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Penjawat awam tumpu tugas hakiki bukan berpolitik

Krisis kepemimpinan yang menjurus perubahan pentadbiran negara sudah masuk hari keempat semalam. Seperti biasa, banyak sekali spekulasi berlegar berbanding yang pasti. Namun yang jelas, ia proses yang bakal melakar sejarah baharu dalam arena politik negara.

Di sebalik kekalutan itu, kita percaya aspek pentadbiran negara perlu diteruskan. Ketiadaan menteri sebagai peneraju, tidak bermakna semua kerja dan urusan di kementerian perlu ditangguh. Ketika inilah fungsi dan kemampuan seorang Ketua Setiausaha di setiap kementerian ditagih.

Selama ini pun, tonggak kelompok pelaksana bagi setiap dasar ditetapkan kerajaan adalah penjawat awam. Tanpa penjawat awam, banyak agenda diatur tidak mampu digerakkan dengan lancar dan berkesan. Namun, bagi 1.5 juta penjawat awam negara, jangan pula terikut rentak ahli politik yang sibuk bersabung nasib menentukan pembentukan kerajaan baharu.

Seperti diperkatakan Ketua Setiausaha Negara, tanggungjawab perlu diteruskan seperti biasa. Perlu diingat, pemimpin atau kerajaan bertukar ganti itu biasa, namun penjawat awam tetap kekal sebagai pelaksana utama pentadbiran negara. Harapnya penjawat awam tidak seperti diibaratkan lebih kuah daripada sudu, iaitu sibuk mencatat agenda peribadi melebihi ahli politik. Akhirnya tugas hakiki terabai.

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MPS kesal penghadang dialihkan

SELAYANG - Majlis Perbandaran Selayang (MPS) memberi amaran kepada mana-mana pihak yang masih berdegil dengan membuang sampah haram di kawasan hotspot sekitar Lot 46244 Jalan Sungai Tua-Ulu Yam di sini.

Pengarah Jabatan Korporat MPS, Mohamad Zin Masoad berkata, pihaknya kesal dengan tindakan pihak tertentu yang mengalihkan penghadang yang diletakkan di kawasan itu bagi mengekang kegiatan pembuangan sampah haram.

Menurutnya, tindakan pihak terbabit seolah-olah mencabar usaha MPS dalam membanteras kegiatan berkenaan di kawasan pentadbiran mereka.

“Satu laporan polis telah dibuat oleh pihak kami sebelum ini berhubung perkara itu. Penghadang berkenaan hanya diletakkan dalam tempoh sehari dan keesokannya ia telah dialihkan,” katanya dalam satu kenyataan di sini semalam.

Mohamad Zin berkata, sebelum ini, pihaknya telah meletakkan penghadang di kawasan berkenaan sebanyak dua kali namun ia telah dialihkan serta dirosakkan oleh pihak tidak bertanggungjawab.

Katanya, MPS juga akan menjalankan siasatan lanjut dan satu pelan tindakan akan dikeluarkan bagi memastikan insiden sedemikian dapat dikawal selepas ini.



Penghadang yang diletakkan telah dialihkan oleh pihak tidak bertanggungjawab bagi membuang sampah secara haram di Lot 46244 Jalan Sungai Tua-Ulu Yam.

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ONE of the three Klang Municipal Council (MPK) enforcement staff who impersonated a policeman in an extortion case earlier this month will be charged at Klang Magistrate's court on April 1.

The other two, both aged 34, will testify as witnesses.

MPK acting president Elya Marini Darmin said the matter was currently under case management and details were being firmed up to substantiate the facts of the incident before blackmail charges were brought.

The enforcement employee will be charged under Section 384 of the Penal Code, which carries up to 10 years' jail or fine, or whipping or any of the two, upon conviction.

"I am unable to elaborate further as the case is being handled by the north Klang police headquarters.

"On our side, we have taken administrative action where all three have been redeployed to internal office duties.

"All three are desk-bound until police investigation is over," she said after the council's full board meeting.

On Feb 10, north Klang police arrested three MPK enforcement officers, one from the council's Environmental Services Department and two from the Enforcement Department, suspected of being involved in an extortion case involving a provision store owner at Rantau Panjang in Kapar.

All three were remanded for

Enforcement officer to face the music

MPK employees in blackmail case to appear in court



Elya (second from right) promoting the Klang i-Plaza online platform. With her are (from left) councillor Ngian Yoke Mooi, Nor Hasyimah and corporate communications director Norfiza Mahfiz.

three days after being arrested.

On returning to work, the three were redeployed to Elya's department effective Feb 17.

In a bid to reassure the public, Elya said MPK would not hesitate to take disciplinary action under the MPK Employees Rules (Conduct and Discipline) 1995 if they are found guilty.

She added that the two enforce-

ment officers who were acting as witnesses would be sent to the Public Service Counselling Associates (AKRAB) in Kuala Selangor for character rebuilding and to instil integrity.

Elya also said MPK would conduct its own internal inquiry soon.

On another note, MPK's Information Technology Department has made it easier for

new small business owners and entrepreneurs to do business with its two-week-old online platform called Klang i-Plaza.

Elya said the business platform was designed to link people involved in business, be it small or big entities, where like-minded people could share resources, develop plans, introduce products and grow a business.

"We have found that Klang i-Plaza has gained traction as we have about 900 businesses in two weeks online.

"Klang i-Plaza offers free registration now and allows people to link and trade online.

"Those in retail with brick-and-mortar stores can take advantage of the online avenue and at the same time, attract customers to their physical store," she said.

She added that many people realised its tremendous trade opportunities and MPK wanted these businesses to prosper in the current economic climate as small businesses make up the economic engine of Klang district.

Information Technology Department director Nor Hasyimah Tamziz said the online business platform reflected MPK's commitment of giving business owners an avenue to advance their business.

The business platform, available at klangiplaza.my, features a product checklist, tools and resources to enable businesses to link up.

The platform also helps first-time entrepreneurs to prepare for opening or growing a business by providing business licence information.

Nor Hasyimah added that the Companies Commission of Malaysia (SSM) was a hybrid partner for Klang i-Plaza, where it allows users to register their business online with ease.

SSM serves as an agency to incorporate companies and register businesses as well as to provide company and business information to the public.

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Childcare centres without licences risk getting penalised

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ALL unlicensed childcare centres, including kindergartens and nurseries, under the jurisdiction of Shah Alam City Council (MBSA) must apply for an operating licence or risk being penalised.

There are currently 423 of such centres in Shah Alam but only 152 of them are licensed.

According to MBSA, a majority of the unlicensed ones are in Setia Alam, where childcare centres have been mushrooming, especially in new neighbourhoods.

"We also see many in Section 7 and in the Shah Alam town area but a majority of them are in Setia Alam.

"We notice that these centres usually start operating either in December or January as they do not want to lose out on registration," said MBSA town planning officer Hazlin Ibrahim after conducting checks on five childcare centres in the Setia Impian and Setia Permai neighbourhoods.

The visits were done with the

state Welfare Department and Fire Department.

She explained that no compounds were issued during the checks because their aim was to raise awareness and reiterate to operators the importance of getting their premises licensed for the sake of the children under their care.

"Most of the unlicensed childcare centres here have actually received the green light for their application but are not allowed to operate yet because the operators have to undergo training before the licence to operate is approved," Hazlin said.

She added that the building must be certified safe by the Fire Department and comply with the Welfare Department's regulations.

However, most operators jump the gun and start operating even before approvals are given.

During the site visit, *StarMetro* noticed that there were three to four childcare centres operating in one neighbourhood.

A check with MBSA revealed that there was no limit to the number of childcare centres which could oper-

ate in one neighbourhood.

"According to state town planning guidelines, there should be one designated building allocated for a childcare centre for every 200 houses.

"But because there are various syllabuses and curriculums out there, we give operators the opportunity to set up more than one centre in each neighbourhood," Hazlin said.

However, every childcare centre must adhere to the strict guidelines set by various parties and in a corner lot unit which is not situated in a cul-de-sac.

MBSA will continue their checks on unlicensed premises and issue notices to operators.

If operators still fail to comply, then action will be taken 30 days after the notice is issued.

"We can take the operators to court under the Town and Country Planning Act 1976 (Act 172)," she said.

Under the Act, these charges carry jail time of no more than two years, a fine of up to RM500,000 or both.



MBSA officers removing banners and bunting hung around a childcare centre in Setia Alam. Such advertising material is not allowed to be put up without the city council's approval. — SYAMIMI ZAINAL/The Star

Headline	FRIM: Langat forest has endangered species, should be protected		
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FRIM: Langat forest has endangered species, should be protected

THE Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM) has submitted an appeal letter to the Selangor Forestry Department to maintain the Kuala Langat North Forest Reserve, following a proposed degazettement of the forest.

FRIM said the forest needed to be protected as it had found through its preliminary inventory studies that there were many species of flora and fauna categorised as endangered.

"Based on the data collected of

the flora and fauna, there are at least three endangered species which were found here, including trees such as mersawa paya (*Anisoptera marginata*), meranti bunga (*Shorea teysmanniana*) and meranti bakau (*Shorea uliginosa*).

"There is also the Selangor Pygmy Flying Squirrel and three freshwater species of fish that are endemic and endangered," it said on its Facebook page.

FRIM director-general Datuk Dr Abd Latif Mohmod presented the

letter to Selangor Forestry Department director Mohd Ridzuwan Endot.

Also present was Forestry Peninsular Malaysia director-general Datuk Mohd Ridza Awang.

FRIM added that there were an estimated 100 species or more of birds recorded in the area around the forest, with 30% of them water birds.

The forestry institute hoped that the state government would take its important biodiversity

into consideration and continue to conserve and protect the forest.

It was earlier reported that the state government was planning to degazette 97% of the forest to allow for mixed development.

On Feb 5, a notice was placed in a major daily by the state Forestry Department, inviting stakeholders in the Kuala Langat district to give their feedback on the proposed degazettement within 30 days.

Selangor Mentri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari had said the state government would replace the 931ha that will be degazetted from the Kuala Langat North Forest Reserve.

He said the state had a list of suitable areas in Kuala Selangor, Sabak Bernam and Hulu Selangor to choose from.

Amirudin said some 40% of the area proposed for degazettement were damaged by fire and was no longer considered virgin forest.