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Customers of the provision stall (left) park along the road near the entrance to the neighbourhood, causing traffic congestion and putting residents at risk. — Photo courtesy of MPAJ

## Furore over roadside stall in Taman Keramat

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Residents claim decade-old shop posing health and traffic hazard

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RESIDENTS of Jalan AU1A/2D in Taman Keramat are angry over a roadside provision stall which they claim is operating illegally and posing a danger to health and safety.

They claim that the stall's operations have resulted in unbearable stench permeating the area and rubbish piling up.

A resident, who declined to be named, said bad odour from the stall which sells dry and fresh goods, including fish, meat and poultry as well as vegetables, becomes unbearable especially after it rains.

"Some residents here are elderly citizens who suffer from asthma. The smell from the shop makes it difficult for us to breathe," she said, adding that the issue has been going on for a decade.

The stall has also inadvertently

become a parking hazard in the neighbourhood, as customers park their vehicles near the road entrance, blocking access to and from the neighbourhood.

To add to their misery, huge lorries transporting supplies sometimes parked in front of the residents' houses, adding more strain to the traffic.

Another resident said inconsiderate parking by the stall's customers posed an accident risk.

"Twice, I almost crashed onto an oncoming motorcycle when exiting the neighbourhood because my field of vision was blocked by the lorries and cars parked along the main road.

"Some of the customers also park their vehicles in front of our houses, making it difficult for us to access our own homes," she said.

She expressed concern that the congestion near the entrance would make it difficult for ambulance and fire marshals to access the neighbourhood in the event of

an emergency.

The makeshift stall is located only 50m away from Sekolah Rendah Agama Kafa Integration Al Aziziah.

A parent, who declined to be named, said she walked her daughter to school everyday.

"The main road is quite narrow and it is dangerous for small children as drivers may not be able to see them," she said, adding that the presence of the stall was only attracting more vehicles to the area.

StarMetro was informed that a compound was issued to the stall operator earlier this year by Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ) for lack of cleanliness.

Residents, however, claimed that the action only addressed one aspect of the issue.

MPAJ president Datuk Abdul Hamid Hussain, when contacted, said the stall appeared to be illegal, judging from the external structure.

Hamid said any commercial premises needed to have adequate parking space for the customers, adding that there was a minimum distance from the road that all premises must observe.

"If the road is 40ft wide, then the premise must be located at least 40ft away from the road," he said.

He added that notice for relocation could be issued if a stall was found to cause inconvenience and safety concerns to local residents.

He, however, emphasised that compassion was needed when enforcing regulations.

"We have to bear in mind that this might be the trader's only source of income.

"Illegal shops usually crop up because there is demand from the local residents," he said.

Hamid added that MPAJ was not liable to compensate illegal stall operators should they be issued with instructions to demolish their shops.