

ECONOMY

Median Monthly Wage for Formal Sector on the Rise

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The Employee Wages Statistics (Formal Sector) Report for Q2 2025 recorded an encouraging rise in median wages, which grew by 4.3% year-on-year to RM2,864 in June 2025. The report also found that the low-income bracket is shrinking, with only 10.4% of formal employees earning below RM1,700 per month in June 2025, representing a notable reduction of 12.2% compared to 2024.

Malaysia's Unemployment Steady at 3% in 3Q 2025

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Malaysia continues to record a decade-low unemployment rate of 3%, with Putrajaya registering the lowest rate at 1.4%, followed by Pahang (1.7%) and Selangor (1.8%). Employment increased across all major sectors in September 2025, with the strongest growth observed in the services sector.

Five Corridor Regions Attract RM87.56 billion in Total Investments

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Malaysia's five economic corridor regions attracted a total of RM87.56 billion in investments in the first 10 months of 2025, generating 108,243 jobs, Finance Minister II and Acting Economy Minister, Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan said. The corridors are overseen by the Iskandar Regional Development Authority, the Northern Corridor Implementation Authority, the East Coast Economic Region Development Council, the Sabah Economic Development and Investment Authority and the Regional Corridor Development Authority.

GOVERNMENT

Kuala Lumpur Project to Start at End of 2026

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The Bandar Malaysia project in Kuala Lumpur is slated to commence by late 2026, with redevelopment plans moving forward to transform the area into an integrated smart city, according to the Finance Ministry. The Ministry noted that the project's masterplan is currently being reviewed to ensure it supports the Government's vision for a sustainable, technology-focused and transit-oriented urban centre.

Guidelines for Multi-Storey Graves in Federal Territories Being Drafted

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Guidelines for implementing multi-level graves in the Federal Territories are currently being prepared, based on a study carried out by the Federal Territories Islamic Religious Department in partnership with Universiti Sains Malaysia. This initiative aims to identify new solutions to the shortage of cemetery space. Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, Datuk Seri Dr. Zaliha Mustafa said the study also examined cemetery models in Singapore, Kedah and Penang.

Malaysia's Property Sector Set for Major Digital Transformation

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Malaysia's property sector is poised for significant digital advancement as the Government speeds up the implementation of trusted digital infrastructure to improve transparency, compliance and resilience. Deputy Finance Minister, Lim Hui Ying said the Finance Ministry is reforming the property ecosystem, from valuation to financing using verified data and secure systems to boost investor confidence and protect consumers.

CONSTRUCTION

Malaysia's Construction Sector Expands 10.6% in 3Q 2025

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Malaysia's construction sector grew by 10.6% in the third quarter of 2025, with the value of work done amounting to RM45.4 billion, according to the latest data from the Department of Statistics Malaysia. Chief statistician, Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin said the growth was mainly supported by strong performance in the special trade activities (15.3%) and residential buildings (11.6%) subsectors.

Sabah Gets RM17.5 billion Boost to Construction Projects

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Sabah's essential public infrastructure is poised for a major upgrade, with the Finance Ministry announcing an allocation of RM17.5bil for the State in 2026. The Ministry said the funds will support key infrastructure initiatives, including road upgrades, enhanced telecommunication connectivity, improved hospital facilities and better electricity supply.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Long-Delayed Kempas Road Project Completed

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The RM41 million road widening project from Taman Kempas Utama to Kampung Maju Jaya has now been completed. According to Johor Works, Transportation, Infrastructure and Communications Committee chairman, Mohamad Fazli Mohamad Salleh, the project aimed at reducing traffic congestion and improving traffic flow in the area.

RM1.7 billion New Pantai Expressway 2 Extension Project to Ease Kuala Lumpur Congestion

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The RM1.7 billion New Pantai Expressway 2 project, spanning 6.4km along the main route and 15km in total including directional ramps, will connect the Pantai Dalam Toll Plaza to Jalan Istana and is expected to be completed by 2029. According to Works Minister, Datuk Seri Alexander Nanta Linggi, the project is a part of the Kuala Lumpur Traffic Master Plan 2040.

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