

Two roads to be widened in Kepong

DBKL gives the nod for project to address bottleneck

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RESIDENTS of Metro Perdana in Kepong have received the long-awaited approval from Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) for the widening of two roads in the area currently facing a bottleneck.

Jalan Metro Perdana Barat and Jalan Metro Perdana – with three lanes each – converge into one lane in front of Mizumi Residences, resulting in severe traffic congestion. The area is surrounded by many eateries as well as several condominiums and upcoming housing projects.

During a visit by Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL), developers of Mizumi Residences and Kepong GI Square agreed to work together with the local authority for the road widening project slated to start by next month.

Kepong Community Service Centre head Yee Poh Ping said the bottleneck made the area, which was within walking distance from the back entrance to the Kepong Metropolitan Park, accident-prone and dangerous.

"Traffic congestion is a big problem, especially during peak hours as people commute to and from work."

"Residents cross the road daily to enter the park and it is very dangerous as vehicles

speed down the road without making way for pedestrians," he said.

Yee said DBKL and the developer Kepong GI Square had agreed for the project to be carried out by the year end.

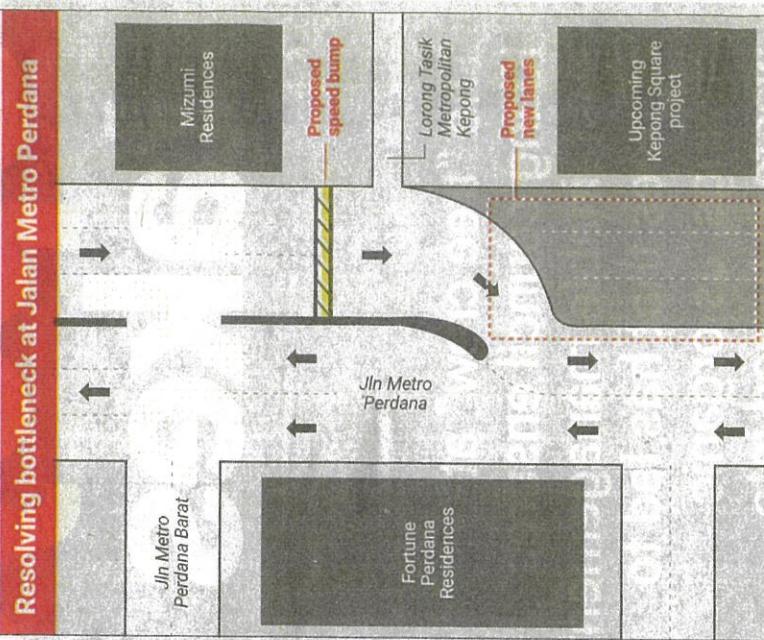
"We are pleased that the construction will take place before the Kepong GI Square project is completed," he said during a press conference at the site.

StarMetro had reported on the issue "Condo buyers: 'Widen busy Kepong road to avoid bottleneck'" on Oct 19, 2021.

Residents also took the opportunity to



Residents living near Jalan Metro Perdana, Kepong welcome the road widening project. — FAIHAN GHANI/The Star



would be better in ensuring their safety. Kok also highlighted that the area was not brightly lit, making it difficult for pedestrians and drivers to spot each other especially at dusk and dawn.

"The park opens as early as 6am, so people head out for their morning walk by that time."

"There are several faulty street lamps here, and we have reported to DBKL, but no action has been taken," she said, adding that she hoped the authorities would take note of residents' concerns.



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Comedy club ordered to close temporarily

KUALA LUMPUR: The comedy club in Taman Tun Dr Ismail here, embroiled in controversy after an open mic night participant removed her outer clothing and hijab to reveal a mini dress underneath on stage, has been ordered to shut temporarily.

Kuala Lumpur City Hall issued the directive yesterday after a clip of the incident went viral.

Deputy Federal Territories Minister Datuk Seri Jalaluddin Alias said the order was to send a message that the ministry and City Hall would not tolerate activities that did not respect the sensitivities of religion, race and sovereignty of the country.

"This matter had also received backlash from nearby residents as well as Netizens, who were of the opinion that the clip showed an act that was done to smear the image of Islam.

"As the local authority in charge in Kuala Lumpur, City Hall will not compromise on these matters.

"City Hall has conducted an investigation into the licence of the premises and has ordered a temporary suspension of its operations effective immediately."



Datuk Seri Jalaluddin Alias

In the 54-second clip, a woman, clad in a hijab and baju kurung on stage, claimed she had memorised 15 juz of the Quran in introducing herself.

Soon after her introduction, she stripped off her hijab and baju kurung to reveal a mini dress underneath.

The premises, Crackhouse Comedy Club House, in a Facebook post, said it condemned the contents of the video and had lodged a report on the matter.

"The individual in question and her partner were banned from the venue immediately after the performance." **Bernama**

Kuala Lumpur

Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL) menggantung sementara operasi sebuah kelab komedi di Taman Tun Dr Ismail (TTDI) di sini susulan satu klip video tular diperlakukan menghinakan agama Islam.

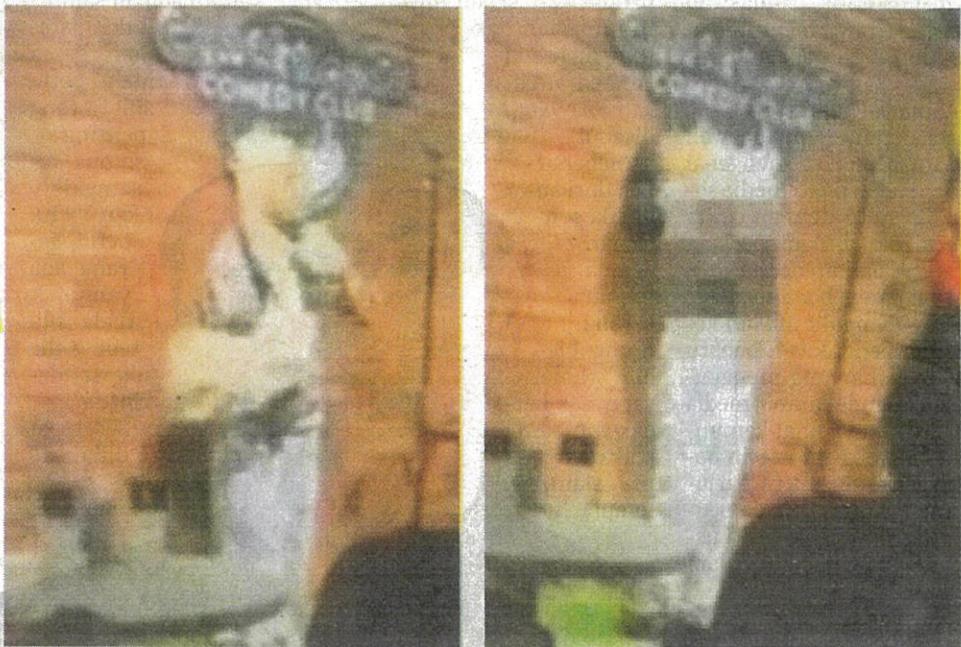
Timbalan Menteri Wilayah Persekutuan Datuk Seri Jalaluddin Alias berkata tindakan itu sebagai mesej jelas bahawa pihaknya dan DBKL tidak akan sama sekali bertoleransi dengan apa jua aktiviti yang melanggar mana-mana sensitiviti melibatkan agama, bangsa dan keadautan negara.

"Ibu ini juga turut mendapat kecaman daripada penduduk berhampiran dan netizen di media sosial yang berpendapat bahawa, video tular tersebut jelas dan terang merupakan perbuatan yang bertujuan menghinakan serta mencemarkan imej agama Islam.

"Justeru, sebagai pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) di Kuala Lumpur, DBKL tidak akan sama sekali berkompromi dalam isu-isu sebegini."

"DBKL sudah membuat siasatan lanjut terhadap lesen premis berkenaan dan tindakan menggantung sementara pengoperasian premis berkenaan sudah dilakukan secara serta-merta," katanya.

Jalaluddin berkata operasi penguatkuasaan akan diteruskan dari semasa ke semasa, selain berharap orang awam melaporkan insiden



TANGKAP layar rakaman video menunjukkan seorang wanita yang bertudung dan memakai baju kurung menanggalkan pakaian di atas pentas.

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bagi memastikan perkara sedemikian tidak berulang.

Video berdurasi 54 saat itu tular di media sosial dan mendapat pelbagai komen dalam kalangan netizen apabila seorang wanita yang bertudung dan memakai baju kurung mendakwa dirinya sudah menghafaz 15 juzuk Al-Quran sebelum menanggalkan pakaian yang menutup aurat itu dan hanya meninggalkan pakaian yang mencolok mata.

Sementara itu, kelab tersebut, *Crackhouse Comedy Club House* dalam catatan Facebooknya mengelam sekeras-kerasnya kandungan video tular itu dan telah membuat laporan polis mengenai perkara itu di balai polis TTDI.

WANITA HINA ISLAM

Gantung operasi kelab komedi

DBKL tak kompromi dengan aktiviti langgar sensitiviti agama

Suspek wanita hina Islam direman

Tiada kompromi isu babitkan sensitiviti agama, DBKL gantung sementara operasi kelab komedi

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Kuala Lumpur: Suspek wanita yang disyaki menghina Islam ketika membuat persembahan di sebuah kelab komedi di Taman Tun Dr Ismail (TTDI), di sini, ditahan, malam kelmarin.

Suspek ditahan oleh sepasukan pegawai dan anggota Unit Siasatan Jenayah Terkelas (USJT), Bukit Aman, di Jalan Gasing, Petaling Jaya.

Setiausaha Polis Malaysia, Polis Diraja Malaysia, Datuk Noorshia Saaduddin, berkata suspek wanita berumur 26 tahun itu direman semalam.

"Suspek akan direman selama tiga hari bermula hari ini (semalam) sehingga Selasa."

"Pada masa ini suspek ditempatkan di Ibu Pejabat Polis Daerah (IPD) Brickfields, bagi membolehkan siasatan lanjut diteruskan," katanya kepada *BH*, semalam.

Terdahulu, tular satu video memaparkan wanita yang berasal dari Kuala Kangsar, Perak, itu membuat persembahan di sebuah kelab komedi sambil menghina agama Islam.

Wanita itu dalam persembahannya menyatakan sesuatu mengenai dirinya sambil memakai baju kurung dan bertudung sebelum meninggalkan tudung dan baju kurung dipakainya.

Pada masa ini, USJT menjalankan siasatan mengikut Seksyen 298A Kanun Kesejahteraan dan Seksyen 233 Akta Komunikasi dan Multimedia 1998.

Sementara itu, pelawak terkenal, Harith Iskander, berkata tindakan wanita itu mempersenda agama Islam dengan menanggalkan pakaian dan tudung ketika membuat persembahan, sangat tidak patut.

Malah, tegasnya, apa yang dipersembahkan bukan persembahan komedi berdiri.

Beliau yang pernah dinobatkan sebagai Manusia Paling Lucu Di Dunia menerusi pertandingan *The Funniest Person In The World* (TFPW) di Levi, Finland pada 2016, berkata dia menyuarakan pandangan atas paksi dirinya berada dalam komuniti komedi tanah air.

"Wanita ini bukannya pelawak. Apa yang dipersembahkan juga bukan persembahan komedi berdiri. Betul, ia dipersembahkan di sebuah kelab komedi yang terbuka."

"Dia boleh sahaja ke restoran dan mendakwa dirinya sebagai cef Kemudian, memuat naik video masakan sambil memuji dirinya pandai memasak," katanya menerusi rakaman video di Instagram.

Harith berkata, situasi sama juga dengan tindakan wanita itu di dalam kelab komedi berkenaan.

Beliau yang sudah 32 tahun melakukan persembahan komedi berdiri secara profesional, berkata perlu ada kebijaksanaan dalam menampilkan lawak jenaka yang bijak.

"Benar, ketawa penawar duka. Bagaimanapun, saya tengok wanita ini sangat menyayikit dan tak lawak langsung apa dipersembahkan," katanya.

Ini satu mesej jelas, Kementerian Wilayah Persekutuan (KWP) dan DBKL tidak akan sama sekali bertoleransi dengan apa juga aktiviti yang melanggar mana-mana sensitiviti membabitkan agama, bangsa dan kedaulatan negara

Jalaluddin Alias,
Timbalan Menteri Wilayah Persekutuan



Dalam pada itu, Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL) menggantung sementara secara serta-merta lesen kelab komedi di TTDI, di sini susulan satu klip video tular diperlakukan menghina agama Islam.

Timbalan Menteri Wilayah Persekutuan, Datuk Seri Jalaluddin Alias, berkata DBKL tidak akan berkompromi dalam isu sebegini, terutama membabitkan sensitiviti agama.

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Katanya, isu ini mendapat kecaman daripada penduduk hampir dan netizen di media sosial yang berpendapat, video tular berkenaan jelas dan terang satu perbuatan bertujuan menghina serta mencemarkan imej agama Islam.

Kedutaan sudah selamatkan 46 rakyat Malaysia di Kemboja

Bangkok: Kedutaan Besar Malaysia di Phnom Penh setakat ini sudah menyelamatkan 46 rakyat Malaysia di Kemboja selepas diperdaya ditipu dengan sindiket tawaran pekerjaan lumayan di luar negara.

Duta Besar Malaysia ke Kemboja, Eldeen Husaini Mohd Haslim, berkata sehingga kini, terdapat lebih 60 kes sama yang didakwa menjadi mangsa penipuan pekerjaan masih menanti tindakan lanjut.

"Kami bekerjasama rapat dengan pihak berkuasa Kemboja dalam memudahkan urusan mereka pulang ke tanah air," katanya kepada *BERNAMA*.

Pada 2018, kedutaan mempermudahkan urusan 47 rakyat Malaysia yang berdepan situasi sama, sementara tiada kes dilaporan pada 2020 dan tahun lalu, berikutnya penutupan sempadan susulan pandemik COVID-19.

Kes terbaru yang dilaporkan membabitkan empat rakyat Ma-

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laysia yang didakwa ditipu oleh sindiket yang menawarkan pekerjaan bergaji tinggi di Kemboja.

Mangsa yang juga empat lelaki berusia antara 29 hingga 41 tahun itu bagaimanapun, berjaya pulang ke tanah air dan tiba di Lapangan Terbang Antarabangsa Kuala Lumpur (KLIA), kelmarin.

Modus operandi sindiket berkenaan adalah menawarkan mangsa pekerjaan dengan gaji tinggi di luar negara melalui laman sosial seperti Facebook.

Bagaimanapun, apabila mere-



Empat warganegara Malaysia selamat tiba dari Kemboja di KLIA, Sepang, kelmarin.

(Foto BERNAMA)

ka tiba di negara itu, mereka dipaksa untuk membuat panggilan telefon kepada individu yang bakal dijadikan mangsa penipuan di seluruh dunia.

Mereka yang menyedari tindakannya itu satu penipuan, bagaimanapun tidak dibenarkan pulang ke Malaysia dan keluarga mereka juga perlu membayar wang tebusan bagi tujuan membaskannya.

Sementara itu, Eldeen menggesa rakyat Malaysia supaya berwaspada dengan iklan pengambilan pekerjaan yang menjanjikan gaji lumayan di luar negara.

"Rujuk pihak berkuasa berkaitan, termasuk pihak kedutaan bagi mengesahkan tawaran kerja

terbabit. Sila maklumkan kepada ibu bapa dan saudara-mara di Malaysia jika menerima sebarang tawaran sedemikian.

"Mereka mungkin memberi kamu pilihan lain yang berharga dengan tawaran kerja itu juga satu penipuan," katanya.

Eldeen turut merakamkan penghargaan kepada pihak berkuasa Kemboja dan kerjasama erat yang diberikan untuk membantu rakyat Malaysia yang menjadi mangsa penipuan pekerjaan di negara itu.

Beliau berkata, siasatan awal mendapati ramai rakyat Malaysia masih terkandas di negara itu selepas ditipu oleh sindiket pekerjaan.

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ngan pihak berkuasa berkaitan untuk membantu membawa mereka pulang.

"Bagaimanapun, proses pengendalian setiap kes berbeza dan mengambil masa," katanya.

Sebagai contoh, beliau berkata pihak berkuasa akan mengambil masa untuk mengesahkan identiti mangsa kerana kebanyakannya memasuki negara itu secara haram dan tanpa dokumen perjalanan sah.

"Bagi mereka yang melanggar undang-undang (kesalahan imigrasi), mereka akan didakwa dan mungkin perlu menjalani hukuman penjarra di sini sebelum mereka boleh pulang ke rumah," katanya.

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DBKL gantung sementara lesen operasi kelab komedi bagi bantu siasatan

Wanita persenda agama Islam ditahan

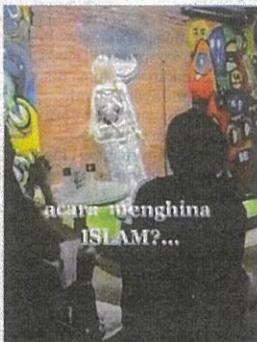
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DAN SITI A'ISYAH SUKAIMI

PETALING JAYA — Seorang wanita yang didakwa menghina agama Islam ketika membuat persembahan komedi di sebuah kelab di Taman Tun Dr. Ismail (TTDI), Kuala Lumpur telah ditahan polis semalam.

Menurut sumber, wanita berusia 28 tahun itu ditahan pada pukul 10.45 malam di Taman Jaya, Jalan Gasing di sini.

"Suspek yang mendakwa berbasar dari Kuala Kangsar, Perak ditangkap oleh sepasukan pegawai dan anggota daripada Unit Siasatan Jenayah Terkelas (USJT) Jabatan Siasatan Jenayah (JSJ) Bukit Aman.

"Polis turut merampas beberapa barang antaranya baju kurung, tudung, skirt pendek dan telefon bimbit yang dipercayai dipakainya semasa membuat persembahan komedi," katanya.



TANGKAP layar video tular memaparkan seorang wanita menanggalkan tudung dan pakalan di sebuah kelab di TTDI, Kuala Lumpur.

Sementara itu, Ketua Polis Daerah Petaling Jaya, Asisten Komisioner Mohamad Fakhrudin Abdul Hamid ketika dihubungi mengesahkan penangkapan wanita berkenaan.



Terdahulu, tular seorang wanita menanggalkan tudung dan pakaian ketika membuat persembahan stand up comedy (komedi solo) sekali gus menerima kecaman daripada netizen.

Semalam, Setiausaha Polis Malaysia (SUPM) Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM) Datuk Noorsiah Mohd. Saaduddin berkata, USJT dan JSJ Bukit Aman telah membuka kertas siasatan dibawah Seksyen 298A Kanun Keseksian dan Seksyen 233 Akta Komunikasi dan Multimedia 1998.

Dalam pada itu, Timbalan Menteri Wilayah Persekutuan, Datuk Seri Jalaluddin Alias berkata, Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL) telah menggantung sementara operasi kelab komedi berkenaan bagi menjalankan siasatan lanjut terhadap lesen premis tersebut.

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Sementara itu, kelab berkenaan dalam Facebooknya memberitahu satu laporan polis telah dibuat di Balai Polis Taman Tun Dr. Ismail.

"Selepas persembahan tersebut, individu terbabit telah dilarang daripada kembali ke kelab berkenaan," ujarnya.

Kelmarin, Pengarah Jabatan Agama Islam Wilayah Persekutuan (Jawi), Datuk Mohd. Ajib Ismail memaklumkan pihaknya memandang serius video tular berkenaan dan siasatan sedang dilakukan mengikut Seksyen 7 Akta Keselamahan Jenayah Syariah (Wilayah-Wilayah Persekutuan) 1997 (Akta 559).



ANGGOTA bomba memadam kebakaran membabitkan lapan kenderaan di sebuah Bengkel di Laman Permai, Sungai Buloh, Kelmarin

Lapan kenderaan, tiga kilang perabot musnah terbakar

SUNGAI BULOH — Lapan buah kenderaan yang diletakkan di hadapan sebuah bengkel di Jalan Nova, U5/94A Laman Permai, dekat sini musnah dalam kebakaran kelmarin.

Pengarah Jabatan Bomba dan Penyelamat Selangor, Norazam Khamis berkata, pihaknya menerima panggilan kecemasan pulak 8.29 malam dan enam anggota dan pegawai bomba dikehaskan ke lokasi kejadian.

"Setibanya tiba di tempat ke-

jadian pada pukul 8.40 malam didapati kebakaran berlaku melibatkan hutan dan sebanyak lapan buah kenderaan yang diparkir di hadapan sebuah bengkel terbakar," katanya semalam.

Sementara itu, Norazam berkata, tiga buah rumah yang diubah suai menjadi kilang industri kecil di Jalan Indah 6, Kampung Ampang Indah, Ampang turut musnah terbakar.

"Kita terima panggilan pulak 12.20 tengah malam dan seramai

13 anggota dan pegawai dikehaskan ke lokasi kejadian.

"Sebaik tiba di tempat kejadian didapati kebakaran berlaku melibatkan tiga buah rumah jenis setingkat kelas C yang telah ditukar guna sebagai kilang industri kecil yang menempatkan barang-barang perabot," jelasnya.

Menurutnya, kebakaran itu menyebabkan 80 peratus rumah musnah dan api padam sepenuhnya pukul 1.40 pagi. Tiada kekalangan jiwa dilaporkan.

FAKTA HARI INI

11 Julai 2008

Harumkan nama Malaysia di pentas antarabangsa, Nicol bergelar Datuk

JAGUH skuasy wanita dunia, Nicol Ann David menerima anugerah Darjah Setia Pangku Negeri (DSPN) yang membawa gelaran Datuk sempena ulang tahun ke-70 Yang Dipertua Negeri Pulau Pinang, Tun Abdul Rahman Abbas.

Atlet sukan skuasy sebelum itu mendapat penghormatan sebagai

penerima pertama Darjah Bakti (DB), anugerah yang diwujudkan 33 tahun lepas. Anugerah itu dikurnikan kepada rakyat tempatan yang masyur namanya di Malaysia dan di peringkat antarabangsa.

Nicol merangkul kejuaraan dalam 28 kejohanan skuasy terbuka profesional

dan memegang status sebagai pemain No. 1 wanita dunia selama 27 bulan merupakan seorang daripada 27 penerima DSPN.

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Hina Islam: Bertenang, tak perlu beri reaksi melampau

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PETALING JAYA: Umat Islam di negara ini dinasihat supaya bertenang tanpa perlu memberi reaksi melampau terhadap tindakan provokasi dan penghinaan terhadap agama Islam.

Bercakap kepada *Utusan Malaysia*, Pengurus Majlis Dakwah Negara (MDN), Prof. Datuk Dr. Mahmood Zuhdi Abd. Majid berkata, masyarakat diminta tidak menghiraukan perkara yang disifatkan kecil, yang sensitiviti berlaku sepanjang masa.

Katanya, ini kerana banyak lagi perkara besar yang berkaitan dengan penghinaan Islam dan merancang untuk menghancurkan Islam.

"Sekarang ini, provokasi itu sama ada orang tidak waras atau secara terancang oleh pihak tertentu untuk memprovokasi kita, jadi, kalau kita beri reaksi melampau dan menggilir, maka orang tuju itu standard kita."

"Dalam peristiwa Israk Mikraj, ada satu suara memanggil Nabi Muhammad SAW dan Nabi



TANGKAP layar yang memaparkan seorang wanita didakwa menghina Islam di sebuah kelab di Kuala Lumpur baru-baru ini. - FOTO MEDIA SOSIAL

mahu memberi reaksi kepada suara itu, tetapi Jibril beritahu jangan sebab takut perjalanan itu jadi lambat serta tidak mencapai sasaran.

"Jadi, benda-benda itu sangat kecil dalam masyarakat kita, biarlah berlalu begitu saja, sebaliknya kita perlu beri perhatian

kepada umat kita. Sekarang ini, umat kita terlampaui berpecah jangan sebab ditambah masalah sesama parti politik, maka tumpu itu," katanya ketika dihubungi, semalam.

Terdahulu, tular dalam media sosial tentang seorang wanita yang membuka pakaian dan tu-

dung di hadapan penonton di sebuah kelab komedi selepas memperkenalkan diri sebagai seorang penganut Islam dan kemudian menghafal ayat al-Quran.

Sementara itu, Ketua Aktivis Persatuan Pengguna Islam Malaysia (PPIM), Datuk Nadzim Johan berkata, perbuatan wanita tersebut merupakan perbuatan terukut dan jelas menggambarkan niat jahat individu berkenaan untuk mencari jalan agar umat Islam dan bukan Islam bertelagah.

Sehubungan itu, katanya, tindakan tegas perlu diambil kepada wanita berkenaan bukan sahaja dari segi jenayah, malah, mengikut peruntukan syarak kerana berpotensi mengganggu keharmonian kaum dan agama.

"Yang pertamanya, entah belum atau tidak wanita itu menghafal al-Quran dan kedua, dia tiada sebab munasabah untuk tiba-tiba mencari pasal dan menyakitkan hati umat Islam dengan kenyataan menghina agama.

"Kita bimbang tindakan itu menjadi ikutan pihak-pihak lain untuk menghina Islam," kata-nya di sini semalam.

DBKL gantung lesen lesen kelab

PUTRAJAYA: Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL) telah menggantung lesen operasi premis sebuah kelab di ibu negara berhubung isu menghina Islam.

Timbalan Menteri Wilayah Persekutuan, Datuk Seri Jalaluddin Alias berkata, sebagai pihak berkuasa tempatan di Kuala Lumpur, agensi itu sudah pun membuat siasatan lanjut berhubung isu berkenaan.

"DBKL menggantung sementara pengoperasian lesen premis berkenaan secara serta merta," tegasnya menerusi kenyataan akhbar di sini semalam.

Beliau merujuk rakaman video tular yang memaparkan seorang wanita diperdaya sendiri menghina kesucian agama Islam di sebuah kelab di Taman Tun Dr. Ismail.

Beliau turut mengesahkan pihak Jabatan Agama Islam Wilayah Persekutuan (Jawi) telah melakukan siasatan awal di bawah Seksyen 7 Akta Kesalan Jenayah Syariah 1997 manakala pihak polis membuka kertas siasatan mengikut Seksyen 298A Kanun Keseksamaan atas alasan niat jahat memudaratkan atau mencetus stasisan tidak harmoni.

Penyiasatan katanya, turut dibuat di bawah Seksyen 233 Akta Komunikasi dan Multimedia 1998 iaitu penggunaan yang tidak wajar kemudahan jaringan atau perkhidmatan rangkaian.

Jalaluddin menambah, kesemuanya tindakan itu memberi mesej jelas bahawa kementerian tersebut dan DBKL tidak akan sama sekali bertoleransi dalam isu berkenaan.

"Saya berharap insiden yang melanggar sensitiviti melibatkan agama, bangsa dan keaduan negara tidak akan berulang di mana-mana premis dalam Wilayah Persekutuan," tegasnya.

LIPATAN SEJARAH

RM3,056.5 juta jumlah simpanan luar Malaysia

PADA 11 Julai 1971, *Utusan Malaysia* melaporkan kenyataan Menteri Kewangan, Tun Tan Siew Sin tentang simpanan kasar luar Malaysia sejak merdeka sehingga akhir April lalu telah meningkat kepada RM3,056.5 juta.

Jumlah berkenaan yang paling tinggi

dalam sejarah negara.

Berupac merasmikan kilang wang Bank Negara Malaysia di Batu Tiga, Klang hari ini, beliau berkata: "Sejak 10 tahun lalu, jumlah simpanan kasar negara telah mencapai ke peringkat yang tertinggi".

ANTARA PERISTIWA LAIN YANG MENARIK

● **11 Julai 1972**
Aini Foto yang beroperasi di tingkat dua Bangunan Seri Larut yang dibuka mulai 1 Julai lalu merupakan kedai gambar bumiputera yang pertama di Taiping, Perak.

● **11 Julai 1973**
Kerajaan menimbang kemungkinan untuk menyiaran setiap hari harga barang-barang keperluan utama di Radio dan Televisyen Malaysia sebagai panduan orang ramai di negara ini.

● **11 Julai 1974**
Usaha besar-besaran dilancarkan di Sibu dan Miri, Sarawak esok bagi memungut semula semua tepung gandum yang disyaki beracun daripada 14,000 kampit yang dibawa masuk pada 13 Mei lalu.



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'Throw the book at errant motorists'

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ENFORCE the law fairly, say Kuala Lumpur residents to Federal Territories Ministry's traffic task force which oversees and studies traffic flow to reduce congestion in the city.

Most people interviewed by *StarMetro* said enforcement was needed to punish those who infringe traffic rules.

"If they beef up enforcement and punish those responsible without fear or favour, they can solve the traffic jam issue," said Anthony Tan of Razak Mansion in Sungai Besi, Kuala Lumpur.

"The authorities need to hit errant motorists where it will hurt them the most, their pockets."

"Nothing scares a person more than a tow truck and uniformed officers carrying out enforcement," he added.

Deputy Federal Territories Minister Datuk Seri Jalaluddin Alias, who chairs the task force had said **Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL)** and police would work to disperse traffic at major roads in the city during peak hours.

Enforcement personnel would be mobilised at 85 traffic hotspots to regulate traffic in the morning and evening.

Jalaluddin proposed six ways to tackle congestion in the long-term, including expanding public transport, enforcement of bus-only lanes and building more pedestrian-friendly infrastructure such as underpasses and underground

Public say crackdown by KL's traffic task force will help reduce jams



Vehicles stuck in traffic along Jalan Raja Laut due to shoppers at Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman in Kuala Lumpur. — AZHAR MAHOF/The Star

tunnels.

CH Yap, who stays in Jalan Kuchai Lama, said DBKL needed to step up enforcement in commercial areas and schools.

He said this would deter motorists from breaking the rules.

"I have seen how people sud-

denly become responsible and courteous drivers when police or enforcement officers are present," he added.

Brickfields Rukun Tetangga chairman SKK Naidu said the decision to use the city's 5,000 CCTV cameras to enforce traffic viola-

tions was a step in the right direction.

"I have seen this system work during a trip to Beijing, China.

"We were in a bus and the driver was asking us to get off.

"He told us that people there were more afraid of the cameras

than the police," said Naidu, who recommended the task force look into implementing a two-hour parking limit in hotspots.

"Roadside parking in Brickfields is hogged by people working in the area."

"Motorists do not want to park at private parking bays in commercial buildings as the charges are higher," he added.

Dr Christopher Nicholas, a long-time resident of Brickfields, said ever since international borders reopened on April 1, congestion in Kuala Lumpur seemed to have gone from bad to worse.

"If traffic jams were common during peak hours, now there seems to be gridlock even during non-peak hours and the task force needs to find out why," he said.

Bangsar resident Sham K said the increase in cars on the road could be due to the rising cost of e-hailing.

"Fares have tripled and people who used to opt for e-hailing for some trips are now driving themselves," she noted.

A Happy Garden resident in Jalan Kelang Lama, who did not wish to be named, said knowledgeable people should be in the task force.

"They should comprise urban transportation experts as well as traffic consultants and planners.

"Otherwise we are not going to solve this traffic problem," he said.

S'gor Forestry Dept says excision of reserve started before enactment

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THE degazettement of Bukit Cherakah Forest Reserve (BCFR) did not go through a public hearing process as it took place prior to the adoption of an enactment in the National Forestry Act 1984, the Selangor Forestry Department said.

Department director Datuk Ahmad Fadzil Abdul Majid said Section 11 of Enactment (Adoption) 1985 requiring a public hearing was instituted in 2011, while the degazettement of BCFR was pending from 2006.

His statement was in response to a *StarMetro* report, "Public hearing must precede forest degazettement" on July 7 where Shah Alam Community Forest (SACF) Society honorary treasurer Dr Teckwyn Lim had said the degazettement contravened Selangor forestry laws.

The degazettement of the Bukit Cherakah Forest Reserve on May 5, 2022, was to complete the degazettement process which had stopped around 2006.

"According to Section 13, Enactment (Adoption) 1985, the state authority must make known any area in permanent forest reserves that have been degazetted," said Ahmad Fadzil.

Based on records, he explained that there had been a series of degazettements of BCFR in Section U10, Shah Alam, between 1991 and 2006, including an area of 406.22ha.

As such, he said the degazett-

'Public hearing must precede forest degazettement'

NGO: Selangor govt's move should also include replacement of land

Flashback to StarMetro's report on July 7.

"The Selangor Forestry Department is managing 2,200ha of the Bukit Cherakah forest reserves."

Datuk Ahmad Fadzil Abdul Majid

ment issued on May 5 this year was backdated in line with the decision of Selangor State Executive Council in 2000, after taking into account views from Selangor State Legal Advisor.

Meanwhile, Ahmad Fadzil said the replacement of land was only practised by the Selangor government at present, in line with the commitment to maintain at least 30% of forest area in the state.

"However, this 406.2ha area to be degazetted has no longer been recorded as part of the permanent forest reserves since 2006.

"Currently, the remaining Bukit Cherakah Forest Reserve is 1,298.86ha and the Bukit Cherakah Additional Forest Reserve is 982.80ha."

Both of these forests are still managed by the Selangor Forestry Department as a class of protected forests which are habitats for various flora and fauna.

This forest area is also part of

Taman Botani Shah Alam which is a main recreational park.

"Apart from that, part of Bukit Cherakah Forest Reserve is also used as a water catchment area to supply Tasik Subang Dam," said Ahmad Fadzil.

SARAWAK



Firefighters from Sungai Merah station undergoing a drill.

Fewer calls to fire stations due to drop in bushfires

IT HAS been a busy six months for the 12 stations in Sarawak's Zone 4 Fire and Rescue Department as they attended to 213 emergency calls.

This was a decrease of 12% compared to the zone's total last year of 271 in the same period.

Fire and Rescue Department Zone 4 head Supt Janggan Muling attributed the decrease to fewer bushfires.

"Sibu central recorded the highest number of calls at 69, followed by Sungai Merah (38), Sarikei (28), Mukah (21) Sibujaya and Bintangor (11 each), Mukah (10), Kapit and Tanjung Manis

(eight each), Selangau (six), song (two) and Kanowit (one)."

For structural fires, Sungai Merah station recorded 10 cases followed by Sibu central (nine) and Sarikei (five) while the remaining stations had fewer than five cases up to June 21.

"Most of the causes of structural fires in residences in the Zone 4 area are classified as accidents, for example, short circuits, as well as due to negligence," said Supt Muling.

He revealed that structural fires had resulted in three deaths and two injuries up to June in Zone 4.

Comedy club had wrong licence, says deputy minister

KUALA LUMPUR: A show-cause letter will be issued today to the Crackhouse Comedy Club as it has been operating without the correct licence, says Deputy Federal Territories Minister Datuk Seri Jalaluddin Alias.

The club, he said, had been running with a restaurant licence, not an entertainment licence.

"They need both the restaurant licence and an entertainment licence, so they definitely violated the terms," he said.

Jalaluddin said the club would have 14 days to respond to the letter, which would be issued by Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL).

"They can appeal to DBKL regarding the temporary suspension," he added.

The club, he said, could apply for an entertainment licence, which is under the purview of the DBKL licence committee.

"I will leave it to the committee - they will investigate whether the present licence was abused,"

Jalaluddin added.

The club made headlines when a video was circulated showing a woman claiming to have memorised 15 juz of the Quran and then removing her tudung and baju kurung, showing her in skimpy clothes.

This led to a temporary suspension of the club by DBKL.

The woman has since been remanded at the Brickfields police headquarters since Saturday.

Yesterday, police arrested her

boyfriend as well.

He will be remanded for three days.

The Federal Territories Islamic Religious Department (Jawi) is conducting an investigation as well.

Under the Syariah Criminal Offences (Federal Territories) Act, those found guilty of insulting or causing contempt against Islam can be fined up to RM3,000 or imprisoned for up to two years, or both.

In Ipoh, Youth and Sports Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Faiz Azumu said youths must not be influenced by negative actions such as that of the woman.

"Stay away from such negative situations, and only get influenced by positive and practical traits," told reporters at the Perikat Nasional state-level Kendri Ajidiladha event.

He said he hoped the woman would repent, as she should not insult her own religion.

Standing up for comedy club

Don't penalise platform over act of one artiste, say activists

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KUALA LUMPUR: Yellow tape criss-crossed the entrance of the Crackhouse Comedy Club here, whose operations have been suspended amid the storm over an offensive act by a stand-up performer.

A red notice on the entrance reads that the premises is sealed under Section 101(1)(v) of the Local Government Act.

It did not indicate the duration of the closure.

Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL), when contacted, acknowledged that the premises was sealed but did not provide further details.

Following the controversy, many people voiced their defence of the club, saying that it was an "innocent party".

Investigation should focus on the perpetrators, not the venue, said Arts, Live Festival and Events Association president Rizal Kamal, and Trade group coalition Industries Unite co-founder Datuk David Gurupatham in a joint statement.

"The incident involved an open mic performer who used provocative methods to elicit a shock response from the audience," they said.

They said these activities were not condoned by the industry and had instead tarnished efforts to promote comedy and entertainment in the country.

"We would like to give our support to the venue, which for eight years has provided a platform for comedians to hone their craft."



"Please allow the venue to continue operations with minimal disruption," they said.

Merdeka, a live music venue known for open mic nights, said the suspension, though temporary, was wrong.

An open mic is an event where anyone is welcome to perform music or stand-up comedy.

Merdeka and Crackhouse KL often organise open mics to discover new talents.

"Open mics are also the most effective way to give an opportunity to local artists to hone their talent and get stage experience," said Merdeka on Facebook.

Celebrity Datuk Afdlin Shauki said it was unfair to shutter the venue,

noting that clubs like Crackhouse had contributed a lot to Malaysia's entertainment scene despite not being profitable.

"Places like these need to stay open. Crackhouse is a place where many stand-up comedians learn their art," he said in a Facebook post.

Segambut MP Hannah Yeoh said she hoped the club would be allowed to reopen once the investigation was completed.

She said the club was merely a platform for would-be comedians during an open mic session.

It should not be penalised for the irresponsible acts of an individual, she said.

"Crackhouse Comedy Club is only a platform. The content creator was

No kidding: Close-up shot of the red notice at the sealed door of the Crackhouse Comedy Club in Kuala Lumpur. — ART CHEN/The Star

offensive and has rightfully been arrested," she said on Twitter.

The club owners could not be reached for comment.

Located in Taman Tun Dr Ismail, the club operations were suspended by DBKL after a video clip went viral showing an impromptu act that many found offensive to Islam.

The TikTok video showed the performer removing her headscarf and baju kurung, revealing a mini skirt and spaghetti-strap blouse.

She also yelled out a greeting with an expletive to the audience.

Watch the video
TheStarTV.com



Second Link road rage suspects identified, say cops

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JOHOR BARU: The suspects involved in the road rage incident at the Second Link recently have been identified.

Iskandar Puteri OCPD Asst Comm Rahmat Ariffin said the two suspects in the incident that had since gone viral were believed to be Singaporeans.

"Yes, we have identified the suspects and based on initial investigations, we believe that they are Singaporeans."

"The case is still under investigation. We are also working with our counterparts in Singapore to find

the two suspects," he told *The Star*.

He noted that the two suspects were believed to have returned to the republic.

Videos of the incident can be easily found, with ample footage showing the suspects' red Singapore-registered sedan.

Earlier, ACP Rahmat said police were tracking down the two suspects involved in the road rage incident that took place near the Customs, Immigration and Quarantine (CIQ) on Saturday morning.

"During the incident, the victims, who were in a multi-purpose vehicle, scraped the suspects' car while changing lanes.

"The suspects, who were in a red sedan, stopped their vehicle. Two people, a man and a woman, came out of it.

"The man then shouted vulgar words and made obscene gestures at the victims while the woman yanked out the victims' car plate before throwing it at the windscreen of the car," he said.

ACP Rahmat said no one was hurt during the incident and that the case was being investigated under Section 427 of the Penal Code for committing mischief.

Meanwhile, one of the suspects had allegedly spoken to a Singapore Chinese daily, explaining her side of the story.

According to the report, the woman in the video had contacted the daily on Sunday night, saying that the video being circulated did not paint the full picture of the situation.

The woman, who was not named, claimed that the driver of the multi-purpose vehicle had provoked her and her son first.

She said that the car behind them was trying to cut the queue, but her son, who was driving at that time, was reluctant to give way as he noticed that the car had cut the line earlier.

She claimed that the driver still insisted on cutting into the line, causing her car to be scraped.

When she and her son went to check on the condition of their car, the man in the other car shouted profanities at them and even challenged her son to a fight.

The woman said that she tried to communicate with the driver, but the man refused to hear her, prompting her to stand in front of the car.

She said that the car continued to move despite her standing right in front of it.

She later realised that this had caused her to suffer some bruising on her knees, and in her pain an anger, she decided to pull out the licence plate of the car and throw it at the windshield.

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RESIDENTS and the business community living in and around Happy Garden, Taman Goodwood, Kuchai Entrepreneurs Park and Jalan Kuchai Lama in Jalan Kelang Lama, Kuala Lumpur, are worried about several proposed developments in their townships.

They claim the proposed change of land use under the Draft Kuala Lumpur City Plan (KLCP) 2020 will cause more traffic in the township that is already reeling from chronic congestion issues.

The proposed change will increase the current plot ratio of 1:6 from 120 persons per acre to 1,840 per acre.

The Happy Garden and Continental Park Residents Association (HGCRA) has written to Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) and Sepetuh MP Teresa Kok regarding the matter and is seeking a meeting with them.

"We are concerned about the change of land use on Lots 929, 33469 to 33490 and part of the road reserve off Jalan Kuchai Lama."

"The proposal is to change the land use zoning of 1.4ha land from the current residential low density housing to mixed development with an increased plot ratio."

"As it is, all access roads into Jalan Kuchai Lama are congested and you can see the traffic jam snaking along the stretch and spilling onto Jalan Kelang Lama," said HGCRA honorary secretary Evelyn Low.

"You can see the tailback going right up to Mid Valley. And this situation is no longer confined to peak hours anymore."

"If the proposed amendments to the KLCP 2020 are passed, we believe the traffic congestion will worsen in the next four to five years," she said, noting that for the past decade, there had been at least 3,212 units of high-rise residential units added to the Kuchai

Folk fear hike in plot ratio may worsen traffic jams

They say floods also getting more severe in Jalan Kuchai Lama



Evelyn (centre) with Joshua (right) and another resident, Eric Lee, looking at the proposed draft plan for the area. — YAP CHEE HONG/The Star. (Inset) Many cars were stuck in Jalan Kuchai Lama during a flash flood in early March. — Filepic

Lama vicinity.

"With a conservative estimate of two cars for each household, that is an addition of over 6,400 vehicles using Jalan Kuchai Lama," she added.

However, congestion is not their only concern as residents recently experienced severe flooding along the Jalan Kuchai Lama stretch, affecting hundreds of homes and

businesses in the area.

Resident Joshua Low pointed out that due to the changing weather patterns, Jalan Kuchai Lama and its surrounding area had been experiencing increasingly bad flash floods.

"We have always had flash floods here, but of late, especially on March 7, we saw one of the worst floods to hit the area," he said.

Water rose as high as 2m in Jalan Kuchai Lama, leaving 12 cars stranded.

Even a police patrol car was swept away by floodwaters.

Residents said the flash floods showed that the infrastructure had reached a tipping point and could no longer sustain the level of development the community was experiencing.

Senior citizens need more social activities, says Petaling Jaya MP

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IT IS vital to instil a sense of volunteerism among senior citizens in local communities to ensure they stay active and mentally healthy, says Petaling Jaya MP Maria Chin Abdullah.

She said that in the last two-and-a-half years during the Covid-19 pandemic, many elderly people were cooped up at home and lost touch with their community and social circle.

"In Malaysia, we need to have more social activities for senior citizens and a conducive place for them to gather."

"This is so that they don't deteriorate (mentally). They need to engage more with their friends," she said when attending a Hari Raya Aidiladha gotong-royong programme in PJS2 organised by the PJS2 Residents Association and PJS2 Rukun Tetangga in Taman Dato Harun, Petaling Jaya.

Also present was Taman Medan assemblyman Syamsul Firdaus Mohamed Supri.

Maria said Taman Medan was a unique and community-based neighbourhood where the people liked doing activities together.

"This sort of community spirit is sometimes missing in urban areas. "The community spirit in Taman



Maria (centre) and Syamsul Firdaus (second, right) stirring a pot of mutton curry cooked by PJS2 residents during the Hari Raya Aidiladha gotong-royong in Taman Dato Harun, Petaling Jaya.

Medan is alive, but the people need to still be cautious as the Covid-19 cases are still rising," she said.

Maria said there were plans to refurbish a disused house in PJS2 into a small community hall for social gatherings.

"In Lembah Subang, for example, there is a place for seniors to play carom. This is something we can do here in PJS2," she added.

Syamsul Firdaus contributed one cow and two goats to the residents in conjunction with Hari

Raya Aidiladha.

"We can see there is a lot of joy among the community here after two years of not being able to hold this sort of festive activity."

"This gotong-royong was an awaited moment since 2020," he said.

PJS2 Rukun Tetangga chairman Zulkifli Abu Bakar said 70 residents were involved in the Hari Raya Aidiladha event.

The meat was later portioned out and distributed to the residents and the less fortunate.



The Youth and Sports Ministry has approved RM500,000 for immediate work to repair the facilities of Stadium Hoki Kuantan at Wisma Belia. — Bernama

RM60mil for sports facilities in Pahang

THE Youth and Sports Ministry has approved nearly RM60mil for the construction and refurbishment of sports facilities in Pahang this year.

Deputy Minister Datuk Seri Ti Lian Ker said of the total allocation, RM30mil would go towards the construction of the new Pahang Youth and Sports Complex in Kuantan.

The facility, currently under construction, was expected to be completed in August 2023, he said.

Ti said the rest would go to maintenance of other facilities.

They included RM5mil allocated for Stadium Darul Makmur, RM1.5mil for Kompleks Rakan Muda Rompin, RM2mil for Kompleks Rakan Muda Maran, RM3mil for Kompleks Sukan Pekan and RM4mil for Kompleks Sukan Komuniti Pelangai in Bentong.

"Apart from the allocation for the large-scale projects, the ministry has also approved RM500,000 for immediate work to repair the facilities of Stadium Hoki Kuantan at Wisma Belia."

"It involves the repairing of fences, dressing rooms, fields and plumbing systems," Ti told a press conference at the Kuantan City Council (MBK) Complex.

Also present was MBK mayor Datuk Hamdan Hussin.

Ti said the ministry received MBK's application for funds to repair the hockey stadium two months ago.

He said an immediate approval was given after taking into account the stadium's condition.

He said the ministry had also received an application for a RM4.4mil allocation to upgrade the stadium. — By ONG HAN SEAN