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Pembangunan spiritual jalan asnaf keluar kemiskinan

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Keperluan asnaf yang pelbagai menjadikan Majlis Agama Islam Negeri (MAIN) lebih kreatif menciptakan bantuan demi bantuan demi memastikan kelangsungan hidup kelompok sasar itu.

Kewujudan rumah zakat, sekolah zakat, tanah zakat membuktikan MAIN sentiasa berusaha memainkan peranannya menyantuni kumpulan asnaf disyariahkan Allah.

Terkini, kerjasama strategik Lembaga Zakat Negeri Kedah (LZNK) dan Bank Islam memperkenalkan Skim Pembiayaan Rumah Asnaf Bergaji bagi membantu golongan itu memiliki kediaman sendiri.

Melalui skim ini, asnaf terpilih perlu melunaskan bayaran RM260 sebulan kepada pihak bank bagi tempoh 10 tahun.

Oleh kerana kemampuan kewangan LZNK terhad, setakat ini hanya dua permohonan diluluskan, namun kediaman asnaf terabit sudah pun siap dibina.

Menyedari bahawa keperluan asas asnaf adalah rumah kediaman, Majlis Agama Islam Negeri Johor (MAINJ) turut membina 32 unit rumah transit untuk kemudahan asnaf di Kampung Tengku di Mersing.

Penggunaan dana zakat berjumlah RM3.5 juta itu benar-benar dimanfaatkan MAINJ.

Majlis Agama Islam Negeri Pulau Pinang (MAINPP) juga bersama UDA Holdings Berhad menyumbang dalam usaha merancakkan pembangunan perumahan milik asnaf.

Di atas tanah wakaf Projek Wakaf Seetee Aisah 2, pembinaan 150 unit rumah kos rendah disasarkan untuk di peruntukan kepada golongan asnaf dan B40.

Namun, apa yang menyediakan, usaha murni digerakkan sesetengah MAIN seolah-olah tidak dihargai asnaf.

Barat diberikan susu, tetapi dibalas pula dengan tuba, itu adalah perumpamaan boleh digambarkan terhadap sebuah keluarga asnaf yang dibantu MAINJ sejak 2015, dengan menempatkan mereka di sebuah rumah transit

berkonsepkan zakat.

Menyediakan sekali apabila rumah percutia diberikan MAINJ ditinggalkan dalam keadaan kotor, berbau busuk dan mengalami banyak kerosakan.

Realitinya, cabaran dipikul pengurusan zakat bukan sekadar memastikan kelangsungan hidup asnaf, sebaliknya terpaksa juga menghadapi cemuhuan dan kritikan masyarakat.

Benar bukan semua asnaf bersikap demikian. Namun, dalam meningkatkan pembangunan fizikal dalam kalangan asnaf di Malaysia, tentunya cabaran paling getir perlulah dipikul institusi zakat adalah membangunkan jiwa asnaf itu sendiri.

Pembangunan spiritual yang ampuh dalam kalangan asnaf, akan menjadi kan mereka insaf dan sedar akan amanah dipikul masing-masing untuk menjaga harta zakat yang menjadi tanggungjawab mereka.

Justeru, tidak timbul lagi isu kelompok asnaf tertentu menjadi penerima dana zakat berterusan untuk tiga generasi.

Melalui mereka, mereka akan sedar tang-

gungjawab dalam diri untuk keluar daripada kepompong penerima zakat, se kali gus berpindah menjadi pembayar zakat pula.

Namun, untuk keluar daripada stigma penerima zakat memerlukan usaha asnaf sendiri.

Contoh terbaik, kejayaan jenama 'Cendol Borhan' terkenal milik Bumi Putera Islam yang juga pernah memperolehi bantuan zakat.

Perniagaan cendol diusahakan melalui pemilikan dinobat ikon asnaf yang berjaya melakar sejarah terbaik Lembaga Zakat Selangor (LZS).

Hakikatnya, memahami konsep sebenarnya zakat akan memberi satu keharmonian dalam kalangan masyarakat.

Keharmonian ekosistem pembayar zakat, pihak pengurusan zakat dan asnaf selaku kumpulan sasar akan membantu banyak proses membabitkan urusan zakat.

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Amirudin (tengah) bersama Aranols (dua dari kiri) pada majlis perasmian stesen transit kuarantin (QTS) COVID-19, di Shah Alam, semalam.
(Foto Muhamad Asyraf Sawal/BH)

Nestle sedia stesen kuarantin COVID-19

Kemudahan 100 bilik hotel tempatkan kontak rapat pesakit

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Nestle (Malaysia) Bhd menubuhkan stesen transit kuarantin (QTS) COVID-19 di Hotel Pegasus, Shah Alam, yang menawarkan sehingga 100 bilik untuk menempatkan kontak rapat pesakit virus itu.

Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif Nestle Malaysia, Juan Aranols, berkata kemudahan yang disediakan itu adalah menerusi kerjasama rapat dengan Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) dan akan beroperasi selama dua bulan bermula semalam.

Katanya, selepas tempoh itu, Nestle akan berbincang dengan KKM dan menilai semula keper-

luan sama ada perlu melanjutkan lagi perkhidmatan QTS terbabit.

"Stesen ini ditubuhkan untuk mereka mempunyai hubungan rapat dengan pesakit COVID-19, juga dikenali sebagai orang di bawah pengawasan (PUS). Ia dibuka kepada kakitangan Nestle dan keluarga, selain kumpulan B40 dan golongan berpendapatan rendah di Selangor.

"Ia menyediakan persekitaran yang sewajarnya kepada mereka yang tidak mempunyai kemudahan sesuai untuk menjalani kuarantin di rumah, merangkumi bilik dan kemudahan hotel secara percuma serta hidangan makanan tiga kali sehari.

"Segala kos QTS ini akan ditanggung sepenuhnya oleh pihak Nestle," katanya pada sidang media selepas pelancaran kemudahan itu di Shah Alam, semalam.

QTS itu dilancarkan oleh Menteri Besar Selangor, Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari.

Sementara itu, Amirudin berkata, kerajaan negeri Selangor mengalu-alukan kerjasama

swasta dan awam dalam usaha menangani jangkitan COVID-19 di negeri itu.

"Ini adalah kerjasama pertama di antara kerajaan negeri dengan pihak swasta bagi membuka pusat transit kuarantin COVID-19 di negeri ini.

"Ia juga pusat kuarantin kedua di Selangor di bawah kerajaan negeri selepas Institut Latihan Islam Malaysia (ILIM) yang terletak di Sepang," katanya.

Beliau berkata, QTS itu akan menumpukan perkhidmatan kepada kontak rapat pesakit COVID-19 yang berada di kawasan tengah dan utara negeri itu, manakala ILIM akan memberi tumpuan kepada mereka yang berada di bahagian selatan.

"Mereka akan ditempatkan di transit ini dan sekiranya didapati positif barulah akan ditarik ke Pusat Kuarantin dan Rawatan COVID-19 Berisiko Rendah (PKRC) di Taman Eksport Pertanian Malaysia (MAEPS), Serdang dan hospital yang berkecuaan," katanya.



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Ibu Yati ditahan, didakwa

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SHAH ALAM: Wan Norhayati Wan Alias atau lebih dikenali Ibu Yati yang terpalit dengan isu ajaran sesat Agama Melayu didakwa di Mahkamah Rendah Syariah di sini hari ini.

Ibu Yati didakwa selepas ditahan Jabatan Agama Islam Selangor (JAIS) bersama tiga lagi individu termasuk dua lelaki di sebuah premis di Hulu Langat kira-kira pukul 11.20 malam semalam.

Pengarah JAIS, Datuk Mohd. Shahzihan Ahmad berkata, pihaknya telah melaksanakan tiga waran tangkap terhadap tiga orang yang disyaki dan satu waran geledah.

Menurutnya, susulan itu, JAIS menahan empat individu masing-masing dua lelaki dan wanita yang dibawa ke ibu pejabat untuk disiasat mengikut Seksyen 7, 9 dan 10 Enakmen Jenayah Syariah (Negeri Selangor) 1995.



WAN NORHAYATI WAN ALIAS ATAU IBU YATI BERSAMA TIGA YANG LAIN DITAHAN JAIS DI SEBUAH PREMIS DI HULU LANGAT MALAM SEMALAM.

“Kes telah dibawa ke Mahkamah Rendah Syariah dan mahkamah menetapkan jaminan RM3,000 kepada dua wanita dengan jaminan seorang penja-

min dalam kalangan penjawat awam Gred 48.

“Bagi tertuduh lelaki pula, seorang daripadanya diikat jamin dengan RM1,000 dengan

penjamin dalam kalangan penjawat awam Gred 41 manakala seorang lagi dilepaskan dengan bon jamin penguat kuasa.

“Tiga daripada tertuduh diarai menyerahkan pasport antara bangsa kepada mahkamah selain perlu melaporkan diri di Pejabat Agama Islam Daerah Gombak dua minggu sekali,” katanya dalam kenyataan di sini hari ini.

Dalam pada itu, Mohd. Shahzihan berkata, dengan penangkapan keempat-empat individu itu dapat menyelesaikan kes perbuatan beberapa individu di Selangor yang disyaki menyanggah ketetapan hukum syarak atau fatwa.

“Selain itu, kes tersebut turut melibatkan penghinaan kepada al-Quran dan hadis, serta mempersenda, menghinai atau menyebabkan agama Islam dipandang hina.

“Mahkamah turut menetapkan sebutan semula kes pada 28 Julai hadapan di Mahkamah Rendah Syariah Shah Alam,” ujarnya.



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Stesen Transit Kuarantin Nestle

Shah Alam: Nestle Malaysia Bhd semalam melancarkan Stesen Transit Kuarantin Nestle di Hotel Pegasus di sini, bagi menyokong usaha Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) dalam mengendalikan kontak rapat pesakit yang memerlukan kuarantin kendiri.

Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif Nestle Malaysia Juan Aranols berkata, kos stesen transit itu akan ditanggung sepenuhnya oleh syarikat pengeluar makanan dan minuman itu yang akan memberi tumpuan kepada golongan B40 dan golongan berpendapatan rendah yang tidak berupaya atau tidak mempunyai kemudahan sesuai untuk menjalani kuarantin di rumah.

"Stesen itu akan menyediakan penginapan percuma serta makanan yang enak dan berkhasiat disediakan oleh Chef Maggi kami. Semestinya, prosedur

operasi standard (SOP) akan dipatuhi setiap masa," katanya kepada pemberita pada pelancaran stesen transit kuarantin itu di sini, semalam.

Beliau berkata, stesen itu memulakan operasinya semalam dan akan dibuka selama dua bulan dan Nestle akan sentiasa memantau dan menilai keperluan untuk melanjutkan tempoh operasi dari semasa ke semasa.

Sementara itu, Menteri Besar Selangor Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari yang turut hadir pada pelancaran itu berkata kerajaan negeri mengalukan kerjasama swasta dan awam dalam usaha menangani jangkitan Covid-19 di Selangor.

"Ini adalah kerjasama yang pertama terjalin antara kerajaan negeri Selangor dengan pihak swasta bagi membuka pusat transit kuarantin Covid-19 di negeri ini," katanya.



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4 ditahan terbabit ajaran meragukan

Shah Alam: Jabatan Agama Islam Selangor (Jais) menahan empat individu termasuk dua wanita di sebuah premis di Hulu Langat kelmarin selepas dipercayai terbabit dengan ajaran yang meragukan.

Pengarah Jais, Dato Mohd Shahzihan Ahmad berkata, jabatan itu melaksanakan tiga waran tangkap terhadap tiga yang disyaki dan satu waran geledah premis pada jam 11.20 malam.

“Berikutan dengan itu, Jais menahan empat individu iaitu dua lelaki dan dua

wanita serta menyita beberapa bahan bukti dari premis dan individu terbabit.

“Semua ditahan dibawa ke Ibu Pejabat Jais untuk siasatan lanjut mengikut Seksyen 7, 9 dan 10 Enakmen Jenayah Syariah (Negeri Selangor) Tahun 1995,” katanya, semalam.

Beliau berkata, kes berkenaan disebut di Mahkamah Rendah Syariah Shah Alam, semalam.

Menurutnya, sebutan semula kes ditetapkan 28 Julai depan di Mahkamah Rendah Syariah Shah Alam.



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Cara Amin tangani isu Sajat digemari

Kuala Lumpur: Pendekatan berhemah pengacara dan pen-ceramah motivasi, Amin Idris, 40, berkenaan kontroversi usa-hawan kosmetik popular, Nur Sajat yang dikatakan mahu keluar Islam mendapat pujian netizen.

Kata-kata nasihatnya di Instagam TV (IGTV) kepada masyarakat berkenaan hukuman murtad mendapat komen positif.

Amin berkata, semua pihak perlu berhati-hati menilai isu ini kerana ada orang mahu keluar Islam kerana benci pada Islam atau benci dan memberontak kepada pemerintah Islam.

"Ada segelintir pihak mahu keluar Islam kerana nak selamatkan diri daripada pihak berkuasa Islam. Enakmen Jenayah Syariah Selangor 1995 bahagian

kedua, berkaitan dengan kesalahan berhubung akidah, Seksyen 5 menyebut, ada mendakwa bukan orang Islam untuk mengelak tindakan," katanya.

Menurutnya, Sajat sering mengelak apabila dipanggil ke mahkamah dan kemudian menghilangkan diri serta akhirnya tampil dengan kenyataan mahu keluar Islam.

Amin berkata, sebagai orang Islam, apabila tidak setuju dengan perkara tidak berakh�ak, masyarakat jangan guna pendekatan tidak berakh�ak juga dengan mengecam dan menghina.

"Tidak kurang juga yang memurtadkan dia walaupun dia menyebut perkataan nak keluar Islam. Kita pendakwah yang mengajak, bukan hakim yang menghukum," katanya.



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Nestle tubuh QTS tempatkan PUS

SHAH ALAM – Pengeluar makanan dan minuman terbesar dunia, Nestle Malaysia Bhd. (Nestle) menubuhkan Stesen Transit Kuarantin (QTS) yang berfungsi menempatkan individu yang mempunyai kontak rapat dengan pesakit atau Orang Di Bawah Pengawasan (PUS).

Ketua Pengarah Eksekutif Nestle, Juan Aranols berkata, Hotel Pegasus, Seksyen 15 di sini, yang meliputi sebanyak 100 bilik hotel dijadikan lokasi kuarantin itu dan akan beroperasi selama dua bulan bermula semalam.

Menurut beliau, pusat kuarantin itu membantu PUS yang menghadapi kekangan kuarantin kendiri di rumah untuk mengasingkan diri dengan lebih selesa dan selamat.

"Mereka dikehendaki mematuhi prosedur operasi standard (SOP) ketat termasuk penggunaan pintu masuk dan lif kuarantin khas serta dapur berasingan.

"Semua individu itu akan dipantau pihak berkuasa termasuk Angkatan Pertahanan Awam Malaysia (APM), Pejabat Kerajaan Daerah Petaling dan Jabatan Ke-



ARANOLS (kiri) menerangkan tentang QTS Nestle kepada Amirudin (tengah) di Hotel Pegasus, Shah Alam semalam.

sihatan Negeri Selangor," kata-nya pada sidang akhbar selepas pelancaran QTS Nestle semalam.

Pusat kuarantin pertama yang ditubuhkan oleh pihak swasta di Selangor itu dirasmikan Menteri Besar, Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari.

Turut hadir, Setiausaha Kerajaan Negeri, Datuk Nor Azmie Diron dan Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Tetap Kesihatan Awam, Perpaduan, Pembangunan Wanita dan

Keluarga negeri, Dr. Siti Mariah Mahmud.

Tambah Aranols, penubuhan QTS itu membuktikan komitmen pihaknya untuk membantu rakyat yang sedang menempuh de-tik getir mendepani Covid-19.

Sementara itu, Amirudin berkata, kerajaan negeri amat mengalaukan kerjasama semua pihak termasuk swasta dalam usaha menekang penularan pandemik berkenaan.



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JAIS cekup Ibu Yati kes agama Melayu

SHAH ALAM – Bekas wartawan, Wan Norhayati Wan Alias atau lebih dikenali sebagai Ibu Yati ditahan berhubung isu dakwaan ajaran agama Melayu di sebuah premis di Hulu Langat, kelmarin.

Dalam serbuan kira-kira pukul 11.20 malam oleh Jabatan Agama Islam Selangor (JAIS) turut menahan tiga lagi individu masing-masing seorang wanita dan dua lelaki.

Pengarah JAIS, Datuk Mohd. Shahzihan Ahmad berkata, dalam serbuan itu juga turut menyita beberapa bahan bukti dari premis dan individu yang terlibat sebelum dibawa ke Ibu Pejabat JAIS untuk siasatan lanjut mengikut Seksyen 7, 9 dan 10 Enakmen Jenayah Syariah (Negeri Selangor) Tahun 1995.

Katanya, menerusi penangkapan keempat-empat suspek itu dijangka dapat menyelesaikan kes melibatkan perbuatan be-

berapa individu di Selangor yang disyaki menyanggahi ketetapan hukum syarak atau fatwa.

Selain itu, penahanan itu melibatkan penghinaan kepada al-Quran dan hadis serta mempersenda, menghinanya atau menyebarkan agama Islam dipandang hina.

Kes terhadap kesemua mereka telah disebut di Mahkamah Rendah Syariah Shah Alam hari ini (semalam) dengan dua tertuduh wanita diikat jamin RM3,000 bersama seorang penjamin dalam kalangan penjawat awam Gred 48.

"Bagi seorang tertuduh lelaki diikat jamin dengan RM1,000 dengan penjamin dalam kalangan penjawat awam Gred 41, manakala seorang lagi dilepaskan dengan bon jamin pengukuasa," katanya dalam kenyataan di sini semalam.

Tambahnya, tiga daripada ter-

tuduh juga perlu menyerahkan pasport antarabangsa kepada mahkamah selain perlu melapor diri ke Pejabat Agama Islam Daerah Gombak dua minggu sekali.

Mohd. Shahzihan turut menjelaskan sebutan semula kes ditetapkan pada 28 Julai depan di mahkamah sama.

Kosmo sebelumnya melaporkan Yayasan Dakwah Islamiyah Malaysia menasihatkan orang ramai agar tidak terpengaruh dengan ajaran baharu dikenali 'Agama Melayu' yang didakwa sebagai sesat lagi menyesatkan.

Ekoran kejadian itu, Ibu Yati kemudiannya dipanggil memberikan keterangan lebih dua jam di JAIS pada 3 Februari lalu.

Ibu Yati mendakwa video tersebut telah dimanipulasi dengan pelbagai andai-an tanpa sebarang usul perlka memandangkan video itu lebih bersifat dokumentari berkaitan gong.



IBU YATI memegang sebuah buku berkenaan Melayu selepas disiasat oleh JAIS pada 3 Februari lalu.



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Oleh MUSTAPA LAKAWA
PENGARANG BERITA

Kisah Sajat, Acap dan misteri Jho Low

DALAM peribahasa Melayu, ada ungkapan popular berbunyi bagi ayam disambar helang, yang membawa maksud orang yang hilang secara tiba-tiba.

Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka (DBP) pula mentafsirkan hilang sebagai sesuatu atau seseorang yang tidak diketahui tempatnya, tidak kelihatan, ghaib ataupun telah lenyap.

Malaysia sebenarnya sarat dengan kisah-kisah orang hilang. Ada yang hilang asbab jenayah dan bencana, namun ramai juga yang hilang dengan sengaja.

Sejak kebelakangan ini, kecoh pula mengenai usaha Jabatan Agama Islam Selangor (JAIS) untuk mengesan seorang usahawan kosmetik, Nur Sajat atau nama sebenarnya Muhammad Sajjad Kamaruzzaman.

Ketika artikel ini ditulis, individu berusia 36 tahun itu yang dikenakan waran tangkap oleh Mahkamah Tinggi Syariah Shah Alam sejak 24 Februari lalu masih belum ditemui.

Tiada siapa tahu di mana Nur Sajat berada. Malah, timbul pelbagai persoalan sama ada Nur Sajat sengaja menyembunyikan diri ataupun sedang disembunyikan.

Hakikatnya, Nur Sajat bukanlah 'samseng' seperti mana Bob Mah Sing yang sebelum ini tular dengan aksi beraninya bersama Proton Waja ketika melarikan diri daripada polis.

Nur Sajat juga bukanlah sehebat 'penjenayah' berbahaya' seperti Mat Komando yang pernah menjadi buruan polis Malaysia selama lebih 200 hari.

Nur Sajat hanya dikenakan waran tangkap selepas dia gagal hadir bagi satu prosiding mahkamah. Ia adalah berkaitan pertuduhan ke atasnya di Mahkamah Tinggi Syariah Shah Alam kerana berpakaian menyerupai wanita sehingga menyebabkan agama Islam dipandang hina.

Cumanya, nama Nur Sajat terlalu besar untuk cerita-cerita sebegini. Sehingga setiap usaha dan pergerakan pihak berkuasa menjadi bahan utama surat kabar.

Berbeza dengan kisah yang menimpa Mohammad Ashraf Hassan, 29, atau lebih dikenali dengan panggilan Acap. Individu ini pernah menggemparkan Malaysia apabila kisah kehilangannya ketika mengikuti acara larian Gopeng Ultra Trail di kawasan Gua Tempurung, Kampar menjadi tular di media sosial.

Pada 24 Mac 2021 ini, maka genaplah tiga tahun kehilangan Acap, dan dalam tempoh itu, tiada seorang pun yang tahu apa yang terjadi pada lelaki ini.

Ramai yang mengaitkan kehilangan Acap dengan perbuatan makhluk halus, namun ada juga pihak yang mendakwa Acap sebenarnya tidak hilang!. Sehingga kini kisah Acap masih menjadi misteri.

Selain Sajat dan Acap, ada satu lagi 'kehilangan' yang sangat-sangat menggemparkan negara. Ia berkisar tentang ahli perniagaan bertaraf antarabangsa, Jho Low. Berbeza dengan Acap, Jho Low disahkan masih hidup, namun keberadaan anak Pulau Pinang ini masih belum disahkan oleh mana-mana pihak berkuasa.

Jho Low sebenarnya sengaja menghilangkan diri. Kisah pemburuannya ekoran skandal rasuah 1MDB telah dibuat sejak tahun 2015, namun sehingga kini, tanda-tanda kepada penangkapan Jho Low masih samar.

Benar, sebagai rakyat kita hanya mengharapkan kepada sebuah penyelesaian dan jawapan berfakta. Seperti kata orang-orang tua, jika sudah tiada, tunjukkan kuburnya dan jika masih hidup, perlihatkan orangnya.



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JAIS tahan empat individu disyaki terlibat ajaran meragukan

SHAH ALAM - Jabatan Agama Islam Selangor (JAIS) menahan empat individu yang disyaki terlibat dengan ajaran meragukan di sebuah premis sekitar Hulu Langat.

Pengaruhnya, Mohd Shahzihan Ahmad berkata, keempat-empat individu berkenaan telah dibawa ke Ibu Pejabat JAIS sebelum ini bagi menjalani siasatan lanjut di bawah Seksyen 7, 9 dan 10 Enakmen Jenayah Syariah (Negeri Selangor) Tahun 1995.

Beliau berkata, JAIS turut mengelu-

arkan tiga waran tangkap dan waran geledah premis ke atas individu berkenaan.

“Suspek turut dibawa ke Mahkamah Rendah Syariah, Shah Alam pada hari ini bagi sebutan kes,” katanya dalam satu kenyataan pada Khamis.

Beliau berkata, mahkamah turut menetapkan jaminan sebanyak RM3,000 buat setiap tertuduh dengan seorang penjamin.

Selain itu, katanya, suspek terlibat juga perlu menyerahkan pasport anta-

rabangsa kepada mahkamah dan melaporkan diri di Pejabat Agama Islam Daerah Gombak dua kali seminggu.

“Seorang lagi suspek telah dilepaskan dengan Bon Jamin Penguat kuasa. Sebutan semula kes ditetapkan mahkamah pada 28 Julai depan,” katanya.

Tambahnya, penahanan empat individu terbabit dapat menyelesaikan kes melibatkan perbuatan beberapa individu di negeri ini yang menyalahi hukum syarak atau fatwa yang membawa penghinaan kepada al-Quran serta hadis.



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COUNCIL MATTERS

- > Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) is currently offering a 50% discount on monthly rental on all residential units, grocery shops and convenience stores at its people's housing and public housing projects. For details, call 03-2617 6148 / 6151 or WhatsApp 019-326 5332.
- > Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ) has extended the deadline for online business licence renewal to March 31. Business owners can renew their licences at icommpaj.gov.my. For details; call 03-4285 7324.
- > Ipoh City Council is holding a public exhibition on proposed amendments to its local plan at its lobby until March 10, from 9am to 4pm daily. For details, visit <http://www.mbi.gov.my>



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Building a green corridor



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A bold proposal to provide ecological connectivity between existing recreational parks, communal spaces and community gardens in Lembah Jaya, Selangor, is awaiting approval from the authorities. SHALINI RAVINDRAN finds out the details of the RM2mil project expected to kick off by year end. > 2&3



Recreational parks such as this one in Taman Bukit Indah, Ampang, are well maintained. — Photos: GLENN GUAN and LOW BOON TAT/The Star

Linear park 'will be a boon to residents'

Plans include a 7.77km walking and cycling loop incorporating Ampang Jaya's natural treasures



Proposed Lembah Jaya Green Corridor
7.77 km of linear walking and cycling pathways
6 Communal spaces
3 Recreational parks
2 Recreational forests
2 Community gardens
20 Green walls
TheStar graphics

Lembah Jaya assemblyman Haniza

is spearheading the project.

“The challenge is to carry out the project in phases, with the possibility of extending it,” he said.

Another aspect of the green corridor involves beautifying some of the existing green spaces, which were left through the area being built, it can seem like a concrete jungle.

“We have had discussions with

“The feedback has been positive overall, but we still need serious discussions to execute the project,” she added.

Ampang Jaya is spread over

“In such area is riverbeds, which we can clean up with paths as well as landscape and help to develop walking routes,” she said.

Another aspect of the green corridor involves beautifying some of the existing green spaces, which were left through the area being built, it can seem like a concrete jungle.

“This will also help to make use

of spaces that are currently left idle.



Azmi showing some of the vegetables that are grown in the Bukit Indah Community Garden, which is popular with residents and visitors.



The proposed Lembah Jaya Green Corridor will incorporate existing bicycle lanes in Ampang to create connectivity between parks and other green sites.



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PETALING Jaya City Council (MBPJ) only allows selected gates at Pasar Besar Jalan Othman to be opened as part of crowd control measures and to ensure compliance with Covid-19 standard operating procedures.

"MBPJ assessed the market before deciding what time and which gates should be opened," said an MBPJ spokesperson.

"We set delivery and unloading time from 4am to 6am. Between 7am and noon, only one gate is open to customers on weekdays and two gates on weekends."

"Thermometers, QR codes and logbooks for customer registration are available at the market's entrance and volunteers are stationed there to ensure visitors comply with the SOP before entering," he said in a statement.

He disclosed that MBPJ received an application from the Pasar Besar Jalan Othman Traders Association, through the area's local councillor, requesting permission to open a middle gate at the back of the market as additional access for customers.

"The request was approved, on condition that the association had a Rela officer or volunteer stationed at that entrance. However, based on our observation, the association did not fulfil that condition," he said.

MBPJ's statement came after StarMetro highlighted issues faced by customers and traders at Pasar Besar Jalan Othman, better known as PJ Old Town Market.

Some of the issues included limited gate access, increased rental rate, worker shortage and traders' representation at meetings.

The revised market rental rate started in August 2020. MBPJ decided that the market's maintenance cost would be borne by tenants (traders) and that it would be included in the rental rate to be

MBPJ: Limited gates open at Old Town market for crowd control



For many months, this gate facing Jalan Othman 4/40 served as the only entry/exit to the market, forcing customers to take a longer route and delivery trucks to wait longer.

paid by tenants," said the spokesperson.

"Before the revision, traders only paid for the rental of their trading lots. MBPJ bore the maintenance cost and didn't pass this on to them."

Based on 2021 records, MBPJ's Valuation and Property Management Department data showed that about 70% tenants made their rental payments. This is

a positive indicator that the average trader is still able to pay rent," he said, adding that MBPJ gave a two-month rental waiver last year as a form of assistance to the traders.

On charges for freezer units, MBPJ said it was a fee imposed on traders who placed the freezers in common areas and had been enforced at other public markets owned by other local councils.



StarMetro's report on March 2.

No charges are imposed if the freezers are placed within a trading lot.

As for the ban on slaughtering chicken at the market, "it is in line with a letter from Housing and Local Government Ministry, dated April 2006 and citing the Local Government Act, that all poultry slaughtering activities are not allowed at markets under local councils," said the spokesperson.

The Selangor Menteri Besar issued a similar statement on the ban in May 2020. As such, MBPJ issued a notice in June 2020 disallowing chicken slaughtering and processing at public markets.

"This is in line with Section 21 (5) of the Market By-Law (MBPJ) 2007 and Section 101 (V) of the Local Government Act 1976 (Act 17)."

On whether there could be some flexibility on the hiring of foreign workers, the spokesperson said it was not possible as per a circular issued by the Selangor Secretary's office that foreigners could not be hired as workers or assistants under traders' licences.

"MBPJ has enforced this ban by closing stalls that employed foreigners as workers or assistants. A total of 53 stalls were ordered to close last year for committing this offence," he said.

The spokesperson also said the management of a wet market involved several departments handling different aspects.

"They include Valuation and Property Management Department for lot/stall rental; Solid Waste and Public Cleaning Department for cleaning and garbage collection; Licensing Department for business licence; Engineering Department for building repair and maintenance work; and Health Services and Environment Department for enforcing public health regulations."



The children's playground in Taman Bukit Indah recreational park. The park, which is part of the proposed corridor, is verdant, spacious and popular with the surrounding community.

14,350ha, but almost 50% of its land is made up of forest reserves.

Lembah Jaya is the Selangor state constituency which covers a significant part of the municipality.

At present, the proposed plan will connect areas such as Taman Kosas, Taman Bukit Indah, Bukit Kembara and Bukit Belacan.

Popular spots in these areas include the Bukit Kembara hiking trail, Bukit Indah bicycle trek, Taman Bukit Indah recreational park, Dusun Bandar Taman Kosas and Taman Rimba Ampang.

Residents welcome plans

Bukit Indah Community Garden committee chairman Major (Rtd) Azmi Mohammad said the greening project would be a boon to residents and visitors.

Proposed Lembah Jaya Green Corridor Route



"Many of the neighbourhoods in Ampang are matured with a high density of residents."

"This also means that there are not many green areas within these housing areas, or they are limited to neighbourhood parks."

"The lack of accessible green spaces is one of the reasons why community gardens like ours draw many visitors," he said.

The community garden, set up in 2015, is popular with residents and visitors alike.

The 1.3ha garden boasts fruit trees and vegetables that are often times sold to the public as a way to keep the garden self-sustainable.

Azmi said the green corridor project would help to bring awareness about how gardens like these could be beneficial to the community.

"Any green space we have left is a real strength and we must use it in the best way we can, so that people can get real benefit and enjoyment," he added.

Taman Bukit Indah resident Janet Chew, 56, welcomed the proposed plans as it would expand the current green spaces in her neighbourhood.

"I usually jog around the recreational park here, but it has become quite crowded in recent years as more people have taken up

outdoor activities."

"Also, recreational and amenity spaces are more in demand than ever with the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic."

"A connected route that is safe is a good idea," she agreed.

Meanwhile, MPAJ press relations officer Norhayati Ahmad said the local council would have no objections in giving the project the green light.

"There have been discussions with Haniza about the project and

even a site visit with MPAJ president Mohd Fauzi Mohd Yatin recently."

"There are still some aspects of the project that need to be looked into, as it will be funded by KPKT."

"But we have no objections to approving it once the plans are submitted," she said when contacted by StarMetro.

She added that if it got the go-ahead, the project would be beneficial to residents with long-term positive impact.



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MBSJ sends 100 festive meals to B40 families



(From second left) Wong, Noraini and Mohd Zulkurnain at the flag-off ceremony for food delivery riders to send 'poon choy' to selected B40 families.

SUBANG Jaya City Council (MBSJ) brought some festive cheer to selected underprivileged families by distributing *poon choy* (festive meal in a pot) in conjunction with Chinese New Year.

In lieu of organising a celebration during the movement control order period, MBSJ had the *poon choy* sent through food delivery riders to B40 families living within the city council's administrative area.

Subang Jaya mayor Noraini Roslan, deputy mayor and secretary Mohd Zulkurnain Che Ali and Subang MP Wong Chen flagged off the delivery riders at Arena MBSJ on Chap Goh Meh, the last day of Chinese New Year.

Also present were MBSJ council-

lors Lee Jen Uyin, Thomas Low Yew Sin, George Yap Kok Weng and Mehanathan Embamurthi.

"A total of 100 pots of *poon choy* were presented to B40 families identified by MBSJ councillors within their respective zones," said MBSJ Corporate and Strategic Management Department deputy director Azfarizal Abdul Rashid in a statement.

"*Poon choy* is a traditional Chinese dish that features many ingredients in a single pot.

"It symbolises prosperity and well-being to be enjoyed by the whole family."

In addition to *poon choy* valued at RM200 per unit, he said MBSJ also gave an *ang pow* of RM68 to each recipient.



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Jamaliah, Wong and other women involved in the Wanita Memimpin campaign, including representatives from NGOs as well as associations, at the launch in Damansara Jaya.



IN CONJUNCTION with International Women's Day 2021, the Bandar Utama assemblyman's service centre is hosting a "Wanita Memimpin" (Women Lead) campaign.

The campaign will see a series of interviews with women who are serving the community, from the grassroots at non-governmental organisations to MPs.

Bandar Utama assemblyman Jamaliah Jamaluddin said the theme was "Choose to Challenge".

"We chose this theme to focus on women's leadership as we are all aware that women play an important role not only in family matters, but also leading communities and the country," she said at the launch of the campaign in Damansara Jaya.

The campaign, which runs until the end of March, will see collaboration among organi-

Women leaders featured in campaign's video series

sations and associations as well as Balakong assemblyman Wong Siew Ki and Segambut MP Hannah Yeoh, who will be featured in interviews over nine videos along with others serving the community.

"Each of them should be appreciated, which is why we have interviews with women from various backgrounds, including councillors, youth leaders, 'pusat wanita berdaya' committee members, NGOs, village heads, sportswomen and residents association members," said Jamaliah.

"Our special interview with Yeoh explores her childhood and life to show that many are from regular backgrounds and chose to be leaders in the community," she added.

Wong, who was also at the launch, said the campaign was a meaningful one, elaborating "If we don't have this series of videos, we may overlook many individuals who serve in our community."

"I hope that the series will inspire others."

The recorded sessions as well as live interviews can be viewed on www.facebook.com/



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On your side Brian Martin
@KlangRed

Get the jab to end the nightmare

Across the world, there is a growing pro-vaccination stand as countries and people realise that the only way to beat Covid-19 is to be vaccinated.

As we approach March 18, the one-year anniversary of Malaysia's first Covid-19 lockdown, common sense is a commodity that seems in short supply in the country.

The pandemic has turned our world upside down. Lives were lost, businesses ruined and families devastated. And yet, just as there is renewed hope that the worst is over, there are still Malaysians who are opposed to vaccination and in fact refuse to believe that vaccines are the answer to ending this year-long nightmare.

Misinformation is the main reason behind why only about 7% have thus far registered for vaccinations via the MySejahtera app. This slow pace among Malaysians to register their interest in getting vaccinated against Covid-19 is concerning and points to a lack of clarity and awareness as well as scepticism about the vaccines.

But the misinformation by "anti-vaxxers" who say taking the vaccine is a waste of time could soon be drowned out by a slew of legislation and initiatives as part of the government's efforts to reopen all economic sectors and hasten the end of the pandemic.

Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Adham Baba has announced that five new provisions under the Emergency (Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases)(Amendment) Ordinance 2021 will come into force



In the clear: Frontliner Rainie Leong showing off her 'I have been vaccinated' badge. — Bernama

on March 11. These include a mandatory order for Covid-19 patients or people who have close contact with positive cases to wear a tracking device.

These new legal provisions are not merely a form of punishment but also a preventive measure against the spread of Covid-19 in the country.

A day before this announcement, Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Abdul Hamid Bador said action can

be taken under the Sedition Act 1948 against individuals who spread fake news and instigate people not to take the Covid-19 vaccine.

There is no law against scepticism, and as of now, there isn't any law to compel you to take the vaccine, but let us hope that these measures or rather the threat of punitive action will see the dialling back of anti-vaccine instigation.

Around the world, there is a growing pro-vaccination stand.

From the United States to Europe to China, countries and people have accepted that the only way to end the pandemic is to be vaccinated.

Some countries have even resorted to new laws to make vaccination compulsory. Our neighbour Indonesia is a case in point.

Elsewhere, Israel, which has administered jabs to more than half its population, has introduced a green pass app that shows whether people have been fully inoculated against the coronavirus or if they have presumed immunity after contracting the disease. Malls and museums have reopened for all, but green pass holders get exclusive access to gyms, hotels, theatres, concerts, and indoor dining in restaurants and bars, albeit with some limits.

And in news that is sure to send reverberations around the Muslim world, Saudi Arabia's health ministry has ruled that only people who have been vaccinated against Covid-19 will be allowed to perform the Haj this year.

The importance of this new ruling cannot be underestimated as tens of millions of pilgrims will now have to produce vaccination certificates to fulfil conditions to visit Mecca.

Closer to home, Asean economic ministers have proposed a common digital vaccine certificate to speed up the reopening of the hardest-hit sectors such as tourism.

Even though International Trade

and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali did not specify a timeline for when this can take place, it is a welcomed initiative.

An Asean-wide travel pass or immunisation passport will definitely help facilitate movement among member countries and, more importantly, allow the tourism sector, among the worst hit industries, to bounce back.

I believe Malaysia should take the lead and push for an immunisation passport for Asean. For a start, though, we should join forces with Thailand and Singapore, countries that are heavily reliant on tourism. Both countries have already embarked on a full-scale vaccination programme.

The magic figure of 80% of our population being immunised is frequently brought up when referring to herd immunity. No disrespect to our medical experts, but realistically, we cannot wait for next February for this target to be reached.

If a common digital vaccine certificate can be agreed upon by Malaysia and her neighbours, borders should be open for business and tourism, even if only 50% of the country's population are vaccinated.

If half the country is immunised and Covid-19 numbers have stabilised to a low point, waiting any longer for our borders to reopen would be counter-productive.



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Nod for face-to-face 'akad nikah' in Selangor from Monday

SHAH ALAM: The Selangor Religious Department (Jais) will allow face-to-face *akad nikah* from March 8.

A statement on the department's Facebook page said the decision was made in light of the implementation of the Conditional Movement Control Order in the state starting today.

Jais said there would be limits on the number of attendees allowed at *akad nikah*, with only 15 people allowed for ceremonies at

mosques and surau.

For *akad nikah* held at home or at paid venues, Jais said only 20 people were allowed, while for ceremonies at district religious offices or at Jais, only six people were allowed.

During the Movement Control Order (MCO), marriage solemnisation ceremonies were held via video conferencing.

Virtual ceremonies were introduced on April 20 last year during the first MCO.



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BETRAYAL OF FRONTLINERS

Expert: Queue-jumpers could harm immunisation plan rollout

KUALA LUMPUR: Queue-jumping in the Covid-19 National Immunisation Programme (NIP) is a betrayal of the frontliners who have been battling the pandemic for more than a year.

Recent claims by health practitioners that some people got vaccinated ahead of their group had prompted the Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry (Mnsti) to launch a probe into the matter through the newly-formed Covid-19 Immunisation Task Force (CITF).

Fines are being mulled against those found queue-jumping in the vaccination exercise.

Associate Professor Dr Malina Osman, an epidemiologist and biostatistician from Universiti Putra Malaysia, said frontliners were placed in the first phase of the NIP as they were the ones with a higher risk of getting infected with Covid-19 compared with the other groups.

"If frontliners are skipped (un-

able to be vaccinated adequately), it would expose them and other patients in the hospitals to the risk of infection.

"This situation is unfair to frontliners who have struggled since the pandemic emerged more than a year ago.

"Queue-jumpers could demotivate those who were given or promised an earlier date but were denied the vaccine."

She said those affected might feel uncomfortable and possibly would not turn up at the rescheduled date.

"Sources (frontliners) revealed that they felt betrayed (by such an act).

"Indirectly, acts of queue-jumpers might reduce the par-

ticipation of those who deserve the vaccine and might affect the target of the NIP."

Dr Malina said while there was a provision for those who obstructed efforts to prevent the disease under the Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases Act 1988, there was still a need for a proper and detailed mechanism on how to execute it.

She suggested that the list of names who had registered be made available on a specific dedicated website linked to the MySejahtera app to ensure a transparent registration process.

"Perhaps the process can be

similar to the registration for the general election — based on MyKad or passport numbers — so that we can easily track any 'abnormal' registration."

Environmental health expert Professor Dr Jamal Hisham Hashim said queue-jumping could cause delays in the NIP and jeopardise its rollout for the entire population.

"It might also disrupt the availability of a second vaccine dose for those who have already received the first dose.

"Both health and non-health frontliners must be vaccinated first due to the high-risk nature of their jobs.

"They risk getting infected and also transmitting it to others. If they are not well protected, those who work with them as well as the public might be affected.

"Vaccinating them first should be the top priority," said the Universiti Selangor visiting pro-

fessor of environmental health, who is also a member of the Public Health Advocacy Alliance.

A Mosti spokesman said the ministry viewed the matter seriously and was working with the Health Ministry through CITF in investigating allegations.

Up to 11am on Wednesday, it had received 199 complaints and upon checks, almost 70 per cent of them had no proof, he said.

Claims about vaccination queue-jumpers continued on social media with the latest alleging drivers and maids of prominent figures had jumped queues for their doses.

MedTweetMY chairman Dr Khairul Hafidz Alkhairi Amin had said the coalition of doctors and health workers had received complaints on queue-jumpers and forwarded them to Mosti for further action. **By Nurazimah Daim**



Associate Professor Dr Malina Osman



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COVID-19 PANDEMIC

NESTLE OPENS QUARANTINE TRANSIT STATION

Centre is the first collaboration between Selangor govt and private sector, says MB

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NESTLE (M) Bhd has opened the Nestle Quarantine Transit Station (QTS) in Pegasus Hotel to ease the burden on healthcare facilities, here, and in nearby areas.

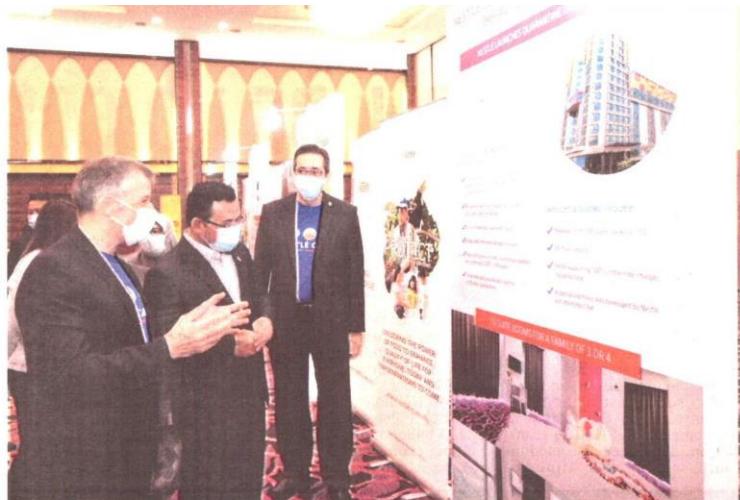
Nestle chief executive officer Juan Aranols said the QTS was established in collaboration with the Health Ministry and the Selangor government for close contacts of Covid-19 patients who were required to self-quarantine.

He said the centre provided an appropriate setting for those who did not have the means nor suitable facilities for at-home quarantine.

The Nestle QTS provides free accommodation, amenities and three meals a day.

"QTS is open to Nestle employees and their families, as well as the bottom 40 per cent group (B40) and lower-income communities in Selangor. The costs will be fully borne by Nestle."

"Our quarantine centre enables persons under surveillance who lack the capacity for effective home quarantine to self-isolate



Nestle (M) Bhd chief executive officer Juan Aranols (left) briefing Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari (centre) about the company's Covid-19 pandemic relief efforts after the launch of the Nestle Quarantine Transit Station in Shah Alam yesterday.

comfortably and safely. This will be especially beneficial for vulnerable communities," he said at the opening of the Nestle QTS yesterday.

Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari said this was the first collaboration between the state government and the private sector in opening a Covid-19 quarantine centre.

"As such, and in line with the government's efforts to set up more Covid-19 quarantine transit centres, we welcome private-

public sector collaborations to ensure that we can continue to protect the health and wellbeing of the rakyat," he said.

Nestle said Pegasus Hotel was selected as a quarantine centre by the National Disaster Management Agency last year.

Through the initiative, 100 hotel rooms are reserved by Nestle that can accommodate single or family groups.

"Those under quarantine are required to observe the strict standard operating procedure to

protect the hotel staff and other guests, with a process flow designed by the hotel and validated by the health authorities. This includes a dedicated quarantine entrance and elevator, as well as a separate kitchen that will prepare their meals.

"Upon checking in, a 'Nestle Cares' care kit will be provided and it contains a selection of essential Nestle products for the duration of their stay. Those under quarantine will also be monitored by the authorities," it said.



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Transit station for B40 group launched

SHAH ALAM: Covid-19 patients from the B40 group who do not have space at home for self-quarantine can now check in at the quarantine transit station at the Pegasus Hotel.

Nestle Malaysia Bhd, which launched the centre yesterday, will bear all costs incurred to house such individuals.

"They will be given free

accommodation and delicious and nutritious meals," said Nestle Malaysia chief executive officer Juan Aranols.

"Those in the B40 group may not have the facilities for home quarantine. This is our way to support the Health Ministry's efforts to prevent close contact with them," he said at the launch of the Nestle Quarantine Transit Station initiative by Selangor

Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari yesterday.

"Standard operating procedures will be strictly adhered to at all times," Aranols said, adding that the station will operate for two months, after which Nestle will assess the situation to see if an extension is needed.

Amirudin said the state government welcomed cooperation

between the private and public sectors to address the Covid situation in Selangor.

He said the transit station at Pegasus Hotel would meet the needs of those from the central and northern parts of Selangor and another transit centre at the Islamic Training Institute of Malaysia will cater to those from the southern part of the state. - Bernama



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Nestle Malaysia opens quarantine transit station in Shah Alam

By Acarin Shafira Arain - March 4, 2021 @ 2:41pm



SHAH ALAM: Nestle (Malaysia) Bhd has launched Nestle Quarantine Transit Station (QTS) in Pegasus Hotel to ease some of the burden on healthcare facilities especially in Shah Alam and nearby areas. -fotoBERNAMA (2021) HAK CIPTA TERPELHARA

Nestle Malaysia chief executive officer Juan Aranols said Nestle QTS had been established through collaboration with the Ministry of Health (MoH) and Selangor state government to support "close contact" Covid-19 patients who require self-quarantine.

Aranols said Nestle QTS provides an appropriate setting for those who do not have the means or suitable facilities for at-home quarantine.

This will include free hotel room accommodation and amenities, three nutritious meals a day, specially designed by Maggi Chefs, with adherence to safety standard operating procedure (SOP) protocols advised by the MoH.

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*QTS will be open to Nestle employees and their families, as well as B40 and lower-income communities in Selangor. The costs of the facilities will be fully borne by Nestle.

"Our quarantine centre enables person(s) under surveillance (PUS) who may lack the capacity for effective home quarantine, to self-isolate comfortably and most importantly, safely. This will be especially beneficial for vulnerable communities, including B40 families and lower-income groups," he told the media at the launch of Nestle QTS today.

Selangor Menteri Besar Dato' Seri Amirudin Shah said this was the first collaboration between the state government and private sector to open a Covid-19 quarantine transit centre.

"As such and in line with the government's efforts to set up more Covid-19 quarantine transit centres, we welcome private-public collaborations to ensure that we can continue to protect the health and wellbeing of the rakyat," said Amirudin.

Nestle Malaysia said Pegasus Hotel was selected as a quarantine centre by the National Disaster Management Agency (NADMA) in 2020, with proven capabilities and strict compliance to SOPs in handling quarantine cases.

Through the initiative, 100 hotel rooms are reserved as quarantine rooms by Nestle, comprising a range of options to accommodate either single or family groups.

Those under quarantine are required to observe strict SOPs to protect the hotel staff and other guests, with a process flow designed by the hotel and validated by the health authorities. This includes utilising a dedicated quarantine entrance and elevator, as well as a separate kitchen which provides three nourishing meals a day developed by Nestle.

"Upon check-in, a 'Nestle Cares' Care Kit will be provided, containing a selection of essential Nestle products for the duration of their stay. Those under quarantine will also be monitored by the authorities, including the Malaysia Civil Defence Force, Petaling District office and the Selangor State Health Department," it said.

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Selangor launches 1st quarantine transit centre

The centre provides an appropriate setting for those who do not have the means or suitable facilities for at-home quarantine

by LYDIA NATHAN

THE Selangor state government together with Nestlé (M) Bhd and Health Ministry introduced the Nestlé Quarantine Transit Station (QTS), the first public-private sector collaboration to launch a Covid-19 quarantine centre, aiming to support people that have come into close contact with Covid-19 positive patients.

The 100-room QTS, located at Pegasus Hotel in Shah Alam, Selangor, is fully paid for by Nestlé and it is available for Nestlé employees and the public.

Pegasus Hotel was selected as a quarantine centre by the National Disaster Management Agency (NADMA) in 2020 with proven capabilities and strict compliance in handling quarantine cases.

Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari said Selangor is one of the most affected states due to its population density, while



Aranols (left) briefing Amirudin (centre) on some of the facilities and services that are available for those undergoing quarantine at Pegasus Hotel

healthcare workers and facilities have already been stretched at full capacity.

He said the idea for the quarantine centre first came about when the number of cases soared

between 2,000 to 3,000 daily, which led to the discussion of opening a centre to help curb the spread of the virus.

"The Nestlé QTS will provide an appropriate setting for those who do

not have the means or suitable facilities for at-home quarantine. This will include free accommodation, amenities, three nutritious meals a day while adhering to the strict standard operating procedures at all times," he told reporters at the launch of the centre yesterday.

"The QTS will likely be for patients in stage 1 and 2. This will also free up some space at MAEPS, as healthcare workers are also using the facility for quarantine," he said.

Amirudin added that relevant bodies that will work together for this initiative include Malaysia Civil Defence Force (APM), the Malaysian Armed Forces (MAF) and the Covid-19 Assessment Centre (CAC).

"Nestlé has had a 0.001% of infection at its factory from the first Movement Control Order and has a good record at handling the pandemic so far. There is a station set up at the hotel already for the MAF and APM forces. They have been trained and have also had the experience since last year in handling the transits and management of positive tested patients."

"Since Nestlé has had such a low infection rate, the centre will be

predominantly for the public. We will leave it up to CAC and other bodies to access," Amirudin added.

Meanwhile, Nestlé CEO Juan Aranols said the company has taken a stance from the beginning of the outbreak of the virus with an aim to support the communities, keep people safe and ensure adequate supply of food across the nation.

According to Aranols, QTS will remain open for two months, but the company will adapt to the situation and trend of cases.

"We will see what is needed in two months' time and if we need to continue. Hopefully, we won't need to scale up. I cannot comment on the amount invested but it is significant," he said.

Aranols also said this effort will look at helping the hotel industry since it has been badly hit since the pandemic outbreak.

"It has definitely been hard times for many hotels so we want to put Pegasus Hotel to good use and help support the community. Last year Nestlé channelled RM15 million to pandemic relief efforts and we will continue to do this year with our wide range of initiatives," he said.



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(沙亚南4日讯)马来西亚雀巢(Nestle Malaysia)发动冠病人道救援精神，携手卫生部和雪州政府，在沙亚南Pegasus酒店启动雀巢“隔离中心”(QTS)，以免费提供冠病患者和密切接触者进行隔离。

助舒缓雪医疗系统

雪州大臣拿督斯里阿米鲁丁指出，这是私人企业首次与州政府合作设隔离中心，有助于舒缓雪州的医疗系统。

他今早为雀巢隔离中心推介后，召开新闻发布会说，冠病高峰时期，雪州多家政府医院的床位都严重爆满，超出负荷，惟雪州现阶段的确诊冠病有明显下降趋势，维持在三位数，但不能担保接下来是否会反弹，做好准备才是上策。

他披露，沙登的MAEPS低风险冠病隔离与治疗中心可收第一期到第四期的病患者，而雀巢的隔离中心预计会接收第一期或第二期的确诊患者。

“雀巢将租下100间酒店房间作为隔离房间，而入住的病患者将由雪州卫生局和冠病评估中心(CAC)核定和指派。”

他补充，隔离的工作将会交给拥有丰富经验的民防部队负责，确保隔离的病患者都遵守标准作业程序。

另外，他也赞扬雀巢公司在防疫工作上表现良好，尤其该厂从去年到至今的冠病感染率只有0.01%，可见该公司严格遵守作业标准作业程序。

阿米鲁丁：不代表疫情受控 民衆接種後仍需守SOP

阿米鲁丁稍早前致词时表示，尽管如今已经开始接种疫苗，但并不代表疫情会在一瞬间消失或受控制，相反大众如今还是得继续作好防疫标准作业程序。

他说，即便疫情受控后，大家也要检视疫情期间带来的启发，包括许多工厂爆发感染群，其实都与空气流通、住宿与工作环境不良有关。

他披露，无论是贸工部、人力资源部、州政府或地方政府都应该审视上述的情况，并介入改善劳工环境。



郎阿拉诺斯(左一)向阿米鲁丁(中)解释雀巢隔离中心的作业方式。

租100間酒店房間 雀巢“隔離中心”啓動



病患者在雀巢隔离中心下隔离，每日三餐都是由雀巢的MAGGI厨师特别准备。左起为阿米鲁丁和郎阿拉诺斯。

去年撥1500萬支援防疫 雀巢再接再厲幫助社區

另外，马来西亚雀巢有限公司首席执行员郎阿拉诺斯表示，大马雀巢于去年疫情期间，共拨出1500万令吉投入社区服务和支援工作，今年会再接再厉投入更多资源帮助社区。

他披露，该公司是于两个月前开始启动设立隔离中心计划，加上了解到如今许多酒店在疫情期间经营上面对困境，所以才会选择租下酒店房间，作为隔离中心。

“我们除了提供住隔离的房间，也为隔离者提供1天三餐。”

他补充，入住隔离的人士必须严格遵守SOP，按照卫生部所定下的标准作业程序，以保护酒店员工和其他客人。

隔离人士入住期间，也将受到马来西亚民防部队、八打灵县土地局和雪州卫生局官员的监管。

出席今日推介礼嘉宾包括雪州秘书拿督诺阿兹米、雪州行政议员西蒂玛丽亚，以及大马雀巢执行董事拿督阿南。



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大道工程屢傳意外 民衆駛經工地恐懼

報道 ▶ 陳詩蕙、鍾可婷

(八打靈再也3日訊) 施工中的大道工程多次直接或間接出現安全隱患，令途經工地的駕駛人士不免產生恐慌感!

新街場-濱江大道(SUKE)高架天橋靠近吉隆坡迪沙敦拉萨地區的工程昨晚發生意外事故，一輛運載吊機的羅里撞到修建中的高架天橋，導致局部建築坍塌，并壓到一輛工廠客貨車，導致2死3傷慘劇。

尽管此事件中涉及的拖格羅里不屬於工程使用的交通工具，但大道工地數次傳出的意外事故，已讓民眾在途經時，憂心忡忡。



黃思漢：
州政府重視工程
工程安全
派員突擊檢查



雪州行政議員黃思漢受訪時指出，這類情況頻頻發生，大家已是相當害怕和恐慌。“其實這種疏忽是不被允許的，因為這類大型工程有很多不同等級的工程顧問和稽查等，意外事故不該發生。”

他提及，除了大型基建工程，其實就算是房屋建築、裝修等小型工程，地方政府都會派員進行突擊檢查。儘管如此，工程的安全責任仍在于承包商和工程顧問，所以他們必須定期稽查。

“州政府很重視工程安全，我們不會忽略這些。因為幸運的話，沒有人命傷亡，但不可能每次都那麼幸運。”

他說，在雪州方面，這類意外事故也曾發生，州政府當時就第一時間發出停工令，爾後召開行政會議，指責相關單位馬上改善。

“我們有把承包商叫到經濟行動理事會上，要他們給出滿意的解釋，否則不允許重新開工。”

施工路障太近道路

黃思漢也針對大道等大型工程的施工路障與道路太近，並形成阻礙一事不無指認，這是現行城市規劃的整體缺點，畢竟許多新的大路計劃都不在原本的規範內，惟工程也需要一些空間來施工，却又不能完全封路。

“這是大道工程所面對的難處；在雪州的工程，如經鐵工程，我們試過全面封路，或是只允許在晚上时段施工，或尽可能改道，雖然這對當地社區帶來一定困擾，但工程相關部分却能更安全和快速地完成。”

李明康：入夜施工未置障礙物 驅警意外



记者电访时表示，他于本月1日晚上10时12分从大城驛返回吉隆坡方向，路经第二中环公路靠近吉隆坡南湖城綜合交通終點的路段時，發現一輛羅里停泊在快速车道，工作人员則在施工。

他说，相关地点附近路段于昨日傍晚6时就发生了施格羅里撞到修建中的高

另一方面，
另一工作人员
在入夜后施工并未置放障碍物及身穿反光衣，险些酿成意外！

行动党武吉免登国会议员方黄吉助理李明康接受《大都会》社区报记者采访时他表示，他于本月1日晚上10时12分从大城驛返回吉隆坡方向，路经第二中环公路靠近吉隆坡南湖城綜合交通終點的路段時，发现一輛羅里停泊在快速车道，工作人员則在施工。

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前方车亮煞车灯才注意到

根据他的行车记录器拍摄影画面，他原本在快速车道行驶，直到前方的汽车亮起煞车灯，他才注意到前方有一辆羅里。

“当时我的行驶时速为70公里，我在看到羅里后，即刻起刹车灯，并确定后方及隔壁车道没有车辆后，左转至隔壁车道。”

他说，羅里停泊的路段恰好是转弯处，加上该路段只有临时路灯照明，道路

显得昏暗，所幸当时他并没有高速行驶及注意到前方汽车亮煞车灯，才没撞上该罗里，酿成意外。

另外，有许多网友在他的贴文下留言表示该路段经常发生交通事故，路灯数量少，能见度也相当低。

网友：曾险撞快车道障碍物

另一名网友说，她在清晨时分路经该处时，红白色的障碍物横挡在快速车道，她差点撞上该障碍物，所幸当时行驶的车辆不多，她还能紧急切换车道。

“我提醒道路使用者要格外小心，避免在快速车道行驶。同时，我也希望承包商在入夜后施工时，必须增设警示牌，避免酿成意外。”

车辆路线，以及有效的障碍物。”

重型车辆操作员应研究路线

他说，即使是道路使用者，尤其是重型车辆操作员(HGV)，也需要通过研究行驶路线、车辆负载等来提高其安全SOP，以降低事故的风险和影响。

“重要的是，我们需要从每次事件中汲取教训，并努力提升安全措施。我们必须遵守SOP，如有必要，可以研究和改进及更加创新的SOP。”

丘應權：免意外重演 各執法單位須調查交待

(吉隆坡4日讯) 马华敦拉萨镇区主席拿督丘應權要求相关当局针对新街场-滨江大道(SUKE)高架天桥坍塌事故发生事故展开调查，除了追查涉案罗里司机的背景，也调查工地的封路、安全施工等，是否符合安全规格。

他说，除了地方政府、警方、陆路交通局、职业安全与卫生局等相关部门，都必需介入调查此事，交待来龙去脉。

他说，虽然目前涉案司机已被警方确认吸食，但是为何罗里会撞到桥梁、而殃及客货车如何被压倒，这些都是要展开调查的，以免意外重演。

或出现执法漏洞

“目前，依据法令，高架天桥是不可以低于5.4尺，为何肇事罗里高度超过5.4公尺，却可以上路？这显示执法单位出现的执法漏洞。”

他指责，陆路交通局有没有严厉执法和检查重型交通工具，也没有对这类重型交通工具进行特别检查和批核。

他说，职业安全与卫生局有必要定期检查各个工地，包括高架天桥工程安全情况，而不是等待接获举报或发生事故后才来行动。

他说，当局也要即刻指示工地停

工，并且展开安全评估，确保结构安

全，以免威胁来往车辆与公众的安全。

为何工程迟迟未竣工

他是针对周三傍晚在新街场-滨江大道(SUKE)高架天桥靠近迪沙敦拉萨地区，一辆运载吊机铁架的罗里撞到修建中的高架天桥，导致局部建筑坍塌，压毁一辆客货车，造成一死三伤惨剧，发表上述谈话。

他指出，案发高架天桥工地已发生数次意外，包括曾有巨石从高空坠下，砸毁轿车事件，因此当局必需加以确保其安全措施必需标准。

“案发后，地上居民都不满为何该工程一直没有竣工，居民都非常好奇该工程的进度是否有拖延。”