

ECONOMY

E-Invoice Exemption Threshold Raised to RM 1 million

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Beginning in 2026, the Government will raise the e-invoice exemption threshold from RM500,000 to RM1 million to reduce the burden on small and medium enterprises, following feedback from business owners on the costs of implementing the system, Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said.

Madani Government Aims to End Hardcore Poverty in First Quarter of 2026

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The Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said Malaysia is now considered among the countries close to eradicating hardcore poverty. He noted that the nation's hardcore poverty rate has fallen to 0.09%, demonstrating the effectiveness of inclusive and comprehensive efforts to ensure no one is left behind in the country's development.

Government to Retain Sales and Services Tax (SST) Structure While Pursuing Targeted Reforms

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Deputy Finance Minister, Lim Hui Ying said the Government will maintain the SST structure while continuing efforts to enhance its efficiency and effectiveness. She noted that this approach supports the government's commitment to a targeted consumption tax, where essential goods and services commonly used by Malaysians remain largely untaxed.

GOVERNMENT

Housing Developers Urged to Reduce Parking for New Projects Near Public Transport

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Housing developers are urged to reduce the number of parking spaces in new projects located near public transport stations. Transport Minister, Anthony Loke Siew Fook said the proposal has been submitted to the Housing and Local Government Ministry, noting that the current requirement of one or two parking bays per unit is one of the factors driving up property prices.

Data Centre Drive Will Not Result in Water Tariff Hike

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The Dewan Negara was informed on December 8, 2025, that domestic water tariffs will not be increased solely to accommodate the needs of data centre development. Deputy Energy Transition and Water Transformation Minister, Akmal Nasrullah Mohd Nasir explained that the Government has decided developers will bear the full cost of upgrading electricity and water grid infrastructure required for data centres, ensuring that consumers are not burdened with additional charges.

Works Ministry Monitors, Takes Stern Action Against Contractors Over Delayed Projects

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The Works Ministry will continue to closely monitor contractors and take firm action against those responsible for project delays. According to its Minister, Datuk Seri Alexander Nanta Linggi, these delays are often caused by issues at project sites involving multiple agencies, including State Governments, Local Authorities and utility providers.

Kota Madani Putrajaya, Bandar Madani Bukit Jalil on the Right Track

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Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said the Kota Madani Putrajaya and Bandar Madani Bukit Jalil projects are progressing well and will be executed with full integration of Madani elements. Kota Madani Putrajaya is set to feature 10,000 high-intensity residential units capable of housing over 30,000 residents. Meanwhile, Bandar Madani Bukit Jalil will offer smart homes, vertical schools, 'smart mobility' and the use of renewable energy technology for residents in the capital city.

Affordable Housing Efforts Under 12th Malaysia Plan (12MP) Well Above Target

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The Federal Government has surpassed its affordable housing target of 500,000 units under the 12MP, delivering 511,544 homes, including those completed, under construction or with planning approval, reflecting strong collaboration between Federal and State Governments and private developers, says Housing and Local Government Minister, Nga Kor Ming.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Seremban Sentral Project Commences, First Phase to Be Completed in Five Years

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The Seremban Sentral project, a Transit-Oriented Development in the city centre, has begun with Phase One construction featuring a 250-bed world-class private hospital, a large lifestyle mall and an office tower exceeding 20 storeys. Transport Minister, Anthony Loke Siew Fook said this first phase, spanning 8.3 hectares, is expected to be completed within five years.

Gemas-Johor Bahru (JB) Electrified Double-Track Line Launched

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Malaysia achieved a significant milestone in National transport development with the launch of the Gemas-JB electrified double-track rail line on December 11, 2025, completing the electric train service network linking the north and south of Peninsular Malaysia and advancing efforts to improve mobility, reduce travel times and promote sustainable development in the southern region.

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