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Angin Kencang, Laut Bergelora Dijangka Berterusan Hingga Sabtu



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KUALA LUMPUR, 1 Mac (Bernama) -- Angin kencang timur laut dan laut bergelora di perairan Kelantan, Terengganu, Pahang dan Johor Timur diramal berterusan sehingga Sabtu ini.

Menurut kenyataan **Jabatan Meteorologi Malaysia** hari ini, angin kencang berkelajuan 40 hingga 50 kilometer sejam (kmsj) dengan ketinggian ombak sehingga 3.5 meter itu berbahaya kepada bot-bot kecil, rekreasi dan sukan laut.

Keadaan serupa juga diramal berlaku di perairan Samui, Tioman, Bunguran, Condore, Reef North, Layang-Layang, Reef South dan Palawan.

Keadaan angin kencang dan laut bergelora ini berbahaya kepada bot-bot kecil, rekreasi laut dan sukan laut.

Selain itu, kawasan pantai di Kelantan, Terengganu, Pahang dan Johor Timur terdedah kepada kenaikan paras air laut sehingga Sabtu.

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Gempa Bumi Sederhana Landa Laut Banda

KUALA LUMPUR, 1 Mac (Bernama) -- Gempa bumi sederhana berukuran 5.7 pada skala Richter berlaku pada 2.59 petang ini di Laut Banda, 1,761 km dari tenggara Semporna, Sabah, menurut Jabatan Meteorologi Malaysia.

Bagaimanapun gempa bumi itu tidak membawa ancaman tsunami.

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Operasi bersepadu perangi tayar celup



MENTERI Pengangkutan, Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai diberi taklimat mengenai tayar celup oleh Pengurus Besar Kanan Jabatan Pensijilan Barangan Sirim QAS International, Basori Selamat sebelum sidang media "Ops Bersepadu Khas Tayar Celup" di Putrajaya. - Foto Mohd Fadli Hamzah

PUTRAJAYA: Jabatan Pengangkutan Jalan (JPJ) merampas 480 tayar celup komersial bernilai RM247,500 dalam dua Ops Bersepadu Khas Tayar Celup. Menteri Pengangkutan, Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai, berkata operasi itu dijalankan selepas mengambil kira kebanyakan kemalangan membabitkan kenderaan berat berlaku akibat kegagalan tayar dan pelanggaran serpihan tayar di lebuh raya.

Jelas beliau, berdasarkan maklumat yang diterima daripada PLUS Malaysia Berhad (PLUS) selaku pengendali Lebuhraya Utara Selatan, sebanyak 1,485 kes kemalangan terjadi tahun lalu disebabkan perlanggaran objek di mana 41.3 peratus dari objek berkenaan adalah serpihan tayar. "Melalui serbuan pertama yang dijalankan pada 23 Februari lalu di Kawasan Perindustrian Bukit Beruntung (Selangor), sebanyak 265 tayar celup disita bersama 1,282 pelekat SIRIM palsu bernilai RM140,000.

"Serbuan kedua pada 28 Februari lalu di Kawasan Perindustrian Senawang, Negeri Sembilan pula berjaya menyita 215 tayar celup dengan 92 pelekat SIRIM palsu bernilai RM107,500, selain menahan sembilan pekerja warga asing yang kemudiannya diserahkan kepada pihak Imigresen untuk tindakan lanjut.

"Dalam serbuan itu, kita turut menahan dua warga tempatan yang juga pemilik kilang berkenaan," katanya pada sidang media Ops Bersepadu Khas Tayar Celup di kementeriannya di sini, hari ini. Hadir sama Ketua Pengarah JPJ, Datuk Seri Nadzri Siron. Tiong Lai berkata operasi berkenaan juga secara tidak langsung dapat membanteras kegiatan pembuatan tayar celup yang tidak mengikut piawaian.

"Harga tayar celup yang mengikut piawaian dan mempunyai cop SIRIM ialah sekitar RM1,150 manakala bagi tayar celup palsu, harganya 50 peratus lebih rendah iaitu sekitar RM400. "Operasi bersepadu ini dijalankan dengan kerjasama Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM), Kementerian Perdagangan Dalam Negeri, Koperasi dan Kepenggunaan (KPDNKK), Kastam Diraja Malaysia, Jabatan Imigresen serta **SIRIM Berhad**," katanya.

'Gam' bunga tayar botak

■ Dua tauke kilang ditahan dalam serbuan JPJ, STAFOC

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Putrajaya

Segelintir pengilang tayar celup dilesan hanya melekatkan bunga tayar baru di atas tayar lori yang sudah botak sebelum menjualnya pada harga serendah RM400.

Berdasarkan penghasilan tidak berkualiti, tayar itu mudah pecah menyebabkan serpihannya tertanggal di jalan raya, seterusnya membahayakan pengguna.

Tayar baru untuk kegunaan kenderaan seperti lori dan bas dianggarkan berharga RM1,150 seunit dan tayar celup palsu pula dijual 50 peratus lebih murah.

Bagi membanteras kegiatan penghasilan tayar celup tidak sah itu, Pasukan Tindakan Khas (PTK) Jabatan Pengangkutan Jalan (JPJ), melancarkan Ops Bersepadu

Khas Tayar Celup pada 23 dan 28 Februari lalu.

Hasil serbuan di dua lokasi berasingan di kawasan perindustrian Bukit Beruntung, Selangor dan Senawang, Negeri Sembilan, pasukan itu merampas 480 tayar celup palsu dengan nilai RM240,000.

Menteri Pengangkutan Datuk Seri Liew Tiong Lai ketika mengumumkan kejayaan itu berkata, PTK JPJ melakukan perancangan dan risikan selama dua bulan sebelum mengesan beberapa lokasi menghasilkan tayar celup tidak sah.

Menurutnya, operasi bersepadu itu turut mendapat kerjasama Unit Petugas Khas Jenayah Terancang (STAFOC) serta Bahagian Penguat Kuasa Kementerian Perdagangan Dalam Negeri, Koperasi dan Kepenggunaan (KPDNKK).

"Hasil serbuan di lokasi pertama, 265 tayar celup serta 1,282 pelekat SIRIM MS224-2005 palsu bernilai

RM140,000 dirampas. Sembilan pekerja warga asing serta dua pemilik kilang turut ditahan.

"Pada serbuan kedua di jalankan kelmarin, 215 tayar celup bernilai RM107,500 dirampas," katanya pada sidang media di Kementerian Pengangkutan, semalam.

Turut hadir Ketua Setiausaha Kementerian Datuk Seri Saripuddin Kassim, Pengurus Besar Kanan Jabatan Penguat Kuasa SIRIM QAS International Basori Selamat serta Ketua Pengarah JPJ Datuk Seri Nadzri Siron.

Kes disiasat mengikut Seksyen 29 (2) (b) Akta Perihal Dagangan 2011 iaitu melanggar Perintah Penandaan Tayar Pneumatik, sabit kesalahan pemilik kilang boleh didenda RM100,000 atau tiga tahun penjara atau kedua-duanya sekali.

"Kesalahan menghasilkan tayar celup palsu ini me-

mang serius kerana penggunaannya di jalan raya begitu berisiko selain membahayakan nyawa," katanya.

Menurut Liew, pada operasi itu, seorang suspek ditahan

berikutan cuba memberi suapan kepada penjawat awam.

"Suspek cuba menyogok RM50,000 sebagai dorongan tidak mengenakan tindakan penguatkuasaan ke atas

premisnya.

"Kes ini akan disiasat Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) mengikut Seksyen 17B Akta SPRM 2009," katanya.

LIEW (empat dari kiri) mendengar penerangan mengenai tayar celup yang disampaikan Basori.



Illegal tyre-retread factories raided



How it's done: Liow listening to Sirim QAS International senior general manager Basori Selamat (third from left) as he explains how a tyre is retreaded after a meeting on the operation of retreaded pneumatic tyres in Putrajaya.

End of the road for two producers suspected of using fake Sirim labels

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PUTRAJAYA: The authorities have put the brakes on two illegal tyre-retread factories suspected of using fake Sirim certification and labels.

Transport Minister Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai said the tyres produced did not comply with set standards and were a danger to the users and others on roads.

He said highway operator PLUS Malaysia Bhd reported 1,485 accidents last year due to collision with objects on the road and that 41.3% were tyres and tyre debris.

"There are many fatal accidents on roads due to retreaded tyres that do not meet standards," he said at a press conference yesterday.

To prevent this, the authorities launched *Ops Bersepadu Khas Tayar Celup*.

The operation was led by the Road Transport Department and involved members of the police's Special Task Force on Organised Crime, Domestic Trade, Cooperatives and Consumerism Ministry, **Sirim**, Customs Department, Immigration Department and Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission.

They raided the factories in Bukit Beruntung and Senawang in Negri Sembilan on Feb 23 and 28.

A total of 480 retreaded tyres meant for commercial vehicles, worth RM247,500, were seized along with 1,374 Sirim MS224-2005 labels that were suspected to be fake.

The factory owners were detained in the raids while another person was arrested for trying to bribe the raiding team with RM50,000.

Liow said that under Section 29 (2) (b) of the Trade Descriptions Act 2011, offenders can be fined up to RM100,000 or jailed up to three years, or both.

In the raid at Bukit Beruntung, nine foreigners were also detained, with further action to be taken by the Immigration Department.

The factories have been sealed by the authorities.

Liow said tabs would be kept on factories producing retreads, to ensure that they follow the standards set by Sirim.

He said there were only 82 factories with Sirim certification to produce such tyres in the country.

Illegal factories would be rooted out and shut down, he said.



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Liow (centre) listening to Sirim QAS International senior general manager Basori Selamat (in white) on the seizure of the retreaded tyres yesterday.

Tyre factories busted

> 11 held for producing retreads with fake Sirim stickers

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PUTRAJAYA: Eleven individuals, including nine

foreigners, were arrested at two factories here for producing retreaded tyres with unauthorised Sirim Malaysian Standard stickers.

Transport Minister Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai said during the operation, code-named "Ops Bersepadu Khas Tayar Celup", Road Transport Department (RTD) personnel seized 480 retreaded commercial tyres worth RM247,500 and 1,374 Sirim MS224-2005 stickers.

"The operation, led by the RTD, was conducted at the premises in Bukit Beruntung in Rawang and Senawang in Negeri Sembilan on Feb 23 and Feb 28 respectively.

"The nine foreigners detained in Bukit Beruntung have been handed over to the Immigration Department for further action while the two factory owners, who were arrested at their premises, are liable to face legal action under Section 29 (2) (b) of the Trade Description Act 2011," Liow said at a press conference at his ministry yesterday.

He added one suspect was also arrested for trying to bribe the authorities with RM50,000 to prevent them from taking action.

"For his action, he will be investigated under Section 17B of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) Act 2009," he said.

Liow said the main objective of the operation was to stop the production of retreaded tyres that do not follow the standards that have been set.

He added that usage of unapproved retreaded tyres posed a danger to the safety of road users.

Meanwhile, Bernama reported that Liow said almost 100 retreaded tyre manufacturers have been operating in the country without adhering to the standards set by Sirim.

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HIGHER EDUCATION

SOCIETY DEMANDS MORE FROM OUR UNIVERSITIES

The strategic way forward is to produce grads with the talent to face the challenges in this globalised world

It is now common knowledge among those in higher education that challenging times lie ahead. Managing higher education will not be easy in the coming years. Many admit it will be an uphill battle. For private universities, there are already signs of declining student numbers. This is not sustainable. Somehow, a growing number of students are exploring other options to equip themselves with the needed professional skills. The traditional ways of university education are becoming less effective. Public universities, on the other hand, are at a loss to cope with the sudden fairly drastic budget cuts. With little experience to generate alternative incomes, most take the easy way out. Already many have terminated the services of their lecturers. Even the very experienced professors are not spared. Many fear the long-term impact of such measures can be damaging for the universities.

Undoubtedly, education is an important investment. Future leaders are developed through good education. These include leaders in government, industry, academia and the society at large. There is plentiful evidence to show that wise investment in education would enhance the chance of making better headway in business, technology development and innovation.

And, in the education pathway, higher education is seen as the most critical stage. It provides the final touches as students prepare to take that plunge into industry. It would be risky if the quality of graduates does not meet the demands of industry and society. This is the reason why the curriculum designed



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must take into account inputs from society and the business community. Graduates nowadays are supposed to be trained not only to acquire the right skills, but also imbued with the right mindset to contribute to society.

The big question before us now is, are our universities catering to such demands? Views are mixed on such a question. There are those who believe that they are producing talents that meet the expectations of industry and are good research for the world. The impact factor of their research has also been soaring upwards, as maintained by the ministry.

But, there are those who disagree. The industry frequently complains about the quality of our graduates not fully meeting their criteria of good talent. They say most are poor in their communication skills and other interpersonal attributes.

Apparently, graduates from the private universities fare better compared with their public university counterparts. And, on research, society complains they have not seen the fruits.

In a globalised world rife with competition, most people agree that innovation strength is a key factor if a nation is to rise above the competition. This is where universities can sow the seeds through their activities in research and development (R&D). However, innovation can only be felt by society if the R&D findings are effectively shared with the public. Unfortunately, most of the R&D only aim for publications in tier one peer-reviewed journals. That is the key performance indicators (KPIs) for the academics in the country. The sad part of it all is that such journals are limited in terms of readership. Only those in the same discipline read them.

The findings do not effectively reach out to other readers which also matter such as the policy-makers, the business people and society at large. A recent article titled, "Prof, no one is using your ideas" which was published in Singapore's *The Straits Times* gave some clear illustration why the KPIs of varsity professors need to change. They need to

reach out more to those outside their own narrow discipline. Especially, society at large.

It is clear society demands more from universities. Universities need to engage society more in order to regain their credibility as a source of talent and knowledge. And, the knowledge must not be just to fill the pages of some tier one journals. Knowledge must be developed in the interest of society at large. Only then will the public confidence in varsities return. With such confidence and trust will eventually come the support the universities desperately need to sustain themselves, including the financial support. Some universities are already contemplating reinventing themselves to cope with the emerging challenges. The enterprise university concept has slowly gained traction in some varsities as the strategic way forward.

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BERITA HARIAN (VARSITI) : MUKA SURAT V15
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Program penyelidikan produk halal



Penyelidik IPPH menunjukkan proses ujian sampel makanan yang dijalankan di institut berkenaan.



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Syarat kelayakan

→ Mempunyai kelulusan ijazah sarjana muda dalam bidang sains berkaitan seperti Mikrobiologi, Kimia, Teknologi Makanan, Bioteknologi, Sains Komputer, Kejuruteraan dan Undang-undang

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Aspek kualiti, keselamatan dan status halal sesuatu produk makanan menjadi antara perkara dititikberatkan dalam kalangan pengguna terutama yang beragama Islam pada hari ini.

Perkembangan industri halal di negara ini juga membuatkan lebih ramai tenaga pakar dan teknologi baru diperlukan bagi menjayakan hasrat kerajaan untuk menjadikan negara ini sebagai hub halal.

Berikutan itu, bagi melahirkan lebih ramai tenaga mahir dan pakar dalam bidang halal serta menghasilkan pelbagai inovasi untuk kegunaan

industri, Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) adalah antara universiti yang menawarkan program pascasiswazah penyelidikan produk halal melalui Institut Penyelidikan Produk Halal (IPPH) sejak 2006.

Pengarah IPPH, Prof Datuk Mohd Yazid Manap, berkata program sarjana dan doktor falsafah (PhD) yang ditawarkan di IPPH berasaskan penyelidikan merangkumi empat bidang pilihan iaitu sains, pembangunan dan pengurusan produk halal serta syariah dan undang-undang halal.

Beliau berkata, bidang sains produk halal memberi tumpuan kepada penyelidikan dan inovasi teknik autentikasi dan pengesanan kontinuiti tidak halal, kontaminan dan bahan toksik dalam produk makanan dan bukan makanan termasuk

produk pengajanan kesihatan.

"Penyelidikan dan inovasi dalam bidang ini termasuklah pengembangan kaedah pengesanan dengan menggunakan pelbagai teknik dan prosedur antaranya kromatografi, spektroskopi, molekul biologi, nanoteknologi, proteomik, metabolomik dan bioinformatik serta aspek toyibban (jaminan kualiti).

Kesucian produk halal

Selain itu, yang turut diamatir kira aspek keselamatan, kesempurnaan, khasiat makanan dan pemakanan, kesan kesihatan produk halal kepada pengguna serta aspek pengeluaran pertanian meliputi pengurusan penyembelihan dan pengurusan pembekalan berantai," katanya ketika ditemui di sini, baru-baru ini.

Beliau berkata, bidang

pembangunan produk halal pula merangkumi penyelidikan, pengembangan dan pengkomersialan produk serta proses yang memenuhi keperluan halal bagi industri makanan, farmaseutikal dan kosmetik.

"Program pengajian ini juga membangunkan produk halal termasuklah enzim, haruman, vaksin, ubat serta ramuan kosmetik dan farmaseutikal halal. Selain itu, pelajar turut menjalankan penyelidikan untuk membangunkan pembungkusan halal, pemprosesan produk tenusu, produk fermentasi dan teknologi penghasilan etanol.

"Bidang pengurusan produk halal pula merangkumi pengurusan strategik, operasi, kualiti, logistik, perniagaan antarabangsa, pemasaran dan gelagat pengguna produk halal

serta pelancongan dan hospitaliti (perspektif Islam). Kelainan bidang pengajian ini berbanding pengurusan biasa ialah bukan saja memberi penekanan kepada aspek pengurusan produk halal tetapi juga pemakaian prinsip syariah," katanya.

Katanya, bidang syariah dan undang-undang halal pula memberi tumpuan kepada pembangunan serta isu semasa undang-undang produk halal termasuklah pengurusan fatwa halal, sistem dan pentadbiran undang-undang Islam, undang-undang perdagangan antarabangsa, perlindungan pengguna, liabiliti serta keselamatan produk.

"Kelainan bidang pengajian ini berbanding bidang undang-undang biasa ialah turut memberi penekanan kepada kesucian produk halal, malah

juga pemakaian prinsip undang-undang Islam dalam perniagaan moden.

"Pelajar berkelayakan boleh memilih untuk menyambung pengajian pada peringkat sarjana atau PhD di IPPH yang masing-masing membabitkan tempoh pengajian selama setahun setengah dan tiga tahun setengah," katanya.

Prof Mohd Yazid berkata, pengajian di IPPH memberi peluang kepada pelajar meneroka pelbagai bidang penyelidikan berkaitan produk halal menggunakan kemudahan makmal dilengkapi dengan teknologi yang canggih serta mendapat kerjasama dan sokongan pelbagai agensi seperti Jabatan Kemajuan Islam Malaysia (JAKIM), Jabatan Standard Malaysia (DSM) dan Perbadanan Kemajuan Industri Halal (HDC).