



**Tajuk Artikel: PM: The innocent under investigations for corruption should not be worried**

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**By DEVID RAJAH**

PUTRAJAYA: People under investigation for corrupt practices should not be unduly worried if they are innocent, said, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said on Monday.

"What is important is that all actions and investigations must be carried out as justly and fairly as it should be, as this is what is expected."

"What is being sought is justice," said Abdullah, who touched on the recent news reports of allegations of corruption involving senior government officials and a deputy minister at his monthly meeting with the staff at Prime Minister's Department.

Abdullah also said that there were a lot of perceptions concerning allegations but 85% of complaints or allegations were not true while only the remaining 15% had some basis.

"Therefore the actions we take should not be based on perceptions but on information we gather (through investigations).

"This is extremely important and we have to very cautious," he said, adding that only those with good record were appointed to senior government positions.

He added that the Government was also careful in such matters and adopted a vetting process.



*Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi addressing staff during the Prime Minister's department monthly gathering in Putrajaya, on Jan. 8, 2007. Looking on is Minister at the Prime Minister office Datuk Dr Abdullah Md Zin (left).*

"We get reports from the relevant agencies of an individual's background and conduct and appoint the individual only after getting the clearance," he said, adding this was the practise of the government. Similarly Barisan Nasional candidates who were picked to contest in the election had cleared all the vetting processes.

"There are all sorts of perceptions about this and that person and towards this and that matter, however, what is certain is that the people and we (the top leaders) want a clean, good and corrupt free government and administration, that provided high quality and excellent services," he said. Abdullah said everyone should learn from the current developments (on allegations of corruption) and be honest and corrupt free in carrying one's duties.

**Tajuk Artikel: Try these steps if you're missing Astro channels**  
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**By NOOR FARIDAH ZULKIFLIE**

KUALA LUMPUR: Astro subscribers may find several of their channels have gone missing and instead have a black screen.

This problem, according to an Astro spokesman, could be due to subscribers forgetting to leave their decoders on standby mode.

She said leaving the decoder on standby mode is required for the television provider to carry out its upgrading processes due to its recent migration from Measat-1 to the new Measat-3.

Standby mode is when the current time is shown on the decoder. The decoders should not be left with a channel number on.

Subscribers can, however, rectify the problem by fixing it manually with these simple steps:

PRESS the "Menu" button on the decoder, move the box on the screen downwards to "Satellite Signal" and press the "OK" button. The signal strength will be displayed.

CLICK "OK" to start downloading. If the "OK" icon does not appear on the screen, take out and re-insert the smart card and repeat the process.

AFTER downloading has been completed, check that channels previously missing have reappeared. The spokesman said there was no need to get anyone to realign the satellite dish because the above steps should suffice. She said customers could contact the company's technical assistance at 1-300-82-3838 if the problem persisted.

There had been complaints by some subscribers lately that they were not able to watch some programmes after Astro switched some channels to be broadcast on the newly-launched Measat 3 satellite.

Affected subscribers had also alleged they were asked to pay RM50 to correct problems arising from the shift to the new satellite.

Energy, Water and Communications Minister Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik has since advised Astro customers to write to the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission if they had been charged for the re-alignment.

He said it was wrong for Astro to charge its customers to rectify the reception problem that had resulted from its migration.

**Tajuk Artikel: The queen of liners pays KL a call**  
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PORT KLANG: The *Queen Mary 2* – the world's most expensive passenger ship – sailed in majestically with 4,000 passengers and crew for a brief visit here.

The grand dame of the sea anchored at the Star Cruises terminal in Pulau Indah yesterday, her maiden call into Port Klang as part of her cruise around the world in 80 days.

Transport Minister Datuk Seri Chan Kong Choy, who was guest of honour, said that the arrival of *Queen Mary 2* was memorable because it coincided with the Visit Malaysia 2007.



World voyage: The Queen Mary 2 docking upon its arrival at the Star Cruises terminal in Pulau Indah, Port Klang, yesterday. — AP

"As this is the luxury liner's maiden world cruise, we are proud that the ship has selected Kuala Lumpur as one of her cities of call, in addition to 20 other world famous and great cities, including Rio de Janeiro, San Francisco, Honolulu, Sydney and Paris," said Chan in his welcoming speech on board the ship. He hoped more cruise ships would include Malaysia among their ports of call, saying that the support of major world cruise lines would pave the way to develop Malaysia into a regional cruise hub. The master of *Queen Mary 2*, Commodore Bernard Warner, said the ship had "fitted nicely" into the port and had not encountered any problem in disembarkation of the passengers. The ship began its globe-circling voyage from Fort Lauderdale in Florida, United States, on Jan 10 and will return on April 2. The ship cost US\$800mil (RM2.8bil) and stretches almost four football fields in length. It is a luxury-floating haven, with a host of "firsts" to her credit. It features the world's first floating planetarium, the largest library at sea and a huge ballroom with the most spacious dance floor.

### **Tajuk Artikel: Report spam SMS, says MCMC** **Sumber / Tarikh: The Star Online Monday 5th March , 2007**

KUALA LUMPUR: If you receive unsolicited spam SMS and get billed for it, report to the Malaysian Multimedia and Communication Commission, your telephone company and the content provider. MCMC corporate communications head Adelina Iskandar said the commission knew of cases where mobile phone users were charged for unsolicited spam SMS. "But no one has officially submitted a complaint to the MCMC. Those who receive such SMS should report to our consumer forum via our website. "They must also inform their telcos to terminate the SMS service or contact the content provider," she said. Adelina added that it was possible that the telcos were unaware of the spam. The telcos, she added, usually provided the short code to the content providers and it was possible they were unaware that the content providers were billing people. "The content provider in subscribing to the short code may have told the telco one thing and carried out something else," she said. She cited as an example the fake *Akademi Fantasia* contest in which the telcos had no part. A reader, Dino Herrera, 59, had complained to *The Star* that he received several SMS via a short code for the past six months. He was billed 50sen for each message. "Each message asks me whether I wanted to befriend a girl whose name and age is given with instructions for me to reply 'Yes' if I am interested. "I ignored the messages each time and then I discovered that I was billed for the SMS. "It came up to RM166 for six months," he said. Herrera added that he contacted his telco and was informed that the billing was done by a third party.

"Later, I received a call from someone who said he was with the company that sent the SMS and he was calling me from California.

"He said he would send an e-mail informing me that the company would reimburse me the sum I was billed. In fact, he even knew my e-mail address," he said.

**Tajuk Artikel: 'We don't want another Highland Towers tragedy'**

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**By BAVANI M**

**Photos by ABDUL RAHMAN SENIN and courtesy of H. BERBAR**

IN what could best be called a public display of discontent, hundreds of residents living in and around Ukay Heights, one of Ampang's greenest neighbourhoods, came together and protested outside their homes recently.

Banners and placards placed in every nook and corner of the serene neighbourhood said it all: 'No Landslide' 'Save Our Hills.' 'MPAJ where is your concern for the people?' "Stop Greed, Save Lives, Save Ukay Heights!"

The residents are unhappy with an upcoming project to build 164 bungalows and 410 10-storey shoplots. Residents feel the development is an infringement of their rights.



Under threat: This is the hillslope that has been targeted for development.

"We want to make our feelings clear. This is our way of telling the powers that be that we don't want to lose our greens and hills.

"And, unlike MPAJ (Ampang Jaya Municipal Council) who did not serve proper notice to inform us of this new development, this is our notice to them of what we want," said Taman Hijau resident James Selvan. Many felt that the notice of application to develop the land served by MPAJ on Oct 18, 2004, was done in bad faith.

"This date coincided with the 4th day of Ramadan, and the last day for us to submit written objections was on the 25th day of that fasting month, less than a month!" said Taman Hijau Apartments Committee chairman Datuk Mustapha Mahmud.

"It took all the joy out of our celebrations that year," said Mustapha.

Many residents did not even receive the notice, which was why the first objection hearing held on Dec 9, 2004, was deemed invalid.



Public protest: Residents making their voices heard in Taman Hijau.

"It is the people's right to live in a clean and safe environment," said environmentalist Kisho Kumar, 47.

"We have a say in such matters and our say should be heard," he said.

Residents are afraid that the new project, if approved, will lead to another landslide tragedy like Highland Towers.

"We certainly don't want another landslide," said Taman Hijau Residents Association president Datuk Abdul Aziz Ibrahim.



Kisho: It is the people's right to live in a clean and safe environment.

"If this new development is approved, there is most certainly going to be a landslide and it is going to come tumbling down over 50 houses!

"It is a time bomb waiting to happen," said Abdul Aziz.

Aziz has good reason to be upset, after all both the Taman Hillview and Zooview landslides are still fresh in peoples minds.

The greatest fear with any hillside development project, said Abdul Aziz, was the pressure that might be exerted on the hill slope during heavy rains.

"The felling of trees is also going to lead to the weakening of soil and cause massive erosion and even flooding," he said.

Based on the Land Classification by Ikram (Malaysian Public Works Institute), Hulu Kelang's hilly terrains falls under Class III (15-35 degrees) and Class IV (greater than 35 degrees).

The Cabinet Guidelines for Development in Highlands, passed on June 22, 2002, prohibits any development in an area with a gradient above 35 degrees.

For developments and gradients between 26 to 35 degrees, development can be considered, but is subject to detailed studies and evaluation whereby the developer must submit an environmental impact assessment report prepared in accordance with the guidelines set by the Department of Environment, a geological and geotechnical report, a risk erosion map outlining the various risks of erosion that may take place, and a proposal on the stabilisation measures to be taken to minimise or abate risk of erosion, landslide and destabilisation of the surrounding area.

According to Aziz, the slopes at the proposed development site are more than 35 degrees steep and there is a stream that runs from the top of the slope.

Mustapha had checked with the Selangor Minerals and Geosciences Department and discovered that the effected slope (with a gradient of 15 to 35 degrees) covered about 70% of the land area.

The land also has a low clay content to help prevent rapid erosion. In fact, only 10% of the land has clay content.

Section 21A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1976 states that development impact proposal reports must be submitted for any development.

The report must state and evaluate the impact of the proposed development, and this includes a detailed survey of the trees, vegetation, topography, contour and drainage in the area.

It is only after the local authority receives all these reports that they can consider coming out with a development order but, according to Mustapha, residents had seen nothing so far.

However, at the recent MPAJ full board meeting, MPAJ deputy president Abdul Hamid Hussain had said that Ikram's slope department had given the green light to proceed with the development.

Today, as residents of Ukay Heights and neighbouring areas come together to voice their objections on the proposed development, one can only hope that MPAJ will listen and listen hard to the people's views and make the right decision.



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## **Tajuk Artikel: Height pillars to replace iron bars stolen from barrier**

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**By STUART MICHAEL**

AFTER iron bars placed across the road at Jalan 26 in Desa Jaya, Kepong, were stolen, the Selayang Municipal Council (MPS) have decided to use concrete height pillars instead.

This issue was highlighted in *StarMetro* on Feb 14 and Bukit Lanjan assemblyman Yong Dai Ying is responding to it with this solution.

Since 1997, residents have been fighting for the road not to be opened and the Selayang Municipal Council (MPS) agreed to this because a two-lane road was built next to Jalan 26 for motorists travelling to the apartments and the park.

But in 2003, MPS reversed its decision and built the shortcut despite having an alternative road. Now, heavy vehicles pass through this shortcut creating dust and accidents.

MPS issued a statement claiming that the council had placed concrete pillars and iron bars on the road twice but the iron bars were cut off and stolen.

Yong, together with councillors Ling Siow Moy and A. Kohilan Pillay and MPS Engineering Department director Zolkeflee Abd Hamid, visited the site last Friday to seek solutions that will be presented to residents at a meeting at Balai Raya Desa Jaya at 9pm on March 7.

"I would like residents to attend this meeting and give their opinions on the issue.

"I would also like to urge the Police to investigate the stolen government property like this iron bars and residents can help fight this crime by informing us.

"The Government cannot tolerate the theft of government property," said Yong.

Zolkeflee said MPS would construct concrete height pillars at two places across the road to allow only small vehicles to pass through.

The pillars will be placed at a strategic location visible to residents along the road as it could be knocked down by lorry drivers.

"Residents can then make a report to the authorities if it is removed.

"We will place a signboard and attempt to make it a one-way street so that residents will no longer have to deal with heavy vehicles using this road," he said.

### **Tajuk Artikel: Adnan: No nod, no cabin**

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**By LIM CHIA YING**

THOSE wanting to set up cabins in open spaces must first get permission from the district office and then make an application to the Subang Jaya Municipal Council (MPSJ).

"They must first get the temporary occupation licence (TOL) from the district office before applying to us," said council president Adnan Mohd Ikhsan.

He was responding to questions on the issue of political party-related cabins being built in open spaces without approval from the district office during the council's full board meeting on Wednesday.

The issue of the illegal cabins has made news in the past few weeks following an outcry by residents in Bandar Bukit Puchong concerning a cabin located in the neighbourhood's children's playground.

A signboard in front of the cabin states that the structure belongs to the Bandar Bukit Puchong Umno branch.

Adnan said there were about 43 illegal cabins in the municipality.

### **Tajuk Artikel: Thousands upon thousands fight for the few jobs in public sector**

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**ABDUL RAZAK AHMAD**

Some of the 5,000 job-seekers from Kedah and Perlis who responded to a recruitment drive last year outside Wisma Persekutuan in Alor Star.

The rush for jobs in the public sector is hotting up. Openings in the civil service are routinely attracting tens of thousands of applications, with the numbers rising rapidly in recent years.

WHEN Universiti Malaysia Kelantan advertised to fill 110 job vacancies, the Pengkalan Chepa post office in Kota Baru ended up being swamped with a whopping 30,000 CVs.

The new public university, which will have its first intake of students in July, advertised online but invited applicants to write in. The university was looking only for support staff, such as security guards, clerks and assistant librarians. The number of people who went online to check out the ad alone came to 100,000.

#### **MANY APPLICANTS, FEW VACANCIES**

*The following is the list of statistics on the latest public sector jobs scheduled for interviews at the Public Services Commission.*

Position	Number of vacancies	Number of Applicants
Administrative Assistant	943	93,470
Customs Enforcer	92	30,645
Customer Service Officer	195	26,099
Audiovisual Technician	43	8,004
Medical Assistant	1	2,577
Programme Producer	12	1,371



"All the sackfuls of applications couldn't fit into the post office and had to be put outside. This was beyond our expectation," said the university's vice-chancellor Prof Zainai Mohamed.

It isn't just the university that's recording a surprisingly large number of applications for jobs in the public sector.

Late last year, a mere 1,971 vacancies in the Customs and Immigration departments drew 154,775 applications. Current openings managed by the Public Service Commission show a similarly high level of interest for government jobs (see box).

At the Education Service Commission, which handles staff recruitment for schools, the number of applicants for support service jobs — a category that includes lab assistants and hostel supervisors — doubled in the four years since 2000 to 83,000. Last year, when the Commission advertised in newspapers for openings in just two job categories, it received 35,000 applications.

"We're seeing a rapid increase in the number of applications," said the Commission's secretary Datuk Nooraishah Ahmad Tajudin.

The figures aren't conclusive, but it would appear that uncommonly high numbers of applications are cropping up across the board in the civil service.

Stories of stiff competition for private sector employment are common, but it could also be that the popularity of government jobs is on a rapid upward march as well.

"The number of people competing for jobs in the civil service has definitely been going up fast in the last several years," said Omar Osman, president of Cuepacs, the umbrella body for civil service unions. He said that up until the end of the 1990s, it was rare to see such large numbers of applications for civil service jobs. One reason why that's changed could be demographic.

It's possible, said Omar, that there's been a boom in recent years in the number of school-leavers and graduates coming on the job market. Job growth meanwhile hasn't been able to match demand, "which could explain what we're seeing now."

An increasing interest in civil service careers is the other possible factor driving the current trend.

Nooraishah said while the government cannot match the private sector in terms of remuneration for higher-ranking staff, the lower to middle level government support services are able to hold their own.

"When you translate all the perks you get — from the quantum and quality of medical benefits, access to easy loans for housing, and pension — into ringgit and sen, it's substantial."

Judging from the available statistics, increasing interest is obvious not just in the support services, but in other job categories as well, such as the teaching profession.

Two years ago, there was an opening for 2,000 places under the Bachelor of Education teacher training programme at universities; 82,000 applied.

Another programme called the KPLI — short for Kursus Perguruan Lulusan Ijazah — which trains graduates in all fields to be teachers, offers an annual intake that hovers between 5,000 and 7,000 places. But applications have been going up by about 10,000 each year since 2003, to a peak of 65,700.



Some of the 5,000 job-seekers from Kedah and Perlis who responded to a recruitment drive last year outside Wisma Persekutuan in Alor Star.

The growth in the number of applications and a rising interest in the service create stiffer competition for entry, even to the lower ranking jobs.

So much so that degree-holders are clamouring even to get into SPM-level positions.

Nooraishah said a large number of graduates were applying for jobs that include school laboratory assistants and administration assistants.

"I'm not sure about the exact numbers, and we have had graduates applying for such posts in the past, but not in so obviously large a number as we're now seeing."

It's a familiar phenomenon to Omar as well. He said there were even cases of degree holders applying for positions as drivers and clerks.

"Graduates try to evade admitting that they have degrees when they go for the interview. When you ask them why didn't they further their studies since their SPM results are so good, they cite all sorts of reasons like their families can't afford it and so on."

There's no restriction against applying for a job one is overqualified for. But a degree doesn't give a candidate an automatic edge over an applicant with a lower level of qualification.

"We try to be fair, but it still mainly depends on interest and competency. We take in the candidate with just the SPM qualification if he or she is more suited for the job compared with the degree holder."

Omar though feels it's unfair to expect SPM and diploma holders to compete with candidates who have higher qualifications.

He said those with degrees should not be allowed to encroach into entry-level positions, and urged the government to conduct an in-depth study to get an accurate picture of what's happening.

"If the problem is a lack of positions available to accommodate degree holders, then the government should consider increasing the number of positions for graduates.

"It's not serious yet, but we are worried about what could happen 10 years from now if this trend continues," added Omar.

There is a flipside to this coin: increasing competition for civil service jobs could also be a good thing.

"We should look at this positively. Like it or not, applicants now have to work harder to 'sell' themselves and convince the government before they are taken in."

But what would it mean for the civil service if this trend continues for the next decade or two?

"We could be heading towards the trend in some developed countries, where jobs at all levels are populated by large proportions of those with high level of qualifications."

**Tajuk Artikel: PSD: No quota for efficiency exam passes**  
**Sumber / Tarikh: New Straits Times Online Monday 5th March , 2007**

PUTRAJAYA: There is no quota in the number of passes for Penilaian Tahap Kecekapan (PTK), the efficiency exam civil servants take to increase their chances of promotion.

Public Service Department corporate communications head Hasniah Rashid said a civil servant's performance, based on his yearly appraisal and other conditions in the scheme of service, were used in deciding promotions.

Promotions also depended on the number of vacancies available.

"The PTK is just one of the criteria. It provides an advantage, but even if you pass, you will not necessarily get a promotion if there is no vacancy. There is no quota," she said yesterday when commenting on complaints of a quota on PTK passes.

Civil servants are allowed to sit for the PTK up to four times a year.

Cuepacs president Omar Osman, in an interview with the New Sunday Times yesterday, described the PTK as "a joke".

He alleged that there was a quota, as there were cases where those who passed it did not get their increments or promotions.

In the interview, Osman explained why civil servants needed a salary hike, given the higher cost of living.

He said about 600,000 of the 1.1 million-strong civil service were earning less than RM1,500 per month.

Osman also lamented that the PSD had been unprofessional in handling the contributory pension scheme proposal with Cuepacs.

Hasniah clarified that the last salary revision was conducted in 2000.

She said it was done twice in 2002, first in January with a 10 per cent increase across the board, and in November, when the government introduced the new remuneration scheme.

Hasniah also said PSD had met Cuepacs a total of 11 times, including with officers from the Treasury, the Employees' Provident Fund and Bank Negara, to discuss the proposal.

"We gave them a full report on the proposed pension scheme," she said.

**Tajuk Artikel: Service minus the smiles at counters**  
**Sumber / Tarikh: The Sun Online Monday 5th March , 2007**  
**S. Tamarai Chelvi**

PETALING JAYA (March 5, 2007): Most government counter service staff do not smile. They seem reluctant to entertain enquiries and offer only terse replies.

These are some of the complaints received by the Malaysian Administrative Modernisation and Management Planning Unit (Mampu).

The unit, which comes under the Prime Minister's Department, has so far received at least 692 emails from the public about improving the public service delivery system.

On Feb 12, Mampu invited the public to submit proposals to improve the public delivery system, soon after Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi announced the formation of a 23-member Special Task Force to Facilitate Business, known in its Bahasa Malaysia acronym Pemudah.

According to a Mampu official, about 30% of emails were complaints, largely about the "human factor".

The rest were suggestions, which included the call for police officers and government servants at the service counters to be able to speak English.

The public also suggested that government departments use short messaging service (SMS) to inform applicants of the status of their applications.

He cited examples such as informing an applicant on whether the new MyKad was ready to be collected or the application status for various licences at local authorities.

"Another suggestion was that all government agencies should be 100% computerised, which is a good suggestion," he said.

There was also a suggestion to extend the passport validity from five years to 10, he added.

The official said Mampu will take note of the complaints and suggestions to improve the delivery system.

Although the initial closing date for public feedback was Feb 20, Mampu has decided to continue taking suggestions from the public, who can email their views to [improve@mampu.gov.my](mailto:improve@mampu.gov.my).

**Tajuk Artikel: Cukai pendapatan terlebih bayar dikembali 3 bulan**  
**Sumber / Tarikh: Berita Harian Online 05 Mac 2007 – Isnin**  
**Oleh Abdul Halim Yusoff**

KUALA LUMPUR: Lembaga Hasil Dalam Negeri (LHDN) akan memulangkan lebih bayaran cukai pendapatan selewat-lewatnya tiga bulan jika pembayar memfailkan taksiran mereka menerusi internet atau e-filing.

Pemulangan lebih bayaran dalam tempoh tidak lebih tiga bulan itu adalah iltizam baru agensi berkenaan yang diterajui Ketua Eksekutif barunya, Hasmah Abdullah.

Jurucakap LHDN berkata, komitmen itu dibuat bagi meningkatkan mutu perkhidmatan dan kemudahan kepada pembayar cukai yang sebelum ini sering merungut proses terbabit mengambil masa terlalu lama, kadangkala sehingga setahun.

"Urusan mendapatkan balik lebih bayaran cukai sebelum ini boleh berlanjutan antara enam bulan hingga setahun kerana pelbagai prosedur yang perlu dilalui," katanya kepada Berita Harian, semalam.

Beliau bagaimanapun mengingatkan, pemulangan lebih dalam tempoh tidak lebih tiga bulan hanya dibuat LHDN jika pembayar cukai tidak mempunyai masalah seperti pernah tidak menghantar borang taksiran sebelum ini.

LHDN mengambil pelbagai inisiatif mempermudah proses memfailkan taksiran menerusi sistem e-filing untuk menggalakkan orang ramai menggunakan kemudahan terbabit.

Antaranya, LHDN menyertakan nombor pengenalan peribadi (PIN) pada borang BE (pendapatan pengajian) dan borang B (pendapatan perniagaan) yang dihantar kepada pembayar cukai.

"Mereka yang tidak menerima borang, boleh hadir ke kaunter LHDN sementara permohonan daripada pihak ketiga boleh diterima jika pembayar memberi kebenaran bertulis kepada wakil dengan menyertakan salinan

kad pengenalan," katanya.

Bagi memuat turun sijil digital pula, pembayar cukai perlu mengakses laman web rasmi LHDN di [www.hasil.org.my](http://www.hasil.org.my) manakala pendaftaran sijil digital boleh dibuat menerusi laman <https://e.hasil.org.my>.

Jurucakap itu berkata, pengesahan penerimaan akan diberikan dalam talian apabila proses penghantaran berjaya dan ia kemudian boleh dicetak untuk disimpan oleh pembayar cukai.

Sebelum ini, pembayar cukai perlu ke pejabat LHDN bagi mendapatkan PIN untuk memasuki internet dan menghantar penyata cukai pendapatan mereka secara e-filing.

"Bagi memastikan tiada masalah akses, LHDN memperbaiki sistem komputernya termasuk melaksanakan ujian ketahanan bagi menampung kemungkinan akses tinggi terhadap sistem e-filing," katanya.

Kaedah e-filing diperkenalkan pada 2003 untuk pembayar cukai syarikat dan pada 2004 kepada pembayar cukai individu, serentak pelaksanaan Sistem Taksir Sendiri (STS).

Kira-kira 190,000 daripada lebih tiga juta pembayar cukai, sudah menggunakan sistem e-filing.

Sementara itu, dalam kenyataan berasingan, LHDN menjelaskan seiring dengan kemudahan memfailkan borang secara e-filing, ia turut menawarkan kemudahan pembayaran cukai pendapatan secara elektronik (e-bayaran).

Proses itu yang boleh dilaksanakan menerusi Financial Process Exchange (FPX) boleh digunakan mulai 1 Mac lalu.

LHDN berkata, pembayar cukai perlu mempunyai akaun perbankan internet dengan mana-mana bank yang menyertai FPX iaitu Bank Islam Malaysia Bhd, CIMB Bank (Akaun BCB), Hong Leong Bank Bhd dan Public Bank Bhd.

### **Tajuk Artikel: MCMC mahu jumpa Astro bincang caj RM50 Sumber / Tarikh: Berita Harian Online 05 Mac 2007 – Isnin**

KUALA LUMPUR: Suruhanjaya Komunikasi dan Multimedia Malaysia (MCMC) akan bertemu pengurusan Astro secepat mungkin bagi berbincang mengenai tindakan stesen televisyen berbayar itu yang didakwa mengenakan caj kepada pelanggan yang menghadapi masalah mendapatkan siaran berikutan pemindahan salurannya ke satelit baru mulai 2 Februari lalu.

Pengerusi MCMC Datuk Halim Shafie, berkata Astro tidak wajar mengenakan caj RM50 kepada pelanggan untuk mendapatkan semula siaran malahan stesen itu perlu bertanggungjawab terhadap masalah siaran mereka.

"Masalah bukanlah disebabkan oleh pengguna tetapi pihak Astro yang memindahkan siaran daripada Measat-1 kepada satelit baru Measat-3. Sehubungan itu, apa-apa masalah perlu ditanggung oleh Astro.

"Saya sudah mengarahkan pegawai saya berjumpa mereka secepat mungkin bagi maklumkan pendirian MCMC ini," katanya di sini, semalam.

Bagaimanapun, beliau tidak menjelaskan sama ada Astro akan diminta supaya membayar balik caj RM50 yang dibayar oleh sesetengah pelanggan selepas menghadapi masalah mendapatkan siaran selepas

pemindahan satelit itu.

Halim berkata demikian sebagai mengulas kenyataan Menteri Tenaga, Air dan Komunikasi Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik bahawa Astro tidak patut mengenakan caj itu kepada pelanggannya.

Sebaliknya, Dr Lim dilaporkan, berkata langkah mengenakan caj tanpa terlebih dulu memaklukkannya kepada pelanggan adalah salah dan meminta pelanggan Astro yang menghadapi masalah itu membuat aduan kepada MCMC.

Ini berikutan rungutan pelanggan Astro dalam ruangan pembaca sebuah akhbar mengenai tindakan stesen berkenaan mengenakan caj RM50 kepada mereka untuk mendapatkan semula siaran.

Sementara itu, Presiden Gabungan Persatuan Pengguna Malaysia (Fomca), N Marimuthu, berkata kerja mengemas kini saluran yang bermasalah adalah tanggungjawab Astro.

"Astro seharusnya sentiasa berusaha memperbaiki perkhidmatan mereka dan setiap tahun mereka akan menukar sistem tetapi janganlah pengguna dikehendaki membayar caj perkhidmatan itu," katanya.

Sehubungan itu, Marimuthu meminta orang ramai yang menghadapi masalah berkenaan mengemukakan aduan kepada Pusat Khidmat Aduan Pengguna Kebangsaan di talian 03-78779000.

Beliau berkata, pihaknya akan mengumpulkan maklumat berhubung perkara itu dalam jangka masa terdekat ini, sebelum berbincang bersama Astro bagi memastikan caj yang dibuat tertakluk dalam terma syarat kontrak perjanjian.

**Tajuk Artikel: IPTA tak capai taraf universiti Asia**  
**Sumber / Tarikh: Berita Harian Online 05 Mac 2007 – Isnin**  
**Oleh Nor Azma Muhamat Laila**

KUALA LUMPUR: Tiada satu pun institusi pengajian tinggi awam (IPTA) dari Malaysia menduduki senarai 100 universiti utama Asia yang dikeluarkan sebuah penerbitan laman web, Webometrics Ranking (WR), tahun ini.

Universiti dari Jepun menguasai kedudukan dalam senarai itu dengan menyaksikan 26 universitinya disenaraikan dalam WR, diikuti China dengan 21 universiti.

National University of Singapore menduduki tempat pertama, diikuti National Taiwan University, Keio University, Jepun (ketiga), University of Tokyo (keempat) dan Beijing University (kelima).

Kedudukan itu dikira berdasarkan jumlah penerbitan on-line yang ditawarkan sesebuah universiti dan menyediakan akses untuk laman webnya. Penilaian mengenai kedudukan universiti utama dunia ini dilakukan WR sejak 2004.

Naib Canselor Universiti Malaya (UM), Datuk Dr Rafiah Salim, ketika diminta mengulas senarai itu, berkata walaupun tiada satu daripada 17 universiti di Malaysia tersenarai dalam kedudukan itu, ia tidak menjejaskan reputasi IPTA negara ini.

"Kedudukan universiti pada peringkat dunia tidak semestinya menjamin dan menunjukkan kualiti sesebuah universiti.

"Tambahan pula, kita tidak jelas mengenai penilaian yang dibuat oleh laman web berkenaan mengenai universiti yang ada di dunia ini.

"Kita tidak terlalu leka untuk mengejar kedudukan bertaraf dunia kerana masih ada agenda lain yang perlu diselesaikan seperti meningkatkan lagi kualiti universiti dan mampu melahirkan graduan yang serba boleh," katanya.

Beliau mengakui penilaian yang dibuat laman web itu berguna untuk universiti di negara ini memperbaiki kelemahan yang ada.

Naib Canselor Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), Prof Datuk Dr Sharifah Hapsah Syed Hassan Shahabudin, berkata UKM menaik taraf laman web universiti itu untuk memberikan perkhidmatan lebih baik dan bermutu pada masa depan.

**Tajuk Artikel: Kompleks 3C selamat, tidak berhantu: MPSJ**  
**Sumber / Tarikh: Berita Harian Online 05 Mac 2007 – Isnin**  
**Oleh Faizatul Farhana Farush Khan**

**Pusat Kreativiti Kanak-Kanak RM30j, sedia pendidikan, kemahiran sebelum alam persekolahan**

SUBANG JAYA: Majlis Perbandaran Subang Jaya (MPSJ) menafikan dakwaan Pusat Kreativiti Kanak-Kanak atau lebih dikenali Kompleks 3C yang dibangunkannya di Pusat Bandar Subang Jaya, di sini, berhantu, menyeramkan dan diganggu makhluk halus.

Pegawai Perhubungan Awam MPSJ, Azfarizal Abdul Rashid, berkata segala dakwaan itu tidak masuk akal kerana kejadian seperti yang dilaporkan tidak pernah berlaku.

"Hasil siasatan dan pemerhatian kami, tidak pernah wujud masalah gangguan di Kompleks 3C berkenaan dan penutupan tandas bukannya kerana mengelakkan kanak-kanak terlihat hantu di silingnya kerana ia tidak pernah berlaku tetapi tandas dalam proses baik pulih

"Tampalan potongan ayat al-Quran pula adalah bagi menghormati Islam dan tiada sebab lain, malah ia perkara biasa di rumah orang Islam dan tidak mungkin semua rumah yang ditampal ayat itu diganggu makhluk halus," katanya.

Azfarizal berkata, beliau tidak pasti dari mana pihak berkenaan mendapat berita itu dan kenyataan seperti itu bukan saja merosakkan imej kompleks bernilai RM30 juta itu, malah menggugat tujuan utama penubuhannya bagi menyediakan pelbagai pendidikan dan kemahiran kepada kanak-kanak sebelum memasuki sekolah rendah, remaja dan dewasa.

"Kawasan luaran kompleks itu yang dikatakan sunyi berpunca daripada kanak-kanak berkenaan sedang menjalani pembelajaran dalam kelas dan mereka hanya keluar bermain dan makan pada waktu tertentu saja.

"Seramai 101 pelajar dan enam tenaga pengajar di kompleks itu selama ini tidak pernah mengalami kejadian aneh seperti didakwa dan berharap orang ramai mendaftarkan anak mereka tanpa rasa bimbang," katanya.

Sementara itu, tinjauan Berita Harian di kompleks itu mendapati, keadaan kompleks itu dipenuhi kanak-kanak yang leka bermain di taman yang disediakan selain giat menjalani pembelajaran.

Seorang wanita yang menghantar cucunya ke situ, Datin Umi Kalsom Hussain, 55, berkata jika benar kompleks itu diganggu makhluk halus sudah tentu kanak-kanak yang mengalaminya tidak mahu datang ke situ lagi kerana budak kecil yang takutkan sesuatu tidak akan terus melakukannya walaupun dipaksa

"Pusat ini sangat berguna kepada kanak-kanak bagi memahirkan mereka dalam berkomunikasi dan bergaul dengan rakan-rakan.

"Jika penduduk sekitar Subang Jaya yang mempunyai anak, tapi tidak menghantar anak mereka ke kompleks ini yang sama fungsinya dengan tadika, ia satu kerugian kerana pengurusan kompleks menyediakan kemudahan menarik, termasuk makanan berkhasiat dengan yuran berpatutan," katanya.

Kompleks berkenaan menyediakan pelbagai perkhidmatan merangkumi aktiviti luaran, antaranya bilik rehat, sudut bermain pasir, taman permainan selain aktiviti dalaman seperti menguji deria, kelas seni dan kreativiti, kelas tarian, kelas pembelajaran termasuk mengenal huruf, Jawi dan bahasa Arab, kelas komputer, kelas muzik, kelas matematik, perpustakaan dan kelas bercerita.

Selain itu, aktiviti selepas waktu kelas juga disediakan iaitu kelas mengaji dan Fardu Ain serta Kelab Kerja Rumah.

## **Tajuk Artikel: 16 kafe siber bawah pentadbiran MPAJ boleh operasi secara sah**

**Sumber / Tarikh: Berita Harian Online 05 Mac 2007 – Isnin**

KUALA LUMPUR: Majlis Perbandaran Ampang Jaya (MPAJ) akan melesenkan 16 kafe siber yang menjalankan perniagaan tanpa lesen di kawasan pentadbirannya dalam tempoh terdekat bagi memastikan peniaga terbabit tidak menjalankan perniagaan secara haram.

Keputusan bagi melesenkan 16 kafe siber itu diperoleh hasil perbincangan dengan ahli majlisnya yang berpendapat MPAJ perlu mengeluarkan lesen itu bagi memastikan peniaga menjalankan perniagaan mereka dengan cara sah dan dalam pengawasan MPAJ.

Setiausaha MPAJ, Abdul Hamid Hussein, berkata pengusaha terbabit sebelum ini sudah memenuhi segala syarat yang diberikan MPAJ tetapi permohonan mereka untuk mendapatkan lesen belum diputuskan atas sebab-sebab yang tidak dapat dielakkan.

"Kita pada dasarnya sudah bersetuju untuk melesenkan mereka dalam tempoh terdekat ini dan ia penting dalam memudahkan pihak kita memantau sekali gus mengelakkan mereka melanggar peraturan yang ditetapkan antaranya membenarkan pengunjung melayari laman web tidak bermoral dan membenarkan kanak-kanak dibawah umur memasukinya untuk bermain permainan video.

"Selain itu, sekiranya kita menafikan hak mereka untuk mendapatkan lesen kita bimbang peniaga terbabit bertindak menutup perniagaan sekali gus merugikan orang ramai terutama generasi muda untuk mempelajari teknologi maklumat (IT)," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian pada sidang media selepas mesyuarat penuh bulanan majlis itu di Ibu Pejabat MPAJ, di sini.

Abdul Hamid berkata, kafe siber mempunyai banyak kebaikan berbanding keburukan antaranya individu

dapat melayari internet bagi mendapatkan maklumat berkaitan kerja, pelajar boleh menyiapkan tugas dan menjadikan seseorang itu celik teknologi maklumat dan atas alasan itu juga, peniaga akan dibekalkan dengan lesen perniagaan.

"Setakat ini, sebanyak 127 kafe siber mengemukakan permohonan mendapatkan lesen tetapi hanya 16 yang sudah memenuhi segala syarat MPAJ dan layak mendapat lesen perniagaan

"MPAJ akan meluluskan sebarang permohonan peniaga bagi menjalankan apa jenis perniagaan pun dengan syarat mereka mengikut peraturan yang ditetapkan dan tidak menyalahi undang-undang bagi membantu golongan itu menjalankan perniagaan tanpa masalah," katanya.

Antara syarat yang ditetapkan dalam mendapatkan lesen perniagaan adalah lokasinya perlu sesuai dan tidak mengganggu ketenteraman awam serta mendapatkan persetujuan dari Jabatan Bomba dan pihak polis.

Sebelum ini, hanya 42 kafe siber sekitar Ampang Jaya yang memohon lesen perniagaan berjaya mendapatkannya.

### **Tajuk Artikel: MPS buka Pusat Sejahtera Sumber / Tarikh: Berita Harian Online 05 Mac 2007 – Isnin**

KUALA LUMPUR: Majlis Perbandaran Selayang (MPS), di sini, menjadi pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) pertama di negara ini membuka kaunter khas bagi membantu golongan kurang berkemampuan mendapatkan bantuan sebanyak RM150 sebulan bagi membiayai kos sewa rumah, melalui Program Kemiskinan Bandar MPS.

Yang Dipertua MPS, Zainal Abidin Azim, berkata kaunter yang dinamakan Pusat Sejahtera itu disediakan selaras dengan hasrat kerajaan untuk membasmi kemiskinan tegar sekali gus mengurangkan separuh kadar kemiskinan kepada 2.8 peratus menjelang tahun 2010.

"Khidmat itu disediakan setelah MPS menerima peruntukan sebanyak RM500,000 daripada Kementerian Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan. Sebahagian peruntukan sudah digunakan bagi menyediakan kaunter yang lengkap dengan kemudahan komputer.

"Namun, ingin ditegaskan di sini bahawa pemohon berpendapatan RM731 sebulan dan bukan setinggan saja yang layak mendapatkan bantuan," katanya ketika mempengerusikan Mesyuarat Penuh MPS, di sini, semalam.

Hadir sama, Timbalan Yang Dipertua MPS, Jamri Basni; Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri (ADUN) Taman Templer, Datuk Ahmad Bhari Abdul Rahman dan ADUN Gombak Setia, Yuszahari Mohd Yusof.

Katanya, MPS mengalu-alukan orang ramai yang benar-benar memerlukan bantuan supaya datang ke kaunter Pusat Sejahtera, di Jabatan Perancang Bandar dan Pembangunan yang terletak di bangunan MPS.

Sementara itu, Zainal Abidin mengumumkan, jumlah cukai taksiran yang berjaya dikutip untuk tempoh sehingga Disember 2006 adalah sebanyak 90.8 peratus manakala kutipan bagi cukai tertunggak hanya 43.7 peratus.

### **Tajuk Artikel: MBPJ beku semua lesen rumah urut**

## **Sumber / Tarikh: Berita Harian Online 05 Mac 2007 – Isnin**

PETALING JAYA: Majlis Bandaraya Petaling Jaya (MBPJ) membeku pengeluaran lesen pusat urut di kawasan pentadbirannya sehingga satu garis panduan baru dikeluarkan Kerajaan Selangor.

Datuk Bandarnya, Mohamad Roslan Sakiman berkata, semua pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) di negeri itu diwajibkan mengikut garis panduan yang ditetapkan kerajaan bagi memastikan ia tidak bercanggah antara satu sama lain.

"Kita menutup 89 operasi rumah urut yang tidak berlesen di kawasan MBPJ. Kita tidak tahu sehingga bila tetapi berkemungkinan garis panduan ini akan dikeluarkan pada bulan ini atau April depan.

"Jadi, kita akan melakukan pemantauan dari semasa ke semasa bagi memastikan 89 pusat urut tidak berlesen ini mematuhi arahan yang dikeluarkan kepada mereka untuk tidak berniaga.

Beliau berkata demikian pada sidang media selepas mempengerusikan mesyuarat penuh bulanan majlis itu di sini.

Katanya, walaupun memberi tumpuan kepada pusat urut tidak berlesen pihaknya turut melakukan pemantauan terhadap lapan lagi pusat urut berlesen bagi memastikan pusat berkenaan tidak melanggar peraturan ditetapkan.

"Siang dan malam penguatkuasa kita melakukan pemantauan bagi memastikan 89 pusat urut ini tidak beroperasi atau beroperasi tetapi mengikut peraturan yang ditetapkan," katanya.

Mohamad Roslan berkata, pihaknya tidak mengetahui tentang isi kandungan garis panduan baru yang perlu diikuti semua PBT di Selangor.

## **Tajuk Artikel: 5 isu dibincang pertemuan PM-Cuepacs esok Sumber / Tarikh: Utusan Malaysia Online 05 Mac 2007 – Isnin Oleh NIZAM YATIM**

KUALA LUMPUR 4 Mac – Pertemuan Kongres Kesatuan Pekerja Di Dalam Perkhidmatan Awam (Cuepacs) dengan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Selasa ini akan membincangkan lima isu yang bertujuan meningkatkan kebajikan 1.2 juta kakitangan awam.

Presidennya, Omar Osman berkata, isu utama ialah membabitkan kenaikan gaji kakitangan awam antara lima hingga 40 peratus dengan pertambahan perbelanjaan mengurus sebanyak RM5 bilion.

Beliau berkata, kenaikan yang dicadangkan ialah sebanyak 40 peratus bagi kakitangan kumpulan gred satu hingga 16, 30 peratus bagi gred 17 hingga 40, 20 peratus untuk gred 41 hingga 54 dan lima hingga 10 peratus untuk kumpulan Jawatan Utama Sektor Awam (JUSA) C ke atas.

"Terdapat kira-kira 300,000 kakitangan dalam kumpulan gred satu hingga 16 yang antaranya berjawatan pemandu dan pembantu am rendah," ujarnya ketika dihubungi Utusan Malaysia di sini hari ini.

Menurut beliau, pihaknya akan menyokong cadangan melanjutkan umur persaraan kepada 60 tahun kerana ia selaras dengan perjuangan kesatuan itu sejak 1999.

Omar memberitahu, pihaknya tidak bersetuju dengan dakwaan beberapa pihak bahawa jika umur persaraan dilanjutkan, golongan muda tidak berpeluang untuk bekerja di sektor awam.

Katanya, isu lain yang akan dibangkitkan ialah mengenai penolakan terhadap pelaksanaan peperiksaan Penilaian Tahap Kecekapan (PTK) dan menganggap penambahbaikan yang dibuat oleh Jabatan Perkhidmatan Awam (JPA) masih tidak mencapai matlamatnya.

Tambah beliau, pihaknya mahu PTK digantikan dengan pakej baru yang diselaraskan dengan aspek pembangunan modal insan dan kualiti kerja.

"Kita juga akan menyerahkan hasil keputusan sebulat suara mesyuarat Majlis Cuepacs baru-baru ini yang membantah cadangan skim Faedah Pencen Bercarum (FPB) yang dicadangkan oleh JPA.

"Sistem pencen sedia ada lebih baik daripada skim FPB yang memerlukan kakitangan mencarum 11 peratus manakala kerajaan pula 12 peratus kepada Kumpulan Wang Amanah Pencen (KWAP)," ujarnya. Turut dibincangkan ialah permintaan supaya diwujudkan formula baru pencen yang mengambil kira tempoh perkhidmatan seseorang kakitangan tanpa terikat kepada maksimum 25 tahun seperti diamalkan sekarang. Sesetengah kakitangan berkhidmat sehingga 27 dan 30 tahun dan perkara ini perlu dimasukkan dalam kiraan kadar bayaran pencen, katanya.

**Tajuk Artikel: Pelajar wajib guna permohonan dalam talian ke IPTA 2008**  
**Sumber / Tarikh: Utusan Malaysia Online 05 Mac 2007 – Isnin**  
**Oleh Abdul Muin Sapidin**

KEPALA BATAS 4 Mac – Semua lepasan Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) yang ingin melanjutkan pengajian ke institusi pengajian tinggi awam (IPTA) akan diwajibkan membuat permohonan melalui aplikasi secara dalam talian mulai sesi 2008/2009.

Mulai sesi tersebut, pelajar lepasan SPM tidak lagi dibenarkan membuat permohonan melalui kaedah manual atau borang kertas seperti yang diamalkan sekarang.

Menteri Pengajian Tinggi, Datuk Mustapa Mohamed berkata, keputusan itu selaras dengan hasrat kerajaan untuk mengaplikasikan sepenuhnya kaedah elektronik bagi pengambilan pelajar baru ke IPTA.

Pada masa ini, katanya, kaedah aplikasi dalam talian hanya diwajibkan bagi lepasan Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia (STPM) dan lepasan matrikulasi yang ingin melanjutkan pelajaran ke IPTA.

"Bagi pengambilan sesi tahun 2006/2007 sahaja, 45,000 lepasan SPM menggunakan aplikasi secara dalam talian iaitu peningkatan kira-kira 80 peratus berbanding pengambilan sebelumnya.

"Kini kementerian mengambil keputusan untuk menggunakan kaedah ini sepenuhnya bagi sesi tahun 2008/2009," kata Mustapa kepada pemberita selepas melancarkan Program Pendidikan Kementerian Pengajian Tinggi Bersama Rakyat 2007 di sini hari ini.

Mustapa berkata, melalui aplikasi secara dalam talian, pemohon hanya perlu mengemukakan satu permohonan dan berpeluang mengemaskinikannya sebanyak tiga kali dalam tempoh 10 hari selepas keputusan peperiksaan SPM diumumkan.

Katanya, kaedah tersebut akan dapat mengelakkan sebarang masalah dan kesesakan capaian pada saat-saat akhir.

Ia berbeza dengan kaedah lama yang tidak membolehkan pemohon membuat perubahan selepas menghantar borang permohonan.

"Kita harap dengan pelaksanaan kaedah ini, para pemohon akan mempunyai ruang untuk membuat keputusan terbaik mengenai kursus-kursus yang mereka mohon," jelasnya.

Beliau berkata, Kementerian Pengajian Tinggi juga telah membuat perancangan rapi bagi melaksanakan sepenuhnya konsep tersebut dengan mengambil kira keupayaan pelayan berkapasiti tinggi serta infrastruktur teknologi maklumat (ICT).

Para pemohon yang mempunyai sebarang masalah dalam membuat permohonan melalui aplikasi secara dalam talian boleh menghubungi talian 03-8883 5848 atau melayari laman web <http://www.mohe.gov.my>.

**Tajuk Artikel: Pemandang terus degil**  
**Sumber / Tarikh: Harian Metro Online 05 Mac 2007 – Isnin**  
**Oleh Helmy Abd Rahman**

PUCHONG: Pendatang asing terutama dari Indonesia masih menjadikan kawasan berhampiran Persiaran Indera, Pusat Bandar Puchong di sini, sebagai tempat tinggal mereka walaupun perkampungan haram di situ dirobohkan hujung minggu lalu.

Mereka tidak lagi mendirikan pondok, sebaliknya hanya memasang plastik yang dijadikan atap dan mendirikannya di celah pokok bagi mengelak dikesan pihak berkuasa.

Tinjauan Harian Metro di kawasan berkenaan semalam mendapati masih banyak pakaian milik mereka dijemur di kawasan berdekatan walaupun pondok yang didirikan sebelum ini dirobohkan dan tidak ada tanda kehadiran pendatang di situ.

Semua baju berkenaan masih basah yang membuktikan mereka masih mendiami kawasan terbabit.

Beberapa lelaki kemudian dilihat keluar masuk melalui semak berkenaan sambil membawa makanan mentah dan peralatan memasak.

Harian Metro minggu lalu melaporkan Majlis Perbandaran Subang Jaya (MPSJ) merobohkan 'syurga' warga Indonesia di lereng bukit kawasan berkenaan.

Perkampungan yang dibina dua bulan lalu di tanah rizab perkuburan Islam itu mempunyai lebih 27 unit rumah warga asing seperti syurga ciptaan mereka kerana terletak di lokasi menarik selain mempunyai kelengkapan sama seperti kawasan perkampungan tempatan.

Kampung itu dibina seperti resort di lereng bukit dan dilengkapi kebun sayur dan ternakan untuk kegunaan penghuninya.

Operasi disertai lebih 60 anggota penguat kuasa MPSJ, sembilan anggota polis, tiga kakitangan Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) serta masing-masing enam kakitangan Syarikat Bekalan Air Selangor Sdn Bhd (Syabas) dan wakil Pejabat Daerah.

Seorang peniaga di kawasan itu berkata, masih ada kira-kira 10 hingga 15 warga Indonesia bersembunyi di semak berhampiran tapak lama rumah setinggan warga Indonesia terbabit.

**Tajuk Artikel: Queen Mary 2 Lawat M'sia**

**Sumber / Tarikh: Bernama Online 05 Mac 2007 – Isnin**



KAPAL MEWAH... Kapal percutian QM2 berlabuh di Pelabuhan Klang dalam sebahagian daripada acara perjalanannya "Melayari Dunia 2007: Mengelilingi Dunia 80 hari", sekaligus memeriahkan kempen kedatangan pelancong asing sempena Tahun Melawat Malaysia 2007. Foto: Razali Nordin

PELABUHAN KLANG, 4 Mac (Bernama) -- Kapal pelayaran mewah Britain, Queen Mary 2 (QM2) hari ini singgah di Pelabuhan Klang yang merupakan sebahagian acara perjalanannya "Melayari Dunia 2007: Mengelilingi Dunia 80 hari", sekaligus memeriahkan kempen kedatangan pelancong asing sempena Tahun Melawat Malaysia 2007.

Laksamana pertama QM2 Bernard Warner berkata kapal pelayaran, yang tiba di Terminal Star Cruise di sini pada pukul 7 pagi tadi, kini dalam perjalanan ke 20 bandar utama termasuk Rio de Janeiro, Santiago, San Fransisco, Sydney, Hong Kong, Singapura, Dubai, Cairo, Athens, Paris, Rome dan Kuala Lumpur.

"Dengan berlabuhnya Queen Mary 2 di sini hari ini, ia merupakan kapal pelayaran terbesar yang

belayar ke negara ini, dengan krew dan penumpangnya dari seluruh dunia bangga berada di sini," katanya semasa berucap meraikan tetamu dan lawatan ke QM2.

Turut hadir ialah Menteri Pengangkutan Datuk Seri Chan Kong Choy, Ketua Setiausaha Kementerian Pelancongan Datuk Dr Victor Wee dan Ketua Pegawai Operasi Star Cruises Chong Chee Tut.

Warner berkata QM2 memulakan pengembaraannya mengelilingi dunia dari Fort Lauderdale di Florida, Amerika Syarikat pada 10 Jan dan kembali belayar pulang selepas tiga bulan pelayaran pada 2 April, dengan dua persinggahan terakhir di Le Havre, Perancis dan Southampton, England.

Berukuran 1,132 kaki panjang dan berat 150,000 tan, QM2 dibina pada 2002 oleh Cunard Line Limited dan memulakan perkhidmatan pada 2004. Ia menawarkan pelayaran menyeberangi Lautan Atlantik antara New York dan Southampton serta belayar ke Carribean, Eropah, Mediterranean dan Kanada.

Katanya tahun ini merupakan tahun penting QM2 apabila ia memulakan pelayaran dengan kira-kira 3,000 penumpang dan 1,253 krew.

Kapal itu mempunyai 17 dek dan menara setinggi 200 kaki atas garis air serta mempunyai 1,296 bilik termasuk lima apartmen dua tingkat, bilik mewah, rumah mewah, bilik berbalkoni dan bilik mengadap lautan.

Kemudahan lain termasuklah lima dewan dan ruang makan utama, pub dan kafe serta kelab spa, teater, kasino dan perpustakaan yang mempunyai 8,000 buku, pusat siber dan kedai.

Dalam persinggahannya ke sini, penumpang dan krew berpeluang melawat Kuala Lumpur. Kapal itu belayar ke Cochin, India petang ini untuk menyambung perjalanannya mengelilingi dunia.

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