

GOVERNMENT

Dewan Rakyat Passes Statistics Bill 2026 to Modernise Data Ecosystem

The Edge – 16 July 2026

The Dewan Rakyat passed the Statistics Bill 2026 to replace the Statistics Act 1965, aiming to establish a modern legal framework for Malaysia's data and statistics ecosystem. The new legislation is expected to improve the accuracy, coordination and integration of official statistics across social, economic and environmental sectors.

Government to Prioritise Local Worker Employment, Study Need of Foreign Workers

The Edge – 14 July 2026

The Government will continue to review the need for foreign workers while prioritising job opportunities for Malaysians. The labour shortages in certain sectors will continue to be addressed, alongside stricter enforcement against illegal employment and tighter requirements for foreign professionals.

70% of Public Universities and Polytechnics Students to be Housed on Campus by 2035

The Star – 13 July 2026

The Higher Education Ministry aims to provide residential college facilities for 70% of full-time undergraduate students at public universities and polytechnics by 2035 under the Residential College Facilities Policy (IPTA). The Government will upgrade hostels and implement 36 PPP residential college projects, 15 of which are completed.

Penang Targets October to Gazette Seberang Perai 2030 Local Land-Use Plan

The Edge – 13 July 2026

Penang is expected to gazette the Seberang Perai Local Plan 2030 by October 2026, which will serve as the statutory framework for future land-use planning and development decisions. The plan aims to promote orderly development, optimise land use and introduce a more structured process for rezoning applications.

Government Approves Pasir Puteh Projects to Support East Coast Rail Link (ECRL) Development

The Edge – 13 July 2026

The Government has approved 46 projects worth RM207.2 million in Pasir Puteh, Kelantan, including infrastructure development surrounding the ECRL station to support downstream industries and logistics activities. The initiative aims to attract investment, create jobs and strengthen regional economic growth.

PROPERTY

[REHDA Institute Calls for Updated Housing Policies to Reflect Changing Market Needs](#)

The Edge – 14 July 2026

REHDA Institute has proposed a new housing framework which advocates for housing quotas and policy requirements to be regularly reviewed based on actual market demand and local housing conditions. Its latest publication *Housing for All: Co-Creating A Needs-Driven Framework* is scheduled to be officially launched on 28 July 2026.

LEGAL

[Four House Owners Lose Bid for Extra Late Damages after Signing Settlement](#)

The Edge – 16 July 2026

The Court of Appeal ruled in favour of Ekovest Capital Sdn Bhd, overturning a High Court decision that awarded additional Liquidated Ascertained Damages (LAD) to four purchasers of the EkoCheras project. The court held that the buyers had waived their rights to further claims when signing settlement letters.

INFRASTRUCTURE

[Special Economic Zone, RTS Link to Align Singapore's Economic Interests with Malaysia](#)

The Edge – 16 July 2026

Singapore President Tharman Shanmugaratnam said the Johor-Singapore Special Economic Zone (JS-SEZ) and the Johor Bahru-Singapore RTS Link will strengthen economic cooperation between Malaysia and Singapore by enhancing connectivity and attracting industries and talent. The RTS Link is expected to begin operations in January 2027.

[Ayer Itam-Tun Dr Lim Chong Eu Expressway Bypass Project 91.8% Complete](#)

The Edge – 16 July 2026

Penang Infrastructure, Transport and Digital Committee Chairman Zairil Khir Johari said the Package 2 Ayer Itam–Tun Dr Lim Chong Eu Expressway bypass project has reached 91.8% completion as of 15 June 2026, with the remaining Bridge 4 beam works scheduled for 27–29 July 2026.

[LaLaport Transportation Hub to Serve Up to 10,000 Passengers Daily](#)

The Edge – 16 July 2026

The LaLaport Transportation Hub (LTH) was officially launched as a new integrated transport terminal in Kuala Lumpur city centre. The hub, located beside the Hang Tuah LRT and monorail interchange, is expected to serve up to 10,000 passengers daily and improve connectivity between rail, buses, e-hailing, taxis and airport shuttle services.

RI - Weekly News is published by REHDA Institute

Wisma REHDA, First Floor, No 2C, Jalan SS5D/6, Kelana Jaya, 47301

Petaling Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan, Malaysia.

Tel: (603) 7803 6006

Fax: (603) 7880 3823

Website: www.rehdainstitute.com

Email: inquiry@rehdainstitute.com

 REHDA Institute (Official)

 REHDA Institute

 REHDA INSTITUTE

 REHDA Institute