

ECONOMY

[Six States Surpass National Labour Productivity Growth in 2024](#)

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In 2024, labour productivity grew across most States, with Pahang, Johor, Kuala Lumpur, Melaka, Selangor and Sarawak recording growth rates above the national growth of 2.4%.

[Hardcore Poverty Down to 0.09% in 2025](#)

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The Government allocated nearly RM20 billion in assistance programmes for the low-income group in 2025, reducing the hardcore poverty rate to 0.09%.

GOVERNMENT

[Government Reviewing Laws to Impose Stricter Measures on Blacklisted Housing Developers](#)

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Once a project is declared abandoned, the Government will blacklist the developers and board members involved, bar them from obtaining new housing licences and freeze their Housing Development Account (HDA).

[Petaling Jaya to Approve Small Builds in 24 Hours](#)

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Starting from November 2025, the Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) will introduce a 24-hour planning approval system for small-scale developments. Under the Planning Approval within 24 Hours (PA24) initiative, the processing time will be reduced from the current 42 to 98 days to just one working day, subject to the completeness of eligible submissions.

[Johor-Singapore Special Economic Zone Action Plan Study to be Completed in 1Q2026](#)

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The Government aims to attract 50 high-impact projects to the Johor-Singapore Special Economic Zone (JS-SEZ) within the next five years and 100 projects over the next decade.

[Special Task Force to Safeguard Malay Interests in Kampung Baru and Kampung Sungai Baru](#)

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A special task force is being formed to coordinate negotiations among developers, government agencies and local community representatives in Kampung Baru and Kampung Sungai Baru. The Government is also adopting a new approach to increase Bumiputera ownership in Kampung Sungai Baru through four key interventions.

[Additional RM10 Billion Allocated to Expand SJKP](#)

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Under Budget 2026, the Government has allocated an additional RM10 billion to expand the Housing Credit Guarantee Scheme (SJKP), raising the total allocation to RM40 billion.

[Incentives to Encourage Build-Then-Sell Model to Reduce Risk of Abandoned Projects](#)

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The Government has introduced several incentives at both the Federal and State levels to encourage greater adoption of the Build-Then-Sell (BTS) concept by developers. These incentives include priority processing for planning approval and exemption from the 3% Housing Development Account (HDA) deposit.

[Government to Announce Five Housing Industry Reform Measures in November 2025](#)

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The Ministry of Housing and Local Government (KPKT) will announce five housing industry reform measures on 20 November 2025, aimed at eliminating abandoned private housing projects by 2030. The reforms form part of a comprehensive plan to strengthen governance and financial management in the housing sector and to enhance homebuyer protection.

CONSTRUCTION

[Construction Projects Worth RM143 Billion Logged as of September 2025](#)

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As of September 2025, total construction project value reached RM143 billion, involving 8,022 private sector projects worth RM109.37 billion and 4,011 government projects worth RM33.67 billion.

[CIDB and MBAM to Roll Out Construction Digital Maturity Index](#)

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The Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB), in partnership with the Master Builders Association Malaysia (MBAM), has launched the Construction Digital Maturity Index (CDMI) to assess companies' digital integration in construction projects.

INFRASTRUCTURE

[Government to Improve Rail Infrastructure to Reduce Cargo on the Road](#)

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The Government will upgrade rail infrastructure to shift freight transport from roads to rails. Key projects include extending the North Butterworth Container Terminal sidetrack, upgrading the Pasir Mas–Rantau Panjang track and enhancing the Padang Besar depot.

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