

ECONOMY

Malaysia's Economic Performance to Remain Strong in 2H 2026

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The Government expects Malaysia's economic performance to remain strong in the second half of 2026, said Minister of Economy, Akmal Nasrullah Mohd Nasir. He said Government measures to ensure a stable oil supply through year-end will help sustain economic momentum, adding that Malaysia recorded 5.6% economic growth in 1H 2026 while Bank Negara Malaysia projects growth of 4.0% to 5.0% for 2026.

Free Industrial Zone Exports (FIZs) Reach RM106.7 billion in 1H 2026

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Malaysia's FIZs recorded exports worth RM106.7 billion in the first half of 2026, reflecting continued strong growth. The Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry (MITI) said exports through FIZs increased by 9.3% in 2025 to RM172.3 billion. MITI added that free zones have continued to be a key catalyst for investment growth, exports and the creation of quality employment opportunities in Malaysia.

Exploring the Silver Economy's Potential

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Malaysia is positioning itself to tap into the growing silver economy as its ageing population accelerates, said Women, Family and Community Development Minister, Nancy Shukri. She said the Silver Economy Forum 2026 supports the Malaysia Care Strategic Framework and Action Plan 2026–2030 and the MADANI Government's aspiration to strengthen the economy through healthy ageing.

GOVERNMENT

RM160.8 million Approved for 92 Mosque Construction Projects Under MADANI Government

Bernama – 3 August 2026

The Government has approved RM160.8 million for 92 mosque construction projects nationwide from 2023 to June 2026, with 54 projects completed and 16 under construction. Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Religious Affairs), Senator Marhamah binti Rosli said the remaining 22 projects are at the pre-implementation stage or undergoing the procurement process.

Johor Approves RM1.5 million to Drive Mersing's Development

Bernama – 4 August 2026

The State Government has allocated RM1.5 million for infrastructure, sports, healthcare and public utility projects in Mersing. Menteri Besar, Datuk Onn Hafiz Ghazi said the State will replicate Johor Bahru's development model in Mersing to strengthen the State's economy and create more employment opportunities, particularly for young people.

LEGAL

[Residential Tenancy Bill Being Finalised to Balance Rights of Tenants and Landlords](#)

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The Housing and Local Government Ministry is finalising the Residential Tenancy Bill to balance the rights and protections of tenants and landlords. Deputy Housing and Local Government Minister, Datuk Aiman Athirah Sabu said the proposed law aims to establish a fairer rental market by providing a quicker, easier and more affordable mechanism to resolve disputes. She added that the initiative provides financing guarantees of up to RM500,000 for first-time buyers.

PROPERTY

[Penang to Assess Heritage Building Safety](#)

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The State Government will assess the structural safety of heritage buildings across Penang following the Armenian Street incident. State Local Government and Town and Country Planning Committee chairman, Jason H'ng Mooi Lye said an independent engineer will be appointed to identify unsafe or at-risk heritage buildings, after which the Penang Island City Council may require owners to carry out the necessary restoration works.

INFRASTRUCTURE

[RM34.1 million Allocated for Solar Lights at 362 Locations](#)

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The Government has allocated RM34.1 million in 2026 for the installation of solar-powered light-emitting diode streetlights at 362 selected locations on Federal roads nationwide, said Works Minister, Alexander Nanta Linggi. He said solar lights are suitable for areas far from the electricity grid, locations prone to cable theft or vandalism, as well as village and interior roads.

[Keretapi Tanah Melayu Berhad \(KTMB\) Expands Southern Shuttle Rail Service to Paloh](#)

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KTMB is extending its Southern Shuttle rail service to cover the Paloh–JB Sentral route effective 8 August 2026. The expansion introduces a direct rail link traversing central Johor, connecting seven stations including Paloh, Kluang, Renggam, Layang-Layang, Kulai, Kempas Baru and JB Sentral. The full journey from Paloh to JB Sentral would take approximately 120 minutes.

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