

GOVERNMENT

UDA Identifies Up to Five Assets for Renewal, Citing Chinatown 1974 as Model

The Edge – 25 September 2026

UDA Holdings Bhd has identified four to five ageing assets nationwide for renewal and reactivation, using the revitalisation of the over 40-year-old Tunas Utama building in Jalan Petaling as a model. Previously vacant for about five years, the building has been repositioned as Chinatown 1974, housing eight businesses across the food and beverage, wellness and hospitality sectors.

MM2H-Linked Property Purchases Exceed RM5 Billion in 23 Months

The Edge – 28 September 2026

Property purchases under the Malaysia My Second Home (MM2H) programme exceeded RM5 billion between October 2024 and August 2026, forming the largest share of the programme's reported RM8.85 billion economic contribution. Over the same period, MM2H received 7,650 new applications, led by applicants from China, Taiwan and Hong Kong. Fixed deposits totalled RM3.82 billion, although figures on approvals, actual property transactions and purchases by location or nationality were not disclosed.

BNM Considers Greater Risk-Taking in Energy Shift

The Star – 30 September 2026

Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) is reviewing regulatory and supervisory measures that could give financial institutions greater flexibility to take on higher risks responsibly in financing Malaysia's energy transition. Governor Datuk Seri Abdul Rasheed Ghaffour said the main challenge was not the availability of capital but effectively channelling funds into viable and scalable green projects, particularly early-stage initiatives facing perceived commercial risks. BNM is exploring better project structuring, early engagement and risk-sharing mechanisms to help expand the pipeline of financeable green energy projects.

LEGAL

Court Faults Planning, Flood-Control Failures in Taman Sri Muda Losses

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The Shah Alam High Court found the Federal Government and several public authorities liable for losses suffered by 50 Taman Sri Muda residents during the December 2021 floods, ruling that planning negligence and failures in flood-control operations materially contributed to the damage. The court cited Shah Alam City Council's (MBSA) reliance on an outdated development plan without adequate assessment of current flood risks, as well as shortcomings by the Selangor Department of Irrigation and Drainage (JPS) in managing and operating flood-control infrastructure, including pumping facilities. Liability was fixed at 100% jointly and severally, while damages will be assessed separately.

PROPERTY

[Students, Employers Divided over Graduate Workplace Readiness — REHDA Institute Survey](#)

The Edge – 26 September 2026

A **REHDA Institute** Youth Initiative (RIYI) 2026 survey found a notable gap between students' expectations and employers' views on graduate workplace readiness. While 41.6% of students believed fresh graduates could begin adding commercial value within one to three months, only 2.9% of employers agreed. The survey also found that 62% of students felt adequately prepared by their universities, compared with 32.3% of employers. AI is expected to further reshape entry-level employment, with half of employers surveyed anticipating fewer entry-level hires over the next three years, despite 76.4% of students already using AI tools regularly.

WORLD

[China Offers Mortgage Subsidies to Boost Ailing Property Sector](#)

The Edge – 29 September 2026

China will introduce nationwide mortgage interest subsidies for first-time homebuyers as part of efforts to support its prolonged property downturn. Eligible buyers of houses up to 120 square meters and priced at no more than 1.5 million yuan will receive subsidies equivalent to an annualised one percentage point of the mortgage principal. The measure comes as falling home prices continue to weigh on investment, consumption and broader economic growth.

[UK Mortgage Approvals Fall to 32-Month Low as Loan Costs Bite](#)

The Edge – 29 September 2026

UK mortgage approvals fell for a second consecutive month in August 2026 to 54,918, the lowest since December 2023, as higher borrowing costs weakened homebuyer demand. Mortgage rates nearing 6%, alongside uncertainty over possible property tax increases, are adding pressure to the housing market. Surveyors expect house prices to decline over the next three months, with London particularly weak and average prices already around £20,000 below their mid-2025 peak.

[Singapore Home Prices Accelerate Despite Slowdown in Sales](#)

The Edge – 1 October 2026

Singapore private home prices rose 1.4% in the third quarter of 2026, the fastest pace since 2024, accelerating from 0.5% in the previous quarter, based on the preliminary estimates released by the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA). The increase came despite a sharp slowdown in market activity, with transactions through mid-September down about 30% quarter-on-quarter amid fewer major new project launches.

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