

## ECONOMY

### [Progressive Wage Policy \(PWP\) Benefitted Over 51,000 Workers](#)

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51,363 workers had benefitted from the PWP as at 31 December 2025. Deputy Human Resources Minister, Datuk Khairul Firdaus Akbar Khan said that of 5,910 employers who applied for the incentive, 4,025 (83.4%) implemented wage increases under PWP conditions. The largest share of claims came from wholesale and retail trade, including motor vehicle and motorcycle repair (26.7%), followed by manufacturing (15.7%), professional, scientific and technical activities (11.1%) and education (7.4%).

### [Northern Corridor Economic Region \(NCER\) Records RM78.95 billion in Realised Investments](#)

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The NCER achieved RM78.95 billion in investments and over 23,000 new jobs in 2025, Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim announced. The region also produced 4,000 skilled local talents through the NCER Technology Innovation Centre programme, as NCER plans to boost high-quality investments in 2026 and beyond.

### [Malaysia's International Reserves Climb to US\\$127.9 billion As of Mid-February 2026](#)

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Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) reported that the country's international reserves rose by US\$1 billion to US\$127.9 billion as at 13 February 2026, surpassing the previous record of US\$126.9 billion on 30 January 2026. This marks Malaysia's strongest reserves position since 2014. BNM noted that the reserves are sufficient to cover 4.7 months of imports and 0.9 times the Nation's short-term external debt.

### [Malaysia's Producer Price Index \(PPI\) Decreases 2.9% in January 2026](#)

*The Star - 26 February 2026*

Malaysia's PPI fell 2.9% year-on-year in January 2026, deepening from a 2.7% drop in December 2025, according to the Department of Statistics Malaysia. Chief Statistician, Mohd Uzir Mahidin said the decline was mainly driven by an 11.7% contraction in the mining sector, including sharp falls in crude petroleum and natural gas indices.

### [Malaysia's Data-Centre Footprint Expands as Cloud and AI Investments Deepen Across Asean](#)

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Malaysia's data-centre sector is experiencing rapid growth, driven by strong hyperscaler demand, spillover from Singapore and supportive policies. The Malaysian Investment Development Authority's latest mapping shows an expanding network of operational, under-construction and planned data centres in key digital hubs such as Cyberjaya, Kuala Lumpur, Johor, Selangor and Penang.

## GOVERNMENT

### Workshops to Move Out of Housing Areas

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Selangor is directing automotive workshops to move from residential areas to designated light industrial zones to reduce congestion, pollution and misuse of public parking. State Local Government and Tourism Committee chairman, Datuk Ng Suee Lim said most Local Authorities have agreed to allocate specific areas for these businesses. Existing workshops will receive reminders to relocate, while new approvals will only be granted in industrial zones.

### Roads on Government Land Not Allowed to be Sold, Transferred to Private Sector

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Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability, Syed Ibrahim Syed Noh has affirmed that roads built on Government-owned land, particularly main roads, are strategic National assets and cannot be sold or transferred to the private sector. Private companies may only be involved in road management or maintenance through concession agreements, without affecting Government ownership or public-road status.

### Government to Amend Act 333 to Deal with Abandoned Vehicles in Strata Housing

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The Government plans to amend the Road Transport Act 1987 to widen enforcement powers for Local Councils to address abandoned vehicles in strata housing areas. Deputy Housing and Local Government Minister, Aiman Athirah Sabu said the move is needed because Authorities currently cannot act in private strata properties without requests or cooperation from management bodies.

## INFRASTRUCTURE

### Light Rail Transit 3 (LRT3) Set to Operate from June 2026

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Transport Minister, Anthony Loke said that the delayed LRT3 line, also known as the Shah Alam line, is expected to be operational by June 2026. Trials are ongoing to ensure smooth operations; 14 of 22 train sets have completed testing, while the remaining eight face unresolved technical issues. The line, stretching from Bandar Utama in Petaling Jaya to Johan Setia in Klang, is projected to serve about 67,000 commuters daily.

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