

FT' SOCIOECONOMIC PERFORMANCE REMAINS RESILIENT IN Q1 2026, SUPPORTED BY STABLE LABOUR MARKET - DOSM

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PUTRAJAYA, May 21 (Bernama) -- The Federal Territories' socioeconomic performance remained resilient in the first quarter of 2026 (Q1 2026), supported by sustainable economic activity, a stable labour market, positive business sentiment, and controlled price movements, according to the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM).

In the *Federal Territories State Socioeconomic Indicators, First Quarter 2026* report released today, Chief Statistician Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin said the national economy continued to grow by 5.4 per cent in Q1 2026 to RM437.7 billion, compared with 6.2 per cent in the previous quarter.

"Malaysia's economy continued to expand in the first quarter of 2026, reflecting the resilience of economic fundamentals and stable growth conditions amid a challenging global environment," he said in a statement here today.

Mohd Uzir said Kuala Lumpur continued to strengthen its position as Malaysia's main economic and commercial centre in the first quarter of 2026, supported by ongoing economic activities and resilient labour market conditions.

The labour force in the capital stood at 1.21 million people, with a labour force participation rate (LFPR) of 76 per cent, while the unemployment rate remained stable at 3.4 per cent, he added.

He said that in terms of external trade, Kuala Lumpur's exports reached RM14 billion while imports increased 4.1 per cent to RM29.7 billion, reflecting continued domestic demand and trade activity.

"Looking ahead, business sentiment remains positive with a net balance of 0.5 per cent for the January to June 2026 period, indicating continued confidence among business operators," he said.

He added that consumer prices increased moderately by 2.2 per cent in March 2026, reflecting manageable inflationary pressures amid uncertainty in global commodity prices.

Meanwhile, Mohd Uzir said Putrajaya continued to record stable socioeconomic performance as the nation's administrative centre, with the labour force increasing to 62,900 people and recording the highest LFPR among the Federal Territories at 79.2 per cent.

He said the unemployment rate in Putrajaya remained low at 1.3 per cent, while business expectations were highly encouraging with a net balance of 11.9 per cent, reflecting positive

prospects for economic activity in the near term.

Mohd Uzir said Labuan also continued to be supported by resilient business and industrial activities, with exports amounting to RM1.3 billion and imports at RM831 million during the quarter.

He said the territory also recorded a labour force of 47,200 people with an LFPR of 67.1 per cent, while the unemployment rate stood at 5.1 per cent.

“Business sentiment also remained positive with a net balance of 0.7 per cent, supported by a manufacturing capacity utilisation rate of 94.4 per cent. Inflation increased to 2.4 per cent in March 2026, reflecting moderate price movements during the quarter,” he added.

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PRESTASI SOSIOEKONOMI WP KEKAL BERDAYA TAHAN PADA ST1 2026, DISOKONG PASARAN BURUH STABIL

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PUTRAJAYA, 21 Mei (Bernama) -- Prestasi sosioekonomi Wilayah Persekutuan (WP) kekal berdaya tahan pada suku tahun pertama 2026 (ST1 2026), disokong oleh aktiviti ekonomi mampan, pasaran buruh stabil, sentimen perniagaan positif serta pergerakan harga terkawal, menurut Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia (DOSM).

Dalam Indikator Sosioekonomi Negeri Wilayah Persekutuan, Suku Tahun Pertama 2026 diterbitkan hari ini, Ketua Perangkawan Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin berkata ekonomi negara terus berkembang sebanyak 5.4 peratus pada ST1 2026 kepada RM437.7 bilion berbanding 6.2 peratus pada suku tahun sebelumnya.

"Ekonomi Malaysia terus berkembang pada ST1 2026, mencerminkan daya tahan asas ekonomi serta keadaan pertumbuhan stabil dalam persekitaran global yang mencabar," katanya dalam kenyataan di sini hari ini.

Mohd Uzir berkata Kuala Lumpur terus mengukuhkan kedudukannya sebagai pusat ekonomi dan komersial utama Malaysia pada ST1 2026, disokong oleh aktiviti ekonomi yang berterusan dan keadaan pasaran buruh berdaya tahan.

Beliau berkata tenaga buruh di ibu negara berjumlah 1.21 juta orang dengan kadar penyertaan tenaga buruh (LFPR) sebanyak 76 peratus, manakala kadar pengangguran kekal stabil pada 3.4 peratus.

Katanya dari sudut perdagangan luar, eksport Kuala Lumpur mencecah RM14 bilion manakala import meningkat 4.1 peratus kepada RM29.7 bilion, mencerminkan permintaan domestik dan aktiviti perdagangan yang berterusan.

"Memandang ke hadapan, sentimen perniagaan kekal positif dengan baki bersih 0.5 peratus untuk tempoh Januari hingga Jun 2026, menunjukkan keyakinan berterusan dalam kalangan pengendali perniagaan," katanya.

Beliau berkata harga pengguna meningkat secara sederhana 2.2 peratus pada Mac 2026, mencerminkan tekanan inflasi yang boleh diurus di tengah-tengah ketidakpastian harga komoditi global.

Sementara itu, Mohd Uzir berkata Putrajaya terus mencatat prestasi sosioekonomi stabil sebagai pusat pentadbiran negara dengan tenaga buruh meningkat kepada 62,900 orang dan merekodkan LFPR tertinggi dalam kalangan Wilayah Persekutuan iaitu 79.2 peratus.

Beliau berkata kadar pengangguran di Putrajaya kekal rendah pada 1.3 peratus, manakala jangkaan perniagaan amat menggalakkan dengan baki bersih sebanyak 11.9 peratus mencerminkan prospek positif untuk aktiviti ekonomi dalam jangka masa terdekat.

Mohd Uzir berkata Labuan pula terus disokong oleh aktiviti perniagaan dan industri yang berdaya tahan, dengan eksport berjumlah RM1.3 bilion dan import RM831 juta pada suku tersebut.

Beliau berkata wilayah itu turut merekodkan tenaga buruh seramai 47,200 orang dengan LFPR sebanyak 67.1 peratus, sementara kadar pengangguran berada pada 5.1 peratus.

"Sentimen perniagaan juga kekal positif dengan baki bersih 0.7 peratus, disokong oleh kadar penggunaan kapasiti pembuatan sebanyak 94.4 peratus. Inflasi meningkat kepada 2.4 peratus pada Mac 2026, mencerminkan pergerakan harga sederhana pada suku tersebut," katanya.

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