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**BRIEFS**

**'REGISTER AS VOTERS'**  
KUALA LUMPUR: Communications and Multimedia Minister Datuk Seri Salleh Said Keruak yesterday urged all eligible Malaysians, especially youths, to register as voters, saying it was the duty of citizens to elect a government. He said voting was a right of every citizen and "... without politically conscious people, the country would become less competitive due to passive political participation", he said in a post on his blog, sskeruak.blogspot.my. – Bernama

**UNIKL GETS MQA CERTIFICATE**  
PUTRAJAYA: Two Universiti Kuala Lumpur (UniKL) campuses were awarded the Certification for Self-Accreditation Status by the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA), giving them autonomy to certify the programmes they offer. The campuses are the UniKL main campus in Kuala Lumpur and the Malaysia-France Institute in Bangi, Selangor. The certification was presented by Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Idris Jusoh. – Bernama



**PROUDLY MALAYSIAN** ... A visitor to Balai Seni Negara in Kuala Lumpur yesterday takes a selfie in front of a patriotic-themed mural created in conjunction with Hari Merdeka on Aug 31.

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# 'Watch your back'

> AES cameras to be strategically positioned to better capture images of vehicle number plates

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** All traffic enforcement cameras will be positioned to capture images of vehicles from the back, said Deputy Transport Minister Datuk Abdul

Aziz Kaprawi.

The move will apply to all the Automated Enforcement System (AES) cameras, including the ones that have already been installed.

"The (idea) was mooted by the provider (of the camera system). It is the best approach because it can capture the vehicle registration number better from the back." He said the technique is an international standard practice, and had started here since July without motorists being aware of the change.

"Countries that have implemented this system include the United Kingdom, Germany and Australia."

Abdul Aziz said the new approach aims to nab mainly motorcyclists, who are the most frequent traffic offenders and contributors of accidents.

"It is also to nab commercial vehicle drivers who use small and medium-sized vehicles for business."

There are currently 21 AES cameras, and seven more will be installed this year.

On June 28, Abdul Aziz announced about 100 more AES cameras will be installed at strategic locations nationwide next year.

It was reported that AES was put back into operation in November last year after it was suspended in 2012.

The authorities have urged all those who had received AES summonses to pay up, failing which they would be blacklisted and further prohibited from renewing their vehicle road tax.

Transport Minister Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai said in May that the government was still deciding whether to take traffic offenders to court.

He said more cameras would be installed in the next few years under the Awareness Automated Safety System – a combination of AES and the Kejara demerit system.

## Call for Memali incident inquiry

**KOTA BARU:** PAS yesterday called on the federal government to set up a royal commission of inquiry into the Memali tragedy to explain what actually happened in the 1985 incident.

Its vice-president Datuk Mohd Amar Nik Abdullah said there have been vast speculation on the incident because of the absence of any transparent investigation.

"We hope a royal commission of inquiry will help to resolve many issues and get rid of the assumptions and accusations. Let's settle it once and for all," he said.

A police operation on Nov 19, 1985 in

Kedah to arrest religious teacher Ibrahim Mahmud, better known as Ibrahim Libya, resulted in the deaths of 18 people, four of them policemen, in what has come to be known as "the Memali tragedy".

On another matter, Mohd Amar commented on former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's purportedly unclear stand on the sodomy accusation against Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, and said Mahathir should make an open apology to Anwar if he had falsely accused his former deputy. – Bernama

## 9,791 affordable units sold to date

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Citing an example, Najib said the houses at the PRiMA project in Kuala Ketil, Kedah, cost RM235,000 per unit while houses in the vicinity went for RM295,000, a difference of RM60,000.

"This is the best example of the success of PRiMA. Many can afford to own a home because of PRiMA projects," he said at a Rakan Bumiputra PRiMA programme at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre.

Najib also gave an assurance that the bumiputra agenda would remain a significant part of the PRiMA programme.

"To ensure PRiMA is sustainable, the government has approved RM3.9 billion for the projects," said Najib, adding that the

government is committed to building 50,000 housing units through the programme.

"But all of this cannot be done in the blink of an eye, it will take some time to build the houses. But believe me, when the time comes, our target will be achieved," Najib added.

Meanwhile, PRiMA chief executive officer Datuk Abdul Mutalib Alias said more than 1.47 million Malaysians have applied for PRiMA homes nationwide, of which 166,972 were successful.

He said PRiMA had sold 9,791 units so far, with a sales value estimated at RM2.36 billion.

"Out of the number, 61% has been allocated to bumiputra individuals," he added.

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