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*Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail (centre) at the launching of Ranhill Holdings Bhd's reclamation water treatment plant in Bangkok yesterday. With her are Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Minister Datuk Salahuddin Ayub (right), Foreign Affairs Deputy Minister Datuk Marzuki Yahya (second from left), Ranhill president and chief executive Tan Sri Hamdan Mohamad (second from right) and Amata Water managing director Chuchat Saitin.* BERNAMA PIC

**NEW AGENDA**

# Ministry to focus on food security

**BANGKOK:** The Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Ministry is set to chart a new course by unveiling an agenda, focusing on food security and elevating the socio-economic status of farmers.

Minister Datuk Salahuddin Ayub said the plan, named "Agenda Hala Tuju Baru MoA", would be launched on Feb 14.

"We want to raise farmers' income so that they will not remain in the B40 (Bottom 40) group. We have to move forward to modernise agriculture by (embracing the) lab-to-table (concept). For example, the Federal Agricultural Marketing Authority (Fama) has done a good job in marketing agriculture produce (and agro-based products), but what's next?

"In this regard, Fama will build a hypermarket, an upgrade to its Pasar Tani, by end of the year in Kuala Lumpur," he said during the last day of Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail's official visit to Thailand.

One of the sites visited by the delegates was Bangkok's Or Tor Kor Market run by Thailand's Marketing Organisation for Thailand's Farmers Marketing Organisation, an entity akin to Fama.

"It is a world-class market, which was ranked fourth best fresh market last year (by CNN).

"We must move forward and not only modernise agriculture, but also look at improving product marketing," said Salahuddin.

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# Ranhill opens water treatment plant in Thailand

## Group looking forward to expand its international footprint

**PETALING JAYA:** Ranhill Holdings Bhd has commenced the operations of its new reclamation water treatment plant and is now looking forward to expand its international footprint.

The plant, which is located at the Amata City Rayong Industrial Estate, is capable of processing seven million litres per day (MLD).

It is a build, operate and transfer (BOT) project with a 20-year concession agreement signed between Ranhill's indirect subsidiary AnuRAK Water Treatment Facilities Co Ltd and Amata Water Co Ltd in March last year.

Ranhill Group president and chief executive Tan Sri Hamdan Mohamad said water reclamation is a growing component of its environment business overseas.

"Reclaimed or recycled water as an alternative water source can efficiently meet the growing industrial demand as the volume of wastewater discharge increases.

"We see tremendous prospects in Thailand especially with the Thai government's focus on regulating the water sector and continued growth expected in industrial projects in the Eastern Seaboard region, viewed by the World Bank as one of the most successful sites for massive industrial developments," he said in a statement.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail officiated at the opening of the plant in Bangkok yesterday. Also present were the Malaysian ambassador to Thailand Datuk Jojie Samuel, Hamdan and Amata Water managing director Chuchat Saitin.

The completion of the BOT project brings the group's investment in water treatment, wastewater treatment and water reclamation plants in Thailand to 992 million baht (RM129.2mil), capable of generating water, waste water and reclaim water sales of over 4.1 billion baht (RM534.1mil) throughout the concession period.

With 10 water treatment, wastewater treatment and water reclamation plants in operations, Ranhill's total water treatment aggregate capacity in Thailand now stands at 114 MLD.

The Amata City Rayong and Amata City Chonburi Parks are spread over 7,033 ha of prime industrial land, making Amata one of the largest industrial park developers in Thailand.

Ranhill Group is also set to expand its international footprint in the long-term, with Thailand being one of its two primary markets, alongside China.

"We are targeting to increase our capacity in Thailand to 174 MLD by 2022 by securing more water and wastewater projects from major industrial parks like Amata.

"Our plants have gained a stellar reputation for meeting the standards set by local authorities and for efficient, technology driven, cost-effective water management.

"Given our expertise, track record and sustainable practices, clearly there are opportunities to be tapped in water and wastewater management in Thailand," said Hamdan.

**New plant launched:** Dr Wan Azizah officiating at the launch of Ranhill's new plant in Bangkok. With her are (from left) Amata Water Co Ltd managing director Chuchat Saitin, Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister Datuk Marzuki Yahya, Hamdan and Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Minister Datuk Salahudin Ayub.

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# Malaysia-Thai border trade set to be enhanced

**BANGKOK:** Malaysia and Thailand want to streamline security and border connectivity to facilitate movement of goods at the border, said Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail.

She said the implementation of 24-hour operation at the Bukit Kayu Hitam-Sadao Immigration, Customs, Quarantine and Security (ICQS) facility on April 1 showed the commitment of both countries on the issue.

The Malaysian government was also looking at border development projects that could spur the growth of states at the border, she said.

"One project that has received approval from the government is the development of a truck depot at the Special Border Economic Zone in Kota Perdana, Bukit Kayu Hitam.

"This project is expected to enhance Kedah's position as a strategic gateway for border trade between Malaysia and Thailand," she said at the Joint Standing Committee on Commerce, Industry and Banking of Thailand here yesterday.

Dr Wan Azizah is in Bangkok for a two-day official visit.

She said the meeting with Thai business community representatives was timely, particularly in view of Thailand being the chair of Asean this year and the 62nd anniversary of Malaysian-Thai diplomatic relations.

"Within the context of Asean, Malaysia and Thailand continue to be strategic partners, notably from an economic standpoint.

"Thailand is Malaysia's fifth largest trading partner and the sixth largest export destination. In 2017, total trade between Malaysia and Thailand rose 10.3% to US$22.9bil.

"For the first 11 months of last year, total trade grew 14.7% year-on-year to US%24.06bil, on the back of a 20.9% increase in Malaysia's export to Thailand to US$13.01bil, and an 8.2% rise in Thailand's export to Malaysia to US$11.05bil," she said.

She said border trade made up the largest trade transaction between Malaysia and Thailand, at 72% of bilateral trade in 2017.

"Regionally, our Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has called on Asean to boost intra-regional trade by up to 30% from the current 20%.

"This is to provide more opportunities for small and medium-sized enterprises to capitalise on growing investments in the area.

"This message was conveyed clearly during Dr Mahathir's official working visit to Thailand in October last year, where he encouraged both countries to take full advantage of the bilateral and multilateral engagement initiatives to boost trade, such as the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) and the Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand Growth Triangle," she said. — Bernama

**Good harvest:** Dr Wan Azizah delightedly pointing at a large durian during her tour of Or Tor Kor Market. Looking on is Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Minister Datuk Salahuddin Ayub. — Bernama

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| Section | NEWS | Circulation | 2 |
| Order Rank | 4 | Readership | 7 |
| Language | English | ArticleSize | N/A |
| Journalist | N/A | AdValue | RM 900 |
| Frequency | Daily | PR Value | RM 2,700 |

# Thailand's ´Or Tor Kor´ impressive - Salahuddin

BANGKOK, Jan 25 (Bernama) -- The Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Ministry (MOA) is interested to learn the agricultural technology of Thailand which has emerged as one of the world's leading agricultural industry players.
Its Minister, Datuk Salahudd...

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**RASMI** | Timbalan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail merasmikan pelancaran loji rawatan air Ranhill Holdings Bhd (Ranhill) di Kawasan Perindustrian Amata City di Rayong, Thailand, semalam.

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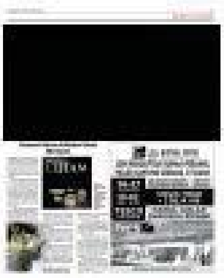
| Date | 26 Jan 2019 | Color | Full Color |
| Section | NEWS | Circulation | 160,000 |
| Page No | 21 | Readership | 509,000 |
| Language | Malay | ArticleSize | 369 cm² |
| Journalist | MOHAMAD HAFIZI MOHD SAID | AdValue | RM 2,585 |
| Frequency | Daily | PR Value | RM 7,754 |



# MOA umum skim baja baharu

*RM90 juta diperuntukkan bagi penuhi semua jelapang padi negara*

MOHAMAD HAFIZI MOHD SAID

TELUK INTAN

Mazlan (enam, kiri) bergambar bersama pesawah Sungai Manik yang menerima baja padi di bawah SBPKP, semalam.

Kerajaan melalui Kementerian Pertanian dan Industri Asas Tani (MOA) akan memperkenalkan mekanisme baharu pemberian Skim Baja Padi Kerajaan Persekutuan (SBPKP) dalam masa terdekat.

Pengerusi Lembaga Pertubuhan Peladang (LPP), Datuk Mazlan Aliman berkata, pendekatan berkenaan penting bagi mengelakkan timbulnya pelbagai masalah kepada pesawah mengenai pemberian subsidi baja tersebut.

"LPP bersama MOA telah mengadakan perbincangan lanjut bagi mengenalpasti inisiatif terbaik yang boleh digunakan dalam pemberian subsidi baja padi ini.

"Mekanisme baharu tersebut akan diumumkan oleh Menteri Pertanian dan Industri Asas Tani Datuk Salahuddin Ayub dalam masa terdekat," katanya dalam sidang media sempena lawatan ke Pertubuhan Peladang Kawasan (PPK) Sungai Manik/Labu Kubung Cawangan Chikus, di sini, semalam.

Ditanya sama ada mekanisme baharu itu dibuat ekoran terdapat penyelewengan pemberian SBPKP seperti dilaporkan sebelum ini, Mazlan enggan memberi sebarang ulasan.

"Untuk makluman memang polisi itu berlaku dan apa juga ia akan diumumkan oleh menteri kerana saya hanya pelaksana kepada keputusan yang dibuat kementerian," katanya.

Mengulas mengenai pemberian SBPKP di semua jelapang padi dalam negara, Mazlan berkata pemberian subsidi baja padi itu akan dilakukan dalam tempoh tiga bulan selepas pemberian pertama kepada pesawah di Jelapang Padi Sungai Manik, Perak bermula semalam.

"Suka saya nyatakan bahawa Sungai Manik merupakan kawasan pertama kita serah melibatkan 16 kampit baja setiap hektar sawah dengan pecahan 12 kampit baja sebatian dan empat kampit baja urea.

"Dengan ini apa yang menjadi kerisauan kepada pesawah telah dapat ditangani dan untuk kawasan jelapang lain termasuk di Pantai Timur akan menyusul selepas daripada ini," katanya.

Menurut Mazlan, pemberian subsidi baja padi itu merupakan penghantaran segera yang diputuskan MOA bagi tanaman padi yang telah bermula di Sungai Manik, Teluk Intan, sebulan lalu.

"Sebanyak RM90 juta diperuntukkan bagi SBPKP berdasarkan memenuhi keperluan dalam tempoh tiga bulan di semua jelapang padi negara," katanya.

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**Pemberian SBPKP di semua jelapang padi dalam negara akan dilakukan dalam tempoh tiga bulan**

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| Date | 26 Jan 2019 | Color | Full Color |
| Section | NEWS | Circulation | 160,000 |
| Page No | 22 | Readership | 509,000 |
| Language | Malay | ArticleSize | 361 cm² |
| Journalist | MOHAMAD HAFIZI MOHD SAID | AdValue | RM 2,529 |
| Frequency | Daily | PR Value | RM 7,587 |

# Beli benih kelapa luar dibenarkan

*Perlu rujuk Jabatan Pertanian untuk elak terbeli kelapa tiruan*

MOHAMAD HAFIZI MOHD SAID

BAGAN DATUK

Lembaga Pertubuhan Peladang (LPP) memberi kebenaran kepada pengusaha tanaman kelapa untuk membeli benih anak kelapa dari negara luar ekoran bekalan yang ada di Jabatan Pertanian tidak mencukupi.

Pengerusi LPP, Datuk Mazlan Aliman berkata, benih anak kelapa berkenaan perlulah dibeli dari Indonesia serta mendapat kelulusan daripada Jabatan Pertanian bagi mengelakkan pengusaha ditipu dengan benih tiruan.

"Di peringkat Kementerian Pertanian dan Industri Asas Tani (MOA) meletakkan kelapa sebagai salah satu sumber kekayaan baharu dan semasa Pameran Pertanian, Hortikultur dan Agro Pelancongan Malaysia (Maha) 2018 kita menerima respon luar biasa terhadap minat pengunjung menanam kelapa.

"Isunya adalah bila LPP berhubung dengan Jabatan Pertanian dan Institut Kemajuan dan Penyelidikan Pertanian (Mardi) kita mendapati ada kesukaran untuk mendapatkan benih anak kelapa tempatan," katanya kepada Sinar Harian pada program Lawatan Projek Pemulihan Kelapa Matag, Daerah Bagan Datuk, di Kampung Sungai Balai Darat, di sini, semalam.

Mazlan (tengah) melawat tanaman kelapa matag di Kampung Sungai Balai Darat, semalam.

Tambahnya, ekoran daripada itu satu keputusan telah dibuat di mana sekiranya pengusaha tanaman kelapa menghadapi masalah ketiadaan benih anak kelapa untuk ditanam mereka diizinkan untuk mendapatkan bekalan dari Indonesia.

"Kita izinkan bekalan anak benih dari Indonesia di bawa masuk berasaskan kepada permintaan. Antara permintaan yang tinggi adalah kelapa pandan dan diikuti kelapa matag bagaimanapun bekalan kelapa matag masih ada tetapi tidak mencukupi namun kelapa pandan agak kritikal.

"Bagi mereka yang berhasrat untuk membeli benih anak kelapa dari negara luar perlu merujuk pihak Jabatan Pertanian terlebih dahulu ekoran terdapat isu benih kepala tiruan di pasaran," katanya.

Menurut Mazlan, berdasarkan statistik yang diperolehnya daripada MOA, negara ini mengimport sekurang-kurangnya 200 juta biji kelapa setahun dari negara luar bagi memenuhi permintaan tempatan.

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**Kira-kira 200 juta kelapa terpaksa diimport setahun bagi penuhi permintaan domestik**

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# RM90j bekal baja subsidi

**LPP ambil langkah segera sementara tunggu kaedah baharu skim agihan**

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**Teluk Intan**

[FOTO MUHAIZAN YAHYA/BH]

***Mazlan (kanan) menyerahkan baja sebatian** kepada wakil pesawah di Pertubuhan Peladang Kawasan (PPK) Sungai Manik/Labu Kubong, Cawangan Chikus, Teluk Intan, semalam.*

Kementerian Pertanian dan Industri Asas Tani menyediakan peruntukan sebanyak RM90 juta bagi perbekalan segera baja subsidi kepada seluruh pesawah dalam tempoh tiga bulan bermula semalam.

Perbekalan baja sebatian dan urea melalui pihak Lembaga Pertubuhan Peladang (LPP) itu dibuat sementara menunggu mekanisme baharu skim agihan baja subsidi Kerajaan Persekutuan yang dijangka diputuskan Kabinet selepas tempoh tiga bulan agihan segera itu.

Pengerusi LPP Malaysia, Datuk Mazlan Aliman, berkata Sungai Manik di sini adalah kawasan sawah pertama di negara ini menerima serahan skim baja subsidi padi di bawah kementerian itu dengan LPP menyelia penghantarannya.

Katanya, pesawah menerima sebanyak 16 kampit iaitu 12 kampit baja sebatian dan empat kampit urea bagi setiap hektar sawah diusahakan.

"Dengan ini apa yang menjadi kerisauan kepada pesawah padi (baja subsidi lewat diagihkan) sudah dapat kita tangani, manakala bagi kawasan liputan lain, termasuk di pantai timur akan menyusul selepas ini.

"Bagi mekanisme (agihan) seterusnya itu akan ditentukan oleh Kabinet melalui Kementerian Pertanian dan Industri Asas Tani," katanya.

## 106 tan baja dibekal

Beliau berkata demikian pada sidang media selepas melakukan gimik serahan baja berkenaan kepada wakil pesawah di Pertubuhan Peladang Kawasan (PPK) Sungai Manik/Labu Kubong, Cawangan Chikus, dekat sini, semalam.

Keseluruhan sebanyak 210 tan metrik baja sebatian dan 106 tan metrik baja urea dibekalkan kepada pesawah di PPK berkenaan yang juga kawasan sawah paling awal menanam padi bagi musim ini di negara ini.

Mazlan berkata, penghantaran segera baja subsidi diputuskan kementerian untuk menangani isu tanaman padi yang sudah bermula sebulan lalu di Sungai Manik.

"Dengan peruntukan yang sudah diluluskan, kilang baja di Gurun, Kedah bertanggungjawab menyediakan peruntukan (bekalan baja subsidi) bagi tempoh tiga bulan dan selepas itu ia adalah tindakan kementerian dengan keputusan Kabinet.

Dalam perkembangan lain, Mazlan berkata, LPP sedang meneliti dan merangka mekanisme jangka pendek bagi menangani isu berkaitan masalah tanaman padi dan bekalan beras negara termasuk yang dilaporkan *BH*.

Katanya, antara tumpuan adalah menangani penyakit karah sedang berlaku di kawasan sawah di Sekinchan, Selangor dan menghalang ia merebak ke kawasan lain.

Beliau berkata, beberapa isu yang dikemukakan Institut Penyelidikan dan Kemajuan Pertanian Malaysia (MARDI) seperti kegagalan pesawah mematuhi garis panduan dikeluarkan institut itu dan menguruskan sawah dengan baik, turut menjadi tumpuan untuk diselesaikan.

"Semalam (kelmarin), Bahagian Perancangan kita mengadakan mesyuarat untuk mengambil langkah perlu terhadap semua aduan dan kita akan proses untuk mengambil langkah yang sewajarnya," katanya.

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| Headline | Semporna coral reefs under threat from fish bombings | | |
| MediaTitle | New Sabah Times English (KK) | | |
| Date | 26 Jan 2019 | Color | Full Color |
| Section | Home | Circulation | 8,784 |
| Page No | 1,2 | Readership | 26,352 |
| Language | English | ArticleSize | 308 cm² |
| Journalist | NAZRINI BADARUN | AdValue | RM 1,706 |
| Frequency | Daily (EM) | PR Value | RM 5,118 |

Semporna coral reefs threatened by fish bombings. *Page 2*

# Semporna coral reefs under threat from fish bombings

By NAZRINI BADARUN

SEMPORNA: Eighty six per cent of coral reefs in Semporna are under threat face from fish bombing carried out by irresponsible quarters.

"Fish bombing in the area has destroyed coral reefs resulting in many negative impacts, particularly the extinction of marine life," Semporna Priority Conservation Area (PCA) team leader, Choo Poh Leem said.

"Greater awareness of all parties is very important towards efforts to address this issue, including parents who act as agents to disseminate information to children on the negative effects of fish bombing activities," he said.

Choo said this during a presentation during the district level "Majlis Pemimpin Bersama Ibu Bapa, Guru Sekolah Kebangsaan dan Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan" at the Semporna Community Hall yesterday.

He said fish bombing activities need to be controlled more effectively by enforcement authorities in the area so that the activities will not continue to be a nightmare to coral reefs that are very important to marine life.

"We will continue to work with enforcement agencies and will organise a workshop on February 26 at the Semporna Fisheries Department to discuss this issue," he said.

Choo said in addition to the threat of coral reefs, Semporna also faces threat from turtle poachers and the taking of turtle eggs, and records showed 300 turtles were killed in Semporna in 2017.

"Do not kill turtles and do not take turtle eggs, if you take even one turtle egg, you can be fined up to RM50,000 and a maximum of RM250,000," he said.

Killing the turtle and taking its eggs not only result in the extinction of these animals but may also affect the tourism industry of Semporna, Choo said.

"Turtles are among the tourist attractions of Semporna and we have come up with conservation efforts to protect these reptiles," he said.

In his speech when officiating the programme, Sabah Deputy Chief Minister Datuk Jaujan Sambakong called on all parties to play a role in efforts to address the matter as Semporna is well known tourist destination.

"We want to be known as a world tourism destination, so we need to start with the raise awareness on the conservation of our environment as well as the marine life around us, we need to appreciate and benefit from what we have," Jaujan said.

Jaujan (4th right) presents an outboard engine to a recipient at the programme.

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| MediaTitle | Borneo Post (KK) | | |
| Date | 26 Jan 2019 | Color | Black/white |
| Section | Home | Circulation | 19,988 |
| Page No | 9 | Readership | 59,964 |
| Language | English | ArticleSize | 281 cm² |
| Journalist | N/A | AdValue | RM 783 |
| Frequency | Daily (EM) | PR Value | RM 2,350 |

Some of the fishermen who stage the peaceful protest.

# Fishermen hold peaceful demo over PLKS ruling

**BINTULU:** Several members of the Sarawak Fishing Vessel Association Bintulu branch held a peaceful demonstration here yesterday asking the Sarawak government to review the decision to implement the temporary employment pass (PLKS) for foreign crew members.

Branch secretary Harry Tan Joo Seng said the whole process to obtain the working permit for foreign crew takes about five to six months which they said is too long.

During this waiting period, he added the fishing boat owners still have to pay the salaries of the crew members.

However without the working permit, the fishing vessels cannot go out to the sea because no workers are available during that six-month period.

"This is not good for all fishermen -- the process is too slow and our vessels cannot operate without the crew members," he said when met by reporters during the protest. Also present was its chairman Ling Tien Sing.

According to Tan, the PLKS documentations involved three main agencies namely the Fisheries Department, Labour Department and Immigration Department.

"We were told that the whole process will take about five to six months and during this period our fishing vessels will not be operational and this will cause a problem to all fishing vessels here," he lamented.

The old system of recording the foreign fishing crew is based on the 'seaman book' that will be verified by the Fisheries Department.

Thus, he said the association urged Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Abang Johari Tun Openg and the relevant agencies to come up with a system that can help the fishermen and not adding more problems and inconveniences.

"We hope the chief minister and the relevant agencies will study thoroughly this system so that it will be fair to the fishermen.

"It is not that we do not want to go out to sea, we have no workers now, they need working permit but it takes six months, we still have to pay their salaries, but how to pay if we cannot go out fishing," he said.

This protest was held following an engagement session with the relevant enforcement agencies on Thursday by the Malaysian Fisheries Department.

Sarawak Marine Fisheries Department's head of resource protection Donakaer Kasto Muning during the session said effective Jan 1, operators of fishing vessels who hire foreign workers must apply for the PLKS.

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# Wabak rabies tahap II di Sarawak

**KUCHING** – Wabak rabies atau anjing gila kini diisytiharkan sebagai Bencana Tahap II setelah wabak itu berlaku melebihi daripada satu daerah di Sarawak

Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Pengurusan Bencana Negeri (JPBN), Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas berkata, keputusan ini dibuat setelah kes positif rabies dalam kalangan manusia mencatatkan 17 kes dengan 16 kes kematian dan jumlah kawasan yang positif Rabies telah meningkat sebanyak 61 kawasan di seluruh Sarawak kecuali bahagian Limbang

Beliau yang juga Timbalan Ketua Menteri berkata, pemilik anjing juga dinasihatkan agar tidak membiarkan anjing mereka bebas berkeliaran dan membawa anjing keluar daripada kawasan wabak rabies tanpa kebenaran bertulis daripada Pihak Berkuasa Vetarinar Negeri.

Jika didapati melakukan kesalahan tersebut, pemilik anjing boleh disabitkan kesalahan di bawah Seksyen 37 (2) & (3) Ordinan Kesihatan Awam Veteriner 1999. – Bernama

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Pengusaha dakwa alami kerugian jutaan ringgit

# Curi sarang burung walit serius

PUTRAJAYA – Kerajaan memandang serius kejadian mencuri sarang burung walit di negara ini yang menyebabkan negara dan para pengusaha mengalami kerugian jutaan ringgit, kata Menteri di Jabatan Perdana Menteri (Undang-Undang), Datuk Liew Vui Keong.

VUI KEONG

Dalam satu pertemuan dengan Pengerusi Persekutuan Persatuan Pedagang Sarang Burung, Allen Tan Swee Meng di sini semalam, Vui Keong dimaklumkan berdasarkan maklumat Jabatan Siasatan Jenayah Polis Diraja Malaysia, sehingga November tahun lepas, kira-kira 1,000 kes kecurian sarang burung walit dilaporkan di mana setiap kes membabitkan kerugian dianggarkan RM10,000.

Liew berkata, pihak pengusaha juga merungut mendakwa ada kejadian di mana pencuri sarang burung walit tidak dihadapkan ke muka pengadilan.

SARANG burung walit sering menjadi sasaran pencuri kerana harganya yang mahal di pasaran. – Gambar hiasan

"Hal ini tidak seharusnya berlaku seandainya ada kertas siasatan dikeluarkan oleh pihak berkuasa," katanya dalam satu kenyataan di sini.

Vui Keong berkata, undang-undang sedia ada mampu menangani kes seumpama itu namun apa yang perlu dilakukan adalah kerjasama secara menyeluruh daripada semua pengusaha dan pihak berkuasa tempatan dalam mencari jalan penyelesaian yang lebih baik.

Pada tahun 2017, nilai eksport sarang burung walit adalah berjumlah RM486 juta dengan keluaran sebanyak 299 tan.

Terdahulu, PPSB menyerahkan satu memorandum kepada Vui Keong.

Memorandum itu antara lain memohon agar hukuman lebih berat dikenakan ke atas pelaku dengan menggunakan Akta Kebajikan Haiwan 2015 (Akta 772) selain mendapatkan pandangan dan nasihat daripada pihak menteri sendiri bagi tujuan memberi pengajaran dan keinsafan kepada pelaku.

Vui Keong berkata, permohonan dalam kandungan memorandum yang diserahkan akan diteliti, dan pada masa yang sama pihak persatuan juga amat dialu-alukan untuk kemukakan pandangan kepada pihak pendakwa raya. – Bernama

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# TPM rasmi loji rawatan air Ranhill di Thailand

DR Wan Azizah merasmikan loji rawatan air di Amata City, Bangkok. Hadir sama, Hamdan (dua dari kanan) dan Salahuddin (kanan) dan Marzuki (dua dari kiri).

**Bangkok:** Loji rawatan air hasil usaha sama Ranhill (Malaysia) dan Amata Water Company Limited (Thailand) yang dinamakan 7 mld (juta liter sehari) di Kawasan Perindustrian Amata City, dekat sini, akan beroperasi sepenuhnya akhir bulan ini.

Timbalan Perdana Menteri Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail melakukan lawatan rasmi sulungnya ke Thailand merasmikan pelancaran loji rawatan air baharu itu di Wilayah Rayong terletak dua jam perjalanan dari ibu negara, semalam.

Projek menerusi konsep Bina Kendali Pindah (BOT) dengan tempoh kontrak konsesi selama 20 tahun ditandatangani antara subsidiari Ranhill, AnuRAK Water Facilities Ltd dan Amata Water Co Ltd pada Mac tahun lalu.

Presiden dan Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif Ranhill Tan Sri Hamdan Mohamad berkata, rawatan pemulih gunaan air adalah komponen perniagaan persekitaran yang berkembang di luar negara dengan air dipulih guna atau dikitar semula sebagai sumber alternatif yang cekap dalam memenuhi permintaan industri yang meningkat daripada jumlah peningkatan pelepasan air kumbahan.

Hamdan berkata, perluasan projek loji itu dalam merawat air, air sisa dan pemulih gunaan air di Thailand meningkat kepada 992 juta Baht (RM129.59 juta) yang mampu menjana jualan air lebih 4.1 juta Baht (RM535.62 juta) sepanjang tempoh konsesi.

"Kami melihat prospek besar di Thailand yang kini fokus mengawal selia sektor air dan pertumbuhan berterusan dalam projek perindustrian di kawasan Pinggir Laut Timur dilihat sebagai tapak paling berjaya untuk pembangunan perindustrian besar-besaran oleh Bank Dunia," katanya.

Dengan 10 loji rawatan air, jumlah agregat kapasiti rawatan air Ranhill di Thailand kini 114 mld termasuk rawatan air sisa dan pemulih gunaan air yang beroperasi di beberapa kawasan perindustrian Amata.

Katanya, Ranhill berazam mengukuhkan kedudukan di peringkat antarabangsa bagi jangka panjang dengan Thailand sebagai satu daripada dua pasaran utama bersama China.

"Kami menyasarkan untuk meningkatkan kapasiti di Thailand kepada 174 mld menjelang 2022 dengan memperoleh lebih banyak projek air dan air sisa daripada kawasan perindustrian utama Amata," katanya.

Pengarah Urusan Amata Water Co Ltd Chuchat Saitin berkata, syarikat itu memberi penekanan kepada pengurusan air lestari termasuk penggunaan air kitar semula, perolehan rizab air mentah dan persediaan menghadapi banjir.

Pada lawatan itu, Dr Wan Azizah diiringi Menteri Pertanian dan Industri Asas Tani Datuk Salahuddin Ayub, Timbalan Menteri Luar Datuk Marzuki Yahya dan Duta Besar Malaysia ke Thailand Datuk Jojie Samuel.