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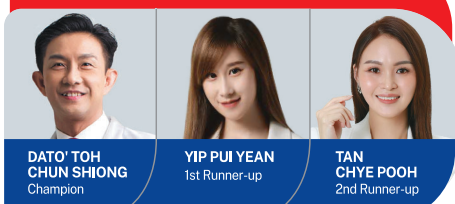
TOP 3 GROUP MANAGERS for Direct Group



TOP 3 UNIT MANAGERS



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TOP 3 AGENTS





Non-ergonomic settings linked to chronic pains among workers

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Shahul Dawood credited with driving innovation, overseeing significant growth, and maintaining steadfast commitment to strengthening nation's human capital.

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Chinese President Xi Jinping will be chauffeured in his official state vehicle – the ultra-exclusive Hongqi N701 limousine – during his state visit. – BERNAMAPIC

M'sia prepares to welcome Xi

Wisma Putra expects Chinese President Xi Jinping's three-day state visit from today to bring about tangible benefits to the peoples of Asean and China.

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Former PM Pak Lah dies at 85

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia's fifth prime minister Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi (pic) died yesterday at the age of 85.

The news about the passing of the statesman at the National Heart Institute was confirmed by his son-in-law, Khairy Jamaluddin, through a social media post, Bernama reported.

"May Allah bless his soul and place him among the righteous. *Al-Fatihah*," he posted.



Born on Nov 26, 1939 in Bayan Lepas, Penang, Abdullah helmed the country's premiership from Oct 31, 2003 until April 3, 2009, following the resignation of Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Pak Lah, as he was popularly known, was respected in diplomatic and international circles, as he strove to enhance bilateral and multilateral cooperation globally.

He actively led Asean, the Non-

Aligned Movement and the Organisation of the Islamic Conference when Malaysia chaired these bodies under his tenure.

Often referred to as Mr Clean, Abdullah also oversaw the development of Malaysia's five regional economic corridors to narrow the income gap among the people.

Among his key legacies are the National Integrity Plan and Malaysian Institute of Integrity, which were inceptioned under his leadership to promote a values-based society with a serious effort to make integrity and honesty a way of life.

Do not use govt machinery, funds for campaigning: PM

► 'Announcement of RM6.13m allocation for 33 projects in Tapah made before Ayer Kuning by-election nomination'

PUTRAJAYA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has warned all parties not to use government machinery or allocations when campaigning in the Ayer Kuning state by-election.

Anwar, who is also finance minister, said the government's stance is clear – the use of government machinery or allocations from the time of nomination until polling day is not permitted.

He said the announcement of a RM6.13 million allocation by Housing and Local Government Minister Nga Kor Ming for 33 development projects in the Tapah parliamentary constituency, which includes the Ayer Kuning state seat, was made before the nomination day for the by-election.

"That was before nomination. If it's after that, we have to issue a warning, it's not allowed," he said after the Finance Ministry's monthly assembly yesterday.

On April 10, Nga announced that the

ministry had approved an allocation of RM6.13 million for 33 development and public infrastructure projects under the Sentuhan Kasih 3.0 programme.

The move has been criticised by Bersih (Coalition for Clean and Fair Elections), which alleged that the channelling of funds and development projects to areas facing elections constitutes a misuse of government resources.

Bersih was reported as saying that such actions go against the principles of free and fair elections, Bernama reported.

Meanwhile, the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) has taken immediate action to resolve poor internet and telecommunications coverage at 27 locations within the Ayer Kuning state constituency.

It said in a statement that the move followed a directive from Communications Minister Datuk Fahmi Fadzil, who raised concerns over the matter.

It added that several proactive measures have been implemented by telecommunications service providers under MCMC's directive to ensure satisfactory services, especially in areas involved in the upcoming Ayer Kuning by-election.

Priority areas identified include the nomination centre at Dewan Merdeka Tapah, 21 polling stations across the constituency, the media centre at the Batang Padang District Information Office and the Air Kuning and Sri Bidor National Information Dissemination Centres.

"As of 6pm on Sunday, all service providers, namely CelcomDigi, Maxis, Telekom Malaysia, U Mobile and YTL, have submitted, updated and improved action plans to MCMC.

"Initiatives include the optimisation of existing transmitter stations, installation of temporary transmitters and infrastructure sharing among service providers."

Additionally, an MCMC complaints counter has been set up at the Batang Padang PPD in Tapah, operating from 9am to 9pm between April 12 and 26, to handle issues related to telecommunications, postal services and other matters under the commission's purview.

Do not encroach on state land: Sultan

KUANTAN: State land must not be encroached upon arbitrarily and firm action should be taken against those involved, said the Sultan of Pahang Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah.

He called on the people to serve as his "eyes and ears" by reporting any land encroachment activities in the state.

"Don't allow anyone to encroach on Pahang's land. I get upset too when I hear about these cases. It is time we take firm action against them. Protect this land, the land of Pahang, to the best of your ability," said Sultan Abdullah during the Hari Raya Aidilfitri celebration in Jerantut on Sunday.

Previously, an enforcement operation at a durian farm in Raub sparked various reactions after farmers reportedly expressed dissatisfaction over the destruction of their crops.

The Pahang government has denied violating a court order when it felled around 200 Musang King durian trees during the enforcement operation in Sungai Klau, Raub, on April 8.

The operation, involving the police and the Pahang State Enforcement Unit, is targeting all illegally cultivated areas in Raub, and is scheduled to continue until May 3. – Bernama

Chinese president to begin three-day visit to M'sia today

KUALA LUMPUR: Chinese President Xi Jinping will undertake a three-day state visit to Malaysia starting today.

The Foreign Ministry said in a statement that the visit from April 15 to April 17 is at the invitation of His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim, King of Malaysia.

During his visit, Xi will be accorded a state welcoming ceremony, followed by an audience with Sultan Ibrahim at Istana Negara.

The King will also host a state banquet in honour of Xi and his delegation.

Accompanied by Cabinet ministers and senior government officials, Xi is scheduled to hold a meeting with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim to discuss bilateral cooperation and exchange views on regional and international issues of mutual interest.

"Both leaders will then witness the exchange of MoUs, agreements and notes between Malaysia and China."

Anwar will also host an official dinner at the Seri Perdana Complex in Putrajaya in honour of Xi.

The visit is part of Xi's first tour of state visits in 2025, which also includes stops in Vietnam and Cambodia.

Xi's last state visit to Malaysia was in 2013, during which both countries elevated diplomatic relations to Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

Malaysia and China established diplomatic relations on May 31, 1974. Both countries, having marked the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations last year, enjoy strong bilateral ties.

For sixteen years since 2009, China has remained Malaysia's largest trading partner.

Total trade between the two countries is valued at RM484.12 billion in 2024, representing 16.8% of Malaysia's total global trade.

As Chair of Asean and the Country Coordinator for Asean-China Dialogue Relations, Malaysia remains committed to advancing the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between Asean and China.

The Foreign Ministry said this would be pursued through dialogue, mutual trust and initiatives that deliver tangible benefits to the peoples of Asean and China. – Bernama



WARM WELCOME ... Agriculture and Food Security Minister Datuk Seri Mohamad Sabu accompanied by Lembaga Pertubuhan Peladang chairman Datuk Mahmud Omar (right) at the board's Aidilfitri open house in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. – **BERNAMAPIC**

Seat quota talks for Sabah, Sarawak must involve all parties: DPM

PUTRAJAYA: Discussions to amend the one-third parliamentary seat quota for Sabah and Sarawak must involve all component parties within the Madani government, said Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi.

Ahmad Zahid, who is also Barisan Nasional (BN) chairman, added that the matter should also be reviewed by the Election Commission (EC).

"We have yet to examine the proposal in detail, as it must first be discussed with the component parties of the Madani government."

"We also need to engage with the EC," he told reporters at his *Lebaran Kasih Aidilfitri* open house on Sunday.

Ahmad Zahid also expressed confidence that when the time is right, leaders from across the political spectrum, including the Opposition, will deliberate on the matter.

Meanwhile, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof said the proposal requires direct discussions, particularly with members of parliament from Peninsular Malaysia.

The last parliamentary redelineation exercise was in 2006.

Currently, Sabah and Sarawak hold 25 and 31 seats, respectively, accounting for 56 out of the 222 Dewan Rakyat seats, or approximately 25%.

In a separate development, Ahmad Zahid said BN remains open to working with other parties in the upcoming Sabah election.

He said the coalition has held discussions with Pakatan Harapan (PH) and other political parties on the matter.

"Once all party leaders, regardless of their coalition, can find common ground, an announcement will be made. For now talks are still in progress."

Earlier, Sabah Umno chief and BN chairman Datuk Seri Bung Moktar Radin announced that the party would be joining forces with PH for the election.

He said this would address speculation about Umno Sabah's electoral partners in the upcoming polls. — Bernama

MCMC to assist police probe into PKR election video

KUALA LUMPUR: The Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) will assist police in investigating a widely shared video on social media involving candidates in the PKR division elections in Perak and Perlis.

Communications Minister Fahmi Fadzil said the probe relates to allegations of threats and offensive content on Facebook.

"There are two key issues. One, a video alleging that a candidate had brandished a firearm. The candidate from Perak has denied the allegation and lodged a police report."

"The second involves a Facebook post allegedly abusing the network to disseminate highly offensive content."

"It contained wild allegations against a candidate in Perlis," Fahmi said after an Aidilfitri gathering hosted by the Federal Territory PKR Leadership Council at Wisma TKC on Sunday.

"MCMC will act as a technical analyst to verify certain aspects of the case, beginning with identifying the accounts responsible for spreading the content," he said. — Bernama

HRD Corp chief bows out after strong growth, bold reforms

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PETALING JAYA: After five transformative years at the helm of the Human Resources Development Corporation (HRD Corp), Datuk Wira Shahul Dawood officially stepped down on April 14, leaving behind a legacy of bold reforms and strategic leadership that redefined Malaysia's workforce development landscape.

Appointed in 2020, Shahul is widely credited with driving innovation, accelerating institutional growth and reinforcing HRD Corp's commitment to strengthening the nation's human capital.

His leadership redefined HRD Corp's operational framework and solidified its role as a key enabler of industry-relevant upskilling initiatives nationwide.

► Notable achievements include fostering high-performance culture that prioritised excellence, accountability, innovation and results

Operating under the Human Resources Ministry, HRD Corp collects and manages training levies from nearly 100,000 registered employers. The levies are channelled into approved training programmes aimed at equipping the country's workforce with future-ready skills.

The scale of HRD Corp's operations is substantial, with managed funds amounting to billions of ringgit, underscoring the confidence placed in the organisation by both the government and private sector.

One of Shahul's most notable achievements was fostering a high-performance culture that prioritised excellence, accountability, innovation and results. This cultural shift empowered teams, strengthened internal governance and enhanced service delivery to stakeholders.

He also transformed HRD Corp into a more agile, data-driven and responsive organisation, capable of adapting to the rapidly evolving needs of employers, industries and workers across Malaysia.

Financially, HRD Corp achieved

record-breaking milestones during Shahul's tenure. In 2024, the organisation recorded its highest-ever income at RM434.2 million, representing an 86% increase from 2020. Its surplus before tax surged to RM127 million, reflecting a 393% growth over five years.

Assets under management surpassed RM4 billion, an increase of 101% since 2020, while the organisation's return on investment improved to 5.3% in 2024, up from 3.7% in 2020.

At the heart of HRD Corp's impact was its levy and grant mechanism. In 2024 alone, RM2.32 billion was collected in levies, with RM2.28 billion disbursed in grants – achieving a 98% utilisation rate. All 2024 figures are unaudited at the time of this report.

The financial and operational achievements, combined with policy innovation and an inclusive training agenda, have become hallmarks of Shahul's leadership – one marked by vision, resilience, and measurable impact.

Internally, his departure was met with heartfelt tributes. Staff described Shahul as an inspiring and purpose-driven leader who instilled a strong sense of mission within the organisation.

Under his guidance, HRD Corp launched numerous initiatives aimed at promoting future-ready skills, digital literacy and inclusive access to training, ensuring that no segment of the workforce was left behind.

His emphasis on collaboration with industry partners further cemented HRD Corp's role as a vital bridge between the public and private sectors. As he bids farewell, Shahul leaves behind an institution transformed in both structure and spirit, and well-positioned for sustainable growth and continued relevance in Malaysia's evolving labour landscape.



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Socso worries over low sign-up among self-employed

PETALING JAYA: Socso is urging self-employed Malaysians to protect their livelihoods by enrolling in the Self-Employment Social Security Scheme, as awareness and participation remain alarmingly low.

According to data shared with *theSun*, 4,839 accidents involving self-employed individuals were reported, with 79% classified as work-related incidents. However, up to the fourth quarter of 2024, only 24.6% of self-employed Malaysians were covered under the scheme. This was based on figures from the Department of Statistics.

"The low coverage rate, particularly among informal sector workers, highlights a significant protection gap."

"Many remain unaware of the importance of having a safety net, underscoring the need for

continuous outreach, educational campaigns and engagement with stakeholders."

The social security scheme, initially made mandatory for the passenger transport sector in June 2017, includes taxi, e-hailing and bus drivers. It was introduced under the Self-Employment Social Security Act 2017. Since January 2020, the scheme has expanded to include 19 other informal sectors such as agriculture, livestock, manufacturing, fisheries, hawking and online businesses, covering a total of 20 sectors.

The scheme offers a comprehensive range of benefits, including medical care, temporary and permanent disablement support, funeral and education assistance, a constant attendance allowance and access to physical and vocational rehabilitation. It covers all Malaysian citizens and

permanent residents, with no age limit, provided they are self-employed and earn a living through independent work. Coverage includes protection against accidents or occupational illnesses incurred during the course of work, including travel for work purposes.

To raise awareness and boost enrolment, Socso has introduced several nationwide initiatives and collaborations. In June 2024, Grab Malaysia sponsored contributions for over 180,000 e-hailing and p-hailing partners. Meanwhile, Socso partnered with the Transport Ministry to make contributions to the scheme a prerequisite for vocational licence renewals, while sponsoring coverage for 50,000 drivers including taxi, rental car and school bus operators.

Contribution rates under the security scheme vary according to

income, starting from RM13.10 per month for those earning RM1,050, and up to RM49.40 for individuals earning RM3,950 monthly.

"Our message is simple – no one left behind."

"We urge all self-employed individuals to check their eligibility and take the necessary steps to register and secure their safety net. Regardless of employment status, protection matters."

In March, Socso's security scheme extended benefits to Muhammad Syazwan Shopiee, 24, a volunteer with the Civil Defence Force who was bitten by a venomous Malaysian Krait snake while on duty. Syazwan spent 20 days in intensive care and is still unable to walk properly. As a contributor to the security scheme, he is entitled to RM700 in monthly benefits. — By Qirana Nabilla Mohd Rashidi



Poor workplace ergonomics linked to rising health issues

➤ Unsuitable furniture, prolonged sitting and lack of breaks driving sick leave, mental strain and lower productivity, say experts

KUALA LUMPUR: Non-ergonomic work environments are a major contributor to stress and various health issues among employees, particularly those affecting the spine, muscles and joints.

These problems often lead to increased sick leave and reduced productivity, ultimately impacting overall organisational performance.

According to Malaysian Society for Occupational Safety and Health president Ahmad Fakhru Anwar Ismail, such concerns are frequently raised by workers during programmes organised by the association, with many expressing anxiety over their long-term well-being.

"One of the most common issues raised is the increase in sick leave due to muscle and joint discomfort, as well as work-related stress, all stemming from a non-ergonomic workplace environment," he told Bernama.

Workplace ergonomics refers to the science of designing and arranging workspaces, tools and equipment to suit the needs of users, with the aim of creating a safe, comfortable and efficient environment.

Ahmad Fakhru stressed that employers must ensure workplace design aligns with the physical needs of their staff.

"One of the basic steps they can take is to ensure chairs and tables are adjustable. The same goes for the positioning of computer monitors. These are crucial to reduce physical strain on the body."

"Companies should also train employees on proper posture, safe lifting techniques and other practices that can minimise injury risks," he said.

He recommended the use of an ergonomic chair, screen, keyboard and mouse to reduce strain on hands and wrists, particularly for employees involved in repetitive computer work.

He also encouraged workers to take short breaks after prolonged periods of work to ease strain on the eyes, neck and shoulders.

"Understanding occupational health can help reduce the risk of work-related health problems," he added.

Ahmad Fakhru noted that long-term exposure to non-ergonomic conditions can have serious consequences, affecting both the



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In many cases, it not only leads to physical disability but also contributes to mental health issues such as chronic stress and depression caused by ongoing pain.

"Workers facing these issues may require frequent sick leave, which ultimately reduces their productivity."

"Companies that neglect ergonomic needs risk higher medical costs and diminished output. Unhealthy employees will struggle to focus and work efficiently, affecting overall performance," he said.

Meanwhile, Universiti Teknologi MARA assistant vice-chancellor Professor Dr Amer Shahr Zainol said without proper ergonomic adaptations, workers face increased risk of long-term health issues, particularly back and neck pain.

"Ergonomics concerns the relationship between people and their environment. In Western countries, it has long been applied across various sectors, including equipment and vehicle design. Automotive brands such as Mercedes-Benz, for instance, prioritise

ergonomics in seat design to ensure driver comfort and safety," he said.

He highlighted companies such as Google and local institutions such as the Employees Provident Fund as examples of workplaces applying ergonomic principles in office layouts.

"In these organisations, they've moved beyond the concept of assigning one desk per worker. Employees are encouraged to work in a variety of spaces, such as cafes or comfortable lounge areas, depending on their needs," Amer Shahr added.

Agreeing that non-ergonomic environments can pose health risks, Malaysian Public Health Medicine Specialists Association president Datuk Dr Zainal Ariffin Omar said unsuitable furniture and prolonged working hours without adequate breaks are key contributors to workplace health issues.

"Inadequate lighting and user-unfriendly equipment increase fatigue and discomfort. Beyond the physical effects, uncomfortable environments also create mental stress, which impacts focus and overall productivity," he said.

Negeri Sembilan seniors urged to take free flu jab

SEREMBAN: The Negeri Sembilan Health Department is urging all eligible senior citizens in the state to take advantage of the free influenza vaccination programme as a preventive measure against serious infections and complications.

State Health Director Dr Zuraida Mohamed said community participation is greatly appreciated and plays a key role in strengthening public health preparedness and reducing the burden of influenza in the state.

"The free influenza vaccination is available to senior citizens aged 60 and above who have at least one chronic illness – such as diabetes, respiratory disease, heart disease, obesity, hypertension, dyslipidaemia or chronic kidney disease – and began on Feb 18."

"This programme is voluntary and aims to protect high-risk groups from severe complications caused by influenza, including pneumonia, heart disease and sepsis, which may lead to hospitalisation or death," she said in a statement yesterday.

Zuraida said for this year alone, the Health Ministry has allocated 7,000 doses of influenza vaccine to Negeri Sembilan.

However, as of now, only 2,597 senior citizens have received the jab.

Appointments for vaccination can be made via the MySejahtera app or through walk-in visits to government health clinics.

"However, vaccination is subject to the availability of supply at each facility, as distribution is being carried out in stages nationwide," she added. — Bernama

Ministry to launch one-stop worker support centre

BUKIT MERTAJAM: The Human Resources Ministry plans to establish a one-stop centre for employee services as a comprehensive facility to resolve labour-related issues more efficiently.

Human Resources Minister Steven Sim said the centre will consolidate all labour-related services so that employees and employers will no longer need to approach different departments.

"I will make an announcement soon on the ministry's plan to set up a one-stop employee service centre to safeguard the welfare of workers in the country."

"We will combine all these services under one roof to make it easier for employees, employers and human resource managers. If there are labour-related issues, they can go directly to this one-stop centre," he said in his speech at the Penang DAP Hari Raya Aidilfitri Open House on Sunday.

Sim added that Penang will be the starting point for this new initiative to strengthen the support system for workers. — Bernama

FT Ministry proposes green urban compact with Shanghai

KUALA LUMPUR: The Federal Territories (FT) Ministry has proposed the establishment of a Kuala Lumpur-Shanghai green urban compact to strengthen climate action and foster deeper cooperation between the two cities.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Federal Territories) Datuk Seri Dr Zaliha Mustafa said the initiative aims to formalise joint efforts in key areas such as climate policy, funding and technology sharing.

"We need each other, as climate change knows no borders. That is why partnerships like KL-Shanghai must be nurtured, structured and sustained," she said in a speech delivered on her

behalf by FT Department director-general Datuk Seri Noridah Abdul Rahim at the KL-Shanghai Climate Action Forum 2025 yesterday.

Zaliha stressed that climate change is no longer a distant issue confined to scientific discourse but a lived reality, evident through intensifying floods, record heatwaves, food insecurity and worsening air pollution.

"Urban areas account for more than 70% of global greenhouse gas emissions, according to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change."

"The choices made in cities today will determine whether the world surpasses the 1.5°C threshold tomorrow," she said.

Zaliha also highlighted the introduction of the Chase City vision – an FT Ministry initiative aimed at transforming the federal territories in line with climate goals, focusing on cleanliness, health, advancement, safety and eco-friendliness.

"Under the Chase City vision, KL is steadily advancing as a model for climate-responsive and innovation-led urban governance," she added.

As of this year, the Kuala Lumpur Climate Action Plan 2050 (KLCA2050) is no longer just a strategic document but is being operationalised through structured implementation, coordinated agency involvement and performance-based urban management.

Developed by Kuala Lumpur City Hall, the KLCA2050 outlines a roadmap to transform the capital into a carbon-neutral, resilient and inclusive city by 2050.

Zaliha also noted that technology – particularly artificial intelligence (AI) – is a key enabler of this transformation.

"We are actively investing in AI to make our cities more predictive, efficient and citizen-centred."

"From flood forecasting systems in high-rise zones to real-time energy consumption monitoring, AI is no longer experimental but an essential asset for enhancing city operations," she said. — Bernama

Road closures scheduled for visit of Chinese president

► Move to last from today until Thursday, streets to reopen immediately after delegation passes

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KUALA LUMPUR: Several major roads and highways in the Klang Valley will be temporarily closed or diverted in stages from today until Thursday in conjunction with the state visit of Chinese President Xi Jinping to Malaysia.

Bukit Aman Traffic Investigation and Enforcement Department director Datuk Seri Mohd Yusri Hassan Basri said 17 roads and highways would be affected by the

closures, which are necessary to ensure the smooth and secure movement of Xi and his delegation.

He added that the closures would last between 30 and 45 minutes, and will reopen immediately after the delegation passes.

He said the first phase would begin today at 6pm and affected routes include the KLIA Expressway, Elite Highway (North-South Expressway Central Link), Putrajaya Ring Road, Putrajaya-Dengkil Highway, Persiaran Selatan, Lebuhraya and Jalan P5.

"Closures will continue on Wednesday, starting at 9.30am and again at 12.30pm. These will impact several major highways, including the MEX Highway, Shah Alam Expressway, Setiawangsa-Pantai Expressway, Sungai Besi-Ulu Kelang Elevated Expressway, New Pantai Expressway, Smart Tunnel, KL-Seremban Highway, Jalan Istana, Jalan Damansara, Jalan Sultan Abdul Halim and Jalan Sultan Iskandar."

Mohd Yusri said further road closures are scheduled for 4.10pm and 6.30pm on the same day, affecting Jalan P5, Lebuhraya, Jalan Tunku Abdul Rahman, Lebuhraya Sentosa, Lebuhraya Perdana Barat and Persiaran Seri Perdana.

He said 378 police officers and personnel would be deployed for escort, traffic control and enforcement duties during this period.

"Road users are advised to reschedule their journeys and use alternative routes to avoid congestion during the road closures, and to comply with instructions from the personnel to ensure smooth overall operations."

"We thank all road users for their cooperation during this important diplomatic event."

Xi is scheduled to undertake a state visit to Malaysia from today until Thursday, following an invitation from His Majesty the King of Malaysia Sultan Ibrahim.

Malaysia and China celebrated the 50th anniversary of diplomatic ties last year, marking a significant milestone in their bilateral friendship.

The two nations established diplomatic relations on May 31, 1974 and elevated ties to "Comprehensive Strategic Partnership" in 2013.

Suspect in teen kidnapping killed in shootout

SHAH ALAM: A man believed to be involved in the kidnapping of a 16-year-old girl was killed in a shootout with police in Bandar Bukit Tinggi, Klang yesterday.

Bukit Aman Criminal Investigation Department deputy director (Intelligence/Operations) Datuk Fadil Marsus said police had tracked down the 21-year-old local suspect in Jalan Bayu Tinggi, Klang but he attempted to flee.

He said at 5am, the suspect was

spotted in the Klang area.

"A police team chased the car being driven by the suspect. He refused to stop the car and rammed the police vehicle before opening fire. The car the suspect was in was cornered before he was shot dead."

"We conducted several raids and arrests shortly after the incident."

He said a search of the suspect's vehicle uncovered a semi-automatic pistol and a parang while checks revealed that he had no

criminal record.

According to police, the car driven by the suspect was allegedly used to drop off the victim at a location in Sendayan.

Fadil said the suspect is believed to be among those involved in the kidnapping of the girl in Seremban, Negeri Sembilan, in which a RM2 million ransom was demanded from the victim's family on Thursday.

He said the girl's family had paid RM280,000, along with some

jewellery, and the victim was released on Friday in Sendayan, Negeri Sembilan.

"Police also arrested three men and three women, aged between 21 and 30, in Sendayan to assist in investigations and recovered RM230,000 along with other items, which are being reviewed," he added.

He expressed gratitude to the public for providing information that led to the discovery of the kidnapping group. — Bernama

Customs seizes 210kg drugs at KL International Airport

SEPANG: The Customs Department foiled an attempt to smuggle 210kg of ganja worth RM20.57 million at the KL International Airport Free Trade Zone last month.

Central Zone acting assistant director-general Dr Ahmad Taufik Sulaiman said the drugs were seized following an inspection of a consignment at one of the air cargo terminal operators in the area.

"The syndicate's *modus operandi* is to conceal the drugs inside packages of snack products and pet food to avoid detection."

"The drugs are believed to have been brought in from a Southeast Asian country, transiting through Malaysia before being sent to a final destination in Europe."

He said no arrests have been made and the case is being investigated under Section 39B(1)(a) of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952. — Bernama



Ahmad Taufik (centre) showing the seized drugs at a press conference in Sepang yesterday. — BERNAMAPIC

Self-inflicted gunshot death of cop linked to personal issues

KEPALA BATAS: The policeman who died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound at the state police contingent headquarters is believed to have been dealing with personal and financial issues, said Penang police chief Datuk Hamzah Ahmad.

He said investigations and interviews conducted with individuals

close to the victim revealed that he had been facing emotional distress, possibly linked to money issues.

"We have recorded statements from nine individuals, including his ex-wife, close friends, three police personnel who were at the scene, and medical experts involved in the postmortem and neurological care at

the Penang Hospital."

He confirmed that the case has been classified as closed following the completion of investigations and the deceased has been laid to rest.

The 58-year-old officer, attached to the headquarters Commandant's Branch, was found critically injured in the guardroom at 6.12pm last

Tuesday. He succumbed to his injuries two days later, Bernama reported.

In a separate case, police are pursuing six suspects believed to be involved in the murder of a Myanmar man at a restaurant in Taman Sepadu Jaya, Tasek Gelugor on March 7.

Hamzah said two of the six suspects are Myanmar nationals and

police believe the group fled Penang but are still within Malaysia.

He said eight suspects have been detained in connection with the case.

Initial investigations found that the 38-year-old victim, who worked at the restaurant, was attacked due to a longstanding family feud involving individuals in Malaysia and Myanmar.

M'sian Bar ordered to pay damages to senior lawyer

KUALA LUMPUR: The High Court here yesterday ordered the Malaysian Bar to pay RM340,000 in damages to senior lawyer Tan Sri Muhammad Shafee Abdullah in his suit against the Bar and two others over his conduct as DPP in a sodomy case.

Judge Datuk Ahmad Shahrir Mohd Salleh made the ruling after the Federal Court, in 2021, held that the Malaysian Bar had acted unlawfully by allowing and publishing a motion condemning Muhammad Shafee before referring the matter to the Disciplinary Board.

"Upon careful consideration of the totality of the circumstances and the respective submissions of the parties, this court assesses the damages recoverable by the plaintiff comprising of RM200,000 for reputational loss and injury of feelings, RM100,000 for loss of professional opportunities, RM20,000 for mental stress and health-related consequences, and RM20,000 in aggravated damages."

"The total global sum of RM340,000 represents fair, reasonable and proportionate compensation for the breach committed," he said, adding that he did not order costs as the issue was one of public interest.

In March 2015, Muhammad Shafee sued the Bar, former attorney-general Tan Sri Tommy Thomas and former Court of Appeal judge Tan Sri V. C. George, who were both practising lawyers at that time, as defendants.

He claimed that Thomas had published and submitted a motion on Feb 28, 2015 for discussion by the Malaysian Bar AGM on March 14 the same year and the motion was seconded by George.

On May 26, 2016, the High Court dismissed the suit and he also lost his appeal in the Court of Appeal on Oct 11, 2018, prompting him to bring the matter to the Federal Court.

On Oct 20, 2021, the Federal Court allowed Muhammad Shafee's appeal, held that he was entitled to get damages from the Bar and ordered the case to be reverted to the High Court for assessment of damages.

The Bar filed a review bid but it was dismissed by the Federal Court on Sept 19, 2022.

When met after the proceedings, Muhammad Shafee said he would donate the money to charity, either for children or ill lawyers who struggle with their medical bills.

"You must be surprised that there are lawyers who are unwell and cannot even afford to pay their hospital bills," he said. — Bernama

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Students on mission to save planet from synthetic dyes

KUALA LUMPUR: When Yevgen Ngui noticed colours fading from his football jersey, revealing the synthetic dyes commonly used in the textile industry, the 11-year-old boy became conscious and passionate about protecting the environment and saving the planet.

Curious about what caused the change, he began researching synthetic dyes and uncovering their toxic nature and the serious harm they pose to aquatic life and humans.

It inspired Yevgen and his Sekolah Jenis Kebangsaan (C) Jalan Davidson schoolmates Yeoh Zi Jian, 12, and Celeste Tan, 10, to create the "Marbling Robot for Sustainable Future (MarBot4SF)", a machine that merges water marbling techniques with robotics to create stunning, eco-friendly patterns, aiming to overcome environmental and health complications caused by the usage of synthetic dyes in the fashion and textile industry.

"I researched it on the internet and found that synthetic dyes are harmful to aquatic life and human health. So, I wanted to make a robot that can use natural pigment dyes instead of synthetic dyes so that they will not continue harming the environment," he said at the Malaysia Open House Exhibition @ Asean KL 2025 here recently.

Zi Jian, who has loved art since Year 4, sparked the idea to merge art with modern robotics which led to the invention of MarBot4SF.

"I really wanted to combine art and technology. While brainstorming, I remembered that in Year 4, we learned about water marbling, and that (technique) is what I wanted to combine with technology.

"The element of sustainability helps revolutionise the fashion industry and make a better world."

Similarly, Celeste found inspiration online when she came across articles about how the fashion and textile industry is one of the leading water polluters.

"I wanted to create something that could combine art and technology so it could solve environmental problems, and then we came up with MarBot4SF.

"This can help reduce the environmental impact on textile printing and creates beautiful

▶ Three schoolmates create machine to merge water marbling techniques with robotics to create eco-friendly patterns, aiming to reduce pollution



(From left) Yevgen, Zi Jian and Celeste proudly showing their art work using MarBot4SF at the Malaysia Open House Exhibition @ Asean KL 2025 held at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre. – BERNAMAPIIC

and natural patterns on fabric," she said.

Behind their success is teacher and project adviser Ong Yun Naam Adrian, 34, who said despite not majoring in robotics studies in university, the students inspired him to venture more into this field and help them realise the project, Bernama reported.

"It was through the school that I was introduced to robotics. Working with the students made me realise that sometimes it is not only about textbook learning.

"We spend a lot of time on our projects, even during weekends and holidays. If students are willing to come back and spend time working on projects rather than going out with their friends, it motivates us to help them."

Their invention took them to places, including the World Robot Olympiad in Türkiye and the World Robot Competition in Indonesia. They bagged the gold and silver medals at the National Robotics Competition last year.

Work on sports complex in Gual Ipoh to begin soon

TANAH MERAH: The dreams of people in Tanah Merah, especially in Gual Ipoh, to have a sports complex is now almost a reality as the first phase of the project involves the construction of a football field, complete with a pavilion, which is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

The sports complex will be built on a 6ha plot that has been gazetted as a recreational and leisure reserve.

It is strategically located near mosques, police stations, clinics, Rural Transformation Centres and major towns.

Kelantan State Youth, Sports and Unity, NGOs and Community Unity Committee deputy chairman Bahari Mohamad Noor said the first phase of the project involves the construction of a football field, complete with a pavilion, which is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

He said a sum of RM200,000 has been approved by the state government for construction works.

"The field will be equipped with floodlights to enable sports activities at night as well as a race track," he said at the Gual Ipoh Sports Complex project site recently.

Bahari said the complex would include *sepak takraw* courts, futsal courts, main halls, *surau*, children's playground and kiosks when it is fully completed.

"The management of this complex will involve the cooperation of the Tanah Merah District Council which is experienced in the maintenance of such facilities.

"At the moment I cannot say the total cost of development, but what is important is that the land has been gazetted for leisure and recreation, and that is a big step.

"I have written a letter to the Youth and Sports Ministry. If we get assistance at the federal level, the development of this complex will be faster."

Meanwhile, local resident Muhammad Shukri Abd Rashid, 60, said the complex is expected to bring economic benefits.

"It will open up opportunities for residents to do business as many tournaments and sports activities can be organised here." – Bernama

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Xi warns protectionism leads nowhere

► China, Vietnam to sign about 40 cooperation documents

HANOI: Chinese leader Xi Jinping warned that protectionism “leads nowhere” and that a trade war would have “no winners”, state media said, as he arrived in Vietnam yesterday on the first leg of a Southeast Asia tour.

Xi will visit Vietnam, Malaysia and Cambodia on his first overseas trip of the year as Beijing seeks to tighten regional trade ties and offset the impact of huge tariffs unleashed by his US counterpart Donald Trump.

A line of well-wishers stood outside the Vietnamese capital's airport waving Chinese flags as Xi arrived in Hanoi for the start of a tour that Beijing says “bears major importance” for the broader region.

He said in a statement reported by Xinhua news agency soon after his arrival that he looked forward to an “in-depth exchange of views with Vietnamese leaders on issues concerning ties between the two parties and countries that have a global impact”.

Xi earlier urged the two countries to “resolutely safeguard the multilateral trading system, stable global industrial and supply chains, and open and cooperative international environment”.

He also reiterated Beijing's line that a “trade war and tariff war will produce no winner, and protectionism will lead nowhere” in an article published yesterday in Vietnam's *Nhan Dan* newspaper.

Beijing is trying to present itself as a stable alternative to an erratic Trump, who announced, and then mostly reversed, sweeping tariffs this month that sent global markets into a tailspin.

Vietnam's top leader To Lam said in an article posted on the government's news portal yesterday that his country “is always ready to join hands with China to make cooperation between the two countries more substantive, profound, balanced and sustainable”.

About 40 cooperation documents are expected to be signed by both nations, Vietnam's Deputy Prime Minister Bui Thanh Son told state media.

Firming up ties with Southeast Asian neighbours could also help offset the impact from a closed United States, the largest single recipient of Chinese goods last year.

Xi will be in Vietnam until today, his first trip there since December 2023.

China and Vietnam already share a “comprehensive strategic partnership”, Hanoi's highest diplomatic status.

Vietnam has long pursued a “bamboo diplomacy” approach striving to stay on good terms with both China and the United States.

The two countries have close economic ties, but Hanoi shares US concerns about Beijing's increasing assertiveness.

The Chinese leader insisted in his article that Beijing and Hanoi could resolve those disputes through dialogue.

“We should properly manage differences and safeguard peace and stability in our region.”

“With vision, we are fully capable of properly settling maritime issues through consultation and negotiation,” Xi wrote.

Lam said in his article on the government news portal that “joint efforts to control and satisfactorily resolve disagreements ... is an important stabilising factor in the current complex and unpredictable international and regional situation”.

After Vietnam, Xi will visit Malaysia. He then travels on Thursday to Cambodia, one of China's staunchest allies in Southeast Asia and where Beijing has extended its influence in recent years. – AFP

Indonesia arrests judges on graft charges

JAKARTA: Indonesian authorities arrested three judges who acquitted three palm oil companies of charges of corruption in obtaining export permits, an official said yesterday, following the arrest of a chief judge on bribery charges.

A court last month acquitted the three companies – Wilmar Group, Musim Mas Group and North Sumatra-based Permata Hijau Group – of charges of misconduct in obtaining export permits in 2022.

The three judges who made the ruling were arrested on Sunday night, said a spokesperson for the Attorney General's Office, Harli Siregar yesterday.

On Saturday, prosecutors arrested Muhammad Arif Nuryanta, chief judge of South Jakarta district court. He was allegedly paid US\$3.57 million (RM15.79 million) to arrange for a favourable verdict by two lawyers for the companies, Siregar said in a statement, adding that US\$1.07 million was then allegedly paid to the three other judges.

“The bribe was given so that the judges would rule that it's not a crime,” Siregar said, adding that a court clerk and two lawyers had also been arrested.

Reuters could not immediately reach the three judges or their lawyers for comment.

Siregar said the Attorney General's Office had filed an appeal against the court's March acquittal of the companies.

Wilmar Group, Musim Mas Group and Permata Hijau Group did not immediately respond to a request for comments.

Nuryanta was the deputy chief of the court when the verdict was announced. He did not hear the case directly.

Indonesia, which accounts for about 60% of global palm oil supply, imposed severe export measures in 2022, including a three-week ban on shipments, in an attempt to rein in soaring prices of local cooking oil.

When the corruption charges were first brought against the companies, prosecutors were seeking fines and payments of up to 11 trillion rupiah (RM2.8 billion). – Reuters

Indian fraud accused arrested in Belgium

NEW DELHI: Fugitive jeweller Mehul Choksi has been arrested in Belgium, a source with India's Enforcement Directorate told Reuters, seven years after details of his involvement in one of India's biggest bank frauds became public.

The Indian government had sent a request for Choksi's extradition before his arrest, but he is likely to challenge it on medical grounds, the source said.

Punjab National Bank (PNB), India's second largest state-run lender by assets, had announced in 2018 that it had discovered alleged fraud worth US\$1.8 billion (RM7.96 billion) at a branch in Mumbai.

The bank had filed a criminal complaint with India's federal investigative agency against several entities including billionaire jeweller Nirav Modi and Choksi, his uncle and the managing director of Gitanjali Gems, saying they had defrauded PNB.

Indian federal police filed fraud charges against Choksi, Nirav Modi and others in connection with suspected involvement in fraudulent transactions that led to huge losses for PNB.

The two diamond tycoons have denied any wrongdoing.

Choksi said in a letter in 2018 that the “investigating agencies were acting with pre-determined minds and interfering with the course of justice”.

Nirav Modi fled India in 2018 before details of his alleged role in the case became public. He was arrested in Britain in 2019. – Reuters



SAFE HANDS ... Buddhist nuns relocate statues from a collapsed building at Myawaddy Nunnery in Mandalay on Sunday, following the devastating March 28 earthquake. – AFP/PIIC

Clorox Australia fined A\$8.2m over recycling claims

SYDNEY: Australia's competition regulator said yesterday Clorox's local unit had been fined A\$8.25 million (RM23 million) by the Federal Court over falsely claiming its GLAD kitchen and garbage bags were partially made from recycled ocean plastic.

The Australia Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) said the cleaning products maker admitted to breaching the Australian Consumer Law from June 2021 to July 2023 by falsely claiming on its “GLAD” kitchen and garbage bags that these were made of at least

half recycled oceanic plastic waste.

In reality, over 2.2 million of these bags were made of about 50% plastic waste collected from Indonesian communities without formal waste management systems, and up to 50km from any shoreline.

The court ruling comes amid a broader societal focus on environmental impact and sustainability, with misleading “green” claims potentially eroding consumer trust and creating unfair market conditions.

The court noted that claims of

environmental friendliness were crucial in assessing the violating conduct.

Clorox was also directed to establish an Australian Consumer Law compliance programme, publish a corrective notice on its website, and bear a portion of the ACCC's legal costs, according to the regulator's statement.

The company stopped production of the products in July 2023 after investigations began.

Clorox did not immediately respond to a request for comment. – Reuters



Sick child dies after disruption to medical services

GAZA CITY: An Israeli air strike on Sunday hit one of Gaza's few functioning hospitals, resulting in the death of a child according to the World Health Organisation (WHO), as Israel warned it would expand its offensive if Hamas does not release hostages.

Since the outbreak of war, tens of thousands of Gazans have sought refuge in hospitals, many of which have suffered severe damage in the ongoing hostilities.

WHO reported that a child died due to disruption of care at the Al-Ahli Hospital in northern Gaza after the strike.

The Israeli military said it targeted a Hamas "command and control centre" at the hospital, a claim the group denied.

Gaza's civil defence agency said the strike came "minutes after the (Israeli) army's warning to evacuate".

Israel's Foreign Ministry said there was "no medical activity taking place" in the hospital building hit by a "precise strike".

Another airstrike on Sunday on a vehicle in the city of Deir el-Balah killed seven people including six brothers, the agency said.

Israeli Defence Minister Israel Katz reiterated that the military would expand its offensive if Hamas "persists in its refusal" to free the remaining hostages.

Qatar denounced the hospital strike as "a heinous crime", as did Saudi Arabia.

British Foreign Secretary David Lammy urged Israel to halt the "deplorable attacks" on hospitals.

Last month, Israeli forces opened fire on ambulances in Gaza, killing 15 medics and rescuers. – AFP



Far-right protesters rooting for Yoon outside the Seoul Central District Court on Monday.
– REUTERS/PICT

Martial law declaration not a coup, says Yoon

Ex-president had no legal grounds: Prosecutors

SEOUL: South Korea's ousted leader Yoon Suk Yeol argued that his brief martial law declaration late last year was "not a coup d'etat" as he appeared in court yesterday for the start of a criminal trial over charges that he led an insurrection.

The martial law attempt, which lasted about six hours before Yoon backed down in the face of parliamentary opposition and public protests, plunged the country into months of turmoil and led to the Constitutional Court removing him from the presidency this month for violating constitutional powers.

After leaving his house in a motorcade yesterday, Yoon, who has denied all charges against him, entered the Seoul Central District Court wearing a dark navy suit and red tie.

At the start of proceedings, prosecutors presented their case by arguing Yoon lacked the legal grounds to declare martial law and accused him of trying to paralyse state institutions such as parliament.

"The defendant ... made it impossible for constitutional institutions to exercise their authority based on an unlawful declaration," the prosecution said.

Yoon, who was the country's chief

prosecutor before becoming president, defended himself in court, talking at length to refute the prosecution's allegations.

"Martial law is not a coup d'etat," Yoon said. He denied paralyzing the government and said martial law was needed to alert the people to how the majority opposition party was stonewalling government by impeaching more than 20 officials, which he saw as dangerous.

"This was a peaceful 'message martial law' to the nation ... I knew this martial law would end within half-a-day," he said.

Yoon said although he had communicated this intention to ex-defence minister Kim Yong-hyun, military officials carrying out the order seemed to have overstepped it because they were used to training for martial law under different guidelines.

Two senior military officers took the witness stand in the afternoon.

Both of them, including Cho Sung-hyun from the army's capital defence command, testified that they were ordered by their superior officer to send troops to "drag" lawmakers out of parliament during Yoon's martial law order.

Yoon denied this allegation, saying he had not given such an order.

The martial law declaration, which cited the need to root out "anti-state" elements, was lifted after parliamentary staffers used barricades and fire extinguishers to ward off special operations soldiers trying to enter

parliament, where lawmakers voted to reject martial law.

The charge of masterminding insurrection faced by the impeached leader is punishable by life imprisonment or even death, although South Korea has not executed anyone in decades.

Yoon's martial law declaration on Dec 3 shocked South Koreans, and created chaos in all areas of society, the economy and foreign policy, the Constitutional Court said when ruling to remove him from office.

The upheaval has further exposed deep social rifts between conservatives and liberals and increased pressure on institutions and the military, which had found itself in a quandary over whether to enforce martial law.

The opposition Democratic Party slammed Yoon yesterday as delusional for not making any sincere apology.

The country will now hold a snap election on June 3. Questions remain over whether Yoon might still play a role.

Lee Jae-myung, the opposition leader who is leading presidential polls, visited a start-up that develops artificial intelligence chips, pledging to ease regulations with aggressive investments in the AI industry.

Hong Joon-pyo, a former prosecutor who lost in the conservative party's primary to Yoon for the previous presidential election, announced that he would run again for the president. – Reuters

EU to boost financial support for Palestinian Authority

BRUSSELS: The European Union will increase its financial support for the Palestinian Authority with a three-year package worth around €1.6 billion (RM8 billion), the European Commissioner responsible for the Middle East said in an interview.

Dubravka Suica, the European Commissioner for the Mediterranean, said the financial support would go hand in hand with reforms of the Palestinian Authority, which has been accused by critics of corruption and bad governance.

"We want them to reform themselves because without reforming, they won't be

strong enough and credible to be an interlocutor, not only for us, but an interlocutor also for Israel," Suica said.

The commissioner's remarks came ahead of a first "high-level political dialogue" between European Union foreign ministers and senior Palestinian officials including Prime Minister Mohammad Mustafa in Luxembourg yesterday.

The EU is the biggest donor to the Palestinians and EU officials hope the Palestinian Authority, which runs the West Bank, may also one day take responsibility for Gaza after the war between Israel and Hamas comes to an end.

Israeli government has rejected the idea of handing over Gaza to the PA and shunned the EU's broader aim of a two-state solution.

Suica said €620 million would go to financial support and reform of the PA, €576 million to "resilience and recovery" of the West Bank and Gaza and €400 million would come in loans from the European Investment Bank, subject to the approval of its governing body.

She said average EU support for the PA had amounted to about €400 million over the past 12 years.

"We are investing in a credible manner in the Palestinian Authority," Suica said. – Reuters

WORLD LEADERS SLAM DEADLY RUSSIAN STRIKE

SUMY: World leaders condemned a Russian missile strike on Ukraine on Sunday. Two ballistic missiles hit the centre of the northeastern city of Sumy killing at least 34 people and wounding more than 100 others. "I was told they made a mistake. But I think it's a horrible thing. I think the whole war is a horrible thing," US President Trump told reporters on board Air Force One. Secretary of State Marco Rubio called the attack "horrifying" and a "tragic reminder of why the administration is putting so much effort to end this war and achieve durable peace". French President Emmanuel Macron said the strike showed "blatant disregard for human lives, international law and the diplomatic efforts". British Prime Minister Keir Starmer said he was "appalled". German leader Friedrich Merz described it as "a serious war crime, deliberate and intended". – AFP

MALDIVES TO PHASE OUT SMOKING WITH TEEN BAN

MALE: The Maldives will attempt to stamp out smoking across the South Asian luxury tourist archipelago this year with a ban making it illegal for anyone under 19 to buy cigarettes. A proposed law will prohibit the sale of tobacco products to individuals born after a January 2007 cut-off date, effectively phasing out smoking for future generations. "The new legislation is set to come into force on Nov 1," President Mohamed Muizzu's office said. Officials said they were working to amend tobacco control laws to bring them in line with the new legislation. A similar law has been proposed in Britain, while New Zealand – the first country to enact a generational law against smoking – repealed it in November 2023. The Maldives raised the legal age for smoking from 18 to 21 in November and banned the import of e-cigarettes and vaping devices, a policy that also applies to tourists. – AFP

Investing more in special-needs education

COMMENT by Dr Sunitha Sivakumaran

IN the quiet corners of classrooms and the determined eyes of children facing extraordinary challenges, education has the power to rewrite destiny.

Each child, regardless of ability, carries within them a universe of potential – waiting to be unlocked, yearning to be understood.

My journey is deeply personal – both as a mother of a child with special needs and as the principal for neurodiverse children.

I have lived the reality of this challenge from two perspectives. At home, I experience the daily triumphs and struggles of nurturing a child who learns differently. In the classroom, I have seen countless children discover their unique strengths, watching them transform from marginalised individuals to confident learners.

These are not just students; they are pioneers navigating a world that has too often overlooked their capabilities.

Malaysia stands at a critical crossroad. Our Budget 2025, allocating RM1.3 billion for persons with disabilities, represents more than a financial commitment – it is a moral statement about who we aspire to be as a society. Yet, this allocation, while positive, is merely a whisper when we need a resounding declaration of support.

The truth is stark: our growing needs far outpace our current resources. Funding alone cannot bridge this gap. What we require is a fundamental reimagining of special needs education – one that goes beyond infrastructure and touches the very heart of human potential.

Strengthening training for inclusive education

Recognising the importance of special-needs education, several public universities and teacher training institutes in Malaysia offer a Bachelor's in Education with a specialisation in this field.

While this is commendable, the shortage of specialised teachers remains a pressing issue that needs continued attention.

According to the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) in 2023, there were 736,607 persons with disabilities, making up 2.2% of Malaysia's population. However, only a fraction of them are enrolled in government schools. Many children in rural areas remain at home due to limited accessibility, infrastructure, awareness and diagnosis.

Currently, Malaysia has more than 34 special education schools, primarily catering to students with visual and hearing impairments.

Additionally, public primary and secondary schools offer the special education integration programme (PPKI), which provides dedicated classrooms for students with special needs. However, it does not fully address the diverse requirements of the special needs community.

Data from DOSM's 2023 report also highlights a concerning trend in special education staffing. The number of primary-level special education teachers declined by 1.0% to 826 teachers while secondary-level saw a slight increase of 2.4% to 473. Despite this growth, the numbers remain insufficient to meet the rising demand.

Malaysia is not alone in facing challenges in the special-education sector. Thailand, for example, operates 49 special education schools and the Philippines, with 805 such schools, still struggles with a significant shortage of

teachers. Similarly, England has seen a rising number of students with special educational needs, underscoring the growing demand.

Although Malaysia maintains an ideal student-teacher ratio of 6:1 in special education, the overall shortage of trained educators and limited resources indicate that infrastructure investments alone, such as the additional 50 PPKI projects on top of the existing 2000 PPKI in 2023, cannot fully meet the needs of these students.

Addressing the shortage of specialised teachers requires more than just increasing numbers; it demands equipping educators with specialised training to create truly inclusive classrooms.

Despite specialised education programmes in universities, the demand for trained special-needs teachers far exceeds the supply. As a result, many trainees and newly graduated educators enter the field without a strong understanding of the diverse needs of special-needs students.

Specialised training equips educators with effective instructional strategies, enabling them to better understand the unique challenges faced by students with special needs.

However, to sustain truly inclusive teaching, continuous professional development is essential.

Role of government and private sector

Malaysia has the resources to prioritise strategic professional development for special-education teachers. That said, existing teacher training programmes need to be restructured to align with the diverse needs of students with disabilities.

Collaboration between the Education Ministry, private education providers, NGOs and universities can help build a structured framework for upskilling

teachers in special-education needs.

Government policies that incentivise private sector participation, such as tax incentives for companies investing in inclusive education or funding specialised teacher training, could encourage more organisations to contribute meaningfully to special-needs education.

The private sector can also play a larger role by funding pilot projects and targeted initiatives.

Recent collaborations, such as the 2024 partnership between Able Perfect Sdn Bhd and Yayasan Didik Negara to establish multisensory classrooms, highlight the potential impact of targeted investments in learning environments. Expanding such collaborations could benefit more schools.

Conclusion

Inclusive education is a fundamental right that benefits society as a whole. By embracing diversity, fostering empathy and building stronger social connections, inclusive education lays the foundation for a more equitable and compassionate future for all.

Without immediate and focused action, the gaps in special-needs education will continue to widen.

The cost of failing to act will be far greater, not only for students with disabilities but for the future of an inclusive Malaysia.

If we truly want a society that values every individual's potential, we must ensure that inclusive education becomes a priority now.

The longer we wait, the more we risk leaving behind an entire generation.

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"By embracing diversity, fostering empathy and building stronger social connections, inclusive education lays the foundation for a more equitable and compassionate future for all."

Safeguarding Malaysia's maritime sovereignty

COMMENT by Dr Izyan Munirah Mohd Zaideen

MALAYSIA is a maritime nation thanks to its strategic geographical location and abundant maritime resources.

However, it faces complex challenges in safeguarding its maritime sovereignty due to overlapping maritime boundaries with neighbouring countries such as Singapore, Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, Brunei and the Philippines.

Malaysia's strategic location also presents significant challenges, particularly in the form of territorial disputes and overlapping claims over land and maritime zones. These conflicts frequently revolve around access to marine resources, fisheries and navigational rights.

The Straits of Malacca, a prominent global shipping route, poses additional issues related to maritime security, environmental degradation and contested navigational entitlements involving Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore.

The South China Sea is a focal point for competing claims between Malaysia and its neighbouring countries – particularly Vietnam, the Philippines and Brunei – centred on exclusive economic zones (EEZ) and resource-rich areas believed to contain substantial hydrocarbon reserves.

The Straits of Malacca and the South China Sea are two highly volatile maritime regions often at the forefront of regional conflicts.

The growing geopolitical tensions in both areas further complicate enforcement efforts,



Promoting eco-maritime security through blue economy policies and the establishment of marine protected areas can strengthen Malaysia's sovereignty while preserving marine ecosystems. – BBXpress

highlighting the need for a robust and strategic approach to maritime security.

One of the most pressing concerns is territorial disputes, particularly the overlapping claims involving China's nine-dash line. These disputes not only threaten Malaysia's sovereignty but also create friction in regional diplomacy.

Addressing these challenges requires a comprehensive, multifaceted strategy that integrates legal, security, diplomatic and environmental measures.

Strengthening Malaysia's legal framework in alignment with the United Nations Convention

on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and regional security agreements will reinforce its legal standing in maritime disputes.

UNCLOS, often referred to as the "constitution of the oceans", provides a comprehensive framework for governing maritime activities and managing ocean resources.

As a signatory since 1996, Malaysia has utilised UNCLOS to define its maritime zones, including its territorial sea, contiguous zone, EEZ and continental shelf. These zones collectively enhance Malaysia's sovereign rights and jurisdiction over maritime areas rich in

natural resources, critical for economic development and national security.

Investing in the modernisation of Malaysia's naval and coast guard capabilities, such as advanced offshore patrol vessels, radar systems, and AI-driven surveillance will enhance monitoring and rapid response capabilities.

Additionally, regional cooperation through ASEAN-led initiatives, such as the code of conduct for the South China Sea and joint maritime patrols with neighbouring nations, will bolster security and stability.

Beyond security measures, sustainable maritime governance is crucial. Promoting eco-maritime security through blue economy policies and the establishment of marine protected areas can strengthen Malaysia's sovereignty while preserving marine ecosystems.

Furthermore, engaging local communities and maritime industry stakeholders in security initiatives through awareness programme, education and participatory monitoring can enhance national resilience.

Ultimately, Malaysia must adopt a holistic approach that combines diplomatic engagement, military preparedness, legal reinforcement and technological advancements.

By fostering regional collaboration and investing in maritime defence capabilities, Malaysia can effectively protect its sovereignty, safeguard its maritime borders and contribute to stability in the region.

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Zero waste in food and fashion

➤ Students learn the value of sustainability

■ BY DHARSHINI GANESON

Today education is not just about achieving the highest grades, but also educating students on the value of sustainable living.

Students at Sunway College and Asia Pacific University have taken the initiative to reduce wastage, in terms of fashion design and food waste, championing responsibility in the way fashion and food can eliminate waste.

At Sunway College students pursuing studies in fashion design technology are learning how to reduce waste through the "Zero-waste and One-seam dress project", which uniquely designs dresses by maximising every inch of material.

This is in contrast to traditional garment production, which often leaves meters of leftover material, after the dress is designed, cut and sewn. The new technique known as 'zero-waste draping' uses the latest technology to shape the dress directly

on the body, thus employing one continuous stream to construct the garment.

Head of programme at Sunway College for the Diploma in Fashion Design Technology, Vincent Leong Jia Hou said:

"The students use cutting edge 3D fashion software to reduce fabric waste up to 80%. The software allows students to create and visualise digital patterns on 3D avatars, thus minimising the need for cutting and the use of multiple zippers, panels and other fastenings," he said.

Another vital component of the "Zero-waste and One-seam dress project" is its emphasis on local sourcing, thus reducing the impact of the carbon footprint, associated with transportation," he said.

Beyond the environmental advantages, Leong feels 'zero-waste draping' sparks creativity among designers, as they learn to navigate new channels of fashion.

"Educational institutions are key



Students need to understand the importance of zero waste



in preparing the next generation of designers by equipping them with expertise in digital technologies and sustainable materials, while also nurturing their problem-solving skills to create innovative, eco-conscious designs," added Leong.

"Turning excess into edible gold," a project by Asia Pacific University students (APU) guided by APU lecturer Cynthia Paul, turned out to a success as it transformed rescued food, especially excess fruits and vegetables into consumable products such as sauces and jams.

According to Cynthia, over 200 students have participated in the project, learning the importance of

sustainability and the impact of food waste on society.

"A team of 20 students took the project one step further by creating value added products such as jams, pickles and sauces. The university organised bazaars, showcasing not only products by the students but also preserved products by children from orphanages and single mothers," she said. The students also developed a collaboration with the Lost Food Project, a non-governmental organisation (NGO) focused on zero food waste.

"The main reason for starting this project was the realisation that food waste was not just an environmental

issue but also a missed economic opportunity for low income families, who could transform the food waste into economically viable products, and thus earn income from the sales," added Cynthia, who feels these sort of initiatives are important to empower students on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and put them into practice.

She said the challenge faced by students was the inconsistent supply of produce and the short shelf life of vegetables and fruits, which meant they required immediate processing. Time management was therefore important.

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Future of the world shifting towards South-centred economy: Syed Hamid

PETALING JAYA: The future of the world is increasingly shifting towards the South-centred economy, with Asia at the heart of this transformation and China playing the role of a major engine of global economic growth, said former foreign minister Tan Sri Dr Syed Hamid Albar.

In an interview with China Global Television Network for its Global South Voices programme, Syed Hamid stressed the importance of embracing cooperation, mutual respect and shared development among nations, particularly within the context of Global South collaboration.

"We are moving towards a South-centred future, and Asia is going to be at the centre of that change," he said.

He noted that Malaysia's relationship with China is rooted in historical and diplomatic milestones, highlighting that Malaysia was the first Asean country to establish diplomatic ties with China – a move made even before the normalisation of relations by many other nations.

Syed Hamid also acknowledged China's steadfast support during regional crises, particularly during the 1997-1998 Asian financial crisis. "Even when we were facing financial challenges, China never gave up on Asean, especially Malaysia. China has been with us from the start."

Emphasising Malaysia's foreign policy direction, he said it is rooted in independence, cooperation, and development, and not dictated by rivalry or power competition.

"Moreover, Asean should not be a platform for big power rivalry. We do not want to be told what we should do and that is not how we conduct our foreign policy. The key words are cooperation, mutual respect and recognising the dignity of independent nations," he said.

Syed Hamid praised China's approach to global engagement, describing it as cooperative rather than hegemonic.

He said the evolving geopolitical landscape must not result in division, but instead be leveraged to promote positive growth and global understanding.

He reaffirmed Malaysia's commitment to open and investment-friendly policies, noting that both Western and Eastern partners remain important. – Bernama

Bursa chairman optimistic IPO market will be resilient

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KUALA LUMPUR: Despite persistent global uncertainties and external shocks, Malaysia's initial public offering (IPO) market is expected to remain resilient with continued listings throughout the year, said Bursa Malaysia chairman Tan Sri Abdul Wahid Omar.

He acknowledged the prevailing turbulence in the global economy stemming from fluctuating tariffs, policy shifts and geopolitical tensions.

"On global headwinds and turbulence, we do not really know what will be coming next because of what is being implemented and adjusted. However, the importance is on building resilience among Malaysian companies and the broader economy."

"What is important for us is to

➤ Abdul Wahid confident of continued listings throughout the year although some firms have delayed their moves due to global turbulence

ensure we create resilience among companies in Malaysia. That is something we need to do more on," he told reporters at a roundtable hosted by Bursa Malaysia, Economic Club of Kuala Lumpur and CIMB yesterday.

Abdul Wahid said central to this effort is the Public Listed Companies Transformation Programme, which was launched three years ago to enhance their fundamentals and performance.

"The programme now includes 326 companies, representing 64% of the total market capitalisation. It focuses on five key areas, including

being purpose-driven, improving performance, enhancing ethics, prioritising environmental, social and governance and deepening investor engagement," he noted.

The Bursa chairman expressed optimism on strong fundamentals, companies can mitigate the impact of external shocks. "If listed companies continue to focus on their fundamentals and performance, the effects of externalities can be minimised," he said.

Abdul Wahid also addressed concerns about how current uncertainties may affect the IPO pipeline.

"Last year, we successfully listed 55 companies. This year, we are targeting 60. So far, 15 companies have been listed – two on the Main Market and 13 on the ACE Market. Another company, MSG Global Bhd, will be listed on April 15, bringing the total to 16," he said.

He added that some companies have opted to delay their listings slightly due to current market conditions, citing "a bit of an extension in timeline" for some IPOs.

However, Abdul Wahid said he remains optimistic, adding that in the coming months, once market conditions stabilise and there is greater clarity on external developments, many of these companies will proceed with their IPOs.

On the issue of US tariffs and their sector-specific impact, he said the effects vary depending on the industry.

"In sectors like electronics, there are still many exemptions, so the impact is currently minimal. But the volatility and policy changes create uncertainty, particularly in terms of production and order flows."

Looking ahead to Malaysia's participation in trade discussions in Washington on April 23, Abdul Wahid reiterated the importance of maintaining a balanced diplomatic and trade stance.

"It is crucial for Malaysia to continue positioning itself as a neutral country, not aligned to any single bloc. We must engage with all parties and continue expanding Asean and bilateral trade relations. Any decisions in international negotiations must be grounded in Malaysia's national interest. Whatever we manage must be based on the interest of Malaysia as a country," he said.



Abdul Wahid (front row, second from left) and other participants of the roundtable held at Bursa Malaysia.

'Strengthen Malaysian economic ecosystem to support trade narrative'

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia must fortify its domestic economic ecosystem to present a compelling case to international trade partners, especially as it prepares for critical trade discussions with the United States later this month.

American Malaysian Chamber of Commerce (AmCham) CEO Datuk Siobhan Das said a strong local foundation is essential for Malaysia to effectively advocate its business value to US stakeholders.

"Malaysia is in a very strong position right now, with robust opportunities and a supportive environment for multinational corporations."

"But unless we take care of our own

ecosystem, especially the small and medium enterprises that support these MNCs, our narrative abroad would not hold weight," she told reporters at a roundtable organised by Bursa Malaysia, Economic Club of Kuala Lumpur and CIMB yesterday.

Siobhan stressed the importance of a cohesive national strategy that ensures both government and private sector players are aligned ahead of Malaysia's delegation to Washington on April 23. "The ministries can only advocate what the ecosystem allows them to. If we do not project competitiveness and unity from within, we weaken our voice abroad."

She noted that Malaysia's position

as Asean Chair this year further amplifies its role in shaping regional economic direction.

"While government agencies such as the Investment, Trade and Industry Ministry have made efforts to consult with industry players, faster and more robust collaboration is needed. The government is listening, but we all need to move faster. Business chambers, MNCs, and SMEs must work hand-in-hand to ensure our strengths are communicated clearly to the US," she said.

Asean Business Advisory Council Malaysia chairman Tan Sri Nazir Razak echoed the call, urging that Malaysia to negotiate not only as a

sovereign nation but as a united Asean bloc, with a forward-thinking agenda that includes peace diplomacy, defense collaboration and non-tariff reform.

"We must showcase the strength of our economic size, not just as Malaysia, but as part of the Asean regional economy. This includes aligning on strategic interests that go beyond tariffs, such as military procurement partnerships and contributing to stability in conflict zones like Gaza," he said.

Further, Nazir highlighted the importance of addressing non-tariff barriers within Asean itself, such as investment restrictions and regulatory inconsistencies, which con-

tinue to hamper intra-regional business movement.

Citing the Asean Business Entity (ABE) proposal as an innovative path forward, he stressed the need for deeper integration at the corporate level, allowing qualified firms to operate seamlessly across Asean borders.

"If we cannot fully liberalise people and goods movement yet, just start with the companies. The ABE concept can empower regional champions like Maybank or Standard Chartered to optimise operations and workforce mobility across Asean, making the region more attractive to global investors," Nazir added. – by AIMIE SHAZRIE

'Be more assertive in economic diplomacy'

➤ Malaysia must embrace proactive and interest-driven approach amid shifts in global landscape: Expert

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KUALA LUMPUR: As one of Southeast Asia's most open economies and the current Asean Chair, Malaysia must abandon passive diplomacy in favour of a more assertive and strategic economic approach.

Economic Club of Kuala Lumpur (ECKL) research director Dr Anthony Dass said Malaysia is well-positioned to leverage trade frameworks such as the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) and the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) to strengthen its role in global trade.

He noted that the international trade landscape is undergoing significant structural shifts driven by supply chain realignment, geopolitical polarisation and uncertain macroeconomic policies from major powers.

"In this environment, a proactive and interest-driven diplomacy is essential. Malaysia can no longer afford to remain a 'price taker'. We must position ourselves as a 'role setter', particularly as we chair Asean this year.

"The country should also emerge as a voice for developing nations advocating for fair and open trade," Anthony said during a roundtable hosted by Bursa Malaysia, ECKL and CIMB yesterday.

He noted that the country's Asean leadership comes at a time when the global order is being redefined, which is by supply



Anthony speaking at the roundtable hosted by Bursa Malaysia, Economic Club of Kuala Lumpur and CIMB.

chain realignments, geopolitical fragmentation, and the retreat of traditional free trade.

"This presents both a challenge and a golden opportunity for Malaysia to step up. Malaysia must use its Asean chairmanship not just ceremonially, but strategically to set the tone for regional trade policy, strengthen bilateral ties, and reposition Asean as a cohesive, credible economic bloc."

While Malaysia is one of Southeast Asia's most open economies, Anthony said, its vulnerability to external shocks, from geopolitical risks to trade retaliation, necessitates a more agile and assertive economic posture.

"Vietnam is aggressively pursuing free trade agreements and digital trade deals. Malaysia must match pace, capitalising on platforms like RCEP and CPTPP, while pushing for digital trade agreements and green economy collaborations," he remarked.

On tariff-related matters, Anthony stressed the need for pragmatism over populism.

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"Tariff adjustments must be grounded in impact analysis of domestic industries, not driven by emotional or political pressure," he said.

Moody's Analytics Asia-Pacific Economics head and director Katrina Ell said US-imposed tariffs, as part of its foreign policy strategy, have significantly impacted global business.

"Uncertainty over tariff rates and suspension periods adds to business anxiety. For instance, a 24% tariff on Malaysia would be detrimental, while a 90-day suspension may offer short-term relief – but still poses risks due to the lack of clarity."

She added that Malaysia is a major exporter relative to its economic size, and while the US is not the country's sole key market, ongoing protectionist policies necessitate broader trade diversification.

"Only about 10% of Malaysia's trade is with the US, compared to other nations where it can reach up to 40%. Still, the US-China trade war continues to indirectly affect Malaysia's economy," Ell noted.

Malaysia natural rubber production increases in February

PETALING JAYA: Malaysia's natural rubber (NR) production increased by 18.7% in February 2025 (36,005 tonnes) compared to January 2025 (30,342 tonnes).

Chief Statistician Malaysia, Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin said a year-on-year comparison showed that the production of NR increased by 21.3% (February 2024: 29,691 tonnes). Production of NR in February 2025 for Malaysia was mainly contributed by smallholders sector (87.8%) compared to estates sector (12.2%).

Total stocks of NR in February increased by 16.2% to 206,762 tonnes compared to 177,935 tonnes in January. The rubber processing factory sector contributed 88.2% of the stocks followed by the rubber consumer factory sector 11.7% and rubber estates 0.1%.

Exports of Malaysia's NR amounted to 54,847 tonnes in February, an increase of 23.7% from January (44,338 tonnes). China remained as the main destination for NR exports which accounted 52.4% of total shipments in February followed by Germany 9%, the United Arab Emirates 8.4%, the United States 4.8% and Brazil 3%.

The export performance was contributed by NR-based product such as gloves, tyre, tube and rubber thread. Gloves were the main exports of rubber-based products with a value of RM1.2 billion in February, a decrease of 11.8% compared to January (RM1.4 billion).

Analysis of the average monthly price showed that concentrated latex recorded an increase of 2.2% (February: 693.13 sen per kg; January: 678.42 sen per kg) while scrap increased by 3.7% (February: 770.44 sen per kg; January: 743.27 sen per kg). Trend of prices for all Standard Malaysian Rubber increased between 2.1% and 3.3%.

The World Bank Commodity Price Data reported the prices for Technically Specified Rubber 20 increased 3.7% (from US\$1.93 per kg to US\$2.01 per kg) and Singapore/Malaysia increased 1.5% (from US\$2.37 per kg to US\$2.41 per kg).

According to the Malaysia Rubber Board Digest published in February, the Kuala Lumpur rubber market moved in a mixed trend during the review period in tandem with the regional rubber futures market due to uncertainties surrounding US trade tariffs, the US monetary policy direction, and US-China trade relations.

Pan Merchant gets Bursa nod for ACE Market listing

PETALING JAYA: Pan Merchant Bhd, a home-grown engineering company involved in design and manufacture of filtration solutions, has obtained approval from Bursa Malaysia Securities for its proposed initial public offering (IPO) on the ACE Market.

Pan Merchant, which commenced operations in 1987, is Malaysia's largest solid-liquid filtration solutions provider in terms of revenue.

The group has established a strong international presence, with over 80% of its products exported to Asia, Europe, America and Africa. It operates offices in Malaysia, Singapore, the Netherlands and the United States, along with three manufacturing facilities in Ipoh,

Perak. The facilities sit on about 10 acres of land and are equipped with a wide suite of production capabilities to meet growing demand in the global solid-liquid filtration market, which expanded from RM12 billion in 2019 to RM21.9 billion in 2023.

Managing director Wong Voon Ten said: "Over the past three decades, we have grown from a small company into a global player, competing on the international stage in the solid-liquid filtration solutions industry. Going public is a pivotal step that will empower us to expand our capabilities and better serve the evolving needs of the filtration industry and other end-user industries."

"With enhanced resources post-listing, we are poised for greater innovation through product development activities and broader global reach through our strategic expansion plan, thus delivering stronger value creation for our stakeholders."

The group's filtration solutions are highly reputed among all major industry players across various end-user sectors, such as edible oil refining, sustainable fuel production, food processing, and potable and wastewater industry.

Barring any unforeseen circumstances, Pan Merchant aims to be listed in the second quarter of the year. Affin Hwang Investment Bank Bhd is the principal adviser, sponsor, sole placement agent, and sole underwriter for the IPO.

National Gas Roadmap being finalised, set to be launched this year

KUALA LUMPUR: The National Gas Roadmap is currently being finalised and is scheduled to be launched this year, said Economy Minister Datuk Seri Rafizi Ramli.

He explained that the plan is aimed at boosting the domestic gas value chain as Malaysia needs to import more liquefied natural gas (LNG) due to declining gas production for the peninsular market.

"When more companies venture into gas

trading and import LNG for supply, Petrolim Nasional Bhd (Petronas) and the country are better off in several ways," he said in a post on his official X page yesterday.

Elaborating, Rafizi said Petronas has the potential to earn additional income as importing companies have to pay access fees to use Petronas' gas infrastructure.

In addition, the risk of loss borne by Petronas as the sole importer of LNG has

also been reduced, while the security of gas supply has increased due to the presence of more players in the industry.

"Finally, this move also opens up opportunities to attract new investments into the downstream gas industry," he said, adding that any company can now import LNG for marketing, which uses Petronas' regasification infrastructure and gas pipeline network. – Bernama

Jentayu Sustainables signs 40-year PPA with Sabah Electricity

KUALA LUMPUR: Jentayu Sustainables Bhd, via subsidiary Oriole Hydro Padas Sdn Bhd (OHP), has signed a power purchase agreement (PPA) with Sabah Electricity Sdn Bhd for a run-of-river hydroelectric project in Sipitang, Sabah.

In a filing to Bursa Malaysia yesterday, Jentayu said the project, located in Hulu Sungai Padas, will comprise two cascading hydroelectric facilities with a combined net capacity of 162 megawatts. Commercial operations are to begin on June 1, 2029.

OHP is a special purpose vehicle owned by Jentayu Sustainables' subsidiary (70%), a Sabah Electricity subsidiary (20%) and a Yayasan Sabah subsidiary (10%).

"The PPA governs the obligations of the parties to sell and purchase the energy generated by the facility for 40 years from the commercial operation date," it said.

Under the agreement, OHP will design, construct, test, commission, own, operate and maintain the hydroelectric scheme under a build-own-operate-transfer model.

The project is not expected to have a material impact on Jentayu Sustainables' earnings for the financial year ending June 30, 2025. – Bernama

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• ENG LI FUNG • ENG SIEW YOONG • ER KANG LING • EYO SIAU FEN • FON KAR WAI • FONG KIN VUI • FONG MEI MEI • FOO LI CHIAU • FOO MENG KOK • FOO YING PAN • FOONG CAI QIAN • FRANCIS WONG GUODONG
• FUM CHON LONG • GAN CHEW CHING • GAN CHOON WAH • GAN HONG HUAT • GAN SAY LEAN • GHEE YIH SHUANG • GOH CHONG HEE • GOH EE LIN • GOH SIEW FUNG • GOON MEI LEAN • HAN WEE CHIEN
• HEE YOON SING • HENG JING THIN • HENG YING HUI • HEY LING LOO • HING AI LONG • HO CHIA LENG • HO SHUH HUI • HOW BEE HONG • HOW BEE TENG • INDRANI A/P RAGAVAN • IRWIN TAN JUN LIONG
• JASON WONG CHAU SHEN • JEFFREY GUI JIA JING • JENNIFER PHANG SIAW PING • JESSICA FOY YING JIE • JONG SUK FAH • JOSEPH RAJ A/L RETNAM SELVAM • JUSTIN TI KAI SIONG • KANG CHER SIN • KANG FONG XIAN
• KANG KAA YEE • KEE CHEW GUEK • KEE TECK HUAT • KEE YOKE LING • KENNETH BOO HUI HOWE • KHAIRINAH BINTI KHAIRUDIN • KHAW PEI HOO • KHO SIANG KIT • KHONG THAY KUI • KHOO CHUN YEE
• KHOO HSEOW SHUANG • KHOO JUN WEI • KHOR HUI ENG • KHOR YEN ER • KO LIM ENGA • KOAY EE PENG • KOAY TING TING • KOH BOON WEI • KOH SHU MIN • KONG HOW LI • KONG KAH LUN • KRISHNAN A/L ABAYEE
• KU YAN KIT • KUAN WEI YING • KUEH NYUIK LEE • KWAN CHON SOONG • KWAN SHU NAN • LAI CHOON HUNG • LAI JIAN TAT • LAI SHIAU CHUEN • LAI SIAW LAN • LAU AI LING • LAU SAU CHIEN • LAU WOEI MING
• LAU YONG HUI • LAW KIM NOI @ LAU KIM NOI • LAW NGIE LING • LAW SHI KEE • LAW WEI LIANG • LEE CHEE YEE • LEE CHIN KEI • LEE GEAT MENG • LEE HOOI KHOON • LEE HUEH NAM • LEE HUEY JUIN • LEE JIA CHYI
• LEE KAM WENG • LEE KHEG MEE • LEE KIM FONG • LEE KOK HOOI • LEE KOK WEI • LEE LING LING • LEE LOO YEE • LEE MEE CHIN • LEE POH YEE • LEE PUI SEE • LEE SEK HOI • LEE SHI NI • LEE SIEW YEE • LEE SU-MEI
• LEE YEE MII • LEE YEE WAH • LEE YEN PING • LEE YIN THANG • LEE ZHEN HAO • LENG JIE YING • LEO REISHAN • LEONG CHAI LING • LEONG KOK WENG • LEONG LAI YEE • LEONG SEE MUN • LEONG ZHEN NI
• LEOW ZEE WO • LEW HAN SERN • LEW WEI QI • LIEW CHI WEI • LIEW JYH CHYUAN • LIEW LEE HOU • LIEW WEI YING • LIM AI TIANG • LIM CHAI HONG • LIM CHEE JIAN • LIM CHEE SHENG • LIM CHENG WERN
• LIM CHER YANG • LIM CHING SHENG • LIM CHOON WAH • LIM FUNG YANG • LIM GOH TONG • LIM HAN WAE • LIM HON MUN • LIM JIAN YING • LIM KEAN HOW • LIM KIAN YI • LIM KOK HONG • LIM KUWA KIM
• LIM KUWN YEN • LIM LEW SEE • LIM LIAN HUI • LIM MAY JING • LIM MEI BEI • LIM MING JIN • LIM PEI PEI • LIM PEI SUN • LIM POH GAIK • LIM QUAN YEE • LIM SAU LEE • LIM SIEW EE • LIM SOOK WAN • LIM SU CHEN
• LIM TAO MING • LIM TONG THING • LIM TSUEY JIAN • LIM WAI LOON • LIM WEE TET • LIM YAN YEE • LIM YONG HUI • LIM YONG WAI • LO NYOK MOOI • LOH KAW YEH • LOO BEE CHENG • LOO CHEE YIN
• LOO CHI KANG • LOO CHUNG HON • LOO CING CON • LOO PUI SEE • LOO YOKE KAM • LOOI BOH MING • LOOI PEI YUEN • LOONG XUE YEE • LOU HSIN MEI • LOW BEE LAN • LOW KEONG LIAM • LOW KIM PENG
• LOW LEE SAN • LOW SEE VOON • LU YUK FUNG • LYDIA CHOE SOONG ERN • MARCUS AW KAI ZEN • MARIA JOSEPHINE A/P LEWIS JOSEPH ANTHONY • MATHIVANAN A/L KALI PERUMAL • MITESH KUMAR A/L HAMDENDRA KUMAR
• MOI WAN POH • MOK JUANG JYE • MOY HUEI RU • NALINEE A/P PALANI • NATALIE FOO KAI JU • NEO KAI SIN • NEOH BEE BEE • NG CHIA MUAR • NG CHIN YEE • NG CHUAN BEE • NG JONG SERN • NG JONG SHIANG
• NG LI YOONG • NG SHEAU FERN • NG SHIN YEE • NG SOOK THENG • NG WEI CHEK • NG YU HAO • NG ZEE MEANT • NGO LEE FUN • NGU NGIE HONG • OEI YU KIT • ONG HUI YEN • ONG MEI CHENG • ONG MOOI CHENG
• ONG SZE YIN • ONG WEI • ONG YIAO XIAN • OOI LE MIN • OOI MEI LIN • OOI YAN TONG • PANG ENG MAY • PANG TIAM SO • PANG YAR LEE • PARTHIBAN A/L NADASEN • PARTHIBAN A/L VIJAYAN
• PELINE TOON SIOW LING • PHANG PECK KUAN • PHANG ZHENG HAO • PHONG SOO CHIN • PHONG YAP KEONG • PHOON YUH ER • PHUA XIN HUI • POON TUCK CHUN • PRABAHARAN A/L RAMASAMY
• PUA HAN NEE • PUA LIAN KOK • PUA LIAN PENG • PUA LIANG HOCK • PUA ZHE YU • PUANG CHEE KUANG • QUAH WEI LUN • QUAH YIK HAO • RAJ LETCHUMY A/P APPALANAIDU • RAJESHWARAN A/L MANI MARAN
• RAM KRISHNA A/L MUTHU KRISHNAN • RAYMOND TAN NAI CHWAN • SANTHINI A/P DAMODARAN • SANY TAN SUET NIE • SAW AI LING • SEAH YI QIN • SET YOKE YIN • SHANTI DEVI A/P CHANDRAKAISAN
• SHATHIS A/L VAMUDERAM • SHAUN CHUAH • SHIM JIN YU • SHIM KAI LUN • SHUM YING YING • SHYAMALA DEVI A/P VENKETESAH • SIAH CHOON YAO • SIAH LEE HUAT • SIEW KIT KIM • SIM AI KHENG
• SIM SHOU HON • SIM SUO LIN • SIM XIAN QI • SIN CHEE HO • SIN YUNG DAT • SING FUN SIONG • SOH CHEW LING • SOH PECK SUN • SOH SOON HUAT • SOO YIK HONG • SOON CHUN KANG • SU KUI HONG
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• KOH BOON WEI • KOH CHENG FEI • KOH CHENG WAN • KOH KAH YONG • KOH KER LIK • KOH KIAN GUAN • KOH KIAN PIN • KOH PEI SHI • KOH PHEK TZE • KOH SIM LUI • KOH WEI YEE • KOH YEW HENG • KOIK CHIA KEE
 • KOK CHEE MUN • KONG CHIONG XUN • KONG KAH WAI • KONG YIT KIONG • KOO CHEE SHOW • KOO LAI SEE • KOO WEN QI • KOW KOON KOW • KOW YEN RU • KUEH HOCK SAY • KUEH NYUIK LEE • KUHAN A/L NEELAMEGAN
 • KUMARAGURU A/L GUNASEKARAN • KUMARAGURU A/L VELUPILLAI • KUMARENDRAN A/L BALAKRISHNAN • KWAN SHU WEN • KWONG MEI LIN • LAI JIAN TONG • LAI KIM WEI • LAI MIN CHIEW • LAI MIN TAK
 • LAI MOK KEW • LAI TEE TENG • LAI YACK CHOO • LAI YOKE LIN • LAM CHAI YUEN • LAM KIT YAN • LAM SIEW MIIN • LAMAI A/P AH YAN • LAU BOK LIH • LAU CHIA SIN • LAU CHIAN YEE • LAU CHIN ANN • LAU ENN JIE
 • LAU HUI LING • LAU JIA WEI • LAU MEI YING • LAU PEI YEE • LAU PING SIAN • LAU SHIN YUN • LAU SOEK YING • LAU WOEI MING • LAW PICK GEOK • LAW SOOK YAN • LAW WEI LIANG • LAY YING SUN • LEE AI AI
 • LEE BOON HAN • LEE CHEAH YEE • LEE CHEE FONG • LEE CHEE JIE • LEE CHEN HONG • LEE CHENG FENG • LEE CHI KING • LEE CHIEH RU • LEE CHIN HEE • LEE CHIN KEI • LEE CHIN SING • LEE CHOOI PENG
 • LEE CHOON HOE • LEE CHUI FONG • LEE CHUI TENG • LEE CHUN HONG • LEE EE HWEE • LEE EK HONG • LEE FOOK CHOY • LEE GIOK HA • LEE HON FAI • LEE HUEY JIUN • LEE JIA YUNG • LEE KA SEONG • LEE KAH WAI
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 • LEE SHEI JIN • LEE SHI HAO • LEE SHI YI • LEE SI JIE • LEE SIAM CHUN • LEE SIEW YEE • LEE SUEK TING • LEE SUI KEE • LEE SZE SZE • LEE SZE YOON • LEE TECK HOOK • LEE YUN KAIT • LEE WEI HAO • LEE WEN YI
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 • LEONG KAI YONG • LEONG NGAH KEE • LEONG SEE MUN • LEONG SIU CHIN • LEONG SIU THING • LEONG WAI HAAN • LEONG WOO FWA • LEOW BEE LING • LEOW GAEN XUE • LEOW MEE LAI • LEOW SEEK MENG
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 • LIEW KAM HOONG • LIEW KOK WAI • LIEW LEE HOU • LIEW MEI THENG • LIEW SHEY CHEE • LIEW SOOK YAN • LIM BENG FOO • LIM BOON CHIN • LIM CHAI FANG • LIM CHAI LING • LIM CHEE CHONG • LIM CHEE HAN
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 • LO CHUN NGHEN • LOA CHI LENG • LOA CHIN YAP • LOA KAR MUN • LOGESWARAN A/L HOLAGANATHAN • LOGESWARAN A/L MANIAM • LOH CHI YOUNG • LOH CHIA JING • LOH CHIN SING • LOH JIAN XIANG
 • LOH YUN SAM • LOI YIN YIN • LOKE PAN HENG • LOKE WAI LING • LOO AH KAW • LOO BEE SIM • LOO CHI CHANG • LOO FOOK KEONG • LOO HONG DA • LOO JIA YONG • LOO JING KAI • LOO KAR LEONG
 • LOO MUN SEE • LOO PUI SEE • LOO SHI LING • LOO YOKE KAM • LOOI BOH MING • LOOI YEAN CHING • LOUIS FOO DUN LI • LOW CHEN SING • LOW CHUAN HAUR • LOW DUAN PIN • LOW ENG HUAT
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 • LU YUK FENG • LYDIA CHOE SOONG ERN • LYE YE SHENG • LYNETTE NEOW ZHI CHING • M GURULINGGAM A/L MUNIANDY • MAH MING ROU • MAN SAI HAUR • MANIARASU A/L SWAMINAIIDU
 • MARGARET KHOO POH CHOO • MARQUIS NELSON MANOVA A/L PETER VEDAMUTHU RAJA BLAKE • MEGANATHAN A/L VISWOLINGAM • MICHELLE WONG YU XUE • MINAACCHI A/P MARIMUTHU • MOEY YIEK SENG
 • MOGANA DAS A/L SUBRAMANIAM • MOHAN KUMAR A/L MOORTHY • MOHGANESAN A/L THURAISAMY • MOK MEI TENG • MOO WUI KEAD • MOORTHY A/L MANIAM • MOULANA HIKMATH AL BIN ABDUR RAHEEM
 • NA ZHEN XUN • NAGALINGAM A/L POOMALY • NAKULAN A/L VICKNESWARAN • NANTHA KUMAR A/L MURUGAN • NANTHINI A/P MURUGES • NARKEERAN A/L NATARAJAN NANMARPAN • NELLIE ERUTHIA RAJ
 • NELSON CHONG ZHENG SHENG • NEO SWEET CHIN • NERAMIT CHAN THAVONG A/L PAI ROT • NG AI LOON • NG BOON HAN • NG CHING HOE • NG CHUN HAI • NG CHUN TEE • NG JIN SHINN • NG JIN WEI • NG KAR BEE
 • NG KOK LEONG • NG KOOI ENG • NG KWAN YEW • NG LAY HONG • NG LAY HONG • NG LEE WA • NG PAU LIAN • NG PECK GUEK • NG PECK LIAN • NG PEI LI • NG PHEY LENG • NG SAY KENG • NG SENG LIM
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 • NGOI MIN • NGOI YEW HON • NGOOI LAY TING • NICOLEY CHAN ANAK CHRISTY AIN • NICOLE NG QIAN WEN • NICOLE TEH YEE LING • NIRMALA A/P GOVINDARAJOO • NIRMALA A/P RANGASAMY
 • NURAISSAH BINTI MD JAMRI • NYANUSAA A/P KRISHNAMOORTHY • OH KAH MENG • OH SIEW LING • ONG BOON JIN • ONG BOON KIONG • ONG CHIA HAU • ONG CHING TUONG • ONG DAN WEI • ONG GAIK TEE
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 • OOI WANIAN • OOI YEE ZHAO • OON JIE YING • OON KHEE CHOON • OU SWEE LING • OW YEE HAO • PAMELA LOW MUI YING • PAN BOON TAT • PANG AIK YEN • PANG CHO HUI • PANG LIAN KIOH • PANG TONG CHUN
 • PARAMESWAR A/P CHAMIAAPPAN • PARAMESWARA A/L M.VELU • PARIMALAH A/P SHANMUGAM • PARUVATHY A/P MORGAN • PAULINE YONG SIEW SIEW • PEH CHEAH LUN • PEN JIUN HUI • PENINNAL A/P SELVARAJA
 • PETER KUAM JING WEN • PHANG FEONG HUI • PHANG WAI JIAN • PHONG YAP KEONG • PHOON SHU LING • PHUA SUAT GEE • PHUAN CHEE SENG • PHUAN PEY YUH • PO WAI WAH • POH CHEE FONG • POH YEONG WAI
 • PONG CHUNG LOONG • POON CHIEN WEY • POWE YING YEN • PRABHUGANESH A/L SUBRAMANIAM • PRAKASH A/L RASAPPAN • PRISCILLA WONG PHUI ING • PUA HAN NEE • PUA LIAN BENG • PUA ZHE YU
 • PUANG CHEE KUANG • PUNG CHUN CHUNG • PUSPARANI A/P SUBRAMANIAM • PUVEN A/L SANTHIRASEGARAN • QUAH WEI LUN • QUAH YIK HAO • RAJA A/L SANMUGAM • RAJA SEKARAN A/L GOPALAN
 • RAJANDRAN A/L PACKERIYASAMY • RAMU A/L SUBRAMANIAM • RATTANAPOOND A/P KAN YA • RAYSON GAN SHENG QUAN • RENUKA A/P M.KANDHASAMY • ROOSHEN A/L MADHU MADHAVAN
 • ROSHIKA A/P D DEVARAJAN • ROVATHY A/P RAMAN • S ARUTCHELVE A/P K R SARAVANAN • SAEKILHAR A/L VIGIAN • SAMINI A/P SELVARAJA • SANG LEE KUEN • SANTHIRASEGARAN A/L K VELU
 • SARAVANAN A/L SELVARAJOO • SARAVANAN A/L SUPRAMANIAM • SATHAPAN MANIMEYAPAN A/L S PALANIAPPAN • SEE KOK MENG • SEE SOO SAN • SEIT KOK WAI • SELVABARATHY D/O SELVALINGAM
 • SELVAN A/L RATHENASAMY • SELVI A/P GOPAL • SENG KAI CING • SHAMINI A/P SANDRAKASAN • SHANMUGAN A/L POOBALAN • SHARAINA CHONG POOI HAN • SHARMILA A/P THANGATHURAI
 • SHARON YEOH PHAIK HWA • SHARVIN A/P GONG HUIEE • SHARVIN A/L RAVANDARAN • SHASHITA BINTI MOHAMED HANIFA • SHAUN CHUAH • SHEILA A/P PARMAL PILLAI • SHIRLEYLIN JACOB ALONG
 • SHUBASHINI A/P KRISHNASAMY • SHUVASHINIE A/P KRISHNASAMY • SIA BEE CHIN • SIA KEE CHYUAN • SIAH CHOON YAO • SIAH LEE HUAT • SIEW KIT KIM • SIM AI KHENG • SIM CHEE HAW • SIM EEE VON
 • SIM POH JAG • SIM REN JIE • SIM SHU HAN • SIM SWEI YIN • SIM XIAN QI • SIM YEE ROO • SIN KAH WAI • SING FUN SIONG • SIVA SHANMUGA PRIYA A/P MUNUSAMY • SIVAKUGAN A/L RAJANDERAN • SO CHAI LUNG
 • SOH HING ONG • SOH KAI LI • SOH KIAN • SOH REN SHENG • SOH SIEW CHING • SOH SOON SEK • TAN SOON SEK • SOH YONG CHEE • SONG CHUN HOU • SOO CHEE HOOI • SOO CUI MIN • SOO YIK HONG
 • SOON CHUN KANG • SOON PUI SZE • SOON YIN PENG • SRI ROOBAN A/L RAJA MURTHE • SU AH ENG • SU PEI WEN • SUBBIAH A/L RAMAMOORTHY • SUBRAMANIAM A/L SINNAKALAI • SUGANTHY A/P D.UMAPATHY
 • SUNDER A/L ARUNASALAM • SUPRAMANIAM A/L LOGANATHAN • SURESH A/L AKISHAN • SURIA KUMAR A/L HARI KRISHNAN • SURIYA PRIYAAN A/L RAMANKUTTI • TAI WING HONG • TAI YIN HA • TAN AH MOI
 • TAN AI WEI • TAN BA BA • TAN BEE HONG • TAN BEE YEAN • TAN BEE YOKE • TAN BOON HAN • TAN BOON LING • TAN BOON PIN • TAN CHEE GUAN • TAN CHEE HAN • TAN CHEE YIN • TAN CHENG HAI PAUL
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 • TAN WENG LOK • TAN WOEI CIAN • TAN WOOL PING • TAN XUE LI • TAN YAN LING • TAN YEE SHAN • TAN YEE TING • TAN YEON KIENG • TAN YI HONG • TAN YIH YANN • TAN YOKE HAN • TAN YONG CHUAH
 • TANG AI LING • TANG CHEE HOW • TANG CHOR YEE • TANG CHU YANG • TANG HUI LING • TANG MONG XUAN • TANG SOCK WENN • TANG YEE LING • TAY GIRL XUAN • TAY PING CHUAN • TAY SHUN YAN
 • TAY SU YEE • TAY WEI CHUNG • TEE BOON HON • TEE CHOON ZHEN • TEE LEE CHERN • TEE SAW HOON • TEE SWEE YIN • TEE SZE JIN • TEE TZE YAO • TEE WEI KANG • TEE YEN PENG • TEE YONG YI • TEE ZAU XUAN
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MARKET ROUND-UP: APRIL 14

Bursa Trade Statistic

Source: Bursa Malaysia, Inter-Pacific Research

14 April 2025

Participation		Retail (21.74%)		Institution (35.98%)		Foreign (42.28%)	
		Net (in RM mil.)		Net (in RM mil.)		Net (in RM mil.)	
		+4.10		+75.82		-79.93	
		Bought (in RM mil.)		Bought (in RM mil.)		Bought (in RM mil.)	
		450.73		780.82		832.97	
		Sold (in RM mil.)		Sold (in RM mil.)		Sold (in RM mil.)	
		446.63		704.99		912.90	

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Bursa Indices

INDEX	CHANGE
FBMEMAS	10,999.70 +189.60
FBMKLCI	1,480.86 +26.10
CONSUMER PRODUCTS	485.84 +8.03
INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS	143.49 +4.06
CONSTRUCTION	252.55 +8.37
FINANCIAL SERVICES	17,755.10 +220.60
ENERGY	656.06 +7.32
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	472.18 +10.14
HEALTH CARE	1,852.74 -23.50
TRANSPORTATION	957.57 +11.45
PROPERTY	950.34 +16.87
PLANTATION	7,210.33 +147.80
FBMSHA	10,819.50 +214.60
FBMACE	4,524.74 +112.50
TECHNOLOGY	45.44 +1.68

TURNOVER: 2.987 bil **VALUE: RM2.064 bil**

FBM KLCI stages 26-point rally, closes at day's high

BURSA Malaysia closed higher yesterday, lifted by continued bargain-hunting activities and improved sentiment across regional markets.

At 5pm, the FBM KLCI rose 26.10 points to end at its intraday high of 1,480.86, compared to Friday's close of 1,454.76.

The benchmark index opened 19.29 points higher at 1,474.05, dipped to a low of 1,472.14, before resuming its uptrend thereafter.

In the broader market, gainers thumped decliners 798 to 248, while 359 counters were unchanged, 978 counters untraded, and nine others suspended.

Turnover rose to 2.99 billion units valued at RM2.06 billion from 2.8 billion units valued at RM2.46 billion last Friday.

Rakuten Trade Sdn Bhd equity research vice-president Thong Pak Leng said the FBM KLCI closed higher as bargain-hunting activities continued following the recent sell-off.

"Regional equity markets also advanced, driven by easing investor concerns after the US administration announced a temporary tariff exemption on electronic imports from China, which boosted technology-linked stocks," he told Bernama.

On the local front, Thong said the tariff exemption is seen as a short-term relief.

Among the heavyweights, Tenaga Nasional jumped 16 sen to RM13.38, Maybank and Public Bank added 7 sen each to RM9.89 and RM4.31, and CIMB Group gained 8 sen to RM6.73.

Meanwhile, IHH Healthcare slipped 2 sen to RM6.78.

Among the actives, MY EG Services and T7 Global climbed 2.5 sen each to 92.5 sen and 28.5 sen, Ekovest added 4 sen to 32.5 sen, Inari Amertron advanced 12 sen to RM1.78, and NationGate increased 2 sen to RM1.25.

Top 20 Actives

STOCKS	CLOSING [RM]	+/- [RM]	+/- [%]	VOLUME ('00)
HSI-CWC4	0.105	+0.025	+31.25	2,060,176
HSI-PWFK	0.160	-0.050	-23.81	1,403,670
HSI-PWFQ	0.160	-0.045	-21.95	1,278,274
HSI-CWEI	0.165	+0.020	+13.79	1,188,279
HSI-CWC7	0.070	+0.010	+16.67	1,132,309
MYEG	0.925	+0.025	+2.78	814,128
HSI-CWEP	0.125	+0.020	+19.05	593,514
T7GLOBAL	0.285	+0.025	+9.62	403,273
INARI	1.780	+0.120	+7.23	399,902
HSI-PWD3	0.030	-0.020	-40.00	373,762
EKOVST	0.325	+0.040	+14.04	339,978
GAMUDA-C2R	0.040	+0.005	+14.29	338,645
NATGATE	1.250	+0.020	+1.63	327,746
TANCO	0.815	+0.035	+4.49	324,172
INTCITY	0.370	+0.065	+21.31	295,032
ELRIDGE	0.505	+0.040	+8.60	250,505
YTLPOWER-C77	0.030	+0.005	+20.00	250,395
NPXG	0.260	+0.020	+8.33	241,456
BPURI	0.345	-	-	220,576
SALCON-WB	0.015	-	-	215,326



Top 20 Gainers (By RM)

STOCKS	CLOSING [RM]	+/- [RM]	VOLUME ('00)
MPI	15.720	+0.920	6,723
FBN	24.880	+0.860	474
KLK	20.120	+0.600	2,008
ALLIANZ	17.380	+0.320	208
PMETAL	4.730	+0.310	40,187
HLIND	13.500	+0.300	600
UTDPLT	21.800	+0.300	8,717
PIE	3.670	+0.290	9,238
GCB	3.280	+0.280	20,171
PPB	11.480	+0.280	3,907
HLFG	16.860	+0.260	1,055
AJI	13.720	+0.220	285
LPI	13.820	+0.220	366
KLUANG	5.630	+0.210	2
BAT	6.240	+0.200	841
SMRT	0.950	+0.195	37,394
ALIBABA-C39	0.200	+0.185	1
GAMUDA	3.950	+0.180	160,086
PENTA	2.490	+0.180	43,282
SUNNY-C5	0.275	+0.180	400

Top 20 Gainers (By %)

STOCKS	CLOSING [RM]	+/- [%]	VOLUME ('00)
ALIBABA-C39	0.200	+1233.33	1
MYEG-C8B	0.090	+260.00	80
MBMR-C5	0.015	+200.00	850
SUNNY-C5	0.275	+189.47	400
CIMB-CIW	0.010	+100.00	21,501
DGO-C13	0.010	+100.00	6,600
DGO-C14	0.010	+100.00	17,851
DNEX-C38	0.010	+100.00	1,900
EVD-PA	0.020	+100.00	1,001
FBMKLCI-CQW	0.010	+100.00	4,293
GLIB-WA	0.010	+100.00	1
HKEK-CR	0.070	+100.00	501
IOIPG-C31	0.020	+100.00	1,000
JIANKUN-WB	0.010	+100.00	1,047
MRCB-C1N	0.010	+100.00	100
NEXGRAM-WD	0.010	+100.00	76
PHB	0.010	+100.00	40,562
PERMAJU-PA	0.010	+100.00	40,122
SBCFAP-WC	0.010	+100.00	22,467
SIME-C90	0.020	+100.00	500

World Stocks/Commodities

INDEX	CLOSING	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY CHANGE (%)
DJIA [US]	40,212.71	619.05	1.56
S&P 500 [US]	5,363.36	95.31	1.81
NASDAQ [US]	16,724.46	337.15	2.06
NYSE [US]	18,219.65	329.08	1.84
EURO STOXX 50 [EUR]	4,901.78	114.55	2.39
FTSE 100 [UK]	8,135.42	171.24	2.15
DAX [GER]	20,928.60	554.5	2.72
NIKKEI 225 [JPN]	33,982.36	396.78	1.18
TOPIX [JPN]	2,488.51	21.6	0.88
HANG SENG INDEX [HK]	21,417.40	502.71	2.4
CSI 300 [CHN]	3,759.14	8.62	0.23
MSCI ASIA PACIFIC	173.29	-0.1	-0.06
SH SE COM [CHN]	3,262.81	24.58	0.76
KOSPI INDEX [SK]	2,455.89	23.17	0.95
SENSEX INDEX [IND]	75,157.26	1,310.11	1.77
ASX 200 [AUS]	7,748.60	102.14	1.34
ALL ORDINARIES INDEX [AUS]	7,959.74	106.06	1.35
FBM KLCI	1,480.86	26.1	1.79
STRAITS TIMES INDEX [S'PORE]	3,556.02	43.49	1.24
WTI [US\$/BBL.]	61.89	0.39	0.63
BRENT [US\$/BBL.]	65.18	0.42	0.65
GOLD [COMEX] [US\$/T OZ]	3,242.50	-2.1	-0.06
SILVER [COMEX] [US\$/T OZ]	32.3	0.39	1.21
PLATINUM [US\$/T OZ]	956.82	8.62	0.91
COPPER [COMEX] [US CENTS/LB.]	458.05	5.75	1.27
COPPER 3MO [LME] [US\$/MT]	9,154.50	166.5	1.85
CORN [US CENTS/BU.]	495.75	-1.25	-0.25
WHEAT [US CENTS/BU.]	563.5	-6.75	-1.18
SOYBEAN OIL [CBOT] [US CENTS/LB.]	47.61	-0.23	-0.48
COCOA [ICE] [US\$/MT]	8,418.00	-22	-0.26
RUBBER [S'PORE] [US CENTS/KG]	169.7	-0.1	-0.06

As at 5pm, April 14

Top 20 Losers (By RM)

STOCKS	CLOSING [RM]	+/- [RM]	VOLUME ('00)
NESTLE	78.500	-0.620	974
SP500-H53	1.460	0.360	2,076
HSI-PWFX	1.110	-0.340	26
HEIM	26.000	-0.300	1,103
HSI-PWFS	0.625	-0.295	10,000
NIKKEI-HM	2.370	-0.290	25
PANAMY	13.000	-0.280	556
DLADY	27.620	-0.240	204
BKAWAN	18.700	-0.220	31
LEBTECH	0.590	-0.210	210
NDX-HK	0.765	-0.200	446
SHL	2.160	-0.160	63
NIKKEI-HK	0.760	-0.150	663
PERSTIM	1.950	-0.150	2
HSI-PWDW	0.250	-0.140	6,081
HSI-PWD5	0.380	-0.130	2,642
HSI-PWD1	0.320	-0.120	2,450
GENM-C3H	0.035	-0.115	22,400
HSI-PWFH	0.455	-0.115	25,350
HSI-PWFV	0.225	-0.110	24,986

Top 20 Losers (By %)

STOCKS	CLOSING [RM]	+/- [%]	VOLUME ('00)
GENM-C3H	0.035	-76.67	22,400
OWG-WB	0.005	-75.00	240
FBMKLCI-HA2	0.015	-66.67	7,150
MALAKOFCE55	0.010	-66.67	14,143
ARMADA-C1C	0.035	-50.00	330
BORNOIL	0.005	-50.00	29,536
EAH	0.005	-50.00	5,408
EKOVST-C64	0.005	-50.00	1,000
GENTINGC3L	0.005	-50.00	6,445
HONGSENG	0.005	-50.00	13,405
HSI-PWBE	0.010	-50.00	1,897
HSI-PWDN	0.030	-50.00	120
TENAGA-C2R	0.005	-50.00	6,000
TOPGLOV-CAX	0.005	-50.00	1,020
UEMS-C1P	0.075	-50.00	12,820
VELESTO-C40	0.005	-50.00	344
YTL-CIE	0.035	-50.00	1,200
HSI-PWDP	0.050	-47.37	26,030
ALIBABA-C45	0.080	-46.67	500
PCHEM-C1K	0.080	-46.67	4,000

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30 M'sian firms set for 150 business meetings in Osaka

KUALA LUMPUR: A total of 30 Malaysian companies are scheduled to engage with five international counterparts in more than 150 business matching sessions at Expo 2025 Osaka, Japan.

Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry (MITI) secretary-general and Malaysia's commissioner general for Expo 2025 Osaka Datuk Hairil Yahri Yaacob said the aim is to position Malaysia as a dynamic, forward-looking nation.

He said the country also seeks to be a regional hub and premier destination for trade and investment, as well as a leader in sustainable development.

"Our key performance index is to secure RM13 billion in potential investments and exports.

"We are keen to showcase our strengths in pivotal sectors such as electrical and electronics, advanced manufacturing, renewable energy, and the halal industry, and how these can serve and complement potential partners' strategic socio-economic goals and missions," he said in a statement.

The two-week exposition will begin with the investment, trade and industry week, led by MITI.

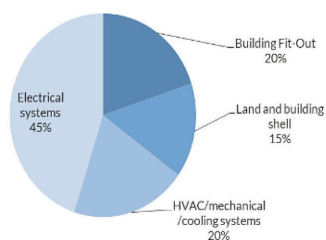
Throughout the week, memoranda of understanding will be signed alongside seminars, pocket talks, business pitching sessions and product showcases, all aimed at positioning Malaysia as a competitive and future-ready investment destination.

The Malaysia Pavilion at Expo 2025 Osaka reflects the country's vision for an inclusive, innovative and sustainable future.

Presented under the theme "Weaving a Future in Harmony", the pavilion invites global audiences to explore collaboration, values, resilience and diversity that drive collective progress in tackling today's most pressing economic challenges. — Bernama

Construction Overweight

Construction cost breakdown of a DC



Source: Dgtl Infra

WE view that the current selldown in the construction sector sparked by US tariff jitters is unjustified premised on the ability of US data centre (DC) developers mitigating higher costs (due to tariffs) by expanding in other tier-1 countries. In short, DC expansion in the US may continue while also enabling countries like Malaysia to see more US-originated DC investments provided that a universal validated end user (UVEU) status is granted under the US Artificial Intelligence Diffusion (USAID) rules.

Assuming that the USAID rules kick in without any changes by Donald Trump's administration after the 120-day commentary period which ends in May, combined with the 25% tariffs on steel and aluminium entering the US (with effect from March 12), DC developers in the US may face higher construction costs in terms of building materials subject to tariffs.

The USAID rules state that a DC developer based in the US may obtain UVEU status (which we view to likely be tech giants, ie Google, Microsoft, and Amazon, which enables a higher quantity of artificial intelligence (AI) chips to be imported into tier-2 countries under the condition that 50% of its total AI computing power is within the US and not have more than 7% of controlled compute within a single tier-2 country and 25% in aggregate for all tier-2 countries (which includes Malaysia).

With the above scenario in mind, US-based developers may still be able to stack up computing capacity in tier-1 countries aside from the US to partly mitigate higher construction costs due to tariffs and at the same time, allow for AI chips to be exported to tier-2 countries — paving the way for more DC development in tier-2 countries. — **RHB Research, April 14**

Ringgit ends slightly higher as US Dollar Index declines

THE ringgit was slightly higher against the US dollar at the close yesterday amid the decline in the US Dollar Index (DXY).

At 6pm, the local note inched higher to 4.4100/4160 against the greenback, up from Friday's close of 4.4200/4265.

Bank Muamalat Malaysia Bhd chief economist Dr Mohd Afzanizam Abdul Rashid said the DXY continued its downward trajectory around 99 points yesterday.

"It remains to be seen whether the DXY would stay at such a low level despite the heightened uncertainties over import tariffs by the United States (US) government," he told Bernama.

He noted that market sentiment remained fragile.

"US data, particularly the University of Michigan Consumer Sentiment Index, dropped to 50.8 points in April, suggesting consumers may stay cautious with their spending.

"On that note, we sense that the dollar-ringgit is likely to stay within a narrow range, though with a slight positive bias, as the DXY has declined quite significantly."

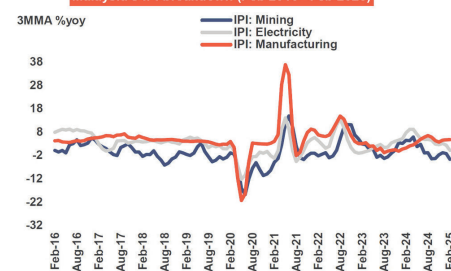
The ringgit also traded higher against several major currencies. It strengthened against the Japanese yen to 3.0761/0822 from 3.0952/1000, rose against the euro to 5.0123/0220 from 5.0207/0281, and edged up against the British pound to 5.7820/7932 from 5.7849/7934.

The local note was mixed against Asean currencies. It was slightly higher against the Singapore dollar at 3.3491/3566 from 3.3495/3549, but weakened against the Thai baht to 13.1778/2141 from 13.1599/1902.

The local note was little changed against the Indonesian rupiah at 263.0/263.7 compared with 263.1/263.6 previously, and held steady against the Philippine peso at 7.75/7.77.

Malaysia IPI Early gains at risk amid rising pressure

Malaysia's IPI breakdown (Feb 2016 – Feb 2025)



Source: PublicInvest Research, DOSM

MALAYSIA'S Industrial Production Index (IPI) expanded by +1.5% YoY in February (Jan: +2.1% YoY), falling short of market expectations of +2.5% YoY. Growth in February was driven by the manufacturing sector (+4.8% YoY), while electricity output (-2.8% YoY) and mining (-8.9% YoY) remained in contraction.

Malaysia's industrial sector faces rising downside risks earlier than expected. While semiconductor and selected electronics are temporarily exempt and there is a 90-day pause on reciprocal tariffs, uncertainty over future trade actions remains elevated.

Manufacturing output growth in February was underpinned by continued expansion in both domestic- and export-oriented industries. Domestic-oriented output increased by +2.9% YoY (Jan: +0.2% YoY), while export-oriented production strengthened to +5.7% YoY (Jan: +5.6% YoY), signalling resilient external demand. Within the export-oriented segment, electrical and electronic (E&E) output rose by +8.0% YoY (Jan: +7.2% YoY), supported by higher production of computers, electronics and optical products, alongside electrical equipment and machinery.

The petroleum, chemical, rubber and plastic products segment registered a softer expansion of +2.7% YoY in February (Jan: +4.2% YoY). Output in the textiles, wearing apparel, leather products and footwear segment rebounded to +1.9% YoY (Jan: -0.1% YoY). Growth in wood, furniture, paper products and printing segment accelerated to +4.1% YoY (Jan: +1.7% YoY). The food, beverage and tobacco subsector sustained its strong momentum, expanding by +10.4% YoY in February (Jan: +7.0% YoY). The transport equipment and other manufacturers segment remained in contraction, falling by 4.3% YoY (Jan: -9.4% YoY). — **PublicInvest Research, April 14**



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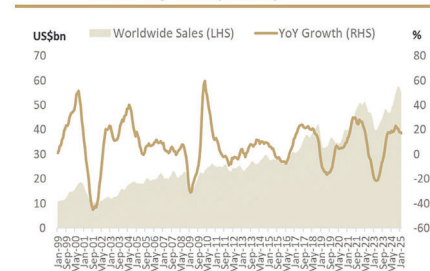
Exchange Rates

FOREIGN CURRENCY	SELLING TT/OD	BUYING TT	BUYING OD
1 US Dollar	4.4940	4.3600	4.3500
1 Australian Dollar	2.8480	2.7330	2.7170
1 Brunei Dollar	3.4100	3.3100	3.3020
1 Canadian Dollar	3.2370	3.1490	3.1370
1 Euro	5.1120	4.9460	4.9260
1 New Zealand Dollar	2.6380	2.5400	2.5240
1 Singapore Dollar	3.4100	3.3100	3.3020
1 Sterling Pound	5.9000	5.7140	5.6940
1 Swiss Franc	5.5490	5.3160	5.3010
100 UAE Dirham	123.7700	117.3700	117.1700
100 Bangladesh Taka	3.7750	3.5160	3.3160
100 Chinese Renminbi	62.0400	59.4200	N/A
100 Danish Krone	70.1900	64.5900	64.3900
100 Hongkong Dollar	58.5600	55.6500	55.4500
100 Indian Rupee	5.3000	4.9800	4.7800
100 Indonesian Rupiah	0.0277	0.0251	0.0201
100 Japanese Yen	3.1550	3.0560	3.0460
100 New Taiwan Dollar	14.9000	N/A	N/A
100 Norwegian Krone	43.4000	39.8800	39.6800
100 Pakistan Rupee	1.6300	1.5300	1.3300
100 Philippine Peso	7.9900	7.5300	7.3300
100 Qatar Riyal	124.6500	118.3300	118.1300
100 Saudi Riyal	121.0300	114.9000	114.7000
100 South Africa Rand	24.4600	22.0900	21.8900
100 Sri Lanka Rupee	1.5500	1.4200	1.2200
100 Swedish Krona	47.4500	43.1800	42.9800
100 Thai Baht	13.9900	12.4000	12.0000

Source: Malayan Banking Bhd/Bernama

Semiconductors Overweight

Global Chip Sales (US\$ bn)



Source: TA Research, SIA

IN February 2025, the global semiconductor continued its positive momentum by posting another decent sales growth. According to the Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA), global semiconductor sales for the month reached US\$54.9 billion (-2.9% MoM, +17.1% YoY), marking the 16th consecutive month of YoY sales recovery. The YoY improvement was primarily driven by all regions except Europe (-8.1% YoY). The Americas led the growth (+48.4% YoY), followed by Asia Pacific/All Other (+10.8% YoY), China (+5.6% YoY), and Japan (+5.1% YoY). The strong sales performance was still largely driven by demand for logic and memory products, fuelled by the growing adoption of generative artificial intelligence.

By geography, the 2.9% MoM drop in sales in February 2025 was driven by declines in all key regions. A slowdown was observed in the Americas (-4.6% MoM), China (-3.1% MoM), Japan (-3.1% MoM), Europe (-2.4% MoM), and Asia Pacific/All Other (-0.1% MoM). We believe the slowdown was partly due to slower growth in consumer and automotive segments.

President Donald Trump's administration announced on Friday temporary tariff exemptions for electronics products, including smartphones, computers, and various other electronic items. The exemption list covers 20 product categories.

We are positive on the move as it provides some temporary relief to the local technology players that have high exposure toward consumer electronics. Nonetheless, Trump made a U-turn on Sunday, saying electronics will be subjected to other tariffs. In the absence of these exemptions, the impact on pricing and end-user demand could have been significant. — **TA Research, April 14**



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Fun family workouts

➤ Group physical activity to promote healthy lifestyle

■ BY THASHINE SELVAKUMARAN

WITH the hustle of daily life, with work, school and various other commitments, it can feel like there is barely enough time for anything else. However, staying active as a family does not have to be a chore or something you have to squeeze in between obligations. It is about making movement fun and turning fitness into a shared experience. There are plenty of ways families can stay active and healthy.

Here is a look at how you can integrate fitness into your family life and keep things exciting for everyone.

Create fun home workout routine

One of the easiest ways to stay active as a family is by setting up a regular exercise routine right at home. There is no need for fancy equipment or a gym membership, just a little creativity. Start with simple exercises that everyone can enjoy. Think



Exercising together strengthens bonds and promotes a lifelong positive attitude towards health.

jumping jacks, squats and even races to see who can do the most push-ups.

For younger children, incorporate fun movements such as animal walks or dance breaks to their favourite songs. You could also try online workout videos that are geared towards families in your living room.

This way, everyone can be involved and you can take turns leading the activities. You do not need to leave the house to get hearts pumping.

Turn outdoor adventures into fitness fun

Getting outside and exploring nature is a fantastic way to combine adventure with exercise. A hike through the woods, trip to the park or just a walk around the neighbourhood, being outdoors provides endless opportunities to get moving. It also allows families to step away from screens and enjoy the simple pleasures of fresh air and sunshine.

If you live near trails or nature reserves, take advantage of them. Plan a family hike, nature walk or even a scavenger hunt where everyone has to find specific items such as leaves, rocks or flowers. Not only is this good for physical activity, but it also teaches children about their environment in an interactive way.

For families with younger children, a stroller-friendly walk or



Turn movement into an enjoyable shared experience. – ALL PICS FROM FREEPIK

bike ride around a park can be just as enjoyable. For those with teens, challenge them to a friendly race or see who can complete an obstacle course the fastest.

Family sports and games

Engaging in family-friendly sports is another way to stay active together and it is a great way to improve coordination and teamwork. You can keep things light and fun with games such as football, basketball or even volleyball.

You do not have to be serious about it, just having a casual game of catch or setting up a mini-football match in the backyard is enough to get everyone moving.

If your family is not into traditional sports, try something a little different. A game of tag, hide and seek or frisbee can be just as engaging and involve all ages. For a change of pace, a scavenger hunt that requires running to different points in the neighbourhood or park is a good way to get everyone moving and thinking at the same time.

Take active classes together

If you are looking to step up your fitness routine, why not try a class that you can all enjoy? Many fitness

studios and online platforms offer family-friendly workout classes such as yoga, pilates, Zumba or even martial arts.

For example, family yoga can be a relaxing and bonding experience that encourages mindfulness and flexibility. There are even kid-friendly yoga classes that include fun storytelling, making it more appealing to younger children. Or, if your family loves to dance, try a Zumba class that mixes up music with easy-to-follow moves that everyone can enjoy.

Mental benefits

Physical activity is about the mind too. Family fitness helps reduce stress and improve mood.

Engaging in regular movement as a family creates opportunities for bonding and shared experiences that strengthen relationships. It also helps build a positive attitude towards health that children will carry with them into adulthood.

Staying active together as a family creates lasting memories and supports one another. There is no shortage of ways to get your family moving. So, gather everyone together and make fitness a fun part of your family's routine.



Engaging in games encourages teamwork and physical activity.



Activities such as hiking or cycling provide exercise while allowing families to connect with nature.



Younger users may soon have access to AI chatbot

GOOGLE could soon extend access to its Gemini generative artificial intelligence (AI) chatbot to children. Currently reserved for users over the age of 13, Gemini is reportedly being adapted to meet the needs of younger users.

Today, users must be at least 13 years old to use Gemini with a personal account. However, it is possible that younger children could soon be able to access a more age-appropriate version of Google's generative AI chatbot. In fact, by analysing the code of the Google app for Android, the Android Authority website has discovered several occurrences referencing "kid

► Children could use Google's Gemini to assist with school work, create stories

users." The appearance of these references suggests a "Gemini for Kids" project could be under development, even if it has not yet been made official by Google.

According to initial analysis of these lines of code, this version of Gemini would enable users to ask practical questions, get help with schoolwork and even create stories. Above all, this kind of tool should incorporate enhanced security measures, with numerous filters

ensuring no objectionable content can be made available. It should be noted Gemini currently offers "stricter content rules and default protections" for teenagers, from 13 to 18 years of age.

It remains to be seen when and how Gemini's child-friendly mode will be deployed, at a time when authorities are moving to restrict children's access to certain online services, notably social networks. – ETX Studio



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Meta is expanding the restrictions in the coming months to stop teens from going live or turning off protections for unwanted images in direct messages on their own. – AFPIC

Meta to introduce teen accounts for Facebook

META announced earlier this month that it is extending its teen accounts to its social network Facebook, after recently introducing restrictions on Instagram.

The accounts were brought in for 13 to 15 years old users of the company's popular photo-sharing app last September as part of moves to shield vulnerable underage internet users from online harms.

Teens are immediately placed in such accounts, with those under 16 unable to change settings without parental permission.

In a statement, Meta said it is expanding the restrictions in the coming months to stop teens from

going live or turning off protections for unwanted images in direct messages on their own.

"Teen Accounts on Facebook and Messenger will offer similar, automatic protections to limit inappropriate content and unwanted contact, as well as ways to ensure teens' time is well spent," it added.

The accounts will initially be available in US, Britain, Australia and Canada, then other countries at a later date.

At least 54 million teenagers currently have a teen account, which also limits overnight notifications and have reminders to leave the app

after an hour.

Users can only be messaged by people they follow or are already connected to.

Adolescent use of social networks has prompted concern in recent years, notably about the amount of screentime and lack of moderation on some platforms.

In November last year, Australia's parliament voted in favour of a ban on under 16s from using social networks.

TikTok recently launched a function in the European Union allowing parents to limit the amount of time that teenagers spend on the app. – AFP

Child-safe coin lithium battery launches in Malaysia

ENERGIZER Malaysia has introduced the world's first and only coin lithium battery equipped with three levels of child-protection technology to Malaysia, bringing a new level of safety to homes.

Making homes safe for children is a priority, yet some dangers are well-hidden in everyday spaces, such as small batteries found in household items, but how much harm can something as tiny as a battery really cause?

According to a case report in Malaysia, severe injuries can occur due to delayed diagnosis, as most emergency department patients who have ingested a battery show no symptoms or only vague and non-specific signs.

The 3-in-1 Child Shield safety system from Energizer is available across its 2032, 2025 and 2016 Ultimate Lithium Coin Battery range and has been designed as an option for those seeking to safeguard their homes.

It helps to prevent the risk coin lithium batteries pose to children by combining these three key safety features:

• **Child-resistant packaging** Provides security to help prevent children from accessing the batteries in the package.

• **Non-toxic bitter coating** A bitter taste for better safety, Energizer's coin lithium batteries include a non-toxic bitter coating on the cell that discourages ingestion.

• **New colour alert technology** The new colour alert technology activates once the battery interacts with saliva, visibly dyeing the mouth blue in just seconds to alert caregivers so they can seek medical attention faster, as needed.

Energizer's latest release embraces the power of technology to prioritise children's safety. The 3-in-1 Child Shield technology will be rolled out across the Energizer Ultimate Lithium Coin Battery range and will be available in leading supermarkets and online.



Energizer 2032 Ultimate Lithium Batteries two-pack is sold at RM15.90.

EU agrees ban on harmful chemicals in toys

EUROPEAN Union (EU) countries and lawmakers struck a deal last Thursday to protect children from harmful chemicals, especially ones that disrupt growth hormones, in toys.

Negotiators from the European Parliament and the EU's 27 states agreed to strengthen rules on imported toys and those made in the bloc.

"While the EU's toy safety rules are among the strictest in the world, we must remain vigilant, adapt the rules to emerging risks and ensure safety standards are met for all toys – whether made in Europe or abroad," said Krzysztof Paszyk, technology minister of Poland, which holds the

rotating EU presidency.

The agreed text introduces a limited ban on "forever chemicals" (known as PFAS) only providing for exemptions when the chemicals are fully inaccessible to children.

PFAS, or per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances are a family of synthetic chemicals that take an extremely long time to break down.

Chronic exposure to even low levels of the chemicals has been linked to liver damage, high cholesterol, reduced immune responses, low birth weights and several kinds of cancer.

Representatives also agreed to expand the ban on chemicals to

include other hazardous substances such as endocrine disruptors, which interfere with the body's hormone system.

"The new Toy Safety Regulation sends out a strong signal – for the protection of our children, fair competition and for Europe as a business location," said Marion Walsmann, the German EU lawmaker who spearheaded the text in the European Parliament.

One in five products labelled as dangerous and removed from the market by the EU was a toy, said Walsmann. The text will only become law once it is formally adopted by EU states and parliament. – AFP

FROM discrimination to managing the mental load and increased tiredness, returning to work after maternity leave is often a challenge for women. Many feel isolated, even vulnerable, when returning to their job. However, recent UK research proposed mentoring as a concrete solution to better support mothers throughout this sometimes challenging time in their career.

The idea is to offer personalised support through mentoring before, during and after maternity leave. Researchers from the Universities of Keele and Southampton followed a group of young mothers who were mentored and compared them with other employees who did not benefit from any support. The conclusion is clear – those who were mentored felt listened to, supported and much more ready to resume their place in the company.

“Mothers who received maternity mentoring found it most useful in helping them to balance the competing priorities of work, their baby and themselves – and to mentally and practically prepare for their return to work. They also found it invaluable in terms of a safe space to offload fears and worries,” explained study University of Southampton professor of philosophy and co-author Fiona Woollard.

Much more than just flexibility in the organisation of their work, this system creates a real safe haven of trust where young mothers can talk openly about their difficulties, prepare for their return and regain a healthy work-life balance.

“Our findings highlight the importance of creating a supportive and inclusive work environment for new mothers. There are tangible steps employers can take to enhance the wellbeing and productivity of staff during maternity leave and return to work transitions,” said Keele University senior lecturer in psychology and co-author Dr Alexandra Kent.

But for this to work, companies



Mentoring schemes for mothers can be viewed as a strong signal in favour of workplace equality.



A mentoring system can help maintain positive family dynamics with equal share of chores and responsibilities.

Handling post-pregnancy expectations

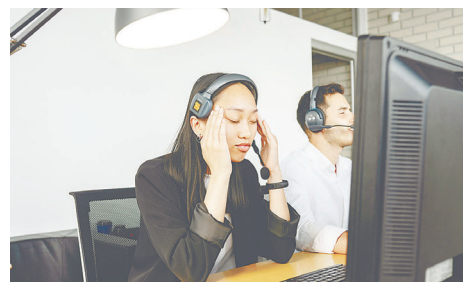
➤ Mentoring could ensure successful return to work after maternity leave

need to play the game. This involves measures such as taking into account childcare constraints, offering flexible hours, maintaining work roles during leave and assigning a dedicated person of contact. And above all, managers should receive training to help create a kind and inclusive environment.

When designed intelligently,

mentoring programmes can become a real springboard for reconnecting mothers with professional life. However, if poorly supervised, they can, on the contrary, reinforce feelings of isolation.

“Ensuring (the programmes) are supportive and flexible is an important step in designing a successful return to work,” Kent reiterated.



New mothers may struggle to cope with work after maternity leave.

Investing in this kind of support is not just an human resource bonus. It is a lever for motivation and commitment, and a strong signal in favour of workplace equality. Ultimately, there needs to be a shift

in the way female employees are viewed. Many still feel they have to prove they are as committed as ever. Maybe then, motherhood might cease to be a barrier to women's careers. – ETX Studio

Age not barrier to physical activities

IT has long been believed aging makes the body more vulnerable to physical exertion and slows down recovery. A major study published in the *Journal of Aging and Physical Activity* challenges this idea. Indeed, it shows older people recover just as well as younger people after physical activity.

Based on 36 rigorously selected studies, this meta-analysis compares 389 young adults with 390 older people. All were observed for at least 24 hours after exercise, without recourse to external recovery aids. The results indicate no significant difference was observed between the two groups. Even more astonishingly, the older participants systematically reported feeling fewer aches and pains than their younger counterparts.

These findings, reported by the Study Finds website, contradict the idea that aging leads to a decline in muscle regeneration capacity – in particular to a reduction in protein synthesis and the number of satellite cells. Several hypotheses have been put forward to explain why muscles seem to resist the effects of time so well.

The authors of the study believe,



Current data send a clear message that age should not be a barrier to exercise. – ALL PICS FROM PEXELS

for example, that greater muscle stiffness linked to collagen accumulation could make the muscles of older people less vulnerable to micro-injury. What is more, as the physical efforts made by seniors are often more moderate, they typically cause less damage. Furthermore, creatine kinase levels, a marker of muscle damage, are

generally lower in older adults. A difference according to sex between age groups was observed only in men, underlining the importance of developing specific research on women.

Beyond the biological aspects, this study could also help break down a psychological barrier. For fear of injury or slow recovery, many



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Physical activity makes a decisive contribution to maintaining independence, mental health and strengthening social ties.

older people are reluctant to engage in physical activity. Yet current data send a clear message – age should not be a barrier to exercise.

In a world where the United Nations estimates the 60+ population is set to double by 2050, the findings of this study represent a major strategic lever for public

health. Physical activity, the cornerstone of successful aging, makes a decisive contribution to maintaining independence, mental health and strengthening social ties. So in the fight against sedentary lifestyles, it could be worth reminding older people that their muscles are tougher than they might think. – ETX Studio

CHINA said last week it would immediately restrict imports of Hollywood films in retaliation for President Donald Trump's escalation of US tariffs on imported Chinese goods, targeting one of the most high-profile American exports.

However, industry analysts said the financial impact was likely to be minimal because Hollywood's box office returns in China have declined significantly in recent years.

After three decades during which China imported 10 Hollywood movies per year, Beijing's National Film Administration (NFA) said Trump's tariff actions would further sour domestic demand for US cinema in China.

"We will follow market rules, respect the audience's choices and moderately reduce the number of American films imported," the NFA said.

China curbs Hollywood film imports amid US tariffs

Domestic flicks dominate local box office, accounting for 80% of revenue

Hollywood studios once looked to China, the world's second-largest film market, to help boost box office performance of movies. But domestic movies have increasingly outperformed Hollywood's fare in China, with *Ne Zha 2* this year eclipsing Pixar's *Inside Out 2* to

become the highest-grossing animated film of all time.

Chris Fenton, author of *Feeding the Dragon: Inside the Trillion Dollar Dilemma Facing Hollywood, the NBA and American Business*, said limiting US-made films was a high-profile way to make a

statement of retaliation with almost zero downside for China.

Hollywood films account for only 5% of overall box office receipts in China's market and Hollywood studios receive only 25% of ticket sales in China, compared with double that in other markets, Fenton said.

"Such a high-profile punishment of Hollywood is an all-win motion of strength by Beijing that will surely be noticed by Washington," Fenton added.

Trump, however, did not jump to Hollywood's defense.

"I think I have heard of worse things," the president said when asked about China's restrictions.

Many Hollywood celebrities supported Trump's Democratic opponent in last year's election.

One entertainment industry source predicted big Hollywood blockbusters, which continue to attract moviegoers in China, may still reach the big screen. Walt Disney's Marvel superhero movie *Thunderbolts*, which kicks off the summer blockbuster season, recently received permission to debut in China on April 30.

It was not clear if China would approve the entry of other major releases this summer, such as Paramount's *Mission Impossible – The Final Reckoning*, which may mark Tom Cruise's last appearance in the long-running franchise, Warner Bros's new *Superman* movie from *Guardians of the Galaxy* filmmaker James Gunn and Marvel's new take on *The Fantastic Four*.

Limited impact

Imax said it expects the slate for its large-format screens, which includes Hollywood, Chinese and

international films, would not be materially impacted by the restrictions.

"We continue to expect a strong year for Imax in China, coming off our highest-grossing first quarter ever in the country," an Imax spokesperson said in a statement to Reuters.

S&P Global Market Intelligence Kagan principal analyst Seth Shafer predicted the restrictions would have limited impact.

"Only roughly 25% of domestic wide-release films are now released in China and that percentage has dropped steadily over time due to increasing competition from China's local film production industry. For domestic films that do get a release in China, typically less than 10% of the film's global gross box office revenue comes from China," Shafer said.

Captain America: Brave New World, a Marvel film released in February, took in US\$14.4 million (RM63.6 million) in China out of its US\$413 million in global receipts.

In the past, imports including *Titanic* and *Avatar* became box office smashes in the Chinese market, making actors such as Leonardo DiCaprio and directors such as James Cameron household names among Chinese film lovers across generations.

Since 2020, Chinese-made films have consistently accounted for around 80% of annual box office revenue, up from around 60% previously.

On China's all-time box office list, only one imported film ranks in the top 20 *Avengers: Endgame*, with revenue of 4.25 billion yuan (RM2.72 billion). The remaining films in the top 20 are all domestic productions. – Reuters



People walk and ride bikes in front of a movie theatre in Shanghai, China. – REUTERS/PIC

Cannes Festival: Movies in line for Palm d'Or

ABOUT 19 films have been announced at the Cannes Film Festival with another handful to be added in the coming weeks, festival director Thierry Fremaux told reporters in Paris. The prestigious festival kicks off on the French Riviera on May 13.

Here are the confirmed movies so far:

➔ **A Simple Accident** by Jafar Panahi (Iran)

The repeatedly detained Iranian director "asked us not say anything about his movie", Fremaux said, alluding to the pressures on him in his homeland.

➔ **The Phoenician Scheme** by Wes Anderson (US)

A spy comedy starring Benicio Del Toro, Tom Hanks, Bill Murray, Scarlett Johansson and Mia Threapleton, Kate Winslet's daughter.

➔ **Young Mothers** by Jean-Pierre and Luc Dardenne (Belgium)

The Belgian brothers, who have already won the Palme d'Or for best film twice (*Rosetta* in 1999 and *The Child* in 2005), tell the story of five young mothers staying in a maternity home in their native Belgium.

➔ **Alpha** by Julia Ducournau (France)

Four years after winning the Palme d'Or with *Titane*, the French director presents a new film starring Iranian-French Golshifteh Farahani and Tahar Rahim about a young girl confronted with the AIDS epidemic in the 1980s.

➔ **Sentimental Value** by Joachim Trier (Norway)

A comedy drama featuring a filmmaker trying to reconnect with his daughters from a director whose last feature *The Worst Person in the World* also premiered in competition at Cannes in 2021.

➔ **Romeria** by Carla Simon (Spain)

The Spanish director returns to her traumatic childhood with a family journey of a young Catalan girl in Galicia who has lost her parents to AIDS.

➔ **Sound of Falling** by Mascha Schilinski (Germany)

A drama that brings together four women from four different generations living on the same farm.

➔ **Eagles of the Republic** by Tarik Saleh (Sweden/Egypt)

On the brink of losing everything, Egypt's most adored actor accepts

a role he cannot refuse under pressure from the country's authorities.

➔ **The Mastermind** by Kelly Reichardt (US)

The story of an art heist set against the backdrop of the Vietnam War and the nascent women's liberation movement.

➔ **Dossier 137** by Dominik Moll (France)

An investigator at France's IGP agency, which investigates police abuses, probes an incident in which a police officer injures a young man during a protest.

➔ **The Secret Agent** by Kleber Mendonça Filho (Brazil)

A political thriller set in the late 1970s, during the final years of Brazil's military dictatorship.

➔ **Fuori** by Mario Martone (Italy)

A biopic about Italian actor and writer Goliarda Sapienza.

➔ **Two Prosecutors** by Sergei Loznitsa (Ukraine)

A film by a Ukrainian director, whose documentary about the "madness of war" screened at Cannes last year, which is set in the 1930s USSR during Stalin's purges.

➔ **Nouvelle Vague** by Richard Linklater (US)

A film set in 1960 Paris about the making of Jean-Luc Godard's cinema classic *Breathless*.

➔ **Sirat** by Oliver Laxe (Spain)

A "road movie of misfits, of people outside society," according to Fremaux.

➔ **The Last One** by Hafsa Herzi (France)

The French actor and director adapts Fatima Daas's eponymous novel, telling the story of the youngest member of an Algerian immigrant family who gradually frees herself from her family and traditions.

➔ **The History of Sound** by Oliver Hermanus (South Africa)

During World War I, two young men decide to record the lives, voices and music of their American compatriots.

➔ **Renoir** by Chie Hayakawa (Japan)

A drama about coming of age, resilience, healing power of imagination and a traumatised family struggling to reconnect.

➔ **Eddington** by Ari Aster (US)

A film about contemporary America, starring Joaquin Phoenix. – AFP



Eddington, a film about contemporary America starring Phoenix, is among those nominated for a Palm d'Or. – PIC FROM FACEBOOK @JOAQUINPHOENIX

APEL offers tertiary level opportunities

➤ MSU opens doors to working adults to pursue higher studies

MANAGEMENT and Science University (MSU) offer a breakthrough way for working adults wishing to further their studies, through its Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL) pathway.

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APEL was first introduced and approved by the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA), in recognition of the need to constantly upgrade skills in the workplace, but utilising work experience to shorten the pathway to higher education.

With ten locations across Malaysia, including Sabah and Sarawak, MSU provides convenient access for prospective candidates to take the APEL aptitude test, a necessary pre-qualification for entry into higher education. MSU currently offers APEL (A) and APEL (C) across various levels: T-3 (Certificate), T-4 (Diploma), T-6 (Bachelor's degree), and T-7 (Master's degree).

Many working adults engaged in

professional careers now have the opportunity to pursue higher studies. They may have been constrained earlier due to poor finances.

APEL (A) involves the identification and assessment of an individual's prior experiential learning to determine if they meet the standards of learning outcomes. This would allow working professionals with a direct pathway towards higher education without prior formal educational qualifications.

This allows the working adult to pursue the course of his/her choice based on recognition of prior working experience in that area.

Otherwise, APEL (C) or Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning via Credit Transfer allows assessment of credits against matching modules in a programme of study. The APEL C pathway provides credit transfer for entry into diploma programmes right up to PhD. Once an APEL C applicant's competency level is determined, those credits can shorten his or her entire study duration considerably, saving the applicant both time and money.

An applicant with Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) credentials for university entrance, for example, would usually qualify for diploma studies only. With APEL C, it provides a pathway to pursue a bachelor's degree directly.

Another flexible option for adult learners to continue their education is the micro-credential programme. These programmes offer industry-relevant courses with flexible learning and streamlined assessments, designed to meet the needs of individuals



Working adults have gone on to pursue higher level qualifications through APEL, which have advanced their careers professionally.

seeking comprehensive education in specific areas of interest.

The stackable nature of these programmes also allows learners to gain exemptions when progressing into academic programmes at MSU.

The MSU APEL Centre is managed by the MSU Academy (MA), established with the goal of providing exceptional continuing education that aligns with the evolving needs of society.

MSU blends technical vocational education and training (TVET) with traditional academic curricula and enhances competencies with industry internship, community and creative entrepreneurship, as well as global exposure.

It comprises the Faculty of Health and Life Sciences, the Faculty of Business Management and Professional Studies, the Faculty of Information Sciences and Engineering, the International Medical School, the School of Pharmacy, the School of Education and Social Sciences, the School of Hospitality and Creative Arts, the School of Graduate Studies and the Graduate School of Management.

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- Handle employee training and development programmes.
- Manage employee benefits programmes and ensure compliance with regulations.
- Stay updated on current industry trends and best practices in HR management.
- For Senior/Assistant Manager – with supervisory skills.
- Handle staff training and recruitment matters.
- Experience in payroll system would be advantageous.
- Handle General Admin and other HR duties.

Requirements

- Diploma/Bachelor's degree in Human Resources Management or related field.
- Executive: 1+ years of experience in HR & Admin or related field.
- Senior: 3+ years of experience in HR & Admin or related field.
- Asst Manager: 5+ years of experience in HR & Admin or related field.
- Fresh graduates are encouraged to apply for Assistant Executive post.
- Basic HR knowledge and proficiency in Microsoft Office.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.

3) EXECUTIVE - Safety & Building Maintenance

Job Description

- Perform routine and preventive maintenance on factory & office building systems, including HVAC, electrical, plumbing and mechanical systems.
- Conduct regular inspections of the factory & office building to identify and address maintenance issues.
- Respond promptly to maintenance requests and ensure timely resolution.
- Maintain accurate records of maintenance activities, including work orders, inspections and repairs.
- Ensure all maintenance activities comply with relevant health, safety and environmental regulations.
- Coordinate with external contractors and vendors for specialised maintenance and repair works.
- Monitor and optimise energy usage to improve efficiency and reduce costs.
- Assist in preparation and management of maintenance budget.
- Assist in any ad-hoc operations and admin tasks assigned by Management from time to time.

Requirements

- Diploma/Degree in Building or Facilities Management, Safety & Health or related field.
- Additional certificate: Electrical Chargeman, preferably A4 or minimum A1 would be an added advantage.
- Minimum of one year of experience in Building Maintenance or Safety & Health.
- Adequate technical knowledge of building systems (HVAC, electrical, plumbing etc).
- Excellent problem-solving and troubleshooting skills.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills.
- Able to work flexi hours.
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**DALAM MAHKAMAH TINGGI MALAYA
DI JOHOR BAHRU
DALAM NEGERI JOHOR DARUL
TAZKIM**
GUAMAN SIVIL NO:
JA-22NCVC-54-05/2023

ANTARA

1. ZHEJIANG JINCHENGLONG IMPORT
& EXPORT TRADE CO LTD
(NO. PENDAFTARAN SYARIKAT
REPUBLIK RAKYAT CHINA:
91330212MA2836BM9Q)

2. YE DONG LIANG
PASPORT REPUBLIK RAKYAT
CHINA NO. E49027276
... PLAINTIFF-PLAINTIFF

DAN

1. ANG BOON LEONG
(No. K/P: 770410-06-6215)

2. BAY HUI TING
(No. K/P: 950319-01-6782)

3. MOHD NAZIR BIN NAYAN
(No. K/P: 800912-05-5385)

4. ANG JOYCE
(No. K/P: 750412-10-5654)
... DEFENDAN-DEFENDAN

NOTIS PENYAMPAIAN GANTI

Kepada:-
ANG BOON LEONG
PS10-19, Jalan Wangsa 2/62,
Prima Saujana,
Taman Wangsa Permai Kemping,
52200 Kemping, Kuala Lumpur.

AMRIL PERHATIAN bahawa Perintah
(Lampiran 3) yang dimeterai bertarikh
5.5.2024 / Perintah (Lampiran 95)
yang dimeterai bertarikh 15.1.2025
dan Perakuan Akadikar (Lampiran 95)
oleh Zhejiang Jinchenglong Import &
Export Trade Co Ltd (No. Pendaftaran
Syarikat Republik Rakyat China:
91330212MA2836BM9Q) dan Ye
Dong Liang (Pasport Republik
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DALAM MAHKAMAH TELAH MEMUTUSKAN
BAHAWA Kertas-Kertas Kausa
dissampikan kepada anda secara:

1. Peninggalan salinan Kertas-Kertas Kausa di alamat terakhir Defendan Pertama yang diketahui oleh Plaintiff-Plaintiff satu di alamat PS10-19, Jalan Wangsa 2/62, Prima Saujana, Taman Wangsa Permai Kemping, 52200 Kemping, Kuala Lumpur;
2. Penampakan salinan Kertas-Kertas Kausa di papan kenyataan / papan notis Mahkamah Tinggi di Johor Bahru; dan
3. Mengkaji Notis Penyampaian Ganti ini dalam surat khabar harian tempatan Bahasa Inggeris dan Bahasa Cina sebanyak satu (1) kali sahaja;

di mana tampilkan dan/atau iklan tersebut dianggap sebagai penyampaian yang baik dan wajar bagi Perintah selepas 14 hari dari hari terakhir tarikh tampilkan atau pengiklanan.

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**DRAGON-1
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AGENDA

1. To receive an account from the liquidator showing the manner in which the winding-up has been conducted and to hear explanations that may be given by the liquidator.
2. To determine by ordinary resolution in the manner in which the books, accounts and documents of the Company and the liquidator thereof shall be disposed of.

NO HENG HOOI Liquidator

Dated: 15 April 2025

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BAHAGIAN IKANDAN
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Red Bull reflect on 'bad' Bahrain weekend

RED BULL were all at sea in the Bahrain desert this weekend, with Max Verstappen unable to replicate his last time out win in Japan.

The four-time world champion trailed in sixth to drop to third in the drivers' standings, eight points behind McLaren's Lando Norris.

Yuki Tsunoda, in only his second run out for the Austrian outfit after replacing Liam Lawson in Suzuka last weekend, picked up his first points for his new team in ninth.

But team principal Christian Horner did not chery coat the performance.

"Look, it was a bad weekend for the team, nothing went our way from the start of the race," he acknowledged.

"We didn't get off the line cleanly, and pit stops didn't work well for us today."

Red Bull's 2025 car is proving an awkward customer – just ask Lawson who was ruthlessly demoted to the team's sister outfit RB after the first two races.

Verstappen was constantly taking issue with the brakes on his car in Sakhr.

"He's not getting any bite or feel from the pedal, and of course it's such an important tool that gives the driver so much feedback," said Horner.

He had a positive assessment though of Tsunoda's performance.

"I thought actually Yuki has had a very solid weekend, he qualified in the top ten, finished in the points today, he drove pretty well.

"He was only 12 or 14 seconds behind his teammate, so I thought Yuki's race was actually reasonably good."

Looking ahead, the Briton, who was accompanied in Bahrain by his wife Geri Halliwell, best known as Ginger Spice of Spice Girl pop fame in the '90s, said: "If you've got a well-balanced car, the whole thing just comes together that much easier.

"It's a 24 race championship, we're eight points behind in the drivers' championship, and we know we need to make progress very quickly." – AFP



McLaren's Oscar Piastri celebrates with a trophy on the podium after winning the Bahrain Grand Prix. – REUTERS/SPIC

Perfect Piastri

OSCAR PIASTRI celebrated his 50th Formula One race with a pole-to-flag win in Bahrain on Sunday that catapulted him into second overall and three points behind championship leading McLaren teammate Lando Norris.

Norris had to settle for third, after having to fight back from a five-second penalty for a jumped start from sixth on the grid.

Mercedes' George Russell held off his fellow Briton, denying him a third successive second place in a tense battle over the closing laps.

Russell was summoned to the stewards for an alleged breach of the drag reduction system rules but they decided not to apply a penalty, with the results confirmed.

"It's been an incredible weekend, starting off with qualifying yesterday and to finish the job today in style was nice," said Piastri, who won by 15.499 seconds despite a

safety car period wiping out his initial lead.

"It's obviously a very important race for us, given our owners, and it's never been a

Australian lays down F1 title gauntlet to Norris with victory in Bahrain

track that's been kind to us. So it's nice to have that first win for the team (in Bahrain)," added the Australian.

Norris now has 77 points to Piastri's 74, with McLaren on 151 in the constructors' standings and Mercedes second on 93.

"I think at the beginning I was too far back, so I tried to creep forward and crept forward and did the opposite," said Norris of his botched start.

"First time I've ever done this in my life. Shouldn't happen, but it did – and I paid the price for it."

I made too many mistakes with the overtakes," said Norris. "It was a messy race for me and I'm disappointed not to bring home a one-two for McLaren because it would have been lovely at home."

Ferrari's Charles Leclerc and Lewis Hamilton were fourth and fifth. Red Bull's four-times world champion Max Verstappen, who had been only a point behind Norris after winning in Japan last weekend, finished sixth after being slowed by a faulty pit signal and dropped to third in the standings.

Pierre Gasly scored Alpine's first points of the campaign in seventh and former teammate Esteban Ocon in eighth for Haas.

Yuki Tsunoda delivered Red Bull's first double points finish of the year in ninth and the final point was secured for Haas by British rookie Oliver Bearman, who started last. – Reuter

Duo star as Bengaluru, Mumbai win in IPL

VIRAT KOHLI hit a landmark half-century and spinner Karn Sharma returned 3-36 to trigger an opposition collapse in the IPL as Royal Challengers Bengaluru and Mumbai Indians won on Sunday.

Kohli hit 62 for his 100th half-century in T20 cricket to lead Bengaluru to a crushing nine-wicket win over Rajasthan Royals in Jaipur.

The second match of the day was a thriller with Mumbai pulling off a 12-run victory to end Delhi's winning streak in their home at Feroz Shah Kotla ground.

Chasing 206 for victory, Delhi looked to be cruising at 135-2 when Karun Nair departed on 89. Leg-

spinner Karn soon triggered a collapse to bowl out the hosts for 193 in their home Feroz Shah Kotla ground.

"Winning is always special, said Mumbai skipper Hardik Pandya. "Especially in games like this. You have to keep fighting and it means a lot."

It was Delhi's first defeat after four wins in this edition of the T20 tournament. Five-time champions Mumbai got back to winning ways with just their second victory in six matches.

Needing 23 runs off the last 12 balls, Ashutosh Sharma raised hopes with two boundaries off Jasprit Bumrah but the last three balls of the 19th over threw up three run-outs.

"I always believe fielding is something which can change the game upside down," said Pandya. "We were switched on, didn't give up and they got the chances and converted. Amazing."

Earlier, Tilak Varma smashed 59 and put on a key stand with Naman Dhir, who hit an unbeaten 38, to help Mumbai reach 205-5.

England's Phil Salt set up Bengaluru's chase of 174 with his 33-ball 65 before fellow opener Kohli took charge to anchor the chase.

"Always pleased to contribute to a win, especially on the road," player of the match Salt said on his team's fourth away win. – AFP

Alcaraz wins first Monte Carlo title

CARLOS ALCARAZ made the best possible start to his preparations for the defence of his French Open title, burning past the Italian Lorenzo Musetti in three sets on Sunday to win his first Monte Carlo Masters.

The 21-year-old Spaniard, already a four-time Grand Slam winner, dropped the opening set but came back hard to take the next two at the cost of a single game as he cleaned up 3-6, 6-1, 6-0, albeit helped by a limping Musetti.

It marks a sixth Masters title for Alcaraz and also his first win on clay since winning the

French Open last season.

"I'm just really happy to have won Monte Carlo for the first time," said Alcaraz who lost in his first match on his only previous appearance at the tournament in 2022.

"It's been a really difficult week with a lot of difficult situations.

"I'm really proud of myself, how I've dealt with everything. It's been a really difficult month for me on the court and outside."

"Coming here and seeing how the whole hard work has paid off, I'm really happy."

Alcaraz chose not to expand on his difficulties but they may be eased partly by this win which will lift him up to No. 2 in the world rankings, ahead of Alexander Zverev but still behind the suspended Jannik Sinner.

However, this was no easy win in chilly conditions against a man playing in his first Masters 1000 final after taking down two top 10 players, Stefanos Tsitsipas and Alex de Minaur.

Musetti began to have problems with his right leg, receiving treatment when he was 0-3 in the decider. He battled on but could not live with the intensity or physicality of Alcaraz's game.

"It is not the way I would have wanted to win a match," said Alcaraz.

Some consolation for Musetti is a rise to No. 11 in the rankings and the promise of more to come on the clay as the season gets underway. – AFP



Alcaraz

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NG HENG HOOI
Liquidator

Dated: 15 April 2025

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AGENDA

1. To receive an account from the liquidator showing the manner in which the winding-up has been conducted and to hear explanations that may be given by the liquidator.
2. To determine by ordinary resolution in the manner in which the books, accounts and documents of the Company and the liquidator thereof shall be disposed of.

NG HENG HOOI
Liquidator

Dated: 15 April 2025

Notes:

1. A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting may appoint another person as his proxy to attend and vote in his stead.
2. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointor or of his attorney duly authorised in writing or, if the appointor is a corporation, under its common seal or the hand of its Attorney.
3. The proxy form must be deposited at Level 5, Tower 8, Avenue 5, Horizon 2, Bangsar South City, 59200 Kuala Lumpur, Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur not less than forty eight (48) hours before the time for holding the meeting or at any adjournment thereof.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2016
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
AL ANSAR HOLDINGS
SDN. BHD.
[REGISTRATION NO.:
201601011767 (1182698-X)]
(In Members' Voluntary Liquidation)

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 Messrs. Rodgers Reidy & Co. at K-3A-13A, No.2, Jalan Solaris, Solaris Mont' Kiara, 50480 Kuala Lumpur on Thursday, 15 May 2025 at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose:-

To receive the Joint and Several Liquidators' Statement of Accounts showing the manner in which the winding-up has been conducted and the property of the Company disposed of, and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Joint and Several Liquidators.

LIM TIAN HUAT
CHIANG TENG GUAN
Joint and Several Liquidators
Dated this 15 April 2025

A member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the above meeting may appoint a proxy to attend and vote on his behalf. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointor or his attorney duly authorized in writing or, if the appointor is a corporation, either under its common seal or signed by its attorney or by an officer of the Company duly authorized in writing in that behalf. The instrument appointing a proxy must be deposited at the address above, not less than 48 hours before the time for holding the meeting.

SHORTS



Liverpool's Luis Diaz (centre) celebrates with Curtis Jones (right), and Mohamed Salah. —AFP/PIC

Lethargic Reds do just enough

LIVERPOOL could be crowned champions on Easter Sunday after stretching their commanding lead at the top of the table to 13 points with just 18 left to play for.

However, Arne Slot's men are slowing up as the finish line approaches after an exhausting campaign for many of his key players.

After Luis Diaz gave the home side the lead in a fast start at Anfield, Liverpool ran out of steam in the second half and needed Alisson Becker to produce three outstanding saves to keep West Ham at bay.

An Andy Robertson own goal looked like it could delay Liverpool's title party, but Van Dijk headed home a corner in the 89th minute before giving the Liverpool fans even more reason to get excited.

Fresh from seeing Mohamed Salah extend his contract for two more years, Van Dijk declared his "love" for the club and hinted that he will be next to end speculation over his future with a new deal.

Within a few weeks Van Dijk will be lifting the Premier League trophy despite a drop off that has seen Liverpool's only two wins in their last five games come by a single goal against the sides sat 14th and 17th in the table.

Chelsea collapse

WHEN Chelsea travelled to Everton on Dec 22 they had the chance to go top of the table.

In the 16 Premier League games since, they have won just five to slip down to sixth and are in serious danger of missing out on the Champions League for a third straight season.

All of those five victories came against the bottom six at home, but Maresca's men were unable to complete the set against Ipswich.

The Tractor Boys took advantage of some shambolic defending to go 2-0 up at Stamford Bridge.

An Axel Tuanzebe own goal and Jadon Sancho's stunning strike restored parity.

The Blues now face having to make up ground during difficult fixtures in the run-in.

Chelsea face four of the top eight in their final six games.

Mbappe sent off

REAL MADRID superstar Kylian Mbappe was sent off for an ugly lunge but his side still beat Alaves 1-0 on Sunday to stay four points behind Barcelona at the top of La Liga.

Mbappe's dismissal put his teammates under pressure but Alaves were also reduced to 10 players in the second half when Manu Sanchez hacked down Vinicius Junior.

Eduardo Camavinga's first half curling effort from the edge of the

box was enough to split the teams as Madrid produced a gritty display to match Barcelona's single-goal victory over Leganes on Saturday.

"It was a hard game, tricky at first because of how intense our opponents were, and then after Kylian's red card the team pulled together," Real Madrid's Dani Ceballos said.

Assistant coach Davide Ancelotti took the place of his father Carlo Ancelotti, who was suspended, in the Madrid dugout.

"The win gives us confidence, we knew it wouldn't be easy and what happened in the game didn't make it easy," said Davide Ancelotti after the match.

'We can get it'

ASTON VILLA manager Unai Emery believes his side are capable of a stunning Champions League fightback when Paris Saint-Germain travel to Birmingham for the second leg of their quarterfinal tomorrow defending a 3-1 lead.

Despite seizing the advantage at the Parc des Princes last week, Emery's men were outclassed in a manner that has become customary for Luis Enrique's all-conquering French champions.

The size of the task facing Villa is considerable.

PSG have won 17 of their last 18 games in all competitions, the only exception being a 1-0 first leg home defeat to Liverpool in the Champions League last 16, which they overturned at Anfield.

They have not lost by more than one goal since October and only once in 47 matches this season.

Yet Emery's own experience of being PSG boss has taught him what is possible in the pressure cooker of knockout Champions League nights.

Lyon close in on Champions League

LYON scored three goals in the second half to win 3-1 at Auxerre in Ligue 1 on Sunday and claim fourth spot in the table, while Saint-Etienne moved nearer to the relegation playoff spot after drawing 3-3 against Brest.

The win lifts Paulo Fonseca's side into fourth on 51 points, one ahead of Lille and Strasbourg in the race for Europe's premier club competition.

"Things are going really well," said Mikautadze.

"We're working well in training and that's reflected in the game. It (today) was one of our most accomplished performances.

"We're fourth, we're in the running for Champions League qualification, and we've got a very important game to play in the Europa League."

Lyon next turn their attentions to a trip to Old Trafford on Friday with their Europa League quarterfinal against Man United finely poised at 2-2 after the first leg.

Rory's time!

McIlroy answers all the questions with Masters triumph

RORY MCILROY'S dramatic win at the Masters yesterday put an end to the questions that have hounded him every time he set foot on Augusta National over the past 10 years as he finally turned the page on years of frustration.

McIlroy's roller-coaster round ended with him beating Justin Rose in a one-hole playoff 11 years after his first attempt to achieve the rare feat of capturing all four of golf's majors.

"I'd like to start this press conference with a question myself," McIlroy said as he entered the interview room donning his new Green Jacket.

"What are we all going to talk about next year?" he said with a laugh.

"I have dreamt about that moment for as long as I can remember."

That dream threatened to turn into a nightmare when the overnight leader's two-stroke advantage evaporated with a double bogey on the first.

He settled into his round to regain the lead but disaster struck again when he somehow found the

water on 13, and a back-nine collapse reminiscent of his heartbreaking final round at Augusta in 2011 appeared possible.

But history would not repeat itself as his brilliant approach shot in the playoff set up a short birdie putt for the championship, McIlroy falling to his knees on the green as the reality of the moment began to sink in.

"There were points in my career where I didn't know if I would have this nice garment over my shoulders," said McIlroy after claiming his fifth major title.

"I certainly didn't make it easy today. I was

nervous. It was one of the toughest days I've ever had on the golf course.

"It was a heavy weight to carry, and thankfully now I don't have to carry it and it frees me up," he said.

The Masters triumph is McIlroy's first major victory since 2014. He said his belief in himself never wavered as the wait went on.

"You have to be the eternal optimist in this game," he added.

"I've been saying it until I'm blue in the face. I truly believe I'm a better player now than I was 10 years ago.

"It's so hard to stay patient. It's so hard to keep coming back every year and trying your best and not being able to get it done."

McIlroy said he was inspired by Tiger Woods' first Masters win in 1997 and the 15-time major champion and fellow career Grand Slam winner congratulated the Northern Irishman on Sunday.

"Welcome to the club," Woods posted on social media. — Reuters

Rory McIlroy poses with the Masters trophy during the Green Jacket ceremony after winning the 2025 Masters tournament. — AFP/PIC

BRIEFS

Penang FC's Muhammad Alif Ikmalrizal Anuar celebrates after scoring against KL City. — BERNAMAPIC



Sivasangari crashes out of El Gouna

MALAYSIA'S top women's squash player S. Sivasangari's hopes of reaching the quarterfinals of the El Gouna International Squash Open 2025 were dashed after losing to Egypt's Salma Hany on Sunday. The world No. 11 started strong, taking the first two games 11-9, 11-4, but struggled to maintain momentum and eventually lost 7-11, 2-11, 8-11 in the 51-minute encounter. The result marked Sivasangari's second defeat in three meetings with the world No. 13.

'Players' commitment key to win over KL City'

PENANG FC head coach Wan Rohaimi Wan Ismail said his players' determination and high level of commitment were instrumental in their 1-0 win over KL City FC at City Stadium on Sunday. Wan Rohaimi hoped the valuable three points earned would serve as a balm for the loyal supporters of the Panthers, who have stood by the team through a challenging season. "This was a concerted effort from our players because it's never easy to beat KL City — they are an experienced side and gave us a tough fight throughout the match." Wan Rohaimi also hoped the positive momentum would carry through to their final league match against Sri Pahang FC at Stadium Temerloh on April 19.



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Aaron-Wooi Yik win first BAC title

THE sensational triumph of Malaysia's men's doubles pair Aaron Chia-Soh Wooi Yik at the Badminton Asia Championships (BAC) in China yesterday signals the positive impact of head coach Herry Iman Piemgadi's presence.

Herry, better known as Herry IP, has long held a reputation for grooming world and Olympic champions for his home country Indonesia, and his appointment as Malaysia's men's doubles head coach in February brought renewed hope among local badminton fans.

However, Herry's coaching debut abroad got off to a rocky start, with his charges playing below par and returning empty-handed from several tournaments in Europe, including the prestigious All England 2025 last month.

Herry, nicknamed the "Fire Dragon", was also unable to accompany the players to Europe due to visa issues.

In fact, he previously described the All England campaign as a failure - one of the lowest points of his coaching career - after years of consistent success with the Indonesian team.

Meanwhile, Herry's courtside presence in China appeared to inject fresh inspiration, particularly for Aaron and Wooi Yik, who silenced a roaring home crowd at the Ningbo Olympic Sports Centre Gymnasium with a 21-19, 21-17 victory over China's Chen Bo Yang-Liu Yi in the BAC final.

Even sweeter, the 2022 world champions clinched their maiden Asian crown to end an 18-year title drought for Malaysia in the men's doubles. Choong Tan Fook-Lee Wan Wah last won the title for Malaysia at the 2007 edition in Johor Bahru.

Commenting on Aaron-Wooi Yik's

'Fire Dragon' Herry breathes life into world No. 6

victory, Herry said the training programme he introduced two months ago had started to bear fruit, helping them produce strong performances and win every match in straight games.

"I'm pleased with Aaron and Wooi Yik's win; it shows my training programme is working well."

"They're already a solid pair, so I don't need to give too much input, but there are still a few aspects that will take some time for them to adapt to," he told *Bernama*.

The 62-year-old coach expressed hope that the two-time Olympic bronze medallists can maintain their consistency and go on to capture more titles.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi described their success as not only something to be proud of, but capable of uniting all Malaysians.

"Such an exciting performance! Although faced with pressure by the cheers of thousands of their opponents' fans, it didn't break their fighting spirit. Keep up this excellence for our country," he posted on *Facebook* yesterday.

Meanwhile, Youth and Sports Minister Hannah Yeoh posted her congratulations in a *Facebook* post, and expressed her hope that the pair would keep doing the country proud.

"A huge congratulations to our national shuttlers Aaron Chia-Soh Wooi Yik, who have just won the prestigious BAC men's doubles title in Ningbo, China," she posted. - *Bernama*

Soh Wooi-Yik (left) and Aaron Chia.
- X/@aaronchiatf24

RESULTS & STANDINGS

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE: Chelsea 2 (Tuanzebe 46-og, Sancho 79) Ipswich 2 (Enciso 19, Johnson 31), Liverpool 2 (Diaz 18, Van Dijk 89) West Ham 1 (Robertson 86-og), Newcastle 4 (Tonali 24, Barnes 49, 64, Guimaraes 77) Manchester United 1 (Garnacho 37), Wolves 4 (Ait Nouri 2, Spence 38-og, Strand Larsen 64, Cunha 86) Tottenham 2 (Tel 59, Richarlison 85).

TOP 6	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	32	23	7	2	74	31	76
Arsenal	32	17	12	3	57	27	63
Nottm Forest	32	17	6	9	51	38	57
Newcastle	31	17	5	9	56	40	56
Man City	32	16	7	9	62	42	55
Chelsea	32	15	9	8	56	39	54

LA LIGA: Osasuna 2 (Budimir 38, Ibanez 79) Girona 1 (Asprilla 90+6), Alaves 0 Real Madrid 1 (Camavinga 34), Real Betis 1 (Ruibal 3) Villarreal 2 (Barry 26, Perez 48), Athletic Bilbao 3 (Sanchez 58-pen, 90+4, Nico Williams 80) Rayo Vallecano 1 (Ciss 37).

SERIE A: Atalanta 2 (Retegui 3, Pasalic 21) Bologna 0, Como 1 (Douvikas 38) Torino 0, Fiorentina 0 Parma 0, Lazio 1 (Romagnoli 47) Roma 1 (Soule 69), Verona 0 Genoa 0.

BUNDESLIGA: Eintracht Frankfurt 3 Heidenheim 0, Stuttgart 1 Werder Bremen 2.

FRENCH LIGUE 1: Saint-Etienne 3 Brest 3, Angers 2 Montpellier 0, Le Havre 1 Rennes 5, Auxerre 1 Lyon 3.

Amorim has no excuses for United's latest meltdown at Newcastle

MANCHESTER UNITED'S league form this season has been so bad that their remaining domestic fixtures, with a sensational relegation avoided, pale in insignificance in comparison to their efforts on the continent.

That fact will not make events at St James' Park on Sunday any easier for Ruben Amorim to stomach after witnessing his entire tenure in England condensed into 90 miserable minutes in the northeast.

Amorim admitted Manchester United's embarrassing 4-1 defeat at Newcastle on Sunday was the latest in a long line of mistake-filled performances from his troubled team.

United slumped to another chastening loss as Sandro Tonali and Bruno Guimaraes struck either side of Harvey Barnes' brace for a rampant Newcastle at St James' Park.

United's 14 league defeats this season are their joint highest in a single Premier League campaign.

They last suffered more losses in a top-flight season in 1989-90, when they came 13th.

Without a win in their last four games in all

competitions, United are languishing in 14th place as they try to avoid their lowest finish since being relegated in 21st place in 1973-74.

Alejandro Garnacho's first half equaliser was no consolation for United, who were out-fought and out-classed after the interval in a loss that showed the vast gap between Amorim's men and the Premier League's elite at present.

"Many mistakes. They were stronger in the second balls, they were a better team, but we did a lot of mistakes which makes it harder to win a game," Amorim said.

"It is a little bit of everything, it is hard to point one thing that goes wrong in these moments."

"It is really hard to win against these top teams when you make mistakes which help the opponent to score. But let's focus on Thursday, which is really important for us."

The former Sporting Lisbon boss' last chance to salvage United's wretched campaign rests with the Europa League.

Lyon visit Old Trafford for the quarterfinal second leg on Friday with the tie level at 2-2.

"I understand it but I don't care," Amorim said of criticism of his turbulent reign.

"Nothing is worse than losing games. People can say whatever they want to say."

"I don't want to defend myself or anything like that, because if you look at our position in the table, it says it all. So let's move on."

It's the biggest match of his United reign so far but the Portuguese was giving nothing away when asked if he would recall Onana.

"You have to wait, we are going to start the next week," said Amorim. "I'm going to choose the best starting XI for the next match."

United captain Bruno Fernandes conceded his team are missing the fighting spirit and consistency required to thrive in the Premier League.

"We are in this position because we have not been consistent in the performances we put out," he said.

"We lack being more fearless, being more brave. Today was not the case because we ended up conceding goals by trying to be brave." - AFP/The Independent

MASTER LEADER AWARD

• DATO' TOH CHUN SHIONG

CEO EXCELLENCE AWARD - GM

• DATO' TOH CHUN SHIONG

CEO EXCELLENCE AWARD - UM

• YIP HOY YEAN

CEO EXCELLENCE AWARD - CA/LIA

• SIA PUEH SEE

CEO EXCELLENCE AWARD - AGENT

• YIP PUI YEAN

TOP ROOKIES AWARD

TOP 3 GROUP MANAGERS • DR PARTIBAN A/L SUBRAMANIAN (CHAMPION) • THIVAGAR A/L SIVELINGAM (1ST RUNNER-UP) • WAN CHEE SIANG (2ND RUNNER-UP)**TOP 3 UNIT MANAGERS** • NG SHEAU FERN (CHAMPION) • PHANG ZHENG HAO (1ST RUNNER-UP) • CHONG NYUK CHUI (2ND RUNNER-UP)**TOP 3 AGENTS** • JONATHAN YAP XIU SHENG (CHAMPION) • DESMOND FOO CHEE YUEN (1ST RUNNER-UP) • AW LEE KI (2ND RUNNER-UP)

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