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ECONOMY

Inflation Likely to Ease on Lower November Producer Price Index (PPI)

The Star – 30 December 2025

The Statistics Department reported that the PPI fell by 1.8% in November 2025, extending the 0.1% decline recorded in October 2025. Chief statistician, Datuk Seri Mohd Uzir Mahidin said the decrease was mainly driven by a 9.7% drop in the agriculture, forestry and fishing sector, largely due to a 16.2% fall in the growing of perennial crops index.

RM323.3 million to Boost Johor's Rural Development

The Star – 31 December 2025

Johor has welcomed higher Federal funding for rural development, signalling continued commitment to enhancing infrastructure, welfare and livelihoods Statewide. State agriculture, agro-based industry and rural development committee chairman, Datuk Zahari Sarip said the State received RM323.3 million from the Rural and Regional Development Ministry for 2026, an 11% increase from 2025.

Malaysia's Broad-Based Growth in Third Quarter (3Q) Reflects Strong Cooperation

The Edge – 1 January 2026

Malaysia recorded broad-based economic growth in the 3Q 2025, supported by strong performance across all major sectors, said Deputy Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof. He attributed the improvement to close cooperation among the Government, civil service, private sector and the wider community, which helped the country navigate economic and external challenges. He noted that Gross Domestic Product grew by 5.2% in 3Q 2025, compared with 4.4% in the previous quarter.

GOVERNMENT

Penang Wants All Hands on Deck for 122 State Projects in 2026

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A total of 122 extension projects is scheduled for implementation in Penang in 2026, encompassing public infrastructure, community facilities and special economic initiatives, with smooth execution expected. Chief Minister, Chow Kon Yeow urged all State and Federal implementing departments and agencies to work in an integrated manner and share responsibility to ensure the effective delivery of high-impact projects under the 13th Malaysia Plan.

LEGAL

[**Joint Management Bodies \(JMBs\) Allowed to Charge Different Maintenance Rates**](#)

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JMBs can set different maintenance charges for parcel owners in mixed developments such as Icon City, Petaling Jaya. High Court Judge, Jamhirah Ali said her decision was based on a comprehensive review of the Strata Management Act, sale-and-purchase agreements, deeds of mutual covenants and relevant regulations.

PROPERTY

[**Selangor Smart Sewa to Include Emergency Units**](#)

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Selangor plans to strengthen its disaster preparedness by setting up dedicated emergency units in all Smart Sewa Scheme housing projects. State Housing and Culture Committee chairman, Datuk Borhan Aman Shah said a working paper is being finalised to incorporate these units into the scheme, ensuring residents affected by floods or other emergencies can access temporary shelter within their communities.

INFRASTRUCTURE

[**Keretapi Tanah Melayu Bhd \(KTMB\) to Terminate Southern Express Train Service**](#)

The Edge – 29 December 2025

KTMB will terminate its Southern Express (Ekspres Selatan) service on the Gemas–JB Sentral–Gemas route effective January 1, 2026, ending nine years of operations. In a statement, KTMB said the decision affects six services currently in operation. The move is part of a service realignment and operational optimisation in line with progress and infrastructure readiness under the Gemas–Johor Bahru Electrified Double-Tracking Project.

[**Infrastructure Upgrades to Drive Penang Development**](#)

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Upgrades to Butterworth KTM Station and Penang International Airport's air cargo terminal are expected to boost balanced development between Penang Island and Seberang Perai. State Infrastructure, Transport and Digital Committee chairman, Zairil Khir Johari said the projects complement each other by improving mobility and logistics.

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