

Number of jobless persons decreased in July

PUTRAJAYA: The number of unemployed persons in July has decreased by 0.4% to 579,200 persons compared to 581,700 persons the previous month, according to the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM).

Chief Statistician Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin, following the

release of the Statistics of the Labour Force, July 2023, said the unemployment rate in July 2023 stood at 3.4%, unchanged from the previous month.

Mohd Uzir said the number of employed people in July improved by 0.2% to register 16.34 million persons compared to 16.31 mil-

lion in June.

"The labour force participation rate edged up 0.1 percentage points to 70.1% (June 2023: 70%) indicating more labour participation in the market," he said.

Based on the economic sector, Mohd Uzir said the increase in the number of employed persons in

the services sector persisted largely in food and beverages services, wholesale and retail trade and education activities.

"Likewise, the number of employed persons in the construction and mining and quarrying sectors also remained on a positive trend, while the manu-

facturing and agriculture sectors recorded marginal declines during the month," he said.

Mohd Uzir said the number of persons outside the labour force in July 2023 recorded a marginal decline of 0.01% to 7.23 million persons compared with 7.23 million in June. — Bernama