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Journalist	N/A	AdValue	RM 600
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TERKINI: Rakyat Akan Beri Sokongan dan Kemenangan di PRK Tanjung Piai –

Menteri Pertanian dan Industri Asas Tani, Datuk Salahuddin Ayub bercakap kepada media pada Program Makan Perpaduan "Makanan Menyatukan Kita" di Pusat Perdagangan Bandar Baru Pontian, Johor

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Headline	Minister: RM2m to assist fish breeders, rehabilitate dilapidated jetty in Kukup Malaysia		
MediaTitle	Martin TF Wong (martintfwong.com)		
Date	02 Nov 2019	Color	Full Color
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Journalist	N/A	AdValue	RM 150
Frequency	Daily	PR Value	RM 450

Minister: RM2m to assist fish breeders, rehabilitate dilapidated jetty in Kukup |

Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Minister Datuk Seri Salahuddin Ayub and his deputy Sim Tze Tzin attend the 'Makan Perpaduan' programme in Pontian November 1, 2019. — Bernama pic PONTIAN, Nov 1 — The government today approved allocation of RM2 million ...

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Headline	Agriculture Minister: Funding for series of events has nothing to do with by-election		
MediaTitle	Oriental Daily News		
Date	02 Nov 2019	Color	Black/white
Section	News	Circulation	85,616
Page No	A6	Readership	256,848
Language	Chinese	ArticleSize	277 cm ²
Journalist	N/A	AdValue	RM 3,239
Frequency	Daily	PR Value	RM 9,716



农长：系列活动拨款无关补选

笨珍1日讯 | 希盟部长频密走访丹绒比艾国会选区，并宣布多项拨款，引起反对党抨击。农业与农基部长拿督斯里沙拉胡丁重申，本身展开的一系列活动和拨款与丹绒比艾补选无关，是该部门本来就必须执行的工作。

他强调，本身一直以来每周都会回到丹绒比艾出席活动，并非因丹绒比艾国席补选才出席活动。

「当人民有需要，我们当然是立即给予协助，难道要因为是补选期间，我为了避嫌而不马上给予协助？」

沙拉胡丁是于今年在笨珍商业区出席「团结宴」活动后，针对媒体询问有关援助是否让人将其与丹绒比艾补选扯上关系，以获取支持，作出上

述回应。陪同者包括农业与农基部副部长沈志勤。

活动在补选前策划

沙拉胡丁阿育解释，许多活动在补选前就已策划，与补选无关，拨款也是农业部必须给予的援助。

他说，今年拜访一名上周住家遭遇火灾的渔民，通过渔民特别房屋计划移交5万6000令吉给对方，协助整修受损的房子。早前在龟咯发生的饲养鱼只死亡事件中受影响的78名渔民，则获得政府拨款100万令吉。

沈志勤补充，龟咯渔民鱼只死亡事件在10月份发生，受影响渔民有78人，损失约800万令吉。农业部在获悉情况后已前往了解，获得内阁批准100万

令吉协助。此后，也将通过短期、中期和长期计划来协助当地渔民。

「短期计划除了100万令吉援助外，还包括提供鱼苗和饲料。中期计划则是提供器具和氧化鱼塘，设置两个高密度聚乙烯（HDPE）网箱养鱼系统。长期计划下，则希望在两年后协助渔民进行深海养殖。」

较早前，沙拉胡丁阿育提醒，大马子民不该以种族相互区别彼此，人民之间应该相互帮忙，共享繁荣。

「我们不该走向狭隘的政治，应该以和谐共荣的政治为目标，各种族之间相互帮忙，而不是杯葛彼此。全民应相互分享繁荣，若只有特定一群过得好，社会也会有罪案等问题发生。」

Headline	TIMBALAN		
MediaTitle	Utusan Sarawak		
Date	02 Nov 2019	Color	Black/white
Section	EKONOMI	Circulation	37,981
Page No	28	Readership	113,943
Language	Malay	ArticleSize	181 cm ²
Journalist	N/A	AdValue	RM 1,077
Frequency	Daily (EM)	PR Value	RM 3,231





TIMBALAN
Menteri
Pertanian
dan Industri
Asas Tani
Sim Tze Tzin
berucap pada
Persidangan
Kebangsaan
Pemindahan
Teknologi 2019
(Confertech)
sempena
Sambutan 50
Tahun MARDI
di Taman Ekspo
Pertanian
Malaysia
(MAEPS)
semalam.
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Dua restoran jual babi tercemar diserbu

Kuala Lumpur: Jabatan Perkhidmatan Veterinar (JPV) menyerbu tiga premis membabitkan pusat pengedaran khinzir dan dua restoran makanan kerana menjual produk berasaskan khinzir yang diimport dari 10 negara dikesan dijangkiti virus di sekitar Lembah Klang, kelmarin.

Timbalan Menteri Pertanian dan Industri Asas Tani, Sim Tze Tzin berkata, virus demam babi Afrika (ASF) ini sangat berbahaya dan boleh menjejaskan industri khinzir di negara ini sebanyak RM5 bilion termasuk 600 ladang ternakan khinzir.

Beliau berkata, kerajaan menarik larangan import dari China, Poland, Belgium, Thailand, Vietnam, Kemboja, Hong Kong, Myanmar, Filipina dan Laos secara berperingkat sejak 2018.

"Jadi penting bagi kita meningkatkan biosekuriti negara supaya virus ini tidak masuk sekali gus menjangkiti ternakan khinzir di negara ini. Kita tahu 40 peratus rakyat Malaysia bukan Muslim dan mereka makan haiwan berkenaan.

"Sehubungan itu, JPV mengadakan operasi bersepadu di sebuah pusat pe-



Kita dapati masih ada produk tin berasaskan khinzir yang dilarang import masih dijual di negara ini"

Sim Tze Tzin

ngedaran khinzir dan dua restoran kerana menjual daging khinzir dari Vietnam yang dilarang import.

"Kita dapati masih ada produk tin berasaskan khinzir yang dilarang import masih dijual di negara ini. Kita tidak lagi mengimport produk khinzir sebaliknya lebih kepada peningkatkan kuasa," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian selepas merasmikan Persidangan Kebangsaan Pemindahan Teknologi 2019 bersempena majlis Sambutan 50 Tahun Institut Penyelidikan dan Kemajuan Pertanian Malaysia (Mardi) di Taman Ekspo Pertanian Malaysia Serdang (MAEPS) di sini, semalam.

Hadir sama, Ketua Pengarah Mardi, Datuk Mohamad Roff Mohd Noor dan Ketua Pengarah JPV, Datuk Dr Quaza Nizamuddin Hassan Nizam.

Menurutnya, Kementerian Pertanian dan Industri Asas Tani (MOA) menubuhkan pasukan khas merangkumi wakil Jabatan Kastam Diraja Malaysia (JKDM), Jabatan Perkhidmatan Kuarantin dan Pemeriksaan Malaysia (MAQIS) dan Bahagian Keselamatan dan Kualiti Makanan (BKMM).

Katanya, turut sama wakil Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) dan Kementerian Perdagangan Dalam Negeri dan Hal Ehwal Pengguna (KPD-NHEP), bertujuan memantau produk import berkenaan dan setakat ini, Malaysia masih bebas daripada penularan virus terbahit.

Headline	Restoran dikesan hidang produk khinzir dari negara dijangkiti ASF		
MediaTitle	Utusan Borneo Online (http://www.utusanborneo.com.my/)		
Date	02 Nov 2019	Color	Full Color
Section	News	Circulation	4
Order Rank	10	Readership	1
Language	English	ArticleSize	N/A
Journalist	N/A	AdValue	RM 600
Frequency	Daily	PR Value	RM 1,800

Restoran dikesan hidang produk khinzir dari negara dijangkiti ASF

LAWAT: Sim Tze Tzin (dua kiri) melawat ruang pameran pada Persidangan Kebangsaan Pemindahan Teknologi 2019 (Confertech) sempena Sambutan 50 Tahun MARDI di Taman Ekspo Pertanian Malaysia (MAEPS) semalam. — Gambar Bernama
SERDANG: Dua restoran di Lembah Kl...

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Headline	Sim Tze Tzin: Department Of Veterinary Services Malaysia raids 2 restaurants in Klang		
MediaTitle	Nanyang Siang Pau		
Date	02 Nov 2019	Color	Full Color
Section	National	Circulation	27,667
Page No	A23	Readership	83,000
Language	Chinese	ArticleSize	313 cm ²
Journalist	N/A	AdValue	RM 3,937
Frequency	Daily	PR Value	RM 11,811



沈志勤（左二）为国家转移技术大会主持开幕后参观展览，对展出的货品非常感兴趣，从而拿出手机拍摄。

沈志勤：采用疫区进口猪肉 兽医局取缔巴生2餐馆

（沙登 1 日讯）巴生两家餐馆被发现采用从非洲猪瘟疫区进口的猪肉，甚至为食客提供“越南乳猪宴”。

农业及农基部长沈志勤披露，兽医局于昨晚对上述两间餐馆展开取缔行动，发现有关餐馆以越南进口猪肉，也提供越南“乳猪”。

禁 10 疫情区猪肉

我国把越南列入受到非洲猪瘟感染的 10 个疫情国及地区之一，这包括中国、波兰、泰国、柬埔寨、香港、

缅甸、寮国、东帝汶及比利时均被列为禁止猪肉进口。

他说，政府的行动是为遏制非洲猪瘟，因为食用来自疫区的肉类残余或罐头食物，会使疫情扩散及导致生猪染病死亡，甚至会威胁总值达 50 亿令吉的养猪农业。

他说，不负责任径将会影响 600 个养猪农场及数万名员工的生计。

他于今日为大马农业研究及发展局主办的国家转移技术大会主持开幕后向报界作上述谈话。

Headline	Two restaurants import piglets from affected area in Vietnam		
MediaTitle	China Press		
Date	02 Nov 2019	Color	Full Color
Section	Nation	Circulation	127,822
Page No	A25	Readership	383,466
Language	Chinese	ArticleSize	139 cm ²
Journalist	N/A	AdValue	RM 2,742
Frequency	Daily	PR Value	RM 8,226



2 餐館進口乳豬 來自豬瘟疫區越南

(沙登1日讯) 农业与农基工业部长副部长沈志勤说，兽医局昨日在巴生谷展开检举行动中，揭发两间餐馆提供进口自发生非洲猪瘟国家的乳猪。

“这些乳猪进口自越南。”

越南因发生非洲猪瘟病毒而成为被我国禁止进口猪肉和所有肉类产品的10个国家和地区之一。其他国家和地区包括中国、波兰、泰国、柬埔寨、香港、缅甸、寮国、东帝汶和比利时。

沈志勤今日为大马农业研究院(MARDI)举办的全国技术转移会议开幕後说，取缔行动是政府为防止病毒传播所做的努力，当猪只食用从发生非洲猪瘟国家进口的猪肉产品或罐头产品的残馀物后，可能导致猪只死亡，从而影响我国产值50亿令吉的养猪业。

“我们不希望国内600个养猪场的数千名工人的命运，受到不负责任行为的影响。”

他强调，大马目前没有受非洲猪瘟病毒感染。

Headline	Business operators dissatisfied with rushed regulations by MAQIS		
MediaTitle	Guang Ming Daily		
Date	02 Nov 2019	Color	Full Color
Section	News	Circulation	49,712
Page No	A7	Readership	149,136
Language	Chinese	ArticleSize	272 cm ²
Journalist	N/A	AdValue	RM 4,121
Frequency	Daily	PR Value	RM 12,364



■马来西亚菜农总会总秘书蔡依锰（前左四起）向黄书琪申诉菜农的问题。前排左二起是黄骏延及戴友敬，前排右起是黄承毅及张玉刚，后排右二起为陈伟文及关毅夫。

“每張准證限報10農作物” 業者不滿農檢局倉促規定

（吉隆坡1日讯）金马仑和柔佛州蔬菜出口商与运输业者针对我国农业部旗下的农业检疫及检查局（MAQIS）仓促实行条例，感到不满及反对。

马来西亚菜农总会总秘书蔡依锰控诉，我国农业检疫及检查局（MAQIS）在提升电脑呈报系统后，突然实施每张出口农产品准证只限呈报10项种类农作物，若超过10个种类则需增加另一张出口准证。

他说，目前每份准证费用是15令吉，报关行仲介每份征收20令吉服务费；如此一来，与之前的一张出口准证无限制呈报种类，有关条例的实施让业者增加了额外费用，也加重蔬菜出口商的负担。

罗里一般载逾100种蔬果

他表示，每天从金马仑和柔佛出口到新加坡的蔬果达800吨总和，其中蔬菜和水果种类繁多，一辆罗里通常运载的蔬果超过100个种类，从一张准证增至10张，其中的费用的增加度可想而知。

蔡依锰早前在丹那拉打区州议员张玉刚的安排下，带领公会代表及业者一行人到国会与居銮区国会议员黄书琪见面，而农业与农基副部长沈志勤也派出特别助理黄骏延参与会议，了解个中问题。

与会上，业者建议我国可遵照和接轨新加坡的入口准证，每张允许出口商呈报至50个种类。业者也反映我国农业检疫及检查局（MAQIS）在关口的人员不足，导致通关不便，尤其是晚间10时后的问题，希望政府关切。

另一方面，黄书琪在了解情况后表示，由于问题牵涉到跨部门操作，需时间协调，也会寻求沈志勤和其他同僚的协助，一起寻求解决方案。

她也答应尽量敦促部门尽快作出短期措施，减少出口农产品的繁文缛节和收费，避免对业者造成伤害。

出席会议者包括马来西亚菜农总会总秘书蔡依锰、金马仑花业公会副主席黄承毅与执行秘书戴友敬、金马仑菜车车主公会主席关毅夫及金马仑农业协会主席陈伟文。（TKM）

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500 petani tak dapat benih padi

Terpaksa cari alternatif lain termasuk beli benih padi jenis CL2 atau MR269

ROSHILA MURNI ROSLI

JIRA

Kira-kira 500 petani dalam kawasan Lembaga Kemajuan Pertanian Muda (Mada) di kawasan Tunjang di sini tidak dapat melaksakan kerja menabur benih padi di sawah disebabkan terputus bekalan.

Seorang petani, Shaari Sudin, 70, berkata, lebih membimbangkan tarikh akhir menabur sudah pun

berlalu dan situasi itu akan menyebabkan masalah bekalan air kepada sawahnya.

Menurutnya, pada musim tanaman padi sebelum ini, dia menggunakan benih padi jenis Siraj MR297 untuk 12 hektar sawahnya di kawasan berkenaan.

"Walaupun bagaimanapun, bagi musim ini saya tidak menerima bekalan benih berkenaan.

"Apabila diadu ke Per-tubuhan Peladang Kawasan (PPK), alasannya benih berkenaan kehabisan stok," katanya ketika ditemui di sini semalam.

Menurutnya, jika keadaan itu masih berterusan, dia terpaksa mencari alternatif lain termasuk membeli benih padi jenis CL2 atau MR269 di kedai.

"Tetapi harga di kedai lebih mahal kerana tiada



Para petani di kawasan Tunjang berpakat memohon benih padi dihantar segera kepada mereka.

subsidi selain benih berkenaan tidak berkualiti. Jadi ia akan memberi kesan kepada pendapatan kami ketika apabila hasil tidak memberangsangkan," katanya.

Bagi Saarin Osman, 66, kerajaan seharusnya mem-

ni Mada, Che Ani Md Zain mencadangkan kerajaan memberikan kuota benih padi mengikut zon kepada Mada Corp dan Pertubuhan Peladang Kawasan (PPK) sahaja.

"Cadangan itu juga supaya kedua-dua agensi dapat bekerjasama kawal kuota benih selain mengenalpasti jenis-jenis benih padi yang sesuai di kawasan terbabit," katanya

Jelasnya, bekalan benih padi di Malaysia tidak seharusnya dimonopoli syarikat swasta atau pihak yang tidak terlibat secara langsung dalam industri padi.

"Cadangan lebih baik adalah petani diberi 100 peratus subsidi bagi input pertanian supaya mereka memberi sumbangan berterusan kepada bekalan makanan negara," katanya.

hektar sawah.

"Jika keperluan ini tidak dapat dipenuhi, petani di kawasan ini berisiko kerugian ribuan ringgit dan akan menjejaskan pendapatan kami," katanya.

Sementara itu, Pengerusi Badan Bertindak Peta-

bekalkan kuota benih padi yang mencukupi untuk menampung keperluan petani dalam kawasan Mada.

"Berdasarkan kiraan kami, sebanyak tujuh beg benih padi iaitu bersamaan dengan 140 kilogram (kg) diperitukan bagi setiap satu

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Bernama

Pontian

Bantuan Kerajaan Pusat mahupun Kerajaan Negeri Johor kepada penduduk Parlimen Tanjung Piai bukan gula-gula pilihan raya kecil (PRK).

Menteri Besar, Datuk Dr Sahrudin Jamal berkata, bantuan seperti kemudahan infrastruktur, pendidikan dan kebajikan nelayan sudah lama dirancang sewaktu penyandang kerusi Parlimen itu, Allahyarham Dr Md Farid Md Rafik masih hidup.

"Buat baik pun salah, buat salah pun salah, biasalah pembangkang, tapi harus diingat apa yang saya sampaikan hari ini ialah *mock-cheque* permohonan yang dibuat arwah dahulu.

"Sebetulnya arwah kerja keras untuk memastikan pembangunan di kawasan Tanjung Piai ini dapat dipertingkatkan. Tiada gula-gula, memang arwah sendiri yang mohon," katanya selepas menyampaikan sumbangan benih ikan kepada pengusaha ikan sangkar dan sangkar ikan *High Density Polyethylene* (HDPE) Pulau Kukup di Terminal



DR Sahrudin (tiga dari kiri) bersama Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif Perbadanan Pengangkutan Awam Johor (PAJ), Ramli Abdul Rahman (dua dari kanan) dan Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Kerja Raya, Pengangkutan dan Infrastruktur negeri, Mohd Solihan Badri (kiri) menyampaikan benih ikan kepada Lim Hong Peng sebagai simbolik Pelancaran Sistem Ternakan Ikan Dalam Sangkar dan HDPE.

Feri Antarabangsa Kukup dekat sini, semalam.

Sangkar ikan HDPE adalah satu alternatif baharu Jabatan Perikanan Malaysia kepada pengusaha sangkar ikan marin menggunakan peralatan moden berbanding sistem ternakan konvensional sedia ada.

Dilaporkan, pengumuman peruntukan beberapa menteri di Tanjung Piai sebelum ini mengundang kritikan daripada pembangkang yang mendakwa sebagai usaha meraih undi.

Bagaimanapun, Perdana Menteri Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad menafikan pe-

runtukan RM7 juta yang diberikan kerajaan untuk kawasan Parlimen Tanjung Piai bagi meraih sokongan pengundi kawasan itu.

Dr Mahathir menegaskan kerajaan hanya menjalankan tugas seperti biasa dan pemberian peruntukan itu secara kebetulan hampir dengan tarikh PRK Parlimen Tanjung Piai.

Mengulas mengenai hari penamaan calon PRK esok, Dr Sahrudin yang juga Pengarah Jentera Pakatan Harapan berkata, ahli dan jentera parti bersiap sedia sepenuhnya bagi memastikan kelancaran dan keme-

nangan calon kerajaan yang dipilih sebelum ini.

Suruhanjaya Pilihan Raya (SPR) menetapkan esok sebagai hari penamaan calon dan 16 November sebagai hari mengundi bagi pilihan raya kecil parlimen itu.

Terdahulu, Dr Sahrudin melawat beberapa sangkar ikan di Pulau Kukup berdekatan jeti itu yang terjejas ekoran cuaca buruk semalam sebelum menyerahkan peruntukan hampir RM115,000 untuk pembinaan dua sangkar HDPE dan benih ikan kepada peserta serta pengusaha industri itu.

Nelayan, NGO bantah projek PSR

Lebih 3,000 dijangka disertai demonstrasi aman Isnin ini

RAIHAM SANUSI

SHAH ALAM

Lebih 3,000 nelayan dan ahli pertubuhan bukan kerajaan (NGO) alam sekitar dijangka berhimpun bagi membantah projek Tambak Laut Selatan Pulau Pinang (PSR) pada Hari Solidariti Nelayan di Padang Kota Lama, Pulau Pinang Isnin ini.

Pengerusi Persatuan Nelayan Pulau Pinang (Pen Mutiara), Nazri Ahmad berkata, demonstrasi aman dijangka bermula jam 10 pagi hingga 2 petang itu diadakan sempena pembukaan Sidang Dewan Undangan Negeri (DUN) Pulau Pinang pada hari tersebut.

"Pada Hari Solidariti Nelayan, kita akan serahkan memorandum bantahan projek PSR kepada Ketua Menteri Pulau Pinang, Chow Kon Yeow atau wa-

kal beliau dengan harapan kerajaan negeri mendengar rintihan kami.

"Kami sangat berharap cadangan projek itu tidak diteruskan kerana ia dijangka beri impak buruk kepada alam sekitar dan menjelaskan pendapatan nelayan," katanya kepada *Sinar Harian* semalam.

Menurutnya, demonstrasi aman itu juga bertujuan mendesak kerajaan negeri lebih peka dengan isu alam sekitar dan pada masa sama memberi kesedaran kepada orang awam mengenai kepentingan menjaga sumber keselamatan makanan.

Nazri berkata, bantahan itu dilakukan dengan kerjasama NGO Persatuan Aktivis Sahabat Alam (KUSA), Penang Forum, Sahabat Alam Malaysia (SAM), Persatuan Pengusaha Nelayan Pulau Pinang (CAP), Gerakan Pembela Ummah (Ummah) Pulau Pinang dan beberapa lagi NGO.

"Pada demonstrasi itu nanti, peserta akan berarak sejauh 500 meter dengan memegang plakat membantah projek berkenaan.

"Ceramah turut diadakan mengenai kesan buruk projek itu dan penmentasan



Nelayan menilai pantai Pulau Pinang mendakwa hasil tangkapan ikan semakin berkurangan dan mendapatkan mekka terjejas akibat tambak laut off Pulau Pinang.



NAZRI



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ia termasuk himpunan 'Menolak Projek Penambakan di Pulau Pinang' yang menyaksikan seramai 110 peserta terdiri daripada nelayan dan ahli NGO berarak dari Tugu Negara, Kuala Lumpur ke bangunan Parlimen pada 11 Julai lalu.

Sementara itu, Ummah Pulau Pinang akan berdiri teguh dengan persatuan nelayan tersebut bagi menghadapi isu PSR selepas mendapat aduan daripada nelayan yang terjejas sehinggalah membawa kepada Himpunan Ummah

inisiatif kerajaan negeri dengan kos dianggarkan berjumlah RM46 bilion yang merangkumi pembinaan terowong dasar laut menghubungkan bahagian pulau ke tanah besar, lebuh raya, LRT, monorel serta rangkaian laluan bus secara menyeluruh di bahagian pulau dan tanah besar.

Namun, projek tersebut didakwa akan menjelaskannya lebih 5,000 nelayan di Pulau Pinang hingga mendorong nelayan dan NGO alam sekitar melakukan bantahan demi bantahan.

teater nelayan serta alam sekitar yang berkait dengan kesan buruk yang akan berlaku jika projek mega itu dilaksanakan," katanya.

PSR adalah rancangan kerajaan negeri untuk membina tiga pulau buatan seluas 1,821 hektar kawasan laut bagi merentangi dari selatan Lapangan Terbang Antarabangsa Pulau Pinang ke arah timur sekitar Permatang Damar Laut bagi membiayai projek Pelan induk Pengangkutan Pulau Pinang (PTMP).

PTMP adalah projek

Selamatkan Pulau Pinang pada 8 September lalu.

Pengerusinya, Mohd Akhr Che Mat berkata, himpunan dan bantahan daripada NGO serta peserta nelayan telah berjaya menghimpunkan lebih 6,000 rakyat Pulau Pinang bagi membantah PSR.

Allocations not inducement to gain votes, says Johor MB

PONTIAN: Johor Menteri Besar Datuk Dr Sahrudin Jamal has defended yet another round of project announcements by the Pakatan Harapan government, saying that it is not an inducement to gain votes. He announced about RM11.75mil of allocations for Tanjung Piai, saying that the late MP Datuk Dr Md Farid Md Rafik had worked hard to boost development in the parliamentary constituency.

"There is no gula-gula (sweets or inducement). It was Dr Md Farid's

request," he said after launching a High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) system for saltwater fish manufacturers at the Kukup ferry terminal yesterday.

He presented two mock cheques during the event.

One cheque for RM8.75mil for the construction of multipurpose halls and upgrading of fields in five areas - Kampung Rambah, Kampung Sungai Karang, Kampung Maju Jaya, Kampung Sawah and Kampung Ulu Pual.

The other cheque for RM3mil was for the building of five open school halls.

Last month, Rural and Regional Development Minister Datuk Seri Rina Mohd Harun announced the installation of 264 street lamps in the rural areas of Tanjung Piai and grants worth RM230,000 for village chiefs.

Youth and Sports Minister Syed Saddiq Syed-Abdul Rahman had also spoken about an allocation of RM4mil to upgrade six futsal courts

and one football field there.

On Oct 21, Agriculture and Agro-based Minister Salahuddin Ayub said there would be RM3mil in funds to upgrade jetties.

And just a few days ago, Home Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin announced a RM14.7mil allocation for 17 projects there.

Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said that these allocations for Tanjung Piai were just a "coincidence".

Prior to yesterday's event,

Dr Sahrudin visited fish breeders in Pulau Kukup who were affected by the monsoon season.

He said that two new cages with the HDPE system worth RM115,000 funded by the Johor government would be built on the island.

It was reported last month that preliminary investigations by the Fisheries Department found that the cause of death of some 100 tonnes of fish in Pulau Kukup was due to pollution, as the fishes were bred too close to the shoreline.

Tanjung Piai folk yearning for more development



PONTIAN: It looks like a little dot on the Johor map and for the next two weeks, Tanjung Piai will be under the microscope of every Malaysian.

The Tanjung Piai parliamentary constituency is made up of fishing villages, small towns, oil palm plantations and a rich mangrove forest.

It is carved out of the Pontian district. There are two state seats - Pekan Nenas and Kukup - that is about 35km and 60km away from Johor Baru respectively.

It is also home to the Tanjung Piai National Park that is famously known as the southernmost tip of the Asjan land mass as well as the Kukup International Ferry Terminal where people used to take a boat to the Karimun Island in Indonesia or visit the mangrove forest in Pulau Kukup.

Fishermen, farmers and oil palm smallholders make up about half of the population. Others work mostly in the travel sector.

Hotel clerk Nor Esolah Mohd Ali, 23 said despite growing development in the tourism industry here, there are concerns that it could take a step back with the closure of the ferry terminal.

"Since it was shut down in September, business has been poor for many as they have lost visitors coming from Indonesia or those who want to go there via the ferry terminal."

It has impacted the locals, who had started businesses to cater to the tourism industry. This includes fishermen who provided supplies to seafood restaurants every day, she said.

While visitors are still flooding the Kukup area on weekends, she said that it was obvious their numbers had reduced.

Johor Menteri Besar Datuk Dr Sahrudin Jamal said yesterday that the ferry terminal will be fully operational again on Nov 6. It was closed on Sept 1 after the state government terminated the agreement of its concessionaire, following which the ferry operations shifted to the Puteri Harbour International Ferry Terminal in Iskandar Puteri.

Shop assistant Aow Ke Seng, 21, said there was a dire need to improve the infrastructure and amenities.

"There is only one ATM in the area that is located at a petrol station. We have to go to the Pontian Kecil town (20km away from Kukup) if we need to get anything done."

"The roads are in very bad condition. There are either cracks or the path is uneven. Some roads are narrow or riddled with potholes," he said.

English tutor R. Gayathri, 31, is among the few Indians living in the Malay and Chinese majority area in Bandar Permas Kecil.

"I was about six-years-old when my family moved here from Kuala Lumpur so that my father could open a barber shop."

"We were probably the only Indians here at that time but we never felt alone. We were able to form close ties with the locals," she said.

Her father died in 2010. And Gayatri has moved elsewhere due to work commitments.

She feels that more should be done to develop the place.

"There is limited public transportation. It is difficult for anyone to get from one end to the other if they do not have their own vehicle," she said.

Businessman Teo Wee Siong, 53



Point of Interest: Fisheries Department deputy director Datuk Dr Bah Piyon Tan (left) planting mangrove trees at the Tanjung Piai National Park.

who runs a motorcycle repair shop in Pekan Nenas town, said that more should be done to lure the youth to work here.

"There is a lack of job opportunities for them. They have no choice but to get a job in Singapore."

"I think more factories should be set up so that our young people will have more options and do not have to go somewhere else," he said.

However, food stall owner Masliana Selamat noticed that more

young people were returning home of late to start their own business.

"Many would work elsewhere for a few years and come back home after they have gained some financial security," said Masliana, 33.

While her income from selling food along a road in Pekan Nenas here is modest, she said it was enough to get by in a small town.

Accountant R. Kathiravan, 29, who hails from Pekan Nenas and now works in Singapore, believed

his hometown has the potential to progress further.

"I think Pekan Nenas has all the right elements to be developed into a robust industrialised area but it will take time and a lot of commitment from the state and federal government."

"For now, the focus should be on ensuring business owners are able to sustain their operations in an uncertain economic climate," he said.



The dead fishes being loaded onto a sampan in Kukup to be sent off for disposal.

An uneasy calm has descended on this otherwise bustling fishing village in Kukup after 76 fish farm owners watched some 100 tonnes of their fishes worth about RM5mil die suddenly last month.

Plea for help to ride out storm

Fish farm owners in Kukup want govt to help them after facing unexpected losses

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HE CUTS a lone figure staring up at the sky in silence these days.

Tan Su Hock used to be chatty and could not keep still, said his wife Lee Chiu Choo. She said he changed after their fish farm was almost wiped out without warning last month.

"It was past midnight when he spotted signs of our fish in distress. He frantically tried to save them but it was

in vain," Lee recalled when met in Kukup, Tanjung Piai.

Tan is among 76 fish farm owners in Kukup who lost some 100 tonnes of fish, with an estimated value of RM5mil last month.

The couple, in their 50s, who have five children aged between 14 and 20, are at a loss about what to do now.

Lee, a housewife, did not know how to help her husband, saying the incident was the worst one so far.

While struggling financially and worrying over uncertainties ahead, fish farm owner Ee

Twan Keong, 37, said he had to keep a brave front for his family.

"My eldest son is looking forward to studying in Singapore soon for two years, followed by three years in China," said Ee, a father of three aged 17, 15 and two.

Besides losing their income overnight, the farm owners had to sort out the fish feed they had received on credit.

"Most of the fish were ready or almost ready for the market."

"I had reared them for a year or more and all just died. I still cannot believe it," said Ee.

Year end has always been a time to look forward to as business was good with the holiday season and festivals lining up until Chinese New Year. But not this time for this fish farming community.

The loss felt by the farm owners was palpable and there was uneasy calm in the otherwise bustling fishing village.

"We can work very hard and for long hours, but there are some things such as environmental pollution which are beyond our control," said Ee, who has been in the business for more than 20 years.

He observed that environmental pollution affecting the fish farms happened more often in recent years but the recent one was extremely bad.

Ee hoped the government could help by identifying the source of pollution and prevent recurrences.

The fish farm owners, he added, had long harboured hope that the government would supply electricity to the farms so that they could invest in better technology to counter the environmental challenges.

"We are still using generators for electricity and this limits our use of modern technology," he explained.

Ee said it took at least a year to rear the fish before they were ready for the market, adding that the average weight of the fish was about 1kg and some as low as 500g.

"Can you imagine I lost almost all of my fish in the blink of an eye?" he asked.

The fish farmers' latest plight was raised by Ayer Hitam MP Datuk Seri Dr Wee Ka Siong in Parliament recently after his visit to Kukup.

The MCA president urged the Pakatan Harapan government to identify the problems plaguing the fish farmers, the sources or parties responsible, and to address the issues fast.

The farm owners urged Energy, Science, Technology, Environment and Climate Change Minister Yeo Bee Yin to look into their plight

apart from the Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Ministry.

The fish farm owners said the Agriculture and Agro-based Industry's advice for them to relocate was not a feasible one.

Ee said it cost at least RM1mil for him to relocate and set up a new fish farm as the cost of materials had spiked over the years.

"Can the ministry guarantee that a new place will resolve our problems?"

"Moving further away from the coast also comes with higher security risk," Ee said and fellow fish farmers agreed.

"My concern now is how to take care of my family's daily expenses and salvage my fish farm," said 52-year-old Lim Boon Huat, a father of three aged 18, 17 and 11.

He said his eldest son's tertiary education at a private university in Kuala Lumpur cost RM4,000 to RM5,000 a month.

A fish farm operator of over 30 years, he said, "This is the only work I know, using physical strength for long hours. So I struggle very hard to give my children a good education so that they have more choices in life."

Boon Huat said he had been having sleepless nights since the fish died last month.

"It was past midnight when my fish showed signs of distress and I rushed to save them."

"But having to depend on generators for electricity limits what we can do."

"We hope the government can supply electricity to the farms so that we can do the necessary upgrades to face the increasingly hostile environment because of pollution," he said.

Fish farm owner Lim Hong Peng hoped the government could come up with a feasible plan to assist them in the short and long term.

Despite the latest episode, the most serious one so far, he believed the fish farmers could still ride it out with some assistance.

At 32 and a father of two children aged seven and five, Hong Peng said it was time to look into how to make fish farming sustainable with the technology available to reduce their vulnerability to environmental threats.

"The initial investment is high and this is why we need help such as grants or affordable loans from the government," he said.

But their immediate concern now, said Hong Peng, was the lack of rolling capital apart from having to deal with creditors for their fish feed.

"The fishes which died recently were ready for market," he added.

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Hong Peng, Ee and Boon Huat recall how their fish farms were almost wiped out last month.