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ECONOMY

Budget 2026 to Reflect States' Economic Priorities

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Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said preparations for Budget 2026 will be aligned with the economic priorities of each State, rather than set only at the ministerial level. He said this approach is vital to ensure sustainable economic growth while addressing the people's needs, especially in managing the rising cost of living.

Malaysia's Producer Price Index Down (PPI) 2.8% in August 2025

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Malaysia's PPI, which reflects price changes at producer level, fell by 2.8% in August 2025. This was a smaller decline compared with the 3.8% drop recorded in July 2025, according to the Department of Statistics Malaysia.

Budget 2026 to Incorporate Key 13th Malaysia Plan (13MP) Elements

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Finance Ministry II, Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah said Budget 2026 will be tabled on October 10, 2025. It will align with the 13MP and the Madani Economy. He cited stronger growth, easing inflation, lower unemployment and rising incomes while stressing the need for cross-ministry cooperation to achieve these goals.

GOVERNMENT

Ensure Culture, Heritage Preserved in Projects

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Housing and Local Government Minister, Nga Kor Ming said future projects must integrate culture and heritage to strengthen Malaysia's tourism appeal. At the World Class Sustainable Cities Conference 2025, he stressed balancing urban innovation and sustainability with heritage conservation, noting RM700 million allocated to rejuvenate seven historic landmarks in Kuala Lumpur.

PROPERTY

Malaysia's Housing Overhang Shifts to Mid-Range and 'Affordable' Condominiums

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Malaysia's housing overhang fell to 23,515 units in Q1 2025 from 24,208 in Q1 2024. Most units are from the mid-range condominiums priced at RM200,000–RM600,000. Despite being in the "affordable" bracket, demand remains weak in Kuala Lumpur, Selangor, Johor and Penang, signalling a growing market mismatch.

CONSTRUCTION

Government Mulls Green Fund for Steel, Backed by 2026 Carbon Tax

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According to the Steel Industry Roadmap 2035, the Government is considering the creation of a 'carbon competitiveness fund' for the steel sector, financed through proceeds from a planned carbon tax on steel players. The fund aims to support local industry in adopting low-carbon technologies, expanding into new markets and strengthening export capabilities.

Government to Launch 'Buy Made-In-Malaysia, Buy Low-Emissions' to Boost Steel Industry

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The Government will roll out a "Buy Made-in-Malaysia, Buy Low-Emissions" initiative under the Steel Industry Roadmap 2035 to boost local demand and reduce the RM1.5 billion steel trade deficit. Public projects will prioritise low-emission steel, while industry guidelines aim to encourage private sector adoption.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Putrajaya Monorail Bridge to be Repurposed by January 2026

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Putrajaya's abandoned monorail bridge will be repurposed as a pedestrian walkway and cycling path starting January 2026, said Federal Territories Minister Datuk, Seri Dr Zaliha Mustafa. The RM15 million project is now halfway complete and is expected to finish by December 2025.

BAS.MY Transforms Stop-Start Bus System to Provide More Efficient Service in Kota Kinabalu

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The Transport Ministry has pre-launched the BAS.MY service to replace the outdated stop-and-go bus system in Kota Kinabalu with a modern, efficient and scheduled service by February 2026. Transport Minister, Anthony Loke said RM88 million will be invested over five years under the Stage Bus Service Transformation initiative.

Keretapi Tanah Melayu Launches Electric Train Service Weekend Services to Kluang

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Starting October 10, 2025, Keretapi Tanah Melayu will launch two new Electric Train Services on the Kluang–KL Sentral–Kluang route, operating every Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Each train will offer 315 seats, including a Business Class coach.

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