

The New Economy: The Joke about Gojek?

Is this the future of economic activities in Malaysia? That is ride Gojek and drive Grab at night while the boss of your day job sells satay at night?

A joke is making rounds on Whatsapp in Malaysia, and it shows the fun people are having with the Cabinet giving green light to a motorcycle e-hailing service.

It goes as follows:

Present Economy of Malaysia

Employee: Boss, from tomorrow, I will go home at 6 pm sharp daily.

Boss: Why, what happened?

Employee: Sir my Salary is not sufficient for me. I want to drive grab at night. I have to support my family.

Boss: Ok. Go ahead. But, if you feel hungry at night, come to Bukit Bintang

Employee : Why Sir?

Boss: I sell satay there.

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Here comes Gojek

Malaysians are very fond of technology. But do not bullshit them.

They will go all the way up to make fun of you if you propose something they feel is useless or ridiculous.

The government has given its green light for Gojek, the motorcycle e-hailing services to come to Malaysia.

This too got the Malaysians yapping.

Some say it is haram. Because it will allow Muslim women to 'hug' non-Muslim men while riding the bikes.

But there is a Malaysian version of Gojek. And it did not get any attention from the Malaysian government. Until lately.

Degotiation

To make things worse for the government, the local company called Deago said the following: Its app allows for female users to book a motorcycle ride with a female rider.

The Gojek project caused an uproar over certain [comments](#) (as per above). There is also a public debate over the Cabinet's decision to give its green light to Gojek.

This forced the Youth and Sports Minister Syed Saddiq to meet up with the founder of Deago Ride, Nabil Feisal Bamadha.

They met to discuss future plans for the e-hailing service that garnered 1,500 riders and more than 60,000 users—before they were banned by the previous government.

Nevertheless, Malaysians are saying allowing Gojek on the streets – is a step backwards.

The government says it is a step to allow people to earn additional income.

And there is the haram-halal debate.

Will you Gojek or not? Will your boss allow you to work Gojek part-time? This is the shape of the new Malaysian economy to come!

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