



### FOREST PARK OPEN

The Chongkak Park and Resort in Hulu Langat, under the management of Tourism Selangor, has reopened to the public, from 8am to 5pm daily. Overnight camping on park grounds is not allowed and visitors who wish to hike Bukit Cenuang will need a permit from Selangor Forestry Department. For details, visit the Tourism Selangor Facebook page.

### FREE TRANSPORTATION

Shah Alam City Council (MBSA) is offering free transportation to the disabled and senior citizens living in areas under its administration. The free transport is to eight health facilities, namely Hospital Shah Alam, Klinik Kesihatan Seksyen 7 Shah Alam, Klinik Kesihatan Seksyen 19 Shah Alam, Klinik Kesihatan Bukit Kuda Klang, Hospital Tengku Ampuan Rahimah in Klang, Hospital Sungai Buloh, Klinik Kesihatan Sungai Buloh and Universiti Malaya Medical Centre, Kuala Lumpur. The service is available from Monday to Friday, between 8.30am and 5pm. Requests for the service must be made a week ahead by calling MBSA's Community Development Section at 03-5522 2732.

### MEDICAL WEEK

Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR) is having its Medical Week 3.0 at the Sungai Long Campus on June 18 and 19, from 10am to 5pm. Health screening and others services will be offered. On June 11 and 12, free online health talks will cover topics on stroke management, Covid-19 testing, mental health issues and maternal health concerns. Admission tickets will be sold for the event to raise funds for UTAR Hospital. For details, call 011-7250 8207 or visit facebook.com/Utarmatters2022.

### IPOH MATTERS

Ipoth City Council (MBI) is organising an aerobics programme every second and fourth Saturday at Kinta Riverwalk, from 5pm. The next session will be held on June 11 and 25. For details, visit the MBI Facebook page. > There will be a My Hearing Day programme organised by Lions Club of Ipoth Evergreen at Ipoth Parade on June 11 from 10am to 5pm. There will also be health screening booths and a blood donation drive.

### FREE MUSIC CLASSES

Kuala Lumpur City Hall's orchestra will host a free community music programme for students at D'Studio, Kuala Lumpur Library to introduce instruments like the flute (June 11), viola (June 18) and oboe (June 25). Each session will include an introduction from 10am to 11am, followed by ukulele classes from 11am to noon. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/3GosoWA>

### CALL FOR PAPERS

National Library (PNM) is calling for academic papers from Malaysians on librarianship, information technology and communication. Articles submitted will be published in PNM academic journals. Papers must be submitted before June 15 either via email at [penerbitan@pnm.gov.my](mailto:penerbitan@pnm.gov.my) or by post. The writing guideline is available at <https://tinyurl.com/garispanduanartikel>. For details, call 03-26871763 (Siti Zubaidah Ahmad) or 03-26871876 (Amirah Anuar/Nur Amalina Mohama).

### VIDEO COMPETITION

Menteri Besar Selangor Incorporated is organising a short video competition on corruption and power abuse. Duration is three minutes. Participate individually or in groups. Submit entries via [integriti@mbiselangor.com.my](mailto:integriti@mbiselangor.com.my) by June 30.

# Family forced to seek shelter at multipurpose hall

## RA urges authorities to help couple and their five children who have been living in facility of Bandar Tun Razak flats since 2019

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A FAMILY of seven have been living in a multipurpose hall in a Bandar Tun Razak government housing scheme in Kuala Lumpur, due to poverty.

The family comprises five young children aged between eight months and eight years and their parents aged 44 and 30.

Sri Kota Flats Residents Association chairman Noor Rimah Mohamad said the family moved into the hall in late 2019 as they had nowhere else to go.

"I heard they were evicted from their previous home for not paying rent and were temporarily placed there by someone from a political party.

"A DBKL (Kuala Lumpur City Hall) Housing Department officer told me the couple was not eligible for a government unit in Sri Kota as their documents were not in order," she said.

Noor Rimah said although DBKL had helped secure a cleaning job for the man with a salary of RM800 a month, it was not sufficient, so they remained in the hall.

"We cannot use the hall until they are relocated.

"We also don't have the heart to ask them to leave because they are helpless," she said.

She added that the man's brother, who also lives at the Sri Kota Flats, had said his sibling was struggling to make ends meet and that his wife was asthmatic.

Noor Rimah said residents had complained that the surroundings were not kept clean.

StarMetro visited the community



(Above) Apart from a table and a few chairs, there is no other furniture for the family of seven who have been staying at the Sri Kota Flats multipurpose hall since 2019. — YAP CHEE HONG/The Star

hall with Noor Rimah and found the surrounding area to be in a deplorable state.

Rubbish and items like kitchen and construction tools, broken television set and metal parts were seen outside the hall, while soiled baby's diapers and more rubbish were found in drains around the building.

During our visit, the mother was seen sleeping on the floor with her children.

A heap of unfolded clothes was placed nearby and a pram was seen at one end of the hall.

Apart from a table and a few chairs, there was no other furniture.

Although the fan was switched on, the hall was hot like a furnace.

Noor Rimah approached the woman and advised her to keep the place clean and dispose of rubbish as the area was a dengue hotspot.

Bandar Tun Razak PKR branch deputy chairman Malaruwanan Devadass, who placed the family at the community hall, said documentation problems were hampering the family's application for a people's housing unit.

"We tried to help the family get a unit, but the man said he had lost his MyKad.

Bandar Tun Razak MCA chief Datuk Chew Yin Keen said it was unfortunate that the family had to go through such hardship.

"We need to help them as no one should be living in such circum-



Noor Rimah hopes the family can move into a proper housing unit soon so residents can use the hall

stances," he said.

Chew said he would look into ways to help the family.

At press time, DBKL could not be contacted for comments on the matter.

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**KUALA Lumpur City Hall (DBKL)** is getting tough on motorists who park illegally on the streets in Mont Kiara.

Its Enforcement director Osman Ismail said 12 vehicles had been towed since June 1.

Compounds had also been issued to errant motorists in several locations, particularly the Solaris Mont Kiara commercial area and residential roads such as Jalan Kiara, Jalan Kiara 1 and Jalan Kiara 4.

"Some owners quickly removed their vehicles upon seeing enforcement officers there," said Osman, reminding motorists to comply with the rules and regulations.

He added that the towing and issuance of compounds for illegally parked vehicles would continue.

Residents said they were glad the vehicles illegally parked along the roadsides had been towed away.

They hope that the drastic action will serve as a warning to others.

10 Mont-Kiara Joint Management Committee (JMC) chairman Hiten Asher said vehicles that obstructed traffic were a nuisance.

"Those who park illegally are working nearby.

"We hope a more permanent solution will be implemented, such

## DBKL starts towing away illegally parked vehicles in Mont Kiara



A vehicle parked illegally along Jalan Kiara 1 being towed away.

as installing plastic bollards at the roadside to deter people from parking illegally," he said.

Asher also hoped illegal vendors trading along the roadside would

be penalised.

"There was a vendor still trading on the roadside during the towing operations yesterday," he noted. JMC resident manager Sobel

Phang hoped DBKL would continue with towing operations and issue summonses to motorists who broke the law.

"We hope the roads here will be free of illegally parked vehicles for good," he told StarMetro.

Office worker Shanta Manickam, 34, said it was high time action was taken.

Shanta, who works in Solaris Mont Kiara, said the situation had worsened over the past few months.

"Since business has started to pick up, I notice more cars parked at any available space.

"There needs to be a long-term solution, otherwise it will keep occurring," she added.

On May 20, StarMetro reported that DBKL had issued 2,386 compounds for illegal parking along the indiscriminate parking.

An April 13 report highlighted that DBKL had issued 2,386 compounds for illegal parking along Jalan Kiara 1 and Jalan Kiara 4 last year.