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Petani tua kuasai sektor

Petani tua menguasai sektor pertanian negara berdasarkan Bancian Pertanian 2024 dijalankan Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia (DOSM).

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Arthur menjawab pertanyaan Datuk Iskandar Dzulkarnain Abdul Khalid (PN-Kuala Kangsar).

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16/10/2025	HARIAN METRO	LOKAL	16

'Petani tua' dominasi sektor pertanian negara

Kuala Lumpur: 'Petani tua' mendominasi sektor pertanian negara berdasarkan Bancian Pertanian 2024 dijalankan Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia (DOSM).

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Beliau berkata, wujud potensi besar untuk meningkatkan lagi penglibatan petani muda yang kini berjumlah 190,952 orang bersamaan 18.9 peratus terutama bagi umur 31 hingga 45 tahun dan 3.3 peratus dalam kalangan belia berumur 15 hingga 30 tahun.

"Angka ini membuka ruang amat luas untuk pelaksanaan pelbagai inisiatif strategik bagi menarik lebih ramai anak muda menceburi bidang pertanian sebagai kerjaya masa depan mampan dan berdaya saing," katanya pada sesi soal jawab lisan di Dewan Rakyat semalam.

> "Buka ruang luas tarik lebih ramai anak muda ceburi kerjaya berdaya saing
>
> Arthur

Beliau berkata demikian menjawab pertanyaan **Datuk Iskandar Dzulkarnain Abdul Khalid (PN-Kuala Kangsar)** yang meminta kementerian Pertanian dan Keterjaminan Makanan (KPKM) mendedahkan peratusan petani negara yang semakin menua dan sejauh mana kerajaan membantu golongan muda terbabit dalam sektor berkenaan.

Sehubungan itu, beliau berkata, KPKM komited memperkukuh penyertaan generasi muda dalam sektor pertanian melalui pelbagai dasar dan program strategik bagi memastikan kelestarian dan daya saing industri agromakanan negara.

Beliau berkata, langkah itu dilaksanakan secara menyeluruh berasaskan Dasar Agromakanan Negara 2021-2030 (DAN 2.0) dan Pelan Tindakan Dasar Sekuriti Makanan Negara 2021-2025 (PTDSMN), yang menjadi panduan utama usaha meremajakan sektor pertanian negara.

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16/10/2025	THE STAR	EVENTS	5

Visitors learning about padi cultivation and (right) checking out chilli plants grown in polybags.

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Selangor agro fair draws bumper crowds

Orchid forest, crop technology, talks amaze visitors at four-day event

THE Selangor Agrofest 2025 concluded its four-day run on a high note, drawing about 50,000 visitors on its final day.

The event at Dataran Karnival in Shah Alam was dominated by a spectacular attraction – the orchid forest.

Some 4,000 orchid plants captivated visitors with their dazzling hues and unique shapes.

Selangor Agriculture Department deputy director (Development) Wan Muhammad Zulkarnain Baharuddin said the forest-themed orchid display was a major highlight, consistently drawing crowds to the tent.

Beyond the floral exhibits, the event also served as a vital hub for trade and education.

Visitors had ample opportunities to source fresh produce, including vegetables and chillies, as well as acquire fruit saplings in polybags and bud-grafted fruit trees.

Many also attended talks to learn about high-value crop technology.

Youths interested in the agriculture sector took time to speak to farmers.

The festival proved to be an important platform for entrepreneurs, with some telling *StarMetro* that it allowed them to showcase their products to visitors from overseas.

Nisa Danish Hakim, an agribusiness graduate from a university in the United States, said she came from Seremban, Negri Sembilan, with her friends to check out the agrofest.

"I just wanted to see the type of technology being used in Selangor," she said.

Indonesian Sartika Bambang, an exporter of fresh chillies, said exhibitions like this were beneficial for entrepreneurs to learn about the latest methods for a better crop.

Other attractions included the Agro Night Run, junior chef competition, *Jualan Ehsan Rahmah*, a fruit-weight guessing contest, and performances by artistes.

Visitor Anas Ngaliman won a Yamaha Avantiz motorcycle in the lucky draw.

Visitors admiring orchid plants at Selangor Agrofest 2025 at Dataran Karnival in Shah Alam. — Photos: AZLINA ABDULLAH/The Star

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16/10/2025	THE SUN	NATIONAL	4

NGOs bemoan lack of funds for animal welfare in Budget 2026

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Kalaivanan said with proper policy support, Malaysia could build a humane and sustainable model for stray management that protects both people and animals. – ***MASRY CHE ANI/THESUN***

PETALING JAYA: Animal welfare organisations have raised concern over the repeated omission of allocations for stray management and welfare in successive budgets, saying the continued oversight risks undermining efforts to improve public health and safety.

Persatuan Haiwan Terbiar Malaysia president Kalaivanan Ravichandran said the lack of dedicated funding reflects the government's continued under-recognition of animal welfare as a national responsibility.

"Stray animal management and welfare are matters of public health, road safety and community responsibility.

"Every year, NGOs and volunteers shoulder the full burden of rescuing and caring for thousands of strays, often without any government assistance. The absence of a budget allocation once again leaves these efforts unsupported and unsustainable."

He said animal welfare continues to be treated as a secondary issue despite its clear links to disease control, road collisions and disaster response.

"Issues such as rabies control, road crashes involving strays and post-disaster animal rescue are intertwined with public health and safety. As long as animal welfare is viewed purely as an NGO responsibility, Malaysia would continue to face preventable problems."

The association is urging the government to establish an official Animal Welfare Fund under the Agriculture and Food Security Ministry or in collaboration with the Veterinary Services Department.

He said such a fund would provide consistent and transparent support for key programmes, including large-scale trap–neuter–release (TNR) operations, shelter aid, veterinary care and disaster response.

"A formal fund would bring structure, accountability and long-term continuity, something *ad hoc* grants or corporate social responsibility donations cannot achieve," he said.

He added that an annual allocation of between RM20 million and RM30 million would be a practical start for coordinated programmes, such as a Stray Animal Healthcare Fund, shelter support and an Animal Disaster Response Unit.

"What matters most is that animal welfare finally receives its own line in the federal budget, recognising it as a legitimate public concern."

Before the budget announcement, the association had outlined a seven-point wish list, which included a nationwide TNR programme, a Stray Animal Healthcare Fund, shelter grants for NGOs, an Animal Disaster Response Unit, stronger enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act 2015, regulated feeding stations and a national pet registration system.

Kalaivanan said these measures would not only protect animals but also improve public health, road safety and disaster preparedness while promoting shared responsibility between citizens and the state.

"Animal welfare reflects a nation's values and compassion. How we treat the most vulnerable shows who we are as a society. With proper policy support, Malaysia could build a humane and sustainable model for stray management that protects both people and animals."

Malaysian Animal Welfare Association founder Mukunnan Sugumaran echoed the concern, saying the omission reflects gaps within the responsible ministry.

"The Agriculture and Food Security Ministry, which oversees the Veterinary Services Department, has failed to look at the full ecosystem needs," he said.

"The department has long claimed to be under-resourced, and without a budget allocation, the situation would only worsen. Their ability to investigate cruelty cases and uplift capabilities would remain limited."

He also called for a review of the Act, describing it as outdated and full of loopholes.

"The Act does not even cover the welfare of homeless or stray animals. A new team with real on-ground understanding is needed to draft an effective and compassionate policy."

He added that NGOs and activists should work more closely with authorities to raise awareness and educate younger generations about animal welfare.

"Malaysia should move towards a no-kill policy. If trap–neuter–release–manage is not ideal, then local councils should allocate land to house strays under NGO management, with adoption as a key priority," he said.

TARIKH	MEDIA	RUANGAN	MUKA SURAT
16/10/2025	UTUSAN MALAYSIA	DALAM NEGERI	1

Melabuhkan tukun

JABATAN Perikanan Malaysia melabuhkan 12 tukun dasar lembut di perairan Pulau Telor bagi menghalang aktiviti pukat tunda haram dan meningkatkan hasil tangkapan nelayan kecil. - UTUSAN/SHAHIR NOORDIN (Berita di muka 28)

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Pergerakan ikan pelagik pengaruhi kadar pendaratan

KERJA-KERJA melabuhkan tukun tiruan jenis dasar lembut oleh Jabatan Perikanan Kedah di perairan Pulau Telor, Yan. - UTUSAN/ SHAHIR NOORDIN

YAN: Pergerakan ikan pelagik seperti selar, kembung, sardin, cencaru, tongkol (tuna kecil) dan tenggiri yang bersifat bermusim boleh menyebabkan tangkapan ikan di setiap negeri turun naik.

Pengarah Perikanan Kedah, Sukri Deris berkata, ikan-ikan yang menghuni ruang air terbuka di lautan itu akan bergerak dari sesuatu perairan ke perairan lain mengikut kitaran semula jadi yang berulang antara empat ke lima musim setahun.

"Contohnya ikan kembung di mana kawasan pembiakannya dikatakan di perairan Larut Matang, Perak sebelum bergerak ke utara melalui perairan Pulau Pinang, Kedah, Perlis hingga ke Laut Andaman di Thailand.

"Jadi ,sebab itu ada waktu ikan ini banyak di perairan negeri lain dan lebih rendah di sini, dan sebaliknya apabila kawanan itu berada di perairan sekitar Kedah kerana ia bermusim," katanya ketika ditemui pada Program Melabuh Tukun Tiruan Dasar Lembut di Perairan Pulau Telor di sini semalam.

Utusan Malaysia pada 22 September lalu melaporkan pendapatan nelayan di negara ini semakin merosot berikutan hasil tangkapan ikan di beberapa negeri mencatat penurunan ketara sejak beberapa tahun kebelakangan ini.

Ujar Sukri, walaupun jumlah pendaratan ikan di Kedah meningkat pada 2022 dan 2023 berbanding 2021 dan menurun semula tahun lalu, faktor turun naik itu juga dipengaruhi oleh pemindahan lesen bot nelayan ke negeri lain.

"Bot-bot ini boleh berpindah pengkalan, tahun ini mungkin pemilik mendaftar di Kedah tapi tahun depan berpindah pengkalan dan tempat pendaratan ke Pulau Pinang atau pun pengusaha di sini telah jual botnya ke Perak. Oleh itu, jumlah pendaratan ikan akan berlaku naik turun di setiap negeri," katanya.

Sementara itu, Jabatan Perikanan Kedah telah melabuhkan sebanyak 570 unit tukun tiruan di perairan sekitar negeri ini membabitkan peruntukan RM10.52 juta sejak 2006.

TARIKH	MEDIA	RUANGAN	MUKA SURAT
16/10/2025	KOSMO	NEGARA	17

BOT nelayan tempatan yang ditahan bersama dua tekong dan tujuh kru warga Indonesia di Pulau Tinggi kelmarin.

Sembilan ditahan atas bot tunda

MERSING – Tembelang nelayan tempatan mengupah tujuh kru warga Indonesia untuk menangkap ikan menggunakan pukat tunda terbongkar apabila kesemuanya diberkas Maritim Malaysia (APMM) di kedudukan 16 kilometer timur Pulau Tinggi kelmarin.

Pengarah Zon Maritim Mersing, Komander Maritim Suhaizan Saadin berkata, tangkapan pada pukul 1 pagi itu dilakukan selepas pihaknya berjaya mengesan dua buat bot nelayan tempatan kelas C dalam keadaan mencurigakan.

Katanya, pemeriksaan mendapati kedua-dua bot itu melakukan kesalahan melanggar syarat sah lesen iaitu menunda kurang 22 kilometer dari pulau.

"Tujuh daripada sembilan kru daripada dua bot nelayan tersebut merupakan warga Indonesia berumur lingkungan 24 hingga 50 tahun termasuk tekong.

"Kesemua yang ditahan disyaki melakukan kesalahan di bawah Akta Perikanan 1985 kerana melanggar syarat sah lesen. Bot serta kru ditahan sebelum dibawa ke jeti Maritim Malaysia Teluk Gading untuk diserahkan kepada kepada pegawai penyiasat APMM untuk tindakan lanjut," katanya.

> "Kesemua yang ditahan disyaki melakukan kesalahan di bawah Akta Perikanan 1985 kerana melanggar syarat sah lesen."

Tambahnya, APMM tidak akan berkompromi dan akan mengambil tindakan tegas ke atas mana-mana pengusaha atau pemilik bot yang melanggar undang-undang persekutuan di Zon Maritim Malaysia.

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16/10/2025	KOSMO	NEGARA	17

Perbuatan pelancong 'usik' penyu Pulau Redang disiasat

TANGKAP layar video memaparkan seekor penyu 'diganggu' dalam kejadian dipercayai di Pulau Redang, Kuala Nerus.

KUALA TERENGGANU – Kerajaan negeri memandang serius perbuatan sekumpulan pelancong yang mengganggu dan mengasari beberapa ekor penyu sewaktu melakukan aktiviti snorkel dipercayai berlaku di Pulau Redang, Kuala Nerus baru-baru ini.

Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Pelancongan, Kebudayaan, Alam Sekitar dan Perubahan Iklim Terengganu, Datuk Razali Idris berkata, perbuatan tersebut dikecam kerana bukan sahaja mengganggu, malah boleh mencederakan reptilia dilindungi terbabit.

"Perbuatan menyentuh atau mengganggu penyu ini menyalahi peraturan serta boleh menyebabkan haiwan itu 'merajuk' dan tidak kembali ke Pulau Redang pada masa depan.

"Ia bukan sahaja akan menjejaskan industri pelancongan negeri, tetapi paling penting penyu merupakan haiwan diancam kepupusan," katanya di sini semalam.

Terdahulu, tular klip video berdurasi 27 saat yang memaparkan sekumpulan pelancong yang sedang melakukan aktiviti snorkel memegang serta mengganggu seekor penyu dipercayai berlaku di Pulau Redang.

Katanya, siasatan berhubung kejadian itu sedang dilakukan dengan kerjasama Jabatan Perikanan termasuk mengenal pasti individu terlibat. Tindakan tegas akan diambil bagi memastikan kejadian sama tidak berulang pada masa depan.

Dalam perkembangan sama, Razali berkata, silibus baharu bagi kursus lesen pemandu snorkel akan diperkenalkan tidak lama lagi bagi memastikan pematuhan setiap garis panduan ditetapkan.

"Ramai pemandu snorkel pada waktu ini tidak mengetahui mengenai etika aktiviti riadah itu sehingga membiarkan pelanggaran dilakukan pelanggan mereka," katanya.

TARIKH	MEDIA	RUANGAN	MUKA SURAT
16/10/2025	THE STAR	EVENT	7

PERAK

Kamunting mum harvesting gold from fly larvae

(Above) Abdul Majid says BSFL helps cut his catfish feed costs by up to 70%.

(Left) Liyana has never felt squeamish about handling larvae, describing them instead as 'nature's cleaners'. — Photos: Bernama

SKYROCKETING feed prices were crippling Liyana Farhana Noor Izan's chicken and duck farm in 2019.

Instead of giving up, the founder of Kebun Rahsia found an innovative, sustainable and slightly unconventional solution: cultivating black soldier fly larvae (BSFL).

What started as a desperate search for cheaper sustenance quickly led her to discover the potential of Hermetia illucens as a cost-effective, eco-friendly and protein-packed alternative to traditional livestock feed.

"By using BSFL, I can save between 45% and 50% on livestock feed costs.

"The savings are even greater when I breed them myself," she told Bernama at her farm in Kamunting, Perak.

Liyana said BSFL also contributed to environmental sustainability by helping dispose of food waste, which served as the larvae's main food source.

The mother-of-four said she had never felt squeamish about handling larvae, describing them instead as "nature's cleaners".

Not only do they consume her household food waste, but also leftovers collected from neighbours and nearby residents.

According to Liyana, BSFL farming also produces organic fertiliser from larval waste and shed skin, both rich in protein and highly beneficial for soil and crops.

"It helps improve soil quality, keeps plants healthier and enriches the land.

"When given to animals, livestock may grow better than usual," said the Universiti Kuala Lumpur (UniKL) Chemical Engineering (Food Technology) diploma holder.

BSFL have a relatively short life cycle, taking about two months to reach a size suitable for livestock feed.

"The eggs hatch within three to four days, followed by a larval stage lasting two weeks.

"The larvae then enter the pre-pupal and pupal phases, which take another two weeks, before becoming adult flies...and the cycle continues," she said, revealing that her farm now produced between 300kg and 500kg of BSFL monthly.

"Black soldier flies are not like houseflies. They only lay eggs in clean environments and do not spread diseases.

"BSFL are safe for all types of livestock and even pets," she said.

Determined to share her knowledge, Liyana has introduced her own BSFL starter kit.

"The kit comes with eggs, basic equipment, a video guide and two months of mentoring.

"It is enough to complete one breeding cycle and produce up to 100kg of larvae.

"My focus is on small-scale farmers, gardeners and home breeders," she said.

She aims to build a community of 1,000 BSF farmers by the end of this year.

She has also partnered with higher education institutions such as Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin (UniSZA) and Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), and is a strategic partner of Perak Tengah District Council (MDPT) in its BSF Project converting food waste into compost.

Fish farmer Abdul Majid Fitri said BSFL had helped cut his feed costs by up to 70%.

"I farm about 4,000 catfish. By combining pellets with BSFL in their diet, the fish grow faster.

"Usually, it takes 40 days for them to reach market size, but now it only takes about three weeks," he added.

However, the main challenge remains securing sufficient food waste to feed the larvae.

Currently, Abdul Majid collects scraps from households and eateries, including coffee grounds.

Liyana is calling on the public and food operators to contribute their food waste.

"It's a win-win situation. I get feed for the larvae, and the community no longer needs to worry about waste disposal.

"We also provide free collection services," she said.