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ECONOMY

MITI Imposes Anti-Dumping Duties on Flat-Rolled Imports from China, Taiwan, Vietnam
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The Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry (MITI) imposed provisional anti-dumping duties ranging from 4.41% to 35.06% on imports of certain flat-rolled steel products from China, Taiwan and Vietnam. The duties will remain in effect for up to 120 days while the investigation continues. The measures cover selected alloy and non-alloy steel products plated or coated with aluminium and zinc. A final determination is expected by 6 March 2027.

Malaysia's Industrial Output Rises More Than Expected at 6.3% in September 2026
The Edge – 10 November 2026

Malaysia's Industrial Production Index (IPI) increased by 6.3% year-on-year in September 2026, accelerating from 5.0% in August 2026. Manufacturing output recorded a growth of 9.4%, while electricity generation rose by 10.7%. In contrast, mining output declined by 9.4%. For the first nine months of 2026, industrial production grew by 5.7% compared with the corresponding period in 2025.

Malaysia's September 2026 Unemployment Holds Steady as Job Market Grows
The Edge – 11 November 2026

Malaysia's unemployment rate remained stable at 2.9% in September 2026, reflecting continued resilience in the domestic labour market. The number of employed persons increased to 16.89 million, while the labour force expanded to 17.40 million. The labour force participation rate remained unchanged at 71%, while youth unemployment stood at 10.1%. These figures indicate continued employment growth alongside a stable overall unemployment rate.

Malaysia's Labour Demand Rises 1.6% to 9.31 million Jobs in Q3 2026
The Star – 12 November 2026

Malaysia's labour demand increased by 1.6% year-on-year to 9.31 million jobs in the third quarter of 2026. A total of 9.11 million positions were filled, representing 97.9% of available jobs, while 196,700 vacancies remained unfilled. The services sector accounted for the largest share of filled positions at 53.3%, followed by manufacturing at 26.8% and construction at 13.7%.

PROPERTY

Housing Loan Approval Ratio Falls Below 40% for First Time Since 2021
The Edge – 6 November 2026

Malaysia's residential property loan approval ratio declined to 39.1% in the first half of 2026, falling below 40% for the first time since 2021. Residential loan applications increased by 2.6% year-on-year to RM231.03 billion, while approved financing declined by 1.2% to RM90.35 billion. The figures indicate tighter housing loan approval conditions despite an increase in financing applications. This may present additional challenges for prospective homebuyers seeking mortgage financing.

KPKT Turns to Shared Data to Tackle Housing Mismatch
The Edge – 12 November 2026

The Ministry of Housing and Local Government (KPKT) is developing an integrated housing data repository under the 13th Malaysia Plan to improve coordination between housing supply and local demand. The platform will consolidate information on housing supply, affordability, household income, property prices and unsold units.

CONSTRUCTION

Building Cost Index with Steel Bars Eases in Peninsular Malaysia in October 2026 - DOSM
The Edge – 10 November 2026

The Building Cost Index (BCI) with steel bars decreased by between 0.1% and 3.8% across building categories and regions in Peninsular Malaysia in October 2026. Meanwhile, the unit price index for sand increased by between 0.3% and 1.8%, while cement prices recorded a smaller increase of 0.1% to 0.4%. The average price of steel declined by 3% to RM3,327.30 per tonne. These movements reflect varying cost trends among key construction materials.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Ministry Hands Over RM5.9 million Coastal Protection Projects to Melaka
The Star – 6 November 2026

Two coastal protection projects worth RM5.9 million in Melaka were completed and handed over to the State Government to strengthen protection against coastal erosion and flooding. The projects involved upgrading coastal embankments at Tanjung Bidara in Alor Gajah and Taman Alai Perdana in Melaka Tengah. The 510-metre coastal protection structure at Taman Alai Perdana is designed to reduce flooding and erosion risks affecting approximately 200 houses.

DBKL Ramps up Flood Mitigation Works
The Star – 11 November 2026

Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) is carrying out drainage and river improvement works in flood-prone areas to strengthen the city's flood management infrastructure. The works include installing pumps along Sungai Keroh near Masjid Amaniah in Kepong and upgrading drainage channels along Jalan Klang Lama. These measures form part of efforts to address 14 identified flood hotspots in Kuala Lumpur.

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