

GOVERNMENT

**Government Committed to Identifying Green Areas in Kuala Lumpur Every Month**

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The government will continue monthly identification and gazettelement of green and open spaces in Kuala Lumpur to safeguard public areas. This effort is led by a Special Task Force on the Declaration of Open and Green Spaces under the Federal Territory Department. To date, 45 additional sites (27.76 hectares) have been gazetted, bringing the total to 539 protected locations.

**CIDB, DOSM Assess Impact of Rising Building Costs**

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The Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) is working with the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) to assess the real impact of rising building material costs, linked partly to the West Asia conflict, using data-driven inflation analysis. Preliminary findings indicate that cost pressures vary by project type, with road construction and maintenance more affected than building projects, largely due to increased diesel costs impacting heavy machinery operations.

**KPKT Expects Over 400 Low-Carbon Energy-Saving Projects to be Ready by End-2026**

*The Edge – 14 April 2026*

The Ministry of Housing and Local Government (KPKT), through the Department of Local Government, targets over 400 low-carbon projects by the end of 2026, with a baseline of more than 200 projects annually to support energy efficiency and sustainability goals. To date, key initiatives include 131 solar lamp installation projects involving 1,992 lamp units with a total value of RM15.34 million and 136 LED lighting projects involving 4,513 light units with a total value of RM22.39 million.

**First Phase of Penang Air Cargo Warehouse Expected to be Completed in 2029**

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The Penang International Logistics Aeropark (PILA) project has commenced earthworks and soil treatment, following approval of its master plan. The first phase of the free commercial zone-class air cargo warehouse is targeted for completion by 2029. Upon full development, PILA is expected to support up to 500,000 tonnes of cargo annually by 2050, with over 2 million sq ft of warehouse space, strengthening Penang's logistics and air cargo capacity.

**KPKT Assures Housing Projects Nationwide will be Completed on Schedule**

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The Ministry of Housing and Local Government (KPKT) has assured that housing projects nationwide will proceed on schedule, despite pressures from the global energy crisis linked to the West Asia conflict. To support delivery, KPKT has instructed the National Housing Department to ease requirements and enhance facilitation, particularly for affordable housing projects.

## [Variation of Price Proposal for Construction Materials to be Tabled](#)

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The Ministry of Works is preparing to propose activation of the Variation of Price (VOP) clause for construction materials to the Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Economy, in response to cost pressures from the global energy crisis. Contractors have reported construction material cost increases of 20% to 30%, though the impact will be further assessed using data from the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) to ensure accurate, evidence-based evaluation before any decision is made.

### PROPERTY

## [GreenRE Surpasses 500 Million Square Feet of Certified Green Building Space](#)

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**GreenRE Sdn Bhd** has surpassed 500 million sq ft of certified green building space by gross floor area as of March 2026, with certified projects spanning both Malaysia and international markets. GreenRE also continues to enhance its building rating tools to align with evolving regulatory requirements and industry expectations.

## [TTDI Residents Launch Petition for Buffer Zone Next to Bukit Kiara Federal Park](#)

*The Edge – 14 April 2026*

The TTDI Residents Association (RA) and Friends of Bukit Kiara (FoBK) have launched a two-week public petition opposing proposed developments near Taman Persekutuan Bukit Kiara, citing concerns over biodiversity loss and increased traffic congestion. The groups are calling for a 350–500 metre protection buffer zone around the park and the permanent closure of the Kuala Lumpur Golf and Country Club (KLGCC) back access road.

### INFRASTRUCTURE

## [Early Stage Land Acquisition Underway for Penang's Mutiara Line LRT](#)

*The Edge – 10 April 2026*

The Mutiara Line LRT project in Penang is progressing steadily, with land acquisition for Segments 1 and 2 underway. For Segment 1 (Permatang Damar Laut–Macallum), most land processes and compensation payments have been completed, with site handovers expected by June 2026. A total of 38 private land lots have been identified for the land acquisition process under Segment 2 (Macallum–Penang Sentral).

## [Juru–Sungai Dua Traffic Dispersal Project First Phase Ready by End of 2027](#)

*The Star – 16 April 2026*

The Juru–Sungai Dua Toll Plaza Traffic Dispersal Project is progressing ahead of schedule, with Phase 1 works currently on track. Subsequent phases (Packages 2–5) are expected to commence in Q3 2026, subject to finalisation of technical details.

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