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INTERNATIONAL ANTARABANGSA

Global economic outlook ‘somewhat less dire’ than expected – IMF: The global economic outlook is not quite as dark as expected even just three months ago, a top International Monetary Fund official said, citing better-than-anticipated economic data from China and other advanced economies. However, IMF spokesman Gerry Rice told reporters the overall global outlook remained challenging as a result of the coronavirus pandemic and its impact on many economic sectors. (25 September, Reuters)

Euro zone economic recovery in danger as services slide: Euro zone business growth ground to a halt this month, throwing the economic recovery into question, as fresh restrictions to quell a resurgence in coronavirus infections slammed the services industry into reverse, a recent survey showed. (23 September, Reuters)

US economy contracts at 31.4% annualised rate in Q2: The United States economy suffered its sharpest contraction in at least 73 years in the second quarter because of the disruptions from the coronavirus, the government confirmed recently.

Gross domestic product plunged at a 31.4 per cent annualised rate last quarter, the deepest drop in output since the government started keeping records in 1947, the Commerce Department said in its third estimate of GDP. (30 September, The Straits Times)

China’s industrial profits grow for fourth straight month: Profits at China’s industrial firms grew for the fourth straight month in August, buoyed in part by a rebound in commodities prices and equipment manufacturing, the statistics bureau said recently. China’s recovery has been gaining momentum as pent-up demand, government stimulus and surprisingly resilient exports propel a rebound. Industrial firm profits grew 19.1% year-on-year in August to 612.81 billion yuan (\$89.8 billion), according to the statistics bureau. (27 September, Reuters)

Japan factory activity struggles to recover as output falls: PMI: Japan’s factory activity extended declines in September largely due to a sharper fall in output, as the world’s third-largest economy struggles to stage a robust recovery from the coronavirus pandemic. The au Jibun Bank Flash Japan Manufacturing Purchasing Managers’ Index (PMI) was largely unchanged at 47.3 in September compared with a final 47.2 in the previous month. (23 September, Reuters)

BOK sees no need to trim GDP growth forecasts: South Korea’s central bank recently said it sees no need to downgrade its current economic growth projections, even after the government imposed tougher social distancing measures to curb a fresh spike in coronavirus cases. “South Korea’s economy is currently on track to meet (the Bank of Korea’s) growth forecasts,” Kim Woong, director general of the bank’s research department, told a media briefing held online. (22 September, Reuters)

Singapore factory output ends slumber with 13.7% growth: Singapore’s manufacturing rebounded with a vengeance last month to end a three-month slump, thanks to strong growth in semiconductor production and a rally in the volatile biomedical segment. Factory production grew a surprisingly strong 13.7 per cent over the same period a year ago, data from the Economic Development Board showed recently. Output rose 15.3 per cent if biomedical output is excluded. (26 September, The Straits Times)

Australia in first recession for nearly 30 years: Australia’s economy has plunged into its first recession in nearly 30 years, as it suffers the economic fallout from the coronavirus. Gross domestic product (GDP) shrunk 7% in the April-to-June quarter compared to the previous three months. This is the biggest fall since records began back in 1959 and comes after a fall of 0.3% in the first quarter. An economy is considered to be in recession if it sees two consecutive quarters of negative growth. (2 September, BBC News)

UK GDP plunged slightly less than first thought in Q2: Britain’s economy shrank by a record 19.8 per cent in the second quarter of 2020 when Covid-19 lockdown measures were in force, a slightly smaller decline than an initial estimate of a 20.4 per cent fall in output, official figures recently showed. Output during the three months to the end of June was 21.5 per cent lower than a year earlier, the Office for National Statistics said. Britain has suffered Europe’s highest death toll from Covid-19, with more than 42,000 fatalities. (30 September, The Straits Times)

NATIONAL NASIONAL

Japan, Malaysia sign bilateral swap arrangement:

The Bank of Japan, acting as agent of Minister of Finance of Japan, and Bank Negara Malaysia have signed the second Bilateral Swap Arrangement (BSA). In a statement, Bank Negara said the BSA would enable both authorities to swap their local currencies (Japanese yen and Malaysian Ringgit respectively) for US dollar. The arrangement will provide up to US\$3 billion for both countries. The central bank said the BSA reflected the continued bilateral financial cooperation between Japan and Malaysia that would contribute to the stability of financial markets. (18 September, Business Times)

Malaysia's GDP to shrink 4.9pc this year: World Bank:

Malaysia's gross domestic product (GDP) is projected to shrink 4.9 per cent this year, according to the World Bank. This is higher from the bank's early estimation of a 3.1 per cent contraction, following a sharper than expected contraction in the second quarter (Q2) of 2020. In its report titled: "World Bank East Asia and Pacific Economic Update, October 2020: From Containment to Recovery", the international financial institution said the change in the forecast reflected the heightened uncertainty surrounding the start and speed of the global recovery, which would weigh on investment decisions and external demand. (29 September, Business Times)

PPI for local production slips 2.8% in August:

Malaysia's Producer Price Index (PPI) for local production slipped 2.8 per cent year-on-year (y-o-y) in August 2020 to 101.7 compared with 104.6 in the same month last year. In a statement, the Department of Statistics Malaysia's (DOSM) chief statistician Datuk Seri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin attributed the decrease in the overall index to the decline in the mining index (-33.7 per cent y-o-y), electricity and gas supply (-1.9 per cent y-o-y) and manufacturing (-0.9 per cent y-o-y). In contrast, the agriculture, forestry and fishing index as well as water supply rose 15.6 per cent y-o-y and 0.7 per cent y-o-y, respectively. (30 September, The Star)

19.7% higher trade surplus:

Uncertainty will remain the keyword in Malaysia's trade performance in the near future as the latest figures show that exports took a step back after advancing twice. Exports fell 2.9% year-on-year (y-o-y) to RM79.14bil in August after advancing 8.8% y-o-y and 3.1% y-o-y in June and July respectively. Imports contracted for a sixth consecutive month as it continued to be weighed down by weak domestic demand. (30 September, The Star)

Govt to continue helping SMEs navigate recovery path in Budget 2021:

The government is committed to continue helping small and medium enterprises (SMEs) along their recovery path in the upcoming Budget 2021, said Finance Minister Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Abdul Aziz. He said this would be done via continued support for digitalisation and automation, building on the foundation laid by the Prihatin Rakyat Economic Stimulus Package (PRIHATIN), PRIHATIN SME PLUS, National Economic Recovery Plan (PENJANA), and Prihatin Supplementary Initiative Package (KITA PRIHATIN) to encourage this transition. (28 September, The Star)

Bank Negara's unchanged OPR rate signals Malaysia's economic recovery:

Bank Negara Malaysia's decision to keep benchmark interest rates unchanged underscores the notion that country's economic recovery is truly underway. FXTM market analyst Han Tan said the ringgit pared losses against the US dollar from the first half of the week to end the period closer to the 4.15 psychological level, as Asian currencies posted a mixed bag of results against the greenback. "Such a narrative may have bolstered sentiment for the ringgit since the central bank's policy decision, with ringgit being Asia's best performer against the US dollar over the past two days, despite Brent futures sinking back below the psychologically-important \$40 per barrel mark," he said in a statement. (11 September, Business Times)

Ekonomi Malaysia diunjur berkembang 6.6 peratus 2021:

Ekonomi Malaysia dijangka berkembang 6.6 peratus tahun depan, selepas diunjurkan menguncup 6.0 peratus tahun ini, demikian menurut laporan Tinjauan Ekonomi Global oleh Oxford Economics. Firma penyelidikan berpangkalan di United Kingdom (UK) itu berkata, Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP) di seluruh negara memberi impak kepada ekonomi pada suku kedua, namun langkah penularan COVID-19 yang dapat dibendung akan membantu pemulihan ekonomi Malaysia. (21 September, Berita harian)

Malaysia's consumer sector to steadily recover:

Malaysia's consumer sector is expected to remain steady, backed by the upcoming 2021 Budget and year-end festive spending, Affin Hwang Capital said. The firm said while the economic headwinds had yet to fully subside, consumption activities can be sustained at about 80 per cent of pre-Covid levels for the remainder of the year, taking a leaf from countries that entered the Covid-19 curve earlier. Affin Hwang said a gradual recovery should continue into 2021 in the lead-up to the anticipated mass availability of a Covid-19 vaccine. "A modest recovery should persist heading into 2021 (Affin's private consumption growth forecast for 2021 at 5.5 per cent), in the lead-up to the availability of a Covid-19 vaccine by the first half of 2021 (1H21), in our view," it said. (8 September, Business Times)

Malaysian exports to remain in positive territory in Q3, Q4:

Malaysia's gross exports are expected to decline 5.0 per cent this year with gross imports contracting at a faster pace of 6.0 per cent, Affin Hwang Capital said. The firm, however, believes exports would remain in positive territory on a yearly comparison in the third and fourth quarters of 2020, indicating the sharp contraction in exports had bottomed out in the second quarter. Last year, the country's exports and imports contracted 0.8 per cent and 3.5 per cent respectively. Affin Hwang said Malaysia's exports had maintained positive growth for the second consecutive month at 3.1 per cent year-on-year (yoy) in July (8.0 per cent in June) led by higher manufactured and agriculture exports. (1 September, Business Times)

LOCAL TEMPATAN

RM19.1 mln for Sabah projects under MOSTI: A total of RM19.1 million has been channelled to fund various projects for Sabah under the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI). MOSTI Minister Khairy Jamaluddin said between 2016 and 2020, through the 11th Malaysia Plan (11MP), various projects have been implemented under the Research, Pre-Commercialisation and Venture Capital Fund. Among the projects implemented were through a close cooperation with local academic research teams at Universiti Malaysia Sabah or better known as UMS and other research development bodies. (11 September, New Sabah Times)

Sabah govt's RM2m allocation to stimulate Sabah domestic travel: The caretaker Sabah Government has allocated RM2 million to stimulate domestic travel to Sabah. The RM2 million was carved out from the RM5 million allocated for the Sabah New Deal Package MICE Incentive 2020-2021. The 'Domestic Tourism Stimulus Package' was launched by caretaker Tourism, Culture and Environment Minister, Datuk Christina Liew, who represented caretaker Chief Minister, Datuk Seri Shafie Apdal at Sabah International Convention Centre. "This will give a boost to the industry players to further intensify their efforts to activate the tourism activities of Sabah," Shafie said in his speech read by Christina. (18 September, New Sabah Times)

RM7.79 juta bantuan geran disalurkan kepada Agropreneur Muda di Sabah: Sejumlah RM7.79 juta bantuan geran telah disalurkan kepada 534 orang Agropreneur Muda di Sabah. "Kelulusan geran melibatkan sektor tanaman (RM3.71 juta), perikanan (RM0.73), ternakan (RM1.02 juta) dan industri makanan (RM2.33 juta). "Masing-masing sektor diwakili oleh 309, 34, 46 dan 145 orang Agropreneur Muda. Jumlah melibatkan geran daripada Januari 2016 sehingga bulan Ogos, 2020," kata Menteri Pertanian dan Industri Makanan (MAFI), Datuk Seri Ronald Kiandee. (11 September, New Sabah Times)

RM3 juta akan disalurkan baik pulih 200 rumah nelayan di Beluran: Ronald: Sebanyak RM3 juta akan disalurkan bagi Projek Khas Perumahan Nelayan di Beluran, kata Menteri Pertanian dan Industri Makanan Datuk Seri Dr Ronald Kiandee. Katanya, projek itu akan dikendalikan oleh Lembaga Kemajuan Ikan Malaysia (LKIM) bagi membaik pulih 200 rumah nelayan di daerah itu, pada tahun ini dan tahun depan. "Projek ini akan dilaksanakan dalam masa terdekat. LKIM telah pun membaik pulih 152 rumah nelayan di Beluran sebelum ini dan akan membaik pulih 200 lagi," katanya kepada pemberita selepas melancarkan Mini Karnival Industri Makanan Beluran 2020. (7 September, New Sabah Times)

RM142.5 juta untuk bekalan air Kuala Penyu: Sejumlah RM11.5 juta telah diperuntukkan pada tahun ini bagi penyambungan bekalan air terawat di Kuala Penyu. Demikian dinyatakan oleh Menteri Pembangunan Luar Bandar Datuk Dr. Abd Latiff Ahmad, ketika merasmikan Program Keluarga Sejahtera di Kampung Tenambak, Kuala Penyu. Katanya, projek yang melibatkan 23 buah kampung ini akan memberi manfaat kepada kira-kira 300 buah rumah dan seramai 1,500 penduduk di Kuala Penyu. Bagi RMKe-11 Kementerian ini sedang melaksanakan dua buah Projek Bekalan Air Luar Bandar (BALB) di Daerah Kuala Penyu dengan kos keseluruhan RM131 juta. (21 September, Utusan Borneo)

Pertubuhan Peladang di Sabah terima peruntukan RM598,000: Pertubuhan Peladang Kebangsaan (NAFAS) menyalurkan peruntukan keseluruhan berjumlah RM598,000 kepada semua Pertubuhan Peladang di Sabah. Ahli Jemaah Pengarah NAFAS Datuk Mohd Nazri Abdullah berkata daripada jumlah itu, sebanyak RM130,000 disalurkan kepada Pertubuhan Peladang Negeri (PPN) Sabah manakala 26 Pertubuhan Peladang Kawasan (PPK) masing-masing menerima RM18,000. "Peruntukan yang diterima PPN Sabah itu merupakan agihan wakalah zakat perniagaan NAFAS kepada setiap PPN yang berjumlah RM80,000 manakala RM50,000 pula sebagai geran bagi penganjuran Mesyuarat Agung Tahunan." (1 September, New Sabah Times)

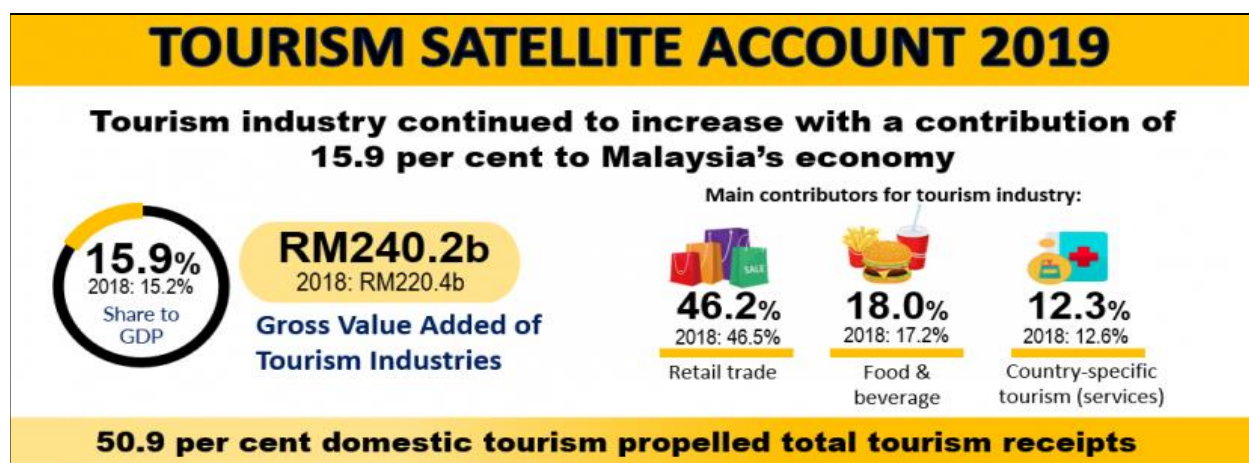
Perdana Menteri lancarkan Gerbang Sabah, ke arah memantapkan infra digital: Pelancaran stesen pendaratan kabel gentian optik dasar laut di Tanjung Aru, iaitu Gerbang Sabah mengukuhkan komitmen Kerajaan Persekutuan dan penyedia perkhidmatan telekomunikasi memajukan kemudahan jalur lebar di negeri ini. Perdana Menteri Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin berkata Gerbang Sabah komponen penting Jalanan Digital Negara (JENDELA) dalam rangka memantapkan infrastruktur digital negara. "Gerbang Sabah adalah titik sambungan internet antara Sabah dan seluruh dunia yang saya percaya akan merancakkan lagi pembangunan dan kemajuan di negeri ini," katanya. Muhyiddin berkata demikian semasa berucap sempena pelancaran Gerbang Sabah, yang dihadiri Menteri Komunikasi dan Multimedia Datuk Saifuddin Abdullah. (18 September, Utusan Borneo)

Pembinaan bekalan air bersih bernilai RM25 juta beri manfaat kepada rakyat DUN Kuamut: Kementerian Pembangunan Luar Bandar telah meluluskan pembinaan bekalan air bersih bernilai RM25 juta di kawasan Dewan Undangan Negeri (DUN) Kuamut. Timbalan Menteri Pembangunan Luar Bandar Datuk Seri Abdul Rahman Mohammad berkata pembinaan bekalan air bersih ini melibatkan jarak 45 kilometer dengan pembinaan tangki air dan dua buah pam. "Pembinaan bekalan air ini akan menyelesaikan isu air bersih di kawasan DUN Kuamut bernilai RM25 juta," katanya ketika ditemui pemberita selepas Program Perjumpaan Khas bersama penduduk Kampung Entilibon di Dewan Entilibon Asal, tadi. (18 September, Utusan Borneo)

Tambah balai bomba atas air di pulau sekitar Semporna: Pembinaan lebih banyak balai bomba atas air di kawasan pulau sekitar daerah ini dilihat satu keperluan dalam melakukan kerja penyelamatan yang lebih pantas. Naib Presiden Parti Warisan Sabah (WARISAN) Datuk Jaujan Sambakong berkata, perbincangan sudah dibuat sebelum ini bersama Pengarah Bomba Sabah dalam usaha mewujudkan balai-balai bomba atas air di setiap penempatan di pulau. "Bagaimanapun, pelaksanaan projek itu terpaksa ditangguhkan berikutan penularan wabak COVID-19 selain pembubaran Dewan Undangan Negeri (DUN), seterusnya memberi laluan kepada Pilihan Raya Negeri (PRN) pada 26 September." (20 September, Utusan Borneo)

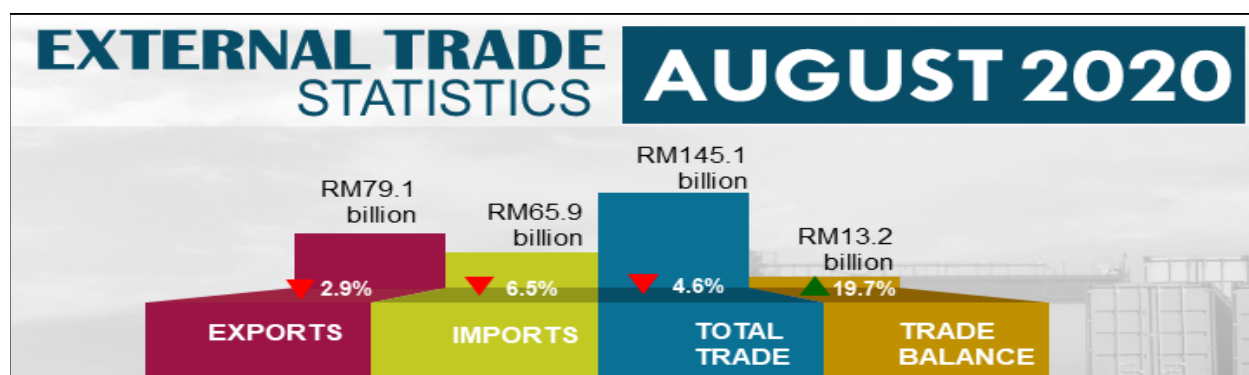
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Malaysia's Tourism Satellite Account 2019



(Source: 18 September, Department of Statistics Malaysia)

Malaysia's External Trade Statistics, August 2020



(Source: 28 September, Department of Statistics Malaysia)

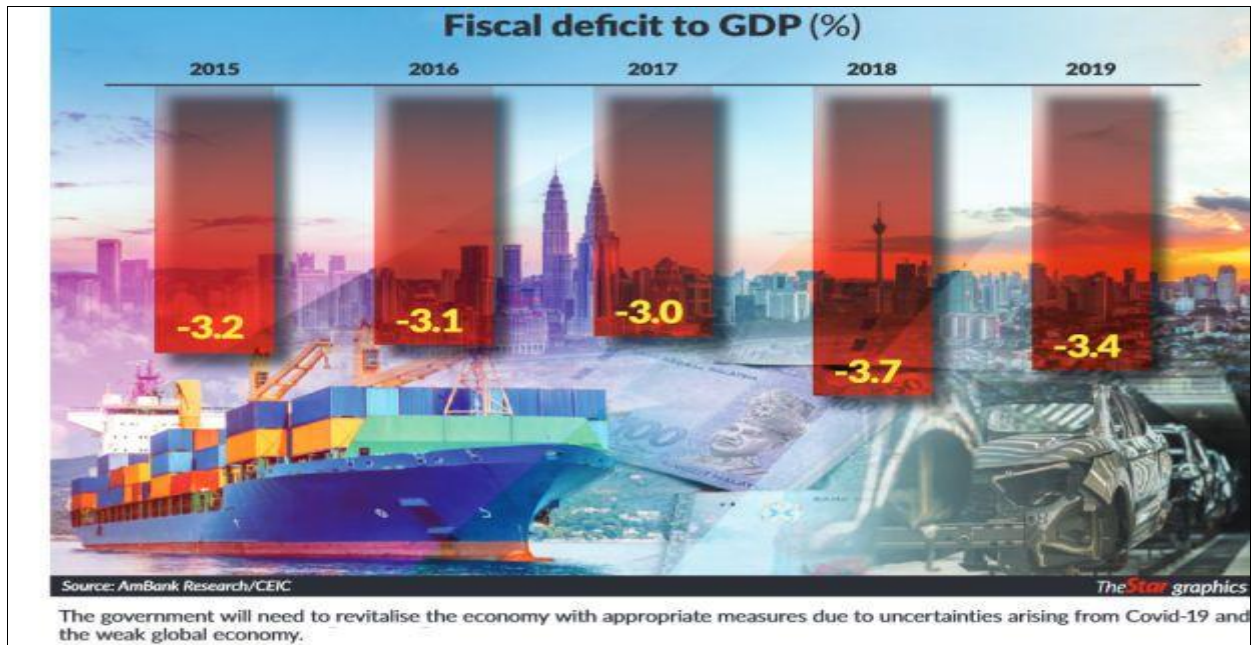
Malaysia's Producer Price Index, August 2020

Table 1: Producer Price Index (2010=100) Local Production by Sector (MSIC 2008), Malaysia:

Sector	Code	Weights	Index Aug 2020	Year-on-Year		Percentage Change			
				June 2020/ June 2019	Jul 2020/ Jul 2019	Aug 2020/ Aug 2019	June 2020/ May 2020	Jul 2020/ June 2020	Aug 2020/ Jul 2020
Total		100.000	101.7	-4.0	-3.5	-2.8	0.6	0.4	1.0
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	A	6.730	110.7	15.1	14.6	15.6	10.3	0.9	6.0
Mining	B	7.927	64.5	-42.5	-37.0	-33.7	10.9	8.3	3.0
Manufacturing	C	81.571	104.8	-1.2	-1.3	-0.9	-0.8	-0.2	0.5
Electricity & gas supply	D	3.442	116.3	-0.6	-1.3	-1.9	-0.6	-0.5	-0.2
Water supply	E	0.330	112.4	-1.2	-0.6	0.7	-0.3	0.2	1.5

(Source: 30 September, Department of Statistics Malaysia)

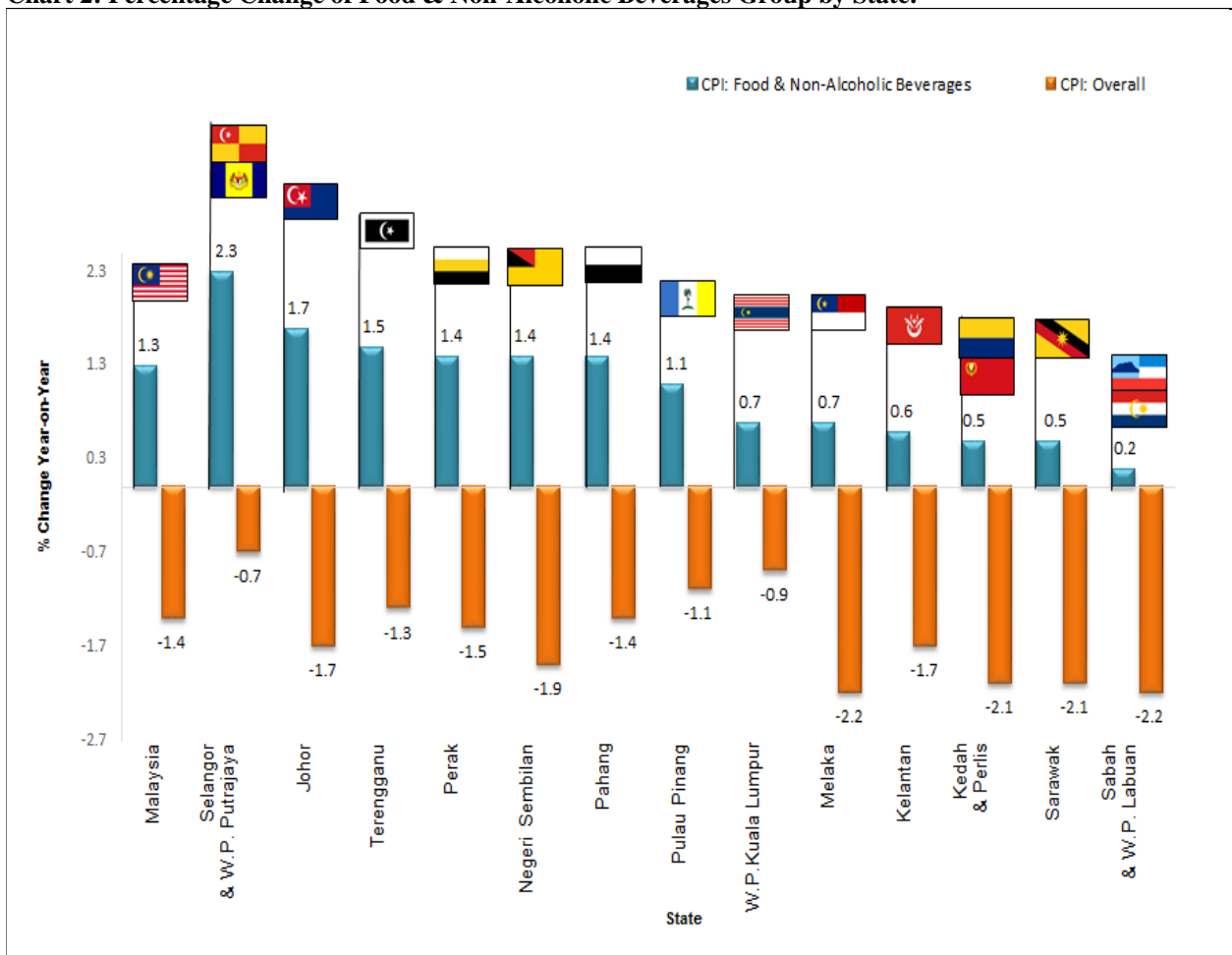
Malaysia's Fiscal deficit to GDP (%)



(Source: 21 September, The Star)

Malaysia's Consumer Price Index, August 2020

Chart 2: Percentage Change of Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages Group by State:



(Source: 23 September, Department of Statistics Malaysia)

CURRENT ISSUES

Rural folks hope govt will continue to provide aid: Rural people, especially farmers, hope the Government will continue to provide assistance, including subsidies, to them in the B40 group to ease their burden due to unpredictable weather and the enforcement of the Recovery Movement Control Order (PKPP). While praising Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Mohd Yasin for announcing additional assistance for the people under the National Prihatin Aid (BPN) 2.0, the B40 group hopes such assistance will continue. Vegetable and fruit farmer Jalinah Jukin, 54, who lives in Bayaon, Kiulu, thanked the premier for his concern over the problems faced by low-income people despite the country facing economic problems since the Movement Control Order (PKP) came into force last March. (27 September, Daily Express)

Water biggest issue faced by Kuala Penyu folks: Despite the Federal Government's recent announcement that RM11.5 million had been allocated this year to provide treated water supply to Kuala Penyu, Parti Cinta Sabah (PCS) candidate for the constituency, Cecilia Jompiuh, laments that the people continue to suffer from water problem. She believes the timing of the announcement has to do with the State election. She said the reality on the ground still shows many people in the district, 110km from the city, having to live with dry taps from time to time. (25 September, Daily Express)

No repairs on Marudu bridge: About 30 families appealed to the authorities to repair or upgrade the dilapidated bridge in Kg Rasak Darat which is a link to the main town here. One of the villagers, who is also a user of the dilapidated bridge, Jaqueline William, 32, said that their previous efforts, including highlighting the problem on Facebook, did not bear fruit. She said out of concern for safety, the villagers had to take another initiative through other roads that are farther, uneven and badly potholed. (23 September, Daily Express)

Penduduk minta jalan raya Kemabong-Rundum diperbaiki: Keadaan jalan raya Kemabong-Rundum yang rosak teruk perlu diperbaiki segera memandangkan ia adalah jalan perhubungan utama untuk penduduk sembilan buah

kampung di kawasan berdekatan. "Jalan raya itu digunakan oleh penduduk dari sembilan buah kampung yang berulang alik setiap hari menghantar anak mereka ke sekolah, mendapatkan rawatan di klinik atau membawa hasil pertanian mereka untuk dipasarkan di pekan," kata pemimpin tempatan Jaissen Buntang Ahunding. Menurutnya, jalan raya sejauh 5 kilometer itu rosak akibat digunakan lori balak kira-kira 15 tahun lalu. (15 September, Utusan Borneo)

Penduduk 22 buah kampung (Pitas) mohon tanah dikeluarkan dari kawasan sebuah syarikat: Penduduk dari 22 buah kampung dalam daerah Pitas memohon kepada kerajaan negeri agar mengeluarkan kira-kira 10 ribu ekar tanah milik mereka dari sebuah syarikat yang telah memiliki ribuan hektar tanah di daerah ini. Penduduk kampung keseluruhannya suku kaum Kimaragang mendesak apabila banyak kemusykilan yang dialami oleh mereka dalam memajukan tanah milik mereka sendiri seperti pekebun kecil iaitu pengusaha sawit tidak dapat memperbaharui lesen MPOB mereka kerana Jabatan Tanah dan Ukur tidak dapat mengeluarkan pengesahan tanah (geran) disebabkan tanah tersebut berada dalam pelan syarikat tersebut. (9 September, New Sabah Times)

Penduduk (Papar) tuntutan perkampungan diwartakan sebelum PRN: Para penduduk Kg. Baru, Kuala Kinarut, menuntut pemimpin-pemimpin masyarakat kawasan mereka serta Pihak Berkuasa Tempatan (PBT) dan Kerajaan Negeri meluluskan permohonan dan mewartakan kampung mereka sebagai sebuah kampung sebelum Pilihan Raya Negeri (PRN) akan datang. Pengerusi kampung berkenaan Sah Haji Salanda berkata tidak ada sebab mengapa permohonan yang telah mereka serahkan kepada Kementerian Perumahan Kerajaan Tempatan Sabah pada tahun 2012 serta PBT berkaitan masih belum mendapat kata putus hingga sekarang. "Semua permohonan kami dengan PBT untuk bekalan elektrik dan air bersih tertangguh disebabkan belum mendapat kelulusan 'Warta Kampung'," kata Sah. (1 September, New Sabah Times)

Kerajaan perlu bela nasib penduduk Kampung Sembulan Lama dan Kampung Sembulan Tengah: Kerajaan perlu memastikan nasib dan kepentingan penduduk Kampung Sembulan Lama dan Kampung Sembulan Tengah

diberikan keutamaan jika perkampungan itu dimajukan untuk pembangunan. "Kita tidak menolak hasrat kerajaan untuk membangunkan perkampungan itu untuk tujuan pembangunan bandar, namun begitu nasib dan kepentingan rakyat harus diberi keutamaan," kata Ketua UMNO Bahagian Putatan, Jeffrey Nor Mohamad. Menurutnya, walaupun penduduk menduduki kampung atas air itu secara TL atau Temporary Lease, tetapi kerajaan bertanggungjawab untuk memberikan mereka tempat untuk berpindah. "Perlu ada pelan penempatan semula yang strategik di tempat yang sama bagi menangani isu tanah dan sebagainya agar nasib dan kebajikan penduduk sentiasa terbela," katanya. (4 September, Utusan Borneo)

JPS, MDPg perlu segera atasi kerosakan blok parit monsun: Jabatan Pengairan dan Saliran (JPS) dan Majlis Daerah Penampang (MDPg) perlu mencari penyelesaian dengan segera berkaitan satu blok parit monsun yang telah runtuh di kawasan berdekatan dengan Taman Golf Garden. Setiausaha Politik kepada Ahli Parlimen Penampang Pritchard Gumbaris berkata, dalam lawatan baru-baru ini bersama JPS dan MDPg ke kawasan kejadian mendapati blok parit berkenaan runtuh. "Saya berharap kerjasama juga diberi oleh pihak penduduk yang mungkin terlibat dengan dinding parit monsun yang runtuh. "Parit monsun yang runtuh terletak di kawasan rumah yang telah melakukan pengubahsuaian terhadap landskap kawasan mereka," katanya dalam satu kenyataan. (8 September, Utusan Borneo)

Pengusaha rayu atasi masalah banjir di Lok Kawi Industrial Estate: Para pengusaha di kawasan perindustrian 'Lok Kawi Industrial Estate' merayu kepada kerajaan supaya menyelesaikan masalah banjir yang melanda kawasan itu akibat hujan sehingga menjejaskan sebarang aktiviti perniagaan di kawasan terbabit. Salah seorang pengusaha, Raymond Ho Chun Sin berkata, masalah banjir terutama di kawasan industri terbabit sudah berlarutan sejak sekian lama dan bertambah teruk apabila terdapat pembinaan Lebuhraya Pan Borneo. Jelas beliau, perkara tersebut sudah dipanjangkan kepada pihak berkaitan termasuk Majlis Daerah Papar namun tiada tindakan sewajarnya diambil untuk menyelesaikan permasalahan yang menjejaskan beberapa perusahaan di kawasan terbabit. (19 September, Utusan Borneo)