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ECONOMY

1,333 Abandoned Projects with Gross Development Value Totalling RM126 billion

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As of 31 October 2025, the Ministry of Housing and Local Government has revived 1,333 delayed, sick and abandoned private housing projects, covering 159,638 units worth RM126.47 billion. Deputy Minister, Datuk Aiman Athirah Sabu said the initiative aims to protect buyers from losses and restore confidence in the private housing sector.

MITI Aims to Draw More Large-Scale Green Investments

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The Investment, Trade and Industry Ministry (MITI) will intensify efforts to attract more investments to support a large-scale green transition. Deputy Minister, Liew Chin Tong said the Ministry is taking a broader approach that goes beyond incentives and tax exemptions to drive the country's green ambitions.

GOVERNMENT

Government Rejects En-Bloc Model, Urban Renewal to Rely on Owners' Consent

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The Government will not use the en-bloc sale model in urban renewal projects to prevent forced relocation and gentrification, says PLANMalaysia Deputy Director, General Saidin Lateh. Unlike practices in Singapore, Hong Kong and parts of Australia, the Urban Renewal Bill ensures owners can return to replacement units at no cost.

KPKT Emphasises Community-Oriented Development, Not Just More Homes

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The Ministry of Housing and Local Government (KPKT) stressed that new housing developments should prioritise quality of life and community-building, in line with Malaysia MADANI. Deputy Minister, Datuk Aiman Athirah Sabu said PLANMalaysia and Local Authorities are enhancing monitoring to ensure projects include green spaces, community facilities and areas that promote social interaction.

Selangor Committed to Resolving Long-Standing Strata Housing Issues

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Selangor is focusing on resolving long-standing issues in stratified housing through strata ownership, infrastructure upgrades and community development. Menteri Besar, Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari said increased funding targets holistic solutions, especially for ageing apartments and low-cost flats over 50 years old, to improve residents' comfort and well-being.

Selangor to Kick Off Urban Renewal Plan for Ageing Flats in 2027

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Selangor is planning to redevelop aging apartments and flats from the 1970s and 1980s to modernise high-density housing and curb urban decay. Menteri Besar, Amirudin Shari said the urban renewal programme will begin in 2027 with pilot projects identified by the Selangor Housing and Property Board.

PROPERTY

Other States Should Mirror Sabah's Bumiputera Quota Model to Reduce Unsold Units

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Participants at a **Real Estate and Housing Developers' Association Malaysia (REHDA) Institute** workshop suggested that other Malaysian States adopt Sabah's *Bumiputera* housing quota model, which keeps the 30% quota but allows greater flexibility in choosing units and removes the resale holding period. A Sabah representative noted that the approach benefits *Bumiputera* buyers, who can resell their units immediately rather than waiting five years.

CONSTRUCTION

Construction Workers to Get Digital ID

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The Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) has launched a new digital Construction Personnel Registration Card to modernise the management of over one million registered construction workers. Works Minister, Alexander Nanta Linggi said the app-based card replaces the manually managed "Green Card" and continues to fulfil mandatory registration requirements under the CIDB Act.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Petaling Jaya Targets 40% Public Transport Use

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Petaling Jaya City Council aims to raise public transport usage from 10% to 40% by 2045, promoting sustainable urban mobility. This effort builds on the city's first Urban Transportation Master Plan in 2015, which addressed transport challenges and encouraged transit-oriented development.

Trans-Borneo Railway: Study and Planning Underway

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The Trans-Borneo Railway project is progressing steadily, with its feasibility study coordinated by Malaysia's Ministry of Transport and supported by Sarawak's Transport Ministry. Sarawak Transport Minister, Datuk Seri Lee Kim Shin said the first interim report was presented on 30 October 2025 and the study is expected to be completed by June 2026.

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