



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has rejected claims that opposition-held constituencies are being sidelined, saying development projects are decided by national priorities, local needs and the government's financial capacity. Answering Datuk Che Mohamad

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Zulkifly Jusoh (PN-Besut) during Ministers' Question Time in the Dewan Rakyat on Tuesday, Anwar said allocations are not handed directly to MPs, even in government-held seats, as their role is only to verify projects, which are decided with state governments and ministries. Citing

Besut as an example, he said 197 projects and minor projects had been approved there, covering infrastructure, healthcare, housing, agriculture, education and flood mitigation. “I stress once again that we are not sidelining any parliamentary constituency or state,” he said.

HIGHLIGHTS · PARLIAMENT

PM Anwar: Development projects follow national priorities and local needs, not party lines



POLICE

CID takes over probe into Cheras custodial death, case now under Section 331

PDRM's Criminal Investigation Department has taken over the investigation into the death of Noorizwan Zulkefly, who died in police custody on October 1, with the case now classified under Section 331 of the Penal Code. CID Director Datuk M. Kumar S. Muthuvelu said the move followed a statement from the HCTM forensic consultant who carried out the post-mortem, who found external injuries “consistent with blunt trauma and not self-inflicted”. The full post-mortem report is still pending laboratory analysis. Police are working to identify the officers who handled the 42-year-old at the Cheras district police headquarters, and Kumar said the probe would be carried out “without any element of a cover-up”.

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HOME AFFAIRS

Saifuddin: Malaysia will not become a new base for international scam syndicates

Home Minister Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution Ismail told the Dewan Rakyat that police carried out 968 raids and made 7,262 arrests linked to scam syndicates between 2024 and September 2026. Winding up the Budget 2027 debate for his ministry, he said profiling showed 2,912 of those arrested had worked in or been in Cambodia, a finding he said would strengthen intelligence work and the monitoring of cross-border syndicate movements. “Malaysia cannot be allowed to become a new base of operations for international scam syndicates,” he said, adding that Malaysia is stepping up cooperation through Interpol, ASEANAPOL and direct police-to-police channels.

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RUSSIA-UKRAINE

Ceasefire takes effect in Oleshky under deal brokered by Melania Trump

A localised ceasefire between Russia and Ukraine took effect in the Russian-occupied city of Oleshky in southern Ukraine at 3am Kyiv time on Tuesday, under a deal brokered by US First Lady Melania Trump, BRICS News reported. The pause is meant to allow a humanitarian mission to deliver aid and let civilians leave. Ukraine's human rights commissioner Dmytro Lubinets described three stages: a ceasefire, aid delivery, and the free movement of civilians, with no movement of military equipment allowed. News reports put the number of residents still trapped in the city at between about 1,700 and 2,000. Both sides said they were observing the ceasefire.

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Fadillah: PETRA's RM5.33 Billion Budget 2027 Allocation Must Deliver Real Benefits to the People

Credit : Datuk Amar Fadillah Yusof's X

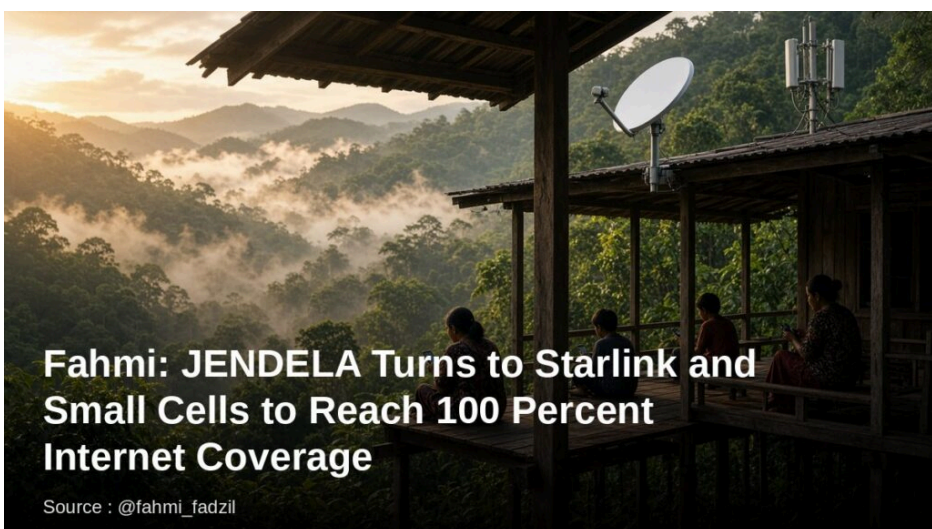
BUDGET 2027

Fadillah: PETRA's RM5.33 billion allocation must deliver real benefits to the people

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Amar Fadillah Yusof says the real measure of success for the Ministry of Energy Transition and Water Transformation (PETRA) is the benefit felt by the people, not the size of its allocation. Winding up the Budget 2027 policy-stage debate for PETRA on Tuesday, he said the ministry receives RM5.33 billion, including RM4.93 billion for development. Its priorities include 151 flood mitigation

projects, 50 coastal erosion and estuary projects, replacing critical water pipes nationwide including in Sabah and Sarawak, improving the Automatic Fuel Adjustment mechanism, and a 35 per cent renewable energy capacity target by 2030. "We are not merely building infrastructure. We are building the nation's future," he said.

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Fahmi: JENDELA Turns to Starlink and Small Cells to Reach 100 Percent Internet Coverage

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CONNECTIVITY

Fahmi: JENDELA turns to Starlink and small cells to reach 100 per cent coverage

Communications Minister Datuk Seri Fahmi Fadzil says the national digital network plan, JENDELA, will rely on Starlink satellite links and small cells to bring Internet coverage to the last one per cent of populated areas, including remote interior settlements. "Building a tower is costly, so we will deploy solutions better suited to the community," he said, noting that coverage in populated areas has reached 99 per cent. He also flagged gaps on trunk roads linking Felda settlements to towns. Under JENDELA 2, about 3,000 locations are covered, mostly in the interior of Sabah and Sarawak, with only about a third expected to need a new telecommunications tower.



Hayatunnupus Nawawi, 36, a resident of Kampung Tengah on Pulau Perhentian, points to

TERENGGANU

Pulau Perhentian residents brace for monsoon floods

Villagers on Pulau Perhentian have begun early preparations for the Northeast Monsoon, which brings heavy rain and the risk of flooding in low-lying parts of the village, Bernama reported. Resident Azizah Ab Rahman, 59, said areas such as Kampung Tengah have flooded to nearly one metre when rainwater from the hills cannot drain out during high tide, and she has already moved household items to higher ground. Another resident, Hayatunnupus Nawawi, 36, keeps her refrigerator permanently on a platform about 1.5 metres high. Village committee chairman Nik Zawawi Mohd Nor said around 30 houses are usually affected, with floods lasting about two hours each time.

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**BRAZIL**

Flávio Bolsonaro barred from leaving Brazil, ordered to surrender passports

Brazilian Senator Flávio Bolsonaro says he has been banned from leaving Brazil and ordered to hand over his passports after losing the presidential runoff to Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva. The order by Supreme Court Justice Alexandre de Moraes cancelled all his Brazilian passports, including his diplomatic

one, in a case in which he is being investigated for alleged money laundering, according to The Guardian and G1. Bolsonaro, who denies wrongdoing, called it “a clear attempt to intimidate me” but said he would comply while challenging it. Lula won a fourth term with 51.79 per cent of the vote.

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**BRAZIL**

Trump says Brazil's election 'looked like another rigged election'

US President Donald Trump has said Brazil's presidential election “looked like another rigged election”, offering no evidence for the claim, BRICS News reported. Speaking to reporters on Monday, he said: “Elections have to be indisputable and it looked very bad to me.” President Lula da Silva won a fourth term with 51.79 per cent of the vote against 48.21 per cent for Flávio Bolsonaro. Early data showed the court-ordered extension of voting hours produced only around 31,000 votes, far short of Lula's margin of about 4.43 million. Bolsonaro's Liberal Party later said it recognised the result proclaimed by the electoral court.

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**MIDDLE EAST**

Saudi defence minister reportedly in Iran to negotiate Houthi ceasefire payment

Saudi Defence Minister Prince Khalid bin Salman has reportedly travelled to Iran to negotiate a US\$1 billion payment to Yemen's Houthi movement in exchange for a ceasefire, according to BRICS News, citing an Israel Hayom report based on unnamed Gulf diplomatic sources. Riyadh has not confirmed any payment. The visit itself was confirmed by the Saudi Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which said it aimed to reduce escalation and support mediation by Qatar and Pakistan. Senior officials from Pakistan and Turkey also joined the Tehran talks. The diplomatic push follows Houthi claims of attacks on Saudi Arabia's East-West oil pipeline.

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COLUMN

Something to do

BY NAHRIZUL ADIB KADRI

In this reflective column, Nahrizul Adib Kadri considers why, after wishing for fewer responsibilities, we often find ourselves unsure what to do when a free day finally arrives. He suggests that purpose may not always be something waiting to be discovered, but something that grows out of ordinary activity: tending a garden, preparing breakfast for the family, volunteering, or learning a new skill. Drawing on the Japanese idea of *ikigai*, he distinguishes between being busy and being meaningfully occupied, and argues that a person's worth should not be measured by how much they accomplish. “Our ability to remain productive is not the price we pay for deserving a place in the world,” he writes.

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DIPLOMACY

Fadillah urges new envoys to push green energy cooperation

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Amar Fadillah Yusof urged Malaysia's new envoys to Canada, Belgium and Iran to explore green energy technology cooperation and help local entrepreneurs reach new markets, during a courtesy call at Parliament on Tuesday.

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MARITIME

MMEA officer dies during Perlis border operation

Home Minister Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution Ismail paid tribute to MMEA intelligence officer Mohd Roshaimi Mohd Ridzuan, who died during a border monitoring operation off Sungai Padang, Perlis, early on Tuesday. Three colleagues were injured; the cause is still being determined.

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BY THE NUMBERS

7,262

arrests in 968 raids on scam syndicates, 2024 to September 2026 (P1)

RM5.33b

PETRA's Budget 2027 allocation, incl. RM4.93b for development (P2)

99%

Internet coverage in populated areas; JENDELA targets 100% (P2)

51.79%

Lula's share of the vote in Brazil's runoff (P3)