

ECONOMY

Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) Revises Malaysia's 2025 Growth Forecast

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BNM stated that the country's economy remains on a "strong footing" and is projected to grow between 4.0% and 4.8% in 2025, a revision from its earlier estimate of 4.5% to 5.5%. The forecast considers various tariff scenarios ahead of the upcoming US tariff deadline, including both prolonged trade tensions and more favourable negotiation outcomes.

Median Monthly Wage for Formal Sector Rises to RM3,000 in 1Q 2025

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Malaysia's formal sector recorded a 5.5% increase in median monthly wages, rising from RM2,844 in March 2024 to RM3,000 in March 2025. In a statement, Chief Statistician, Datuk Seri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin said the increase reflects the country's continued economic growth and the impact of the revised minimum wage policy, which has positively influenced the labour market.

Foreign Worker Levy Could Rise RM300 - RM500 Under Multi-Tier System

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Malaysia's foreign worker levy may rise by RM300 to RM500 under the proposed multi-tier levy mechanism (MTLM). The MTLM, set to begin in 2025, is part of Government efforts to recover foreign worker management costs, along with planned increases in visa and processing fees.

GOVERNMENT

RM10 million Aid for Underprivileged in Muar

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Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim announced an immediate RM10 million allocation on July 27, 2025, to support Muar residents, especially those in the B40 group. The aid will be coordinated by the Prime Minister's Department's Implementation Coordination Unit together with the Muar District Office to ensure targeted and needs-based assistance.

13th Malaysia Plan (13MP) Report Released on July 31, 2025

13MP: Government to Introduce New Rent-To-Own (RTO) Scheme Model

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A RTO scheme model will be introduced to provide a more flexible and affordable rental structure, with the goal of improving homeownership opportunities for the *Rakyat*. The Government will also consider setting up a housing consortium to support more efficient and sustainable management of the RTO programme.

13MP: One Million Affordable Homes to be Built Between 2026 and 2035

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Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim announced that one million affordable housing units will be built from 2026 to 2035 by the Federal and State Governments, along with private developers, to improve access to safe and comfortable homes. He said the initiative will be implemented through programmes such as Residensi MADANI and the Public Servants Housing Scheme.

13MP: New Project Management Mechanism to be Introduced

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The integration of public amenities—such as schools and health clinics—into large-scale high-rise housing developments will be explored to ensure that housing and supporting facilities are delivered concurrently and in a coordinated manner. The utilisation of Federal land banks will also be optimised for Federal development projects through enhanced land management procedures.

PROPERTY

Stalled Housing Project Revived

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As of July 31, 2025, a total of 1,127 abandoned housing projects have been successfully revived, with a cumulative development value of RM106.48 billion. According to Housing and Local Government Minister, Nga Kor Ming, this achievement demonstrates the government's strong commitment to public well-being through proactive measures and collaborative efforts from all stakeholders.

CONSTRUCTION

No Change to Construction Sector Sales and Services Tax (SST) Revenue Threshold

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The Government will maintain the SST threshold for construction services at RM1.5 million, despite industry requests to raise it to RM3 million. Deputy Minister of Works, Datuk Seri Ahmad Maslan said the current limit is appropriate and will not affect small-scale contractors with project values below the threshold.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Upgrade for Kelana Jaya Light Rail Transit (LRT) Line

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The Kelana Jaya LRT Line is receiving a RM150 million upgrade to its signalling system, with over 80% of the work completed as of June 30, 2025. The project involves replacing the existing automatic train control system with the state-of-the-art SelTracTM Generation 8 technology, which is expected to extend the line's operational lifespan by 20 years.

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