

**ECONOMY**

**National Median Monthly Wage of Formal Employees Rises to RM2,864 in September 2025**

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Malaysia's median monthly wage for formal employees rose 4.3% year-on-year to RM2,864 in September 2025, supported by steady employment growth of 3.5%, according to Department of Statistics Malaysia. Male workers earned a higher median wage of RM2,900 compared with RM2,800 for female workers, with men making up 55.1% of the 7.06 million formal workforces.

**Malaysian Producer Prices Down 2.7% in December 2025**

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Malaysia's producer price index fell 2.7% in December 2025, following a 1.8% drop in November 2025, according to the Department of Statistics Malaysia. The agriculture, forestry and fishing sector saw the largest decline at 12.1%, driven by a 19.6% fall in the index for growing perennial crops.

**Growth Momentum to Sustain**

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Malaysia's economy grew 4.9% in 2025, higher than the official estimate of 4% to 4.8% and is expected to keep growing in 2026. Economy Minister, Akmal Nasrullah Mohd Nasir said the Government expects Gross Domestic Product Growth in 2026 to be between 4% and 4.5%. He also warned that US tariffs and global political issues could affect the economy.

**GOVERNMENT**

**Government Takes Three Key Measures to Ensure Access to Affordable Homes**

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The Government is taking three major steps to control house prices including mapping housing prices to local income levels using 2024 survey data and tightening monitoring of developments through the Housing Integrated Management System. At the same time, it is helping first-time buyers with the Housing Credit Guarantee Scheme, which offers guaranteed financing up to RM500,000, loans up to 120% of property prices and a step-up repayment plan for lower initial monthly instalments.

**Putrajaya Launches Three Digital Initiatives to Boost Smart City Agenda**

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Three major digital initiatives were launched on 29 January 2026 to reinforce Putrajaya's status as a smart and sustainable city, while advancing its digital transformation and community engagement efforts. Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, Hannah Yeoh said the initiatives include the Putrajaya Tourism Website, the Putrajaya Mobile App and the Local Agenda 21 Website.

## PROPERTY

### [Housing Aid Initiative Expanded to M40 Group](#)

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Johor has expanded its *Perumahan Kasih Johor (PKJ)* housing assistance programme to benefit more homebuyers, including those in the M40 income group, as part of broader efforts to ease the cost of living. Menteri Besar, Datuk Onn Hafiz Ghazi said the move underscores the State Government's commitment to providing Johoreans with comfortable, safe and affordable housing, which accounts for a significant share of household expenses.

### [Green Building Certifications Jump 25% As Adoption Picks Up](#)

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Certified green building developments in Malaysia increased by 25% in 2025, driven mainly by high-rise residential, logistics and industrial projects, reflecting steady growth in the adoption of sustainable building practices. GreenRE Sdn Bhd chairman, Datuk Seri FD Iskandar said more developers and contractors are recognising the benefits of green certification, while buyers also enjoy advantages such as improved financing rates.

## INFRASTRUCTURE

### [Sarawak, Sabah Launch Historic Power Grid Link to Strengthen Borneo's Energy Network](#)

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The Sarawak–Sabah Power Grid Interconnection was officially launched on 24 January 2026 by the Sarawak Premier and Sabah Chief Minister. The project features the 275kV Lawas–Mengalong transmission line as part of a 326km grid expansion, enabling Sarawak to supply up to 50MW of power to Sabah.

### [East Coast Rail Link \(ECRL\) On Track for January 2027 Launch](#)

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The Ministry of Transport is maintaining its target to begin operations of the ECRL in January 2027. Transport Minister, Anthony Loke Siew Fook said that although system testing and inspections have not yet started, the Ministry considers operational readiness, not just track construction, to be the most crucial factor before rail services can commence.

### [Malaysia Ready to Revive Rantau Panjang-Sungai Golok Rail Services](#)

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Malaysia plans to revive the railway link from Rantau Panjang to Sungai Golok, Thailand, to boost transport connections and economic ties, said Transport Minister, Anthony Loke. The project will reactivate the Rantau Panjang Corridor, including track rehabilitation between Pasir Mas and Rantau Panjang, allowing Keretapi Tanah Melayu Berhad trains to operate up to the border.

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