

Malaysia's services producer price index up 2.1% in 1Q

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KUALA LUMPUR (May 7): Malaysia's services producer price index (PPI) rose 2.1% year-on-year in the first quarter of 2026 (1Q2026), compared with 1.0% recorded in 4Q2025, according to the Department of Statistics Malaysia.

In a statement on Thursday, chief statistician Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin said the increase was mainly driven by higher accommodation and food and beverage (F&B) service activities, transportation, and education.

"The accommodation and F&B service activities index rose 5.7%, compared with 3.1% in the previous quarter, driven by a higher restaurant and mobile food service activities index (5.2%) and beverage service activities (3.1%).

"The transportation index increased 3.8% from 2.2% in 4Q2025, mainly due to a 6.4% rise in the passenger air transport index," he said.

On education, Mohd Uzir said the index increased 1.9% (4Q2025: 1.5%), supported by secondary education (1.7%) and higher education (1.5%).

"Other indices that registered increases were arts, entertainment and recreation (1.6%), health (1.5%), professional services (1.0%) and real estate activities (0.6%)," he said.

He added that the information and communication index recorded a marginal increase of 0.1%, rebounding from a 0.1% decline in 4Q2025, mainly due to the computer programming, consultancy and related activities index (0.8%).

Mohd Uzir further said that on a quarter-on-quarter basis, the services PPI increased 1.4%, compared with a 0.3% increase in 4Q2025.

"This increase was mainly contributed by the arts, entertainment and recreation index (6.3%), and accommodation and food and beverage service activities (3.5%).

"Other contributing sectors were transportation (1.6%), education (1.1%), health (1.0%) and professional services (0.8%), while the real estate activities and information and communication indices recorded marginal increases of 0.4% and 0.2% respectively," he said.