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Traders, workers in Selayang markets tested for Covid-19

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SELAYANG Municipal Council (MPS) has begun Covid-19 mass testing of traders and workers in wet markets under its jurisdiction.

By next week, over 1,200 of them are expected to undergo swab tests to prevent the disease from spreading undetected and to ensure the safety of customers.

MPS president Shamsul Shahril Badliza Mohd Noor said there had been some challenges in getting traders and workers to turn up for the swab test.

"Some traders gave excuses that there would be no one to take care of their stall at the market, but we insisted that they come and take the test.

"We also discovered that some traders had hired illegal foreign

workers, so they did not want to bring them for the tests.

"We know who these traders and workers are and we will take action together with the Immigration Department soon," he said during the third round of testing traders at wet markets in Gombak.

About 170 traders from Pasar Selayang, Pasar Awam Moden Sri Gombak and Pasar Awam Moden Taman Ehsan were tested by Health Ministry staff, alongside front-line officers from the police, Malaysian Civil Defence Force (APM) and Welfare Department.

Shamsul said that in the first round of tests on May 8, all 335 traders at Pasar Awam Selayang Baru tested negative for the coronavirus.

"We are awaiting results for the second batch of traders from Pasar



Awam Moden Rawang who were tested on May 13," he said.

The final round of testing for traders from Pasar Awam Bandar Country Homes and Pasar Awan Batu Arang are expected to be car-

ried out on May 19.

"We have also asked MPS councillors to be tested as they are in close contact with the public," he said, adding that 300 MPS staff tested negative.

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Each trader from Pasar Awam Moden Sri Gombak and Pasar Awam Moden Taman Ehsan are given a swab test.

Besides screening, MPS has also been carrying out disinfection activities in the wet markets periodically since March 18.

"Each trader was given disinfection solutions to clean their stalls at the end of their business day.

"MPS officers are also stationed at each market to record the temperature of all market traders, workers and customers, and to ensure their hands are clean before they engage in buying and selling activities," said Shamsul.

"Only one entrance will be open to control the number of visitors in the market, and markers on the ground ensure social distancing is observed," he added.

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Ramadhan e-bazaar in Selangor a success

It allows traders to operate from safe and secure venue

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ROTI john, murtabak, nasi kerabu, nasi tomato and tau foo fah are among the top-selling items on the first-ever Ramadan e-bazaar in Selangor.

Under the state government's e-Kitchen Selangor initiative, Ramadan bazaar traders can sell these must-have favourites and more through e-commerce platforms.

Unlike traditional Ramadan bazaars where customers had the option to visit the bazaars to pick and choose their items, the traders here have been placed at specific locations, or "e-kitchens" that serve as venues to distribute their food via food delivery riders.

With the assistance of MBI Selangor and Hijrah Selangor, the state has set up two e-kitchen initiatives — Grab e-Kitchen Bazar and Platform Selangor (PLATS) which runs from April 24 until May 23.

With the former, customers order through the Grab app while the latter is a website where customers can place their orders.

There are currently 11 locations around Selangor that have been selected to be e-kitchen bazaars.

The locations are Ampang, Batu Caves, Damansara, Petaling Jaya, Subang Jaya, Klang, Puchong, Seri Kembangan, Sepang, Bangi and Semenyih.

Previously, Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari said 77 distribution centres were identified, comprising 10 local council halls and 67 restaurants, that would serve as venues to prepare food during Ramadan.

He said the centres would follow social distancing and strict hygiene practices.

"Traders must have their typhoid vaccination as per the standard operating procedure by Health Ministry and the local authorities.

"The e-kitchen concept will only function as a distribution centre.

"No cooking activity or any type of walk-in purchases are allowed," added Amirudin.

The new normal

Eight traders have familiarised themselves with the new concept as their operations at the e-kitchen in Bandar Utama, Petaling Jaya

Amiruddin (left) says the e-kitchen concept makes it easier to estimate the number of packets they can sell each day. — Photos: SAMUEL ONG/The Star

was set up since the first day of Ramadan.

For trader Nurul Azlim Abdul Rahman, 56, the transition from operating at a traditional Ramadan bazaar to an e-kitchen concept was not difficult.

Nurul Azlim, who operates Kebab 3 Benua which sells different types of kebab rolls, said she had managed to increase her output five times within a week.

"It took us a few days to familiarise ourselves with the system, but luckily there was support from Hijrah Selangor and the Grab team.

"On the first day, we were cautious about how much we could sell, so I only made 40 kebab rolls. But within a week, I had to increase to about 200 per day.

"A plus point in operating this way is that there is less competition as each trader here sells different dishes," she said, adding that she could easily make a profit of RM1,000 a day.

Although roti john seller Mohd Firdaus Md Daud, 41, likes the air-conditioned setting of the e-kitchen, he still misses interacting with customers.

Only food delivery riders are allowed to pick up the food at the e-kitchen, such as this place in Bandar Utama, Petaling Jaya.

"I cannot complain since we do not have to worry about the weather, and we have reduced our overhead costs with lower transportation costs," he said.

He added that he did not have to spend hours setting up and dismantling his stall, unlike at the traditional Ramadan bazaar.

"But I do miss the 'bazaar-feel', talking to customers and other vendors," Mohd Firdaus said, adding that he used to operate a roti john stall at the bazaar in Taman Tun Dr Ismail.

For 41-year-old Amiruddin Kamaruddin, the major boost from the e-kitchen concept was the con-



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Pasar borong 'bebas' peniaga warga asing

Pekerja wajib pakai pas dikeluarkan DBKL elak timbul isu pemilik premis

Kuala Lumpur: Tiada lagi peniaga warga asing di Pasar Harian Selayang dan Pasar Borong Kuala Lumpur.

Itu dapatan hasil tinjauan *BH* di kawasan itu selama dua jam bermula 9 pagi semalam.

Pasar terbabit juga dilihat dikawal ketat anggota penguat kuasa Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL), Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM) dan Jabatan Sukarelawan Malaysia (RELA).

Pekerja gerai sayur di Pasar Harian Selayang, Ali Salleh, 36, berkata DBKL mewajibkan setiap peniaga dan pekerja di pasar itu memakai pas dikeluarkan pihak berkuasa berkenaan.

Katanya, ia bagi memastikan tidak timbul lagi isu pemilik premis perniagaan menggajikan warga asing terutama pendatang asing tanpa izin (PATTI) untuk bekerja di pasar terbabit.

"Sepanjang pengalaman saya bekerja di pasar ini sejak 13 tahun lalu, kawasan ini sentiasa dipenuhi dengan pekerja serta peniaga warga asing.

"Selain mewajibkan peniaga dan pekerja pakai pas pihak berkuasa turut mengambil pendekatan melarang mereka (warga asing) berniaga atau bekerja di sini," katanya ketika ditemui pemberita, semalam.

Peniaga barangan basah di pasar sama yang mahu dikenali sebagai Ali, 40-an, pula mengesakan anak muda tempatan untuk merebut peluang pekerjaan di pasar itu susulan 'pembersihan' warga asing.

"Masalah yang timbul sekarang ada banyak peniaga kekurangan pekerja selepas pihak berkuasa menjalankan operasi tangkap warga asing.

"Saya harap lebih ramai anak muda tampil untuk merebut peluang pekerjaan di sini dengan cara yang betul."

Rondaan kawasan ini juga dilaksanakan bagi memastikan tiada warga asing yang menggunakan tembok sebagai laluan pintas. Tindakan ini adalah untuk memastikan tiada warga asing tanpa permit kerja sah terlepas masuk.

Kenyataan DBKL

dar gaji ditawarkan antara RM60 hingga RM70 sehari," katanya.

Dalam pada itu, DBKL akan meneruskan pemantauan dan kawalan di laluan masuk serta keluar Pasar Borong Kuala Lumpur bagi menghalang kemasukan warga asing yang mahu bekerja di pasar berkenaan.

DBKL dalam kenyataan semalam, membenarkan pekerja warga asing sektor perkhidmatan lain yang mempunyai permit sah memasuki kawasan itu.

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"Tindakan ini adalah untuk memastikan tiada warga asing tanpa permit kerja sah terlepas masuk. Tindakan seumpama ini akan diteruskan dari semasa ke semasa," katanya.

Sementara itu, menjeri kain rentang dipasang DBKL di Pasar Harian Selayang, pihak berkuasa tempatan itu mengingatkan pemegang lesen perniagaan untuk tidak membenarkan mana-mana warga asing bekerja di kawasan berkenaan.

"Warga asing tidak dibenarkan terlibat secara langsung atau tidak langsung sebagai pembantu atau pekerja di pusat penjaja dan pasar milik DBKL.

"Ia seperti dinyatakan mengikut peruntukan Undang-Undang Kecil di bawah Akta Kerajaan Tempatan 1976," menurut kain rentang itu.



Pasar Harian Selayang masih lengang selepas di buka kepada orang ramai di bawah PKPB.
(Foto Mohd Yusni Arif/BH)



Anggota tentera membuka pagar berdurian yang dipasang selepas Perintah PKPD di kawasan Pasar Borong Kuala Lumpur ditamatkan 13 Mei lalu.
(Foto Mohamad Shahril Badri Saal/BH)



Peniaga tempatan mula berniaga selepas Pasar Harian Selayang di buka kepada orang ramai di bawah PKPB.