

ECONOMY

[Malaysia's Inflation Picks Up Slightly in August 2025](#)

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Malaysia's inflation rose 1.3% in August 2025 year-on-year, mainly due to higher insurance premiums, personal care and restaurant costs. Inflation for housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels eased slightly to 1.2%, supported by a larger electricity tariff rebate under the revised automatic fuel adjustment mechanism.

[Malaysia's Leading Index Moderates, Down 0.5% in July 2025](#)

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According to the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM), the Leading Index (LI) of Malaysia was down by 0.5% to 114.3 points in July 2025. The decline was attributed to a 16.3% decrease in real imports of other basic precious and non-ferrous metals and a 13.4% drop in the Bursa Malaysia Industrial Index.

GOVERNMENT

[Negeri Sembilan to Develop RM1 Billion Auto City Project](#)

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Negeri Sembilan will develop its first modern automotive hub under the RM1 billion Auto City project at Nilai Smart City, spanning 728.43 hectares (1,800 acres). The project's first phase, launched in September 2025, is expected to generate over 5,000 jobs in technical, service, logistics, marketing, and management sectors.

[Task Force Revived Sick, Abandoned Housing Projects Worth RM121.44 Billion Since 2023](#)

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Since its formation in 2023, the Sick and Abandoned Private Housing Project Task Force (TFST) has revived 1,260 projects comprising 150,968 units worth RM121.44 billion in Gross Development Value (GDV). In 2025 alone, it successfully revived 325 sick and delayed housing projects involving 36,922 units with a GDV of RM28.85 billion.

[Eviction Delay at Taman Jinjang Baru Highlights Kuala Lumpur's Housing Crunch](#)

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A planned eviction of Taman Jinjang Baru squatters by 23 September 2025 was reversed after a high-level meeting at Menara DBKL on 23 September 2025. The settlement can remain until further notice. Meanwhile, the discussions with Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) will proceed to provide People's Housing Project (PPR) flats and compensation for the residents. A committee will be set up to manage the issue and update residents accordingly.

[Malaysia's Renewable Energy Mix Expected to Reach 31% Target by December 2025](#)

The Edge – 26 September 2025

Malaysia is on track to achieve its 31% renewable energy (RE) target by the end of 2025, with RE already making up 30% of the energy mix, said Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof. Since the launch of the National Energy Transition Roadmap (NETR), about 5.5 gigawatts of new RE capacity worth RM20 billion has been approved.

[Penang Announces Increase in Land Tax Starting 1 January 2026](#)

The Edge – 19 September 2025

Penang has gazetted new land tax rates effective from 1 January 2026, covering nearly 370,000 land titles Statewide. Approved by the National Land Council 2024, the new rates will remain fixed for 10 years. The increases include 127.27% for rural housing, 29.63% for urban housing and up to 200.93% for industrial land.

INFRASTRUCTURE

[ECRL Project at 87% Completion](#)

The Edge – 22 September 2025

The East Coast Rail Link (ECRL) project has reached 87% overall completion as of August 2025, with the section in Terengganu progressing the fastest due to early land resolution and easier terrain. Remaining works are focused on the Bentong–Gombak stretch, especially the challenging Genting Tunnel section.

[Penang LRT Tender Still Ongoing, No Downsize in Specifications](#)

The Edge – 20 September 2025

The Transport Ministry dismissed claims that contractors for the Mutiara Line Light Rail Transit (LRT) were told to downsize train specifications, clarifying that the tender has not been awarded. The Transport Ministry is still in the process of evaluating the submissions.

WORLD

[Singapore's Home Loan Growth Continues Uptrend](#)

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Annual mortgage loan growth in Singapore stood at 5.2% in Q2 2025, with a total loan value of S\$284.3 billion, up from 4% in Q1 2025 and 3.1% in Q4 2024. After averaging just over 2% growth in 2023 and the first half of 2024, the home loan growth has been steadily accelerating since Q3 2024.

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