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Tiada kerusi tambahan untuk PAN

» **PKR Pulau Pinang tidak bercadang mengurangkan kuota ahli PBT**

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PKR Pulau Pinang tidak bercadang mengurangkan kuota ahli majlis pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) di negeri ini, hanya semata-mata bagi memberi laluan kepada wakil Parti Amanah Negara (PAN).

Pengerusinya, Datuk Mansor Othman, berkata setakat ini pihaknya tidak menerima sebarang arahan daripada kepimpinan tertinggi parti berhubung pembahagian kerusi ahli majlis di negeri ini.

"Tidak ada (arahan), PKR negeri tidak akan mengalah atau memberi laluan kepada PAN untuk memperoleh lebih banyak kerusi ahli majlis.

Pembahagian ahli PBT dianggap memadai

"Bagi saya, jumlah kerusi ahli majlis kepada PAN yang sudah diperuntukkan kerajaan negeri ketika ini, adalah lebih daripada memadai," katanya ketika dibuang BH semalam.

Beliau diminta mengulas kelebihan agihan kerusi Ahli Majlis di Selangor, yang menyaksikan PAS



PKR negeri tidak akan mengalah atau memberi laluan kepada PAN"

Mansor Othman,
Pengerusi PKR Pulau Pinang

tidak mengiktiraf PAN dalam pentadbiran kerajaan tempatan.

PAN tuntut 24 kerusi PBT

Sebelum ini, PAN menuntut 24 tempat dalam pembahagian kerusi PBT di negeri itu, namun hanya diberi lapan kerusi oleh Menteri Besar Selangor, Datuk Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali.

Sementara itu, Pengerusi PAN Pulau Pinang, Datuk Dr Mujahid Yusof Rawi, berkata PAN negeri tidak akan membuat sebarang tuntutan bagi menambah wakilnya dalam pentadbiran kerajaan tempatan.

Ketika ini, PAN Pulau Pinang diberi empat kuota sebagai ahli majlis, yang diisi bagi menggantikan wakil PAS.

Di Shah Alam, Pengarah Komunikasi PAN, Khalid Samad, berkata pemberian kerusi ahli

majlis PBT Selangor seharusnya datang daripada peruntukan jawatan itu yang diberikan kepada PAS, berdasarkan kepada perikiran sebelum ini.

Sebelum ini, PAS menguasai 15 kerusi DUN, namun kini menjadi 13 selepas dua ADUN parti itu menyertai PAN.

"Kami berterima kasih kepada PKR dan DAP yang masing-masing melepaskan dua kerusi ahli majlis untuk diberikan kepada PAN.

"Sepatutnya kena ambil daripada peruntukan diberikan kepada PAS," katanya pada sidang media di pejabatnya di sini, semalam.

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Pas sepatutnya beri kerusi kepada PAN

SHAH ALAM 8 Jan. - PKR dan DAP tidak sepatutnya mengorbankan kerusi ahli majlis pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) untuk memberikan laluan kepada PAN sebaiknya Pas yang seharusnya berbuat demikian.

Demikian ditegaskan oleh Pengarah Komunikasi PAN, Khalid Abdul Samad kerana Pas ketika ini sudah ada 13 Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri (ADUN) berbanding 15 orang sebelum ini manakala PAN hanya mempunyai dua wakil rakyat dalam Dewan Undangan Negeri (DUN).

"Kita (PAN) berterima kasih kepada DAP dan PKR kerana korbankan kerusi ahli majlis mereka kepada kita. Sebenarnya PKR dan DAP tidak perlu korbankan kerusi itu, kita sebenarnya (sepatutnya) ambil daripada Pas.

"Dulu Pas 15 kerusi (DUN), sekarang 13 kerusi. Dua kerusi DUN kita ada wakil dan kita boleh ambil peruntukan (jawatan ahli majlis PBT).

"Oleh kerana Pas tidak beri, maka PKR dan DAP beri kerusi ahli majlis PBT kepada kita, maka kita dapat 10 kerusi itu," katanya kepada pemberita di pejabatnya di Seksyen 13 di sini hari ini.

Kelmanin, kerajaan negeri mengumumkan lapan kerusi ahli majlis PBT di Selangor diperuntukkan kepada PAN bagi penggal baharu nanti.

Pengumuman itu dibuat oleh Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Tetap Kerajaan Tempatan, Pemutihan Kilang Haram dan Pembangunan Kampung Baru negeri, Ean Yong Hian Wah yang mana menurutnya Pas, DAP dan PKR telah bersetuju dengan perkara itu semasa majlis mesyuarat kerajaan negeri (MMKN) yang dipengerusikan Menteri Besar, Datuk Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali kelmarin.



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Azmin anggap isu pembahagian kerusi ahli majlis PBT selesai

SUBANG JAYA 8 Jan. - Menteri Besar, Datuk Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali (**gambar**) menganggap isu pembahagian kerusi ahli majlis pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) telah selesai dengan persetujuan semua parti politik termasuk Pas dan PAN.

Mohamed Azmin berkata, semua perbincangan mengenai pembahagian kerusi ahli PBT di Selangor berjalan lancar tanpa sebarang tafsiran.

"Kita telah teliti perkara ini di peringkat Majlis Mesyuarat Ker-

jaan Negeri dan saya gembira semua parti (politik) terima dengan formula yang telah diputuskan.

"Perkara ini merupakan tanggungjawab besar dan ini bukan soal kuasa atau kerusi tetapi tanggungjawab yang perlu disampaikan kepada pembayar-pembayar cukai," katanya kepada pemberita selepas mengadakan lawatan kerja



ke Kampung Bukit Lan-chong di sini hari ini.

PKR dan DAP terpaksa melepaskan beberapa kerusi bagi memberi laluan kepada PAN yang mendapat lapan jawatan ahli majlis PBT negeri itu bagi penggal baharu bermula 15 Januari hingga 31 Disember 2017.

Sementara itu, ketika ditanya mengenai isu rokok elektron-

ik atau vape, Mohamed Azmin berkata, keputusan penggunaan vape di negeri itu akan diputuskan dalam masa terdekat selepas mendapat penjelasan daripada pelbagai pihak berkepentingan.

Beliau berkata, Exco Kesihatan, Kebajikan, Hal Ehwal Wanita dan Keluarga negeri, Dr. Daroyah Alwi akan mengadakan pertemuan dengan Kementerian Kesihatan, golongan belia, pengusaha dan pembekal vape sebelum membuat keputusan.

"Kita tidak mahu penggunaan vape ini akan memberi masalah kesihatan sehingga menimbulkan masalah sosial. Oleh itu, keputusan muktamad (vape) ini akan dikeluarkan setelah kita mendengar maklumat dari Kementerian Kesihatan dalam bulan ini juga," katanya.

Dalam pada itu, Mohamed Azmin berkata, kerajaan negeri akan mengambil tindakan untuk merampas tanah-tanah milik persendirian yang membenarkan aktiviti pembuangan sampah haram berlaku di negeri itu.

Beliau berkata, tindakan itu akan dimulakan dengan sertama oleh Pejabat Tanah dan Daerah Petaling.

"Saya berasa kesal dengan aktiviti pembuangan sampah haram termasuk sampah dari pihak industri dan domestik yang telah berleluasa di kawasan terbatas sehingga mencemarkan lingkungan dan sistem perparitan sedia ada," jelasnya.



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JANICE LEE (dua dari kanan) bersama penduduk meninjau lokasi jalan yang dijanjikan bakal dinaik taraf di Pandan Perdana, Ampang Jaya, Selangor, semalam.- UTUSAN/AMIR KHALID

Penduduk tuntut janji projek lebar jalan

KUALA LUMPUR 8 Jan. - Kesabaran penduduk di kawasan kejiranan Pandan Perdana dekat sini berhubung masalah kesesakan lalu lintas terjadi lagi.

Ini berikutan kerja-kerja pembinaan bangunan komersial empat blok serta kemudahan stadium di kawasan perumahan mereka bakal siap.

Dakwa penduduk, keadaan itu sekali gus meningkatkan jumlah kenderaan memasuki kawasan perumahan itu.

Lebih parah keadaan jalan yang sempit dan ketidajayaan lampu isyarat dipasang di beberapa persimpangan berhampiran.

Seorang penduduk, M. Govindaraju, 62, berkata, kesesakan yang dialami penduduk amat kritis terutama pada waktu puncak serta hari bersekolah.

Menurutnya, terdapat dua buah sekolah berdekatan iaitu Sekolah Kebangsaan (SK) Seri Bintang Utara dan SK Pandan Perdana.

"Ketidajayaan lampu isyarat di beberapa persimpangan terutama di Jalan 6/3 di kawasan perumahan ini menambahkan kesulitan kepada penduduk.

"Bayangkan panjang jalan raya hanya kurang 500 meter, tetapi kami terperangkap dalam kesesakan sehingga satu jam untuk sampai ke rumah masing-masing," katanya ketika ditemu pada sesi lawatan Pengurus Persatuan Gerakan Kesedaran Sivil Malaysia, Janice Lee ke persimpangan itu.

Sementara itu, Janice Lee berkata, projek pelebaran jalan itu telah diluluskan Majlis Perbandaran Ampang Jaya (MPAJ) pada tahun 2013, bagaimanapun sehingga ke hari

ini tidak menampakkan sebarang perkembangan.

Katanya, apa yang dibimbangi kerancakan pembangunan dua projek di kawasan itu bakal menarik lebih banyak kemasukan jumlah kenderaan ke kawasan itu.

"Pelebaran jalan yang dijanjikan siap pada tahun 2017 seolah-olah tinggal janji."

"Ini kerana kawasan tapak projek stadium berhadapan dengan Jalan Perdana 3/1 di Pandan Perdana ini sudah dipagar dan tiada lagi ruang tanah untuk pembinaan jalan," katanya.

Tambahnya, selain Jalan Perdana 6/3, projek pelebaran melibatkan tujuh batang jalan lain itu termasuk Jalan Pandan Utama, Jalan Indah (menghalau ke Taman Cheras Indah), Jalan Perdana 9/1, Jalan Perdana 2/18 dan Jalan Perdana 3/1.



PERSIMPANGAN di Jalan Perdana 6/3, Ampang Jaya yang dijanjikan untuk dinaik taraf.



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Surau bergerak pasar malam



Tiada lagi alasan susah tunai solat

DARI MUKA I

Surau bergerak itu yang memasuki tahun keenam penggunaannya memberi banyak kemudahan kepada penduduk dan masyarakat mengerjakan solat fardhu tanpa perlu pergi ke surau atau masjid berdekatan.

Metroplus baru-baru ini berpeluang meninjau surau bergerak yang disediakan MBSA berdasarkan permintaan pihak pengurusan acara rasmi yang memerlukan ruangan solat.

Surau bergerak itu alternatif yang ditempatkan di lokasi sesuai supaya orang ramai tahu kewujudan surau bergerak berkenaan.

Kakitangan kerajaan Ahmad Syahid Samsijan, 26, berkata, surau bergerak ber-

kenaan inovasi bagi memudahkan umat Islam menuaikan solat.

"Pengunjung atau peserta sesuatu acara yang dijalankan di kawasan yang tiada kemudahan surau atau jauh dari masjid dapat memenuhi solat di surau bergerak."

"Bilangan surau bergerak perlu diperbanyakkan supaya boleh diperluaskan lagi bagi memudahkan masyarakat menuaikan solat apabila tiba waktu," katanya.

Syahir berkata, surau bergerak itu selesa dengan kemudahan tempat mengambil wuduk serta ruangan solat bagi jemaah selaki dan wanita.

Pengawal Keselamatan Mohd Nor Yusof, 70, berkata, dia menggunakan kemudahan surau bergerak ini ketika mengajarkan program tetapi turut mementingkan

RUANG dalam yang selesa untuk jemaah bersolat.

mengunjungi pasar malam untuk solat Maghrib.

Katanya, kemudahan seperti ini perlu menjadi keutamaan terutama di sekitar kawasan yang tiada kemudahan surau.

"Inovasi MBSA ini wajar dipuji kerana ia bukan hanya mengajarkan program tetapi turut mementingkan

soal ibadah," katanya.

Sementara itu, Ketua Bahagian Korporat dan Perhubungan Awam MBSA Shahrin Ahmad berkata, surau bergerak ini boleh digunakan di lokasi yang berlainan sekiranya terdapat permintaan dan memerlukan kenderaan lain untuk menariknya ke lokasi dikehendaki.

TEMPAT berwuduk turut disediakan dengan 150 gelen air.

Katanya, ia mula beroperasi sejak 2009, surau bergerak ini berkeluasan enam meter panjang, dua meter lebar dan tinggi selain dapat menempatkan lima individu pada satu masa.

"Ia juga dilengkapi kanopi bermotor di tepi kiri bagi menempatkan lapan keping platform tambahan yang boleh

menempatkan 10 jemaah.

"Antara kemudahan lain, ia juga dilengkapi tangki air berkapasiti 150 gelen air dengan dua pili air dan basin tempat berwuduk. Bekalan elektrik dijana melalui soket daripada elektrik domestik sekiranya berhampiran dengan atau lain-lain sumber elektrik," katanya.





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Kuala Kubu Bharu

Orang ramai terutama pelancong sama ada tempatan atau luar negara berpeluang mengabadikan nama di atas batu atau monolith sebagai kenangan mengunjungi bandar ini mulai pertengahan tahun depan.

Batu itu akan diletakkan di tengah bandar Kuala Kubu Bharu dan bakal menjadi salah satu mercu tanda serta tarikan utama pelancong ke kawasan itu.

Yang Dipertua Majlis Daerah Hulu Selangor (MDHS) Mohd Zain A Hamid berkata, cadangan meletakkan batu itu antara pelan konsep untuk menghidupkan semula ikon Kuala Kubu Bharu.

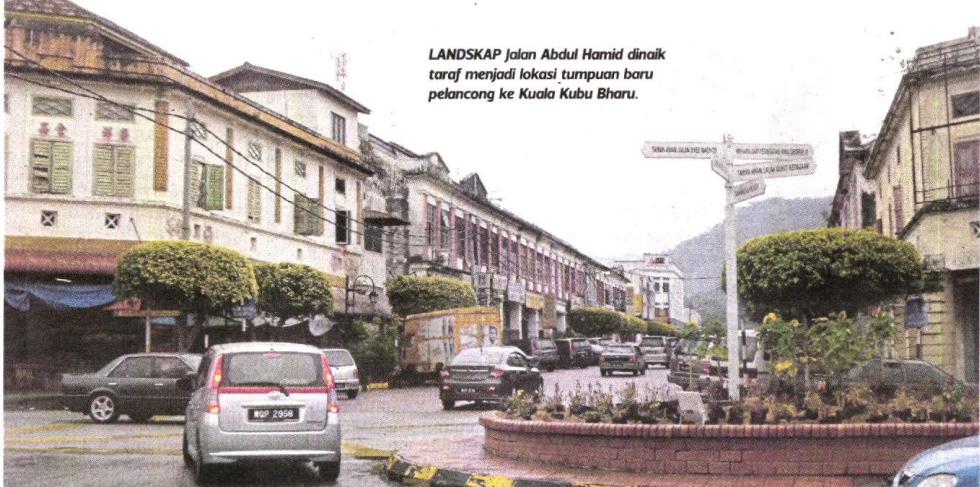
"Kami cadang mahu meletakkan batu ini di Jalan Abdul Hamid yang menjadi pintu masuk ke bandar Kuala Kubu Bharu," katanya.

Beliau berkata, perkara itu sudah dibincangkan bersama jabatan berkaitan termasuk Jabatan Landskap Negara serta Jabatan Perancang Bandar dan Desa Semenanjung, Kementerian Pelancongan.

Katanya, perbincangan bersama beberapa pihak lain

Tulis nama atas batu

Ikon baru pelancongan hidup semula Kuala Kubu Bharu



LANDSKAP Jalan Abdul Hamid dinilai taraf menjadi lokasi tumpuan baru pelancong ke Kuala Kubu Bharu.

termasuk peniaga turut dilakukan.

Menurutnya, usaha itu antara lain untuk menggalakkan lebih ramai pelancong ke Kuala Kubu Bharu selain menambah keunikan serta dapat mengekalkan imej kawasan itu sebagai bandar da-

lam tamam dan eko pelancongan.

"Pelaksanaan landskap baru ini akan mengambil masa kira-kira enam bulan untuk direalisasikan dan dijangka selesai pertengahan tahun depan.

"Saya optimis Kawasan ini

akan menjadi tempat menarik dan tumpuan bagi pelancong dalam dan luar negera," katanya.

Mohd Zain berkata, selain menjadi tempat mengabadikan kenangan, kawasan itu juga akan dijadikan pusat informasi yang turut dileng-

kapi papan sejarah, tarikh penting berkaitan sejarah serta kios.

Katanya, lokasi itu memudahkan pelancong luar mengetahui destinasi menarik serta lokasi aktiviti riadah yang terdapat di sekitar Kuala Kubu Bharu.



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Kerajaan negeri akan rampas tanah

Bosan masalah tapak sampah haram, menteri besar beri tempoh tiga bulan kepada pemilik tanah persendirian untuk pulihkan kawasan itu atau tanah mereka dirampas

Datuk Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali meninjau satu tapak lopus sampah haram dalam lawatan ke Kampung Bukit Lanchong, Subang Jaya, semalam.



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Pulih tanah atau kena rampas

Kerajaan negeri beri kata dua kepada pemilik benarkan tanah mereka jadi tapak sampah haram

■ NUR FARHANA ABDUL MANAN

SUBANG JAYA – Pemilik yang menyalahgunakan tanah milik persendirian dengan membenarkan aktiviti tambak secara haram diberi tempoh tiga bulan untuk memulihkan tanah atau tindakan rampasan diambil oleh pihak berkuasa negeri.

Menteri Besar, Datuk Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali berkata, beliau kesal berikutan aktiviti pembuangan sampah haram melibatkan sampah industri dan sampah domestik berleluasa di Kampung Bukit Lanchong.

Beliau berkata, ia menyebabkan pencemaran sungai serta sistem perairan sedia ada, malah pihak tidak bertanggungjawab turut dikesan menambah sungai secara haram.

"Saya ambil keputusan bersama pegawai daerah dan pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) untuk memulakan proses merampas tanah milik persendirian yang membenarkan aktiviti haram ini dijalankan sejak beberapa tahun lalu.

"Notis diberi kepada pemilik, mereka perlu pulihkan tanah dalam tem-

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Pemandu lori yang dicecup ketika membuang muatan kayu di Sungai Klang, semalam.



Tapak tanah yang dikesan menjalankan kerja tambakan secara haram.

poh tiga bulan, jika gagal, tindakan rampasan diambil bawah Seksyen 7A. Proses dimulakan serta-merta oleh pejabat tanah dan daerah Petaling" katanya.

Sebelum itu, Mohamed Azmin sempat membongkar aktiviti seorang pemandu lori yang membuang muatan kayu di tebing Sungai Klang, se-

belum tindakan kompaun dan siasatan kendaraan dikenakan terhadap pihak itu.

Beliau berkata, pihaknya tidak teragak-agak mengambil tindakan tegas dan keras kepada pihak tidak bertanggungjawab.

Dalam perkembangan lain, Mohamed Azmin berkata, di kam-

pung sama beliau turut menerima aduan mengenai masalah banjir dipercayai akibat sistem perparitan yang perlu dinaiktaraf serta kolam takungan air tidak diselenggarakan sebelum ini.

Beliau mencadangkan jawatan kuasa peringkat tertinggi negeri dibentuk segera diketuai Setiausaha

Kerajaan Negeri dan melibatkan beberapa agensi termasuk PBT, pejabat daerah dan tanah, Jabatan Perparitan dan Saliran (JPS), Jabatan Kerja Raya (JKR), Lembaga Urus Air Selangor (LUAS) dan polis.

Jawatankuasa itu katanya, bagi mengatasi masalah berbangkit supaya tidak berulang.



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Keputusan muktamad isu vape dijangka bulan ini

SUBANG JAYA – Kerajaan negeri hanya akan membuat keputusan muktamad mengenai isu penjualan vape setelah mendengar dan mendapat maklumat daripada Kementerian Kesihatan.

Menteri Besar, Datuk Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali berkata, kerajaan negeri masih mengadakan perbincangan dengan beberapa pihak berkaitan.

Beliau berkata, Exco Kesihatan, Pembangunan Usahawan dan Sains, Teknologi dan Inovasi Selangor, Dr Daroyah Alwi akan mengada-

kan pertemuan termasuk dengan Kementerian Kesihatan, belia, pengusaha dan pembekal vape.

Katanya, ia bagi melihat perkara itu dalam konteks kesihatan kerana pihaknya tidak mahu penggunaan vape memberi kesan kesihatan kepada belia, selain menimbulkan masalah sosial pada masa akan datang.

“Keputusan muktamad hanya akan dibuat setelah mendengar dan mendapat maklumat daripada kementerian kesihatan dijangka dalam bulan ini,” katanya.



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Amanah syukur dapat 10 kerusi PBT

Amanah hargai inisiatif kerajaan negeri beri tambahan dua kerusi lagi

■ JANATUL FIRDAUS YAACOB

SHAH ALAM - Parti Amanah Negara (Amanah) bersyukur dianugerahkan 10 kerusi ahli majlis pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) hasil rundingan Pas, PKR dan DAP.

Pengarah Komunikasinya, Khalid Samad berkata, keputusan kerajaan negeri menambah dua lagi kuota tambahan berbanding hanya lapan kepada 10 kerusi sangat dihargai Amanah.

"Terima kasih tidak terhingga kepada kerajaan Selangor sebab masukkan Amanah dalam pentadbiran negeri menerusi lantikan itu." - Khalid

Amanah meskipun masih baharu. Kami yakin angka ini akan dipertingkatkan lagi tahun demi tahun," katanya pada sidang media di pejabatnya di sini, semalam.

“Terima kasih tidak terhingga kepada kerajaan Selangor sebab masukkan Amanah dalam pentadbiran negeri menerusi lantikan itu.” - Khalid

Khalid yang juga Ahli Parlimen Shah Alam berkata pembahagian kerusi ahli majlis PBT iaitu dua ahli majlis di Hulu Selangor, Sabak Bernam, Sepang, Kuala Langat, manakala Kuala Selangor dan Subang



Khalid (kiri) ketika sidang media di pejabatnya, di sini, semalam.

masing-masing scorang wakil Amanah ditempatkan.

"Jumlah 10 ini pun kita dah puas hati memandangkan Adun Amanah hanya dua orang.

"Kami turut menghargai

jasa baik PKR dan DAP yang mengorbankan dua kerusi PBT milik parti mereka kepada Amanah," katanya.

Ketika ditanya sama ada Amanah mengidamkan posisi Exco di Selangor, Khalid ber-

kata, buat masa ini cukuplah dengan posisi sedia ada.

"Exco? Tak payahlah lagi-pun susah perlu libatkan istana. Tapi kalau nak bagi kita terimalah.

"Apabila bentuk Amanah

maksudnya kita bersedia hilang jawatan tak kiralah ahli majlis, ketua kumpang mahupun ahli Parlimen. Kalau tak nak hilang jawatan mestil kami kekal dengan Pas atau serta Umno. Seperti kata Presiden, Mohamad Sabu, Amanah ini ibarat keluar parti miskin (Pas) masuk parti lagi miskin," katanya.

Sementara itu, beliau turut menasihatkan Pas supaya ber sikap matang dan menerima hakikat bahawa Amanah wujud dan akan terus wujud dalam kerajaan Selangor.

"Pendirian utama Amanah ialah memberikan perkhidmatan kepada rakyat dan bukan nak bertelagah."

"Kami bersama dalam Pakatan Harapan, tumpu usaha nak jatuhkan Umno dan BN," katanya.



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Isu kerusi PBT selesai

SUBANG JAYA – Menteri Besar, Datuk Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali memaklumkan isu pelantikan ahli majlis pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) selesai sepenuhnya dan gembira semua pihak menerima formula ditutuskan sebelum ini.

Beliau berkata, penelitian sudah dibuat di pihak Majlis Mesyuarat Kerajaan Negeri (MMKN) dan perbincangan diadakan berjalan dengan baik dan lancar.

“Saya gembira semua pihak menerima hakikat ini dan kita sudah membuat keputusan. Ini bukan soal kuasa dan bukan soal jumlah kerusi tapi tanggungjawab besar kepada pembayar cukai,” katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian pada sidang media selepas mengadakan lawatan ke Kampung Bukit Lanchong, pagi semalam.

Ketika mengulas sama ada wujud ruangan perbincangan berikutnya Parti Amanah Negara (Amanah) mahukan kerusi lebih, Mohamed Azmin berkata, perbincangan sudah dilakukan dan pihaknya sudah membuat keputusan.

Menurutnya, apa yang perlu difokuskan adalah tanggungjawab bagi semua yang



Laporan muka depan Sinar Harian semalam mengenai isu pelantikan ahli majlis PBT.

“Saya gembira semua pihak menerima hakikat ini dan kita sudah membuat keputusan. Ini bukan soal kuasa dan bukan soal jumlah kerusi tapi tanggungjawab besar kepada pembayar cukai.” - Mohamed Azmin

dilantik untuk memberikan perkhidmatan terbaik kepada rakyat.

Kelman, Naib Pengurus DAP Selangor, Datuk Teng Chang Kim berkata, Amanah perlu bersyukur diberi lapan kerusi untuk ahli majlis PBT dan jika berhasrat menambah kuota, dinasihatkan untuk tunggu

sehingga penggal depan.

Bagaimanapun, semalam, Pengarah Komunikasi Amanah, Khalid Abdul Samad menyatakan kesyukuran apabila kerajaan negeri membuat keputusan menambah dua lagi kuota menjadikan keseluruhan 10 kerusi Amanah dalam ahli majlis PBT.



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Pasangan kembar siam gembira jumpa MB



Mohamed Azmin sempat melihat album gambar pasangan kembar Ahmad (kiri) dan Muhammad ketika mengunjungi rumah pasangan kembar itu, pagi semalam

PUCHONG – “Seronok dapat jumpa menteri besar dekat-dekat, sebelum ini hanya tengok di televisyen,” kata Ahmad dan Muhammad Rosli, 18, pasangan kembar siam yang pernah menggemparkan negara apabila dilahirkan bercantum pada bahagian dada dan punggung pada tahun 1998.

Kedua-dua remaja yang baru selesai mengambil peperiksaan Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) kelihatan

gembira apabila Menteri Besar, Datuk Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali berkunjung ke rumah di diami mereka di Kampung Kuala Sungai Baru, pagi semalam.

“Hari ni pertama kali saya tengok menteri besar, sebelum ni kenal hanya menerusi televisyen saja,” kata Muhammad.

Sementara itu, Mohamed Azmin berkata, kerajaan negeri akan menyalurkan bantuan kepada pasangan kembar terbabit

yang pernah menjalani pembedahan di Hospital King Fahd National Guard di Riyadh, Arab Saudi, pada September 2002.

“Saya gembira dengan perkembangan mereka yang sihat dan baru selesai mengambil peperiksaan SPM. Kita doakan supaya mereka akan terus berjaya dalam bidang pelajaran masing-masing,” katanya yang sempat melihat album gambar pasangan kembar itu, semalam.



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Prasarana diberi tempoh hingga Februari

PUCHONG – Syarikat Prasarana Negara Berhad (Prasarana) diberi tempoh hingga hujung Februari ini untuk menyiapkan pembinaan sistem perparitan di Jalan Berkat, Kampung Seri Aman, di sini.

Menteri Besar, Datuk Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali berkata, beliau menerima aduan kejadian banjir kilat berlaku sebanyak lima kali di Kampung Seri Aman tahun lalu.

Beliau berkata, pihaknya akan memastikan perkara itu kerana pembinaan LRT di kawasan kampung dikenal pasti menjadi punca banjir berlaku membabitkan beberapa unit rumah.

“Sistem perparitan di sini asalnya parit tanah, ia akan dinaiktarafkan menjadi parit monsun. Prasarana akan membina pembetung air di bawah jalan untuk mengalir-

kan air terus ke Sungai Klang,” katanya.

Sebelum itu, Mohamed Azmin berkata, kos sebanyak RM12.5 juta diperuntukkan bagi menaiktarafkan sistem perparitan sepanjang enam kilometer dalam kampung tersebut.

Katanya, kotak pembetung dan kunci air turut dibina bagi mengelakkan limpahan air Sungai Klang masuk ke dalam kampung.

“Bila dapat maklumat mengenai banjir di kawasan itu, saya putuskan untuk turun sendiri melihat bagaimana kita boleh tangani masalah ini,” katanya.

Dalam perkembangan lain, beliau berkata, pihaknya sudah meminta pejabat tanah dan daerah mengambil tindakan termasuk merobohkan beberapa bangunan industri yang tidak mendapat kelulusan dan dibina dalam kawasan kampung tersebut.



Mohamed Azmin ketika meninjau kerja-kerja pembinaan sistem perparitan oleh pihak Prasarana di Kampung Seri Aman, semalam



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Top 10 street art spots

Once called graffiti, street art has bloomed in Malaysia with many artists turning dull buildings into tourist attractions

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SINCE Lithuanian artist Ernest Zacharevic captured the hearts of many Malaysians through his wall

paintings in Penang and Ipoh, the phenomenon has created a large following.

The love for art has led many aspiring artists in the Klang Valley to turn their graffiti sprays and paintbrushes to dress up dull looking walls and back alleys, turning them into tourist attractions.

StarMetro takes a look at 10 street art spots in the Klang Valley

which can double up as an Instagram-worthy location.

1 Jalan Gereja

The mural by Ernest Zacharevic spans four storeys high and can be seen against Shah Alam.

It depicts a serene-looking scene with a young girl sitting in a sumpah that is passing a house on stilts, from which a woman stands

watching her while a cat takes a nap on the stairs of the house.

2 Pasar Seni (Klang River)

Upon reaching the platform of Pasar Seni LRT station, take a moment to have a quick peek at the Klang River which adds life to the station. A never-ending wall art lining the river banks greets you like a colourful rainbow.

3 Jalan Raja Chulan (Bangunan Yee Seng)

Artist Amkayer and Yumz produced a mural of a young boy wearing a headdress of a tiger's head representing Malaysia and holding on tightly to his digital device. The artwork was commissioned by Petronas for its #tanahairku 2015 street art project and brings together the boy's love for the tiger and his addiction to the station. A never-ending wall art lining the river banks greets you like a colourful rainbow.

4 Section 2, Shah Alam

Students of Universiti Pendidikan

Mara and Universiti Selangor

revamped the spot which was once

known as being filthy and dark.

They added a new twist to it and

their memories of the area as

young children and also the types

of businesses operating at the area.

5 Jalan Pudu (Nando's)

You will not miss this eye-catching facade of Nando's restaurant of a creatively drawn room of some 56 shoplots.

Every weekend, the alley is

closed off with art shows and

music fits with students living in the area.

6 Jalan Raja Chulan (open air carpark)

Kenji and Cloak teamed up for this piece featuring a village and a city space featuring the kite flying game of kite flying. The kite or wind vane is painted in colours of the Jalan Gemilang.

7 Jalan Seni, Section 7, Shah Alam

The 200m long back lane took on a new look in 2014 with 10 artists shortlisted for the project by the Shah Alam City Council.

It features a space of some 56 shoplots.

Every weekend, the alley is

closed off with art installations and

music fits with students living in the area.

8 Section 52, Petaling Jaya

The project by the Petaling Jaya City Council introduced murals along the Jalan 52/18 back alley as an effort to beautify the area. The city's back alleys while the surfaces are decorated with

titles, colorful murals and figures resembling musicals and fig-

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Cleanliness of market among MPK's top priorities

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KLANG Municipal Council's new president Datuk Mohd Yazid Bidin wants traders to maintain a high standard of cleanliness at the Meru wet market there.

Mohd Yazid, who had made three spot checks since last month, said the condition of the market was unbearable.

"I almost slipped after stepping on a rotten fruit that was on the floor.

"The traders throw fruit skins as well as vegetable waste beside their lots and this poses a safety hazard to customers," he said.

While displaying their products on the concrete table of their lots, he said, the traders often threw waste material inside and outside their lots as well as on the walking path.

Mohd Yazid said he was stunned when the traders told him that they

would clean their lots after the market was closed.

"I told them it is their responsibility to keep their lots and surroundings clean during business hours.

"In fact, they do not have to clean the market after it was closed for business because that is the contractor's job," he said.

Mohd Yazid said he had also told the traders association and warned that action would be taken against the traders if they do not buck up.

During the spot checks, he said 40 of the 404 traders had been issued with warnings and instructed to clean up their lots.

"Our team will pay them a visit on Monday and those flouting the regulation will be issued with a fine, a maximum of RM2,000 each," he said.

Mohd Yazid said he meant business and would go all out to improve the cleanliness of the market complex.



Mohd Yazid (left) conducting a spot-check at the market in Klang.

Maintaining a high standard of cleanliness, he said, would encourage more Klangites to patronise the market.

Mohd Yazid said raising the standard of cleanliness of the market

ket was his priority along with the other premises owned by the council.

"We want to put our house in order before going to the private premises," he said.



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FACELIFT FOR LAKE PARK

Taman Bandaran Kelana Jaya will be transformed by the end of the year after a RM1.5mil upgrade to incorporate sports facilities, event spaces and trees.

Not for event

I am against the idea of turning the area into an event space simply because event organisers will not take care of the cleanliness of the park. There is no point issuing summonses to event organisers as the damage had already been done. - Aminah

Better environment

The park will give the public a better environment to relax and exercise. Kudos to the council. - Kamal

More green space

Petaling Jaya might have a lot of parks, but it is definitely not enough for the growing township. The council should not just refurbish the park, but open up more space for new parks. - Andrea

Maintain it

A facelift will mean nothing if the council does not maintain it. The Petaling Jaya City Council must check and clean the place frequently so it remains a hygienic place for the public. If not, no matter how many facelifts by the council, the park will remain the same. - Concerned reader

Wedding receptions

I think it is a good idea to transform the park into a place for wedding receptions. Other parks have been used as a venue for weddings, so why not. However, councils has to make sure they keep it clean. - Kevin.

Enjoyable place

Looks like the park is being upgraded to a lot more facilities that the public can enjoy. The gym and basketball court is definitely a plus and I think I will go there more often now. - Triston

Park upgrade

It took the council a long time to decide to upgrade the park. I have been going to the place frequently but some of the facilities were not very well maintained. I'm glad to hear the council is finally taking action and upgrading the park. - Michael Rotch

Abandoned buildings

The council should turn the abandoned buildings into a kiosks or a stand for people to rest. Demolishing it would be a waste of public funds. Councils might also consider adding more facilities to the place. - Mahalingham

No food in park

Good that the council disallows food operators to trade in the park because the food waste by the operators or customers will dirty the place. - K Mala



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State to seize misused land

Owners given three months to put a stop to illegal activities

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LAND which has been illegally occupied or turned into illegal dumpsites will be confiscated in Subang Jaya.

Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Azmin Ali said landowners in Kampung Bukit Lanchong and Kampung Sri Aman will be given three months to rectify the problem.

"We will begin the proceedings if they fail under Notice 7A of Section 127, National Land Code.

"These people have allowed these activities to go on for a number of years," he added.

He said the illegal activities have caused rubbish to clog and pollute the rivers and existing drainage system in these villages.

Azmin was speaking during a half-day site visit to both the villages at the Subang Jaya and Shah Alam border.

Both the villages are often hit by floods because of the bad drainage system as well as the poorly maintained retention pond.

He also formed a committee headed by the newly appointed state secretary Datuk Mohd Amrin Ahmad Ahya to monitor illegal land occupancy.

The committee, said Azmin, would include district land offices, Works Department, Drainage and Irrigation department, the police as well as local councils.

"This way, we can ensure such activities do not take place again and stern action can be taken against the culprits.

"I want Selangor to be a clean state and allow our people to live in a healthy environment," he stressed.

In an unexpected turn of events, Azmin and his entourage, including Subang Jaya Municipal Council (MPSJ) president Datuk Nor Hisham



A plot of land used as an illegal dumpsite in Kampung Bukit Lanchong in Subang Jaya that will be confiscated if it is not cleaned up in three months

Dahan, caught a lorry driver dumping industrial waste on land at Kampung Bukit Lanchong.

After speaking to the camera-shy driver, MPSJ confiscated the keys to the vehicle along with the garbage as evidence.

Nor Hisham said they would present the investigation papers to the court on Monday to charge the driver.

Apart from that, Azmin also visited Kampung Sri Aman, which was affected by flash floods six times in 2015.

Azmin said there were two main problems that needed to be rectified.

The first problem was industrial buildings that were built illegally on farm land and Azmin said they have decided to demolish these buildings soon.

"There is also a 6km drainage line that will need upgrading at a cost of RM8.5mil.

"We also have a problem of an upgraded drain by Prasarana that



A contractor cleaning the drains in Kampung Bukit Lanchong, which has had its fair share of flash floods.

is now clogged," he said.

Prasarana had turned the small drain into a monsoon drain to accommodate the new LRT extension line.

The company will now build an underground culvert to redirect

the water flow into the Klang River, preventing a backflow into the village.

The cost is estimated to be RM2.5mil for the 4km stretch and an additional RM1mil will be needed to realign utilities.



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Task force to continue disseminating Thaipusam guidelines this year

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THE Thaipusam task force will be educating the religious leaders on the dos and don'ts of the Thaipusam festival to ensure a streamlined celebration.

Task force co-chairman Gunaraj G said they successfully implemented guidelines for the past two years but felt it was necessary to focus on those who led the devotees during the festival.

"We felt these key figures need to be educated on the festival, which is dedicated to Lord Muruga and the offerings for Him, so they can disseminate the information to their disciples," he said.

Gunaraj said apart from the colourful *kavadi*, the other offerings for Lord Muruga include milk and *abhishegam* (prayers).

He said the educational tour would be conducted by the religious sub-committee consisting of Hindu organisations as well as religious guru Shri Ramaji.

Gunaraj said many devotees carry *kavadi*s and offerings including machetes for other Gods during Thaipusam.

"There are other festivals for the other Gods where the devotees can carry out their penance so we believe we should stick to the fundamentals of Thaipusam during the festival," he added.

To assist the devotees with no guidance, the task force will be organising *paal kodam* (milk pot) processions from the second riverside near the Batu Caves KTM station.

There are two riversides where the prayers and initiation process begins for devotees before their

Educating devotees through leaders



Thaipusam Task Force volunteers carry placards like this to inform the public and devotees on the dos and don'ts that can be done during the festival. — filepics

climb up Batu Caves.

The *paal kodam* processions will be held every four hours from the second riverside.

Gunaraj was confident they would be able to implement these new guidelines for the upcoming Thaipusam festival.

"We made several changes including the ban on face masks, colourful wigs and vuvuzelas outside the compound with the help of the Selayang Municipal Council (MPS) last year," said Gunaraj, who is also an MPS councillor.

He said the response from devotees has been good and guidelines are being looked at by other places including Penang, Sg Petani, Ipoh as well as Kuala Selangor.

They have also been working with the police force closely to ensure the chariot procession remains peaceful from the Sri Maha Mariamman temple in Jalan Tun HS Lee to Batu Caves.

"We are also advocating the Go Green campaign and have encouraged all the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to use environmentally friendly materials to serve food and drinks," he added.

MPS has also encouraged the traders to do the same while several NGOs helped to collect recyclable material during the festival as well.

However, to ensure a smooth process, the task force is looking for volunteers to help out.

"We have decided on eight tasks that will be carried out by our volunteers during Thaipusam.

"We need volunteers across the nation for this purpose," he stressed.

They have also created a hashtag for the 2016 task force, #TTF2016, for any issues during the festival that needs their attention.

The group can be reached on their Facebook page at Thaipusam Task Force.



Some of the items seized during the Thaipusam task force's rounds in Batu Caves last year.



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Two more seats for Amanah

Party has a total of 10 representatives in local councillor line-up

SHAH ALAM: Parti Amanah Negara has been given two additional seats in Selangor local councils.

Amanah communications director Khalid Samad said there would be a total of 10 representatives in the local councillor line-up when the new term starts on Jan 16.

"We are thankful to the state government for allocating eight seats to Amanah, with the promise of two more coming from our Pakatan Harapan allies," he told reporters yesterday.

Khalid said state Local Government, New Village Development, Legalising of Factories Committee chairman Ean Yong Hian Wah had

We regard the seats as a blessing and Amanah is prepared to serve the people.

Khalid Samad

earlier announced that Amanah had been given eight seats but two more seats were allocated following fresh negotiations among the parties.

He said Amanah councillors were set to be placed in six different councils: two each in Hulu Selangor, Sabak Bernam, Kuala Langat and Sepang, and one each in Kuala Selangor and Subang Jaya.

At a separate function, Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali said all parties had accepted the reality and the formula that had been decided.

Ean Yong, when contacted, kept mum on the two additional seats but said any changes on the allocation would be formally approved later.

The Selangor government had on Wednesday approved eight local councillor seats for Amanah.

"We regard the seats as a blessing and Amanah is prepared to serve the people," said Khalid, adding that it was untrue to say that the party was not happy with the seat allocations.

"If positions were what we wanted, we could have remained in PAS or joined Umno. We took the risk of losing our positions after leaving PAS," he said, adding that the seats should have also come from PAS and not just PKR and DAP.

Meanwhile, Khalid, who is Shah Alam MP, said PAS should be mature enough to accept the fact that Amanah was part of the Selangor state government.



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MB gets serious on illegal dumping

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SUBANG JAYA — A lorry driver who was dumping industrial waste illegally was shocked when his lorry was stopped by the Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Azmin Ali during an on-site inspection near Kampong Bukit Lanchong here yesterday.

The area where the lorry driver was caught red-handed is a plot of reserve land owned by the state's Irrigation and Drainage Department.

Azmin asked the lorry driver who had given him permission to dump waste there.

The lorry driver replied he was only following instructions and trying to earn a living.

Municipal council member Jaberi Ami said the lorry was confiscated by the council's enforcement officers and impounded at its Puchong depot.

“The council cannot detain the lorry driver as the plot of land belongs to the department. Further action will be taken as all land matters come under their supervision.”

According to Jaberi, 19 lorries have been confiscated by the council for dumping waste illegally last year.

During the inspection yesterday, three plots of land were found to be misused as illegal dumping sites.

“I am saddened the area has been used indiscriminately as an illegal dumping site



Azmin confronting the lorry driver (third from left) who was caught red-handed for dumping waste illegally on state-owned reserve land as former menteri besar Tan Sri Muhammad Taib (right) looks on.

for both industrial and domestic waste. This has caused the river to be polluted and it has also disrupted the drainage and sewage system,” Jaberi said.

Azmin said state government would take immediate action and land owners found allowing such dumping to take place on their land would have their plots seized.

“I will not tolerate this. Stern action will be taken against those responsible to ensure it will not happen over and over again.”

To address the issue, Azmin plans to form

a high-level committee which will be headed by state secretary Datuk Mohd Amin Ahmad Ahya and include the Irrigation and Drainage Department, Public Works Department and local authorities.

Azmin visited the area following complaints on illegal dumping sites over the last two years. Among those present were council president Datuk Nor Hisham Ahmad, state assemblyman Ng Sze Ha, Kota Raja MP Dr Siti Mariah Mahmud and state exco Ean Yong Hian Wah.



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Amanah 'grateful' for 10 local council seats

SHAH ALAM — Parti Amanah Negara (Amanah) will be allocated 10 local council seats in Selangor, instead of the earlier eight from the state government.

"The official announcement on the additional two seats will be made at the swearing-in next week," Amanah communications director Khalid Samad told a press conference at his office here yesterday.

Although discussions were ongoing on which seats would be allocated, Khalid said the 10 seats comprised two each in Hulu Selangor, Sabak Bernam, Sepang and Kuala Langat, and one each in Subang and Sepang.

The party also put in a request for a seat in Kajang, he added.

The Shah Alam MP also quashed media reports that the party was dissatisfied with the small number of posts as it had requested for 24, saying the new political party was honoured and grateful to Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali for

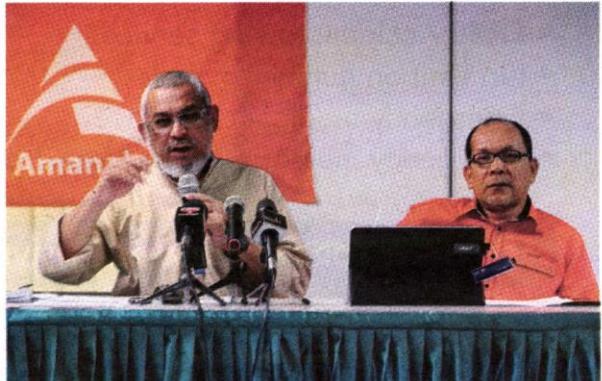
the allocation.

"That's the stand of the party. Comments in response to the allocation from state chairman Izham Hashim and other members were made in their personal capacity. In ratio — with two Amanah assemblymen out of 44 in the state government — the 10 seats allocated were only short of three," he added.

Khalid said Amanah was opening branches nationwide this month and it hoped to establish 130 divisions by the end of the first quarter or early second quarter of the year.

"We will officially launch the party mid-year, between June and August, and we will be fully ready by then," he said.

On tomorrow's signing of the agreement among parties in the new opposition pact, Pakatan Harapan, Khalid said it was a step in the right direction to overcome the weaknesses of the previous pact, in regard to matters of discipline and the "dos and don'ts" for the allies.



Khalid (left) speaks during a press conference with Izham at the former's office in Shah Alam yesterday. — Picture by Zuraneza Zulkifli



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PAS takes stock of political landscape

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PETALING JAYA — PAS is alone again after an affair with DAP and Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) for almost a decade which saw the ruling Barisan Nasional (BN) lose Kelantan, Penang and Selangor and more than one-third of the seats in Parliament.

While DAP and PKR have accepted PAS rejects who formed Parti Amanah Negara (Amanah) as replacement for the Islamist party, PAS does not seem bothered or fearful of being left out of the pact.

The Islamist party has been fighting a lone political battle since its formation more than 60 years ago and it seems to be back at square one after undergoing trials and errors with DAP and Parti Semangat 46 before PKR came into the political scene.

And it had been "played out" or fooled by either one of the parties which left PAS on the political road alone, fighting its own battle like what it is doing today.

PAS is fighting to realise its dream or objective — the setting up of an Islamic state and implementing hudud laws.

Others are secondary or just paths that the party had to go through to achieve its aim, like at present — shunned by the very partners that it helped to capture the state and the parliamentary seats.

Back to its drawing board, the Islamist party faces another challenge as Amanah's members were PAS members and leaders and they are on a war path as they feel Amanah should be recognised or replace PAS in the opposition equation.

The current spat between the two — Islamist PAS and liberal Amanah — involves the councillor posts and recognition by the Selangor state government.

Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Azmin Ali, who is also PKR deputy president, had "compromised" by giving Amanah 10 local council posts and he has yet to "fully" recognise Amanah as a replacement for PAS.

Azmin does not totally agree with DAP's move in cutting ties with PAS and "gamble" with Amanah as he knows the strength of the leaders in PAS as well as the newly formed Amanah.

The Penang DAP government had already disassociated itself from PAS and recognised Amanah as a partner in the state government, and the party had pressured Azmin to do the same but the latter ignored it.

And as far as DAP is concerned, PAS is no longer a friend and the same goes for PAS towards DAP.

With the current scenario, Pakatan Harapan, the new opposition pact that replaces Pakatan Rakyat, will ink its agreement today, minus PAS, and of course, with

Amanah as replacement for the Islamist party.

While leaders from the three parties meet in Shah Alam to sign their agreement, PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang will hold a closed-door meeting with the party's assemblymen and MPs at Taman Melawar in Gombak.

While the three Pakatan Harapan parties talk about how they could cooperate to take over Putrajaya in the next general election, Hadi's briefing may shed new light on the party as well as the ruling BN.

Nobody in PAS knows what Hadi would talk about, but going by the current political development, Hadi may just speak about cooperation with Umno, which of course, does not involve the party joining BN.

After all, Hadi seems to know exactly where the party stands in the opposition pact in regard to DAP's non-Islamic policy and as well as Umno's commitment on Islam and Malay dominance.

Only time will tell whether the Islamist party will go back to its original plan of being a maverick, or draw a new plan for its political survival.

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Najib urged to cut RM14.3 billion budget for PM's Department

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SHAH ALAM — Parti Amanah Negara (Amanah) has advised Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak to cut the RM14.3 billion budgeted for the Prime Minister's Department when he revises Budget 2016.

The party's strategy director Dr Dzilkefly Ahmad asked Najib, who is also finance minister, to review the RM40 billion allocated for infrastructure development and public transportation.

He said the government should prioritise the many projects slotted for 2016, as some would not be completed this year and a few only by 2030.

Reading a statement prepared by Dzilkefly yesterday, Amanah communications director Khalid Samad said Najib must be "willing to eat humble pie" and slash the allocation for the Prime Minister's Department.

Amanah said a revision of the Budget was needed as it was no longer tenable with slumping global crude oil prices, which hit an 11-year low at US\$33 (RM145) per barrel yesterday.

Najib had to take into account a smaller dividend payout and contribution to the Budget from Petronas, said Dzilkefly.

He cited global investment bank Goldman Sachs' prediction of oil prices falling to US\$20 per barrel, following the lifting of a 40-year ban on Iranian oil export by the US Congress.

Najib announced earlier yesterday that Budget 2016 would be recalibrated to reflect the current economic climate. However, he did not give a specific date when the adjusted Budget would be presented.



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Free buses for Ampang folks

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AMPANG — Ulu Klang residents can now commute for free thanks to the Selangor Smart Bus service.

In a bid to relieve traffic congestion in the state, Ampang was chosen as the fifth municipality offering the free bus service after Klang, Shah Alam, Subang Jaya and Kajang.

Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Azmin Ali who launched the bus service on Tuesday said it was in line with the state government's vision to increase the usage of public transport ratio in the state from 40:60 to 60:40 by 2020.

"The service is aimed at encouraging more people to use public transport and it would also help low income earners in the state," he said.

Managed by Rapid KL Sdn Bhd, the route covers Jalan Ukay Perdana, Jalan Sungai Sering, Jalan Mulia 1/1, Jalan Riana Ukay, Jalan Riana Ukay 1, Jalan Ukay Indah, Jalan AU 4/2, Jalan AU 5, Persiaran Permata and Jalan Taman Melawati.

Apart from being disability-friendly, the bus is also equipped with WiFi and closed circuit television (CCTV) cameras.

Operating from 6am to 10pm daily, it has the capacity of carrying up to 60 passengers per journey.

"There will be five buses plying the area daily. Four are scheduled to operate at an interval of 15 to 20 minutes while the other bus will be on standby at



The free bus service will operate daily from 6am to 10pm

all times," Azmin said.

He said the free bus service costs the state government RM1.2 million a year for each route.

"The state government has also allocated

an additional RM10 million for the service to be expanded to suburban areas which will connect Kuala Selangor to Sabak Bernam and Selayang to Kuala Kubu Baru," Azmin said.

Also present were Ampang Jaya Municipal Council president Abd Hamid Hussain and state executive councillor for investment, industry, commerce and transportation Datuk Teng Chang Kim.



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