

2025 DATA

# MALAYSIA'S INFLATION EASES TO 1.4PC

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**M**ALAYSIA'S inflation moderated to 1.4 per cent in 2025 compared with 1.8 per cent in the previous year, backed by the firmer ringgit, sustained household spending and initiatives by the government.

The Statistics Department said government initiatives to distribute RON95 petrol subsidies to Malaysians, to a certain extent, helped to curb further increases in inflation.

"This rate is within the inflation range projected by Bank Ne-

gara Malaysia and the Finance Ministry, between 1.0 and 2.0 per cent for 2025," it said regarding the analysis of Consumer Price Index (CPI) 2025.

Chief statistician Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin said inflation in 2025 was contributed by the inflation of housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (1.6 per cent); health (1.2 per cent); recreation, sports and culture (1.1 per cent); transport (0.4 per cent) and furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance (0.2 per cent).

He said personal care, social protection and miscellaneous

goods and services logged a higher increase at 4.4 per cent compared with 2024's 3.0 per cent, followed by insurance and financial services (3.4 per cent), restaurants and accommodation services (3.2 per cent), education (2.3 per cent), and food and beverages (2.1 per cent).

He said information and communication, and clothing and footwear posted declines of -4.3 and -0.2 per cent last year, respectively.

"The highest inflation throughout 2025 was recorded in January 2025 at 1.7 per cent and edged down to 1.1 per cent in June 2025,

contributed by a slower trend in the inflation of food and beverages, and housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels.

"Nevertheless, the inflation trend picked up in the second half," he said.

Uzir said core inflation rose 2.0 per cent in 2025 compared with 1.8 per cent in 2024, contributed by the personal care, social protection and miscellaneous goods and services (4.4 per cent), food and beverages (3.4 per cent), insurance and financial services (3.4 per cent), and restaurant and accommodation services (3.2 per cent).

He said most states posted

slower inflation, with four states exceeding the national inflation rate of 1.4 per cent last year, namely Johor (2.0 per cent), Selangor (1.7 per cent), Negeri Sembilan (1.7 per cent) and Melaka (1.5 per cent).

"Kelantan recorded the lowest increase at 0.3 per cent," he said.

Uzir said compared with inflation in other selected countries, the inflation rate in Asean nations ranged from -0.3 to 7.7 per cent in 2025.

"Laos recorded the highest inflation at 7.7 per cent, while Brunei recorded the lowest inflation at -0.3 per cent," he added.



According to chief statistician Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin, core inflation rose 2.0 per cent in 2025 compared with 1.8 per cent in 2024. NSTP FILE PIC