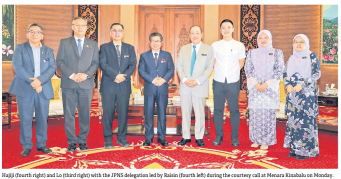


**HOME**  
**Sabah jobs at 54pc, skills mismatch persists — Minister**  
 Sabah continues to face employment challenges with only 54 per cent of job seekers secured employment, average of 2.6 per cent, said Datuk Isma Sabah.

**WORLD**  
**Thai police seize 1.6 tonnes of drugs hidden under cabbages**  
 The police have seized 1.6 tonnes of amphetamine and opium hidden under cabbages in the hold of a fishing boat, with the crew arrested on drug trafficking charges.

**SPORTS**  
**Sabah to host 12th BIMF-EAGA Friendship Games in November**  
 Over 3,000 athletes and officials will take part in the biennial BIMF-EAGA Friendship Games on the high bay from November 10 to 21.



Haji (fourth right) and the third (right) with the JPNS delegation led by Sultan Ibrahim (left) during the courtesy call at Meara Shahab on Monday.

## Sabah strengthens education sector through collaboration

State, JPNS partnership to enhance quality, outcomes

Nora Lal

**ROTA KINABALU:** Chief Minister Datuk Seri Panglima Haji Isma received a courtesy call from a delegation from the Sabah Education Department, to offer in Meara Shahab on Monday.

The delegation was led by State Education Director Datuk Isma Sabah.

During the meeting, Sultan

believed Haji on the department's key programmes for this year and its plans for the coming year, including updates on the program and performance of students in the GCE (Panglima Malaysia) (PMU) examination.

Haji reaffirmed the state government's continued support, to strengthening the education sector, particularly in enhancing the quality of learning, empowering school management and ensuring the

holistic development of students across Sabah.

He also emphasized the importance of sustained and strategic collaboration between the state government and JPNS Education Department to ensure that all education policies and initiatives are implemented effectively.

"This close relationship is essential in efforts to boost the state's education sector and subsequently produce quality

and competitive human capital," he said.

Also present were Deputy Director of the Plantation Management Sector of the District Education Office (PDM) Indang Kari Sibis, Deputy Director of the School Management Sector (Krisnan KS) Mohd Fadzil Abd Ruziq, Deputy Director of the Student Development Sector (Muzik) Farang, Senior Assistant Director (Sultan) Langgan and Tanwan HFF Datta Lu Lu Lu.

## RM720,998 in e-waste seized in Penampang, Sandakan raids

Elian Osman

**ROTA KINABALU:** Two premises were raided for allegedly storing electronic waste worth RM720,998 in separate operations in Penampang and Sandakan.

Sabah Marine Operations Force (SMOF) Angin + Commander Ahmad Anas Abd Sabhan said the raids were conducted nationwide in collaboration with the Inland Revenue Board (IRB) and the Department of Environment (DOE) based on intelligence and public reports.

The cases have been handed over to the DOE for further investigation under the Environmental Quality (Scheduled Waste) Regulations 2005 and Section 17(1)(a) of the Income Tax Act 1967.

Use of car batteries stored illegally, while in Sandakan various items were seized, including car batteries, computer equipment, washing machines and other electronic appliances. He said in a statement on Tuesday.

He said the total value of seized items from both premises was RM720,998.

Ahmad Anas added that both operations resulted in produce valid documentation for storing used goods and electronic waste.

"The IRB also found that both premises were unable to submit complete tax documents," he said.

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## Abandoned lorry found to be missing vehicle



The lorry found in suspicious circumstances is believed to be the vehicle reported missing.

**TAMBUK:** A lorry discovered abandoned under suspicious circumstances in Kapitang, Titingan have led to the inquiry of a vehicle previously reported missing on Monday.

The incident at about 10pm was detected by a Strike Team from the Tawau Police Station while carrying out crime prevention patrol in the area.

Tawau District Police Chief ACP James Ramon and his team case across the abandoned lorry and conducted observations at the scene.

He said the suspicious condition of the vehicle prompted officers to carry out further searching.

"We kept watch for about an hour to detect anyone

approaching the vehicle but no one showed up.

"A subsequent inspection uncovered a remote control device and a key left inside the lorry," he said in a statement yesterday.

Checks later confirmed that a report had previously been filed at the Tawau Police Station regarding the missing vehicle.

"The lorry and the remote control were seized and taken to the Tawau District Police Headquarters (DPH) for further action and investigation," he added.

James also advised the public to ensure their vehicles are parked in safe areas and to take necessary precautions to prevent theft.



Enforcement officers seize various e-waste items during a raid in a premises in Sandakan.

## Over RM30 million set aside to boost Sabah's digitalisation

**ROTA KINABALU:** The state government continues to invest in digitalisation agenda as a key driver of growth and also the direction of its inclusive digital economy.

In this regard, a total of RM30 million has been allocated to the State Computer Services Department for operating and development expenditure this year.

According to Chief Minister Datuk Seri Panglima Haji Isma Sabah, from the total RM30 million is meant to enhance the delivery of government services based on information and communication technology (ICT), covering the provision of computers and ICT networks to state government agencies, data centre management, strengthening cybersecurity and the development of government applications.

The state government, through the Sabah Paga Jaya

SDMS Development plan, with the support of the Ministry of Education, Technology and Innovation, continues to place digitalisation as a core pillar of its digital economy.

"There is given to expanding digital connectivity in the rural areas, strengthening digital capabilities, and developing an inclusive digital economy in line with the commitment and obligations," he said in his speech for the Digital Economy Vision (DEV) 2025-2030 and Open Government 2025-2030 (OGV) 2025-2030 at the Sabah International Convention and Convention Technology Centre (SICC) here on Tuesday.

The strategy is now rebranded as ICTV (Innovate Sabah) (ICTV). Addressing digital connectivity as a central role in supporting communication, driving



From right: James is seen at the event, accompanied by Minister of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, Sabah Sultan James Balla, Open Sabah chairman Tan Sri Anifah Ahmad and other dignitaries.

"SME is a key strategic plan designed to enhance Sabah's competitiveness, productivity and economic value sustainably and inclusively."

"It is a continuation of SMEI 1.0, which previously focused on post-Covid-19 recovery and the company's corporate identity transformation reflects its readiness to move forward as an infrastructure provider and strategic partner in shaping Sabah's digital future."

The state ICTV has developed notable amount of fibre optic network across Sabah and the Federal Territory of Labuan, serving as the backbone of internet-ICT connectivity and supporting industrial needs, particularly in the telecommunications sector.

"This network enables wider access to digital services, including in areas that were previously underserved."

"This digitalisation strategy not only as an infrastructure provider, but also as an enabler of inclusive digital development and a key driver of the state's competitiveness and growth."

He said adding that the company's operations could also be seen through the implementation of the company's corporate identity transformation reflects its readiness to move forward as an infrastructure provider and strategic partner in shaping Sabah's digital future.

