

**PUTRAJAYA:** The unit price index of cement recorded an increase in December 2025, ranging from 1.2% to 3.2% as compared to the previous month, said Chief Statistician Malaysia Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin.

He added that the highest increase in the price index of this material was recorded in Terengganu and Kelantan (3.2%), followed by Penang, Kedah and Perlis (1.8%) and Pahang (1.6%).

He also said that the unit price index of sand showed a slight increase in December 2025, with month-on-month change ranging from 0.1% to 4.8% in all areas in Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak.

The unit price index of steel recorded a slight increase in December 2025, ranging from 0.1% to 1% as compared to the previous month. In addition, the price index of steel and metal sections also registered an increase in December 2025, with month-on-month changes between 0.1% to 1.1% across all areas in Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak.

An annual comparison for the period of December 2024 and December 2025 has indicated that the unit price index for steel recorded a decline ranging from -3.2% to -7.1% involving most areas in Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak.

The highest decrease in the unit price index for steel was observed in Sibü (-7.1%) and followed by Penang, Kedah and Perlis (-6.8%) and Kota Kinabalu (-6.5%).

Nevertheless, the year-on-year comparison of the unit price index of cement increased between 2% to 6.1% in December 2025 as compared to the same month last year across all areas in Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak.

The highest increase was seen in Pahang (6.1%) followed by Tawau (5.4%) and Sandakan (5%).

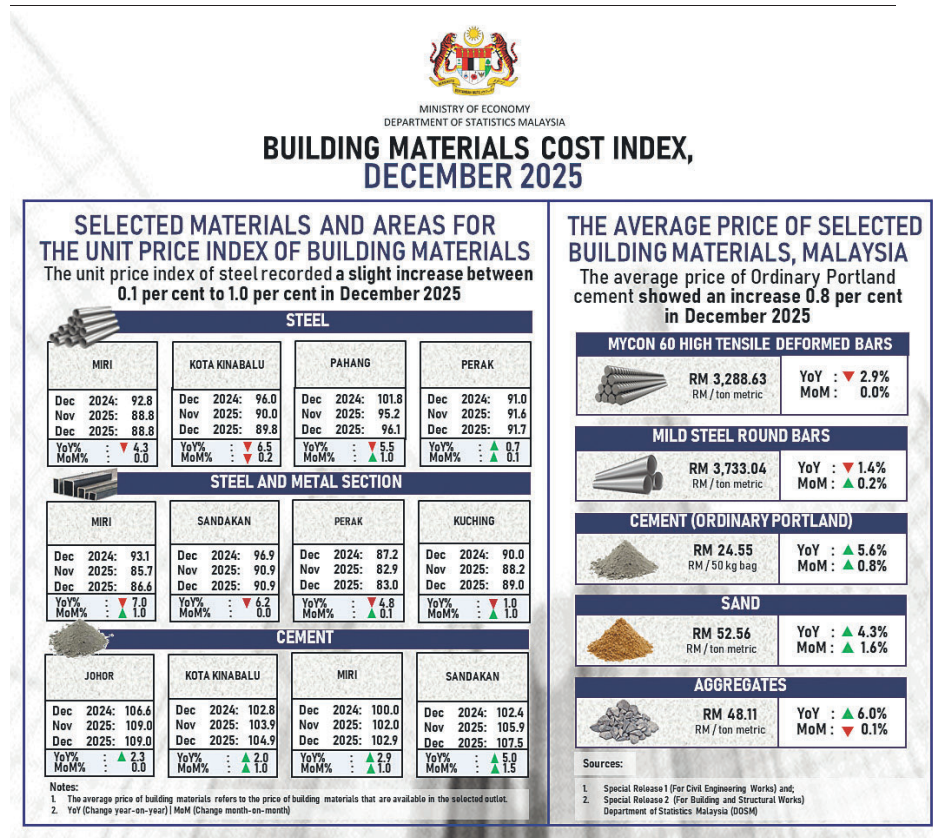
Mohd Uzir said that the average price per unit of steel, consisting of mild steel round bars and Mycon 60 high tensile deformed bars, recorded a slight increase of 0.1% with an average price of RM3,512.10 per metric tonne as compared to the previous month (Nov 2025: RM3,509.60 per metric tonne).

In addition, the average price of Ordinary Portland cement showed an increase (0.8%) with an average price of RM24.55 per 50kg bag, as compared to November 2025 (RM24.35 per 50kg bag).

A monthly comparison of BCI with steel bars for all building categories in Peninsular Malaysia recorded a slight increase ranging from 0.1% to 2% in December 2025

# Unit price of cement rises in December

➤ Higher by 1.2% to 3.2% from November, with sand and steel also showing increases



as compared to the previous month. The increase for BCI with steel was recorded for all building categories and areas in Peninsular Malaysia.

The BCI with steel bars in Sabah recorded a slight increase 0.1% to 0.9% for all building categories in December 2025 as compared to the previous month.

A month-on-month comparison

of BCI with steel bars in Sarawak registered a slight decrease ranging from -0.1% to -0.2% for several categories of buildings in Sibü. Meanwhile, the BCI for steel bars in all categories in Kuching and Miri recorded increases ranging from 0.1% to 0.5%.

The Department of Statistics Malaysia is conducting the Economic

Census 2026 themed Data Nadi Ekonomi Rakyat. The 6th Economic Census, running from Jan 5 to Oct 31 aims to collect comprehensive, structured data from all registered and unregistered business establishments in Malaysia to assess the nation's economic performance, structure and characteristics in an evidence-based manner.