

EMERGENCY SIMULATION EXERCISE STRENGTHENS EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RESCUE TEAM COORDINATION ON THE HIGHWAY

Petaling Jaya, 21 October 2026:- PLUS Malaysia Berhad (PLUS), with collaboration of various strategic safety agencies, organized an emergency simulation exercise on the Butterworth-Kulim Expressway (BKE), involving the stretch from Kubang Semang to Lunas (Eastbound) between KM16.7 and KM17.7 today.

Senior General Manager of Operations at PLUS, Mohd Yusuf Abdul Aziz, emphasized that the safety of highway users remains PLUS's top priority.

"This simulation exercise was conducted to test the preparedness, efficiency, and response time of PLUS personnel, rescue teams, and related agencies, while also evaluating the effectiveness of coordinated actions when faced with real emergency situations," he said.

He added that regular exercises such as this help strengthen strategic relationships and continuously enhance the capabilities of all parties involved.

"PLUS would like to express its highest appreciation and gratitude to all agencies and strategic safety partners for their commitment and strong cooperation in making this exercise a success," he added.

The exercise featured an accident scenario involving a petrol and diesel tanker lorry and a Class 3 lorry carrying chemical liquids. Based on the Emergency Response Plan, the scenario tested the efficiency of rescue operations, fire control, hazardous material spill management, casualty evacuation, traffic control and inter-agency communication coordination.

Meanwhile, Assistant Director of Operations, Fire and Rescue Department of Malaysia, Penang, John Sagun Francis stated that the exercise reflects the proactive commitment of all agencies to always maintain a high level of readiness.

"The close cooperation between Fire and Rescue Department of Malaysia, PLUS, and the related agencies ensures that every team can respond quickly, efficiently, and in an organized manner when managing any incident on the highway," he said.

The emergency simulation exercise involved the participation of approximately 100 personnel from various rescue agencies and strategic partners, including the Malaysian Highway Authority (LLM), Fire and Rescue Department of Malaysia (JBPM), Royal Malaysia Police (PDRM), Ministry of Health Malaysia (KKM), Department of Environment Malaysia (JAS), Malaysian Civil Defence Force, Prifaria Sdn. Bhd. (transportation strategic partner), and Edgenta Infrastructure Services (EIS - the highway maintenance contractor).

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