

ECONOMY

Inflation Up 1.5% in September 2025

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Malaysia's inflation increased 1.5% in September 2025, with the index at 135.2 compared to 133.2 in 2024, according to the Department of Statistics Malaysia. The increase was mainly driven by higher prices in personal care, social protection and miscellaneous goods and services, which increased 4.8% compared to 4.0% in August 2025.

GOVERNMENT

Sabah Records Approved Investments Worth RM11.37 Billion in 1H of 2025

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Sabah recorded RM11.37 billion in approved investments from January to June 2025 across the manufacturing, services and primary sectors. These 82 approved projects are expected to create 1,945 jobs, according to Deputy Minister, Liew Chin Tong, Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry.

Flood Risk Now a Key Factor in Approving Housing Projects

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Flood risk is now a key factor in the technical assessment process for all new housing projects nationwide to prevent developments in flood-prone areas, said Deputy Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof. He said all development applications submitted through the one-stop centre must be reviewed by technical agencies, including the Department of Irrigation and Drainage.

Malaysia on Track to Achieve Renewable Energy (RE) Capacity

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Malaysia is on track to achieve 40% renewable energy capacity by 2035 and 70% by 2050 under the National Energy Transition Roadmap. Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Energy Transition and Water Transformation said the country's RE capacity has reached 30%, driven primarily by solar energy contributing over 5,000 megawatts.

Developers in 14 Quake Hotspots Must Follow Seismic Standards

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Malaysia has identified 14 earthquake "hotspots," requiring developers in these areas to ensure new buildings comply with seismic-resistant design standards set by the Department of Standards Malaysia, said Acting Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability Minister, Datuk Seri Johari Abdul Ghani.

Government to Accelerate Thailand Border Wall Construction

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The Government will accelerate the construction of a new concrete wall along the Malaysia-Thailand border to improve border control and national security, said Datuk Seri Dr Zaliha Mustafa, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department. The project will prioritise high-risk areas, particularly from Chuping to Padang Besar in Perlis, replacing the existing barbed wire fencing.

Village Projects Structured for Greater Impact

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Every rural development project is carried out in a structured manner to ensure its impact benefits the community, said Deputy Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi. As Rural and Regional Development Minister, he said the Ministry focuses not only on infrastructure development, but also on strengthening the economy and enhancing the people's well-being.

Government Committed to Helping Youths and Gig Workers Own Homes

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The Housing and Local Government Ministry has reaffirmed its commitment to helping the younger generation and gig workers achieve homeownership through various initiatives under Budget 2026. Minister of Housing and Local Government, Nga Kor Ming said the Government has increased allocations by RM10 billion for the Housing Credit Guarantee Scheme to assist 80,000 homebuyers.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Durin-Salim Stretch of Pan Borneo Highway to be Fully Upgraded in 2026

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The Durin-Salim section of the Pan Borneo Highway will be fully upgraded in 2026 with a RM231 million allocation under Budget 2026, said Works Minister, Datuk Seri Alexander Nanta Linggi. The 40.27km stretch, running from the Julau interchange to the Sibu Airport interchange, is in poor condition and the upgrading works would be implemented in phases.

Perlis Inland Port (PIP) to Start Operations November 2025

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The PIP, a domestic and cross-border cargo logistics hub, is scheduled to begin operations on November 15, 2025, said Deputy Transport Minister, Datuk Hasbi Habibollah. He added that Malaysia sent diplomatic notes to the Thailand embassy on May 25, 2025, and October 17, 2025, regarding the gazetting of PIP as an international entry point to ensure coordination with Thailand.

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