

ECONOMY

[Inflation Expected to Remain Between 1.5% and 2.5% in 2026](#)

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The Economy Ministry expects Malaysia's inflation rate to stay manageable at between 1.5% and 2.5% in 2026, despite ongoing pressures from the global energy supply crisis and geopolitical uncertainties. Economy Minister, Akmal Nasrullah Mohd Nasir said the Government remains committed to preventing inflation from causing significant shocks to the economy or sharply increasing the people's cost of living, even as price pressures are likely to persist.

[Malaysia's Total Trade Hits RM3.1 trillion in 2025](#)

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Malaysia's total trade reached RM3.1 trillion in 2025, comprising RM1.6 trillion in exports and RM1.5 trillion in imports, according to the Department of Statistics Malaysia. Penang remained the country's top exporting State, contributing 38.1% of total exports, followed by Johor (19.8%), Selangor (17.0%), Sarawak (6.4%) and Kuala Lumpur (3.7%).

[Rise in Cost of Building Materials Still Under Control](#)

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The rise in construction material costs caused by the global energy crisis and ongoing supply chain disruptions remains under control. Works Minister, Dato Sri Alexander Nanta Linggi said contractors are currently able to manage the higher costs and proceed with their projects without experiencing delays.

GOVERNMENT

[Unauthorised Buildings Cannot Receive Water, Electricity Supply](#)

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Buildings constructed without the necessary planning approvals are considered illegal and will not be eligible for water or electricity connections. Housing and Local Government Minister, Nga Kor Ming said the measure is intended to curb the growth of unlawful settlements, including those associated with foreign communities such as the Rohingya.

[DBKL Opens Applications for Kuala Lumpur Local Plan 2040 Amendments](#)

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Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) has invited registered landowners, developers and members of the public to submit proposals for amendments to the Kuala Lumpur Local Plan 2040 (PTKL2040), the Capital's primary planning and development framework currently in force. Kuala Lumpur mayor, Datuk Seri TPr Fadlun Mak Ujud said interested parties are required to submit a letter of intent to DBKL's City Planning Department by 5 PM on 10 July 2026.

[Malaysia Keen to Strengthen Cooperation in Housing Development with Singapore](#)

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Malaysia is looking to deepen collaboration with Singapore in housing development through initiatives focused on talent exchange and knowledge sharing, according to Housing and Local Government Minister, Nga Kor Ming. He said stronger bilateral cooperation would enable Malaysia to draw valuable lessons from Singapore's successful public housing models, helping to improve the planning and implementation of its own housing projects.

[Selangor Studies Land Issue on Third Terminal in Port Klang](#)

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The Selangor State Government is in the final stages of resolving land-related matters as part of the first phase of the Port Klang Third Terminal development on Carey Island. Transport Minister, Anthony Loke said the initiative is currently being reviewed by the Transport Ministry, the Selangor Government and private-sector stakeholders under a concession-based development model.

PROPERTY

[Highland Towers to Be Demolished Before 2026 End](#)

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The abandoned blocks of the Highland Towers condominium in Hulu Kelang are set to be demolished before the end of 2026 following a Magistrates' Court ruling that granted the Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ) permission to proceed with the demolition.

INFRASTRUCTURE

[Light Rail Transit 3 \(LRT3\) Line to Begin Operations End-June 2026](#)

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The LRT3 line, which will connect Shah Alam with surrounding areas in Selangor, is scheduled to commence operations by the end of June, according to Transport Minister, Anthony Loke. The exact launch date is expected to be announced within the next two weeks, as the project enters its final phase of trial operations.

[Johor's Elevated Autonomous Rapid Transit to Be Developed Via Public-Private Partnership](#)

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The proposed Elevated Autonomous Rapid Transit (E-ART) project will be implemented through a public-private partnership (PPP) model under the oversight of the Public Private Partnership Unit (Ukas). Transport Minister, Anthony Loke said the project will not be awarded through the Ministry of Transport's conventional tender procurement process. Instead, it will proceed under a Cabinet-approved PPP framework, with Ukas tasked with evaluating, coordinating and overseeing its implementation.

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