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Sultan Selangor berkenan kurnia watikah pelantikan

Shah Alam: Sultan Selangor berkenan menyampaikan watikah pelantikan kepada empat Hakim Syarie sebagai Anggota Panel Tetap Hakim Mahkamah Rayuan Syariah negeri, pada istiadat ringkas di Istana Bukit Kayangan di sini, semalam.

Empat anggota panel tetap yang dilantik itu adalah Ketua Hakim Syarie Jabatan Kehakiman Syariah Malaysia (JKSM), Datuk Dr Mohd Na'im Mokhtar dan tiga Hakim Mahkamah Rayuan Syariah JKSM iaitu Mohd Amran Mat Zain, Datuk Mohamad Shakir Abdul Hamid dan Othman Ibrahim.

Pelantikan yang berkuat kuasa 9 Mei, 13 Mei dan 25 Ogos lalu itu dibuat mengikut Subseksyen 59(1), Seksyen 60 dan 60(b) serta 60(c) Enakmen Pentadbiran Agama Islam (Negeri Selangor) 2003.

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Selangor, dua Pendaftar Mahkamah Tinggi Syariah Selangor, seorang Timbalan Pendaftar Mahkamah Tinggi Syariah Selangor dan tiga Penolong Pendaftar Mahkamah Rendah Syariah Selangor.

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Sultan Sharafuddin berkenan mengurniakan watikah pelantikan kepada Mohd Na'im di Istana Bukit Kayangan, semalam.

industri halal, memperkasakan pengurusan sumber ekonomi Islam, memantapkan perurukan undang-undang dan kerjasama yang mapan antara agensi.

Pelan itu turut menggariskan 16 inisiatif antaranya Pelan Keleluargaan Islam, Pelan Pendidikan Islam Bersepadu, Pelan Dakwah, Pelan Masjid Penggunaan Um-

mah, Pelan Sokongan dan Indeks Pengurusan dan Penyampaian Perkhidmatan.

Sementara itu, Sultan Sharafuddin turut berkenan mengurniakan gelaran Tengku Panglima Raja Selangor kepada adinda bapanya, Tengku Ahmad Shah.

Istana Selangor dalam satu ke-nyataan, memaklumkan pengur-niaan gelaran itu berkuat kuasa pada 25 Ogos lalu.

Menurut ke-nyataan itu, pengur-niaan gelaran kepada Tengku Ahmad Shah dilakukan selepas Sultan Sharafuddin berundur dengan Dewan Diraja Selangor pada sidang Mesyuarat Dewan di-Raja Selangor Ke-153.

"Beliau sebelum ini menyandang gelaran Tengku Indra Setia yang dikurniakan ketika pem-rihatan Almarhum Sultan Sa-lahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah pada 9 Mei 1992," menurut ke-nyataan itu, semalam.

Sebelum ini dikurniakan kepada Tengku Sulaiman Shah dengan gelaran Tengku Panglima Diraja Selangor pada 1 Ogos 1978 hingga 30 Jun 2016. BERNAMA



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Golf ulang tahun UDA ke-50

WALAUJUN negara masih dilanda pandemik Covid-19, namun ia tidak menghalang UDA Holdings Berhad (UDA) untuk menganjurkan kejohanan golf tahunannya di Kelab Golf Kota Seriemas, Nilai, Negeri Sembilan kelmarin.

Kejohanan yang berlangsung dalam semangat kesukanan itu disertai 60 pemain terdiri daripada wakil dari Kementerian Pembangunan Usahawan dan

Koperasi (MEDAC), agensi dibawah organisasi tersebut dan wakil-wakil media.

Menurut Pengurus UDA, Datuk Jalaluddin Alias, kejohanan golf kali ini berbeza daripada tahun-tahun sebelumnya, namun semangat kesukanan para pemain amat memberangsangkan.

"Kita faham bahwa negara kita sedang berhadapan dengan isu pandemik Covid-19.

Namun semangat dan kesungguhan yang ditunjukkan oleh semua peserta menjadi tunjang utama kejayaan kejohanan ini.

"Apa yang penting dalam kita seronok bersukan, etika serta prosedur operasi standard (SOP) yang ditetapkan harus kita dipatuhi dan saya lihat semua peserta akur arahan," katanya ketika berucap dalam majlis penyampaian hadiah

kepada para pemenang. Turut menyertai kejohanan itu ialah Presiden/Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif UDA, Mohd. Salem Khalany.

Dalam kejohanan tersebut, Pengurus UDA dinobatkan sebagai juara bagi kategori Ahli, manakala Mahyuddin Zaini dari Majlis Perbandaran Kajang muncul juara bagi kategori jemputan.

UDA yang bakal mencecah

50 tahun penubuhannya tahun depan turut mengadakan cabutan bertuah kepada pemain-pemain yang gagal menaiki podium.

■ JALALUDDIN Alias (hadapan, sembilan dari kiri) dan Mohd. Salem Khalany (hadapan, lapan dari kiri) bersama peserta kejohanan golf UDA di Kelab Golf Kota Seriemas, Nilai, Negeri Sembilan.



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Pupuk budaya bersih

MAJLIS Bandaraya Shah Alam (MBSA) dan pertubuhan bukan kerajaan, Malaysian Humanitarian Foundation mengadakan program mengutip sampah, *World Clean Up Day 2020* di sekitar kawasan Seksyen 25 baru-baru ini.

Program yang disertai 200 sukarelawan terdiri daripada

50 kakitangan Pengurusan Sisa Pepejal dan Pembersihan Awam MBSA, kakitangan syarikat korporat dan anggota Majlis Perwakilan Penduduk Zon 9 itu bertujuan memupuk budaya membersihkan persekitaran dalam kalangan masyarakat.

Antara aktiviti dilakukan peserta adalah mengumpul,

mengutip sampah dan membersihkan persekitaran.

■ KAKITANGAN MBSA dan ahli Malaysian Humanitarian Foundation bergambar sempena sambutan *World Clean Up Day 2020* di Seksyen 25 Shah Alam, Selangor. - UTUSAN/ABDUL RAZAK IDRIS





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Tidak wujud 'tangan ghaib'

KUALA LUMPUR: B. Sathianathan berkuasa penuh ke atas pasukan *Red Giants* dan tidak wujud 'tangan ghaib' yang merosakkan pasukan.

Itu penegasan, Persatuan Bola Selangor (FAS) ketika diminta mengulas pendedahan pemilik Johor Darul Ta'zim (JDT), Tunku Ismail Sultan Ibrahim bahawa masalah dalam pengurusan FAS telah membawa kerosakan kepada pasukan *Red Giants*.

Tunku Ismail turut mendakwa, ada di antara pihak pengurusan ingin memainkan peranan jurulatih sehingga menyebabkan pemain hilang semangat untuk bermain.

"Saya tidak pasti dari mana maklumat itu diperolehi dan berani jamin bahawa dari aspek teknikal dalam pasukan utama iaitu Liga Super tiada campur tangan langsung mana-mana individu. Sathianathan mempunyai kuasa penuh.



JOHAN KAMAL HAMIDON

"Tiada orang campur tangan dari mula sampailah hari terakhir Sathianathan sebagai Ketua Jurulatih Selangor," kata Setiausaha Agung FAS, Dr. Johan Kamal Hamidon kepada *Utusan Malaysia*.

Johan juga menegaskan, tiada salah laku berlaku dalam

FAS kerana hanya beliau dan Timbalan Presiden, Datuk Seri Shahril Mokhtar mempunyai kuasa menandatangi dokumen dalam sebarang operasi atau melibatkan kewangan.

Bagaimanapun jika melibatkan keputusan besar ia akan dibawa ke pengurusan tertinggi iaitu Raja Muda Selangor (RMS), Tengku Amir Shah Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah.

"Saya menafikan ada salah laku atau melibatkan individu yang mempunyai kepentingan peribadi dalam FAS.

"Apa yang saya boleh beritahu sebarang urusan melibatkan operasi hanya ada dua individu boleh tandatangan dokumen atau cek pembayaran.

"Kalau timbul salah laku maka kami berdua menjadi individu terawal didakwa, jadi saya berani jamin apa yang diperkatakan tidak betul," katanya.



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Sepang

Jabatan Kemajuan Islam Malaysia (Jakim) akan bekerjasama dengan pihak berkuasa agama negeri bagi menangani isu ajaran sesat di negara ini.

Menteri di Jabatan Perdana Menteri (JPM) (Hal Ehwal Agama) Datuk Dr Zulkifli Mohamad Al-Bakri berkata, beliau bersetuju dengan cadangan supaya ada kerjasama sedemikian berikutan bidang kuasa agama yang berbeza mengikut negeri.

Ia bagi membolehkan penularan dan perkembangan ajaran sesat seperti Rasul Melayu dapat ditangani dengan secara komprehensif.

"Insya-Allah saya bersetuju... kita akan laksanakan dan saya akan ambil satu peringatan dalam isu ini bersama Jakim dan Jabatan Agama Islam Wilayah Persekutuan (Jawi) dan Jabatan Agama Islam Selangor (Jais) dan lain-lain (jabatan agama negeri)," katanya pada sidang media selepas perasmian Multaqa Jawa-tanakuasa Fatwa Seluruh Malaysia di sini, semalam.

Sultan Perak Sultan Nazrin Muizzuddin Shah berkenan berangkat merasmikan program itu pagi semalam.

Zulkifli berkata, beliau

ISU AJARAN SESAT 'RASUL MELAYU'

'Dia dahulu mengaku taubat'

melihat isu penularan ajaran sesat di negara ini amat terkawal namun ada keperluan menyedarkan mereka yang dengan sengaja memilih cara tidak tepat dan menyimpang daripada ajaran Islam.

Mengulas mengenai Rasul Melayu yang aktif semula dengan penahanan Abdul Kahar Ahmad Ahad lalu, Zulkifli berkata, ia cerita lama.

Beliau berkata, dalam satu lawatannya ke Penjara Kajang sebelum ini, beliau menemu Abdul Kahar yang kemudian membuat pengakuan bahawa dia sudah bertaubat.

"Jadi kita, bila orang menyatakan sudah bertaubat maka kita terima. Selepas sampai di Selangor, dia sendiri buat istitabah (pengakuan untuk bertaubat) dia.

"Kalau macam itu, selepas ini memang kita ambil pemerhatian khusus dan mungkin kita tengok setakat yang kita mampu (lakukan).

"Tetapi itu terkait kepada negeri Selangor. Kita akan cuba dapatkan sejumlah maklumat bagaimana proses selepas daripada ini," katanya.

Pada masa sama, Zulkifli berkata, pihaknya berkecimpung melihat untuk menyediakan makalah khusus mengenai ajaran sesat bagi diedarkan kepada imam dan guru tahmid yang dilantik pihak berkuasa agama.

Semalam media melaporkan Rasul Melayu yang kembali aktif menyebarkan ajaran yang difatwakan diharamkan

pada 1991 ditahan bersama 16 pengikutnya oleh Jais di tiga lokasi berbeza, malam Ahad lalu.

Pengarah Jais Mohd Shahzihan Ahmad dilaporkan berkata, Abdul Kahar ditahan di sebuah rumah di Kemensah, Ulu Klang selepas empat tahun dibebaskan.

Pada Oktober 2009, Mahkamah Tinggi Syariah Selangor memerintahkan Abdul Kahar dijepun 10 tahun, denda RM16,500 dan enam sebatan bersabit kes penyebaran ajaran sesat.

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Dr Zulkifli





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Ikat jamin RM400,000 setiap seorang

Shah Alam: Empat ahli lembaga pengarah dan seorang pengurus syarikat membaiki jentera berat yang didakwa berhubung kes pembuangan bahan berbahaya ke Sungai Gong, Rawang dibebaskan dengan ikat jamin RM400,000 setiap seorang, semalam.

Mereka sebelum ini tidak dibenarkan dijamin ketika dihadapkan di Mahkamah Sesyen Selayang, 15 September lalu dan ketika itu sudah direman sejak 5 September.

Dalam prosiding semakan terhadap keputusan Mahkamah Sesyen Selayang (yang tidak membenarkan jaminan) semalam, Pesuruhjaya Kehakiman, Datuk Norsharidah Awang membenarkan semua tertuduh termasuk empat adik-beradik itu untuk diikat jamin.

Mahkamah membenarkan masing-masing dijamin RM400,000 dengan seorang penjamin dan memerintahkan mereka menyerahkan pasport kepada mahkamah.

Mahkamah turut mengenakan syarat tambahan bahawa perintah jaminan boleh ditarik balik jika tertuduh melakukan kesalahan ketika berada dalam tempoh jaminan.

Keputusan itu dibuat selepas mahkamah menimbangkan faktor kesihatan tertuduh, keseriusan kes, kebarangkalian gangguan terhadap saksi dan faktor kes yang menarik perhatian awam.

Norsharidah membuat ke-

putusan itu selepas mendengar hujahan Timbalan Pendakwa Raya, Mohd Asnawi Abu Hanipah dan Noor Husnita Mohd Radzi manakala pembelaan diwakili peguam Datuk Akberdin Abdul Kader.

Kelima-lima tertuduh adalah empat ahli lembaga pengarah adik-beradik iaitu Yip Kok Wai, 53, Yip Kok Mun, 58, Yip Kok Kuin, 50, dan Yip Kok Wong, 60 serta pengurus bengkel, Ho Voon Leong, 59.



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Persatuan Bolasepak Selangor (FAS) menafikan tuduhan wujud konspirasi untuk menyengkirkan B Sathianathan sejak awal musim ini.

Sebaliknya, pengendali yang ditamatkan kontrak oleh FAS kelmarin sememangnya sudah dimaklumkan khidmatnya tidak akan disambung penghujung musim ini.

Jelas Setiausaha Agung FAS, Dr Johan Kamal Hamidon, tidak timbul perancangan tersembunyi untuk menganaya Sathianathan kerana sejak awal lagi jurulatih berpengalaman itu sudah dimaklumkan mengenai kedudukannya.

'Tiada konspirasi'

FAS nafi wujud 'perancangan jahat' singkir Sathianathan

"Sebenarnya beliau (Sathianathan) pun tahu, yang khidmatnya hanya sehingga musim ini saja kerana mulai tahun depan kita akan menggunakan jurulatih baharu.

"Walau dia menang piala pun (musim ini), kita tetap dengan perancangan untuk ambil jurulatih baharu dan itu sudah jelas kerana pihak pengurusan sudah ada arah tuju baharu dalam bola sepak," katanya kepada Arena Metro semalam.

Beliau berkata, pelantikan Pengarah Teknikal (TD), Michael Feichtenbeiner sebagai jurulatih sementara

adalah keputusan pengurusan tertinggi FAS yang mahu jurulatih Jerman itu merapkan DNA baharu dalam permainan skuad Red Giants.

"Struktur bola sepak Selangor kita nak masukkan struktur TD sebagai pegawai paling tinggi dalam Selangor. Kita nak perkenalkan struktur baharu, tapi untuk tahun pertama ini Sathianathan adalah jurulatih Liga Super bagi tahun kedua dan sebab itu kita kecilkan skop tugas TD supaya juga Selangor II dan ke bawah.

"Maknanya peranan TD

sekarang (Feichtenbeiner) adalah untuk memperkenalkan sistem atau DNA bola sepak Selangor yang sama. Buat tahun ini Selangor II dan Piala Presiden dah gunakan cara sama, latihan sama dan kerjasama secara berkumpulan.

"Inilah perancangan jangka panjang Selangor diilhamkan oleh Raja Muda Selangor dan itu visinya. Bila tiba masanya pasukan Liga Super pun kenalah ikut serta dan selari. Dalam hal ini, Sathianathan dah tahu dan kita di FAS nak cara yang TD bawa. Bukan bermaksud cara Sathianathan

tak bagus, tapi dia ada cara dia sendiri," katanya.

Kelmarin, Sathianathan dipercayi meskipun kontraknya hanya berakhir hujung musim ini gara-gara kekalahan memulakan 1-6 di tangan Johor Darul Ta'zim (JDT) di Stadium Sultan Ibrahim pada Sabtu lalu.



"Pihak pengurusan sudah ada arah tuju baharu Dr. Johan"



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Lima tertuduh cemar Sungai Gong bebas ikat jamin RM2 juta

LIMA individu termasuk empat beradik dibebaskan dengan ikat jamin sebanyak RM2 juta semalam selepas lapan hari berada di Penjara Bentong, Pahang atas dakwaan pencemaran air di Sungai Gong.

• LAPORAN PENUH DI MUKA 3



Empat pengarah, pengurus syarikat bebas selepas 8 hari di penjara

Lima dibenar ikat jamin RM2 juta

Oleh NUZULSHAM SHAMSUDDIN

SHAH ALAM – Selepas lapan hari meringkuk dalam Penjara Bentong, lima tertuduh termasuk empat beradik kes pencemaran Sungai Gong. Rawang menarik nafas lega selepas mereka dibenarkan dilikat jamin sebanyak RM400,000 setiap seorang semalam.

Pesuruhjaya Kehakiman, Datuk Norsharidah Awang memutuskan demikian selepas meliti dan mempertimbangkan hujah-hujah yang dikemukakan pihak pendakwaan dan pembelaan.

Lima tertuduh itu ialah Yip Kok Wai, 52, Yip Kok Mun, 58, Yip Kok Kuin, 50, dan Yip Kok Weng, 60, yang merupakan pengarah dan seorang pengurus syarikat sama, Ho Voon Leong, 59.

“Selepas mengambil kira faktor kesihatan, keserusuan kes, kebarangkalian gangguan terhadap saksi dan kes yang menarik perhatian awam, mahkamah memberikan perintah ikat jamin masing-masing RM400,000 dengan seorang penjamin.

“Kedua, pasport kesemuanya tertuduh diserahkan kepada mahkamah dan ketiga, sekiranya tertuduh melakukan kesalan semasa tempoh ikat jamin, mahkamah akan menarik balik semula jaminan,” katanya.



LIMA lelaki termasuk empat beradik yang didakwa atas pertuduhan melakukan pencemaran air dibawa ke Mahkamah Tinggi Shah Alam semalam.

Norsharidah berkata demikian pada prosiding permohonan semakan keputusan Mahkamah Sesyen Selangor yang tidak membenarkan kelima-lima tertuduh dilikat jamin di Mahkamah Tinggi di sini semalam.

Kelima-lima tertuduh membayar wang jaminan tersebut.

Mengikut pertuduhan pertama, lima tertuduh itu didakwa

dengan niat bersama melakukan khianat sehingga menyebabkan bahan buangan yang mengandungi bahan berbahaya daripada Bengkel Yip Chee Seng & Sons Sdn. Bhd. dilupuskan ke dalam alur air.

Pertuduhan didakwa “mengikut Seksyen 430 Kanun Keseksaan yang membawa hukuman penjara maksimum 30 tahun atau

denda atau kedua-dua sekali.

Bagi pertuduhan kedua, mereka didakwa dengan niat bersama melepaskan bahan buangan

sama daripada bengkel sama tanpa lesen mengikut Seksyen 25(1) Akta Kualiti Alam Sekeling 1974.

Kesemua kesalahan itu dilakukan pada 2 dan 3 September lalu.

Terdahulu, peguam Datuk Akberdin Abdul Kader berkata, walaupun anak guamnya dituduh mengikut Seksyen 430 yang mana termasuk dalam kesalahan yang tidak boleh dijamin, namun mahkamah mempunyai budi bicara untuk memberikan jaminan dengan syarat tertentu.

Kosmol pada 16 September lalu melaporkan lima tertuduh berhubung pencemaran Sungai Gong terkuad apabila Mahkamah Sesyen Selangor tidak membentarkan mereka dilikat jamin.

Hakim Syafeera Mohd. Said membuat keputusan tersebut selepas mendengar dan menimbang hujah permohonan pihak pendakwaan.

Ekoran pencemaran air dari pada bengkel tersebut, empat Loji Rawatan Air terpaksa dihenti tugas menyebabkan lebih lima juta penduduk melibatkan 1,292 kawasan di tujuh wilayah di kawasan Lembah Klang mengalami gangguan bekalan air.

Isu itu turut mendapat perhatian Sultan Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah yang menzahirkan rasa duka cita dengan nasib yang terpaksa ditanggung rakyat di negeri itu.

4 pengarah ke Penjara Bentong

KERATAN Kosmo! 16 September 2020.



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Pengikut dijanjikan jalan singkat masuk syurga

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Oleh MOHD. YUNUS YAKKUB dan RASDAN AHMAD

SHAH ALAM – Ramai individu terpengaruh dengan ajaran sesat Rasul Melayu yang diasaskan oleh Abdul Kahar Ahmad kerana dijanjikan jalan singkat ke syurga.

Satu sumber berkata, ini berikutan ajaran tersebut dipercayai memudahkan urusan pengikutnya berbanding ajaran Islam termasuk kewajipan mendirikan solat fardu.

Katanya, pengikut ajaran itu didakwa hanya perlu membuat kebaikan dan menjauhkan diri daripada perbuatan mungkar tanpa perlu bersujud kepada Allah.

“Mereka juga tidak perlu solat Jumaat, sebaliknya ibadah itu digantikan dengan berkumpul dan mengadakan aktiviti agama seperti membaca buku tafsir.

“Para pengikut perlu mengikuti ceramah daripada ketua kumpulan yang dilantik oleh Ahmad Kahar yang diadakan pada setiap

Jumaat,” katanya kepada Kosmo! di sini semalam.

Sumber itu memberitahu, Ahmad Kahar menerima pendidikan setakat darjah lima dan mempelajari ilmu agama dari-pada bapanya yang merupakan imam sebuah masjid di Hulu Kelang dekat sini.

Walaupun pernah isytihar dirinya sudah bertaubat dan menandatangani Dokumen Pengisytiharan Taubat Majlis Agama Islam Selangor pada 2016, Abdul Kahar masih tak serik untuk menghidupkan semula ajaran itu.

“Dia masih tidak boleh melepaskan keagungan dirinya sebagai rasul dan pemimpin kumpulan ajaran Abdul Kahar,” katanya.

Ahli kumpulan itu bergerak aktif memungut dana menerusi laman Facebook dan WhatsApp sepanjang tempoh Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan sejak Mac lalu.

“Kita masih menyiasat latar belakang 16 pengikutnya yang ditahan. Mereka ditempatkan di Penjara Sungai Buloh dan Kajang sementara menunggu tarikh perbicaraan,” katanya.

Sementara itu, pendakwah bebas, Mohd. Rizalman Ahmad berkata, senario individu moden hari ini yang mahu sesuatu yang ringkas dan pantas, namun masih kekal dalam Islam menyebabkan mereka mudah terperdaya oleh

penyebar ajaran sesat.

“Kita tahu ajaran sesat yang ada di negara ini menganjurkan kaedah ringkas terutamanya dalam bab solat dan nikah.

“Ada ajaran yang menyatakan pengikutnya tidak perlu mendirikan solat cukup sekadar niat, jadi faktor inilah yang mendorong mereka (pengikut) terpengaruh dengan ajaran sesat,” katanya ketika dihubungi Kosmo! di sini semalam.

Dalam pada itu, pakar motivasi, Nik Nabil Nik Alwi pula memberitahu, penyebar ajaran sesat biasanya bersikap pentingkan diri sendiri dan mahukan dirinya dijulang, disembah dan dihormati oleh pengikutnya.

Kosmo! semalam melaporkan JAIS berjaya membongkar cubaan seorang ketua ajaran sesat, Abdul Kahar Ahmad untuk menghidupkan semula fahaman Rasul Melayu yang dikesan kembali aktif sejak April tahun lalu.

Dalam operasi pada Ahad lalu itu, pihak berkuasa menahan lelaki berusia 70 tahun tersebut bersama 16 pengikutnya terdiri daripada lapan lelaki dan lapan perempuan yang berusia 14 hingga 70 tahun.

Risikan mendapat fahaman ajaran tersebut disebarluaskan dalam kalangan pengikut seramai 97 individu menerusi pembentukan kumpulan aplikasi di Facebook dan WhatsApp.



KERATAN Kosmo! semalam.



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Jalin kerjasama tangani ajaran sesat

SEPANG - Kerajaan akan membentuk kerjasama dengan jabatan agama negeri bagi mengekang penyebaran ajaran sesat di negara ini termasuk ajaran sesat ‘Rasul Melayu’.

Menteri di Jabatan Perdana Menteri (Hal Ehwal Agama), Senator Datuk Seri Dr Zulkifli Mohamad Al-Bakri berkata, kerjasama itu akan dilaksanakan antara pihaknya dengan Jabatan Agama Islam Wilayah Persekutuan (Jawi) dan Jabatan Agama Islam Selangor (JAIS).

“Kita akan laksanakan (kerjasama) ini. Saya ambil peringatan (ambil berat) isu ini,” katanya pada sidang akhbar selepas Majlis Perasmian Multaqah Jawatankuasa Fatwa Seluruh Malaysia yang disempurnakan Sultan Perak, Sultan Nazrin Muizzuddin Shah di Hotel Sama-Sama, Lapangan Terbang Antarabangsa Kuala Lumpur (KLIA) di sini semalam.

Beliau berkata demikian ketika mengulas mengenai ajaran sesat ‘Rasul Melayu’ yang dikesan kembali aktif menyebar-

kan agamanya yang diharapkan pada tahun 1991.

Zulkifli berkata, usahasama itu perlu dilakukan memandangkan ada antara kes ajaran sesat berlaku di kawasan sempadan antara negeri seperti kes ‘Rasul Melayu’ yang beroperasi di Gombak yang bersempadan dengan Kuala Lumpur.

Menurutnya, bagi mengekang penyebaran ajaran sesat juga, pihaknya akan menerbitkan buku atau makalah yang akan diedarkan agar ia dapat memberi kefahaman kepada masyarakat berhubung isu itu.

Sementara itu, menyentuh mengenai Multaqah Jawatankuasa Fatwa Seluruh Malaysia itu, beliau berkata, program itu diharapkan dapat mewujudkan satu mekanisme untuk menzahirkan satu kesepakatan dengan semua institusi fatwa di Malaysia bagi memperkuatkan fungsi dan peranan fatwa dalam perundangan di negara ini.



Zulkifli (tengah) pada sidang akhbar selepas Majlis Perasmian Multaqah Jawatankuasa Fatwa Seluruh Malaysia di Hotel Sama-Sama, Sepang semalam.



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Sultan lantik empat Hakim Syarie

Menjadi Anggota
Panel Tetap Hakim
Mahkamah Rayuan
Syariah negeri Selangor

SHAH ALAM

Sultan Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah semalam berkenan menyampaikan watikah pelantikan kepada empat Hakim Syarie sebagai Anggota Panel Tetap Hakim Mahkamah Rayuan Syariah negeri dalam satu istiadat ringkas di Istana Bukit Kayangan di sini.

Empat anggota panel tetap yang dilantik itu adalah Ketua Hakim Syarie Jabatan Kehakiman Syariah Malaysia (JKSM), Datuk Dr Mohd Na'im Mokhtar dan tiga Hakim Mahkamah Rayuan Syariah JKSM iaitu Mohd Amran Mat Zain, Datuk Mohamad Shakir Abdul Hamid dan Othman Ibrahim.

Pelantikan Mohd Na'im dan



Sultan Selangor Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah berkenan menyampaikan watikah pelantikan kepada empat Hakim Syarie sebagai Anggota Panel Tetap Hakim Mahkamah Rayuan Syariah negeri di Istana Bukit Kayangan semalam.

Mohd Amran berkuat kuasa pada 25 Ogos lepas hingga 24 Ogos 2023 manakala pelantikan Mohamad Shakir serta Othman pula berkuat kuasa pada 4 Mei lepas hingga 3 Mei 2023 selaras dengan Subseksyen 57(1) Enakmen Pentadbiran Agama Islam (Negeri Selangor) 2003.

Sultan Sharafuddin turut berkenan menyampaikan watikah pelantikan kepada sembilan Hakim Mahkamah Rendah Syariah Selangor, dua Pendaftar Mahkamah Tinggi Syariah Selangor, seorang Timbalan Pendaftar Mahkamah Tinggi Syariah Selangor dan tiga Penolong Pendaftar

Mahkamah Rendah Syariah Selangor.

Pelantikan yang berkuat kuasa bermula 9 Mei, 13 Mei dan 25 Ogos lepas itu dibuat mengikut Subseksyen 59(1), Seksyen 60 dan 60(b) serta 60(c) Enakmen Pentadbiran Agama Islam (Negeri Selangor) 2003.

Turut berangkat ke istiadat itu adalah Tengku Permaisuri Selangor, Tengku Permaisuri Norashikin dan Raja Muda Selangor, Tengku Amir Shah Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah.

Hadir sama, Pengurus Majlis Agama Islam Selangor (MAIS), Datuk Mohammed Kushrin Munawi dan Menteri Besar Selangor, Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari.

Pada istiadat sama, Sultan Sharafuddin turut berkenan melancarkan Pelan Strategik MAIS 2020-2024 (PSM 2020-2024).

PSM 2020-2024 merangkumi sembilan strategi antaranya melahirkan generasi rabbani, pemerkasaan usahawan Muslim dalam industri halal dan memperkasaan pengurusan sumber ekonomi Islam. - Bernama



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**Tengku Ahmad Shah
dikurnia gelaran
Tengku Panglima
Raja Selangor**

SHAH ALAM - Sultan Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah berkenan mengurniakan gelaran Tengku Panglima Raja Selangor kepada adinda baginda, Tengku Ahmad Shah Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah.

Istana Selangor dalam satu kenyataan semalam memaklumkan pengurniaan gelaran yang berkuat kuasa 12 Ogos lepas itu dilakukan selepas Sultan Sharafuddin berunding dengan Dewan Diraja Selangor dalam Mesyuarat Dewan Diraja Selangor yang ke-153.

“Tengku Ahmad Shah sebelum ini menyandang gelaran Tengku Indera Setia yang dikurniakan semasa pemerintahan Almarhum Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah pada 9 Mei 1992,” demikian menurut kenyataan itu. *-Bernama*



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Bukan hanya salah Sathianathan

Oleh MUHAMMAD ZAKWAN
NAZARALY

PERSATUAN Bola Sepak Selangor (FAS) perlu melakukan rombakan dalam pasukan jika mahu memastikan Gergasi Merah kembali digeruni dalam kancang Liga Malaysia (Liga-M).

Bekas pemain kebangsaan dan Selangor, Khalid Ali berkata, ketidakupayaan Selangor untuk memberikan cabaran dalam saingan Liga-M musim ini tidak harus dipersalahkan sepe-

nuhnya kepada B Sathianathan yang dipecat oleh badan induk bola sepak negeri itu kelmarin. Sebaliknya, beliau berkata, FAS perlu melihat secara menyeluruh apa yang berlaku dalam pasukan sebelum mengambil keputusan drastik memecat bekas pengendali skuad kebangsaan itu.

“Tetapi ia sudah menjadi lumrah dalam bola sepak. Apabila pasukan tewas, sudah tentu yang akan dipersalahkan adalah jurulatih. Kalau boleh dilihat balik, mungkin ada kekurangan kepada pemain dan beberapa faktor lain,” katanya kepada *Sinar Harian* semalam.

Kelmarin, FAS membuat keputusan memecat Sathianathan berkuatkuasa serta-merta selepas kekalahan 1-6 kepada Johor Darul Ta'zim (JDT) dalam aksi Liga Super di Stadium Sultan Ibrahim Sabtu lalu.

Mengulas lanjut, Khalid mengakui tidak terperanjat dengan pemecatan selepas kekalahan tersebut, apatah lagi timbul desakan daripada para peminat dan penyokong yang mahu Sathianathan disingkirkan.

“Pasukan yang Selangor lawan itu pun JDT yang macam saya cakap akan jadi juara sampai 10 tahun lagi. JDT te-

lah pergi jauh daripada pasukan lain. Saya tak terkejut (Sathianathan dipecat) kerana semua menudung jari kepada jurulatih, lebih-lebih lagi kekalahan besar itu mungkin menjelaskan maruah Selangor.

“Pada masa sama, FAS seharusnya mencari cara untuk memastikan Selangor dapat jadi pencabar dalam tempoh terdekat. Dari segi pemain, kita kena tengok sesuai tak dengan pasukan,” ujarnya.

Dalam pada itu, Khalid turut mahu FAS menyingkirkan sebilangan individu yang tidak profesional dalam persatuan tersebut yang dilihat menjadi masalah besar kepada prestasi Gergasi Merah.

“Saya berbangga kerana Raja Muda Selangor, Tengku Amir Shah Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah berjaya melakukan banyak perubahan dalam persatuan dan pasukan. Saya percaya dalam masa dua atau tiga tahun lagi, Selangor akan kembali menjadi sebuah pasukan pencabar dalam liga.

“Namun, masih ada dalam persatuan itu individu yang tidak profesional sama seperti yang berlaku dalam ahli jawatankuasa terdahulu. Perkara ini perlu diperbaiki sekiranya kita mahu melihat perubahan dalam pasukan Selangor,” tegasnya.





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Elderly group taught to keep ailments afflicting them at bay

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MALAYSIA is fast becoming an aged nation as people are having longer life spans compared to the last century that witnessed two world wars.

With the added advancements in medicine in the 21st century and drop in birth rates, there are now more older people.

This in turn will increase the dependency ratio, said geriatrician Dr Low Chung Min.

"This means there will be a strain on productive (younger) people who have to care for those who cannot take care of themselves.

"As we age, we will experience frailty and our basic bodily functions will deteriorate.

"The condition is compounded by accelerated ageing factors such as chronic diseases, smoking and lack of sleep.

"Our 'spare parts' will deteriorate too as time goes by," he said during Alzheimer's Disease Foundation Malaysia's talk on understanding and preventing dementia.

It was organised by the Women's Centre (PWB), Kampung Tunku assemblyman Lim Yi Wei's office and Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) Zone 20 councillor Ong Yew Thai at the MBPJ hall in SS3.

World Health Organisation (WHO) said that by 2050, the world's population aged 60 years and above was expected to total two billion, up from 900 million in 2015.



About 100 people attended the talk on Understanding and Preventing Dementia by Alzheimer's Disease Foundation Malaysia in Petaling Jaya.



Dr Low says seniors must continue to be active physically and mentally to lower risk of Alzheimer's Disease and dementia.

or playing chess," said Dr Low, reminding everyone to do something they liked.

Controlling comorbidity such as diabetes and high blood pressure was also extremely important to prevent dementia, he highlighted.

Depression, he said, would often happen as one aged, so he advised people to find new things to do and not depend on other people to have a fulfilling life.

"Our mood affects our brain function, and so does stress.

"Engage in volunteer work or social activities, and try to maintain a positive and joyful attitude.

"More importantly, get as much education as you can, because people with lower education levels has a higher risk of getting dementia," he added.

Today, 125 million people are aged 80 years or older.

By 2050, there will be almost 120 million in that age group living in China alone, with 434 million elsewhere in the world.

WHO also stated that by that time, 80% of all older people would live in low and middle-income countries.

Dr Low enlightened the attendees on geriatric giants, a term coined by Professor Bernard Isaacs from the UK to describe impairments that appear in older people, comprising immobility, incontinence, instability and intellectual impairment, which increased the risk of dementia.

Dementia is a progressive loss of cognitive ability and functional decline.

"People just think it is 'normal' (to be forgetful or immobile as we age), but it is not.

"There is one new case of dementia every three seconds across the world," said Dr Low.

He said Alzheimer's was the common cause of dementia affecting 60% of people, followed by vascular dementia often caused by strokes, and Lewy Body dementia (a disease associated with abnormal deposits of protein in the brain).

"However, no two elderly people are the same or experience the same dementia symptoms. It depends on which functions are affected the most," he explained.

Dementia affects a person's intellectual functions such as memory, insight, ability to reason,

language skills, ability to process information as well as orientation and spatial awareness, he said.

While there was no blood test to diagnose dementia and no miracle drug to cure it, he said prevention and management of the disease was key to ensuring good quality of life.

"Exercise, no matter what age you are, because it is never too late to start.

"This will improve your cardiovascular health.

"Eating good unprocessed food helps with improving brain function too.

"Stop smoking and get enough sleep.

"Engage in cognitive activities such as reading, singing and learning new songs or languages



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Five charged over pollution granted RM400k bail each

SHAH ALAM: Five men, including four brothers charged with polluting Sungai Gong in Rawang have been released on bail by the Shah Alam High Court.

Yip Kok Wai, 53; Yip Kok Mun, 58; Yip Kok Kuin, 50 and Yip Kok Wong, 60 – directors of a machinery repair company – and workshop manager Ho Voon Leong, 59, were released yesterday on a RM400,000 bail each, with one surety, by Judicial Commissioner Norsharidah Awang.

The five had been charged with dumping hazardous materials into Sungai Gong, which had resulted in sudden water cuts in Selangor for several days as the water was too contaminated for treatment plants to process.

The five appeared before Norsharidah after she allowed their review application against an earlier decision by the Sessions Court to deny them bail.

Norsharidah also ordered the men to surrender their passports to the court.

Although they were allowed bail, Norsharidah held in her judgment that she had taken into account the gravity of the alleged offence, as well as the danger if the crime was repeated.

She also said she had taken into account the health conditions of the accused persons.

"This is a serious case which caught the public eye, so the court allows all the accused to be released on bail of RM400,000 each with one surety, besides the additional condition for them to surrender their passports to the court, and if any offence is committed during this duration, the court will rescind the bail," said Norsharidah.

On Sept 17, all five men had filed the review application against the Selayang Sessions Court's decision to deny them bail.

They were earlier slapped with two charges at the Selayang Sessions Court on Sept 15.

The men were first charged under Section 430 of the Penal Code with causing mischief by injury to irrigation works near the Yip Chee Seng & Sons Sdn Bhd workshop at Lot 4219, Jalan Batu Arang, Kg Sungai Dua, Rawang between Sept 2 and 3 that led to serious water pollution in Sungai Gong.

They were also charged under Section 25 (1) of the Environmental Quality Act 1974

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Norsharidah Awang

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with discharging scheduled waste without a licence into the environment, leading to pollution.

The accused claimed trial to both charges.

They face a jail sentence of not less than five years and not more than 30 years, or a fine, or both, under Section 430 of the Penal Code and face a fine not exceeding RM100,000, or a jail sentence not exceeding five years, or both, under Section 25 (1) of the Environmental Quality Act 1974.

In submission, counsel for the accused Datuk Akberdin Abdul Kader said bail should be allowed as there was no evidence that indicated the accused would abscond or interfere with witnesses.

DPP Mohd Asnawi Abu Hanipah argued that even though the court had the discretion to allow bail, it should consider the gravity of the case which resulted in 1.2 million consumers being affected during the water disruption.

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INVESTIGATIONS are underway to find the culprit behind the discolouration of Sungai Gong in Rawang.

"Water samples have been sent to the Chemistry Department for testing after the situation was detected on Saturday and we are awaiting results.

"As such there is nothing new to say at this point," said Selangor environment, green technology, science, technology and innovation and consumer affairs committee chairman Hee Loy Sian after launching a state-level two-day World Ozone Day 2020 celebration at Kolej Profesional Mara in Beranang, Hulu Langat, yesterday.

It was reported that the river water discolouration did not lead to any water treatment plant shutting down.

The odourless discolouration is suspected to have been caused by dyes.

Further investigations also found that the discharge of the foamy and coloured effluent was from Indah Water Consortium's (IWK) GBK 134 Area 5 sewage treatment plant in Rawang Industrial Area.

However, IWK denied this and was reported saying the real cause was probably due to illegal dumping of waste.

Hee said the public must always be aware of the environment and care for it, including reducing the use of single-use plastic bags.

"From January to June this year, we collected about RM1.1mil in plastic bag charges in the state.

"Our initial estimation was RM2.5mil to be collected for the first six months of this year from sale of plastic bags, but due to the movement control order, the amount is lower."

He said business premises were required to give the 20sen charges to their respective local councils.

No escape for culprit behind river discolouration

Hee: Water samples sent for testing to Chemistry dept to identify cause



Hee (right) and Nor Aziah (third from right) visiting booths at the World Ozone Day 2020 celebration at Kolej Profesional Mara in Beranang.

"Local councils will then hand over 60% of the total collection to the state and keep the remaining 40%.

"All proceeds will be used for environment-related activities.

"Currently, there are many business premises that are yet to regis-

ter for this programme.
"Many still seem to be in the dark about it.

"So far, most of the participating outlets are supermarkets," he elaborated.

"Starting from next year, we are looking into making this compulso-

ry by adding a clause in the business licence to compel operators to comply and participate," said Hee.

He explained that Selangor expected to collect about RM5mil yearly but hoped this figure would reduce with less use of plastic bags.

"If the total amount collected reduces then it is a good sign that the programme is working.

"I urge all to reduce the use of plastic bags," he added.

At the World Ozone Day 2020 celebration organised by Selangor Environment Department, Hee urged air-conditioner manufacturers and others in the industry to use new technology to protect the ozone layer.

"For example, gas is released when servicing air-conditioners and there is now a new technology that allows for the released gas to be trapped in a device and later reused.

"This gadget is already in the market and I hope those involved will use it, be it for servicing home units, in vehicles or factories," he said.

Also present at the event was Selangor Environment Department director Nor Aziah Jaafar.

Nor Aziah said such events were important to raise awareness and remind people about the importance of protecting the ozone layer.

"This year, we decided on Sungai Tekala Recreational Forest for our Ozone Day celebration on the second day so that we can all enjoy its beauty, fresh air and clean water," she said.

She said the event was also aimed at educating the public on protecting the ozone layer through air-conditioning demonstrations and sharing of latest technologies.



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FEARS BUILDING UP

Sea Park residents in Petaling Jaya voice objection to condo project, saying it will lead to traffic woes >4

Sea Park residents fear condo project will cause traffic congestion

By SHEILA SRI PRIYA
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THE Sea Park neighbourhood in Petaling Jaya has many old-timers, like Gan Keng, who moved here in the mid-1960s.

Just like him, many others have been living here since then, with some setting up family businesses in the area.

Gan, 76, who is Section 21 Rukun Tetangga (RT) chairman, said that before he bought his house, he was told that a football field, swimming pool and cinema would be part of the facilities in the neighbourhood.

However, he said only the cinema was built.

"Over time, even the cinema closed down. Now there are plans for redevelopment of the area, with a condominium comprising 400 units to be built.

"We are unhappy about that news," he said.

Gan, who was speaking on behalf of residents and shopowners, said the project would add to traffic congestion and worsen parking problem in the area.

"We have seen the impact of such developments in other old neighbourhoods and we are worried.

"Ultimately, we are the ones whose quality of life will be affected.

"Developers will promise now that the project will not impact us adversely and that they will ensure ample parking bays but somehow, it won't become a reality.



Gan says the project will add to traffic congestion in the area and limit parking space.

"The condominium unit owners will likely have to pay for extra parking bays. So, some will just park outside, in the commercial area, to avoid paying."

"We can foresee the problems that will arise," said Gan.

"In the morning, especially on weekends, many customers come to the shops here and if finding parking space is difficult, they may just stay away."

"This will affect business. Shopowners will lose customers without parking facilities for them," he said.

"As it is, the morning traffic in the neighbourhood is quite heavy, affecting school-going children."

"There are schools nearby but despite this, some have to leave very early to avoid getting stuck in



Tan says the law requires that residents' interest is taken into consideration.

traffic and get to school on time.

"This is the situation for residents who go to work as well. All have to leave early, so imagine if there is more traffic congestion in our area."

"We just cannot afford to have any development that will make matters worse," Gan reiterated.

He said residents were also disappointed they were not included in the public hearings by Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) for the condominium project.

"The development site is walking distance from the shops."

"The business community should have been invited to these meetings to give their input," said Gan.

He said the land was a commer-

cial zone and if the development was for more business lots, they would not have minded but not a high-density residential project.

When contacted, Damansara MCA division chief Tan Gim Tuan said: "It must be noted that under the Town and Country Planning Act 1976, compliance with development guidelines does not mean automatic approval."

"The law requires that residents' interest are taken into consideration."

"This is the responsibility of the authorities, the elected representatives and their appointed councilors."

Tan said that any approval for projects in sensitive areas such as this must take into consideration the resident's interests first.

"It is high time for MBPJ to issue a written reply to all queries submitted by the residents and shopowners."

"The council has advocated sustainable development and must live up to this," he said.

"Any new large-scale development will affect areas beyond Sea Park, including SS2, Section 22, SS1, SS3 and all the way to Damansara Jaya and Bandar Utama."

"The site for the condominium is zoned as a commercial area. This was confirmed by MBPJ at the first public hearing, so the council should not approve any residential development there," said Tan.

"The original plan for the area

does not include any high-rise or high-density projects.

"But the council has approved a 400-unit condominium in a limited commercial zone," he said.

MBPJ councillor Farhan Haziq Mohamed said that although it was a commercial zone, serviced apartments were allowed under the commercial category, based on the Petaling Jaya Local Plan.

He said the project was given planning approval on March 11 this year, after two public hearings.

"This development is on 0.9ha of land. The developer initially applied for 3.89 plot ratio but we reduced it to 3.66."

"Initially, I too objected to the project."

"The council looked into traffic impact, development impact and social impact studies and reports presented before making a decision," said Farhan.

He said initially there were plans to build shops near the residential area but this was not approved.

He noted that the condominium project had been scaled down before being approved.

"There is no underground parking facilities now as it was feared construction works will damage existing properties."

"This land was gazetted as commercial in 2003 under the Petaling Jaya Local Plan One."

"The council has to consider the landowner's right to develop the land too," he added.



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All the five accused in the Sungai Gong water pollution incident arriving at the Shah Alam Court Complex yesterday. PIC BY AIZUDDIN SAAD

RM400,000 BAIL EACH

5 ACCUSED IN SG GONG POLLUTION CASE RELEASED ON BAIL

Nature, severity of offences and health condition of accused considered, says judicial commissioner

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After spending eight days behind bars at the Bentong Prison, the five men who were charged in relation to the Sungai Gong pollution which led to water cuts affecting millions in the Klang Valley were released on bail yesterday.

This was after the High Court allowed their review application of the Sessions Court's decision denying them bail last week.

Judicial commissioner Datuk Norsharidah Awang allowed brothers Yip Kok Wai, 53, Yip Kok Mun, 58, Yip Kok Kun, 50, and Yip Kok Weng, 60, who were the company directors of Yip Chee Seng and Sons Sdn Bhd, and Ho Voon Leong, 59, the workshop manager, RM400,000 bail each.

She also ordered the five to surrender their passports to the court until the disposal of the case and also made an order that if the accused committed any offence during the bail period, the bail would be withdrawn.

In her judgment, Norsharidah said she had considered the nature of the offences the accused were being charged with, the severity of the offences, the health condition of the accused as well as the danger of the offences being repeated.

"This is a serious case. The court allowed RM400,000 bail with one surety each for all the accused."

Lawyer Datuk Akberdin Abdul Kader, who represented all five accused, said the application for bail was filed on Sept 17, two days after his clients were charged at the Sessions Court in Selangor and had their bail denied.

"Unfortunately, the Sessions Court judge did not provide any reason as to why she refused bail to my clients."

He said although the charge against his clients under Section 430 of the Penal Code was a non-bailable offence, the charge under Section 25(3) of the Environmental Quality Act 1974 was a bailable offence.

"Besides, Section 430 of the Pe-

nal Code provides for a fine, which means that bail could be granted with the court's discretion."

He said flight risk was not an issue in this case as all his clients had been cooperating in the investigation, adding that the prosecution's contention that there was the risk of his clients tampering with witnesses was just a mere presumption.

On the issue brought up by the prosecution on the accused's company being previously slapped with a compound, Akberdin said it was unnecessary to take it into account at this stage as the company was a different legal entity from his clients.

"My clients have told me that in Bentong Prison, detainees were being held in cells with 20 to 30 people to a cell. Considering that my clients are all above 50 years old, they are more vulnerable to Covid-19. The court should reconsider the situation in light of the recent virus outbreak at a prison in Sabah."

Deputy public prosecutor Mohd Asnawi Abu Hanifah argued that 1.2 million households had suffered water disruption as a result of the pollution in Sungai Gong.

If bail was allowed, it must come with strict conditions without denying the fact that the con-

ditions were to secure the accused's attendance in court.

The prosecution suggests the same amount (RM2 million) of bail previously proposed in the lower court if bail is allowed."

On Sept 15, the five claimed trial to two charges involving the recent water pollution.

On the first count, the five were accused with committing mischief by causing hazardous waste to flow from their workshop into Sungai Gong, resulting in water disruption in the Klang Valley.

The offence under Section 430 of the Penal Code carries an imprisonment term of not more than 30 years, or a fine, or both, if convicted.

On the second count, they were accused of discharging hazardous waste from the workshop, which streamed down into Sungai Gong, without a licence.

The charge, framed under Section 25(3) of the Environmental Quality Act, carries a maximum fine of RM100,000 or imprisonment of not more than five years, or both, if convicted. The offences were allegedly committed at the premises of Yip Chee Seng and Sons Sdn Bhd in Rawang, Selangor, between Sept 2 and 3.

The case will be up for mention on Oct 27.



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SMEs can play their part in creating a sustainable future



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SMALL- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), which make up 98.5 per cent of businesses in Malaysia, are vital to the economy. The sector contributes more than five million jobs and over RM500 million to the gross domestic product (GDP). The government fully supports the growth of this sector, evidenced by its stimulus packages for SMEs in recent times.

However, as SMEs' importance increases, so do their threats to the environment. The nation was vividly reminded of this when effluents flowing from a factory into Sungai Gong resulted in the contamination of Sungai Selan-

gor and subsequent unscheduled water disruptions that affected nearly 1.2 million households.

This was not the first incident of its kind. While we applaud the growth of the SME sector, we must be mindful of the potential environmental degradation it can entail. SMEs should therefore work towards achieving their goals without limiting the ability of future generations to meet theirs.

Towards this end, their vision, mission, values, goals and strategies must be revamped to address environmental sustainability. This calls for a paradigm shift from traditional business practices to environmentally sustainable practices that command commitment from all levels.

FIRST, SMEs should strive to go "lean" by doing less to achieve more with fewer resources and simpler processes. The focus should be on managing resources efficiently to produce products and services at optimum value without contributing to waste. For example, SMEs can replace

the production of toxic residues with cyclic processes that are both healthy and resource-conserving.

SECOND, SMEs should monitor and modify their energy consumption mechanisms. The goal should be to reduce the use of non-renewable resources and to gradually move towards renewable resources. In this context, small businesses around the world have been successful in renewable energy production (solar, wind and biomass), smart metering, building retrofitting, hybrid cars, and waste collection and recycling.

Denmark has been applauded for supporting new companies' development of clean technologies, especially wind energy technologies, until they benefit both the economy and the environment. Similarly, Sweden and Finland are known for their research and development of clean technologies and renewable energy, respectively.

Israel, meanwhile, is a world reference for its treatment of so-

lar-energy and water treatment. In fact, a staggering 90 per cent of Israeli homes use solar energy to heat water. The country is also the pioneer of drip irrigation, a highly useful technique that transforms deserts into farmland. These examples clearly show that local SMEs have much to learn and to do in the sustainable energy area.

THIRD, SME Corp, in collaboration with the Department of Environment and the Human Resources Ministry, should provide SMEs with much-needed training and know-how related to environmental awareness. Such efforts can also build firms' human resource capacities through trainings, seminars and workshops geared towards green collar occupations.

FOURTH, there is a need for policy interventions that support SMEs' green practices through tax deductions. In the Netherlands, the Environmental Investment Allowance enables companies to deduct up to 36 per cent of environmental investment costs.

Banks and financial institutions should also participate by offering more robust packages to support SMEs' green and sustainable financing needs.

FIFTH, SMEs and entrepreneurs should be given greater opportunities to develop new green business models across various industrial sectors. This can be made possible through better networking and collaborations that encourage radical eco-innovation and eco-design in the manufacturing and service sectors. Such eco-friendly transformations would certainly pave the way for the nation's transition to a green economy.

Despite their small size, SMEs cast substantial and lasting impacts not just on the economy but also on the wellbeing of society. Therefore, to safeguard future generations' quality of life, it is imperative that SMEs play their part in creating a sustainable future.

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Sungai Gong pollution suspects released on bail

SHAH ALAM: Four board members and a manager of a heavy machinery repair company charged in connection with the dumping of hazardous materials into Sungai Gong in Rawang have been released on bail of RM400,000 each.

Judicial Commissioner Datuk Norsharidah Awang made the decision after allowing a review application by the four siblings - Yip Kok Wai, 53, Yip Kok Mun, 58, Yip Kok Kuin, 50 and Yip Kok Wong, 60 - as well as the firm's workshop manager, Ho Voon Leong, 59, against

a sessions court's decision not to allow them bail.

She also ordered the five men to surrender their passports to the court and warned that if they committed any offence during this period, their bail would be withdrawn.

In her judgment, Norsharidah said she took into account factors such as the seriousness of the offence and the health factors of the accused as well as the potential dangers if the offence was repeated.

They face charges under Section 25(1) of the Environmental Quality

Act 1974, which provides a maximum fine of RM100,000, or imprisonment of up to five years, or both.

Earlier, lawyer Datuk Akberdin Abdul Kader, who represented all the accused, argued that his clients should be allowed bail as there was no evidence or proof they would flee or harass witnesses.

"We also ask the court to take into account the safety of the accused. All of them, aged 50 and above, were detained at Bentong Prison when there were about 80 prisoners placed

in quarantine due to Covid-19," he said.

He added that there were 20 to 30 people in each cell, making social distancing impossible.

"The accused are also undergoing treatment and taking medication for health problems."

Deputy public prosecutor Mohd Asnawi Abu Hanipah argued that although the court had the discretion to allow the accused bail, it should examine the seriousness of the case, that affected 1.2 million households.
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