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Berbudi pada tanah

ORANG Kelainan Upaya (OKU) penglihatan, Nor Syaida Ibrahim, 39, memeriksa tanaman ubi keledek fertigasi di Kampung Serating, sebuah projek Kerjasama Persatuan Orang-orang Cacat Penglihatan Islam Malaysia (PERTIS) cawangan Terengganu dengan Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin (UnisZA). Projek ini membuktikan golongan OKU penglihatan mampu berdikari dan mencari rezeki melalui pertanian moden. - UTUSAN/PUQTRA HAIRRY

Crowning of durian a thorny issue

Indonesia challenging Malaysia's claim over the king of fruits

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PETALING JAYA: The durian, the king of fruits, is synonymous with Malaysia, right?

While every Malaysian will agree, the Indonesians are saying no.

They insist that they have a stronger claim to the durian, creating a thorny issue in Malaysia's bid to make it the country's national fruit.

On Monday, Coordinating Minister for Food Affairs Zulkifli Hasan, known as Zulhas, disagreed with Malaysia's proposal, citing Indonesia's larger production as justification.

"Indonesia produced almost two million tonnes of durian in 2024. That is far above Malaysia. With this fact, I believe durian is Indonesia's national fruit," he said, as reported by CNBC Indonesia.

Zulhas highlighted data from BPS showing Indonesia's durian output reached 1.96 million tonnes last year – the highest in five years – with major production hubs across Java, Sumatra, Kalimantan and Sulawesi.

"By contrast, Malaysia's production is lower, although the export value has increased thanks to premium varieties such as Musang King," he added.

On Nov 10, *The Star* reported that the Durian Manufacturers Association (DMA) had asked the Agriculture and Food Security Ministry to recognise durian as the national fruit and to declare July 7 as National Durian Day.

The Musang King's Geographical Indication status, issued by the



Royal harvest:
Durian farm owner Khim Chuah harvesting organic durian in Machang Bubuk, Bukit Mertajam.
— ZHAFARAN NASIB/The Star

Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia (MyIPO), was recently renewed for another 10 years until March 2034, reaffirming it as a protected national product and preventing other countries from claiming or using the name.

Agriculture Department director-general Datuk Nor Sam Alwi confirmed that the department had received the DMA's application on Sept 8, 2025.

Nor Sam said no official declaration had been made on either naming durian as the national fruit or establishing National

Durian Day.

DMA president Eric Chan said the proposal was about recognising Malaysia's unique connection to the fruit, not asserting ownership.

"Durian has long been an integral part of Malaysia's cultural heritage, agricultural landscape and global identity.

"Our proposal celebrates a fruit that has shaped our communities, supported our farmers and contributed significantly to our agri-export economy."

Chan noted Malaysia's global

reputation for premium varieties such as Musang King and Black Thorn.

"Formalising the durian as our national fruit will strengthen branding, improve farmer livelihoods and enhance Malaysia's position globally," he added.

Chan stressed that Malaysia respected Indonesia's position.

"Both Malaysia and Indonesia share deep cultural and historical ties with durian – it thrives across our region.

"Making it Malaysia's national fruit does not diminish Indonesia's

right to do the same.

"We want to highlight Malaysia's strengths and encourage regional cooperation, especially since South-East Asia is the heartland of durian," he said, acknowledging Indonesia's larger land resources and higher production volume.

"National symbols are chosen for their cultural significance, historical roots and global association. Malaysia has built a strong international reputation for premium, high-quality durians, with a distinctive presence worldwide."

Redah banjir selamat kebun jagung

KEMAMAN - Seorang wanita terpaksa meredah air hingga paras paha bagi menyelamatkan tanaman jagungnya selepas kebun miliknya di Kampung Seberang Tayor Hilir, di sini ditenggelami banjir sejak kelmarin.

Anita Awang, 51, berkata, kebun itu dilimpahi air Sungai Kemaman yang meningkat mendadak ekoran hujan lebat di bahagian hulu.

Katanya, dia tidak menjangka kebun jagungnya itu ditenggelami banjir memandangkan kam-

pung tersebut tidak hujan.

"Terkejut saya dimaktumkan oleh anak air Sungai Kemaman berhampiran kebun sudah mula melimpah.

"Saya bersama anak-anak dan adik bergegas ke kebun untuk menuai jagung matang," katanya.

Anita yang sudah 20 tahun mengusahakan tanaman jagung berkata, mereka nekad meredah air hingga paras paha demi menyelamatkan hasil tanamannya.

Katanya, setakat ini mereka berjaya menuai dan menyelamatkan

kan kira-kira 500 tongkol jagung.

"Air yang melimpah ke kebun sudah mula surut pagi tadi (semalam) namun kesan lumpur tebal. Saya cuma mampu berdoa agar 3,000 pokok jagung yang ditanam boleh dituai minggu depan dapat bertahan walaupun sebahagian ditenggelami lumpur," katanya.

Dia tidak menjangka kebun jagungnya dilimpahi air sungai terlalu awal memandangkan sebelum ini paras Sungai Kemaman mula melimpah pada Disember.



ANITA menunjukkan sebahagian pokok jagungnya yang ditenggelami banjir di Kampung Seberang Tayor Hilir, Kemaman semalam.