

ECONOMY

[Government Outlines Three Key Measures to Boost *Bumiputera* Economic Resilience](#)

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The Government has outlined three key measures to strengthen *Bumiputera* economic resilience amid global uncertainties arising from the prolonged West Asia conflict. Deputy Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said the approach focuses on firmer, faster and more targeted action through immediate assessments, high-impact interventions and accountable implementation.

[Bank Negara Malaysia \(BNM\) Tasked with Aiding Companies Hit by Energy Crisis](#)

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The National Economic Action Council has reviewed measures to diversify fuel input sources, strengthen strategic partnerships with key trading partners and safeguard production inputs amid the global energy crisis. Economy Minister, Akmal Nasrullah Mohd Nasir said the Government is prioritising the resilience of the nation's supply. BNM has been directed to provide financing support to affected firms.

[Malaysia's 2026 Industrial Output Growth Slows to Its Lowest Since June 2025](#)

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Malaysia's industrial output growth slowed in February 2026 to its lowest level since June 2025, mainly due to contractions in the manufacturing and electricity sectors. The industrial production index, which tracks output from factories, mines and power plants, rose 3.1% year-on-year, below expectations, according to the Department of Statistics Malaysia.

GOVERNMENT

[Ministry of Housing and Local Government \(KPKT\) Projects to Continue Amid Energy Crisis](#)

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Projects under the KPKT will not be postponed despite the global energy crisis, said Housing and Local Government Minister, Nga Kor Ming. He noted that none of the Ministry's projects have been deferred, as they are primarily people-centric and not large-scale mega developments. He added that initiatives such as the People's Residency Project will continue as planned.

[Penang to Conduct Legalisation for People's Housing Projects \(PPR\) and State Rental Homes](#)

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The Penang Government will implement a legalisation programme for PPR and State Rental Homes, which have accumulated rental arrears exceeding RM2 million. State Housing and Environment Committee chairman, Datuk Seri S Sundarajoo said the initiative aims to ensure that only eligible residents continue to benefit from low-cost housing.

[Penang Launches RTPSI 2050, Malaysia's First Local Plan for Greenfield Development](#)

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Penang has launched its Publicity and Public Participation Programme for the Draft Penang Silicon Island Local Plan (RTPSI) 2050, designed for a greenfield or fully reclaimed development. Chief Minister, Chow Kon Yeow said the plan is Malaysia's first local plan to integrate Geographic Information Systems and Building Information Modelling.

[Logistics Costs and Insurance Premiums Push Oil Prices Up](#)

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Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said the rise in oil prices following the West Asian conflict is not only due to supply shortages, but also higher risk premiums and logistics costs. He added that while key supply routes remain operational and shipments to Malaysia are unaffected, overall costs have increased significantly due to higher insurance and transportation expenses.

PROPERTY

[80,000 to Own First Homes Through Housing Credit Guarantee Scheme \(SJKP\)](#)

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About 80,000 individuals have benefited from the SJKP as of April 2026, helping more Malaysians own their first homes, with a target of reaching 100,000 beneficiaries by the end of 2026. Housing and Local Government Minister, Nga Kor Ming said the Government has allocated and guaranteed a total of RM40 billion for the initiative.

CONSTRUCTION

[Government Studies Measures as Construction Costs Rise](#)

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Federal Government is reviewing proposals to address rising construction material costs amid Middle East tensions, said Deputy Works Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Maslan. He noted that feedback from contractor associations highlighted increasing material prices, driven mainly by higher transportation costs despite sufficient supply.

INFRASTRUCTURE

[Malaysia–Thailand Railway Extension Project to Strengthen Bilateral Trade](#)

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The railway service extension project from Rantau Panjang, Pasir Mas, Kelantan in Malaysia to Sungai Golok, Narathiwat, Thailand is set to strengthen the transport sector and bilateral trade between the two Countries. Malaysian Ambassador to Thailand, Datuk Wan Zaidi Wan Abdullah, stated that the project is expected to strengthen supply chains and facilitate the movement of goods.

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