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GEORGE TOWN (June 16): Malaysia's total trade expanded to RM3.1 trillion in 2025, comprising RM1.6 trillion in exports and RM1.5 trillion in imports, with Penang continuing to lead the nation's export performance, according to the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM).

Penang accounted for 38.1% of Malaysia's total exports, followed by Johor (19.8%), Selangor (17.0%), Sarawak (6.4%) and Kuala Lumpur (3.7%), said chief statistician Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin in the Malaysia External Trade Statistics by State 2026 report released Tuesday.

"Strong export growth was driven by electronic integrated circuits and other electrical and electronic (E&E) products, particularly in Penang, Selangor and Johor.

"Refined petroleum products contributed to exports in Johor, while palm oil was among the key contributors to exports in Sabah and Sarawak," he said in a statement Tuesday.

Mohd Uzir said the report also showed that Malaysia's Trade Openness Index (TOI) rose to 151.0 in 2025 from 149.0 in the previous year, reflecting stronger integration between trade and the economy.

He noted that Penang recorded the highest TOI at 575.1 in 2024, up from 540.6 in 2023, followed by Johor at 332.1 and Kedah at 234.2, the only three states to surpass the national level.

The TOI measures the degree of de-

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pendence of international trade in goods on the economy, while the index can be used to analyse trade patterns and the importance of trade to the economy, he said.

He said the TOI by state for 2025 is still being compiled, pending completion of state-level gross domestic product estimates, and will be published in the next release.

Mohd Uzir said other states that recorded higher exports were Johor (+RM12.6 billion), Selangor (+RM7.6 billion), Melaka (+RM4.2 billion), Perak (+RM117.4 million), Sabah (+RM134.7 million) and Perlis (+RM0.5 million).

However, he said exports declined in Sarawak (-RM15.1 billion), Kedah (-RM10.3 billion), Terengganu (-RM8.4 billion), Kuala Lumpur (-RM4.8 billion), Pahang (-RM4.8 billion), Negeri Sembilan (-RM1.4 billion), Labuan (-RM1.0 billion) and Kelantan (-RM96.0 million).

On imports, Mohd Uzir said Malaysia recorded a 6.0% increase to RM1.5 trillion in 2025, and Penang again led the increase in imports, rising by RM60.4 billion, followed by Kuala Lumpur (+RM24.8 billion), Selangor (+RM23.5 billion), Johor (+RM6.5 billion), Perak (+RM2.9 billion), Sabah (+RM582.8 million) and Kelantan (+RM112.7 million).

"Selangor continued to dominate Malaysia's imports with a share of 26.3%, followed by Penang with 24.4%, Johor (22.3%), Kuala Lumpur (8.9%) and Kedah (4.9%)," he said.

Imports were supported by electronic integrated circuits, particularly in Penang and Kedah, and other E&E products and refined petroleum products contributed to imports in Selangor and Johor, with piezo-electric crystals and parts among the key import products in Penang, he added.