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INSIGNIFICANT: 'Reduction in volume, which is less than 5pc, to be compensated by better prices'

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MALAYSIA'S move to reduce crude oil production by up to 20,000 barrels per day (bpd) beginning January 1 will have minimal impact on the country's revenue, said Second Finance Minister Datuk Johari Abdul Ghani.

He said the cut would not pose a significant impact as it represented less than five per cent of the overall output, while the lower volume would be compensated by better oil prices.

Petroleum Nasional Bhd on Wednesday announced the reduction, which is in support of the decision by Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) to trim production to shore up prices.

But while the Opec move could stabilise global oil prices, he said the increase would not be drastic as the cartel represented only one-third of global producers.

He was speaking after officiating at the 20th anniversary of the Light Rail Transit (LRT) Ampang Line, here, yesterday.

Meanwhile, touching on the government's run-off of 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB), Johari affirmed that there would be no businesses conducted under 1MDB.

"That is what we mean by run off. It (1MDB) has become a shell company," said Johari in response to a question on the matter.

Earlier, Johari took the opportunity to take a ride on the Sri Petaling (LRT) line from Ampang to Bukit Jalil.

Joining him on the ride was Prasarana president and chief executive officer Datuk Azmi Abdul Aziz.

The Ampang-Sultan Ismail line was the first phase of the LRT that opened in December 16 1996, prior to the second phase from Chan Sow Lin to Sri Petaling, which made its debut on July 11 1998.

On June 30, another history was made after the sequential project of the Ampang and Kelana Jaya lines were launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

Another transformational land transportation project was the official launch of Phase One of the Mass Rail Transit (MRT) Sungai Buloh-Kajang (SBK) line, which covers 12 stations from Sungai Buloh to Semantan and began operations on December 16.

Phase Two of the MRT SBK line, which will have stations from Semantan-Kajang and include underground tunnels, will start operations on July 31 next year.

The service is now open to the public and free until January 16.