure eligible landowners obtained legal recognition of their land ownership.

"The implementation of Native Customary Rights (NCR) land surveys through the government's new initiative is an important step towards expediting the recognition of customary land.

"At the same time, this provides greater certainty for landowners and the future generations," he said, according to a Sarawak Public Communications Unit report.

He said this at the opening ceremony of the Sematan Entrepreneur Centre and Sematan Industrial Park near here on Sunday.

Awang Tengah explained that the NCR land surveying process was carried out in stages, beginning with perimeter surveys under Section 6 of the Sarawak Land Code before proceeding to individual lot surveys under Section 18 for the issuance of land titles.

He stressed that landowners would not be charged surveying fees under the initiative.

"However, cooperation from the people is essential to ensure that the process can proceed smoothly.

"These include identifying of land boundaries, obtaining the consent of relevant parties and resolving any disputes before surveying work began," he said.

He pointed out that the Sarawak government had allocated approximately RM40 million for land surveying works, in addition to covering the operational and manpower costs required.

"Efforts to strengthen the capacity of the Sarawak Land and Survey Department are also being prioritised to accelerate the surveying process and the issuance of land titles to eligible landowners," he added.

On the traditional village land surveying programme, Awang Tengah said the initiative was aimed at providing stronger ownership security for residents who had lived in such settlements for many years.

"Some traditional villages previously held communal reserve status without individual land titles. The surveying programme would therefore help address land ownership issues more comprehensively," he explained.

He expressed hope that closer cooperation between the Sarawak Land and Survey Department, community leaders and landowners could be strengthened to facilitate the smooth implementation of the surveying programme.

Book highlights pioneering Cantonese leaders' contributions to Sarawak

KUCHING: A new book documenting the lives and contributions of Cantonese pioneers in Sarawak has been published, highlighting the community's role in shaping the state's economic, social and political development.

Titled 'Prominent Cantonese Leaders of Sarawak', the 136-page book by Dr Hing-Yan Lee traces the stories of prominent Cantonese figures from the early days of Chinese settlement through the Brooke era, British colonial rule and Sarawak's transition towards modernity.

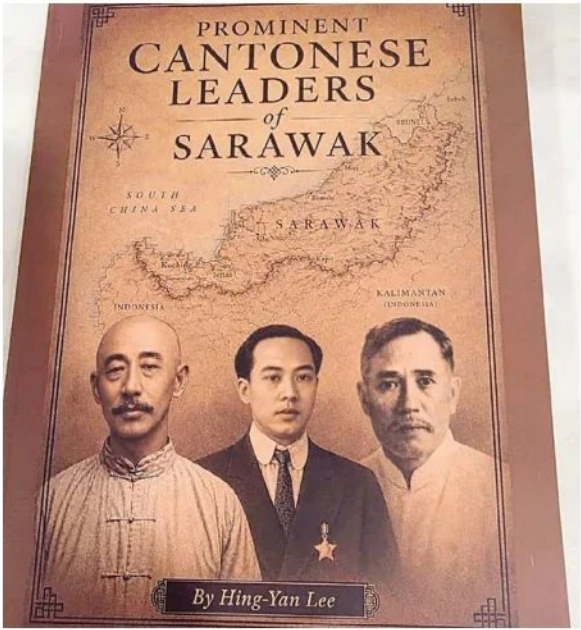
In a press statement, Lee said the book draws on historical records, family archives and community publications to document pioneers whose achievements have often remained scattered across different sources.

Among those featured are the early pioneers Lau Chek, Teng Kung Suk and Kong Yik Khing; community leaders and Kapitan China Chan Chak and Lee Weng Thong; and figures in business, public service and politics including Khan Ah Chong, Lam Tee Chew, Wong Cheong Way and Stephen Kalong Ningkan.

"Although the Cantonese are not the largest dialect group within Sarawak's Chinese population, many have left a lasting mark on commerce, education, community leadership and public life," said Lee.

A Kuching-born Sarawakian and information technology professional based in Singapore, Lee has a longstanding interest in the history of Chinese pioneers and community leadership in Sarawak.

The book examines how Cantonese pioneers established settlements, developed



The book will be available at selected bookstores from Oct 30.

agriculture and trade, built businesses, supported education and sustained charitable and cultural activities.

Through clan associations, temples, schools and other community institutions, they also established networks of mutual support for successive generations.

Some assumed public responsibilities through municipal councils and advisory bodies.

"The publication aims to preserve an important part of Sarawak's multicultural heritage and provide a foundation for further research into the

individuals and communities that contributed to the state's development," said Lee.

In the foreword, caretaker Deputy Premier Datuk Amar Dr Sim Kui Hian congratulated Lee on the publication and stressed the importance of preserving Sarawak's history and heritage.

Dr Sim said understanding earlier generations' sacrifices, struggles and achievements was essential as Sarawak continued its journey towards becoming a developed, high-income region.

Published on Oct 1, Prominent Cantonese Leaders of Sarawak will be available at selected bookstores from Oct 30.



Lau (third right) and others at the press conference.

Kuching CHMS No. 1 educator announced as winner of Adenan Outstanding Teacher Award 2026

SIBU: Tee Leyok Poo of Kuching Chung Hua Middle School (CHMS) No. 1 has been adjudged the winner of the inaugural Sarawak Independent Chinese Secondary Schools-Adenan Outstanding Teacher Award.

Sarawak United Association of Chinese Secondary Schools Board of Management chairman Temenggong Dato Vincent Lau said a total of seven teachers were nominated.

Other than Kuching CHMS No. 1, the other nominees were from Kuching CHMS No. 3, Sarikei Ming Lik Secondary School, and Sibu Catholic High School.

"I am also pleased to announce that the awards presentation ceremony will be held at 10am on Nov 20, 2026, at Chung Hua Middle School No. 1, Kuching.

"The ceremony will be held in conjunction with the 2026 Sarawak Independent Chinese Secondary Schools Teacher Long Service and Retirement Awards Ceremony," Lau told a press

conference here yesterday.

He said caretaker Deputy Premier Datuk Amar Dr Sim Kui Hian will be the guest of honour, while Datuk Amar Jamilah Anu, widow of the late Pehin Sri Adenan Satem, will be the award presenter for the Adenan Outstanding Teacher Award.

According to Lau, Tee began her teaching career in Sarawak in 1985.

"As a dedicated Bahasa Melayu educator, she has consistently demonstrated professional excellence and a commitment to improving teaching practices.

"Her dedication is particularly commendable given the personal health challenges that she has faced. Despite undergoing heart valve replacement surgery twice, she has remained steadfast in her commitment to teaching and to the education of her students," he said.

He also hailed Tee as distinguished career as exemplifying the professionalism,

perseverance and sense of responsibility that the awards programme sought to honour.

On the establishment of the Adenan Outstanding Teacher Award, Lau said it honoured the contributions made by former chief minister Adenan to Chinese education in Sarawak.

"In 2014, he pioneered the institutionalisation of annual government grants for independent Chinese secondary schools in Sarawak, and in 2015, Sarawak became the first state in Malaysia to recognise the Unified Examination Certificate (UEC).

"These landmark initiatives marked important milestones in the development of Chinese education in Sarawak," he said.

"Through this initiative, we seek to preserve his legacy of respecting diversity and supporting education, while recognising educators who have made outstanding contributions to the teaching profession."

'Where Art Speaks Art Exhibition' in Kuching extended to Nov 30

KUCHING: The 'Where Art Speaks Art Exhibition' at Galleria, Wesberly House here has been extended to Nov 30.

The free exhibition, which began on Oct 9, features 55 pieces by 24 artists based in Sarawak ranging from paintings to sculptures and installations.

The artworks vary in medium including acrylic on canvas, watercolour, wood carving, and installation of recycled fabrics.

"This exhibition celebrates professional artists and those beginning their journey into art as their hobby or a form of therapy. As the name of the exhibition suggests, it is where we allow the art to tell its story and also allows us to view the world in another person's perspective.

"It brings together a community of diverse backgrounds and a shared love for art," said a press release from Galleria.

"Where Art Speaks" invites you to ponder on the stories each artwork tries to share and to connect with art in your own way, and for every viewer to be a part of the conversation."

The artists featured include Melton Kais, Sebastian Jong, Tan Wei Kheng, Sylvester Jussem, Anthea Joy Lim, Freddie Woom, Lavender Jong, Dr Kho Boon Chong, Chen Li Li, Daisy Dalia, Lucas Lau, Angela Huam, Fook Liew, Joanne Lau, Muang Kumundan, Dr Georges Schneider, Sim Chiap Peng, Azrian Ali, and Dr Beena Devi.

Also exhibiting their handiwork are Anthony Roseli, Jenny Chan, Lily Metom, Dhiya

Roslan (Letterhythm), and Awangko' Hamdan Pg Arshad.

In conjunction with the exhibition, there will be a second 'Artist in Action Session - Charcoal Portrait Sketch' by Fook Liew on Nov 1 from 1pm to 3pm.

This follows the first 'Artist in Action Session - Pouring Art' by Sebastian Jong on Oct 24.

The exhibition is supported by the Ministry for Tourism, Creative Industry and Performing Arts as well as the Sarawak Tourism Board.

It is open on weekdays from 11am to 5.30pm, while weekend viewings are available by appointment.

Galleria is located at Wesberly House, Rubber Road West.

For details, contact 016-8865278.

Perlis first state to make Lindung Kendiri contributions mandatory for hawkers

KANGAR: Perlis has become the first state to require hawkers throughout the state to contribute to the Self-Employment Social Security Scheme (Lindung Kendiri) as a condition for applying for or renewing business licences, under an initiative implemented in collaboration with the Social Security Organisation (Socso).

Socso group chief executive officer Datuk Seri Dr Mohammed Azman Aziz Mohammed said the

joint initiative, formalised through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Perlis Municipal Council (MPPs), was aimed at ensuring hawkers receive adequate social security protection.

"The objective is to ensure they are protected in the event of an accident while commuting to and from work or while carrying out their business activities.

"Hawkers are a vulnerable

group, with most still lacking insurance coverage despite relying on daily earnings to support their families," he told a press conference after the signing of the MoU.

He said hawkers who hired workers were also required to register them and make the necessary contributions, as the employees were similarly exposed to the risk of accidents or injuries at work. — Bernama





A view of the Danum Valley, a 130-million-year-old ancient rainforest located 80km east of Lahad Datu. Experts believe that greater participation in the carbon economy requires more than protecting existing forests or planting new trees.

Fadzli Ramli

KOTA KINABALU: In the context of the carbon economy, it is no exaggeration to describe Sabah as Malaysia's 'gold mine', with more than 60 per cent of its land area still covered by dense forests.

As the country's largest net carbon sink, accounting for approximately 36 per cent of Malaysia's total carbon absorption capacity, Sabah aims to capitalise on its billion-ringgit natural wealth by stepping up its participation in the carbon economy, rather than relying solely on tourism and ecotourism.

However, experts believe that greater participation in the carbon economy requires more than protecting existing forests or planting new trees. Instead, it calls for a fundamental transformation of the state's entire development model.

More importantly, they said the growth of the carbon economy must benefit grassroots communities rather than merely enriching corporate giants.

Vast potential

The carbon economy aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, particularly carbon dioxide, as part of global efforts to address climate change. Under this system, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, which have traditionally been released into the atmosphere 'for free' and without limits, are assigned a monetary value.

In simple terms, carbon has become a new commodity in global trade under the Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) agenda, a set of standards that global investors use when assessing companies before making investment decisions.

Under the carbon economy, those that exceed their permitted greenhouse gas emission limits may face penalties in the form of carbon taxes, while those that help remove or absorb carbon emissions through forest conservation or tree planting can receive payments through carbon credits.

This concept has also given rise to carbon markets, where carbon credits can be traded. Companies that emit greenhouse gases can purchase these credits to offset their carbon emissions. This is where Sabah hopes to generate revenue from its forests.

According to the latest data from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability (NRES), Sabah currently has 4.63 million hectares of forest, equivalent to 62.53 per cent of its total land area. This also contributes to Malaysia maintaining its forest and tree cover at 54.4 per cent.

As part of efforts to expand its participation in the carbon economy, the Sabah State Legislative Assembly passed the Climate Change and Carbon Governance Enactment 2025 on July 8 last year.

This was followed by several initiatives, including the establishment of the Sabah Climate Registry and Inventory Centre (SaCRIC), the activation of the Sabah Climate Change Action Council (SCCAC) and the creation of the Sabah Climate Fund.

Carbon emissions

Commenting on Sabah's ambitions, Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Faculty of Business, Economics and Accountancy senior lecturer Assoc Prof Dr Brahim Chekima said carbon had become a new commodity in global trade and Sabah was richly endowed with this resource.

"Every human activity leaves a

Sabah's carbon economy: Potential meets preparedness challenges

The first of a two-part report examines Sabah's potential in the carbon economy and the state's readiness to explore this emerging economic sector.



The carbon economy aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, particularly carbon dioxide, as part of global efforts to address climate change. — Bernama photos

carbon footprint. From turning a vehicle's ignition key and operating office air-conditioning systems to consuming electricity from the national grid, carbon emissions occur silently without ever being recorded in an organisation's vouchers or financial records," he said.

However, under the carbon economy, the focus is on organisations and companies that must pay for their respective carbon emissions. According to Brahim, the Greenhouse Gas Protocol classifies these emissions into three scopes.

Scope 1 covers emissions from sources owned or directly controlled by an organisation, such as fuel burned by company vehicles or factory machinery.

Scope 2 refers to emissions generated from purchased energy supplied by utility providers and consumed by the company.

Scope 3 covers other indirect emissions occurring throughout a company's value chain, including business travel by employees, third-party logistics and the use of products sold to customers.

He said the Sabah government must first establish data covering all three scopes.

"Without baseline data for Scopes 1, 2 and 3, public and private organisations in Sabah could face unexpected costs and financial crises once carbon taxes are finalised and implemented," he stressed.

At the same time, he challenged the popular notion that planting trees automatically and completely absolves an industry's carbon emission 'sins'.

Citing the carbon emissions of a local airline in 2024, Brahim said the company carried 63 million passengers that year and, based on his calculations, would need to plant approximately 900 million trees to fully offset its GHG emissions for the year.

"Planting 900 million trees



Ahmad Shakani Abdullah

would require 360,000 hectares of land, equivalent to four-and-a-half times Singapore's land area. This is simply impossible when we consider land availability and the time required," he said.

He therefore maintained that the best way to address carbon emissions was for organisations to reduce them directly at source across Scopes 1, 2 and 3.

Brahim cited UMS' implementation of a solar parking project, which has reduced utility bills and dependence on grid electricity, thereby helping to lower carbon emissions.

"The basic formula is simple. First, measure what falls within the respective scopes, and only then can it be managed effectively," he said.

Developing ESG data

Taking a broader view, UMS Faculty of Business, Economics and Accountancy lecturer Ahmad Shakani Abdullah said Sabah's main constraints were not a lack of policies, but siloed working practices among government agencies and the absence of a comprehensive ESG database.

"We take pride in our rich forests and seas, but where is the accurate data that meets international reporting standards?" he asked.

He proposed four strategic measures: establishing a Sabah ESG data hub; providing green and blue incentives through tax exemptions and matching



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grants; strengthening public-private partnerships (PPPs); and introducing digital ESG programmes for communities to enable grassroots participation, allowing them to contribute data and take ownership of their resources.

"Sabah's economy is transitioning from an extractive model that exploits resources, to a new economy that generates wealth through conservation, management and innovation," he said.

He also urged every government department to begin utilising the data already available within their respective agencies to support decision-making and help realise Sabah's ambition of becoming an Asean sustainability hub by 2035.

He said the green and blue economies should also develop in tandem to complement the carbon economy within the broader ESG framework, with digital technology serving as a key enabler.

"When all three are integrated through digital technology, we can achieve greater resource efficiency, data transparency, reduced carbon footprints and high-impact economic value," he said.

Ahmad Shakani also proposed

developing civic technology applications that would enable local communities to act as the 'eyes and ears' on the ground by reporting pollution and waste-related issues directly to the relevant agencies, thereby improving response efficiency.

Sustainable development

Addressing the broader economic picture, Institute for Development Studies (IDS) Sabah chief executive officer Datuk Dr Ramzah Dambul stressed that he was neither opposed to investors nor against economic growth.

Sabah undoubtedly needed major investments, factories, high-value industries and quality jobs. He said the government's concerted efforts to attract investors, particularly in emerging sectors such as the carbon economy, deserved full support.

However, he emphasised that the grassroots economy must also benefit and receive the same level of attention, urgency and facilitation in the state's pursuit of sustainable development.

"Today, we have built a strong ecosystem to support investors, and rightly so," Ramzah said, advocating the establishment of a parallel ecosystem to empower

social enterprises, cooperatives, community businesses and local champions so that both segments of the economy could grow together.

The fundamental challenge facing Sabah, he stressed, went beyond achieving economic growth; it was fundamentally a question of wealth distribution.

"This flaw in distribution creates a sobering paradox: Sabah boasts one of the highest gross domestic products (GDPs) in Malaysia, yet continues to face one of the country's most persistent poverty challenges," he said.

Ramzah clarified that the issue was not about choosing one economic path over another, as Sabah needed both. While the high-level economy served as an engine of overall growth, the grassroots economy ensured that wealth reached every segment of society.

This balance, he said, formed the foundation of sustainable development, anchored firmly in justice and equality.

"Growth matters, but growth without inclusion isn't progress," he said.

Ultimately, he said economic expansion would only be meaningful if it created opportunities for everyone and actively reduced inequality.

"Sabah cannot celebrate impressive economic figures on paper while leaving too many of its people behind."

Safeguarding the people

Meanwhile, Josue Sipin, 59, a customary leader in Kampung Kaparingan, Ranau, expressed concern that sudden regulations might be introduced and enforced in green areas surrounding his village once the carbon economy was fully implemented.

"We support it, but please do not subject communities and rural agencies to a sudden culture shock through stringent regulations, such as a blanket ban on collecting forest produce."

"Start with the simplest and most practical measures, such as allowing the collection of essential or non-threatened forest products," he said.

Nevertheless, he welcomed the basic 'Manage, Measure and Value' approach to ensure that community expenditure and energy consumption were systematically recorded.

He said that if these practices were adopted in daily life, much like managing a household, small local businesses would not be burdened when carbon taxes or standards were eventually introduced.

Awangku Zainal Awangku Bakar, 48, a community development leader in Pangi, Tenom, said most grassroots communities, particularly those in rural and remote areas, had yet to understand the true significance of the carbon economy in their daily lives.

"Many people do not realise that taking an e-hailing ride or flying on an aeroplane generates carbon emissions. They tend to ignore the issue because they do not understand whether ESG is genuinely beneficial or merely an additional cost," he said.

He therefore proposed that the government and academic experts engage directly with local communities to provide clear and easily understood explanations, rather than continually using technical terminology that could confuse villagers.

Zainal said rural communities needed guidance to understand that readiness to collect data and manage energy consumption was ultimately intended to safeguard their welfare and reduce their financial burden in the future. — Bernama

Major Limbang projects on track for completion in Q1 2027

LIMBANG: Two major infrastructure projects here are expected to be fully completed in the first quarter of 2027.

According to the Public Works Department (JKR) Sarawak, the Integrated Administrative Centre has reached 97.39 per cent physical progress, while the progress for Sungai Limbang Bridge, Sungai Bunut No 2 Bridge, and connecting roads projects stand at 94.18 per cent.

The figures were presented during a briefing for a delegation from JKR Labuan, which visited JKR Sarawak's Limbang Division recently.

The 32-member delegation was led by JKR Labuan director Mohd Faizul Mohd Ali Hanapiah.

JKR Limbang was represented by divisional engineer Louis Jonathan Philip and assistant divisional engineer Awangku Fakrulnizam Awang Madohi.

The visit allowed both sides to exchange knowledge, experience, and views on technical issues as well as



The visitors from JKR Labuan and JKR Limbang personnel are seen during a site visit.

solutions applied at project sites.

The discussions also covered office management and the

maintenance of buildings and roads.

Following the site visits, a friendly pickleball match

was held between the Labuan delegation and JKR Limbang staff to strengthen ties and encourage a healthy lifestyle.

'Budget 2027 gives more early education opportunities for autistic children'

KUANTAN: Access to appropriate early education and guidance is essential for autistic children, particularly those from low-income families and rural communities, to help them develop their potential early on.

In stating this, Malaysia Children Daycare Association founder and chairman Ng Chun Piew said against this backdrop, plans under Budget 2027 to build two Permata Kurnia centres in Pahang and Melaka and open 130 new Tabika Tunas Istimewa classes in rural areas nationwide, are expected to give more children access to education and support suited to their individual needs.

He said the initiatives could widen access to early guidance, but their success would hinge on appropriate facilities, trained teachers and quality services.

He added that stronger cooperation among the government, experts, parents and childcare providers was essential to ensure autistic children received the support they needed for their development and well-being.

"We hope the new centres and classes will be equipped with trained educators, appropriate facilities and quality services, with due consideration given to

the needs of families requiring assistance. Children are the future of the country, and every child deserves the opportunity to learn, grow and reach their full potential," he told Bernama.

Kindergarten operator Lim Suh Yin, 42, who has three children with special needs, also welcomed plans for dedicated centres for autistic children, noting they require specialised knowledge, skills and tailored teaching methods.

She said teachers must understand that each autistic child has distinct characteristics, behaviours and needs to ensure their learning and development are adequately supported.

"Caring for and understanding these children requires specific skills, as each child has different characteristics and needs and responds to different approaches.

Those without specialised training may struggle to understand autistic children's behaviour and identify suitable learning methods for them," she said.

She also stressed the importance of dedicated centres or classes with trained educators and professional support to promote the development of autistic children. — Bernama



Hasbi greets members of the welcoming committee upon arrival at Dewan St Edmund.

Maintain progress momentum, preserve heritage, Bisaya community urged

MIRI: The Bisayas in Sarawak have made significant strides in education, economic development and professional careers despite their relatively small population.

Deputy Transport Minister Datuk Hasbi Habibollah said the community had produced many successful individuals in various fields, including medicine, engineering and other professions.

He said these achievements were a source of pride and demonstrated the community's ability to excel in various sectors, both in Sarawak and beyond.

"I am proud of the Bisaya community, many of whom have achieved success in Sarawak, the peninsula and outside Sarawak. Although there are about 10,000 Bisaya in the state, many have succeeded, both economically and educationally.

"They also hold senior positions in various fields, such as medicine, engineering and other professions," said the Limbang MP at the 2026 Bisaya Community Leaders and Village Chiefs (KMKK) Family Day in Dewan St Edmund here recently.

Adding on, Hasbi said the community's accomplishments in education, the economy and professional careers should inspire younger generations to pursue higher education,

acquire skills and develop their leadership capabilities.

He also stressed producing more educated and highly-skilled individuals was important in ensuring that the Bisaya community would continue to contribute meaningfully to the development of Sarawak, and of Malaysia.

Hasbi also emphasised the importance of preserving the community's cultural heritage and identity while advancing in various fields.

"Strong unity within the Bisaya community is essential to sustaining progress. The grassroots leadership plays a key role in bringing people together and addressing their welfare and development needs."

On the KMKK, he said the leadership should continue to be strengthened to ensure that the community's needs could be effectively conveyed to the relevant authorities.

"Maintaining close ties between generations is equally important to ensure the community's values, identity and cultural heritage would be passed on to future generations.

"I hope that the community's achievements, coupled with strong unity and effective grassroots leadership, would provide a solid foundation for continued progress," he added.

Continued devt of Bumiputera financial advisors assured — Lee

MIRI: Caretaker Minister of Transport Dato Sri Lee Kim Shin has reaffirmed longstanding support for the professional development of Bumiputera financial advisors, expressing hope that more individuals will benefit from education and career advancement opportunities.

Speaking at the National Association of Malaysian Life Insurance and Family Takaful Advisors (Namlifa) Miri Branch AKARD Award Night 2026 here Monday, Lee said he had supported the branch's Bumiputera development initiative for many years and wished to see it continue growing.

"To me, the Bumiputera development incentive is not simply about providing financial assistance. It is about investing in people and giving them the opportunity to build a better future," he said in his speech.

The Senadin incumbent also welcomed Namlifa Miri's plan of holding the Fellow Chartered Financial Practitioner (FChFP)



Lee (centre) and Lai, on his right, with the AKARD Million Dollar Agency Award recipients.

programme next year, meant to equip financial advisors with practical financial planning knowledge and professional skills.

"I hope that the beneficiaries of the initiative would eventually become successful financial professionals and mentors capable of guiding the next generation."

He also reminded financial advisors that their greatest achievement was not merely winning awards, but helping families secure their future.

"An award is a recognition of what

you have achieved. But the trust and appreciation of the families you have helped are rewards that can last a lifetime," he said.

Present at the awards ceremony were caretaker Deputy Minister of Tourism, Creative Industry and Performing Arts Datuk Sebastian Ting, Namlifa National Council first vice-president Jegatheesen Elanchelian, Namlifa Miri chairman Jack Pui Chaw Vui, and AKARD Award Night 2026 organising chairperson Lynn Lai.

The evening honoured 71

outstanding achievers with 77 AKARD awards and 11 Star Excellence awards.

Special recognition was also given to six AKARD Life Members: Alice Voon, Loo Chung Hon, Jenny Phua, Jack Pui, Sim Poh Giap and Phang Kit Ling, with each having qualified for AKARD Award at least 10 times.

Established in 2004 by Namlifa, the AKARD Award is the highest national recognition in Malaysia's life insurance and family takaful industry.

Bandar Kuching MP calls for greater focus on preventive healthcare

KUCHING: Preventive healthcare should be prioritised from an early age rather than waiting until illness strikes before seeking treatment, said Bandar Kuching MP Dr Kelvin Yil.

He said a shift from a treatment-focused approach to one that emphasised wellness was necessary in keeping people healthy throughout their lives and easing long-term pressure off the healthcare system.

"Most of us, including me, spend more money on curative care rather than wellness. That mindset has to shift, and that mindset shifts with each and every one of us," he said when met at a pelvic floor health awareness event here on

Sunday.

He said preventive healthcare was one of the key directions outlined in the Health Ministry's Health White Paper, developed in 2023 to identify reforms needed to future-proof Malaysia's healthcare system.

Yil, who served as special advisor to the Health Minister in 2023, said healthcare should go beyond treating illnesses in hospitals and clinics to helping people maintain their health through healthier lifestyles and early intervention.

Citing Japan as an example, he said the country's emphasis on healthy living offered lessons as Malaysia's population aged.

During a visit to Japan in 2023, he observed how the country

managed the healthcare needs of its ageing population.

He said healthier lifestyles could help older people remain active and reduce pressure on healthcare spending.

"Health starts the day you are born. It is not the day you retire," he said.

The event also highlighted pelvic floor health and urinary incontinence, an issue that can affect people at different stages of life, but is often overlooked because of embarrassment or the misconception that bladder control problems must simply be accepted.

Symptoms can include urine leakage when coughing or laughing, a sudden urge to urinate, and changes in bladder

control. Pelvic floor problems may occur after childbirth, with ageing, or following certain surgeries.

Yil said raising awareness of such issues was important to encourage people to take better care of their bodies and seek appropriate support.

He said technology could complement healthy living by providing additional wellness options for people with busy schedules. He also encouraged physical activities such as badminton, basketball and pickleball.

He stressed that wellness should remain a continuous commitment rather than something people consider only when health problems arise.

Riam Hill International Secondary School to host Open Day 2026 this Saturday

MIRI: Riam Hill International Secondary School (RHISS) will open its doors to the public for its highly anticipated Open Day 2026, to take place at its campus along Jalan Riam Willow here this Saturday (Oct 31), open from 9am to 1pm.

The event promises a vibrant, community-centred and action-packed day designed to showcase the school's global educational landscape and diverse student talents.

"The open day aims to give families, prospective students, and the local community a closer look at the Cambridge International School framework while offering an array of interactive attractions," said the organiser in a statement.

Among the highlights will be a Rubik's Cube competition, where



Teachers and students of RHISS welcome all to the school's Open Day 2026 this Oct 31.

visitors can witness 'speed-cubing' demonstrations or put their own problem-solving skills to the test.

Moreover, they can also explore interactive displays highlighting the school's cutting-edge academic curriculum,

innovative science projects, and award-winning co-curricular clubs.

There will also be live music,

cultural dances and theatrical showcases lined up by the current student body.

"There will be a student-led live radio show, where the visitors can experience how RHISS builds communication and media skills in a real-world setting.

"There will also be guided classroom visits, with classrooms decorated to showcase the history and culture of different countries, as well as themed photo booths where families and friends can capture memorable moments.

"Food and merchandise sales will add to the festivities, and they can also purchase Riam Hill-themed memorabilia, apparel and souvenirs," read the statement.

Admissions for the upcoming

academic intake will also be open.

Special promotions will be available for registrations made on that day.

Admission to the open day is free, and all members of the public are warmly invited to bring their families and friends to enjoy the festivities.

As a premier institution offering the globally recognised Cambridge's International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) Programme, RHISS continues to foster critical-thinking and global citizenship.

For more information, updates or to register for the Rubik's Cube competition, visit the school's official Facebook page by searching 'Riam Hill International Secondary School'.

LPT3: Successful bidder to bear full devt cost — Nanta

KUALA LUMPUR: The 122-kilometre East Coast Expressway Phase 3 (LPT3) will be implemented through privatisation under a public-private partnership (PPP) arrangement via a competitive bidding process or Request for Proposal (RFP), with the successful bidder bearing the full development cost.

Works Minister Dato Sri Alexander Nanta Linggi said the proposed alignment, stretching from Kampung Gemuruh in Terengganu to Tunjong in Kelantan, would complement LPT1 and LPT2 in connecting Pahang, Terengganu and Kelantan.

He said the project's Statement of Needs (SON) had been submitted to the Public Private Partnership Unit (Ukas) under the Prime Minister's Department to prepare the RFP documents before they are submitted to the Cabinet for consideration and a decision.

"The proposal is currently at the RFP document preparation stage," he said when winding up the debate on the Supply Bill 2027 at the policy stage for the Works Ministry in the Dewan Rakyat yesterday.

Nanta said the government's current priority was to ensure that the Central Spine Road (LTU) and Kota Bharu-Kuala Krai Highway (KBKK) projects progressed smoothly and were completed on schedule.

For the 70.4-kilometre KBKK project, he said overall physical progress had reached 78.80 per cent, with the Pasir Hor-Kadok stretch fully completed.



Nanta addresses the Dewan Rakyat. — Bernama photo

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Dato Sri Alexander Nanta Linggi

"The remaining five packages are under construction and are expected to be completed in 2027.

"The Kelantan section of the LTU, comprising 10 sub-packages worth RM3.08 billion from Kuala Krai to Gua Musang, is expected to be fully completed by 2028," he added.

On delays to LTU Package 3, involving Sections 3B and 3C, Nanta said the appointment of a replacement contractor was in the final stage of the procurement process.

He said the Letter of Acceptance is targeted for

issuance by mid-November 2026, subject to Finance Ministry approval.

"This will allow construction work to resume and the remaining work to be completed according to the revised schedule," he said.

Meanwhile, Nanta said four of the 35 work packages under the 706-kilometre Pan Borneo Highway Sabah project had been completed, while the remaining 31 were targeted for completion in stages by 2030.

He said physical progress had reached 89.54 per cent for Phase 1A and 25.53 per cent for Phase 1B.

For 2027, the Works Ministry has been allocated RM1.146 billion for operating expenditure, an increase of 5.6 per cent, and RM9.736 billion for development expenditure, up 3.0 per cent from RM9.607 billion in 2026. — Bernama



The creative duo with collectors, artisans, students and their friends and families gather for a group photo at the launch in Ruang Tamu Ekosistem Alamesra.

Sabahan creative duo take street fashion brand beyond local market

KOTA KINABALU: Creative partners Harold Egn and Chris Pereira are looking to take their street fashion brand, EGNism, beyond the local market following the recent launch at Ruang Tamu Ekosistem Alamesra.

The event, attended by collectors, artisans, students, friends and family, took the form of a forum moderated by Sabahan podcaster Stevell Lumbasi.

During the session, the duo expressed gratitude to those who supported the project and shared the challenges they faced in turning EGNism into reality.

According to Harold, the idea for the brand first emerged

in 2006, during his early years as an artist, but only became achievable in recent years after they had found the right connections to realise their ideas and designs.

Chris oversees the brand's marketing and technical aspects, while Harold is responsible for its creative direction.

Chris also handles videography and photography to promote EGNism, with the duo collaborating with various companies, groups and individuals to develop their products.

Although the process may appear largely do-it-yourself, these collaborations have helped them work towards producing

merchandise that meets their expectations.

"We plan to expand our range of artistic merchandise, with products expected to be available to the public soon," they said.

EGNism aims to become a sustainable brand with a presence beyond the local market.

It has already secured a physical retail platform in Plymouth, the UK, to sell its merchandise.

The opportunity marks a step towards introducing the Sabahan creative label to an international audience while continuing to develop its identity through street fashion and artistic expression.

treatment at HRPB and was granted three days of medical leave.

Socso said it would continue monitoring Zaharatulhayat's condition and assess her needs if she had not fully recovered and required an extension of her medical leave.

The organisation added that Nur Afiradina, who did not have Socso contributions, would be referred to relevant agencies through its Social Synergy Programme so that appropriate assistance could be considered based on her needs and eligibility.

The accident occurred at about 5.45am when the car transporting

Mydin expands market access for local entrepreneurs

SUBANG JAYA: Mydin Mohamed Holdings Bhd (Mydin) is strengthening its support for local entrepreneurs by expanding market access for small and medium enterprises (SMEs), small industries and entrepreneurs with disabilities.

The commitment was highlighted at the launch of the 'Jom Malaysia: Ikon Lokal' campaign at Mydin USJ Subang Jaya recently.

Organised by the Domestic Trade and Cost of Living Ministry (KPDN), the campaign aims to increase exposure for local products and create more opportunities for entrepreneurs to reach consumers.

Mydin managing director Datuk Wira Dr Ameer Ali Mydin said market access was crucial in helping entrepreneurs increase sales and grow their businesses sustainably.

He said entrepreneurs needed not only to produce quality goods, but also to seize marketing

opportunities, improve product competitiveness and understand consumer needs.

"It is not easy for small entrepreneurs to grow their businesses. Some have quality products with strong potential but need opportunities to introduce them to a wider market.

"Mydin itself started from a wooden shop. That experience taught us that opportunities, hard work and determination are important elements in building a business," he said in his opening speech.

Ameer said Mydin would continue working with various parties to expand market access for local products, adding that the company understood the challenges entrepreneurs faced in managing operating costs, competing in the market and increasing sales.

The campaign featured 16 entrepreneurs from NS Choice and the 'Halal Kotej Go Global'

programme under the Negeri Sembilan Islamic Religious Affairs Department, showcasing local products and the state's unique offerings.

Ameer said the collaboration meant to raise awareness of local products and create wider business opportunities through cooperation between the government, private sector and entrepreneurial community.

The programme also involved Selangor Youth Community to encourage seven entrepreneurs with disabilities to participate in business and economic activities, with Mydin contributing RM500 in cash vouchers to each of them.

Ameer said entrepreneurs with disabilities needed opportunities to demonstrate their capabilities alongside appropriate assistance.

"With market access and appropriate support, they can develop their businesses and achieve a more independent life," he added.



(From left) Ameer with Tourism Malaysia deputy director general (Promotion II) Samuel Lee and others in a promotional photo call with Visit Malaysia 2026 mascots.

Jelajah Lokal Treasure Hunt targets boost in domestic tourism

SUBANG JAYA: Mydin Mohamed Holdings Bhd (Mydin), in collaboration with Tourism Malaysia and strategic partners, has launched the 'Jelajah Lokal Treasure Hunt' to encourage domestic tourism and also showcase attractions across the country.

Launched at Mydin USJ Subang Jaya last weekend, the programme involved the participants embarking on the first leg of the competition to Mydin MITC in Melaka.

The treasure hunt comprised three legs: Mydin Subang Jaya to Mydin MITC in Melaka on Oct 24; Mydin Gopeng RTC to Mydin Bukit Mertajam in Penang this Oct 31; and Mydin Kuala Terengganu to Mydin Tunjong in Kelantan on Nov 7.

Each leg involves 50 teams,

consisting of four participants aged 18. The programme offers a total prize pool of RM45,000.

Other strategic partners of the programme include Tabung Haji Travel and Services, Sunway Lagoon, Lost World of Tambun, Setel, Atome and Malaysia Hunt Club.

In his remarks, Mydin managing director Datuk Wira Dr Ameer Ali Mydin expressed his hope that through Jelajah Lokal Treasure Hunt, more Malaysians would take the opportunity to explore local destinations and appreciate the diverse attractions available in the country.

"The collaboration with Tourism Malaysia and our strategic partners is also important in expanding domestic tourism promotion and creating engaging experiences for

participants," he said.

Beyond tourism promotion, the programme also incorporates Mydin Prihatin, the company's corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative, with RM15,000 allocated to provide food boxes to 150 low-income (B40) households across the three participating areas.

Each RM100 food box will benefit one household, with 50 families receiving assistance in each location.

For the first leg in Melaka, the beneficiaries were identified in collaboration with relevant parties in the Hang Tuah parliamentary constituency.

Another 50 families will benefit during the Bukit Mertajam leg, while a further 50 will receive assistance during the final stop in Kelantan.

Journalists injured in Menglembu crash eligible for rehabilitation assistance, says Socso

KUALA LUMPUR: Two female media practitioners injured in a road accident in Menglembu, Ipoh on Sunday are eligible for rehabilitation equipment assistance from the Social Security Organisation (Socso) to support their recovery.

In a statement, Socso said both journalists were covered under the Employees Social Security Act 1969 through the 'Lindung Pekerja' scheme.

The incident was classified as an employment injury as they were travelling to carry out official assignments.

Malaysian National News Agency (Bernama) journalist Nur Afiradina Arshad, 34, sustained

neck injuries requiring a neck support device. She also suffered body cuts and a swollen leg due to a sprain.

Socso said Nur Afiradina, who received treatment at Raja Permaisuri Bainun Hospital (HRPB), was discharged on Sunday and granted one month of medical leave.

"The organisation will provide suitable rehabilitation equipment for her after receiving the medical report from her doctor," it said.

Meanwhile, The New Straits Times journalist Zaharatulhayat Mat Arif sustained swelling to her cheek and both hands.

She received outpatient

both journalists was stopped at a traffic light junction near Taman Kledang Permai before being hit from behind by a lorry, causing their vehicle to spin several times.

They were travelling from Ipoh to Bagan Datuk to cover an official programme involving Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi.

Socso said the two journalists did not need to visit its offices to manage their claims, as its Socso Prihatin Squad had promptly obtained their details following the incident to facilitate the processing of benefits.

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India orders evacuations as cyclone looms

KAKINADA, India: Indian authorities ordered nearly 100,000 people to evacuate homes in Andhra Pradesh and Odisha, ahead of a severe cyclone the national weather office expects to make landfall by Wednesday.

Neighbouring Nepal and Sri Lanka have also issued weather warnings.

Cyclone Arnab is forecast to hit India's southwestern Andhra Pradesh coast as a "very severe cyclonic storm", with gusts of up to 150 kilometres per hour on Wednesday morning, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said in a bulletin.

Torrential rain lashed the coast in the port city of Kakinda as heavy waves crashed on shore.

"I've never seen anything like this before," Kotesk Kumar, 35, told AFP, adding the government warned people to stock up on groceries.

"There was a cyclone here three years ago, but the water didn't rise this much."

Cyclones, called hurricanes in the North Atlantic and typhoons in the Pacific, are a regular menace in the Bay of Bengal and northern Indian Ocean.

The storm season, however, has been turbocharged by the El Nino weather phenomenon

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Kotesk Kumar

that has caused unprecedented warming.

Neighbouring Sri Lanka, meanwhile, closed schools with warnings of torrential rain, with the island's Department of Meteorology warning storms could trigger flash floods and mudslides.

The military has been placed on alert, Colombo's Disaster Management Centre said.

Indian media reported that as many as 50,000 people have been told to move to safe areas in Andhra Pradesh, and 48,000 in Odisha.

Nepal's disaster authority issued a warning on Tuesday, saying that as the storm travels inland towards the Himalayas - likely overnight Thursday - it will bring heavy rainfall as well as "a high risk of heavy snowfall, snowstorms and avalanches".

It called on tourists to avoid travelling to high mountain areas and advised those already there to remain in safe locations.

Nepal is still recovering from a catastrophic Aug 26 flood sparked by a glacial mountain collapse, which swept away more than 1,400 people and left over 5,000 missing. India's weather bureau said it expects the cyclone to result in "total destruction" of thatched houses and create localised flooding, uprooting of power and communication poles, and "widespread damage" to standing crops.

In Kakinada, police barricaded roads leading to the sea.

Andhra Pradesh State Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu ordered the storm to be "constantly monitored and advance precautions taken", his office said in a statement on Monday.

"Adequate shelters and evacuation arrangements have been made," New Delhi's Cabinet Secretariat said in a statement.

The neighbouring Indian state of Odisha opened 1,735 cyclone shelters and imposed restrictions



People carrying umbrellas along the Bay of Bengal coast during rainfall in Andhra Pradesh's Kakinada ahead of Cyclone Arnab's expected landfall. — AFP photo

on movement in landslide-prone zone areas, the state's information office said.

Local media reported that Andhra Pradesh authorities ordered evacuations in key, low-lying areas and shut "all educational institutions" in some districts from Tuesday until Saturday.

Over 4,700 pregnant women residing in potentially dangerous sites were moved to hospitals, according to The Indian Express newspaper. — AFP

UN: World's climate pledges would cut emissions a tenth of what's needed

WASHINGTON, United States: The latest climate pledges put forth by nations will cut global greenhouse gas emissions just six percent by 2035, a UN report said Tuesday, weeks before COP31 talks in Turkey.

That is a tenth of the roughly 60 percent reduction from 2019 levels that scientists say is needed to limit warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius, significantly down from last year's estimate after the United States withdrew from the Paris Agreement.

The report by UN Climate Change is a synthesis of 154 countries' nationally determined contributions (NDCs)—obligatory submissions under the 2015 Paris deal — received between January 2024 and August 2026, covering 71 per cent of global emissions.

It found that if the countries fully implemented their plans and also met conditional targets, emissions cuts would still amount to just nine percent.

The UN last year estimated a 10 per cent cut by 2035, but that was before a large number of NDCs had come in, leaving it to model the missing pledges, and before the US was taken out of the equation.

Under President Donald Trump, the US has left the Paris Agreement for a second time and is pursuing policies that heavily



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favor fossil fuels.

Last week, the United Nations Environment Programme found that global commitments to cut planet-heating emissions put the world on course for 2.6 degrees Celsius warming this century.

"With its focus on practical measures to support greater implementation," the COP31

global greenhouse gas emissions need to fall by 60 per cent from 2019 levels by 2035.

For pathways to limiting warming to below 2 degrees Celsius — the Paris Agreement's fallback goal — emissions would need to fall by 37 per cent by 2035.

Scientists warn that every additional fraction of a degree above 1.5 degrees Celsius increases extreme weather events and the likelihood of irreversible changes to the planet, from dying coral reefs to melting permafrost.

The world has already warmed roughly 1.4 degrees Celsius relative to pre-industrial times, and crossing 1.5 degrees Celsius is expected in a matter of years.

In another report released on Tuesday, the UN found that progress has been made in increasing financing to curb warming, but it still falls far short of what is required.

Global climate finance flows reached an average of US\$1.9 trillion per year in 2023 and 2024 — a 32 per cent increase compared with 2021 and 2022 — driven largely by private investment in low-emission technology, including renewable electricity generation, and private household investment in electric vehicles and heat pumps. — AFP

Dementia accounts for over 10 pct of deaths in Australia

SYDNEY: Dementia, including Alzheimer's disease, accounted for more than 10 per cent of all deaths in Australia in 2025 and remained the country's leading cause of death, according to official data released on Tuesday, reported Xinhua.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) said 19,019 people died from dementia in 2025, accounting for 10.1 per cent of all registered deaths, up from 18,291 in 2024.

Ischaemic heart diseases remained the second-leading cause of death, claiming 16,228 lives, or 8.6 per cent of the total. The mortality rate for the disease fell to its lowest level since official records began in 1968.

Cerebrovascular diseases, lung cancer and chronic lower respiratory diseases rounded out the five leading causes of death, which together accounted

for 33.3 per cent of all registered deaths.

A total of 188,421 deaths were registered across Australia in 2025, an increase of 1,153 from the previous year.

However, the age-standardised mortality rate fell from 507.8 to 495.5 deaths per 100,000 people, indicating a return towards pre-pandemic mortality trends, the ABS said.

Over the past decade, deaths caused by dementia increased by 37.3 per cent, while those from ischaemic heart diseases and cerebrovascular diseases declined by 16.2 per cent and 12.1 per cent, respectively.

The report also showed that accidental falls rose to the seventh-leading cause of death in 2025, with 5,519 fatalities, an increase of 59.5 per cent compared with 2016. — Bernama-Xinhua

Climber dies in 1,500m fall on Nepal mountain

KATHMANDU, Nepal: A German climber fell about 1,500 metres (4,920 feet) to his death on Monday, a day after reaching the summit of Ama Dablam mountain, according to a trekking company operator.

Wolfgang Waschiczek, 57, was reported missing from Camp 3, which lies at around 6,200 metres. He had been resting after reaching the 6,812-metre summit

on Sunday, before his planned descent.

"After a successful summit, he spent a night at Camp 3 on Sunday, and on Monday morning, his guide found him missing," Gokul Thapa, head of the trekking company Real Himalaya, told AFP.

Waschiczek's body was spotted by another Sherpa at Camp 2 at around 8am on Monday. — AFP

Climate-threatened Fijian utopia rejects calls to relocate

SERUA ISLAND, Fiji: As the sun sets over Fiji's tiny Serua Island, its climate-threatened inhabitants soak in one of the reasons they have rejected attempts to relocate their village — the "US\$100 million views".

The island looks like a utopia from the mainland, two steep palm-covered knolls sandwiching its low-lying centre, flanked by coral reefs and rich fishing grounds.

But it is on the island itself that the risk from rising seas becomes clearer, with a concrete sea wall providing the only defence against waves that are already swamping homes.

"The stronger the air pressure, the higher the waves. So the waves wash through inside the village," Serua Island resident Avenai Ranuku told AFP.

Dozens of homes are in harm's way when cyclones hit Fiji, as are vegetable crops and graves.

Water laps at the feet of concrete piles where homes and a hospital once stood on the island's eastern end, and two homes were also moved from the western side where land has been washed away.

Despite the risks, most residents say they would rather strengthen the island's defences



Photo shows an aerial view of Serua Island in Fiji. — AFP file photo

than abandon their ancestral home.

Ranuku remembers when category five cyclone Winston hit as a child and the island's population moved up one of the island's peaks to take shelter.

"Terrifying," Ranuku said of that night.

"All of the villagers, when the chief mention it, we go up. No one left behind. We help everyone, carry everything from the house, food. This is our evacuation plan."

Safe on higher ground, Ranuku could hear "waves going around, and the roof of the houses being washed away".

From that same haven on the

hill, Ranuku explained why the threat of cyclones and sea level rise doesn't deter people from living on the island.

"We love this island, you know. Fresh air, go out fishing every day, that's why they don't want to leave."

"Many people used to say, they go to that house on the hill to see the sunset, it's a US\$100 million view."

Serua Village worked with Habitat for Humanity in 2025 to write a detailed disaster risk reduction plan, as most of the population rejected calls for it to relocate.

Instead residents wanted to protect their ancestral home and

the culture linked to it.

The report found nearly 20 percent of homes on the island were in critical condition, and just three houses were strong enough to withstand a cyclone.

"Serua Island experiences more frequent seawall overtopping during high tides and king tides, saline intrusion affecting soil fertility, and standing water after rainfall, elevating health risks," the report said.

"The assessment shows there is a lack of natural form of wave breakers on Serua Island, and it is constantly threatened by sea level rise and cyclones."

"More than 50 percent of houses have a combination of

unstable foundations and roofs, and weak joints, walls, and bracing, making these homes most vulnerable to cyclones and severe weather events."

On receiving the report, the village wasted no time in working to strengthen its resilience.

During AFP's visit in October, dozens of workers were renovating homes along the northern coastline.

Flimsy walls and corrugated iron roofing were being removed and taken by boat to the mainland.

Some homes had already been raised to mitigate flood risk, and others would soon follow.

The report also recommended improving access to the island by building a more robust path.

During low tide, it is possible to walk the 750 metres to the island, guided by a string of power lines protruding from the sea floor.

But at high tide the only access is by boat, and even then the report said work is needed to make docking on the island safer and easier.

It is work Ranuku said his village is committed to.

"Why would we want to leave?", he said, looking across the water to Fiji's Coral Coast. — AFP

Jordan strikes militant groups in Syria after church attack

AMMAN: The Jordanian military said it had struck "terrorist organisations" in neighbouring Syria on Monday in retaliation for a deadly jihadist attack on a church last week, hours after authorities arrested three men they accused of the killings.

It said air force jets had "destroyed several terrorist positions" and killed and wounded "numerous members" of groups linked to the perpetrators of the church attack.

Syrian authorities reported civilian casualties from the raids, with health officials in Daraa province saying six people, including three children and a woman, were killed.

Syria's civil defence agency reported seven deaths in total.

On Friday, gunmen killed nine people during a funeral service at the Greek Orthodox St George's Church in the village of Hammoud in Karak governorate, southern Jordan.

Karak is home to a significant Christian community in Muslim-majority Jordan. — AFP

Australia warns of ‘unprecedented’ AI threat

SYDNEY: Artificial intelligence poses an "unprecedented" threat as foreign governments turn it loose to hack computer networks and critical infrastructure, Australia's cyber security agency warned on Tuesday.

The Australian Signals Directorate said rapidly advancing artificial intelligence models could be of huge benefit if harnessed for good, even using some AI tools to compile its own annual 'cyber threat' report.

But recent months had also shown how AI was helping criminals and state-sponsored hackers launch attacks at "greater scale than ever before", the directorate said in the report.

"AI has been the defining force in the cyber threat landscape over the past year, allowing malicious actors to find vulnerabilities faster and exploit them at unprecedented scale, speed and sophistication," the report read.

"In recent weeks, new threats have emerged from the unintended actions of AI agents



File photo shows the letters AI for Artificial Intelligence on a laptop screen (right) next to the logo of the Chat AI application on a smartphone screen in Frankfurt am Main, western Germany. — AFP photo

and model testing."

Global worries about the power of advanced AI tools are mounting after a string of hacking incidents involving models from leading developers such as OpenAI and Anthropic.

The report documented a stark increase in cyber security incidents.

The Australian Signals Directorate issued more than 4,400 warnings about potentially malicious activity over the past year – an 80 per cent increase compared to the prior 12 months.

"State-sponsored cyber actors continued to target Australian organisations primarily to gain access to sensitive or non-public

information.

"This activity extends beyond government networks, and includes critical infrastructure entities, private businesses and individuals."

The report said hackers linked to China, Russia and North Korea had targeted Australia or its allies in recent times.

Defence Minister Richard Marles said the nation could not ignore the AI revolution.

"AI is here and it's real. People need to engage," he told reporters.

"There's no turning the clock back in relation to that. Malicious actors are using AI to find vulnerabilities in systems."

Marles urged Australians to update their computers and "harden their systems".

Governments and firms have in recent days been rushing to fix critical flaws in a programming language that runs a large share of the world's websites.

The vulnerability was found using a powerful model from OpenAI. — AFP



File photo shows a person watching a news feed running a Russia's FSB security service footage of the operation to detain a Japanese journalist accused of espionage, on a smartphone in Moscow. Japanese officials have met a journalist detained in Russia for the first time since his arrest on spying accusations. — AFP photo

Japan says officials met detained reporter in Russia

TOKYO: Japanese officials have met a journalist detained in Russia for the first time since his arrest on spying accusations earlier this month, Tokyo has said.

Officials from Japan's embassy in Russia "conducted a consular meeting" with the reporter and "confirmed that the individual has no health issues", Japan's foreign ministry said in a statement late Monday.

Russian authorities had earlier said journalist Yuki Imai had been arrested on Sakhalin, an island in Russia's Far East, on suspicion of conducting espionage activities.

"The Government of Japan strongly urges the Government of the Russian Federation to release the Japanese national immediately and to extend humanitarian consideration as well as fair and impartial

treatment," the foreign ministry statement said.

Moscow has also accused Japan of the widespread use of journalists for espionage, an allegation denied by Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi.

Imai's employer, Hokkaido Shimbun newspaper, has also stressed its independence from the Japanese government.

The two countries have a decades-old dispute over the status of a string of islands in the Pacific Ocean, off the northeast coast of Japan and to the southwest of Sakhalin. Japan has also imposed sanctions on Russia after its invasion of Ukraine.

Russia has detained several citizens of what it calls "unfriendly" countries in recent years, accusing them of working for Western intelligence services. — AFP

Experts warn of effects of oil slick seen on UAE beach

DUBAI: An oil slick in the Gulf has reached a beach in the United Arab Emirates, AFP video showed on Tuesday, with experts warning it could threaten desalination plants as it spreads.

UAE authorities last Friday said they had "detected a tanker oil spill affecting Umm Al Quwain's beaches", referring to an emirate north of Dubai.

By Tuesday morning, footage shot by AFP showed workers cleaning up oil on the emirate's beaches, which had earlier been shut by authorities along with other beaches in the country.

Satellite images taken on Oct 21 and analysed by AFP show what appears to be a slick of about 180 square kilometres in that area. Three days later images showed it had quadrupled in size to about 750 sq km.

Experts from NGOs including Dutch peace group PAX said the tanker GEM NO.2 spilled oil after it was attacked on Oct 9.

They warned the slick could affect operations at UAE desalination plants, crucial for supplying water to the Gulf country.

"Satellite imagery from Oct 26 shows oil slicks a few hundred metres away from the intake of the Naqaa desalination plant. It remains unclear to what extent this will affect the process at the plant itself," said Wim Zwijnenburg from PAX.

Greenpeace researcher Insaf Benzaki said: "As the spill moves closer to the beaches, the priority is to intensify containment and cleanup operations to minimise the risk of harm to natural habitats and coastal communities."

"The rapid response by UAE authorities and the intensive efforts underway to contain and clean up the oil spill are critical to limiting its potential impacts," she added.

The British maritime security agency UKMTO reported on Oct 9 that a vessel had been hit by a projectile off the UAE coast, causing a fire that was later brought under control.

Maritime security company Vanguard identified the vessel as the oil tanker GEM NO.2, sailing under a Panamanian flag. — AFP



A volunteer (right) assisting a woman with a nasal oxygen cannula at a shelter run by the Central Kalimantan Forest and Land Fire Smoke Response Coalition (RAKAT) to aid residents experiencing respiratory difficulties in Palangkaraya, Central Kalimantan province. — Photo by Reina/ AFP

Borneo residents struggle as island burns

PALANGKARAYA, Indonesia: Sudarsono shuddered as he inhaled from an oxygen tank while being evacuated from his small house in Palangkaraya on Indonesian Borneo, yellow, acrid wildfire smoke billowing all around.

The 57-year-old fell sick after going out with three friends days earlier to fight fires creeping closer to homes on the outskirts of the city in Central Kalimantan province, one of the regions hit hardest by months of blazes and haze.

"I wore a mask, goggles, everything, but I was surrounded by smoke. I went home since I couldn't take it anymore," the construction worker and farmer told AFP as he was being loaded into an ambulance to go to hospital last week.

Sudarsono's backyard had been blackened by flames, with only a few tree stumps and a cloying smoke left.

"I hope that there will be no more haze, that Central Kalimantan will be free from fires so people can feel safe, work and earn a living," Sudarsono

said before the ambulance doors closed.

He is among more than 11,000 people treated for respiratory infections in Palangkaraya during a months-long wildfire crisis that has also affected Indonesia's neighbours with toxic haze pollution.

More than 300,000 people in seven provinces were laid low by respiratory tract infections from August to October, according to Indonesia's health ministry.

At a nearby shelter run by NGOs in Palangkaraya, Alexandra Surya Habsari was treated with a nebuliser and oxygen for breathing difficulties and a headache.

"I'm really fed up, but I don't even know who I'm supposed to be angry with ... this is already way beyond what can be considered normal for a human being to endure," Alexandra told AFP.

The toxic smog emitted by wildfires contains harmful elements including formaldehyde, hydrogen cyanide and ammonia, as well as PM2.5 particles small enough to penetrate the lungs or

bloodstream.

The World Health Organisation has linked PM2.5 exposure to increased illness and death.

The Southeast Asian giant has for months struggled to contain fires that deforestation monitor Nusantara Atlas says have consumed more than 1.9 million hectares in the nine months to September.

The government has not confirmed or disputed the figure.

The health ministry said it has set up nearly 500 facilities countrywide where people can access free oxygen and treatment for haze-related ailments.

Nearly 300 of them are in Central Kalimantan, where the fires and the haze have been particularly bad.

The local government has also deployed buses with oxygen tanks around Palangkaraya.

Local health official Riduan, who like many Indonesians has one name, said the people most affected by respiratory ailments were aged between 17 and 59 – those who go out to work even in the toxic air. — AFP

US assigns first nuclear-powered submarine to Australian base

SYDNEY: The Pentagon has assigned the USS Colorado as the first US nuclear-powered attack submarine to join a rotating force to be based in western Australia.

The 115-metre Virginia-Class submarine, armed with land-attack missiles and sophisticated torpedoes, will sail to the new Australian base in late 2027, officials said Tuesday.

The deployment is a "significant milestone" in building up a joint US-Australia-UK deterrence in the Pacific under their AUKUS defence pact, the allies said in a joint statement.

The defence agreement, seen as a response to China's military buildup in the region, aims to equip Australia's navy with a fleet of stealthy nuclear-powered submarines and expand military cooperation between the three allies.

Australia does not permit foreign military bases on its

soil, but hosts US Marines for exercises for six months of the year in the northern city of Darwin.

The rotating force of nuclear-powered submarines – known as Submarine Rotational Force-West – is to be hosted at a naval base in Western Australia, HMAS Stirling.

The base is projected to host up to five fast-attack submarines – four from the United States and one from the UK – on a rotational basis.

It will help Australia prepare for operating and maintaining its own nuclear-powered submarines while supporting its allies' deployments and maintenance, the three countries said.

The rotating submarine force was the first "really big milestone" under the AUKUS agreement, Australian Defence Minister Richard Marles told news channel News24. — AFP

India media groups challenge new data privacy rules in top court

NEW DELHI, India: India's Supreme Court on Tuesday sought the government's response to a challenge by news publishers who say changes to data privacy rules threaten press freedom.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government introduced the rules last year to guide the law to strengthen personal data protection, but critics say their sweeping scope risks

undermining public interest reporting.

The new rules "fail to provide any exemption in favour of journalistic activity" and "threaten the full spectrum of journalistic activity", according to the petition by the Digital News Publishers Association (DNPA), which represents some of India's biggest news organisations. — AFP

Houthi official says Egypt's military support for Saudi declaration of war

SANAA: A Houthi official said Tuesday that the Egyptian parliament's decision to authorise military support for Saudi Arabia to defend against the Iran-backed group's attacks was a declaration of war.

The comment was part of a long statement reacting to a Monday visit to Tehran by the Saudi defence minister, alongside Pakistan's army chief and Turkey's intelligence chief, in a

bid to de-escalate tensions in the Middle East war.

"It is truly remarkable that while these people go to discuss what they call 'peace in the region', Egypt and its parliament declare support for the so-called defence of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and in doing so, declare war against the Republic of Yemen," said Mohammed Ali al-Houthi, a member of the Houthis' political bureau, in a Telegram

post.

Saudi Defence Minister Khalid bin Salman, Pakistan's army chief General Asim Munir and Turkey's intelligence chief Ibrahim Kalin attended the talks with Mohsen Rezaei, head of Iran's Supreme National Security Council.

They also met Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian.

Iran, Pakistan and Turkey recently signed a Nato-style defence pact in Mecca that says

an attack on one country is to be considered an attack on all three.

But since the Houthis ramped up attacks on Saudi Arabia earlier this month, the two other countries have not announced any strikes on the group.

Al-Houthi said the pact was "a clear and blatant act of aggression against the Islamic Republic of Iran", adding that the group was "not afraid of any alliance that may be formed".

In July, Yemen's conflict flared up again as a fragile 2022 truce fell apart after the Houthis allowed an Iranian plane to land in Yemen's capital Sanaa, in defiance of Saudi control over Yemeni airspace, setting off a spate of attacks.

The Houthis then declared a maritime blockade of Saudi Arabia and began hitting its ships, territory and oil facilities, before launching a major offensive

in September in which they seized Yemeni government-held territory along the Red Sea coast.

In response, the Houthis have reported frequent Saudi strikes targeting areas under their control.

In October, the Houthis ramped up their attacks on Saudi Arabia, forcing the cancellation of flagship events and a shutdown of Riyadh airport for two weeks. — AFP

Deeply divided Israel heads to elections

JERUSALEM: A deeply divided Israel headed to the polls on Tuesday for the first time since Hamas's Oct 7, 2023 attack, with voters delivering their verdict on veteran Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and the country's rightward drift.

Israelis are casting their ballots in the shadow of three years of multi-front regional wars triggered by Oct 7, with the trauma still fresh and questions over accountability and security central to the campaign.

The close-fought vote comes as Israel looks increasingly isolated on the world stage, driven by a devastating military campaign in Gaza, soaring settlement construction and violence in the occupied West Bank, along with a move towards hard-right religious nationalism.

The last opinion polls to be published showed Netanyahu, Israel's longest-serving prime minister, running neck and neck with his main centrist rival Gadi Eisenkot, a political novice and former military chief whose mild manner is seen as the antithesis of the incumbent.

"I want change in our country. I want a good democratic centrist government," Alexandra, 65, told AFP at a Jerusalem polling station, where a few dozen people waited to vote early in the morning.

Some 7.3 million people are eligible to vote, with hundreds of thousands of young people due to cast their ballot for the first time. Surveys show they

I want change in our country. I want a good democratic centrist government.

Alexandra

overwhelmingly identify as centre-right or right-wing.

Tens of thousands of Israelis are estimated to have flown in from abroad to vote in an election seen as crucial to deciding the future character of their country.

"I think this is one of the most important election days in the history of the state of Israel," Uriel Brandler, a 58-year-old real estate agent, told AFP in Jerusalem the day before the vote, saying he hoped for change.

Netanyahu, 77, has served as Israel's prime minister on and off for more than 19 years.

The wily political operator focused heavily on his security credentials during his campaign, playing on his relationship with US President Donald Trump and insisting he is the only one who can keep Israelis safe.

In the years since Oct 7, Netanyahu led multiple wars that have seen Israeli forces reduce Gaza to rubble, occupy southern Lebanon and for the first time pummel arch-foe Iran with US help.

At home, Israelis have faced bombardment from Iran, Hamas, Lebanese militant group Hezbollah, and Yemen's Houthi rebels.

Zipporah Bennett, an 85-year-

old retiree, said she was voting for Netanyahu "because he has had the experience of navigating the country through a lot of difficult seasons", praising his support from the US and adding: "He's a man who's not afraid to take action."

Netanyahu returned to power in December 2022, bringing into his coalition far-right ultra-nationalists who have since seen their political clout skyrocket.

Wearing his trademark noose-shaped lapel pin, far-right National Security Minister Itamar Ben Gvir cast his ballot in the West Bank settlement of Kiryat Arba, where his supporters had set up banners and speakers.

The opposition has scorned Netanyahu for his backing of ultra-Orthodox parties fighting to keep exemptions for religious Jewish students from drafting into the military, which faces personnel shortages.

But one of the biggest criticisms levelled at the premier is his failure to take responsibility for the Oct 7 attack, the deadliest day in the country's history.

Eisenkot, 66, has pledged to establish an independent state commission of inquiry into the security failures that led to the attack, something Netanyahu's



A man casting his ballot to vote at a polling station in the Arab-Israeli town of Umm al-Fahm on the day of Israel's legislative election. — AFP photo

government has resisted.

Seeking to unseat the premier is an informal bloc of parties led by Eisenkot's Yashar and spanning from the right to the centre-left.

Eisenkot has vowed to prevent the creation of a Palestinian state and expressed support for Israeli settlements, but has promised to crack down on violent settlers.

Neither Eisenkot nor Netanyahu has publicly said

they would partner with the predominantly Arab lists, which represent some 21 percent of Israel's population and who could become kingmakers if the results are as close as expected.

Yousef Jabareen, who heads one of the Arab-majority lists, told AFP he hoped for a high turnout among his community to help topple Netanyahu's coalition, after voting in the northern town of Umm al Fahm.

Most polling stations will close at 10pm (2000 GMT).

Final results could take days to trickle in and it is highly unlikely that any single party will come close to the 61 seats needed for a majority in the 120-member parliament.

Cobbling together any coalition could take weeks or months, with possible new elections on the horizon if negotiations fail. — AFP



A man walking past a kiosk selling newspapers whose frontpage display the victory of Brazil's President Lula, a day after the presidential runoff election in Rio de Janeiro. — AFP photo

Bolsonaro party concedes Lula's election win

SAO PAULO: Flavio Bolsonaro's Liberal Party on Monday recognised the outcome of Brazil's presidential runoff, despite the candidate's objections to the poll won by leftist President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva.

Lula, who turns 81 on Tuesday, pulled off a dramatic comeback after trailing Bolsonaro in a first-round vote, a defeat which fired up the left on the streets and social media to secure him a fourth term in office.

In the end, Lula pulled around 4.4 million more votes than his rival on Sunday.

Bolsonaro, a right-wing senator and 45-year-old son of far-right former president Jair Bolsonaro, cried foul after polling was extended nationwide for two hours, at Lula's request, due to transport problems in some cities.

Though Bolsonaro maintained that he will seek annulment of the presidential election, his party later distanced itself from that position and opted to accept the official vote.

"We recognise the presidential election results, as proclaimed by the Superior Electoral Court (TSE), but we believe that the concerns raised need to be sufficiently addressed within a balanced and democratic political debate," the party said in a statement late Monday.

Flavio Bolsonaro had also requested polling stations stay open in some regions due to heavy rains, but he described the vote extension as "unacceptable" and a "dirty trick."

While congratulations rolled in for Lula from world leaders on both sides of the political divide, Trump, an ally of the Bolsonaro family, said the election "looked terrible to me."

"I didn't take sides but it looked like another rigged election frankly," he told reporters in Washington. "It looked so corrupt."

In a video posted to social media on Monday afternoon, Flavio Bolsonaro said police had ordered he surrender his passports, adding "I am now prohibited from

leaving the country."

He said the decision came from a Supreme Court justice, and was based on a comment by his US-based brother Eduardo Bolsonaro, who told a US podcast two days before the election that "if my brother does not win, I am in favor that he would leave the country."

Eduardo cited investigations against his brother.

Brazilian police are probing Flavio Bolsonaro for corruption over the financing of the biopic 'Dark Horse' about his father.

"I never had any intention of leaving the country. I will surrender my passports and defend myself against this travesty," Flavio Bolsonaro said.

The right-wing candidate also took up the mantle as "leadership of the opposition" in a separate statement.

Brazil's markets tumbled nearly 17 per cent and the dollar surged against the real in response to leftist Lula's re-election, as investors worried about fiscal discipline. — AFP

Ex-FBI chief and Trump critic James Comey hit with fresh charges

WASHINGTON, United States: Former FBI director James Comey has been charged with allegedly disclosing national defense information, the third criminal case brought against the outspoken critic of US President Donald Trump.

In a criminal complaint unsealed on Monday, Comey is accused of communicating the information in October 2016, when he was head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to a "person not entitled to receive it."

Comey was charged in September 2025 with making false statements to Congress and obstructing a congressional proceeding in what was widely seen as retribution by the Republican president against a political opponent.

A federal judge threw out the case on the grounds that the US attorney handicapped by Trump who brought the charges had been unlawfully appointed.

Comey was indicted again in April, this time for allegedly threatening Trump's life in an Instagram post that showed the



James Comey

numbers "86 47" spelled out in sea shells.

The Trump administration's Justice Department has claimed that '86 47' constitutes a threat to the president - '86' meaning to kill and '47' a reference to Trump being the 47th president.

Comey has denied threatening the president's life.

In the latest case, Comey is accused of directing an unidentified individual to "disclose national defense information to a reporter for a national news publication."

"They're back again," Comey said in a video posted on his Substack in response to the latest charges.

"It would almost be funny if it

weren't such an appalling abuse of the Department of Justice," he said. "I'm still innocent. I'm still not afraid of these people, and I still believe in the independent federal judiciary."

In a statement to US media, Comey's attorney, Patrick Fitzgerald, said the charges in the latest case had been investigated by prosecutors during the first Trump administration and "the Government determined that no charges should be brought against anyone."

"Mr Comey steadfastly maintains his innocence," Fitzgerald said.

The unsealing of the court documents came just hours after a US federal judge ruled that the July 2025 firing of Comey's daughter, Maurene Comey, a former federal prosecutor in New York, was unlawful.

Maurene Comey filed suit against the Department of Justice claiming she had been dismissed "solely or substantially" because of her father's criticism of Trump or "because of her perceived political affiliation and beliefs." — AFP

Human body parts found in Rhine river

GENEVA, Switzerland: Parts of a man's body were found in the Rhine river near Switzerland's border with Germany, police said, adding investigators suspect he may have been the victim of a violent crime.

The remains were found on Sunday after three men walking along the riverbank in the town of Stein, near Basel, spotted a bag floating in the water.

When they pulled it ashore, they found a human leg inside, Aargau cantonal police said.

Police later recovered several more bags containing other body parts during searches involving divers and a boat.

"Everything points to the individual having been the victim of a violent crime," police said, noting the circumstances of the killing and the identity of any suspect remain unknown.

Authorities have appealed for witnesses, and prosecutors have opened a criminal investigation. — AFP

Ukraine, Russia say US-brokered truce holding in ravaged city

KYIV, Ukraine: A local truce between Ukraine and Russia aimed at allowing humanitarian aid into the Russian-occupied city of Oleshky appears to be tentatively holding, hours after Russia fired missiles on a university campus in Kyiv.

Both sides said the ceasefire brokered by US First Lady Melania Trump had begun at 3am local time (0100 GMT) and was in effect through the morning.

AFP was not able to immediately verify whether there had been a decrease in fighting.

The war-ravaged city in Ukraine's southern Kherson region has been caught in middle of the fighting since 2022, when it was seized by Russian forces at the start of their invasion.

Former residents told AFP earlier this year that those remaining in the city were starving, lacked medicine and could not easily leave.

"In connection with preparations for a humanitarian operation in the area of Oleshky, Kherson Oblast, (Russian forces) have ceased fire in the Kherson sector and introduced a 'regime of silence'," Russia's defence ministry said on its Telegram channel overnight.

A spokesman for Ukraine's Marine Corps, Pavlo Drogal, told reporters that "the enemy is observing the ceasefire" as of 9am local time.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov also said there had been no reports of violations.

Kyiv's human rights

ombudsman Dmytro Lubinets said earlier on Telegram that "the sides are adhering to the agreements that we reached".

But elsewhere, Russia continued to pummel the rest of Ukraine with air barrages.

Ballistic missiles struck a university campus in Kyiv on Monday evening, damaging a dorm and wounding 12 people, including five students and university staff, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said.

Another strike hit the capital's Southern Bridge - a major transport artery - damaging infrastructure for the Kyiv metro.

In Russia, two people were killed "as a result of explosive devices being dropped" on the western city of Bryansk, regional acting governor Yegor Kovalchuk said.

The ceasefire in Oleshky comes as the Ukraine war grinds through its fifth year, with no signs of a broader end to the conflict.

Neither Russia nor Ukraine have said how long the truce will last.

The city, on the southern bank of the Dnipro River, was seized by Russian troops in 2022.

The population has since dropped from about 24,000 to around 2,000 today, including as many as 50 children, according to Ukrainian and US estimates.

Former residents told AFP earlier this year that remaining residents were starving, forced to hunt pigeons or subsist on whatever they had in their garden. — AFP

Drone strike on Sudan's Nyala kills 21, injures 40

KHARTOUM: A drone strike on a market in Nyala, the de facto capital of Sudan's paramilitary Rapid Support Forces in western Darfur, killed 21 people and wounded at least 40 others, a medical source and witnesses told AFP Tuesday.

One Nyala resident said a market in the city's north was struck by a drone on Monday

around 8pm (1800 GMT). Another said the market was frequented by young men, particularly RSF fighters.

"Twenty-one people were killed in last night's bombing, and more than 40 others injured," a medic at Nyala Hospital said, though he was unable to identify how many were RSF fighters.

Sudan's military, at war with

the RSF since April 2023, regularly strikes Nyala, where the RSF has declared a rival government to the army's internationally recognised one in Khartoum.

The war is currently being fought primarily via drones, with both sides launching sophisticated attacks from across the country, killing dozens of civilians at a time.

Sport

Cavs edge T'Wolves in OT despite superb Edwards

LOS ANGELES, United States: The Cleveland Cavaliers ended the Minnesota Timberwolves' perfect start to the NBA season, winning 127-125 in an overtime thriller despite 47 points from Anthony Edwards.

Donovan Mitchell and James Harden led the scoring for the victorious Cavs, with 26 and 19 points apiece, as Cleveland moved to 2-1.

"Tough win for us, especially early in the season," said Harden, who added four rebounds and nine assists.

The Timberwolves, having won their opening three games, led for much of the night, with a 15-point advantage in the first half.

Edwards, only cleared to play late after being listed as questionable with a right knee injury, had made an electric start, with 11 points in the first quarter.

But the Cavaliers rallied to pull level in the third quarter, and then had to come from behind again after slipping to a seven-point deficit in the fourth.

Harden's driving floater with 10 seconds remaining tied the game, and a blocked Edwards layup with four seconds left sent it to overtime at 113-113.

With just a minute left in overtime, Edwards tied the game again with a trey so close to the arc that a video replay was required.

But Mitchell re-established Cleveland's lead with a go-ahead midrange jumper, and when Minnesota's Jonathan Kuminga missed a free throw with 30 seconds left, the Cavaliers pulled clear.

Harden made two more free throws, leaving the Timberwolves requiring three points, but Edwards' clutch effort bounced off the rim.

Peyton Watson poured in two more free throws for Cleveland to bury the contest.



Peyton Watson (right) of the Cleveland Cavaliers blocks Anthony Edwards of the Minnesota Timberwolves during the fourth quarter at Rocket Arena. — AFP photo

This league is about winning games, and that's all that matters.

Shai Gilgeous-Alexander

"We made a lot of mistakes on both ends of the basketball in that first half... second half, we did a better job," said Harden.

Elsewhere, the Oklahoma City Thunder improved to 4-0 with a hard-fought 125-114 win over the Phoenix Suns.

Ajay Mitchell led the scoring with a career-high 30, supported by Shai Gilgeous-Alexander, who added 26.

"This league is about winning games, and that's all that matters,"

said Gilgeous-Alexander.

"We were just ready to go. Guys were ready to go. Guys were ready to step up," added the reigning NBA Most Valuable Player.

The Houston Rockets also stayed perfect with a 120-110 win over the Atlanta Hawks.

It is their first 4-0 start since 2014, with star Kevin Durant rested for the entire fourth quarter in an ultimately comfortable win.

Giannis Antetokounmpo recorded his first triple-double with new team Miami even as the Heat (0-4) suffered a 113-109 loss to the Dallas Mavericks.

Antetokounmpo, a two-time league MVP who left the Milwaukee Bucks this summer, scored 29 points with 14 rebounds and 11 assists.

Mavericks teen star Cooper Flagg also scored 29, with 11 assists, six rebounds and a career-high five steals.

The Grizzlies also improved to 4-0 with a 110-105 win over the Utah Jazz, while Brandon Miller scored 39 points as the Charlotte Hornets beat the Washington Wizards 110-103.

And the Golden State Warriors earned their first victory of the season with a 134-114 triumph over the Denver Nuggets.

Stephen Curry made 8-of-8 field goal attempts for 24 points.

"Just staying patient. We've been working on some offensive approach where I know I get a lot of attention, trying not to force things," he said.

"I didn't know it was going to be a perfect night like that, but glad it all came together." — AFP

Valkyries beat Dream to reach brink of WNBA title

SAN FRANCISCO, United States: Kiah Stokes and Veronica Burton each scored 13 points to spark Golden State over Atlanta 64-55 on Monday as the Valkyries reached the brink of winning the Women's NBA Finals.

Tiffany Hayes and reserve Cecilia Zandalasini each added 12 points for the Valkyries while Stokes and Burton each pulled down a team-best eight rebounds.

Golden State seized a 3-2 lead over the Dream in the best-of-seven championship series, which continues on Thursday in Atlanta.

"We're not done yet. We've got one more," Stokes said. "We need two hoops, 94 feet and each other and that's all we need."

The Valkyries, in only their second WNBA campaign, kept Dream star Angel Reese to seven points on 2-of-8 shooting, although she grabbed a game-high 15 rebounds.

Golden State dominated defensively, keeping Atlanta to a season low in points on 19-of-65 (29 percent) shooting from the floor.

"That has just been our staple all season. We really rely on our defense," Stokes said.

"They are tough. We have to make sure we're all doing our part. It's a team for a reason."

Stokes had a game-high four blocked shots and has had at least three blocks in every finals game.

Rhyné Howard led Atlanta with 20 points while Jordin Canada added 12.

In only their second WNBA campaign, the Valkyries have been a hit with spectators in the home arena of the NBA Golden State Warriors.

"You all are amazing," Stokes screamed to a cheering crowd moments after the triumph. "We couldn't do this without you all." — AFP



Kiah Stokes (right) and Veronica Burton of the Golden State Valkyries defend the shot of Allisha Gray of the Atlanta Dream. — AFP photo



Yamashita speaks at the press conference. — Bernama photo

Yamashita unfazed by pressure to defend LPGA Maybank title

KUALA LUMPUR: Defending champion Miyu Yamashita of Japan is relishing the opportunity to defend her title at the LPGA Maybank Championship, which tees off at the Kuala Lumpur Golf and Country Club (KLGCC) this week, and insists she is unfazed by the pressure.

The world number four, who has enjoyed an impressive season with multiple victories, said she was excited to return to the tournament after claiming the title last year.

The 25-year-old also hopes to put on another strong showing for Malaysian golf fans.

"I don't really feel much

pressure, and I've been really looking forward to playing here as the defending champion.

"So, I hope a lot of fans come out to watch us play in the tournament," she told reporters at a press conference here on Tuesday.

On the challenges posed by the KLGCC course, Yamashita said consistency would be crucial if she were to reproduce last year's winning performance.

"I think consistency with my shots is really important because there are a lot of tricky holes out there. So, I'll focus on hitting good second shots," she added. — Bernama

Sinner to play Saudi 'Kings Slam' in December

PARIS, France: Jannik Sinner has signalled he will return to action in the "Six Kings Slam" tournament in Riyadh, which has been rescheduled for late December due to the conflict with Yemen's Houthis.

The 25-year-old Italian currently ranked world No.1 has been out injured since winning Wimbledon in July. He also looked set to miss the Riyadh event, originally scheduled for October which organisers hope will go ahead on December 27-30.

Sinner shared a poster for the event Monday on his Instagram account featuring his image and the event name and dates but without further comment.

Sinner's 94 per cent winning

record in 2026 is the best of his career, even beating his figures from the previous two seasons in each of which he won two Grand Slams and the ATP Finals.

The tournament is expected to feature 24-time major champion Novak Djokovic, world No.2 Alexander Zverev, winner of the French Open and the US Open this season, and possibly seven-time major winner Carlos Alcaraz.

The 2027 Dakar Rally is the latest sporting event scheduled to take place in Saudi Arabia to be cancelled, postponed or relocated due to Houthi attacks on the country and the wider US-Iran war that erupted in February. — AFP

Nadal returns for Vegas hardcourt event

LOS ANGELES, United States: Rafael Nadal will return to hardcourt competition for the first time since his retirement in November 2024 in a one-night Las Vegas exhibition event next February, organizers announced on Monday.

The 40-year-old Spanish left-hander who won 22 Grand Slam singles titles will compete in "The MGM Slam" on February 28, 2027, at T-Mobile Arena.

Other players and a format for the event will be disclosed later.

Nadal, winner of a record 14 French Open singles titles, makes a hardcourt return in Vegas after playing in an exhibition event at his academy in Spain earlier this month.

Nadal played a 2024 match in Las Vegas against countryman Carlos Alcaraz.

"I remember how impressive it was to feel the energy of a full arena in a city like Las Vegas," Nadal said.

"Now I return in a different stage of my life, without the pressure of the tour but with the same passion for this sport. I have always loved competing, and even if my professional career is finished, that feeling never really goes away."

Earlier this year, eight ATP Tour stars played in a Vegas event where players competed in a 10-point tie-breaker format – with Brazilian teen Joao Fonseca winning the title. — AFP

Manchester United crisis deepens as Carrick faces axe

MANCHESTER, United Kingdom: Winless in eight games and hovering just above the Premier League relegation zone, struggling Manchester United are facing the prospect of yet another managerial change, with Michael Carrick likely to pay the price.

The former United midfielder was warmly applauded by fans as he made his way down the tunnel after his team's chastening 3-0 defeat by Bournemouth at Old Trafford on Sunday.

Moments later a chorus of boos erupted as the players left the pitch – with fans clear in their minds where the blame lies for United's current malaise.

Carrick was handed a two-year deal in May after inspiring an impressive revival following the team's struggles under Ruben Amorim – United secured third place in the Premier League and a return to the Champions League.

But a drastic decline this season is an all-too-familiar story for United supporters, who last witnessed a Premier League title



Carrick (right) brings on Lisandro Martinez during the match between Manchester United and Bournemouth at Old Trafford. — AFP photo

triumph 13 years ago under Alex Ferguson.

An emotional Carrick denied his lap of the pitch at full-time on Sunday was a goodbye as he struggles to come to terms with his team's precipitous decline.

"I definitely knew that we

hadn't cracked it and there was a lot of work to be done, but that doesn't mean to say that it should have gone this way," he said.

Carrick, 45, is clinging on but his position appears increasingly precarious, with former

Newcastle boss Eddie Howe and ex-Germany boss Julian Nagelsmann apparently in the frame for the job.

The United boss, who won multiple titles in the club's golden era under Ferguson, was the seventh permanent appointment since the Scot retired.

David Moyes was proven in the Premier League, Louis van Gaal and Jose Mourinho had stellar records and Erik ten Hag and Amorim were seen as rising stars of coaching.

Carrick is in the same category as Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, who was in charge for three years from 2018 – a sentimental choice as a former player who played a major role in the club's glory years under Ferguson.

"The Manchester United fans are singing the Michael Carrick song because I think they know what's going to happen here. They've seen this before. He's one of their own and he's popular," former United captain Gary Neville told Sky Sports.

"But the owners, the sporting department and the players are

not popular and they've badly let this football club down."

The problems at the club, as Neville points out, go far beyond the dugout.

Despite fierce, ongoing protests from fans, the US-based Glazer family still hold a majority stake in the club. Malcolm Glazer bought via a leveraged takeover in 2005, saddling United with huge debts. Any hopes that the arrival of British billionaire Jim Ratcliffe as a minority owner in 2024 would signal a new dawn have been dashed.

Ratcliffe has overseen cost-cutting measures including widespread redundancies and ticket hikes but the club's debt has still soared above £1.1 billion (US\$1.47 billion).

United, who for years bullied their rivals in the transfer market, lost out on the biggest names as they targeted a summer midfield rebuild, with Elliot Anderson, Sandro Tonali and Mateus Fernandes all choosing other clubs.

United instead recruited Carlos Baleba, Youri Tielemans and

Andrey Santos – none of whom have made a strong impression – for combined fees of about £150 million.

Significant rifts have emerged in recent weeks.

Lisandro Martinez criticised director of football Jason Wilcox for not doing more to strengthen Carrick's squad.

Last week captain Bruno Fernandes publicly questioned Carrick's tactics in a 4-1 humbling by Champions League debutants Como.

Carrick is expected to take the blame, but the route back to the top for one of the world's biggest clubs appears tougher than ever.

"It can't just be the manager again. There has got to be consequences above that. You can't keep letting the people pick the manager who keep getting it wrong," said Neville.

"It's years now without a Premier League title. That will be another five or 10 before you know it because there are other clubs set up for success and Manchester United aren't." — AFP

Kane beats Yamal to taste Ballon d’Or glory

LONDON: Harry Kane became England’s first Ballon d’Or winner in 25 years in his native city of London on Monday, beating Lamine Yamal and Kylian Mbappe.

Alexia Putellas claimed the women’s prize for a third time to extend Spain’s domination of the award, thanks to her role in leading Barcelona to last season’s Champions League before moving to London City Lionesses.

The first ever Ballon d’Or ceremony on English soil got off to an inauspicious start as the London traffic caused a delay of nearly an hour, with many of the star names arriving late.

But there was a happy ending for the hometown hero as Kane collected the crowning glory of his career to date, becoming the first Englishman to win the award since Michael Owen in 2001.

The 33-year-old Bayern Munich forward struck a remarkable 73 goals in 65 games for club and country last season, propelling the German giants to a league and cup double.

He also scored six times as England finished third at the World Cup.

“I love to represent my country and to bring this trophy back to them and have an English winner I think is something that’s really, really special, especially here in London,” Kane told AFP. “What a crazy night and I’m really, really happy.”

Despite being England and Tottenham’s all-time record goalscorer, Kane’s medal collection is limited to German domestic triumphs.

He was on the losing side for Spurs in the 2019 Champions League final against Liverpool and twice tasted bitter defeat in the final of the European Championship with England.

But joining Bayern in 2023 and his remarkable goalscoring consistency have earned him the highest individual award in

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Harry Kane



Kane smiles after receiving the award. — AFP photo

football.

“Making the move to Bayern Munich was a big step in my career,” Kane told AFP earlier. “Some people saw it as a risk but for me it was always about improving and seeing if I could get better around the team-mates, the team, the club and it has pushed me onto another level.”

“Being a number nine for Bayern and England you are

expected to score goals and to do that the number of times I did last year is something I’m really proud of,” he added.

The winner in 2021 and 2022, Putellas’s third Ballon d’Or caps her return to the top of the women’s game after an anterior cruciate ligament injury derailed her rise four years ago.

Putellas succeeds Spain team-mate Aitana Bonmati, the winner the past three years whose

season was quashed by a leg break.

“This is a consequence of all that we achieved last season,” said Putellas.

“I am really grateful for having been (at Barcelona) 14 seasons as a player, it is something incredible. It was like a perfect story.”

Yamal made the boldest fashion statement of the contenders with a pink flower on the front of his black suit.

The Barcelona winger scooped up the first award of the night for young talent of the year for the third consecutive time.

But the 19-year-old fell short of becoming the youngest ever Ballon d’Or winner, finishing third, after he failed to produce his best form during Spain’s World Cup success.

Mbappe finished second but his wait to win the Ballon d’Or goes on despite being the top scorer in the World Cup, Champions League and La Liga as his goals did not lead to collective triumphs for France or Real Madrid.

Luis de la Fuente beat out Paris Saint-Germain’s Luis Enrique and Arsenal boss Mikel Arteta to be named men’s coach of the year after leading Spain to World Cup glory.

“This is recognition for a job very well done over many years,” De la Fuente told AFP. “I believe Spanish football, both in terms of coaching and the game itself, serves as an example of excellent youth development, which ultimately paves the way for future success.”

Barcelona’s Pere Romeu scooped the prize for women’s coach of the year.

Paris Saint-Germain missed out on any of the main individual awards despite winning a second consecutive Champions League, but did have the consolation of men’s club of the year.

Spanish duo Unai Simon and Cata Coll were named best men’s and women’s goalkeeper. — AFP



Putellas poses with the Ballon d’Or Feminin award. — AFP photo

Ballon d’Or crowns Putella’s return to the top

LONDON: Alexia Putellas picked up her third Ballon d’Or in her new home city of London on Monday, crowning a spectacular return to the top of women’s football after injury cut her down in her prime.

Putellas previously picked up the prize for the best player in the world in 2021 and 2022 as the creative heartbeat of an all-conquering Barcelona side.

But an anterior cruciate ligament tear just as she was preparing for Spain’s bid to win Euro 2022 derailed her rise to global stardom.

Putellas recovered to play a bit part role in Spain’s World Cup triumph a year later, but was overshadowed by team-mate Aitana Bonmati for both club and country as it took nearly two years to rediscover her best form.

“Ever since I suffered the injury, I’ve been trying to enjoy every moment as if it were my last, because you never know if it’ll happen again,” Putellas told AFP in an interview last month.

Bonmati took on the mantle of the world’s best player, becoming a three-time Ballon d’Or winner between 2023 and 2025 until she was also sidelined by a leg break.

With the emphasis back on Putellas, she rose to the challenge, helping Barcelona regain the Champions League last season in dominant fashion.

“I never felt that the (Ballon d’Or) trophy was ‘mine’... Having already experienced it once, I’m able to enjoy it even more now,” she added.

Having achieved all that she could in Catalonia, Putellas embarked on a new adventure, joining London City Lionesses.

Owned by American businesswoman Michele Kang, the Lionesses are aiming to break the mould as the only fully independent team in England’s top division.

“It’s a complete change in my life. It’s a constant, daily learning process: the culture, the language, moving to a new country, a new city,” said the 32-year-old.

“I knew that if I ever had to end my time at Barca, it wouldn’t make much sense to repeat what I’d already experienced in the next chapter, mainly because it’s impossible. It had to be something completely different. It’s practically a brand-new club, with everything yet to be written, so I’m trying to bring that winning culture and mentality with me.”

The Putellas effect is already being felt in the English Women’s Super League with the Lionesses sat just behind Chelsea and Manchester City at the top of the table and ahead of traditional giants Arsenal.

The move could also benefit Spain’s chances of retaining the World Cup next year with their star player facing a lesser workload without European football this season.

“There’s a long way to go, and my focus is on the day-to-day,” she said.

For now, there is a Ballon d’Or to savour and a new life in London to build. — AFP

Ballon d’Or: Harry Kane’s crowning moment

LONDON: Harry Kane’s Ballon d’Or triumph is the crowning moment for a player whose trophy collection does not do justice to his remarkable talent and consistency.

The Bayern Munich striker, 33, is the first Englishman to win football’s most coveted individual honour since Michael Owen in 2001.

Kane’s numbers are staggering and the England captain appears to be improving with age, with 73 goals for club and country last season.

In September he became the fastest player to reach 100 Bundesliga goals, hitting the landmark on his 98th league appearance for Bayern.

He is also Tottenham’s all-time leading scorer with 280 goals, England’s record scorer with 91, and the highest-scoring English player in the Champions League (58).

But for all his personal achievements in club and international football, Kane’s medal collection is limited to German domestic triumphs since he arrived at Bayern in 2023.

He was on the losing side for Tottenham in the 2019 Champions League final against Liverpool and was in England teams that twice lost the European Championship final.

Kane’s lethal finishing is not the only



Kane with wife Katie Goodland. — AFP photo

string to his bow.

Honing an instinct he first developed as a youth team player, Kane has also blossomed into a gifted playmaker.

“I feel like I’ve always had the passing range and the vision and the football brain – the game understanding – throughout my whole career, and I think that’s just flourished these last couple of years especially, these last few years since I’ve been here at

Bayern,” he told UEFA.com.

The clean-cut Kane, married to his childhood sweetheart Katie Goodland, is an understated throwback in an era of football bling.

But it has not always been plain sailing for a player who struggled to make an impression early in his career with Tottenham and was farmed out to other clubs on loan.

There were almost two years between Kane’s first Spurs goal, against Shamrock Rovers in 2011, and his next, against Hull in 2013.

Even after his breakthrough season in 2014/15, he was dubbed a “one-season wonder”, an accusation that has proved laughably wide of the mark.

Bayern boss Vincent Kompany has spoken of Kane’s numerous qualities, including his distribution, work rate and “game intelligence”.

“To combine that side of his game with the numbers he has, you have to do the job to help the team progress and then still arrive in the box, so it is not an easy thing,” Kompany said.

“That is something we have seen and been able to enjoy, and that was maybe underestimated at the time in England, but he is ageing like fine wine so I am just enjoying seeing that side of his game for us as well.” — AFP

Real Madrid star Mbappe dropped by China brands after Mao remarks

BEIJING: Kylian Mbappe was dropped Tuesday by two major brands in China after a video circulated online in which the French football star apparently joked about former leader Mao Zedong.

“Our company firmly opposes and has a zero-tolerance policy towards any behaviour that offends national sentiments,” drinks giant Dongpeng said in a statement, adding that “with immediate effect we are terminating all cooperation with Kylian Mbappe”.

Mengniu, China’s largest dairy producer, also cut ties with the Real Madrid and France forward.

“With immediate effect our company is terminating all cooperation with Kylian Mbappe,” Mengniu said in a statement.

“Mengniu firmly opposes and has a zero-tolerance policy towards

any words or actions that hurt the feelings of the Chinese people,” it added.

The announcements came after a video emerged online with Mbappe saying that the funniest internet meme he had seen was of his face photoshopped onto that of “some guy – I think he’s a Chinese dictator”.

This was an apparent reference to a meme of Mbappe superimposed on an image of Mao, one of several using the footballer’s face and other historical figures. The authenticity of the video could not immediately be verified by AFP Fact Check.

“Dongpeng Beverage ends cooperation with Mbappe” was the top-trending topic on Chinese social media site Weibo. The 27-year-old Mbappe lost out to Harry Kane for the Ballon d’Or on Monday. — AFP



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Mirabel back for Maybank C'ship with new mindset

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysian golfer Mirabel Ting is learning to trust herself and play for the love of the game, rather than the expectations of others, as she prepares to tee off at the LPGA Maybank Championship at the Kuala Lumpur Golf and Country Club (KLGCC) this week.

Having emerged as Malaysia's best-performing golfer in last year's edition, the 21-year-old Sarawakian is returning with a refreshed mindset, determined to enjoy the game and let her performance do the talking.

The experience of competing on different tours has helped her realise that golf is a personal journey, one in which her focus should be on her own game rather than the pressure to meet other people's expectations.

"I think after half of the season, I kind of realised that I don't play golf for people, I play golf for myself. I love the game of golf.

"So this year, I'm just going to go out there and play. I'm not going to think about things, still going to be the same," she told reporters at a press conference here on Tuesday.

That change in outlook could prove important as Mirabel takes on a strong field at the tournament, where she will also be looking to make the most of familiar surroundings without



Mirabel speaks during the press conference as fellow Malaysian golfer Natsasha Onn looks on. — Bernama photo

I don't play golf for people, I play golf for myself. I love the game of golf.

Mirabel Ting

allowing expectations to weigh her down.

On the course conditions, she believes players could be in for a low-scoring week, with wetter fairways and softer, more receptive greens offering greater

opportunities to attack the pins.

"I think the conditions this year are a little bit different from the past two years that I played. It's a lot wetter than the previous year that I played, and the greens are very receptive and you can spin the ball on the green.

"So, this year is a little bit different, and I think we'll see a couple of low scores this year," she said.

Mirabel finished joint 49th in last year's edition. Her best result at the tournament came in 2024 when she finished joint 12th. — Bernama

S'wak Closed Snooker C'ship attracts 106 to Kuching



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KUCHING: Sarawak's snooker and billiards fraternity must strengthen youth development and create clearer pathways for talented players to reach the national and international stages if the state is to realise its ambition of becoming a sports powerhouse.

This was the advice from Sports and Entrepreneur Development Ministry permanent secretary Datu Dzulkornain Masron.

"Sports associations are not only responsible for organising competitions, but also for developing athletes, strengthening training systems, improving the quality of coaches and attracting more young people to participate in the sport," he added when officiating the Sarawak Closed Snooker Championship 2026 at Chia Ling Billiard Centre here on Monday night.

The Sarawak Snooker and Billiards Federation (SSBF) was urged to continue expanding participation and developing younger players, particularly those below the age of 18, to ensure a sustainable future for the sport.

A total of 106 players aged 16 to 60 are in action at the Sarawak Closed Snooker Championship 2026, organised by the federation and Kuching Billiards and Snooker Association at Chia Ling Billiard Centre and VVIP Snooker Club (Regal Master Snookerium)



Dzulkornain takes the cue shot in declaring open the State Closed Championship as Bong (third, left), Wong (second right) and other officials look on.

from Oct 26 to Nov 1. Among the players to watch is 16-year-old Liew Xuan Hao who has been described as a promising young prospect for Sarawak.

SSBF president Edmund Bong revealed that the two finalists in the snooker competition will represent Sarawak at a national tournament in Port Klang scheduled for December.

Dzulkornain also stressed that the tournament was more than a contest to determine the winner.

He urged players to uphold integrity, respect their opponents and observe fair play throughout the championship, stressing that sporting success should not be measured solely by trophies.

Snooker also required patience, precision, strategic thinking and mental strength which

he remarked are "qualities not only important in sport but are also valuable life skills that can contribute to personal development and success beyond the sporting arena."

He added that the state government is committed to developing an inclusive, sustainable and competitive sporting ecosystem, with snooker and billiards among the disciplines that could contribute to Sarawak's ambition.

Also present at the opening ceremony were Sarikei Snooker and Billiards Association president Elvis Wong, Kuching Billiards and Snooker Association deputy president Abang Aafa Asyzaefy and Regal Master Snookerium event partner representative Phang Chee Song.

KBC boxers bag 10 medals fighting the odds

Philip Wong

SIBU: Kent Boxing Club (KBC) from Kanowit reached another milestone with its haul of seven gold and three silver medals at last weekend's JAB Boxing Championships 101 held at the MUC hall here.

The gold medallists included Raphael Asharvin in Men's Under-15 (48kg), Alfonso Matthew in Men's U17 (44kg) and Men's U19 Gabriel Ashnister (52kg), Teo Hudson (57kg) and Augustine Dimas (66kg). The two women gold medallists from the U-21 category are Merdeka Tingang (48kg) and Cristie Ashanty (57kg).

The three silver medallists are Men's U15 Boniface Peter (44kg) and Muhd Deniq (60kg), and Sherylyn Sera (57kg) from Women's U17 category.

A total of 24 teams comprising 186 boxers from throughout the state, including one team from Brunei, took part in the tournament organised by Sibul Boxing Association.

KBC head coach and manager Kennedy Edwin said their achievement not only reflected the prowess of Kanowit's young boxers in the ring but also demonstrated that discipline, fighting spirit and sacrifice can produce high-performing athletes despite financial constraints.

He hailed the strong commitment of the coaching



Kennedy (standing, third left) gestures with the young and proud KBC boxers.

team and athletes who had to pay their own expenses due to the absence of a dedicated allocation for the club.

"Limited funding has stopped our players from proving their mettle and showing their best and true commitments when inside the ring.

"But the success of bringing home a total of 10 medals should serve as a catalyst for further strengthening the development of boxing in Kanowit, particularly in nurturing more young athletes

capable of achieving success in the future," he told reporters.

Two upcoming boxers, Boniface and Sherylyn, were highlighted as stars in the making and, given enough space and time, should be able to develop their passion for greater heights.

"Additionally, our club also have lots of potential young and outstanding players who are ready to develop their talent and explode into the scene.

"In view of this, we hope our achievement will receive

due attention from the local community, government and relevant agencies, particularly in securing financial assistance to cover training expenses, competition participation and athlete development," Kennedy added.

The club also believes that its achievement at the tournament will further inspire more parents to encourage their children to participate in the sport which develops self-discipline, confidence and mental resilience.



Ladies champion Lee receiving her trophy and cash prize from Lorna (second left) as Eddie (right) and his deputy Irwan Zulkarnain (left) look on.

Arni, Lee top first S'wak Int'l Senior Golf C'ships

KUCHING: Miri's Arni Yahya and South Korea's Lee Jong Ho emerged as overall champions at the inaugural Sarawak International Senior Amateur Golf Championships (SISAGC) 2026, which concluded at Sarawak Golf Club (KGS) on Sunday (Oct 25).

Arni, 65, carded a nett score of 126 over 36 holes to claim the men's title while Lee, 55, secured the ladies' crown with a score of 135, finishing nine under par to beat 20 other contenders.

Organised by Borneo SuperAct Events, the two-day championships attracted 156 senior golfers from Malaysia, Brunei, Indonesia, Singapore, Japan and South Korea.

The competition featured men aged 55 and above and ladies aged 50 and above.

The 36-hole strokeplay tournament was aimed at promoting senior amateur golf while supporting Sarawak's efforts to develop sports tourism and attract international visitors.

Borneo SuperAct Events founder and organising chairman Datuk Eddie Abdullah said the event was conceived to complement the Sarawak government's efforts to develop the high-value sports tourism segment.

"We would like to thank our corporate sponsors, namely Rimbunan Hijau, Sarawak Energy, Sarawak Water, Sarawak Cultural Village, LT Golf Shop, Grand Margherita Hotel, Riverside Majestic Hotel and KPJ Kuching Specialist Hospital, as well as the 156 participating

golfers," he said in the statement issued by the organisers.

Sarawak Seniors Society president Tan Sri George Chan attended the prize presentation and closing ceremony as guest of honour, accompanied by his wife Puan Sri Datuk Wira Lorna Chan.

In his closing remarks, Chan highlighted the friendships and camaraderie fostered through the competition among golfers from different countries.

"We brought together 156 golfers from six different nations, but on this course, you spoke one universal language. I hope that you have enjoyed, made new lifelong friends, shared great laughs, and exchanged stories that transcend borders," he said.

According to the statement, caretaker Minister of Tourism, Creative Industry and Performing Arts Sarawak Dato Sri Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah had commended the initiative at a press conference before the championship.

"Senior golfers represent an affluent demographic of high-net-worth individuals who love to travel and discover new destinations.

"We hope they will extend their stays and discover the rich cultural heritage of Kuching City, explore our natural outskirts and sample our world-famous local gastronomy," Abdul Karim remarked.

The organisers confirmed that SISAGC would return next year with the long-term aim of establishing Kuching as a regular fixture on the Asian senior amateur golf circuit.

Malaysia's doubles experiment bearing fruits — Herry

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia's quest for stronger and more competitive men's doubles combinations is beginning to bear fruit, according to head coach Herry Iman Pierngadi who highlighted encouraging results on the European tour.

Aaron Tai-Yap Roy King captured the Arctic Open title while Man Wei Chong-Tee Kai Wun emerged champions at the French Open.

Herry said building successful partnerships was a process that required patience, as the coaching team needed time to assess players' compatibility, understand their strengths and



Herry Iman Pierngadi

identify combinations capable of delivering consistently at the highest level.

"As a coach, I work with the players every day and, of course, I want to bring out the best in

them. However, this is a process that takes time.

"We cannot expect results overnight," he told reporters at Akademi Badminton Malaysia (ABM) in Bukit Kiara here on Tuesday.

He said the assessment went beyond performances in training, with players' personalities, individual roles and understanding on court also playing crucial roles in determining whether a partnership could succeed.

Herry stressed that revamping the men's doubles pairs was never intended to break up existing partnerships permanently, but

rather to give the coaching team a clearer picture of the potential offered by different combinations.

"We never said they would be split up permanently because it was only an experiment.

"Now, we are beginning to see the results, with some of them reaching the finals," he added.

Meanwhile, Herry believes that Aaron Chia-Soth Wooi Yik still have the ingredients to remain a formidable partnership after producing encouraging results since reuniting, including finishing runners-up at the World Championships in India and the Denmark Open. — Bernama



Dr Sim (centre) together with Impact Capital managing director Winston Chai (left) and Public Investment Bank Bhd chief executive officer Lee Yo-Hunn during Impact Capital's prospectus launch yesterday.

New Sarawak listing support digital growth

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These industries will require secure networks, reliable data infrastructure, cloud and computing capability, cybersecurity and resilient ICT systems.

KUCHING: Sarawak's digital transformation will create opportunities for local technology companies to expand their businesses and participate in higher-value industries, said Deputy Premier Datuk Amar Dr Sim Kui Hian.

He said companies such as Impact Capital Holdings Bhd (Impact Capital) could play a greater role in supporting the state's digital infrastructure needs as Sarawak advances towards a knowledge-driven economy.

Speaking at the launch of Impact Capital's prospectus in conjunction with its proposed listing on the ACE Market of Bursa Malaysia Securities Bhd yesterday, Dr Sim said digital infrastructure would be essential to the development of industries ranging from smart cities and renewable energy to healthcare, transport and financial services.

"These industries will require secure networks, reliable data infrastructure, cloud and computing capability, cybersecurity and resilient ICT systems," he said.

Dr Sim noted that Sarawak's economy expanded to approximately RM153.5 billion in 2025, while gross domestic product (GDP) per capita reached

RM73,757, exceeding the national average.

These achievements, he said, provided a foundation for the state to pursue its target of building a RM282 billion economy by 2030.

Dr Sim said economic growth should translate into better employment opportunities, stronger businesses and more accessible and reliable public services.

He added that Sarawak was moving beyond its traditional strengths in commodities and natural resources towards higher-value activities in renewable energy, the digital economy and advanced technologies.

The state's fiscal position had also strengthened its capacity to invest in infrastructure, connectivity, talent development and strategic industries, he said.

Dr Sim said private-sector participation would be important in developing these capabilities, particularly through investments in technology, innovation and solutions that could meet the needs of emerging industries.

He also stressed the importance of developing local talent, saying companies that

create skilled employment, train Sarawakians and build technical expertise could contribute to more inclusive and sustainable economic growth.

Impact Capital began operations in Kuching in 2005, trading computer accessories and providing consultancy services before expanding into Peninsular Malaysia and undertaking more complex information and communications technology (ICT) infrastructure and systems integration projects.

Dr Sim said the group's capabilities had since expanded to cover telecommunications infrastructure, enterprise networks, data centres, security systems and digital twin technology.

He said the company's development reflected years of building technical expertise, developing talent, earning customer trust and adapting to technological changes.

As Impact Capital progresses towards its proposed listing, Dr Sim urged the company to maintain sound governance, strong execution and a clear sense of responsibility while pursuing further growth.

MIDA calls for coordinated investment strategy to position Borneo as investment hub

KUALA LUMPUR: The Invest Borneo action plan should focus on shared value chains, improve cross-border ease of doing business and prioritise investment realisation to strengthen Borneo's position as an investment hub, according to the Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA).

Its chairman Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Abdul Aziz said MIDA, through its offices in Kota Kinabalu and Kuching, stands ready to work with Invest Sabah, Invest Sarawak, the Brunei Economic Development Board, Indonesian colleagues and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP) to advance the initiative.

"Borneo is unique. It is the only island in the world shared by three countries. To an investor, that means three sets of rules, three sets of incentives and, since Sabah and Sarawak each have their own investment agencies, at least four separate sales pitches.

"Borneo has never lacked resources or potential. What investors have often lacked is a clear picture of how its parts fit together," he said in his opening remarks at the Borneo Business Roundtable 2026 yesterday.

He said Malaysia recorded a historic RM426.7 billion in approved investments in 2025, while Sabah and Sarawak, which account for about 60 per cent of the country's land area, collectively attracted less than seven per cent of total approved investments last year, representing an untapped investment opportunity for Borneo.

"The momentum is encouraging. In the first half of 2026 alone, Sarawak recorded RM10.8 billion in approved investments (about three quarters of its total for the whole of 2025), while Sabah recorded RM6.8 billion.

"Our cross-border numbers tell a similar story. Trade between Malaysia and Brunei was RM5.86

billion last year. For two close neighbours that share a long border and a common history, there is clearly room to do much more," he said.

Tengku Zafrul said that under the Asean Regional Investment Promotion Action Plan 2025-2030, Asean is positioning itself as a single investment destination across regional value chains, with investment-ready projects presented at the Asean Investment Forum in Kuala Lumpur last October.

He said Invest Borneo applied the same approach by leveraging complementary strengths, with Brunei offering downstream industries in methanol and fertiliser, and strength in halal products and Islamic finance; Sarawak providing renewable energy; Sabah contributing oil and gas, agriculture and tourism; and Kalimantan offering opportunities through Nusantara and access to Indonesia's domestic market. — Bernama

Impact Capital eyes balanced orderbook towards ACE Market listing

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KUCHING: Impact Capital Holdings Bhd (Impact Capital) is gearing up for its upcoming listing on Bursa Malaysia's ACE Market with an orderbook of approximately RM169 million and an active tenderbook of nearly RM330 million.

According to its managing director Winston Chai, the group continues to actively tender for new projects to replenish its orderbook and sustain revenue growth across both public and private sectors.

"Our customer base historically maintains a balance of roughly 60 per cent government contracts and 40 per cent private sector contracts," Chai told a press conference held in conjunction with the group's prospectus launch here yesterday.

He noted that while a substantial portion of major projects in recent years originated from Sarawak, the group's project portfolio is distributed almost evenly between East and West Malaysia.

"In fact, Impact Capital established its footprint in West Malaysia as early as 2006 upon securing its first federal project, subsequently moving into a permanent office in Damansara in 2008," he said.

Addressing the group's



Chai (centre) and other directors during a press conference after Impact Capital's prospectus launch yesterday.

business segments, Chai explained that the integration of ICT equipment systems and solutions currently accounts for nearly 80 per cent of total group revenue, with the remainder coming from the supply of ICT hardware, software, and provisioning of solutions.

"ICT system integration has been in our DNA since we started. It encompasses multiple domains including telecommunications, data centres, enterprise networks, and security. We often start with a single domain, such as enterprise networks, and gradually expand into comprehensive end-to-end solutions as client requirements evolve," he added.

To support its operational growth, Impact Capital plans to relocate to a new office in the Klang Valley by the second half of 2027, which will house its first digital innovation and solutions centre. This will be followed by establishing permanent office

setups in Bintulu, Kota Kinabalu, and Johor Bahru through 2028.

On international exposure, Chai shared that while 99 per cent of current revenue is generated within Malaysia, the group actively serves multinational corporations operating locally, including Alibaba, Tencent, and McDonald's.

Commenting on the group's financial performance, recurring revenue currently contributes around 21 per cent of total group revenue, maintaining its historical average range of 18 to 20 per cent.

Looking ahead, Impact Capital aims to capitalise on major state infrastructure and digital transformation initiatives, including Sarawak's smart city allocations and digital infrastructure projects.

The group also expects its in-house, locally developed digital twin solutions to drive future margin improvements and overall revenue expansion.

Aizo continues to explore green bitumen facility in Sarawak

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KUCHING: Aizo Group Bhd (Aizo Group) continues to explore a green bitumen facility in Sarawak producing crumb rubber modified bitumen and other sustainable products as it looks to turn end-of-life rubber into higher-value

road materials.

Its executive chairman, Dato Abang Abdullah Izzarim Abang Johari, highlighted the venture in the group's annual report 2026 as one of its milestones for the year.

The group's subsidiary Aizo Manufacturing International Sdn Bhd had signed a non-binding memorandum of understanding (MoU) with K2 Bitumen Sdn Bhd last November to explore the facility.

"The proposed green bitumen collaboration opens a pathway to greater resource circularity through the use of recycled rubber," said Abang Abdullah in the annual report.

Accordingly, the proposed crumb rubber modified bitumen would incorporate recycled tyre rubber, with the potential to reduce lifecycle emissions through material substitution and improved pavement durability.

The group said technical feasibility, commercial terms, investment requirements and approvals remain central to evaluation.

It added that the MoU remains exploratory and did not have a material financial effect during the reporting period.

"Any future financial effects will depend on whether the proposed collaboration proceeds, the investment required and the commercial demand for the

resulting products," it said.

On the sector, the group noted that RM1.67 billion was allocated under Budget 2026 for the Pan Borneo Sabah Highway alongside completion of the Pan Borneo Sarawak packages.

"Bitumen demand is closely tied to this road construction and resurfacing activity, while pricing continues to track global petroleum-linked input costs," it said.

The group's bituminous

products business, which operates from its Batang Kali platform in Selangor with a monthly capacity of 1,000 tonnes, generated revenue of RM31.59 million for the financial year ended June 30, 2026 (FY26).

For the full financial year, Aizo recorded revenue of RM145.84 million compared with RM155.10 million in the preceding 15-month financial period, as it returned to a full 12-month reporting cycle.



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Government takes immediate steps to strengthen GLC, GLIC governance

KUALA LUMPUR: The government is taking immediate steps to strengthen the governance of government-linked companies (GLCs) and government-linked investment companies (GLICs), including a proposal to introduce legislation governing state-owned entities, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said.

He said the proposed bill would establish clearer and stricter rules, including limits on the powers and responsibilities of those leading the entities.

"Past experience has shown both strengths and weaknesses. These issues have been documented in Royal Commissions of Inquiry (RCIs), task force reports and White Papers on Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB) and Felda, as well as in cases involving Tabung Haji. The breaches were numerous and clearly excessive, making them difficult to defend," he said during the Prime Minister's Question Time in the Dewan Rakyat.

He was responding to a supplementary question from Syahredzan Johan (DAP-Bangi) on measures to improve governance at GLCs, GLICs and statutory bodies to prevent a recurrence of scandals involving 1MDB and Tabung Haji.

Anwar said clear rules were also needed to regulate subsidiaries of government agencies.

He added that the government had not identified governance breaches in these companies on the scale of those previously seen at 1MDB and Tabung Haji.

Efforts to impose tighter controls and restrictions had faced strong resistance from political and business elites accustomed to the old ways, making political will essential to address the problem, he said.

"Governance must be strengthened, and the powers of those appointed to lead these entities must be clearly limited. They must be held accountable and must not treat these



Anwar is seen during the Prime Minister's Question Time in the Dewan Rakyat. — Bernama photo

institutions as their personal or family property," he said.

Earlier, Syahredzan had asked Anwar to explain the rationale for the involvement of government departments, GLICs, GLCs and statutory bodies in development projects, and how such involvement could accelerate solutions to public concerns without compromising the institutions' core mandates and responsibilities.

Anwar said investments by GLICs and GLCs helped local companies expand and attract private investment from domestic and foreign investors.

He cited Khazanah Nasional Bhd's Dana Impak, which has invested RM2.6 billion since its establishment in 2021.

One of the local companies backed by Khazanah was Farm Fresh Bhd, in which the sovereign wealth fund initially acquired a 30 per cent stake before the company went public at a valuation of RM2.5 billion.

Khazanah subsequently divested its stake after the company had established itself, Anwar said.

He added that Budget 2027 had allocated RM450 million through Jelawang Capital, Khazanah and the Retirement Fund Inc's (KWAP) Dana Perintis to develop start-ups.

Meanwhile, Anwar stressed the need for more rigorous scrutiny of overseas investments to avoid a repeat of the experience involving the Battersea Power Station redevelopment project in Britain.

He said the initial investment in the project had been too high and had incurred losses, while efforts were under way to recover the investment. He was responding to a supplementary question from Hassan Karim (PKR-Pasir Gudang) on the amount invested by GLCs and GLICs in the Battersea redevelopment in London and the benefits it had brought to Malaysia's economy.

Anwar said institutions such as KWAP, Khazanah and Permodalan Nasional Bhd continued to seek investment opportunities both at home and abroad.

However, the government had prioritised domestic investments over the past three years, setting an initial target of at least 20 per cent of investments to be channelled into the country, he said.

The proportion would be increased according to the readiness and capacity of the institutions concerned, he added.

Anwar said most overseas investments had generated substantial returns, although some had incurred losses.

Commenting on KWAP's investment in eFishery, he said the failed investment should not be taken as representative of the fund's overall performance, noting that KWAP had recorded RM8 billion in profits. — Bernama

AHTV devt records RM7 bln in realised investments from 2018-2026

KUALA LUMPUR: The development of the Automotive Hi-Tech Valley (AHTV) in Tanjung Malim, Perak, has recorded realised investments totalling RM7 billion for the 2018-2026 period, representing 23.3 per cent of the projected RM30 billion in total investments expected by 2035, with contributions including those from Geely.

Deputy Investment, Trade and Industry Minister Sim Tze Tzin said AHTV has recorded rapid growth in job creation, driven by the pace of investment and infrastructure development.

"The workforce, which began at around 2,000 people in 2018, has grown rapidly to 9,300 in 2026, and is projected to reach 22,800 by 2030," he said during the questions for oral answers session in the Dewan Rakyat yesterday.

Sim was replying to Tan Kok Wai's (DAP-Cheras) question

about the number and detailed list of projects that have materialised under Geely's US\$10 billion investment commitment in Tanjung Malim (US\$1=RM4.08).

He said one key achievement that has fully materialised is the upgrade of Proton's manufacturing facilities in Tanjung Malim, including expanded production capacity and capabilities, as well as the production of new engines and transmissions featuring advanced technology.

For 2025-2026, the development and upgrading of industrial facilities will also include electric vehicle production plants, increased engine production capacity, metal stamping facilities, new logistics centres and warehouses, and research and development testing laboratories, said Sim. — Bernama

EPF must help more M'sians achieve retirement adequacy – Amir Hamzah

KUALA LUMPUR: The Employees Provident Fund (EPF) must help more Malaysians achieve retirement adequacy by adapting to changing employment patterns while continuing to deliver sustainable returns, said Finance Minister II Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan.

He said EPF's ambition beyond its 75th anniversary should go beyond growing its size to becoming more relevant, inclusive and impactful, while remaining true to its core responsibility of safeguarding members' retirement savings.

"A modern retirement institution must see members not merely as contributors, but as people. People with aspirations

and responsibilities. People raising children while caring for ageing parents. People whose lives do not always move in straight lines and whose needs evolve over time.

"That is why EPF's journey continues to evolve. From savings to security. From security to wellbeing. And from serving individual members to helping build a stronger, more resilient nation," he said at the EPF's 75th Anniversary Gala Dinner on Monday.

Amir Hamzah, who served as EPF chief executive before being appointed Finance Minister II in 2023, said his experience at the fund and in government had given him two perspectives on its role. — Bernama



TAB Global president and managing editor Foo Boon Ping (left) presents the award to Teck Long.

OCBC named Asia Pacific's strongest bank, ranks third globally

KUCHING: OCBC has been named the strongest bank in Singapore and Asia Pacific and the third strongest globally in the latest World's 1,000 Strongest Banks ranking by The Asian Banker.

The recognition follows the bank's top position in the inaugural World's Top Performing Banks ranking by Forbes and Statista in September 2026.

The Asian Banker's ranking, introduced in 2023, saw OCBC become the first Singapore bank to finish among the world's top three.

The bank also recorded a 46.8 per cent year-to-date increase in its share price as of Oct 23, making it the top performer in the Straits Times Index this year.

OCBC Group chief executive officer Tan Teck Long said the recognition reflected the resilience of the bank and the trust it had built with customers over generations.

"Being named one of the world's strongest banks, soon after being recognised as the 'top performing bank', reflects the resilience of the OCBC franchise.

"Such resilience is built on customer trust that endures over generations," he said.

He added that OCBC employees across the group continued to sustain that trust by serving customers and helping them realise their aspirations.

"We will continue to build on

this strong foundation to create lasting value for our customers, communities and shareholders," he said.

OCBC Malaysia chief executive officer Tan Chor Sen said the awards served as a reminder of the bank's responsibility to improve its services to customers.

"OCBC's roots in Malaysia trace back to almost a hundred years, and we remain committed to serving our customers and growing our franchise here," he said, expressing gratitude to the bank's Malaysian team for contributing to the global recognition.

The Asian Banker's editorial team assessed the world's 1,000 largest banks across seven dimensions: sovereign risk, scale, balance-sheet growth, risk profile, profitability, asset quality and liquidity.

JPMorganChase and Saudi National Bank were the other banks in the top three.

TABInsights research director Christian Kapfer said OCBC's diversified earnings, asset quality and capital position contributed to its financial strength.

"OCBC's diversified earnings, sound asset quality and strong capital position distinguish it from many of its regional peers.

"Its ability to combine profitability with prudent balance-sheet management has been an important factor in its financial strength," he said.

Analysis: FBM KLCI poised for recovery in 2027 on resiliency



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KUCHING: Malaysia's benchmark FBM KLCI is expected to stage a recovery in 2027 following its recent market correction, supported by resilient domestic economic growth and stronger corporate earnings, according to MBSB Investment Bank Bhd (MBSB Research).

In its latest strategy report, the research house noted that the FBM KLCI had climbed to a multi-year high of 1,770 points in the first quarter of 2026 (1Q26), supported by Malaysia's resilient gross domestic product (GDP) growth of 5.2 per cent in 2025, alongside foreign investment in data centres (DCs), green energy and semiconductor-related activities.

However, the market has since entered another correction phase amid rising global interest rates, elevated bond yields and foreign fund outflows following heightened geopolitical tensions in the Middle East. MBSB Research believes the latest downturn could pave the way for a recovery, provided Malaysia's economic performance remains resilient.

"Going into next year, we expect another recovery after the prevailing correction,



Alongside the resilient economic outlook, MBSB Research noted that market consensus expects FBM KLCI earnings to grow by 6.6 per cent y-o-y in 2027. — Bernama photo

provided that macroeconomic performance remains resilient," it said.

For 2027, MBSB Research projects GDP growth of 4.6 per cent, broadly in line with the Ministry of Finance's (MoF) forecast range of 4.2 to 5.2 per cent. Alongside the resilient economic outlook, MBSB Research noted that market consensus expects FBM KLCI earnings to grow by 6.6 per cent year on year (y-o-y) in 2027.

"This resilient growth provides clear fundamental support against prolonged, structural market declines," said the research house.

Against this backdrop, the research house has set a

preliminary end-2027 FBM KLCI target of 1,850 points, based on a forward price-to-earnings ratio (PER) of 15.4 times.

Meanwhile, the market consensus one-year bottom-up target stands higher at 1,952 points. MBSB Research also noted that the prevailing market correction has left many fundamentally sound companies trading at attractive valuations, potentially attracting institutional bargain hunters.

Additionally, it anticipates that easing geopolitical tensions in the Middle East could provide further support to local equity valuations, with Brent crude oil prices projected to moderate

towards US\$75 to US\$85 per barrel in 2027.

However, MBSB Research cautioned that the anticipated recovery could be delayed or constrained if global bond yields and US inflation remain elevated, potentially prompting further interest rate hikes and continued capital outflows from emerging markets.

That said, a deterioration in Malaysia's macroeconomic performance could also derail the projected rebound.

"As in previous instances, we believe domestic economic resilience will act as a key underpinning for the next market recovery," it said.

GEAR-uP implementation on schedule, investments expected to rise end-2026

KUALA LUMPUR: The implementation of the GEAR-uP programme remains on schedule, with investments expected to rise towards the end of this year and end-2027, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said yesterday.

Also known as the Government-linked Enterprises Activation and Reform Programme, GEAR-uP was spearheaded by the Ministry of Finance (MoF) a few

years ago.

Anwar, who is also the Finance Minister, said the programme's first year of implementation involved considerable planning, research and evaluation, with past experiences prompting the parties involved to exercise greater caution in investment-making decisions.

"The GEAR-uP programme is indeed a valid concern, but according to their plans,

investments are expected to pick up towards the end of this year and end-2027. Based on the progress outlined in the latest report, I can see that it remains on schedule," he said during the Prime Minister's Question Time session in the Dewan Rakyat.

He was responding to a supplementary question from Syed Saddiq Syed Abdul Rahman (Independent-Muar) on measures to accelerate investment

disbursements under the programme and ensure that the funds are not misused.

Anwar also stressed that the government prohibits political figures from interfering in project selection and setting project priorities.

"The projects must be determined by an investment body comprising professionals with the relevant expertise," he said. — Bernama

Highlights

Bursa Malaysia ends higher on bargain hunting

BURSA Malaysia closed higher yesterday, supported by bargain hunting activities following the previous day's sell-off.

At 5 pm, the FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI (FBM KLCI) rose 7.49 points, or 0.47 per cent, to 1,611.85 from Monday's close of 1,604.36.

The benchmark index opened 2.98 points higher at 1,607.34 and traded between 1,606.14 and 1,611.94 during the trading session.

The broader market was positive, with gainers outpacing losers 683 to 380, while 571 counters were unchanged, 1,259 untraded, and 52 suspended.

Turnover rose to 3.37 billion units worth RM3.10 billion from Monday's 2.90 billion units worth RM2.15 billion.

Rakuten Trade Sdn Bhd vice-president of equity research Thong Pak Leng said the FBM KLCI remains attractively valued, underpinned by resilient domestic economic fundamentals.

"We see opportunities for selective accumulation of fundamentally sound blue chips following recent corrections. Nevertheless, persistent foreign selling, subdued liquidity and uncertainty ahead of the United States Federal Reserve's policy decision and major technology earnings could limit the recovery.

Lembaga Pemasaran Pertanian Persekutuan (FAMA)

Average Retail Prices Of Selected Commodities In Kuching (27 October 2026)

COMMODITIES

VEGETABLES

Prices (RM/Kg)

Round Cabbage 4.88

Spinach 7.08

Chinese Mustard 10.00

Chinese Kale 10.00

Bean Sprout 3.00

Cucumber 5.88

Brinjal 9.13

Local Tomato 6.90

Highland Tomato 10.17

Long Bean 9.98

French Bean 13.73

Lady's Finger 10.88

Loofah 6.00

Pumpkin 6.00

Bitter Gourd 10.00

Lembinging (Midin) 10.00

Old Ginger 8.23

Young Ginger 8.90

Red Chilli (Kulai) 21.75

Red Chilli (Local/Oil) 22.48

Shallot 8.50

Onion (Bombay) 5.23

Onion (Holland) 4.82

Garlic 9.50

Imported Potato 3.40

Imported Carrot 4.33

Grind Coconut 10.00

Seed Coconut 3.00

Santan 9.00

POULTRY

Crossbreed Male/Female TU

Kampung Male/Female TU

Standard Chicken 11.60

Super Chicken 12.50

Fresh Meat Local 65.00

Imported Meat 40.00

EGGS* (RM/BIJI)

Chicken Egg - Grade A* 0.56

Chicken Egg - Grade B* 0.56

Chicken Egg - Grade C* 0.54

Salted Egg* 1.20

FRUITS* (RM/KG)/(RM/BIJI)

Papaya 5.50

Exotica Papaya 5.25

Watermelon 5.47

Guaava 6.83

Starfruits 10 4.88

Orange (Local) 4.68

Mas Bananas 6.17

Emban Bananas 2.50

Rastali Bananas 4.38

Honey Dew 6.85

Sarawak Pineapple 3.50

* Prices collected at Medan Niaga Satak

RHB launches three-year Focus Income Bond Fund

KUCHING: RHB Banking Group, through RHB Asset Management Sdn Bhd (RHBAM), has launched the RHB Focus Income Bond Fund – Series 13 (RHB FIBF13), a three-year closed-ended fund offering exposure to global debt instruments, including the Australian dollar (AUD) fixed income market.

The fund aims to provide potential regular income distributions while seeking to capture bond yields amid geopolitical uncertainty and offer portfolio diversification.

The launch comes as global bond yields have climbed to multi-year highs amid persistent inflation concerns and shifting central bank policy paths, while fixed income remains part of long-term asset allocation strategies.

RHB FIBF13 will invest predominantly in a diversified portfolio of global debt instruments, including bonds, commercial papers, bankers' acceptances and credit-linked notes.

It may also hold money market instruments and deposits for liquidity management.

Its three-year tenure is intended to support an investment approach focused on identifying attractive yields and potential capital appreciation.

RHBAM managing director and chief executive officer Ng Chze How said the Australian bond market was among the region's more established fixed income markets outside the United States, providing access to issuers across government, financial and corporate sectors.

"Its depth and diversity make it an attractive market for investors looking to broaden their fixed income exposure," he said.

Ng said the fund would provide investors with access to a professionally managed portfolio of global debt securities through a single investment solution.

"Subject to the availability of distributable income and market conditions, the Fund aims to declare quarterly distributions at approximately 5.25% to 5.75% per annum over its three-year tenure," he added.

The fund is targeted at investors seeking exposure to global high-grade fixed income investments who are comfortable committing to a three-year investment horizon.

RHBAM said the launch supports RHB's PROGRESS27 corporate strategy by strengthening the group's retail wealth proposition and expanding the range of wealth solutions available to clients.

The fund will be distributed through RHB's nationwide network of wealth and investment advisers.

DNB losses could weigh on telco FY27 earnings by up to 12 pct

Against this backdrop, it has factored in RM62 million in associate losses each for CDB and Maxis, assuming DNB's net losses narrow to RM750 million annually in FY25 and FY26, from RM1.2 billion in FY24.

For FY27, the research house expects DNB's losses to decline further by 33 per cent to RM500 million, resulting in an estimated 8 per cent earnings impact on both mobile network operators.

However, under a worst-case scenario where DNB's annual losses remain at RM1.2 billion through FY27, the earnings impact could increase to 12 per cent for CDB and 11 per cent for Maxis.

That said, Kenanga Research cautioned that moving forward, recurring shareholder calls would be the bigger concern for MNO shareholders.

"We do not rule out the possibility of DNB requiring additional shareholder funding beyond the amounts received in 2024 to 2026, following three capital calls of RM117 million to RM233 million per MNO," it said.

The research house noted that potential funding requirements could arise from vendor and equipment payments, site and tower leases, spectrum fees and other network operating expenses, as well as additional capital expenditure (capex) for ongoing network expansion and modernisation, including improved in-building coverage and targeted capacity enhancements at selected sites.

Nevertheless, Kenanga Research believes the immediate financial burden on MNO shareholders remains manageable, with both CDB and Maxis possessing sufficient debt headroom to absorb potential funding requirements.

Should DNB require an additional RM500 million in shareholder advances from each MNO in FY27, CDB's net debt-to-earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) ratio is projected to rise to 2.22 times from 2.13 times, while Maxis' would increase to 1.82 times from 1.70 times.

Both would remain comfortably below the research house's reference ceiling of 2.5 times.

"As such, near-term funding should be comfortably absorbed without materially constraining dividend capacity," it said.

Kenanga Research also believes DNB would also be able to fund a meaningful portion of its network capex through a combination of borrowings and other funding sources.

Beyond DNB-related uncertainties, Kenanga Research expects underlying earnings performance to increasingly differentiate CDB and Maxis, with the former offering greater potential for earnings upgrades as its post-merger synergies have yet to be fully reflected in forecasts.

Matrix Concepts to acquire 175 ha of land in Kulai for RM169 mln

KUALA LUMPUR: Matrix Concepts Holdings Bhd's unit, Matrix Concepts (Southern) Sdn Bhd, has signed separate sale and purchase agreements (SPAs) to acquire 57 parcels of land spanning about 174.77 hectares in Kulai, Johor, for RM169.31 million in cash.

The agreements were signed with corporate and individual landowners, as well as the executors of the estates of deceased landowners.

In a filing with Bursa Malaysia yesterday, Matrix Concepts said the proposed acquisition would expand the group's existing land bank, support its long-term growth strategy and provide a sustainable pipeline of future developments. — Bernama

Money Market

SHORT-TERM interbank rates remained stable yesterday after Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) conducted operations in the financial system.

Liquidity in the conventional system eased to RM36.12 billion from RM36.42 billion yesterday morning, while liquidity in the Islamic system increased to RM34.92 billion from RM31.27 billion earlier.

Earlier, BNM conducted two reverse repo tenders.

The central bank also revised the Murabahah overnight tender from RM31.3 billion to RM34.9 billion.

At 4 pm, BNM called for a RM36.10 billion conventional money market tender and a RM34.90 billion Murabahah money market tender, both for one-day funds.

Rubber

THE Kuala Lumpur rubber market maintained its mixed trend yesterday, weighed down by losses in regional rubber futures and oil prices, as well as concerns over supply disruptions, a dealer said.

She said regional rubber futures fell on Tuesday as traders weighed persistent rain-related cost pressures in southern Thailand against lower oil prices.

"However, further losses were capped by weather-related supply disruptions in major rubber-producing countries, declining rubber exports from Thailand and positive economic indicators from China," she told Bernama.

The dealer said persistent rain in southern Thailand could further widen the price gap between Thai latex and cup lump rubber.

TOP 20 GAINERS						
STOCK	CHANGE	LACP	BUY	SELL	L/DONE	
NESTLE	92.300	9,530.0	8,956.0	9,428.0	+ 402.0	
ALLIANZ-PA	100	2,028.0	2,028.0	2,028.0	+ 76.0	
MPI	208,600	4,162.0	4,058.0	4,130.0	+ 72.0	
UMSINT	23,800	760.0	740.0	758.0	+ 38.0	
TM	1,607,000	805.0	781.0	805.0	+ 23.0	
HSI-PWXI	6,000	87.0	83.5	87.0	+ 22.0	
KEEMING	1,654,400	271.0	251.0	268.0	+ 20.0	
WPRIS	16,371,200	708.0	666.0	708.0	+ 19.0	
UWC	3,251,100	761.0	732.0	745.0	+ 19.0	
DUFU	5,469,900	325.0	303.0	317.0	+ 19.0	
KGB	2,477,900	858.0	836.0	858.0	+ 18.0	
ITMAX	576,600	457.0	439.0	457.0	+ 15.0	
BUSCAP	14,626,900	86.0	70.5	84.5	+ 14.5	
YTLPOWR	35,451,600	514.0	500.0	510.0	+ 14.0	
DLADY	1,500	2,890.0	2,866.0	2,880.0	+ 14.0	
SUNCON	3,969,700	768.0	751.0	766.0	+ 12.0	
PENTA	5,006,800	598.0	566.0	574.0	+ 12.0	
BKAWAN	13,200	1,930.0	1,910.0	1,930.0	+ 12.0	
KLK	1,297,300	2,056.0	2,020.0	2,052.0	+ 12.0	
VITROX-C21	3,400	101.0	101.0	101.0	+ 12.0	

TOP 20 LOSERS						
STOCK	CHANGE	LACP	BUY	SELL	L/DONE	
HEIM	1,942,300	1,334.0	1,268.0	1,274.0	- 50.0	
CARLSBG	833,500	1,320.0	1,260.0	1,260.0	- 38.0	
F&N	378,600	2,006.0	1,946.0	1,968.0	- 32.0	
PPB	1,989,700	904.0	866.0	880.0	- 22.0	
UTDPLT	377,300	3,002.0	2,936.0	2,970.0	- 20.0	
HSI-CWUA	28,000	43.0	42.5	42.5	- 15.0	
BIPORT	300	520.0	501.0	520.0	- 15.0	
HLFG	53,400	1,754.0	1,736.0	1,736.0	- 14.0	
APOLLO	4,200	584.0	570.0	570.0	- 14.0	
BURSA	925,000	809.0	793.0	796.0	- 13.0	
PETDAG	1,073,200	1,962.0	1,920.0	1,920.0	- 12.0	
HI	1,383,200	169.0	157.0	157.0	- 11.0	
BAT	106,800	426.0	420.0	420.0	- 11.0	
KGB-C6	3,500	56.5	56.5	56.5	- 11.0	
HSI-PWWQ	202,200	54.5	46.5	53.0	- 10.0	
JTASA-C19	10,000	6.5	6.5	6.5	- 8.5	
ECOWLD-C6230,500	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	- 8.5	
QL	1,245,400	379.0	370.0	370.0	- 8.0	
KESM	80,300	478.0	443.0	459.0	- 8.0	
SCGBHD-WA	14,300	265.0	257.0	257.0	- 8.0	

Closing Indices

KLSE

FBMEMAS 12,022.89 (+45.89)

FBMKLCI 1,611.30 (+6.94)

CONSUMER PRODUCTS 441.56 (+0.15)

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS 176.63 (+1.22)

CONSTRUCTION 313.20 (+0.42)

FINANCIAL SERVICES 18,600.36 (+26.50)

ENERGY 849.94 (+1.21)

TELECOMMUNICATIONS 379.20 (-1.11)

HEALTH CARE 1,571.79 (+16.41)

TRANSPORTATION 1,017.53 (-7.64)

PROPERTY 975.33 (-4.19)

PLANTATION 8,640.86 (+16.89)

FBMSHA 12,022.11 (+47.32)

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* S'PORE SSI 5,397.03 -18.88

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* HK HANG SENG 23,041.32 -170.49

* AUST ALL ORDS 8,968.80 +42.20

Commodities

PEPPER

Date: 27.10.2026

* Average Pepper price (RM/tonne)

SOUTHERN REGION

KUCHING SERIAN SRI AMAN BETONG

24,460 24,710 24,000 24,980

35,820 35,480 34,500 36,300

NORTHERN REGION

SARIKEI BINTANGOR SIBU KAPIT BINTULU MIRI

BLACK G1 24,040 25,250 23,960 23,960 21,750 21,880

WHITE G1 35,410 36,250 34,400 34,400 31,500 31,250

Source: Malaysian Pepper Board

http://www.mpb.gov.my

COCOA

Dealer's buying prices of dry cocoa beans (RM/MT)

Centres in Sabah & Sarawak

SMC 1 SMC 2

High Low Avg High Low Avg

KUCHING 13,500 13,500 13,500 13,300 13,300 13,300

SARIKEI 13,500 13,500 13,500 13,300 13,300 13,300

SIBU 13,500 13,500 13,500 13,300 13,300 13,300

TANAU 14,000 14,000 14,000 13,800 13,800 13,800

TENOM 14,000 14,000 14,000 13,800 13,800 13,800

* Not Graded

Source : Malaysian Cocoa Board

Ten Most Active						
COUNTER (MI)	VOL (SEN)	HI (SEN)	LO (SEN)	L/DONE (SEN)	+/- (SEN)	
ZETRIX	286,554,100	8.5	6.5	8.5	+ 1.0	
HSI-CWUA	125,443,800	8.5	6.0	6.5	- 2.0	
TOPGLOV	76,382,600	97.5	91.0	96.5	+ 3.5	
VELESTO	67,286,500	20.0	19.0	19.5	- 0.5	
NIHSIN	61,117,200	51.0	47.5	50.5	+ 3.0	
HSI-CWWB	58,245,900	7.0	5.0	5.5	- 2.0	
VS	55,763,000	35.5	34.0	34.5	+ 1.0	
MAG	47,428,700	16.0	15.5	15.5	unch	
MIRDIY	41,055,300	117.0	114.0	115.0	unch	
AXTERIA	39,014,100	22.0	19.5	22.0	+ 2.5	

Interbank Rates			
KUALA LUMPUR INTERBANK OFFER RATES: OCT 27			
1M 3.02	HIBOR(HK\$)		
2M 3.35	1M 2.70000		
3M 3.55	2M 2.85004		
6M 3.58	3M 3.24054		
12M 3.79	6M 3.48363		
	12M 3.97512		

Gold

THE PHYSICAL PRICE OF GOLD AS AT 5 PM STOOD AT RM507.75 PER GRAMME, DOWN RM2.67 FROM RM510.42 AT 5 PM PREVIOUSLY.

Exchange Rates				
EXCHANGE RATES ISSUED BY MALAYAN BANKING BHD: OCI 27				
	SELLING	BUYING	BUYING	
	TT/OD	TT	OD	
1 US Dollar	4.1595	4.0145	4.0045	
1 Australian Dollar	2.9290	2.8110	2.7950	
1 Brunei Dollar	3.2410	3.1410	3.1330	
1 Canadian Dollar	2.9600	2.8780	2.8660	
1 Euro	4.6420	4.4920	4.4720	
1 New Zealand Dollar	2.3710	2.2840	2.2680	
1 Papua N Guinea Kina	N/A	N/A	N/A	
1 Singapore Dollar	3.2410	3.1410	3.1330	
1 Sterling Pound	5.5450	5.3680	5.3480	
1 Swiss Franc	5.0470	4.8330	4.8180	
100 UAE Dirham	114.270	108.380	108.180	
100 Bangladesh Taka	3.4160	3.1840	2.9840	
100 Chinese Renminbi	62.6100	59.9800	N/A	
100 Danish Krone	63.6600	58.5800	58.3800	
100 Hongkong Dollar	53.4400	50.7900	50.5900	
100 Indian Rupee	4.4500	4.1400	3.9400	
100 Indonesian Rupiah	0.0240	0.0212	0.0162	
100 Japanese Yen	2.6560	2.5340	2.5240	
100 New Taiwan Dollar	N/A	N/A	N/A	
100 Norwegian Krone	45.7400	42.0600	41.8600	
100 Pakistan Rupee	1.5600	1.3900	1.1900	
100 Philippine Peso	6.5900	6.2000	6.0000	
100 Qatar Riyal	115.080	109.250	109.050	
100 Saudi Riyal	111.770	106.110	105.910	
100 South Africa Rand	25.8500	23.3500	23.1500	
100 Sri Lanka Rupee	1.3100	1.1500	0.9500	
100 Swedish Krona	43.0000	39.1500	38.9500	
100 Thai Baht	12.8300	11.3800	10.9800	

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PLANTATION 15 16 8 39

REIT 6 9 5 20

CLOSED END FUND 0 1 0 1

ENERGY 14 11 13 38

HEALTH CARE 11 3 6 20

TELECOMMUNICATIONS 5 3 8 16

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS 5 8 14 27

UTILITIES 9 0 3 12

BUSINESS TRUST 1 0 0 1

STRCWARR 317 135 182 634

ACE-MKT 77 58 116 251

BONDS/LOAN 1 1 0 2

ETF 3 1 3 7

LEAP-MKT 0 0 0 0

TOTAL 683 380 571 1,634

MRB Prices

SMR CLOSING PRICES (SEN/KG): OCT 27

NOVEMBER

SEN PER KG/CENTS PER KG

SMR CV 1,353.50 / 337.80

SMR L 1,343.50 / 335.30

SMR 5 1,047.00 / 261.30

SMR GP 1,042.00 / 260.05

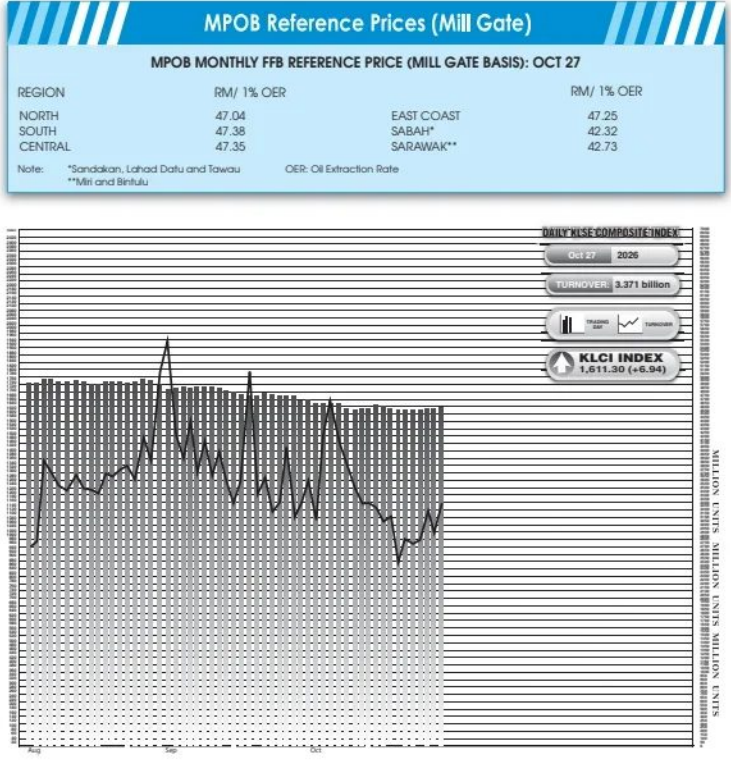
SMR 10 1,032.00 / 257.55

SMR 20 1,027.00 / 256.30

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LATEX IN BULK 800.00

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Bil.	Nama	Nombor Kad Pengenalan	Nombor Kes	Mahkamah Tinggi	Tarikh Pelepasan
1.	WONG TOH LEH	600603-13-5756 / K629353	29-368-2000	KUCHING	10.12.2025

Bertarikh : 15.12.2025

(ADIBAH HUSNA BINTI ZAINAL ABIDIN)
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Bil.	Nama	Nombor Kad Pengenalan	Nombor Kes	Mahkamah Tinggi	Tarikh Pelepasan
1.	WITI ANAK RIMONG	T1040355	29-66-2009-III	KUCHING	10.12.2025

Bertarikh : 15.12.2025

(ADIBAH HUSNA BINTI ZAINAL ABIDIN)
Pengarah Insolvensi Negeri
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Bil.	Nama	Nombor Kad Pengenalan	Nombor Kes	Mahkamah Tinggi	Tarikh Pelepasan
1.	TSAI SIEW CHOON @ CHAI SIEW CHOON	500408-13-5410 / 258399	29-858-2010-III	KUCHING	10.12.2025

Bertarikh : 15.12.2025

(ADIBAH HUSNA BINTI ZAINAL ABIDIN)
Pengarah Insolvensi Negeri
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Bil.	Nama	Nombor Kad Pengenalan	Nombor Kes	Mahkamah Tinggi	Tarikh Pelepasan
1.	JOSEPH LAU NGIE KIONG	620313-13-5123 / K0003727	29-680-2001	KUCHING	10.12.2025

Bertarikh : 15.12.2025

(ADIBAH HUSNA BINTI ZAINAL ABIDIN)
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Bil.	Nama	Nombor Kad Pengenalan	Nombor Kes	Mahkamah Tinggi	Tarikh Pelepasan
1.	KUANG SWEE LEONG	660827-13-5231 / K0104097	29-345-2009-III	KUCHING	10.12.2025

Bertarikh : 15.12.2025

(ADIBAH HUSNA BINTI ZAINAL ABIDIN)
Pengarah Insolvensi Negeri
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Bil.	Nama	Nombor Kad Pengenalan	Nombor Kes	Mahkamah Tinggi	Tarikh Pelepasan
1.	MOHAMMAD HAFIZUN BIN SAFI'EE	830812-13-5617	29-1067-2009-II	KUCHING	17.12.2025

Bertarikh : 29.12.2025

(ADIBAH HUSNA BINTI ZAINAL ABIDIN)
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Bil.	Nama	Nombor Kad Pengenalan	Nombor Kes	Mahkamah Tinggi	Tarikh Pelepasan
1.	MOHAMAD NAZIF BIN MOHAMAD RIDZUAN	830515-13-5207	29-1264-2010	KUCHING	17.12.2025

Bertarikh : 29.12.2025

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Bil.	Nama	Nombor Kad Pengenalan	Nombor Kes	Mahkamah Tinggi	Tarikh Pelepasan
1.	MEINRAD ANAK ABANG	790110-13-5301	29-935-2008-II	KUCHING	16.12.2025

Bertarikh : 29.12.2025

(ADIBAH HUSNA BINTI ZAINAL ABIDIN)
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Bil.	Nama	Nombor Kad Pengenalan	Nombor Kes	Mahkamah Tinggi	Tarikh Pelepasan
1.	MICHAEL LEE KIAN HIN	470304-13-5649 / K266537	304 TAHUN 1987	KUCHING	17.12.2025

Bertarikh : 29.12.2025

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Bil.	Nama	Nombor Kad Pengenalan	Nombor Kes	Mahkamah Tinggi	Tarikh Pelepasan
1.	MOHD SHARILL ASHRAFF BIN ABDULLAH	750425-13-6177 / K0457325	KCH-29-33-2011	KUCHING	17.12.2025

Bertarikh : 29.12.2025

(ADIBAH HUSNA BINTI ZAINAL ABIDIN)
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Bil.	Nama	Nombor Kad Pengenalan	Nombor Kes	Mahkamah Tinggi	Tarikh Pelepasan
1.	LOH YENG MEW	601123-13-5161 / K763252	29-25-2000	KUCHING	17.12.2025

Bertarikh : 29.12.2025

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Bil.	Nama	Nombor Kad Pengenalan	Nombor Kes	Mahkamah Tinggi	Tarikh Pelepasan
1.	MAYA BINTI JAPAR	780504-13-6076	29-531-2011	KUCHING	17.12.2025

Bertarikh : 29.12.2025

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Bil.	Nama	Nombor Kad Pengenalan	Nombor Kes	Mahkamah Tinggi	Tarikh Pelepasan
1.	LAU BAN CHOI	710602-13-5313 / K0284067	29-694-2002	KUCHING	17.12.2025

Bertarikh : 29.12.2025

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Bil.	Nama	Nombor Kad Pengenalan	Nombor Kes	Mahkamah Tinggi	Tarikh Pelepasan
1.	LEMAAK PATU	741209-13-5730 / K0426466	29-506-2002	KUCHING	17.12.2025

Bertarikh : 29.12.2025

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IN THE HIGH COURT IN SABAH AND SARAWAK AT SIBU
IN BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS NO. SBW-29NCC-130-8/2026
Ber: **Khairil Amri Bin Bolhan** (NRIC No.: 831219-13-5063/-)
Lot 115, Jalan Burung Serindit, Lorong Bahagia Selatan 5C, Kampung Bahagia Jaya Teku, 96000 Sibul, Sarawak.
Ex-parte: **BANK ISLAM MALAYSIA BERHAD**
32nd Floor, Menara Bank Islam, No. 22 Jalan Perak, 50450 Kuala Lumpur
And
No. 1 (Ground & 1st Floor) & No. 2 (Ground Floor), Lorong Kampung Datu 3, 96000 Sibul, Sarawak
NOTICE OF BANKRUPTCY ORDER
Notice is hereby given that, on a petition filed on **17.09.2026**, a Bankruptcy Order against **Khairil Amri Bin Bolhan** (NRIC No. : **831219-13-5063/-**), address at Lot 115, Jalan Burung Serindit, Lorong Bahagia Selatan 5C, Kampung Bahagia Jaya Teku, 96000 Sibul, Sarawak, made by the High Court of Sibul on **19.10.2026**.
Dated this **26 October 2026**

(SURIYA BINTI SENEN)
Insolvency Officer
Malaysia Department of Insolvency
Sibu Branch
for Director General of Insolvency
[Ref. No: Mdi(SBU)BP009408/2026/129/26]

IN THE HIGH COURT IN SABAH AND SARAWAK AT SIBU
IN BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS NO. SBW-29NCC-17-2/2026
Ber: **KELVIN TING TIEW HOCK** (NRIC No.: 850822-13-5731/-)
1B, Lorong Ulu Oya 7D, 96000 Sibul, Sarawak.
And/Or
SK Sungai Durin, Jalan Durin, 96000 Sibul, Sarawak.
And/Or
No. 27-C, Jalan Fochow, 96000 Sibul, Sarawak.
BANK SIMPANAN NASIONAL
117 Jalan Ampang, 50450 Kuala Lumpur.
And
Lot 173-176, Bangunan Haji Abdul Rasit, Jalan Kuala/ Satok, 93400 Kuching, Sarawak.
NOTICE OF BANKRUPTCY ORDER
Notice is hereby given that, on a petition filed on **28.07.2026**, a Bankruptcy Order against **Kelvin Ting Tiew Hock** (NRIC No. : **850822-13-5731/-**), address at 1B, Lorong Ulu Oya 7D, 96000 Sibul, Sarawak And/Or SK Sungai Durin, Jalan Durin, 96000 Sibul, Sarawak And/Or No.27-C, Jalan Fochow, 96000 Sibul, Sarawak, made by the High Court of Sibul on **15.10.2026**.
Dated this **26 October 2026**

(SURIYA BINTI SENEN)
Insolvency Officer
Malaysia Department of Insolvency
Sibu Branch
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the creditors of the Company are required on or before 5.00 p.m., 18 November 2026 to send their names and addresses with particulars of their debts and claims, together with the original and/or certified true copy of the supporting documents, e.g. invoices, delivery orders, statement of accounts and debit/credit notes to satisfactorily substantiate their respective claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors (if any) to Baker Tilly Insolvency P.L.T. Baker Tilly Tower, Level 10, Tower 1, Avenue 5, Bangsar South City, 59200 Kuala Lumpur, and if so required by notice in writing by the Liquidators, by their solicitors or personally to come in and prove their said debts and claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof, they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution before such debts and claims are proved.
Notes:
1. Notice is issued pursuant to Rule 91 of the Companies (Winding-up) Rules 1972.
2. Creditors must submit their Proof of Debt in accordance with the prescribed form which may be obtained from the Liquidators' office stated above.
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c. Borang tender boleh dibeli mulai **4 November 2026 (Rabu) selepas jam 2:00 petang secara dalam talian di <http://www.tenderwizard.my/pkps>**. Bayaran bagi borang tender tersebut tidak akan dipulangkan walau dalam apa jua keadaan. Sebarang rayuan tidak akan dipertimbangkan.
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Bil.	Nama	Nombor Kad Pengenalan	Nombor Kes	Mahkamah Tinggi	Tarikh Pelepasan
1.	JULIA ANAK PAGANG	720715-13-6020 / K0371337	29-134-2011	KUCHING	10.12.2025

Bertarikh : 15.12.2025

(ADIBAH HUSNA BINTI ZAINAL ABIDIN)

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Bil.	Nama	Nombor Kad Pengenalan	Nombor Kes	Mahkamah Tinggi	Tarikh Pelepasan
1.	KAMARUZAMAN BIN AYUP	740112-13-5289 / K0348100	29-48-2011	KUCHING	17.12.2025

Bertarkh : 29.12.2025

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Bil.	Nama	Nombor Kad Pengenalan	Nombor Kes	Mahkamah Tinggi	Tarikh Pelepasan
1.	ZAIRINA BINTI MAJAIS	720721-13-6158 / K0414023	29-587-2010-II	KUCHING	10.12.2025

Bertarikh : 15.12.2025

(ADIBAH HUSNA BINTI ZAINAL ABIDIN)

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MALAYSIA
IN THE HIGH COURT IN SARAWAK AND SARAWAK AT KUCHING
COMPANIES (WINDING-UP) NO. KCH-29NCC-69-18/2026 (HC 2)

IN THE MATTER OF Section 465 (1) (a) & Section 466 (1) (a) of the Companies Act, 2016;
AND
IN THE MATTER OF Rule 22 of the Companies (Winding-Up) Rules 1972;
AND
IN THE MATTER OF SPL FOOD INDUSTRIES SDN. BHD. [Company No. 201601029054 (1199994-A)]

PERBADANAN USAHAHAWAN NASIONAL BERHAD [Company No.19910101745 (221057-V)] a company incorporated in Malaysia under the Companies Act, 1965 and having its registered address at 13th Floor, Block 1B, Plaza Sentral Jalan Steen Sentral 5, Kuala Lumpur Sentral 50470 Kuala Lumpur and a branch office at Tingkat Bawah & Tingkat 1, Lot 563 (SL 15) Wisma Wan Abu Bakar, Jalan Kulas 93400 Kuching, Sarawak.

... PETITIONER

AND
SPL FOOD INDUSTRIES SDN. BHD. [Company No.201601029054 (1199994-A)] a company incorporated in Malaysia under the Companies Act, 1965 and having its registered address at S52, Nagai Corporate Park Bandar Baru Semariang 93050 Kuching, Sarawak.

... RESPONDENT

ADVERTISEMENT OF PETITION
[Rule 24 of Companies (Winding-Up) Rules 1972]

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition for the winding-up of the above-named Respondent Company by the High Court in Sarawak and Sarawak at Kuching, was on the 15th day of October, 2026 presented by PERBADANAN USAHAHAWAN NASIONAL BERHAD [Company No. 19910101745 (221057-V)].

AND THAT the said Petition is directed to be heard before the High Court sitting at Kuching at 9.00 o'clock in the forenoon, on the 4th day of January, 2027. 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 PERBADANAN USAHAHAWAN NASIONAL BERHAD and the Petitioner's address is 13th Floor, Block 1B, Plaza Sentral, Jalan Steen Sentral 5, Kuala Lumpur Sentral, 50470 Kuala Lumpur and a branch office at Tingkat Bawah & Tingkat 1, Lot 563 (SL 15), Wisma Wan Abu Bakar, Jalan Kulas, 93400 Kuching, Sarawak.

The Petitioner's advocates is Messrs Khaider Zaidell & Company Advocates, 2nd Floor, Lot 328, Section 10, KTLD, Jalan Satok, 93400 Kuching, Sarawak.

Dated this 22nd day of October, 2026.

Messrs Khaider Zaidell & 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 an or send by post to the above-named Messrs Khaider Zaidell & Company Advocates, 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). The notice must be served, or if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named Messrs Khaider Zaidell & Company Advocates not later than twelve o'clock noon on the 28th day of December, 2026.

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Bil.	Nama	Nombor Kad Pengenalan	Nombor Kes	Mahkamah Tinggi	Tarikh Pelepasan
1.	FONG NYAN CHOA	600730-13-5265 / K646341	29-493-1997	KUCHING	17.12.2025

Bertarikh : 29.12.2025

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Bil.	Nama	Nombor Kad Pengenalan	Nombor Kes	Mahkamah Tinggi	Tarikh Pelepasan
1.	BOON JIT KIONG	711218-13-5137 / K0273264	KCH-29NCC-6781/8-2018	KUCHING	17.12.2025

Bertarikh : 29.12.2025

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OBITUARY

Mdm Magdalene Michaelina Yeo Siew Inn
aged 75, was called to eternal rest with the Lord on
Tuesday, 27th October 2026 at 12:32 pm.

She left behind the following loved ones to mourn her demise.

Husband: Martin Chai (deceased)

Sons:
Brendan Chai Phey How
Blaise Chai Phey Han

Grandson:
Amadeus Chai Chuan Xuan

Daughter-in-law:
Rita Chan Jane Jiun

Granddaughter:
Giovanna Chai Jing Yaw

Funeral Wake : St Joseph's Funeral Chapel, Jalan Tun Abang Haji Openg, Kuching

Funeral Mass : St Joseph's Cathedral Kuching on **Thursday, 29th October 2026 at 11 am**

Cremation : Treasure Hall Crematorium, Nirvana Memorial Park, Jalan Kuching-Bau, Siniawan

Final Resting Place : St. Peter's Columbarium, Jalan Padungan, Kuching

Telephone contact : 016 8681402 (Blaise), 016 8671406 (Rita)

Gabriel Chai Piang Jin
aged 79 years old
on **Monday 26th October 2026 at 00:10 am.**

He will be dearly missed and forever remembered by his family and loved ones.

Wife: Nancy Ong Soo Hioik

Daughter:
Lydia Chai Li Yia
Eileen Chai Yi Lin

Siblings:
Paul Chai Piang Kong (*Deceased*) & Elizabeth Wong Wei Ling
Agnes Chai Siew Yung & Philip Liew Mun (*Deceased*)
Simon Chai Piang Yew (*Deceased*) & Winnie Then

Son-in-law:
Chua Wai Kin
Chong Jia Ying

Granddaughter:
Chua JoyLynn

Funeral Wake
Location: Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM)
24 Highland Road, Singapore 549115

- Monday, 26 October: 2:00 PM – 10:00 PM
- Tuesday, 27 October: 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM

Funeral Mass
Date: Wednesday, 28 October 2026
Time: 11:30 AM
Location: Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM)

Cremation Service
Date: Wednesday, 28 October 2026
Time : 12:55 PM
Venue: Mandai North Crematorium, Service Hall 5

Transport will be provided from IHM to Mandai North Crematorium.

The family sincerely thanks everyone for your kind thoughts, prayers, and support during this difficult time.

May he rest in eternal peace and be welcomed into God's loving embrace.

With love and remembrance,
The Family of the Late Gabriel Chai Piang Jin
Nancy Ong (012-2118813) & Lydia Chai (65-87168444)

China brings archaeological sites closer to the public

BEIJING: At the Dahehun National Archaeological Site Park in Zhengzhou, central China's Henan Province, reeds sway in the autumn breeze and deer can be heard calling across the nearly 2,400-mu (160-hectare) landscape. The new Dahehun Site Museum within the park is built largely underground, with a sloping entrance leading visitors into the history of a Neolithic settlement dating back about 7,000 years.

"This is the country's first thematic museum to present the Yangshao Culture in a panoramic form," said Wang Xiaoya, a guide at the museum. "Its rectangular roof is level with the ground, allowing the building to blend into the landscape like an archaeological site emerging from the soil."

Inside, more than 1,500 cultural relics illustrate the Yangshao Culture and shed light on the history of the Dahehun site. Outside, the core protection zone displays the remains of a large Yangshao-period settlement. Offering an important window into a Neolithic culture that lasted about 2,000 years,



This photo shows the details of a turquoise dragon-form artifact at Chinese Archaeological Museum in Beijing, capital of China. — Xinhua photo by Li He

Dahehun is one of China's major archaeological sites, where protection and public presentation are making the traces of ancient life more accessible to the public.

Known in Chinese as "dayizhi," these archaeological sites include the remains of major ancient settlements, cities, palaces and tombs, as well as related groups of sites and cultural landscapes. They carry historical and cultural

information across different stages of ancient Chinese history, and are distinguished by their scale, historical and cultural significance, and far-reaching influence.

The category includes sites such as Liangzhu in east China's Zhejiang Province, the Yin Ruins in Henan, Sanxingdui in the southwestern province of Sichuan, the Old Summer Palace ruins in Beijing, the Xixia Imperial Tombs and the Great Wall. These sites attest to China's million-year human history, 10,000-year cultural history and more than 5,000-year-old civilization.

China now has 150 such archaeological sites. A total of 65 national archaeological site parks have been established based on some of these sites, incorporating



People visit the Dahehun site museum in Zhengzhou, central China's Henan Province. — Xinhua photo by Hao Yuan

the surrounding areas.

Luoyang, a city in Henan with 4,000 years of urban history and more than 1,500 years as a capital, is home to several major archaeological sites that are closely woven into the modern cityscape.

"Several major archaeological sites lie within an east-west stretch of less than 50 kilometres along the Luo River, including Erlitou, the Yanshi Shang Dynasty Capital Ruins, the Han-Wei Luoyang Ancient City site, the Sui-Tang Luoyang City site and the Mangshan tombs," said Zhao Xiaojun, head of the Luoyang municipal cultural heritage bureau. "The density, scale, time span and richness of historical content are rare in the world."

As early as the 1950s, Luoyang developed a new urban area away from the old city and required archaeological excavations before construction began. Authorities have adopted site-specific regulations to protect these archaeological sites. The Sui-Tang Luoyang City site, the

Han-Wei Luoyang Ancient City site and Erlitou have all become national archaeological site parks and cultural landmarks woven into city life.

Nationwide, more people are visiting such places. According to statistics, visits to China's national archaeological site parks rose from 20.97 million in 2021 to 97.74 million in 2025, bringing the five-year total to 303 million.

Their benefits also extend beyond archaeological research and museum exhibitions. In Zhejiang, efforts to link Liangzhu Culture with rural revitalization have supported local economic development.

The operating income of village collectives in 14 villages within the site area rose 19 per cent year on year in 2025. At the Liulihe site in Beijing, a China-US international field archaeology summer school offers young people from around the world a platform to learn about Chinese civilization.

China's 15th Five-Year Plan (2026-2030) for the development

of national cultural heritage calls for systematic protection and utilization of such sites.

A recent national conference on work related to major archaeological sites stressed the need for high-level archaeological research, sustainable protection and efficient management, while also calling for high-quality presentation.

For sites in city centers, small-scale exhibition spaces will be integrated into the urban fabric, while sites in suburban and rural areas can explore models that combine rural revitalization with educational field trips and study programs. Efforts will also be made to improve the cultural services provided by these sites, better realize the value of cultural heritage and meet public needs.

For visitors, these sites offer a more direct encounter with the past. Standing among the reeds at Dahehun, they may wonder whether the people who lived here 7,000 years ago saw the same landscape. — Xinhua

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Tender No.	Registration of Class/Category, Head & Sub-Head	Document Fees (RM)	Date, Time & Location for Tender Briefing	Date, Time & Location for Purchasing of Tender Document	Closing Date, Time & Location of Tender Submission
PPES: T08/2026 PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION OF AUDIT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (AMS) SOLUTION FOR SARAWAK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (SEDC)	Registered with UPKJ License: Category: B Head Sub-Head X 3	Payment in cash RM50.00 (Non-refundable and deemed reasonable tender document fee. Payment in cash shall be made at the Finance Services Department, Group Global Business Services, Level 9, SEDC Plaza, Jalan Tunku Abdul Rahman, 93100 Kuching, Sarawak)	Date: 11 November 2026 (Wednesday) Time: 10:00 a.m. Location: Brahman Room, Level 10, Menara SEDC, No. 2, The Isthmus, 93050, Kuching, Sarawak. (Tender Briefing is COMPULSORY for Bidders/Tenders participating in this tender before purchasing the tender documents)	Date: 12 November 2026 (Tuesday) Time: From 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Office hours) Monday - Friday Location: Sarawak Economic Development Corporation Procurement Services Department, Group Global Business Services, Level 9, SEDC Plaza, Jalan Tunku Abdul Rahman, 93100 Kuching, Sarawak.	Date: 1 December 2026 (Tuesday) Time: 12:00 noon Location: Sarawak Economic Development Corporation Procurement Services Department, Group Global Business Services, Level 9, SEDC Plaza, Jalan Tunku Abdul Rahman, 93100 Kuching, Sarawak.

2. The Tender Document shall only be sold to the Owner of the Company/Firm or to a representative duly authorised in writing by the Owner/Partner/Director of the Company. The Owner or the authorised representative is required to submit the following documents:

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTED SERVICE OF CREDITOR'S PETITION

In the matter of a Creditor's Petition dated 14th day of July, 2026 and the Court's Order dated the 9th day of October, 2026.

To: **DONALD ANAK DAFETI (W.N.K.R. 891206-12-6429) (BROK G 72, Tingkal 4, Pitu D, Kem Peritosen, 93077 Kuching, Sarawak, and/or**

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TAKEN NOTICE that a Creditor's Petition in the action herein dated the 14th day of July, 2026 and the Affidavit of Truth of Statements in Petition affirmed by **AZANI BIL SULAIMAN (NISC. NO. 78219-01-5678)** on 14th day of July, 2026 (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Petition") has been presented against you in this Court by **BANK MUAMALAT MALAYSIA BERHAD (196501000376) [R175-W]** a company incorporated in Malaysia with its registered Head office at Tingkal 11, Menara Bumiputera, No. 21 Jalan Melaka, 50100 Kuala Lumpur and a branch office at Ground Floor, Lot 456, 457 & 458, Al-Ikhs Commercial Centre, Jalan Satok, 93400 Kuching, Sarawak, and the Court has ordered that the said Creditor's Petition be served upon you by publication of an advertisement in one (1) issue of the "The Borneo Post" newspaper of a Notice of Substituted Service of the Creditor's Petition, affixing the Notice on the court's notice board and serving the Notice to the Judgment Debtor's address by prepaid registered post and such publication and/or posting shall be deemed to be good and sufficient service of the said Creditor's Petition upon you and that service shall be deemed to have been served on the day of the publication and/or posting.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the said Creditor's Petition will be heard at this Court on **Friday the 12th day of November, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.** o'clock in the morning on which day you are required to appear, and if you do not appear the Court may make a Bankruptcy Order against you.

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

Dated 23rd DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026

SENIORE ASSISTANT REGISTRAR, HIGH COURT KUCHING

THIS NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTED SERVICE OF CREDITOR'S PETITION is taken out by **MESSRS KADIR, WONG, LIN & CO. ADVOCATES**, Advocates for the Judgment Creditor whose address is Room 608, 5th Floor, Wisma Bukit Mita, Kuching, Jalan Tunku Abdul Rahman, 93100 Kuching, Sarawak. (F. Ref. T.U/PT/RC-BMMB-1295/2025)

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China Great Wall Museum in Beijing reopens after renovation

BEIJING: The China Great Wall Museum at the foot of the renowned Badaling Great Wall in Beijing reopened to the public on Saturday after an extensive renovation and upgrade.

Located in Yanqing District on the outskirts of the Chinese capital, the museum first opened in 1994 and closed in April 2022 for redevelopment.

Construction began in December 2023, with a building built to better blend the museum into the surrounding mountains and vegetation.

The museum, with a floor area of 16,000 square meters, features exhibition areas, educational and public service areas, collection storage areas and research spaces.

Its permanent exhibition and special thematic displays explore the Great Wall's history and culture. The permanent exhibition features more than 700 cultural relics, including many on loan from museums across China.

The displays trace over 2,000 years of the Great Wall's construction efforts and showcase how its preservation methods have advanced, from emergency protection to systematic conservation.

Visitors can also better understand the Great Wall's historical roles. Beyond its function as a military defense structure, it also gradually became a site of exchanges and integration among China's ethnic groups.

On the museum's second floor, visitors can enjoy expansive views of the imposing Badaling section outside the venue through glass curtain walls.

The Great Wall, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, stretches more than 20,000 kilometers across 15 provinces, municipalities and autonomous regions. Beijing has about 520 kilometers of Great Wall sections in total, and the Badaling section is the most visited. — Xinhua

Chris Brown avoids jail over nightclub brawl

LONDON: American singer Chris Brown avoided jail when sentenced by a UK court Monday after pleading guilty to a public order offence during a 2023 brawl at a London nightclub.

The former boyfriend of music sensation Rihanna was handed an eight-month jail term suspended for a year – meaning he will not be imprisoned unless he commits another offence during the period.

Brown, 37, who wore a black face mask, sunglasses and black baseball cap when he arrived at Southwark Crown Court in London, had admitted to affray at an appearance in July.

"Violence of this kind in a crowded nightclub is serious. It creates an obvious risk, not merely to the person against

whom it is directed, but also to others," judge Tony Baumgartner said, handing down the sentence.

Prosecutors had accused Brown and co-defendant Omololu Akinlolu, also a US national, of carrying out "a vicious and unprovoked attack" in a crowded nightclub "where Brown used a glass bottle as a weapon to strike the victim's head twice".

The guilty plea avoided a trial on several other charges, including attempting to cause grievous bodily harm with intent and possession of a bottle as an offensive weapon.

Brown, who has sold tens of millions of records worldwide, had previously denied those charges.

All of the allegations relate

to an incident at Tape, a private members' club in London, on February 19, 2023, while Brown was touring Britain.

The victim was struck several times with a bottle before being pursued, punched and kicked.

"This was not planned violence. It was nevertheless serious violence by two people in a crowded nightclub," the judge said.

Leaving court after the sentencing, Brown was greeted by loud cheers from fans. He posted a video on Instagram making a thumbs up sign from inside his car.

The singer is known for mid-2000s hits such as "Kiss, Kiss", as well as a litany of legal troubles including a US felony conviction

for assaulting Rihanna in 2009.

Brown rose from a church choir in Virginia to sudden fame with his rich R&B voice before turning to rap.

He was convicted of having beaten then-girlfriend Rihanna before the 2009 Grammy Awards, forcing the pop star to miss the gala.

In 2012, Brown was involved in an altercation at a New York nightclub with members of hip hop star Drake's entourage, during which French basketball player Tony Parker suffered an eye injury after being hit by a thrown glass bottle.

Two years later, Brown pleaded guilty to assaulting a fan in Washington.

Akinlolu, 40 also pleaded



Chris Brown arrives at the Southwark Crown Court in London. — AFP file photo

guilty to affray over the London incident. He was sentenced to four months' imprisonment suspended for a year. — AFP



Walter Koenig attends his Walk of Fame ceremony in Hollywood, California. — AFP file photo

Walter Koenig, who played original Chekov on 'Star Trek,' dies at 90

LOS ANGELES: Walter Koenig, the actor best known for his role as Pavel Chekov on the groundbreaking television show "Star Trek" and in the franchise's first seven movies, has died at age 90, his representative said Monday.

Koenig died overnight at his home in North Hollywood in Los Angeles, his agent Zachery McGinnis said in a statement, citing the cause of "old age" without further details.

The actor was known for playing the youthful Russian navigator Chekov in the original television series, as well as in several "Star Trek" feature films.

"Today we mourn the passing of Walter Koenig, whose talent, warmth, and unforgettable performances left a lasting mark on generations of fans around the world," read the statement. "Thank you, Walter, for the memories, the inspiration, and for boldly going where few have gone before."

The actor died surrounded by his daughter and niece, added the statement.

Ensign Pavel Chekov first appeared in the iconic series at the start of its second season, in 1967.

The character was meant to appeal to younger viewers. William Shatner, who played (Captain James T Kirk) and Leonard Nimoy (Mr. Spock) were both in their mid-thirties at the onset of the series, nearly over the hill by the era's standards.

Koenig was 30 when he was cast, and producers hoped he'd appeal to teens, with his mop-top hairstyle not unlike Davy Jones of the Monkees, the famed TV-produced pop band.

Manhattan, Koenig was the child of Lithuanian immigrants.

He earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and initially planned a career as a psychiatrist.

But acting proved a good bet.

"Star Trek" was given a tepid reception when it debuted, but it eventually snowballed into a cultural phenomenon, spawning a universe of spinoff series along with the films, and a rabid fan following.

The original show ran from 1966 to 1969.

Koenig told The Los Angeles Times that when it was canceled he was "totally at sea" with "no reason to get up in the morning."

But the series soon found massive cult fame, with "Trekkie" super fans who have kept it alive to this day.

Koenig signed on to a film franchise that followed, becoming a mainstay of "Star Trek" movies released between 1979 and 1994.

He also appeared in non-canon spin-offs, and was in the space drama TV series "Babylon 5."

Throughout his career he also posted a number of writing credits, and also worked on computer games.

Koenig married Judy Levitt, who also appeared in "Star Trek" films, in 1965. She died in 2022.

"My heart is heavy," wrote George Takei, Koenig's "Star Trek" co-star who played Sulu in the franchise.

"Walter was more than Chekov. He was a writer, a teacher, a thoughtful man, and a loyal friend. To the fans who loved him for so many years, thank you. He loved you too," Takei wrote on Facebook.

"Rest well, my dear friend. Keep navigating a steady course." — AFP

LOS ANGELES: Max Minghella "learned so much" working with Tom Rhys Harries on Clayface.

The 41-year-old actor plays Gotham City police detective John Borrelli in the DC Universe (DCU) body horror thriller and was impressed by the way Harries – who stars in the title role – led the cast both on and off screen.

Max told Collider: "I'm a big sponge. I really try and use every opportunity to learn from people around me, and I've been so lucky recently working with people I look up to so much."

"Tom Rhys Harries on Clayface, I learned so much from him. Just incredibly disciplined, amazing leadership on set."

"I think one of the things that doesn't get spoken about so much is the responsibility of being a number one on a call sheet. The day I got this job, he called me and was always, always in communication, always made me feel a part of the team."

"He did an amazing job, I think, on this film in all sorts of ways, on and off camera."

The movie centres on Matt



Max Minghella poses on the red carpet upon arrival to attend the European Premiere of 'Clayface' at Curzon Mayfair in London on Oct 20. — AFP photo

Hagen/Clayface – who turns to a scientist to transform his body into clay to restore his former appearance after he is disfigured by a mobster – and Minghella had an inkling that the movie would be "special" before he had even joined the cast.

The Babylon actor said: "To be honest, with Clayface, even before I was involved in the

movie, like when I just heard about it being announced, and I heard James Watkins was directing it, I had some weird instinct that it was going to be a special project and something that might connect with people."

Minghella explained that it became "normal" to see Harries, 34, in "incredibly grotesque" prosthetics as his alter ego came

to life.

He recalled: "We got to see lots and lots of stuff. We shot the movie very quickly, and Tom, God bless him, was often having to do so much in one day that he'd be in one prosthetic, he'd then be in another wardrobe, then he'd be going to shoot a different scene and be back in the prosthetic. So, you got to see all sorts of versions of him."

"What's funny is how normal it became. By week three, we got used to seeing Tom in these incredibly grotesque makeup effects. He would often call and FaceTime his family and then suddenly be in some mad get-up."

"But he had such a great manner. He just was so professional about it. He never complained once."

"He gave it his all, and it was a lot that they asked of him. This is a big part. He's in almost every frame of the film, and it's very physically taxing and emotionally taxing."

"So, I think without Tom, the whole thing would have fallen apart." — Bang Showbiz

How C-dramas strike a chord with global audiences

BEIJING: Even after watching the Chinese drama series "The Early Spring," Vietnamese marketing analyst Pham Thi Thuy Linh kept listening to its soundtrack every day – not just for the story, but for the moments that felt deeply familiar, echoing experiences from her own life.

"Although I cannot understand all the lyrics, they still touch my heart," said Linh, 35. Set against the backdrop of urban life, workplace challenges and the search for love and belonging, such Chinese drama series, often referred to as C-dramas, are striking a chord with audiences far beyond the country's borders.



Film and television clothing is displayed at the booth of Hengdian cinematic and cultural industry cluster zone at the Hong Kong International Film and TV Market (FILMART), in Hong Kong, March 17, 2025. — Xinhua photo by Chen Duo

Surging global audiences

"Many good Chinese dramas across various genres, including ancient-setting, modern and psychological dramas, have attracted young Vietnamese viewers," said Linh.

"The Early Spring" had climbed to second place on Netflix's weekly global chart for non-English-language series.

The social media accounts of Jing Boran, who plays the male lead, drew comments from viewers around the world.

Some viewers said they had rewatched the drama multiple times and thanked him for delivering such a compelling performance.

"Irreplaceable," despite not yet having become a major hit in China, drew 2 million views in its first week. It entered the platform's top 10 in 24 countries and regions.

Set in a fictional ancient world, "Pursuit of Jade" has also shown strong momentum. It has topped Google searches among Chinese costume dramas worldwide since 2025, racking up more than 10 million views.

Diversified genres to explore

As more Chinese series win over audiences abroad, viewers encounter a wider range of settings and stories, and come into contact with different

aspects of Chinese life and culture.

While enjoying the fashion pieces styled in "The Early Spring," Linh said the appeal also lies in its portrayal of relationships and working life. She sees something of herself in the female lead, who moves to a big city to study and work while navigating professional pressures.

For Zena Saidi, a university student in Tanzania, C-dramas hold great appeal for her thanks to their exquisite production, unique creativity and tightly woven plots.

In one of her favorites, "The Tale of Rose," "The heroine is beautiful and intelligent, and the way she experiences love makes you feel deeply for her," she said.

Female characters and their personal journeys are proving a draw for viewers abroad.

On iQIYI International, the overseas service of major Chinese streaming platform

iQIYI, "Pursuit of Jade" topped the platform's global charts for the first half of 2026.

Some overseas viewers praised the series for showing women taking the initiative to solve problems on their own.

Other popular titles on the platform appeal in different ways. "The Best Thing" weaves traditional Chinese medicine into a love story, while "Speed and Love" adds racing and boxing to its romantic plot.

More than a screen

For some fans, the interest continues after the final episode. They look up soundtracks and filming locations, or share favorite scenes online. Some also become curious about the food and everyday details they see on screen.

An article in India's Hindustan Times highlighted locations in Beijing and Harbin featured in "The Early Spring," giving fans ideas for places to visit and making the television drama

a starting point for travel inspiration.

Social media has also changed the way audiences engage with shows.

They share their reactions, create their own content and keep the conversation going beyond the screen.

Vietnamese film critic and writer Le Hong Lam said Chinese television series and films had influenced Vietnamese popular culture at different times.

He pointed to "Meet Yourself," a series about healing and finding beauty in everyday life. Its unhurried pace and focus on life's small pleasures offer viewers a different vision of modern living, he said.

Chinese cultural products such as television shows, films, animations, and video games have gained widespread popularity worldwide, said Benjamin Mgana, chief editor of foreign news at the Tanzanian newspaper The Guardian.

Through these works, an increasing number of Tanzanian people have come to understand and appreciate Chinese culture, Mgana noted.

Industrial capacity

Chinese streaming platforms have expanded their global reach, opening up more distribution avenues for C-dramas beyond platforms like YouTube.

In 2019, Tencent launched its overseas version WeTV in Thailand to offer original Chinese content with Thai subtitles and dubbing.

In the same year, iQIYI International was launched and gradually began localized operations in countries including Malaysia and Singapore.

These platforms have leveraged technology to break down language and cultural barriers.

Over 90 per cent of the translation and dubbing work for iQIYI International is done by AI, with humans only responsible for the final review. — Xinhua

'Navigating a steady course'
Born in Chicago and raised in



Misha Omar proves her vocal prowess remains undiminished

Marfika Adnan Haris Fadzilah

PETALING JAYA: The stage may not have been as grand as that of a mega concert, but Misha Omar's charisma and vocal prowess shone through at her 'Aku & Lelaki' showcase, proving that the golden-voiced singer's appeal remains undiminished after 24 years in the entertainment industry.

Captivating fans at JioSpace here recently, the powerhouse vocalist presented a different concept, highlighting the male figures who had shaped her musical journey and personal life, alongside a repertoire of her popular hits.

The showcase was initially planned as a curtain-raiser for a mega concert to celebrate the 25th anniversary of her career at a stadium next year. However, the plan has yet to materialise due to various other events, including the SEA Games. Nevertheless, the evening was filled with the excitement and energy of a full-scale concert, despite being staged on a smaller scale.

Misha, whose real name is Samihah @ Aishah Omar, looked elegant in an all-black outfit as she opened the show with a medley of Tak Ku Duga, Kacamata and



Misha Omar's charisma and vocal prowess shines through at her 'Aku & Lelaki' showcase at JioSpace, Petaling Jaya. — Bernama photo

Januari, immediately setting the mood with her powerful vocals and relaxed interaction with fans.

As the performance gained momentum, the Kelantan-born singer also took the opportunity to address the mixed reactions she had received ahead of the showcase, including remarks dismissing it as lacklustre and requests for complimentary or discounted tickets.

"Some people sent me direct messages asking for free tickets or discounts, while others said the showcase seemed rather lacklustre.

To me, if people want to come, I welcome them wholeheartedly. If they don't, that's fine too. Even if only these people turn up, it is already more than

enough," she said, drawing thunderous applause from the audience. Touched by the support of loyal fans who had purchased tickets despite competition from various other entertainment events, the 44-year-old pop queen clearly appreciated everyone who had turned up to support her performance.

Not wanting to dwell too long on her emotions, Misha lightened the mood with a candid revelation about her youthful fantasy of becoming the wife of popular singer Anuar Zain, prompting laughter from the audience.

"I think I was among millions of women who once dreamed of becoming his wife. Don't lie to me, girl — you must have had the same fantasy too! But when we grow up and get the chance to meet and work with him, our tastes change," she joked, sending the audience into fits of laughter.

Beyond the humour, the 2003 Anugerah Juara Lagu winner also expressed her appreciation for Anuar, describing him as a senior artiste who had always welcomed emerging talent and given her the confidence to go further in the industry.

As a tribute to the singer, Misha performed a medley of Lelaki Ini and Keabadian Cinta, before the evening took a heartwarming turn when her son, Idris Ezzwa, joined her on stage as a guest artiste.

Idris captured the audience's attention with his rendition of Just The Way You Are, before teaming up with his mother for

Risk It All. Their spontaneous and playful exchanges added a delightful touch to the performance.

The show continued with an emotional segment featuring Bahagiamu Deritaku, dedicated to her duet partner Hafiz Suip, followed by Bahasa Kalbu, a composition by Indonesian composer Andi Rianto.

Misha then paid tribute to three prominent Malaysian music icons through a segment titled The Music Moguls, performing a medley of Sentuhan Listrikmu, Penghujung Rindu and Merisik Khabar in honour of Datuk M. Nasir, Datuk Jamal Abdullah and the late Datuk Sudirman Arshad.

The venue subsequently transformed into a dance party as Misha invited fans to join her for the upbeat numbers Teh Hijau, Back At One and Can We Talk, before stepping down from the stage to get closer to the audience while singing Bunga-Bunga Cinta and Semoga Abadi.

After more than two hours on stage, she brought the showcase to a close with two vocally demanding songs, Break and Sampai Bila, earning thunderous applause and a standing ovation from the audience.

The evening was a testament to the fact that, after 24 years in the music industry, Misha's charisma and vocal prowess remain as strong as ever, silencing doubts about her ability to continue captivating audiences. — Bernama



Seyfried attends the Sixth Annual Academy Museum Gala at the Academy Museum of Motion Pictures in Los Angeles. — AFP photo

Amanda Seyfried doesn't regret turning down role in MCU

AMANDA Seyfried turned down the chance to star in the 'Guardians of the Galaxy' movie over fears it would 'ruin' her career.

The 40-year-old actress was offered the chance to join the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) by playing Gamora in the 2014 superhero film, but she turned the role down over fears the movie could be "bad" and the part went to Zoe Saldana instead.

Speaking in a question-and-answer session with the SAG-AFTRA Foundation, Amanda explained: "I think turning down 'Guardians of the Galaxy' was just so obvious to me at the time.

"I'm like: 'This is not going to be a hit. The tree and the raccoon are talking to each other. And also they're all in space.' And I was just like: 'This will ruin my career if this is bad. And there's a high chance that this could be bad.'"

The movie was a huge hit becoming the third-highest-grossing film of 2014 and it went on to spawn two successful sequels while the cast also appeared in the Avengers series.

Amanda now admits she was "wrong" about the film but she doesn't regret her decision.

She added: "I mean, obviously I was wrong. But I still don't take back that decision. I made it for myself. I made it for my family that I knew I wanted to have.

"And I just don't want to spend all the time in the make-up trailer. I just can't sit still anyway. I really don't like stunts,

and I don't like heights, and I don't like pretending the entire world. I need something to hold on to."

It comes after Zoe previously confirmed she is walking away from the role of Gamora, but she's hoping another actress will revive the character in the future.

She told Variety: "I keep saying this time and time again — I can't wait to see what's next for Gamora. I hope they're not done with her, and I hope a woman of color or a woman with special needs can take on the role next. That would be incredible."

Zoe also previously told the publication she didn't fully understand the character until she'd finished work on the films, saying: "I wish I could go back and reshoot what Gamora was going through in the Avengers movies.

"I was not quite understanding what the Russo Brothers [were doing]. They're excellent filmmakers and the opportunity they gave me was of a lifetime. To highlight Gamora in such a way in their films is something I'll always be grateful.

"I wish I could go back and redo it so I could push a little harder because it was such a great opportunity to play a daughter having issues with a dad and whether or not she's having this opportunity to reconcile or to simply just walk away.

"That would've been a great opportunity had I been a little more aware of it then." — Bang Showbiz

US rapper Macklemore launches 'Free Palestine Tour' after Ed Sheeran fallout

DUBLIN: US rapper Macklemore on Monday launched his new "Free Palestine Tour" in Dublin after being dropped as a supporting act by British pop star Ed Sheeran over pro-Palestinian comments.

Standing in lines outside the venue for the first show in the Irish capital, which promoters said had sold out, excited fans praised the 43-year-old's stance.

"Macklemore's support for Palestine is huge. He's stood up and he's put himself on the line instead of taking the easy way out," said Michael Keating, a 31-year-old who works in insurance, told AFP.

"He's risking his popularity, his future, his family's future — everything just for peace. And it is very important."

The 'Thrift Shop' star was removed from Sheeran's US tour after shouting 'Free Palestine!' on stage and telling Palestinians they were "not forgotten".

Sheeran has said the decision



Macklemore launched his new 'Free Palestine Tour' in Dublin after being dropped as a supporting act by Ed Sheeran. — AFP file photo

to drop Macklemore was made by tour promoters, not him — provoking outrage among musicians and pro-Palestinian activists.

"The USA is supposed to be the country of free speech and instead people are being shut down. (Sheeran) should have stood up for what Macklemore

was doing," said Grainne Healy, a 60-year-old retiree who had come to the Dublin concert with a former schoolfriend.

Four other supporting artists, including American singer Finneas, also pulled out of Sheeran's tour in solidarity with Macklemore and Sheeran later broke his

silence on the situation in Gaza at a concert in Philadelphia, calling it 'unjustifiable and disproportionate'.

Last month Macklemore announced his Free Palestine Tour, with shows in London and Paris in late October and US dates also planned, saying all proceeds would benefit pro-Palestinian organisations.

Outside Dublin's 3Arena, traders were selling fans half-Irish half-Palestinian flags, Free Palestine bucket hats and Palestinian-style keffiyeh scarves.

"Ever since (Macklemore) started talking about Palestine, it makes us like him even more," said one fan, Freya Dorrity, an 18-year-old student.

Maria Liddy, a 40-year-old in a red-and-white Palestinian-style keffiyeh scarf, said she was there 'to show solidarity' with the people of Palestine, adding that "artists should never be censored in any capacity". — AFP

Kudrat 1968: High Council delivers lessons, not normalising bullying

KUALA LUMPUR: Amid depictions of conflict and violence among boarding school students, Kudrat 1968: High Council carries a message that bullying leaves lasting consequences not only for victims but also for perpetrators.

Director Zulaikha Zakaria said the latest production by Astro Shaw, which combines a television series and film format, is not intended to glorify or normalise violence but rather to highlight the consequences of violent acts through the storyline and the fate of its characters.

She said the narrative had been carefully crafted to ensure that audiences could understand the characters' actions and the repercussions that followed.

"People out there perceive us as promoting bullying, but every episode actually shows the immediate consequences. We show what happens when you act this way and the repercussions that follow. These consequences are portrayed quickly, and every scene has its own lesson. We are not depicting tragedies without a purpose," she said at the film's media screening.

Zulaikha, who co-directed

the production with young director Khairi Asyraf, said the narrative also traces the characters' development and the consequences of their actions to illustrate how violence can trigger a chain of events that damages lives.

"We want audiences to realise that violence is not a solution," she said.

The view was echoed by producer and Astro Shaw head Raja Jastina Raja Arshad, who stressed that the production sought to encourage society to examine the root causes of violence among teenagers, which often stem from family environments and social inequalities.

"We are not merely addressing bullying, but also showing how a person can become a bully. Through this production, we raise questions about social disparities and personal conflicts. Sometimes, the values instilled at home and family upbringing shape a child's character and can eventually lead to violent behaviour," she said.

Meanwhile, Zulaikha, who also wrote the screenplay, acknowledged the demanding nature of the project, which

required the series and film to be shot simultaneously, putting her team under considerable time pressure.

She said preparations and casting were carried out intensively, while the two formats adopted different perspectives to explore the characters' emotional development and the factors driving their actions in greater depth.

Carrying the tagline 'Darah Kita Sama' (Our Blood Is the Same), Kudrat 1968: High Council, starring Zarif Ghazzi, Mierul Aiman, Dai Fuad, Akmal Asyraf and Everts Gomes, will hit cinemas on Oct 29.

The film continues the four-episode drama of the same title, which was screened on several streaming platforms. It also serves as a prequel to Projek: High Council (2023) and the film Kahar: Kapla High Council (2024).

The production has sparked controversy on social media over allegations that it encourages bullying among students, at a time when reports of school violence are becoming increasingly frequent, with some incidents resulting in fatalities. — Bernama

US rapper Jay-Z to headline 2027 Super Bowl half-time show

LONDON: United States rapper and hip-hop mogul Jay-Z will headline the 2027 NFL Super Bowl half-time show, it has been announced, PA Media/dpa reported.

After weeks of speculation, the news was confirmed in a joint announcement by Roc Nation, the NFL, and Apple Music ahead of the NFL's Monday night game between the Dallas Cowboys and Philadelphia Eagles.

The 2027 Super Bowl will take place on February 14 at SoFi Stadium in Los Angeles, California.

"From Reasonable Doubt to standing on the Super Bowl Halftime stage, this has been a journey," Jay-Z said in a statement.

"Thirty years of music, work, and culture on the world's biggest stage. This run continues to be a dream come true."

The rapper's entertainment company Roc Nation has produced the Super Bowl half-time show since partnering with the NFL in 2019, with

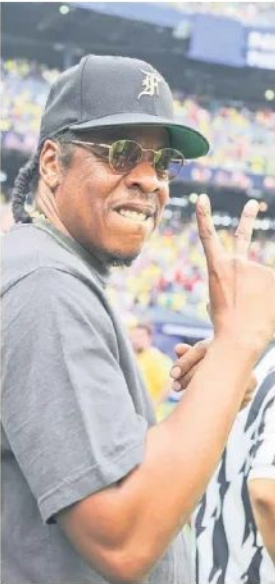
previous headliners including Shakira, Jennifer Lopez, The Weeknd, and Bad Bunny.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said: "When we first reached an agreement with Roc Nation to produce the show, I had just one request: that Jay-Z take the stage himself one day, whenever the moment felt right to him."

Roc Nation produced rapper Kendrick Lamar's performance in 2025, which is the most watched Super Bowl half-time show in history and won the Emmy award for outstanding music direction.

Jay-Z, whose given name is Shawn Carter, has become one of hip-hop's most decorated names since rising to fame with his debut album, Reasonable Doubt, which was released in 1996.

His accolades include being the first rapper inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame, winning 25 Grammy awards, and being inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2021. — Bernama-PA Media/DPA



Jay-Z attends the FIFA World Cup 2026 Round of 16 match between Brazil and Norway at New York New Jersey Stadium. — AFP file photo

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1.	WILLIAM ANAK DOMINIC	770715-13-5687 / K0504678	29-1012-2008A	KUCHING	10.12.2025

Bertarih: 15.12.2025

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1.	WITIANAK RIMONG	T1040355	29-66-2009-III	KUCHING	10.12.2025

Bertarih: 15.12.2025

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Bertarih: 15.12.2025

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1.	MOHAMMAD HAFIZUL BIN SAFFIEE	830812-13-5617 / K090372	29-1067-2009-II	KUCHING	17.12.2025

Bertarih: 29.12.2025

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1.	MEINRAD ANAK ABANG	790110-13-5301	29-935-2009-III	KUCHING	16.12.2025

Bertarih: 29.12.2025

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1.	MOHD SHARILLASHRAFF BIN ABDULLAH	750425-13-6177 / K045735	KCH-29-33-2011	KUCHING	17.12.2025

Bertarih: 29.12.2025

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1.	MAYA BINTI JAPAR	780504-13-6076	29-531-2011	KUCHING	17.12.2025

Bertarih: 29.12.2025

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1.	WONG TOH LEH	600603-13-6756 / K629353	29-368-2000	KUCHING	10.12.2025

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1.	TSAI SIEW CHOON @ CHAI SIEW CHOON	600408-13-5410 / T25899	29-658-2010-III	KUCHING	10.12.2025

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Bertarih: 29.12.2025

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Bil.	Nama	Nombor Kad Pengenalan	Nombor Kes	Mahkamah Tinggi	Tarikh Pelepasan
1.	KAMARULZAMAN BIN AYUP	740112-13-5289 / K0348100	29-48-2011	KUCHING	17.12.2025

Bertarih: 29.12.2025

(ADIBAH HUSNA BINTI ZAINAL ABDIN)
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Bil.	Nama	Nombor Kad Pengenalan	Nombor Kes	Mahkamah Tinggi	Tarikh Pelepasan
1.	ZAIRINA BINTI MAJAS	720721-13-6158 / K0414023	29-587-2010-II	KUCHING	10.12.2025

Bertarih: 15.12.2025

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1.	KAMARULZAMAN BIN MORSIDI	780112-13-5437 / K028795	29-683-2007-II	KUCHING	17.12.2025

Bertarih: 29.12.2025

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Bil.	Nama	Nombor Kad Pengenalan	Nombor Kes	Mahkamah Tinggi	Tarikh Pelepasan
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Bil.	Nama	Nombor Kad Pengenalan	Nombor Kes	Mahkamah Tinggi	Tarikh Pelepasan
1.	JULIA ANAK PAGANG	720715-13-6020 / K0371337	29-134-2011	KUCHING	10.12.2025

Bertarih: 15.12.2025

(ADIBAH HUSNA BINTI ZAINAL ABDIN)
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IN THE MATTER OF ACTONIT SDN. BHD.
199001017448(209117-U)
(In Members' Voluntary Winding-Up)
NOTICE OF THE FINAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 459 of the Companies Act, 2016 that a Final Meeting of the abovesaid Company will be held at the office of the Liquidator at No.8, 1st Floor, Lorong Tuanku Osman 4, 96000 Sibu, Sarawak on Sunday, the 15th day of November, 2026 at 2p.m. for the following purposes:-

- To receive and consider the Liquidator's final accounts and any explanation that may be given by the Liquidator;
- To resolve, under Section 518(3)(b) of the Companies Act, 2016, that the books, accounts and documents of the Company be destroyed after expiration of 3 months from the date of the final meeting.

SIAM AI KIN
Liquidator
Sibu, Sarawak.
Dated this 26th October, 2026

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(Sebuah Syarikat Milik Menteri Kewangan Diperbadankan)

NOTIS TENDER

CADANGAN MEMBINA DAN MENYIAPKAN IBU PEJABAT POLIS DAERAH (IPD) KAPIT DAN BALAI POLIS KAPIT SERTA KEMUDAHAN BERKAITAN DI ATAS LOT 464, BLOCK 12, JALAN BLETEH, MENUAN LAND DISTRICT KAPIT, SARAWAK

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COMPANIES (WINDING-UP) NO. KCH-28NCC-63-10/2026 (HC-2)

IN THE MATTER OF Section 465 (1) (e) & Section 466 (1) (a) of the Companies Act, 2016;
AND
IN THE MATTER OF Rule 22 of the Companies (Winding-Up) Rules 1972;
AND
IN THE MATTER OF SFD FOOD INDUSTRIES SDN. BHD. [Company No. 2016010229054 (1199994-A)]

PERBADANAN USAHAWAN NASIONAL BERHAD
[Company No. 199101010745 (221057-V)]
a company incorporated in Malaysia under the Companies Act, 1965 and having its registered address at 13th Floor, Block 1B, Plaza Sentral, Jalan Stesen Sentral 5, Kuala Lumpur Sentral 50470 Kuala Lumpur and a branch office at Tingkat Bawah & Tingkat 1, Lot 563 (S1.15) Wisma Wan Abu Bakar, Jalan Kulas 93400 Kuching, Sarawak.

... PETITIONER

AND
[Company No. 2016010229054 (1199994-A)]
a company incorporated in Malaysia under the Companies Act, 1965 and having its registered address at S52, Regal Corporate Park Bandar Baru Semanjung 93050 Kuching, Sarawak.

... RESPONDENT

ADVERTISEMENT OF PETITION
(Rule 24 of Companies (Winding-Up) Rules 1972)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition for the winding-up of the above-named Respondent Company by the High Court in Sabah and Sarawak at Kuching, was on the 19th day of October, 2026 presented by PERBADANAN USAHAWAN NASIONAL BERHAD [Company No. 199101010745 (221057-V)].

AND THAT the said Petition is directed to be heard before the High Court sitting at Kuching at 9.00 o'clock in the forenoon, on the 4th day of January, 2027. 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 PERBADANAN USAHAWAN NASIONAL BERHAD and the Petitioner's address is 13th Floor, Block 1B, Plaza Sentral, Jalan Stesen Sentral 5, Kuala Lumpur Sentral, 50470 Kuala Lumpur and a branch office at Tingkat Bawah & Tingkat 1, Lot 563 (S1.15), Wisma Wan Abu Bakar, Jalan Kulas, 93400 Kuching, Sarawak.

The Petitioner's advocates is Messrs Khairul Zaidi & Company Advocates, 2nd Floor, Lot 328, Section 10, KTLD, Jalan Satok, 93400 Kuching, Sarawak.

Dated this 22nd day of October, 2026.

Messrs Khairul Zaidi & Co.
Advocates for the Petitioner

NOTE:-
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