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## Larangan kenderaan berat masuk KL masih berkuat kuasa

**KUALA LUMPUR** - Larangan kenderaan berat masuk ke pusat bandar Kuala Lumpur semasa waktu puncak masih dikuatkuasakan Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL).

Timbalan Menteri Wilayah Persekutuan, Datuk Seri Jalaluddin Alias berkata, larangan itu dikenakan pada dua waktu puncak iaitu jam 6.30 pagi hingga 9.30 pagi dan jam 4.30 petang hingga 7.30 petang.

Menurutnya, DBKL mengambil langkah memaparkan masa larangan masuk kenderaan berat pada paparan *Variable Message Sign* (VMS), selain meletakkan notis awam yang mudah dilihat di lokasi-lokasi strategik termasuk jalan-jalan masuk utama.

“Larangan ini dikuatkuasakan bersama rakan-rakan strategik DBKL iaitu Jabatan Pengangkutan Jalan (JPJ) dan Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM).

“Pihak yang gagal mematuhi arahan ini boleh dikenakan notis kompaun mengikut peruntukan Undang-Undang Kecil Pengangkutan Bahan (Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur) 1997,” katanya dalam kenyataan pada Selasa.

Katanya, sejak 2020 hingga Mac 2022, sebanyak 2,189 notis kompaun telah dikeluarkan ke atas kenderaan berat yang gagal mematuhi arahan itu.

Tambahnya, operasi penguatkuasaan akan dilakukan dari masa ke masa untuk memastikan semua pihak mematuhi peraturan ditetapkan bagi memastikan Kuala Lumpur menjadi bandar raya selamat.

# Maintain SOP at bazaars

## Ramadan shoppers will be fined if they fail to comply

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** With only a few days to go before the start of the holy month and the transition to the endemic phase, the Klang Valley is readying itself for the Ramadan bazaars with Covid-19 protocols in place.

In the capital city, 72 Ramadan bazaar sites have been earmarked by the Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) this year.

Federal Territories Minister Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim said there will be some 5,000 trading lots in total.

"The usual Covid-19 standard operating procedure (SOP) will apply at these bazaars."

"This includes the wearing of face mask and physical distancing among traders and customers," he said after visiting a new trading site in Jalan Gelenggang, Bukit Damansara here, yesterday.

When asked if there would be

any specific SOP such as giving numbered tags to customers and spacing apart the stalls, Shahidan said his ministry would recruit volunteers instead.

"These people will act as community ambassadors to spread awareness of the importance of SOP at Ramadan bazaars," he said.

At press time, there were no guidelines for Ramadan bazaars on the National Security Council's website.

The fasting month for Muslims is expected to start on April 2.

Besides the 72 confirmed bazaar locations, DBKL Licensing and Hawker Development director Khairul Anuar Mhd Juri said they are also considering the feasibility of some last-minute bazaar applications.

"There are still bazaar applications coming in and we are processing them."

"Some of the confirmed bazaars include the popular ones in Taman Tasik Permaisuri, Kampung Baru, Taman Tun Dr Ismail and Flat

PKNS, Jalan Kuching," he said during an interview session with the regional radio station KLFEM yesterday.

Visitors and traders are urged to comply with the SOP in place or risk being fined.

"DBKL and other agencies like the police and officers from the Health Ministry will monitor the SOP compliance at different bazaars."

"If we find traders not adhering to the SOP, we will advise them and if they do it again, we will compound them."

"Repeated lack of SOP compliance might result in the closure of the Ramadan bazaar while deposits of the bazaar organisers to DBKL, ranging from RM200 to RM1,000, will also be forfeited," said Khairul Anuar.

Meanwhile, in Petaling Jaya, only 79% of the Ramadan bazaar lots have been taken up in the 20 areas allocated for the bazaars, said Petaling Jaya mayor Mohamad Azhan Md Amir.

The council has allocated 776 lots this year but only 611 applied for these lots, he revealed.

He said that as a crowd control measure, MBPJ will be introducing the infrared system to conduct headcount at two Ramadan bazaar locations.

"The system will be available at the SS6/1 Kelana Jaya and Section 4 Kota Damansara Ramadan bazaars."

"It will also be able to detect that there are no more than two people at a bazaar lot at any one time," he added.

MBPJ, said Mohamad Azhan, will only allow a maximum of 30 bazaar lots in one area and only 60 customers will be allowed to enter the bazaar at one time.

Last year, MBPJ recorded 211,026 Ramadan bazaar visitors in the city. The information was gathered using the records through the MySejahtera application.

Based on records, 38,887 were from the SS6/1 Kelana Jaya Ramadan bazaar and 29,187 were from Section 4 Kota Damansara.

# Hawkers happy with new Jalan Gelenggang trading site

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FOUR years ago, Mohd Nazri Abd Rais, 42, quit his job as an IT engineer to sell porridge by the roadside.

It has not always been easy and there were times, such as during the movement control order period, when he wished that he was still employed.

"When the cost of living kept rising, I knew that working a nine-to-five job was not going to cut it anymore.

"I did some research and decided to set out on my own as a petty trader.

"I went through a tough time financially in the last two years but things are looking up after the reopening of economic sectors," he said.

The father-of-three from Shah Alam

was among 40 hawkers at a new trading site in Jalan Gelenggang in Bukit Damansara, Kuala Lumpur.

The site was launched early this year by Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) as part of a bigger effort to group pockets of traders in the city at centralised locations.

Federal Territories Minister Datuk Seri Dr Shahidan Kassim, who visited the site yesterday, said the initiative would be expanded to more locations soon.

"We hope this new site will not inconvenience nearby residents as it used to be a public parking space," he said.

The Jalan Gelenggang site, which also has 12 food trucks, operates from 10am to 3pm on weekdays.

The annual licence fee has been waived for hawkers here and they also get a 50% discount on their RM159

monthly rental until December.

DBKL, in a statement, said the programme was part of its plan to reorganise hawkers and petty traders in Kuala Lumpur.

"This is being done in phases and will involve the classification of traders into two groups, namely mobile and static.

"Focus will be on hotspots to ensure their activities do not pose a problem to their surroundings," the statement added.

Seow Wai Chong, 59, who ran a stall with his wife Liew Fui Mun, 67, in Jalan Gelenggang, said People's Volunteer Corps personnel should be stationed on-site to regulate traffic.

"The road tends to get congested in the afternoon.

"This site is also slightly crowded,

which makes it difficult to unload our merchandise," said the trader, who used to operate on the adjacent Jalan Dungun.

Another hawker, Mohd Syazwan Saleh, 37, who had been operating in the area for the past five years, was glad to be at the new site.

"Now that all the stalls in the area are grouped in one place, customers only need to come here to buy food," he said.

Yong tau foo seller Ummy Kalsom Kamarulzaman, 32, hoped business would pick up in Jalan Gelenggang.

"My business took a nosedive during the Covid-19 pandemic, so I hope to see brighter days ahead.

"During this Ramadan, I am planning to sell drinks too," said the mother-of-three from Bangsar.