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GOVERNMENT

Bandar Madani Bukit Jalil to be Developed in Phases Over 15 Years
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The proposed Bandar Madani Bukit Jalil township will be developed in phases over 15 years to ensure that infrastructure provision and road capacity keep pace with development, Housing and Local Government Minister Nga Kor Ming said.

KPKT Moves to Standardise Short-Term Rental Accommodation Regulations Nationwide
The Edge – 26 October 2026

The Ministry of Housing and Local Government (KPKT), through PLANMalaysia and in collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture, State Governments and Local Authorities, is finalising nationwide planning guidelines for short-term rental accommodation (STRA).

Data Centres to be Required to Source At Least 30% Renewable Energy
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The Government has approved a requirement for data centres to obtain at least 30% of their energy from renewable sources, based on their total capacity or energy consumption. The Energy Commission is developing the relevant framework and guidelines, while data centre operators are encouraged to generate their own electricity through solar power.

88 Local Authorities Recognised Under Malaysia Smart City Rating Since 2023
The Edge – 28 October 2026

A total of 88 Local Authorities nationwide have received recognition under the Malaysia Smart City Rating since its introduction in 2023, while eight private townships qualified for the separate Smart Township Rating in 2026.

States Without Sufficient Water Supply Cannot Host Data Centres
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States with insufficient water supply will not be permitted to host data centres, even where suitable land is available, as the Government strengthens approval requirements for new projects.

Anwar Backs GLICs Involvement in Housing, Calls for Tighter Governance
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Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has defended the involvement of Government-linked investment companies (GLICs) in civil servant housing and student accommodation, saying such investments can address public needs while generating commercial returns.

Malaysia Pushes Data Centre Self-Generation as Johor and Selangor Power Needs Grow
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The Government is developing guidelines requiring data centres to generate more of their own electricity to ease pressure on the national grid, particularly as demand continues to rise in Johor and Selangor.

Strata Managers Cannot Completely Deny Defaulters Access to Their Units
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Joint Management Bodies (JMBs) and Management Corporations (MCs) cannot completely deny parcel owners access to their units despite outstanding maintenance charges, Housing and Local Government Minister Nga Kor Ming said. Citing a Court of Appeal ruling on 26 October 2026, he clarified that management bodies may deactivate access cards and restrict the use of common facilities but must provide reasonable and safe alternative access to individual units.

LEGAL

Ampang Jaya Residents Granted Leave to Challenge Local Plan 2035
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The High Court has granted 12 Ampang Jaya residents leave to initiate judicial review proceedings challenging the Ampang Jaya Municipal Council Local Plan 2035 (RT MPAJ 2035).

Kuala Lumpur Residents' Group Challenges Land Acquisition Act 1960
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The Kuala Lumpur Residents Action for Sustainable Development Association (KLRA+SD) has filed a constitutional challenge at the Kuala Lumpur High Court against provisions of the Land Acquisition Act 1960 (Act 486).

INFRASTRUCTURE

East Coast Expressway Phase 3 to be Implemented via Public-Private Partnership
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The 122km East Coast Expressway Phase 3 (LPT3), connecting Kampung Gemuruh in Terengganu to Tunjong in Kelantan, will be implemented through a public-private partnership (PPP) via a competitive bidding process or request for proposal (RFP), with the successful bidder bearing the full development cost.

WCE Proposed to be Extended from Banting to Masjid Tanah
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The Government is considering extending the West Coast Expressway (WCE) from Banting, Selangor, to Masjid Tanah, Melaka, with a further proposed extension towards Batu Pahat and Pontian in Johor.