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# Who is 'Malaysian Official 1'?

BY NAZLI IBRAHIM

**SHAH ALAM** - The US Department of Justice has listed 17 assets worth over USD1 billion to be seized in its civil suit.

Attorney General Loretta E Lynch in a press conference said that the assets to be seized in the suit – which also cited a 'Malaysian Official 1' – included luxury properties and a jet aircraft.

"Assets worth USD1 billion discussed today is only part of more than USD3 billion which was stolen from 1MDB and laundered in the United States where it is against the law.

"1MDB should have helped economic development through

global partnerships and foreign direct investments to promote the welfare of Malaysians," said Loretta in a press conference transcript which began to spread throughout the world on July 22.

Other assets listed in the civil lawsuit are L'Ermitage property – including L'Ermitage Hotel at 9291 Burton Way, Beverly Hills, California 90210, and L'Ermitage business assets – including all intangible property and assets and a Bombardier Global 5000 jet with manufacture serial number 9625 and registration number N689WM, which comes with two Rolls Royce engines.

In addition, three highly-valued artwork – Vincent Van Gogh's

'La maison de Vincent à Arlest', and paintings by Claude Monet titled 'Saint-Georges Majeur' and 'Nymphaes avec Reflets de Hautes Herbes' – were also listed.

She said in addition to 'Malaysian Official 1', also named in the lawsuit were Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak's stepson, Riza Aziz, businessman Low Taek Jho and two former Abu Dhabi officials who were amongst the main players in the misappropriation of funds lawsuit.

She added that in addition to buying luxury assets, 1MDB funds were also used to finance lavish lifestyles and settle gambling debts in Las Vegas.

## Better for Najib to go on leave

**SHAH ALAM** - The entire world was shocked when the US Department of Justice (DOJ) filed a suit to seize assets worth over RM4 billion (USD1 billion) linked with an international conspiracy to launder funds misappropriated from 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB).

People's Justice Party (KEADILAN) President Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Ismail said that the DOJ press conference clearly states that the RM4 billion is part of more than RM14 billion (USD 3.5 billion) that was identified as being embezzled from 1MDB between 2009 and 2015.

"This timeline coincides and overlaps exactly with the tenure of Datuk Seri Najib Razak as Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, and Chairman of the 1MDB Board of Advisors.

"The DOJ also named several individuals as being involved including Riza Aziz (Najib Razak's stepson), Jho Low, Khadem Abdullah Al-Qubaisi and Mohammed Ahmed Badawy Al-Husseiny," she said in a statement.

She added that Najib's position as Prime Minister allowed him control and influence over key government agencies, including the office of the Attorney General, the Royal Malaysian Police and the Malaysian Anti-Corruption

Commission.

She said that Article 117 of 1MDB's Memorandum and Articles of Association during the time the RM14 billion was alleged to have been embezzled stated categorically that all "financial commitments (including investments), restructuring or matters involving government guaran-

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tees" must obtain the written approval of the Prime Minister.

"I believe Malaysians want Datuk Seri Najib to go on leave as Prime Minister so as not to create the perception of abuse of power or process to halt or hinder a full and transparent investigation on this very serious issue.

"I also urge the Cabinet to advise His Royal Highness the Yang Di-Pertuan Agong to proclaim the formation of a Royal Commission of Inquiry to investigate the serious claims that RM14 billion had been embezzled from 1MDB between 2009 and 2015, and to suggest the prosecution of those involved in this heinous crime," she said.



## Enough of hiding, Najib

**SHAH ALAM** - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak can no longer hide but must once and for all come clean and explain the 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) issue to the rakyat.

Selangor Menteri Besar Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali said there was no longer any doubt that the scandal involved the misappropriation of public funds by high-ranking public officials.

"At last, after all these months of trying to white wash the biggest financial scandal in Malaysia, the truth concerning 1MDB has finally surfaced confirming that there was indeed a conspiracy to defraud and launder billions of the taxpayers' money committed by those closely connected with those occupying the highest rungs of public office.

"While it is true that none of the lawsuits named Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, they involve people within his inner circle," Mohamed Azmin said in a statement on July 21.

He said that the assets in-

cluded include penthouses, mansions, artwork, a private jet and proceeds from the "Wolf of Wall Street" movie that it says were illegally acquired through money diverted from 1MDB of which the Prime Minister was also the chairman.

"The US move is part of their effort to fight global corruption.

"It is also to ensure that the US does not become a safe haven for those trying to cover their tracks after using public funds for their own personal gain," he said.

He added that Najib's decision last year to sack Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and displace top MACC officers who were actively involved in the 1MDB investigation strongly suggested a conspiracy to cover up the scandal.

"It clearly shows that there is a conspiracy to defraud billions of dollars in taxpayers' money by those closest to our country's top leader," he said.

## Stop issuing weird statements

**SHAH ALAM** - Umno-Barisan Nasional (BN) leaders and other officials in Malaysia are urged to refrain from giving various 'weird' statements regarding 'Malaysian Official 1' just to prove their loyalty to certain individuals.

Batu Member of Parliament Tian Chua said that the individual

stated in the United States (US) Department of Justice (DOJ) civil suit filed yesterday was similar to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

"The US Attorney referred to an individual similar to the Malaysian Prime Minister. Najib should answer sincerely regarding his role in the 1MDB scandal.

"Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor's (Najib's wife) son, Reza Aziz, was also named and the phrase used was Malaysia's funds were stolen," he said when contacted by Selangorkini.

Tian Chua said, the phrase also strengthens the case that the scandal involved the most influ-

ential figures in the country.

"The expose tarnishes the country's image because of such corrupt leadership.

"The rakyat is waiting for Najib's explanation. If he fails to explain this matter, the rakyat has no choice but to rise up and demand that he resigns," he said.

DOJ repeatedly referred to an individual named 'Malaysian Official 1' in its suit, giving rise to speculation regarding the identity of the said individual.

Although Najib is not named in the suit, many have speculated that 'Malaysian Official 1' referred to him.



# No mere civil suit but a crime

BY NAZLI IBRAHIM

**SHAH ALAM** - The civil suit filed by the US Department of Justice (DOJ) to forfeit billions of ringgits in assets linked to the 1Malaysian Development Berhad (1MDB) scandal in that country is no ordinary civil suit.

Menteri Besar Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali said that the suit would surely reveal the corrupt practices involving the individual known as Malaysian Official 1.

"They claim that we cannot make a mountain out of an anthill

over a civil suit.

"It is now clearly a disgrace when the truth is that it is not merely a civil suit but a catchphrase that brings to mind two words, corruption and kleptocracy," Mohamed Azmin said.

He said this while closing the Freedom of Information Forum at the Annex Building of the Selangor State Assembly.

Touching on the issue of freedom of information, Mohamed Azmin also condemned certain parties for using the Official Secrets Act (OSA) to protect their

corrupt actions.

It is clear, however, that the situation in Selangor is different as the State Government is always doing its best to increase the freedom of information in the Pakatan-led state.

The Freedom of Information Forum organised by the Selangor State Assembly featured panelists including C4 Centre Founder Cynthia Gabriel, Penang Institute Director Steven Sim, Bar Council President Steven Thiru and the Vice Dean of University Tasmania Law School, Profesor Rick Snell.

# RM800 million for water treatment plants to overcome Langat 2 delay

**GOMBAK** - Construction of the Semenyih 2 Water Treatment Plant will begin as soon as possible to avoid any potential water crisis resulting from the delayed Federal Government Langat 2 project.

Selangor Menteri Besar Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali said that Semenyih 2 is a new water treatment plan project that was announced previously.

"Construction of Semenyih 2 will begin as soon as possible because the open tender process has yet to be completed.

"Langat 2 should have been completed in 2017 to meet the industrial demand and also domestic use in Selangor, but we are disappointed that the project has been delayed and will only be completed in 2019.

"To counter any possibility of a water crisis, the State Government is forced to spend RM800 million to ensure that there is no disruption in water supply in the near fu-



ture," he said.

Mohamed Azmin said this while launching the 2016 Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya Old Pipe Replacement ceremony in Jalan Taman Melawati on July 26.

He explained that the Semenyih 2 and Labuhan Dagang water

treatment plants will be funded by the State Government's reserves.

This is in line with the State Government's desire to use its reserves for development projects that will bring a direct positive effect to the citizens of Selangor.

# RM400 million to replace 422 km of old pipes

**GOMBAK** - The Selangor Government has decided to advance RM400 million for the replacement of 422 km of old pipes in Selangor, Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya for the betterment of the rakyat.

Menteri Besar Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali said that the costs to replace the old pipes at 84 hotspots should be borne by Pengurusan Aset Air Berhad (PAB).

"The State Government's commitment is such that we have begun replacement of the 422 km of pipes today. The entire project will be completed in 2019 and we have identified 12 hotspots already for this year only.

"This is a pressing issue, so the State Government has agreed to advance the capital expenditure because I am unsure when PAB will receive funds from the Federal Government. The State Government views this as an important issue to both consumers and the state administration," he said.

Mohamed Azmin said this

while launching the 2016 Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya Old Pipe Replacement ceremony in Jalan Taman Melawati on July 26.

He explained that the replacement work will be done in stages with critical areas being the top priority. This is to reduce the rate of non-revenue water (NWR) to 25% in 2025 compared to the present rate of 35%.

"Air Selangor is also implementing a holistic water management system in addition to reviewing the feasibility of drawing water from other sources," he added.

Mohamed Azmin said the campaign to reduce NWR requires the entire community's involvement as there have been incidents of water theft by some industry players and individuals.

In a symbolic ceremony, Mohamed Azmin lowered a new pipe into place using a bulldozer.

Also present was Infrastructure, Public Amenities and Agro-based Industry Exco Zaidy Abdul Talib.



# 48,000 consumers benefit from pipe replacement project

**GOMBAK** - Phase 1 of the pipe replacement project in Taman Melawati, Gombak Setia and Seri Setia will ultimately benefit 11,934 account holders and over 48,000 consumers.

Air Selangor Asset Management Head Sanusi Suleiman said that the project would reduce water supply disruptions caused by burst pipes.

"The replacement of old pipes will also ensure that the water quality is maintained and the rate of non-revenue water is reduced," he said.

Sanusi said that Phase 1 will cost around RM9.12 million and is expected to be completed in 12 months.

He touched on water disruptions in the area, saying that between January 2014 and June 2016, the three areas recorded high rates of burst pipes and leaks, which resulted in water disruptions.

"This area was chosen based on the high number of burst pipes recorded. For the period between January 2014 and June 2016, Taman Melawati recorded 43 incidents of burst pipes, which is an average of twice a month, and 118 related complaints.

"Taman Seri Gombak meanwhile suffered 30 incidents of burst pipes, nearly once a month. For Gombak Setia, there were 23 incidents of burst pipes and 42 incidents of leaks," he said.

# Raja Muda joins the Royal Malay Regiment

**SUNGAI UDANG** - The Raja Muda of Selangor, Tengku Amir Shah Ibni Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah's decision to join the Royal Malay Regiment (RAMD) was spurred on by his interest and passion.

He chose to join the RAMD rather than the Royal Malaysian Navy, like his father, His Royal Highness Sultan of Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah.

"Many have asked why I chose to join RAMD and not the navy or the air force.

"Ultimately, the challenge and the physical and mental endurance in the army training are what piqued my interest to join RAMD," he told Selangorkini.

The Sultan of Selangor was appointed an Honorary Commander of the Royal Malaysian Navy Volunteer Reserves on Aug 27, 1998.

The Sultan's appointment was a result of his successful circumnavigation of the world that began on Feb 4, 1995 and ended on Nov 6, 1996. He travelled over

27,949 nautical miles and docked at 155 ports.

The 644-day journey qualified him to be appointed as a Royal Malaysian Navy Captain in 2002 in addition to receiving the Honorary Beret and Special Forces Medal (PASKAL) on Oct 6, 2014 on board the KD Sri Semporna.

In contrast with his father, Tengku Amir began military training with the Commissioning Course Intake 152 at RMA Sandhurst, United Kingdom. The course lasted from May 3, 2015 till Apr 15, 2016.

He previously graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Ecology and Environmental Biology from the University of Leeds and took his oath as a Cadet Officer on Sep 24, 2014.



The Raja Muda said that the discipline instilled throughout the entire army training would form an individ-

ual's resilience to overcome real challenges as an army officer.

He also shared some of his experiences during military training, putting aside any sentiment and his position as a royal.

"There's always something new throughout the entire training and I had the chance of parachu-

ting for the first time in my life.

"If I have the chance, I would certainly like to make another jump in the future," he said.

The Raja Muda's willingness to continue to serve the country and its people should be emulated by the younger generation as an example of patriotism.

# Political situation poser for foreign investment

BY LIZAWATI MADFA

**SHAH ALAM** - The current political situation will likely impact the development of foreign investment to Selangor.

Invest Selangor Berhad CEO Hasan Azhari Idris said, however, the immediate effects have yet to be seen.

"For now, there are no direct effects yet but we will monitor the situation from time to time.

"We will also take steps regarding investors to ensure that they will stay with Selangor," he told Selangorkini.

He said this at the Invest Selangor Open House that was also attended by Menteri Besar Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali.

On July 20, The US Department of Justice filed a civil suit to forfeit assets that was allegedly bought with funds embezzled from 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB).

DOJ revealed that a total of US\$1 billion of funds was used to pay off gambling debts in Las Vegas, and to purchase a lux-



Riza Aziz, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak's stepson, was listed in the suit as well.

ury yacht, interior decorations, property and a jet.

A total of US\$731 million was also allegedly funnelled out of 1MDB to the Ambank account owned by 'Malaysian Official 1' who was listed as a 'high-ranking official' and holding a position of 'power' in 1MDB.

# BERSIH 5.0 needed to save Malaysia

**SHAH ALAM** - The People's Justice Party (KEADILAN) Youth has welcomed the suggestion by The Coalition for Clean and Fair Elections (BERSIH) to hold a peaceful gathering BERSIH 5.0 to call for the resignation of Prime Minister Dato' Seri Najib Razak.

KEADILAN Youth Deputy Dr Afif Bahardin said this following the recent expose and lawsuit by the US Department of Justice against the government-linked company 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB).

He said that the 1MDB scandal has threatened the sovereignty and economic situation of the country.

"The Prime Minister, who is responsible for 1MDB, has chosen to keep quiet and not resign. This is a betrayal to the entire nation.

"The country's image and integrity is destroyed and we are now seen as a lawless and corrupt-ridden country," Dr Afif said in a media statement.

He said that the Prime Minister has managed to concentrate power and destroyed the country's legal and justice system since last year.

"BERSIH 5.0 rally needs to be organised to save this country from the brink of destruction.

"BERSIH 5.0 is the best avenue for the rakyat to gather peacefully as allowed in the Malaysian Constitution and reclaim our rights as citizens," he said.

He said that KEADILAN Youth is ready to help mobilise as many youth and citizens as possible - no matter what race, ethnicity, religion, or political views - to gather and demand Najib's resignation and the implementation of a comprehensive reform.

# Selangor has highest population in M'sia

**SHAH ALAM** - Selangor registered the highest population percentage in the country this year at 19.9%, followed by Sabah (12.0%) and Johor (11.5%).

Malaysia's population this year (2016) is estimated at 31.7 million, a 0.5 million increase compared to 31.2 million people in 2015.

In a statement, the Malaysian Statistics Department said the figures reflect a 1.5% annual population growth rate for the same period.

The 31.7 million total population

comprised of 16.4 million men and 15.3 million women in terms of gender composition, a ratio of 107 men to every 100 women.

"By ethnicity, bumiputera registered as the highest percentage of Malaysia citizens at 68.6%, followed by Chinese (23.4%), Indian (7.0%) and Others (1.0%).

"Non-citizens accounted for 10.3% of Malaysia's total population," he said.

According to the department, distribution by age group this year showed no

significant difference compared to 2015.

"The population in the age group of 14 years and below decreased by 0.4% in 2016 (24.5%) compared to 2015 (24.9%).

"The working age population, 15 to 64 years old, increased by 0.2% in 2016 to 69.5% compared to 2015; and population aged 65 years and above also increased by 0.2% to 6.0% for the same period.

"States that recorded the smallest population percentage were Labuan and Putrajaya, at 0.3% respectively," he said.

## 4,038 from Selangor selected for Hajj

**SHAH ALAM** - A total of 4,038 people from Selangor have been selected to perform the Hajj this year.

Tabung Haji Selangor Director Syawal Abong said they will be flown to the holy land, beginning Aug 4 until Sep 5.

He added that most of them are going to perform the pilgrimage for the first time.

"From the total of 22,320 Hajj pilgrims this year, 4,038 are from Selangor and the majority are performing Hajj for the first time.

"There are a total of 47 flights from Malaysia," he said when met after the Hajj course, Kursus Perdana Haji Musim 1437/2016M.

The course was organised by Tabung Haji from July 15 until 31, and conducted throughout the country in stages.

His Royal Highness the Sultan of Selangor Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah assented to address the pilgrims at the closing of the course.

Also present were Menteri Besar Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali and Tabung Haji Chief Executive Officer Datuk Johan Abdullah.

Meanwhile, Noraida Mohd



Noor, 48, expressed her happiness at being selected to perform the pilgrimage at a young age.

She did not expect to be selected this year after being on the waiting list since 2007.

"It was unexpected as according to the bid I should be selected next year. Praise to Allah, I have been chosen earlier.

"There is just a bit more preparation left. My husband and I will

be leaving next Aug 7," said Noraida who is from Semenyih.

She hopes to be granted and blessed with good health in order to complete the fifth pillar in Islam.

"This is the first time that I am going to the holy land. I have not even performed the Umrah before. I pray that I will be granted good health and ease in all affairs," she said.

# Sultan graces CIMB Aidilfitri Open House

BY NORHAYATI UMOR

**KUALA LUMPUR** - His Royal Highness Sultan Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah graced the Aidilfitri Open House organised by CIMB Group at St Regis Kuala Lumpur on 25 July.

He was not the only royal who attended as the Sultan of Perak, Sultan Nazrin Shah dan Raja Permaisuri Perak Tuanku Zara Salim were also guests at the event.

The Sultan of Selangor was escorted by Menteri Besar Dato Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali and Defense Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein.

The Sultan was greeted upon his arrival by CIMB Group Chairman Datuk Seri Nazir Razak.

Sultan Sharafuddin spent around two hours at the event, which was attended by various dignitaries and members of Malaysian royalty, before leaving.



## KDEBWM's 100% complaint resolution goal

**SHAH ALAM** - KDEB Waste Management Sdn Bhd (KDEBWM) has set a high standard for itself, aiming to ensure all complaints raised by residents on garbage issues at the Klang Municipal Council (MPK) are resolved.

Selangor Economic Advisor's Office CEO Dr Fahmi Ngah said the company targets 80% of the residents' complaints to be resolved in less than a week.

"From our operations up to July 1, we have received 360 complaints, with 98% of the complaints resolved.

"We receive many complaints in a week and we estimate we would be able to resolve 80% of

the complaints every week," he told SelangorKini.

KDEBWM, through its command centre, operates seven days a week, controlling and monitoring garbage collection in some 60 MPK areas.

This initiative, according to Dr Fahmi, is to ensure the wellbeing of Klang residents as well as the complete resolution of related problems.

However, he said, KDEBWM received a number of complaints regarding garbage issues in Klang following the takeover of domestic garbage management at the Klang Municipal Council in July.

"During the initial stages, there

were some problems because we had to collect garbage left by the previous contractor.

"So for we dedicated two weeks to solve the issue and we had our contractors collecting garbage both day and night during that time.

"When the situation stabilises, we will make sure each complaint is resolved within two days," he said.

The command centre can be contacted via 019-274 2824 (Whatsapp), 019-375 9592, 019-375 3980, STARS toll free line at 1-800-88-2824.

In addition, Klang residents can also file complaints directly via e-mail at [iclean@kdebwm.com](mailto:iclean@kdebwm.com).

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# Smart Selangor: The leap towards a Smart State

Smart Selangor is an initiative focused on improving the quality of life of the rakyat, introduced by Menteri Besar Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali. Its aim to mobilise the state into making paradigm shifts on several fronts. The basis of the programme is to stimulate and encourage knowledge through smart infrastructure, development of smart citizens and creating a smart government.

Mohamed Azmin said in a speech during the 2016 Selangor Budget presentation that a 'Smart State' can only be achieved through holistic interaction of all hardware and humans to improve the quality of life.

To prove that it was not just empty talk, he announced a RM10 million budget to develop action plans for Selangor to become a smart state.

Since then, many efforts have been mobilised with extensive media publicity on the #SmartSelangor initiative.

So much has been said, but what exactly is Smart Selangor?

With the vision of making Selangor the state of choice in the Asean region, Smart Selangor presents five components as its core objectives:

1. Economic growth enhancement
2. Environmental protection
3. Enhancement in quality of life
4. Creation of job opportunities
5. Stronger fiscal position for the state

## Who leads Smart Selangor?

On April 6, 2016, the Selangor State Executive Council approved the Smart Selangor implementation mechanism comprising of:

1. Smart Selangor Consultative Council
2. Steering Committee
3. Smart Selangor Delivery Unit (SSDU)

The Consultative Council is chaired by Mohamed Azmin and the members are Selangor State Secretary Datuk Mohd Amin Ahya, State Excos, international panels and private sector leaders.

The Steering Committee is headed by the State Secretary and SSDU is helmed by Menteri Besar Incorporation, tasked to lead the Smart Selangor initiatives.

The team is supported by the state's main agencies in developing the Smart Selangor action plans.

The main player is, of course, SSDU, which is a special unit with its own administration structure, budget, processes, procedures and reports directly to the State

Government.

The success of the SSDU requires involvement and cooperation from local authorities and all state agencies.

SSDU has six main functions with the task to prepare a strategic programme and the Smart Selangor Blueprint which includes proposals on key performance indicators.

It is also the team that manages portfolios and projects under Smart Selangor while identifying and addressing development issues, and project implementation, including resolving conflicts.

The SSDU is tasked with preparing assessment reports or analyses to review the effectiveness of the Smart Selangor initiative. It also plans and manages programme budgets and acts as the liaison between stakeholders.

SSDU is also the secretariat

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for the Smart Selangor Consultative Council and the Steering Committee to ensure all the programmes developed by the Menteri Besar runs smoothly.

## What has Smart Selangor achieved so far?

To begin developing action

## WHAT THE RAKYAT WANTS FROM A SMART STATE

**1** Efficient government services and public facilities based on safe and secure data storage systems.

**2** Technology-friendly neighbourhoods equipped with free Wi-Fi facilities, social interactive search that covers local businesses, arts or culture through smart phone applications.

**3** Options for efficient transportation such as comfortable pedestrian lanes, dedicated bicycle lanes, transit and others.

**4** Districts or neighbourhoods with biodegradable resources, efficient solid waste management, active residents' participation in recycling activities and green initiatives.

**5** The chance to be actively involved to improve lives through the use of technology for better and efficient decision-making.

**6** Access to real-time monitoring of energy usage and traffic control. Citizens also want interactive road navigation systems, social networking, and digital health networks.

**THE CITIZENS EXPECT A STATE THAT PROVIDES:**



# Smart Selangor to improve quality of life



**Vision:**

Selangor as the state of choice in ASEAN region

**Smart Selangor key objectives are:**

1. Economic growth enhancement
2. Environmental protection
3. Enhancement in quality of life
4. Creation of job opportunities
5. Stronger state fiscal position



plans, SSDU organised a briefing session for all state agencies and local authorities on June 1.

This was the basis for the Smart Selangor Lab Phase 1, held between June 27 and July 1. It was jointly facilitated by Frost & Sullivan, the international 'smart city' consultant.

Besides discussing action plans, the lab had also detailed out the Smart Selangor Blueprint which would determine the programme's direction.

**Why is Smart Selangor important?**

The programme aims to raise the citizens' quality of life by focusing on 12 aspects namely:

1. Smart Governance
2. Smart Energy
3. Smart Water Management
4. Smart Waste Management
5. Smart Development
6. Smart Digital Infrastructure
7. Smart Transportation and Mobility
8. Smart Safety and Security
9. Smart Crisis Management
10. Smart Agriculture
11. Smart Health
12. Smart Education

In the first phase of the action plan, the Smart Selangor Lab focused on four main domains which were:

1. Smart Governance
2. Smart Waste Management
3. Smart Digital Infrastructure
4. Smart Transit Oriented Development

The lab, jointly organised between Frost & Sullivan and SSDU will propose at least four main pioneer projects out of the four domains.

These projects will be the 'smart solutions' to address several main issues faced by Selangor citizens currently.

The projects will be implemented together by the state government, agencies, local authorities, the private sectors as well as any international corporation deemed necessary to make the 'smart solutions' a success within the appropriate budget given by the State Government.

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## 2016 Budget: Developing A Smart Selangor That Cares

**Smart Selangor Consultative Council**



**RM10 Million**  
3 Years

Prepare roadmap or blueprint for Selangor to become a Smart State



**RM13 Million**  
Install 2,500 Hotspots



**RM6.73 Million**  
Upgrade Information Technology Infrastructure



**RM3.8 Million**  
Establish Selangor Information Technology & E-Commerce Centre



**Selangor Digital Creative Centre (SDCC)**

Incubator with co-working space, provide synergy on technological innovation and business cultures for development

**RM 10 Million**  
Expand Bus Smart Selangor services in MPAJ & MPKJ



**BUILDING & UPGRADING PROJECTS INFRASTRUCTURES & PUBLIC FACILITIES**



# Paradigm shift propels state's development

BY NURUL FARINA NAZLAN

**RESULTS** of a recent telephone survey conducted by Merdeka Centre on May 28 to June 5 found the State Government's four main missions under Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali's administration, since he took office as Menteri Besar on Sep 23, 2014, were positively accepted by the people.

These four missions that fulfil Selangor citizens' aspirations are development and infrastructure (19%), administration (18%), leadership (11%) and economic improvement (10%).

### Positive direction

Results of the survey showed that voters were very positive on the state's direction, showing an increased confidence in the administration as well as the existing leadership.

The survey showed 61% of the respondents believed the State Government is heading in the right direction, while 29% felt otherwise and were hoping for economic development and the continued stability of the state's administration.

The State Government's commitment in providing various forms of people-friendly pro-

grammes such as Smart Bus Selangor, Wifi Selangorku, Merakyatkan Ekonomi Selangor (MES) and Hijrah Microcredit Scheme have also been well-received by citizens.

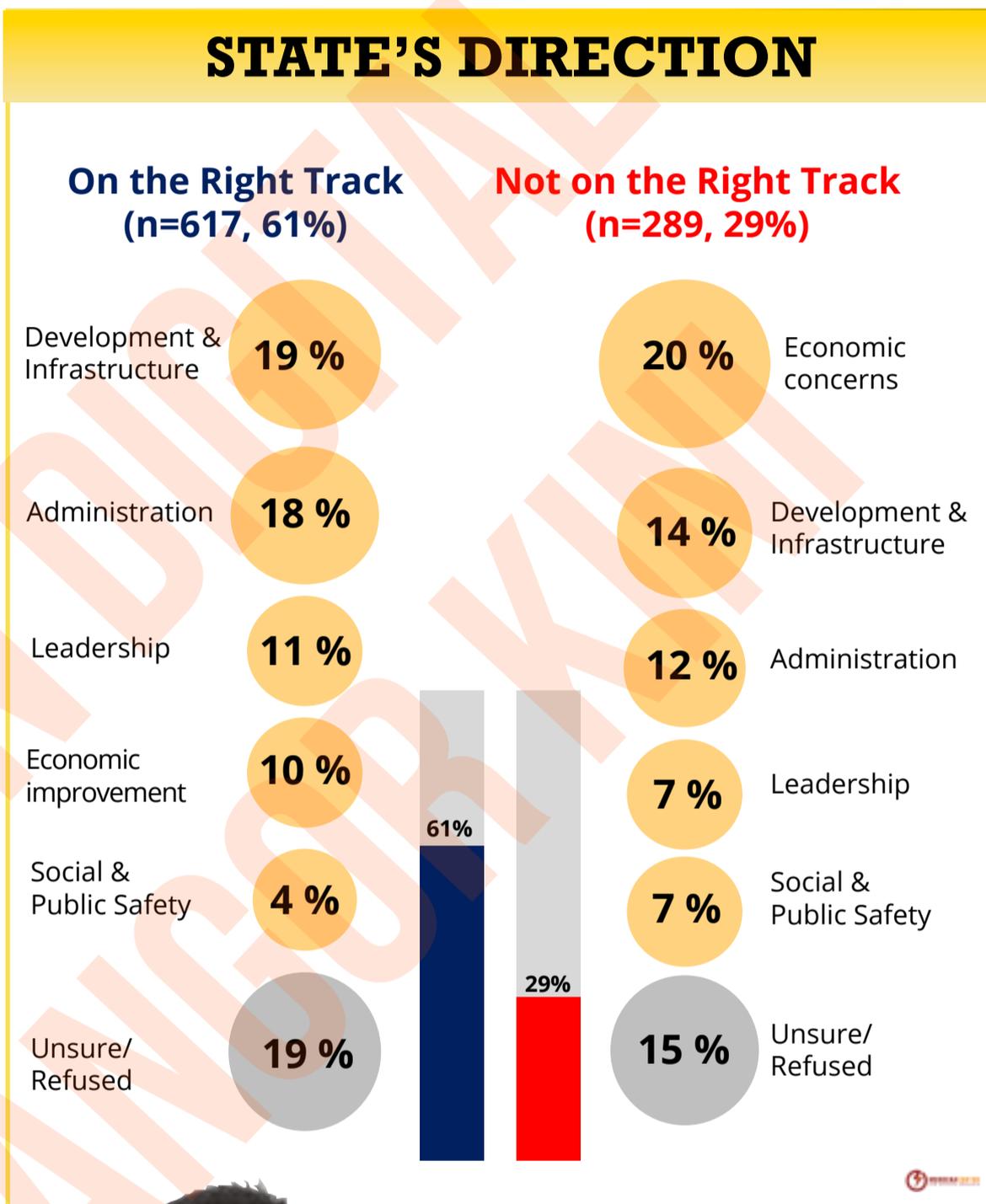
### Promoting the difference

Merdeka Centre Director Ibrahim Suffian said the difference in Selangor's administration has captured the attention of many parties and produced a variety of responses, including those who saw it as exemplary and those who tried to tarnish its image.

He said Mohamed Azmin should use his leadership to improve several aspects, including widely promoting the difference in the current and previous Selangor Government, so citizens would better understand its focus for the present and the future.

"Mohamed Azmin must be firmer in his administration to ensure consistent excellence. Like I said earlier, good governance and leadership will win public support in implementing the state's development programmes.

"Mohamed Azmin has his own style of administration, and he doesn't jump unnecessarily on trivial matters or when new issues appear in either the state administration or his political career," he said.



## 2016 MERDEKA CENTRE SURVEY RESULTS

Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali's Performance **65%** Satisfied

State Government's Performance **73%** Satisfied

A citizen-friendly Government **67%** Agree

State Government's Direction **61%** Support

Transformation Acceptance **66%** In favour

Well Informed on Rural Communities **70%** Agree

Smart Selangor Initiatives - Satisfaction **66%** Satisfied

Smart Selangor Initiatives - Confidence **67%** Confident

Smart Selangor - Awareness **40%** Average

Smart Selangor - Additional Information **77%** Needed



Mohamed Azmin is good because he is focused and gives more attention on State governance instead of playing politics.

**IBRAHIM SUFFIAN**  
Merdeka Centre Director

# Rakyat steadfast behind Azmin

BY NURUL FARINA NAZLAN

A TOTAL of 65% of Selangor's citizens are satisfied with Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali's administration since he took office as Menteri Besar on Sep 23, 2014, according to the results of a recent telephone survey conducted by Merdeka Centre between May 28 to June 5.

The results showed that 51% were satisfied and a further 14% were very satisfied, while only 21% were dissatisfied and the rest were unsure (13%) and declined to answer (1%).

The survey saw 1,011 respondents in various constituencies in Selangor involving Malays (58%), Chinese (28%) and Indians (14%).

## Focus on governance

Merdeka Centre Director Ibrahim Suffian said Mohamed Azmin's success in creating 'new energy' in the Selangor government was an important step for him to gain acceptance by all, regardless of race, religion and age.

He said Mohamed Azmin is seen as being more focused on governance issues rather than petty politics, thus instilling confidence and trust in the people to continue to support him, especially with the state's development success in less than two years since he became Menteri Besar.

"Programmes such as Merakyatkan Ekonomi Selangor (MES) dan Hijrah Microcredit Scheme (Hijrah Selangor) proved how determined he is in sharing the progress and state returns with the people.

"Selangor was seen as very positive in its governance and development in the midst of the current economic slow-down affecting Malaysia. The success in generating state's revenue convinced the people of Mohamed Azmin's leadership," he said in a special interview session recently.

## Open to criticism

In addition, Ibrahim said the people are also attracted to Mohamed Azmin's open-mindedness as well as him being able to accept criticism positively.

"He is a quiet person but at the same time decisive in shaping the direction of the state towards development and strengthening of the

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economy for the benefit of the people. Besides that, both his planned and surprise on-site visits are showing positive results," he said.

Clearly, he is well accepted by the people due to his transparency and credibility in implementing the State Government's vision and mission including the welfare programmes enjoyed by the many communities in Selangor.

Although inundated by various allegations, the Merdeka Center's survey illustrated that the citizens rejected all the allegations and considered them as petty issues used to undermine the credibility of Mohamed Azmin and the state's leadership.

The continuous support from the people and other stakeholders enable Selangor to continue strengthening its economy rapidly, including efforts to bring in foreign investments.

## Consistent support from youth

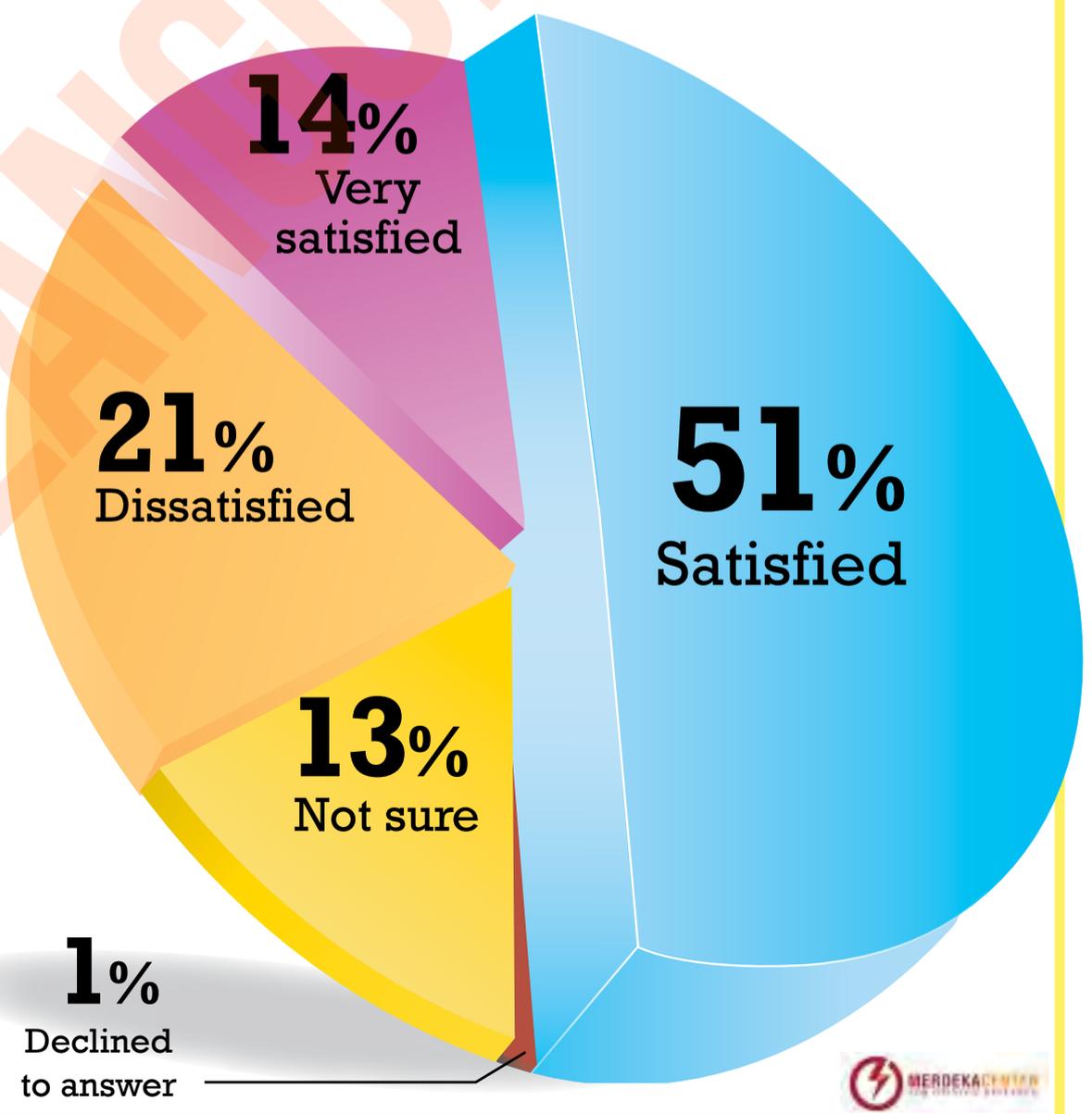
Mohamed Azmin's approval rating also stood at 60% in the survey, which covered various backgrounds, including level of education, occupation, race, gender, municipality, internet-available areas, age and household income.

According to this survey, those aged 20 to 29 represented 14% of the respondents, 30 to 39 (36%), 40 to 49 (23%), 50 to 59 (13%) and more than 60 years (14%).

The age breakdown showed that youths responded positively to Mohamed Azmin's governance and leadership, together with his commitment of making Selangor a 'Smart State'.



## THE PEOPLE'S RESPONSE to Mohamed Azmin's leadership



# Chinese still support Selangor Government

BY NURUL FARINA NAZLAN

A SURVEY conducted by Merdeka Centre on Menteri Besar Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali's achievements showed that 44% of the Chinese respondents felt that Selangor is on the right track, compared to 68% of Malays and 64% of Indians who felt the same way.

Merdeka Centre Director Ibrahim Sufian attributed the results to the fact that some Chinese were not fully aware of what is being implemented by Mohamed Azmin, especially the steps taken for better governance and improved economy.

## Transparency in Governance

"Majority of the Chinese still support Mohamed Azmin as the result could have just meant that many still do not know him well. This is not a big issue as the combination of results from the three parties was very strong and Pakatan would be able to retain power in this state.

"The way I see it, they just want transparency in governance and a stable economy. In fact, all these already exist in Mohamed Azmin's leadership but it must be highlighted so that all parties will be more aware of his contribution towards the state's progress," he said in a special interview recently.

However, 53% of Chinese respondents were satisfied with the transformation and changes brought about by Mohamed Azmin in managing Selangor, while only 56% of them agreed that the State Government prioritise its citizens compared to 74% of Malays who felt the same way.



## Strengthening the Economy

Ibrahim also described Mohamed Azmin's leadership as well-received by the entire community and the small percentage of lukewarm responses can be overcome with better promotion of the initiatives.

"He is lucky to get the support from all his subordinates, allowing all his action plans to be implemented smoothly and

systematically. What needs to be emphasised now is how to reach out to those less receptive towards the efforts implemented by State Government.

"This matter must be reviewed, but as I have said earlier, it is not a big problem as Mohamed Azmin still has the support from the majority of the Chinese plus the resolute support from the Malays and Indians," he said.

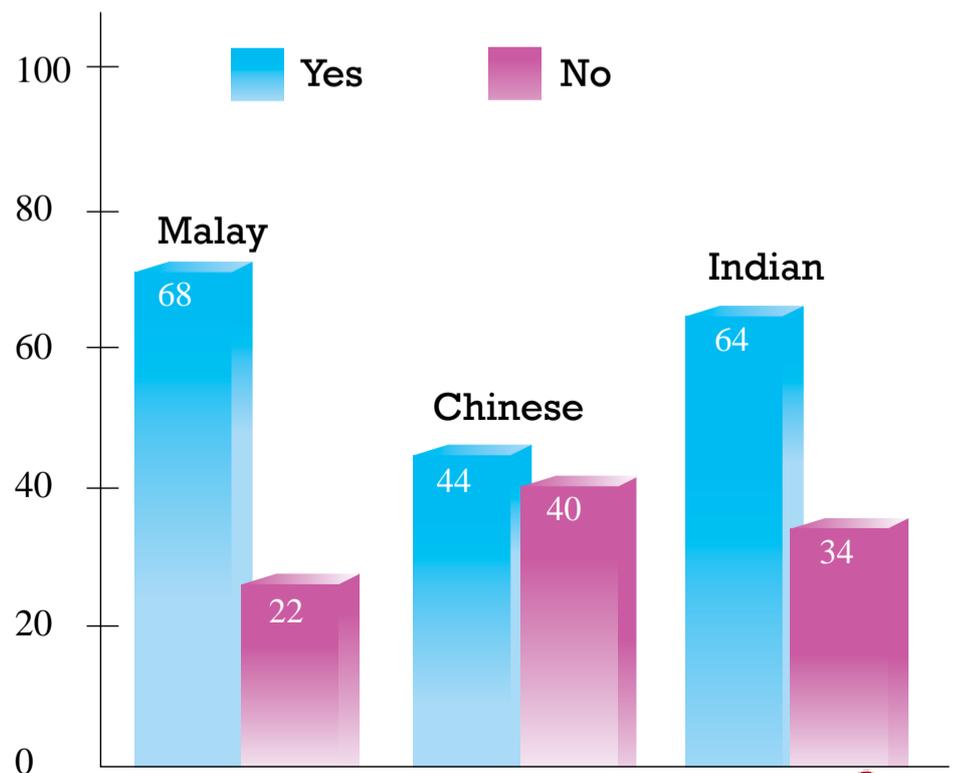
The State Government under Mo-

hamed Azmin's leadership has implemented many programmes to strengthen the economy and develop the state, including aid for all groups of citizens.

Unfortunately, there are still many parties who are unaware of these continuous efforts although the State Government under its 'Merakyatkan Ekonomi Selangor (MES) programme have formulated many benefits for its citizens from childbirth to death.



## RESPONSES ON ACHIEVEMENTS by Mohamed Azmin based on race



# Cleaning up Selangor

BY LIZAWATI MADFA

**T**ill today, there are still complaints regarding waste collection in Selangor even though the local authorities have been managing waste collection for several years now.

According to research done by the Standards and Industrial Research Institute of Malaysia (SIRIM), the solid waste management industry can be improved with new capital investment, including the purchase of assets and machinery such as compactors to increase collection capacity, especially domestic waste.

As such, in order to improve solid waste management, the Selangor Government appointed KDEB Waste Management Sdn Bhd (KDEBWM), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Kumpulan Darul Ehsan Berhad (KDEB), to spearhead a waste management pilot project in the Klang Municipal Council (MPK) administration area.

KDEBWM is not a new company. In 2008, KDEB took over Jetson Corporation Sdn Bhd, which had a 21% shareholding in Alam Flora Sdn Bhd.

Jetson Corporation Sdn Bhd underwent a name change and became KDEBWM that wholly owns Hebat Abadi Sdn Bhd (HASB) as a public cleaning and domestic waste collection contractor.

In 2012, KDEBWM increased its asset capacity by purchasing 50 compactors that would be rented out to subcontractors in Selangor to ensure improved waste collection.

Meanwhile, HASB's services were often used for the collection of domestic waste by several local authorities and the company also provided support to local authorities whenever a crisis occurred.

While local authorities have managed waste collection rather successfully, there still is room for improvement.

Consequently, the state government decided to appoint KDEBWM as a Project Management Company (PMC) to manage an integrated public cleaning and domes-

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tic waste collection system in MPK as a pilot project.

As PMC, KDEBWM General Manager Ramli Mohd Tahir is confident that the company is capable of increasing its service efficiency in line with the state government's desire to solve the waste issue completely.

He said a PMC is capable in making new investments to improve solid waste management efficiency by introducing several new improvements.

"Through local authorities' open tender process previously, not many subcontractors are able to purchase new assets, in fact they are forced to use old compactors.

"A PMC act as a manager and facilitator for local authorities and subcontractors and improves the management process," he said.

Costing RM23 million, 60 new 18-ton high-tech compactors from Japan will be

ready for action in mid-August, covering the entire MPK area.

Each subcontractor will be supplied with a new compactor and charged a monthly fee. The subcontractor will take ownership of the compactor after five years.

In line with the Smart Selangor initiative, the compactors will be equipped with smart technology, including an Automatic Vehicle Locating System (AVLS), 'Load Cell' and the smart app I-Clean.

All three technologies can be directly accessed through the KDEBWM complaint centre, known as Command Centre. The centre is run by four customer service personnel and is open from 9 am till 5 pm.

In addition, 25 supervisors will monitor field operations to ensure that domestic waste collection is done according to schedule.

"If a caller claims that there is uncollected waste, we can view the location of the compactor live and provide an immediate response

to the caller.

"If something happens to a compactor, a supervisor will make his way to check on the situation and report to the Command Centre for further action.

"This is also the case for 'load cell'. We can know how much waste has been collected by any single compactor and monitor progress more efficiently," he said.

While improvement is taking place, the solid waste management in MPK is a work in progress due to the Aidilfitri celebrations and the transition to new contractors that are still familiarising themselves with their coverage areas. Understanding the difficulties faced, KDEBWM has asked to be given more time to improve the current situation in MPK.

"I guarantee, with new compactors in every zone and equipped with location technology, Command Centre and field personnel, the waste collection problem will be solved.

"Give us a chance to prove ourselves. Get to know us. After all, you can't love what you don't know," he said.



## 7 Rumah Selangorku projects in Kuala Selangor

**KUALA SELANGOR** - Seven Rumah Selangorku projects have been approved in Kuala Selangor with 2,685 units of terrace houses, low and medium cost houses.

Kuala Selangor District Officer Shamsul Shahril Badliza Mohd Noor said the approval to plan the projects was granted by Kuala Selangor District Council (MDKS).

He said the project implementation is in line with State Government's intention to ensure those with low and medium income can afford to own houses.

"Kuala Selangor has clearly become the area of choice for residential and commerce projects due to saturation in land usage in metropolitan districts.

"Land developers and investors have shifted to this area for development of new residential and commercial lots. Besides that, Kuala Selangor will also be easily accessible via Latar Highway and West Coast Expressway, which are currently under construction," he was quoted by Sinar Harian.

Shamsul said last year he received 24 applications for surrender and return of land ownership under Section 204 National Land Code to change the title of agricultural land to mixed development land.

According to him, 20 applications have been approved by the State Government with a total premium of RM51 million.

"In this year alone, we have approved a total of eight applications as of May 31 with a total premium of RM24.75 million.

"In 2015, MDKS approved 20 applications for mixed development and one for industrial development planning.

"Meanwhile, five planning applications have been approved as of last May 31 for mixed development. Most of the applications were in the areas of Ijok and Puncak Alam," he said.



# Rumah Selangorku meets Green Building Index criteria

## First in Malaysia

BY HAFIZAN TAIB

**PUCHONG** - The first ever property development of its kind in Malaysia, the Rumah Selangorku development by the State Government in Taman Puchong Utama is built to meet the Green Building Index criteria.

Menteri Besar Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali said that based on Hillcrest Gardens Sdn Bhd's (Hillcrest Gardens) sterling record in property development, the Selangor Government agreed to a collaboration based on smart partnership.

The affordable housing project, a joint venture between the State Government and developer Hillcrest Gardens, is being built at an area near Taman Puchong Utama and will have various facilities including schools, bus terminals, and hypermarkets.

"As many as 1,162 units of Rumah Selangorku will be built and will be completed in three years.

"What's unique is that it meets the cri-



teria set for Green Building Index certification, which will be awarded for the first time in Malaysia, he said during a press conference after the Taman Puchong Utama ground-breaking ceremony on Jul 19.

He said that Hillcrest Garden's willingness to implement this affordable housing

project with such a concept reflects the its views that are in line with the motto of "Profitability With Social Responsibility".

The Rumah Selangorku housing project has three categories – B with 750 sq ft, C2 (900 sq ft) and D (1,000 sq ft) – and will cost between RM100,000 and RM220,000.

## Rakyat's home-owning dreams come true with Rumah Selangorku



**PUCHONG** - The Rumah Selangorku housing project continues to receive positive response as it helps Selangor citizens, especially those in the middle and low income categories, to own houses.

Checks by Selangorkini revealed that the public supports the state government project as it fulfils the needs of the majority who want affordable housing.

Hamidon Jashim, 57, said this state government effort was good for the public, considering that many citizens took the opportunity to apply to own a Rumah Selangorku unit.

"I myself am interested in buying and owning a unit from the newly launched project. It suits my needs and the price is affordable and in accordance with the set category," he said.

Menteri Besar Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali officiated the Taman Puchong Utama Rumah Selangorku ground-breaking ceremony on July 19, a joint venture between the state government and Hillcrest Gardens Sdn Bhd, a property developer.

As many as 1,162 units will be built in this project and is divided into three categories, B with 750 sq ft, C2

(900 sq ft) and D (1,000 sq ft), costing between RM100,000 and RM220,000.

A prospective buyer, Mohd Hakimi Abdullah, 37, said that the Rumah Selangorku project with its affordable prices would be able to solve the problem faced by the public regarding home ownership due to high property prices.

"There certainly are many who are keen about this project and I myself am interested to buy.

"Let's hope that there are many more projects like this for the benefit of those who need it," he said.

## Selangor ahead of Federal Government in rental-purchase scheme

**PUCHONG** - The implementation of the rental-purchase scheme by the Selangor Government two years ago puts it well ahead of the Federal Government in efforts to help the middle- and low-income groups to own homes.

Menteri Besar Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali said that the rental-purchase programme is a direct result of the State Government's rakyat-centric policy and began with the Rimba Jaya Apartments in Shah Alam.

"The State Government allocated RM10 million in 2014 and an additional RM10 million in August last year.

"We have therefore prepared

RM20 million to help those in the middle- and low-income categories to own houses through this rental-purchase scheme," he said to the media after the Taman Puchong Utama Rumah Selangorku ground-breaking ceremony.

Mohamed Azmin said this when comparing Selangor's efforts with the Housing and Local Government Ministry's recent suggestion to implement the scheme.

"It remains a suggestion and the cabinet paper is being prepared compared to Selangor where the scheme has been implemented over two years ago," he said.

## State Government to retake undeveloped land

**PUCHONG** - The Selangor Government is ready to retake land approved to the Federal Government in Selangor if there were no plans for development in those areas.

Menteri Besar Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali said the Selangor State Executive Council (MMKN) discussed the issue at a recent meeting because there were still some areas that were left undeveloped for a long period.

He said that the state government decided to hold a discussion with the Education Ministry through the Selangor State Secretary regarding development plans in those areas.

"We are waiting for feedback from the ministry whether there are any plans and allocation for the development of schools.

"If there are none, we will take the land back," he said during a media conference after the Taman Puchong Utama ground-breaking ceremony on July 19.

He said this in reply to a media question regarding public complaints that Rumah Selangorku development areas lacked public facilities.

He added that a lot of land was approved to the Federal Government for public development to construct buildings such as primary and secondary schools as well as hospitals and other facilities, but were still undeveloped.

"Some areas have been undeveloped for over 10 years, so we decided that the State Secretary should have a meeting with the ministry to get feedback about the development plans.

"Are there plans to build a school on the approved land because we are concerned that in the past, such land was sold by the Federal Government to the private sector for commercial purposes.

"This is totally against the conditions of the land approval," he said.

# Unoccupied residences potential Aedes breeding areas



BY AFIX REDZUAN

**SHAH ALAM** - Unoccupied residences that are neglected for a long time have the potential to become Aedes breeding areas because they are turned into illegal dumping sites for waste.

Health, Welfare, Women and Family Affairs Exco Dr Daroyah Alwi said that a recent visit to Bandar Baru Kundang Apartments – a dengue hotspot for Gombak dis-

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Health, Welfare, Women and Family Affairs Exco

trict – revealed that 243 out of 548 residential units were unoccupied.

"This area is labelled as a problem because it has the potential of being an Aedes breeding ground. In addition, many of the residents there are not locals but from Indonesia, Bangladesh, Nepal and Vietnam.

"Based on the visit, many unoccupied units have been broken into by inconsiderate individuals and turned into garbage dump sites.

"An assortment of waste can be found like construction waste, furniture, clothing as well as domestic refuse.

"The laziness and irresponsibility of certain residents not only puts everyone at risk of contracting dengue fever, but also exposes them to foul stench and unliveable conditions," she said.

Daroyah said that the State Government was considering approving RM164,000 to cover the cost of cleaning and restoring the

problematic units at the 7-block apartments.

She added that the Selayang Municipal Council (MPS) had previously issued a notice in April to the apartments' Joint Management Body to carry out gotong-royong activities but did not receive good response from the residents.

In addition, MPS has been ordered to study and review its implementation to ensure that such incidents do not occur in the future.

"MPS also issued notices to the owners of the 243 unoccupied units to clean their premises by posting the notices at the front door of the units and via post to owners using the addresses provided.

"After a series of gotong-royong activities involving MPS and local residents, 67.1% or 163 units were cleaned from the total of 243 units. However, it would not be impossible for this situation to reoccur if there is no constant monitoring," she said.

## APPLYING FOR RUMAH SELANGORKU?

### CONDITIONS

- You must be a Malaysian citizen above 18 years of age.
- To qualify for Rumah Selangorku Type D, the applicant must have a household income between RM3,000 and RM8,000 a month.
- The applicant (including spouse if married) must not own any housing property in Selangor. Applicants who already own a low cost house for 5 years or more can apply, provided there are documents proving the sale of the low cost house.
- The housing unit is for personal use by the buyer and their family only, rentals are not allowed.
- Change of ownership is only allowed after 5 years.

### SUBMIT THESE DOCUMENTS WITH APPLICATION

- Copy of the applicant and spouse's identification cards.
- Copy of children's/ward's identification cards or birth certificates.
- Copy of Marriage Certificate / Divorce Certificate / Death Certificate of spouse (whichever is applicable).
- For single applicants, marital status confirmation letter from the employer, or Commissioner of Oaths if self-employed.
- Latest payslip or confirmation of salary from Commissioner of Oaths if self-employed.
- For couples who are not working, must be supported with a Statutory Declaration, signed and witnessed by Commissioner of Oaths.
- EPF statement (if applicable); copy of electricity and water bill.
- CCRIS record from Bank Negara Malaysia.

## REASONS TO INVEST IN SELANGOR



GDP growth of 6.7%



Close to Kuala Lumpur business center and Putrajaya administrative center



Three major airports (KLIA, KLIA2 & Subang Skypark)



150 institutions of higher learning



World-class city



More than 40,000 graduates yearly



Free of natural disasters



Literacy rate of 98.7%



3.2 million workforce - largest (skilled and multi lingual)



12 container port - busiest (Port Klang)



Cyberjaya, national ICT center Malaysia and 15 other cyber centers



# Three core components spur investment in Selangor

**SHAH ALAM** – E-commerce, halal hub and life sciences are the three main components driving future investments in stimulating the economic growth of Selangor.

This is in line with Selangor's objective to continue developing and strengthening the state's competitive advantages, going hand-in-hand with the title it holds as a cosmopolitan state.

Investment companies are increasingly attracted towards developing infrastructure, investment incentives given by the State Government and its determination to provide a business environment with a social standard that meets sophisticated city living.

Having a wide network of roads and rail, seaports and airports connecting business locations and the capital's administration centre, this mission is well within reach.

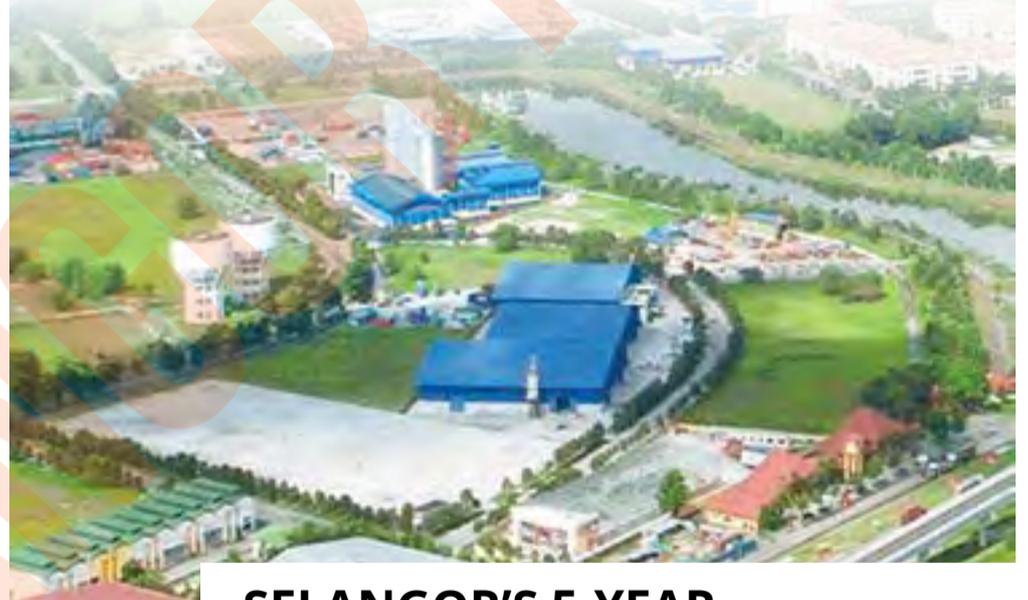
Selangor is also a state with the largest number of skilled workers in Malaysia, possessing ICT and manufacturing hubs and reputable institutions of higher learning capable of producing over 40,000 graduates a year.

To realise its objectives, Invest Selangor managed to organise meetings and build networks in more than 20 major cities in Australia, Vietnam, South Korea, Thailand, Singapore, United States, Middle East, Japan and China within these four months.

The State Government is now looking at potential investors from Taiwan to further expand the trade relations between Selangor and other countries.

Taiwan is one of the five most important direct investment sources in Selangor and to date has invested more than RM4.2 billion in the state.

In 2015, Taiwanese companies invested over RM1.2 billion in Malaysia, and Selangor attracted approximately 3% of this amount in terms of actual investment value.



## SELANGOR'S 5-YEAR INVESTMENT TARGET



Stimulate economic development outside the Klang Valley



Five core groups: Electronic and electrical, transport equipment, food products, machinery, equipment and life sciences



Attract and retain advanced manufacturing



Aim for a 'Smart Selangor' knowledge-based economy



Develop new industrial parks (outside Klang Valley in particular)



Customer-service driven

## Textile industry booming in Bangi

**SHAH ALAM** - The recent growth of the textile industry in Bangi is well accepted by the public as it is capable of generating the local economy in this predominantly Muslim district.

Bangi State Assemblyman Shafie Ngah said that the area is designated as the second area after the 'International Islamic Fashion City' located at Seksyen 7, Shah Alam to serve as a focal point for anyone who wished to shop for textiles.

"Bangi residents welcome the presence of the many textile businesses here, especially those with an emphasis on Malay and Islamic outfits and clothes.

"Bangi has the potential



**Shafie Ngah**

and opportunity to grow in this industry, especially when you take into account the fact that this area has over 100,000 residents with the majority being Malay and Muslim," he

told Selangorkini.

At the same time, Shafie expressed his hope that businesses would be able to engage in healthy competition that will benefit the consumer, especially at a time when the prices of goods are increasing.

Bangi has gained popularity among Muslim fashion lovers as even more textile businesses that offer a variety of choices set up shop here.

Its growth and popularity has even attracted the attention of several artists to dabble in the textile business, including Noorkhiriah, Azza Elite and Lan Kristal, all of whom have launched their own brands.

BY MIKE TAN

**SHAH ALAM** - If you're a career woman who is now at home looking after your family, or a newly-married lady with young children and can't figure out what to do with your time at home, then Caring Moms might just be what you're looking for.

Caring Moms, a social media group under the banner of Jobs of Caring Moms Malaysia, was founded barely three months ago, yet its popularity is such that it has gathered 30,000 members in such a short time. This astounding figure is an indication that Stay At Home Mums are looking for more than just friends, they desire to sell their products and services, while others need to consume and procure what's on offer.

So what's Caring Moms all about? According to the group's founders, Major Shera Ann Bosco and Mr Umesh Narasimhaiah, the idea was mooted about a year ago, after realising there was a big gap in the lives of mothers. Shera knew personally the lengths women go to for their families and the sacrifice they make whenever they are forced to give up their careers for the sake of their children.

Shera is a serving officer of the Malaysian Armed Forces for 22 years, a full time working mother to a 7-year-old boy. Umesh is an Indian national working in Malaysia as an automotive engineering design expert.

Shera said that frustration sets in when a working mother has to downgrade her focus at workplace, because it is tough managing expectations both at work and home. For a stay at home mother, frustration comes from the decline in quality of life as the husband's salary may not be sufficient.

"Before we started the group, we went through the group rules thoroughly and

# Caring Moms Bazaar – a bazaar for moms by moms



established a few founding principles. We wanted to be different and enforce transparency in pricing and product details. I was firm that only a mother can post to sell and promote their products or services. It was received very well by the mothers, as Shera pumped them up with fire and motivation and told them to start doing something now if they want a change for the better," said Umesh.

The founders and members are proud that they now have a caring community of mothers, ladies who are starting out as entrepreneurs, reviving their businesses and there is now a more positive aura and atmosphere among the group.

Full time working mothers who constantly worry about their maids running away, or eating out, now have options like babysitters, drop-off daycare, daily tiffin, all prepared and provided with love by another caring mother. They are equally empowered economically, because now, they don't have to quit their jobs.



"Our work is not done, we will strive to do more. Success is subjective. Imitations only mean that we are doing something very good, we want to make sure mothers are being better today than yesterday," Shera added.

There have been requests from mothers throughout the country for such a group in their respective states, particularly in Penang, Johor Bharu, Sabah, Sarawak, Melaka, and even Singapore and Australia, and members from these states are already joining the group. However, the founders believe that the Caring Moms group that

focuses mainly in Selangor is still a work-in-progress.

The group is now planning to host the Caring Moms Bazaar on Aug 20 and Aug 21 at the Evolve Concept Mall, Ara Damansara to provide an opportunity for the group members to meet and not just interact on social media, but also to buy and sell products and services in real time.

For further details, visit the Caring Moms website at <https://caringmoms.my/> or their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/caringmoms.my/>



## Raja Muda of Selangor to focus on youth development

**SUNGAI UDANG** - The Raja Muda of Selangor Tengku Amir Shah Ibni Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah will continue to focus on the development of youth in the entire state.

The Raja Muda said that his efforts will be concentrated around Selangor Youth Community (SAY) development projects that will connect Selangor youth to development opportunities.

"We will continue to develop SAY as a platform to develop youth in Selangor.

"The initiatives include SAY's commitment to go down to the

ground to participate in various community activities in the entire state," Tengku Amir said.

Tengku Amir was speaking to reporters when he was met at the Junior Officers' Commissioning Ceremony at Terendak Camp, Melaka.

The Raja Muda also touched on his meeting with Tengku Mahkota Johor Tengku Ismail (TMJ) the previous week to discuss the prospects of youth development in Selangor and Johor.

"During my meeting with TMJ, we shared views and information about youth development issues

that involve both our states.

"It was a very interesting discussion because I was able to glean some ideas and experience from TMJ regarding his initiatives, such as football development and other issues," Tengku Amir said.

The Raja Muda had previously founded SAY as his platform to reach out to the youth in Selangor.

SAY continuously engages youth through community projects as well as conducting charity works for those in need. One of SAY's projects is organising art activities within Shah Alam.

## Selangor offers financial aid to UNISEL students

**SHAH ALAM** - University of Selangor's (UNISEL) new students of the June intake are entitled to receive education financing and learning facilities offered by the State Government.

The assistance include self-support allowance, Selangor IPT Gift, Selangorku Scholarships and Selangor SUK Loans.

Education, Human Capital Development, Science, Technology and Innovation Exco Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad said that it was in line with the Peduli Rakyat philosophy in the State Government's focus and drive on education system.

"We hope the initiative can help these students further their education and eventually become catalysts in national development," he said.

The State Government had allocated RM20.9 million for educational loans and RM60 million for the purpose of improving the education system.

At the same time, Menteri

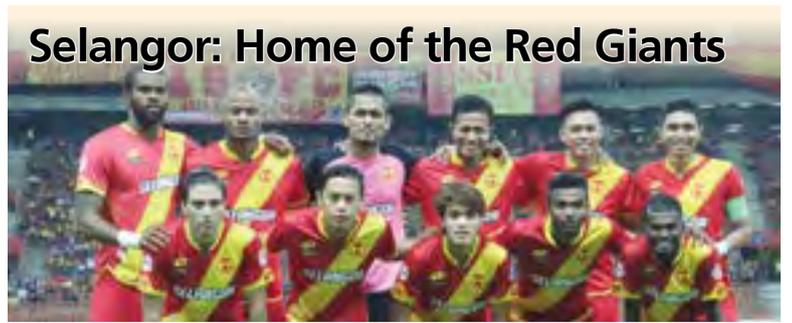


**Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad**

Besar Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali identified the potential of UNISEL to vigorously undertake the Smart Selangor vision in the state's educational development.

He said changes in the state's education policies are vital to producing graduates who are competitive at high levels.

"We need a paradigm shift in our education system. This requires a holistic education system to produce graduates who not only excel academically but also morally," he said.



BY HAFIZAN TAIB

**KUCHING** - Selangor camp were all smiles as the dive athletes scored wins and gathered two Sukan Malaysia (Sukma) 2016 gold medals at the Sarawak Aquatic Centre.

Chew Yi Wei won the first gold medal in the men's platform event while Adeline Chin and Koh Hui Yan dominated the 3m synchronised dive event, winning the second gold.

Chew accumulated a total of 349.80 points to defeat Sabahan Jellson Jabillin (333.50) (silver) and Perak diver Muhammad Syafiq (306.00) (bronze).

A score of 231.36 were enough to secure the gold for Adeline and Koh, leaving their nearest competitors from Federal Territory and Sarawak with the silver and bronze.

The Federal Territory pair, Ker Yin and Megan (228.90) secured the silver while Qian Pin and Elisha (Sarawak) got the bronze with 206.79 points.

In addition, Selangor also won three silver medals from shooting and cycling.

Shooter Muhammad Syukri Zulkifli contributed a silver in the

## Sukma 2016: Selangor wins two gold medals in diving

10m men's air rifle while another silver came from the Selangor team of Muhammad Syukri, Muhammad Hafiz Zulkifli dan Muhammad Syukri Azmi in the 10m men's team air rifle event.

In cycling, Farina Shawati Mohd Adnan crossed the finish line in second place for the 48 km Women's Criterium for Selangor's third silver medal of the day.



## Musica Flypower wins Foo Kok Keong Cup

BY HAFIZAN TAIB

**SHAH ALAM** - Musica Flypower from Indonesia emerged as champions of the Foo Kok Keong International Invitational Badminton Championship but it was not a walk in the park for them.

Team manager Effendy Widjaja said while they successfully defended the title for the fourth time, the tournament this year provided for more twists and turns for the team.

It was more challenging than the previous year as Malaysia, Thailand, Taiwan and the rest strengthened their teams with their former top players, he said.

"The tournament is getting better every year with teams that are better prepared and trained, and there was strong competition from Taiwan's KCBC before going to the finals.

"We also lost Rexy Mainaky and Bambang Suprianto who couldn't join us as they are coaching Indonesia for the 2016 Olympics in Rio, Brazil.

"We might have just been lucky to win it," Widjaja told Selan-



gorKini after the prize giving and closing ceremony.

Musica Flypower emerged as champions after defeating Suanium Ruammitr of Thailand

3-0 in the finals. Widjaja led the team in receiving the championship trophy and RM10,000 from Youth, Sports, Culture and Entrepreneur Development Ex-

co Amirudin Shari.

They are keen to participate in the championship next year if invited and would strengthen the team with better players, add-

ing, "We would be happy to participate, and just like other teams, we will be better prepared as the competition will definitely be stronger than ever."