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## Gesa laksana **garis panduan**

MPAJ mohon Kastam beri penerangan lebih jelas berhubung tuntutan GST, elak sebarang kekeliruan

**PANDAN INDAH** - Majlis Perbandaran Ampang Jaya (MPAJ) menggesa Jabatan Kastam Diraja Malaysia (Kastam) memberi penerangan lebih jelas berhubung proses dokumen tuntutan pembayaran cukai barangan dan perkhidmatan (GST).

Yang dipertua MPAJ, Abd Hamid Hussain berkata, pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) perlu diberi penerangan berkaitan GST yang boleh dituntut semula serta perkara yang tidak boleh dituntut.

"Kita telah kemukakan penyata kepada Kastam sebanyak RM5 juta, setakat ini jumlah itu belum dikembalikan kepada MPAJ," katanya.

Abd Hamid turut menafikan dakwaan yang mengatakan PBT menghantar penyata GST yang meragukan.

"Dakwaan semua tuntutan itu tidak boleh dibayar kerana kita salah tuntutan itu adalah tidak benar. Penyata tuntutan itu mungkin terdapat sedikit kesilapan yang tak disengajakan atau berlaku sedikit kekeliruan," katanya.

Menurutnya, berikutan dakwaan itu beliau gesa Kastam laksanakan satu garis panduan untuk mengelak perkara berkenaan berulang.

"Apa yang kita bayar (GST) kepada pihak Kastam adalah hasil kutipan daripada rakyat untuk pembangunan dan kemudahan mereka... bukan untuk aktiviti komersial atau keuntungan.

"Kelewatan tuntutan bayar balik GST ini boleh jejas operasi dan pengurusan MPAJ. Ia juga secara tak langsung boleh menjejaskan perkhidmatan kita untuk rakyat," katanya.

Sebelum ini, Ketua Pengarah Kastam, Datuk Seri T Subromaniam dalam satu kenyataan memaklumkan, GST yang dianggarkan melebihi RM36 juta yang dibuat oleh 12 PBT di Selangor tidak dapat dilaksanakan kerana mendapati mengemukakan penyata meragukan.

Menurutnya, Kastam bertindak menahan tuntutan itu selepas mendapati 12 PBT berkenaan gagal mengaunkan GST sepenuhnya untuk pembekalan bercukai.

PBT itu juga didapati membuat tuntutan bagi *item* tidak layak dituntut seperti tuntutan ke atas kenderaan penumpang untuk kegunaan PBT yang dikategorikan sebagai *block input tax* yang tidak dibenarkan undang-undang walaupun GST dikenakan semasa pembelian.

Subromaniam menjelaskan di bawah peruntukan undang-undang, jabatan itu berhak menahan pembayaran sebarang tuntutan jika terdapat keraguan atau penyataan yang meragukan.

Beliau turut kesal dengan dakwaan tidak berasas seolah-olah Kastam berhutang, sekali gus mengundang persepsi negatif terhadap jabatan itu.

Namun pihaknya bersedia menyelesaikan perkara itu dan semua PBT diberikan masa tiga bulan mengemukakan maklumat yang diperlukan sebelum tindakan selanjutnya diambil.



**ABD HAMID**



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# Highway on track despite initial setbacks

EKVE developer submits new alignment option for phase 2 to Government



Regular desilting works are carried out at the retention ponds along the EKVE project site.

By **SHALINI RAVINDRAN**  
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WITH only two years left until the completion of phase one of the East Klang Valley Expressway (EKVE), the framework of the highway is slowly taking shape.

Despite being delayed initially by objections from environmental groups and people living close to the site, the project is 25% complete and the highway is expected to be ready by September 2019.

EKVE Sdn Bhd senior general manager Mohd Khalid Mohamed said the highway would stretch

24.1km, from Sungai Long in Kajang to Ukay Perdana in Ampang.

"Most of it is constructed over undulating terrain or elevated land.

"About 35% of the highway in Package 1 is made up of bridges to ensure less land is taken up and to minimise damage to the surrounding areas. We are just taking strips (of land) along the way," he said.

Package 1 stretches from Sungai Long to Sungai Michu, while Package 2 will continue to Ukay Perdana. Package 3 will comprise the upgrading of Jalan Ukay Perdana.

Mohd Khalid said the company would build retention ponds along the alignment as well as silt fences.

"This is to ensure that any surface water runoff from the highway is filtered before being discharged into the river," he said, adding that the discharge would be minimum Class 2, as instructed by the Environment Department.

"Supplementary measures include stationing emergency response teams (ERT) in areas of high flood risk such as Sungai Michu and Sungai Sub in Hulu Langat.

"We are monitoring this area

together with the Selangor Water Management Authority (Luas) and Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) as well as other agencies.

"Sungai Michu will be lined with concrete for 400m to reduce the risk of soil erosion," Mohd Khalid said.

This comes after Luas has identified the construction of the EKVE and other development projects as among the contributors to water shortages in several areas in Kuala Lumpur caused by the deterioration in water quality of Sungai Langat earlier this year.

Heavy rain led to silt flowing into Sungai Langat through two tributaries, namely Sungai Sub and Sungai Michu, causing increased muddiness in the river water.

Mohd Khalid said EKVE was part of the missing link for the eastern region of the Kuala Lumpur Outer Ring Road (KLORR).

"KLORR was planned much earlier as a traffic dispersal scheme.

"For KLORR to be effective, the second phase of EKVE will also have to be completed from Ukay Perdana to the International Islamic University Malaysia in Gombak.

"We have submitted an alterna-

tive alignment to the Federal Government so that the KLORR can be completed.

"The previous alignment was rejected as it would be behind the Klang Gates Dam and the Quartz Ridge," he explained.

The RM1.55bil EKVE will be a dual carriageway with toll plazas at five interchanges, namely Sungai Long, Bandar Mahkota Cheras, Hulu Langat, Ampang and Ukay Perdana interchanges.

Commenting on the degazette-ment and excision of part of the forest reserve, Mohd Khalid said it was carried out in accordance with the

National Forestry Act 1985 and the forest area was replaced on a one-to-one basis.

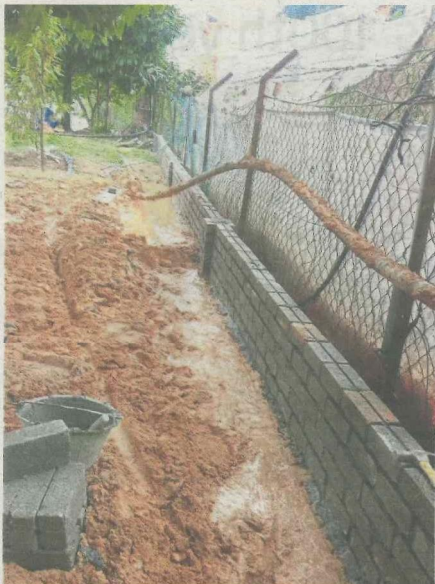
"We bought over 120ha of land between the Ulu Langat and Ampang forest reserves so that it will be a contiguous area," he explained.

The forest reserve is part of the Selangor State Park and was gazetted in 2005 in conjunction with its Developed State status.

In February 2014, the Selangor Forestry Department degazetted 106.65ha of the Ampang Forest Reserve for the construction of EKVE.

**Supplementary measures include stationing emergency response teams in areas of high flood risk.**

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A brick wall has been built to prevent surface run-off water from the EKVE project site.



Workers building the base for the elevated EKVE highway.





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## Taman Rimba Ampang needs upgrade badly



MANY were upset when it was announced that the East Klang Valley Expressway (EKVE) project would see the degazetting of 106.6ha of the Ampang Forest Reserve.

The public were concerned that the construction of the EKVE would lead to the deterioration of Taman Rimba Ampang.

The recreational park, popularly known as Bukit Belacan, is the main access to the forest reserve and used to be popular among families and birdwatchers.

But the past several years had seen the place become increasingly disused due to the lack of maintenance or upgrading efforts.

The ongoing EKVE project, which traverses the edge of Taman Rimba Ampang, had also caused the number of visitors to dwindle.

During a *StarMetro* visit, only the sounds of heavy machinery rang out in the otherwise quiet forest.

Most of the facilities, such as the toilets and changing rooms, were in a deplorable condition.

There were no lights and even the windows and doors were broken.

The playground too was in terrible shape with broken swings and damaged rubber mats.

The wooden gazebos were rotting and in need of a fresh coat of paint, while some structures were completely unrecognisable from their original condition.

EKVE Sdn Bhd senior general manager Mohd Khalid Mohamed said the company had proposed to the local authorities to upgrade the Taman Rimba Ampang and offered to bear the costs as part of EKVE's corporate social responsibility effort.

"At present, the condition of Taman Rimba Ampang has reached a state where it is inconvenient for those wishing to enjoy the area," he said.

He said, however, the park should be fully closed for the upgrading work, in view of safety and environmental concerns.

It was proposed that Taman Rimba Ampang was to be closed to the public from Jan 5 last year to May 5, 2019.

But after facing strong objection by the public, it was decided that the recreational park would remain open during the EKVE construction phase.

"We have done all the necessary measures including proper irrigation and prevention of soil erosion.

"Apart from silt fences and silt traps, we have covered the slopes with tarpaulin and placed sandbags as a precautionary measures," said Mohd Khalid about EKVE efforts to minimise damage to the recreational park.

The Ampang forest reserve is part of Selangor State Park classified as Rank 1 Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) under the National Physical Plan and accorded the highest status of protection.

Dilapidated amenities coupled with ongoing construction of the EKVE highway at the Taman Rimba Ampang has caused fewer visitors at the once popular park. — LOW BOON TAT/ The Star

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## Canopy operator now using public hall as storage

IT WAS once a public hall used by residents of Taman Putra, Ampang, for weddings and sports events.

Now, the facility has become a storage for canopies and tables by a business operator.

The residents held a protest to express their disappointment over the thoughtless act of a businessman who took hold of the hall.

In October last year, Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ) demolished an illegal structure next to the hall that was used to store canopies and tables.

However, the activity resumed early this year, but this time, the hall itself became a store house.

Pandan MCA division chairman Datuk Leong Kok Wee said that in January, a person in charge of the hall told the residents to stop all the activities because of termite infestation.

However, the residents grew suspicious when they saw the same canopy business operator storing the equipment in the hall.

"The residents are angry because the public hall has been misused. Every night, the lights and fans are switched on," said Leong.

The frustrated residents are urging Local Government, New Village Development and Legalising of Factories Committee chairman Ean Yong Hian Wah, Pandan MP Rafizi Ramli and Teratai assemblyman Tiew Way Keng to give an answer to this problem.

The residents also planned to collect signatures from those against the illegal operation and submit it to MPAJ.

Leong said if the local council and the elected representative did not address the matter, the residents would report it to the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission.

Taman Putra Residents Association chairman Addie Chong demanded that the authorities take the complaints seriously and see for themselves what the hall had been turned into.

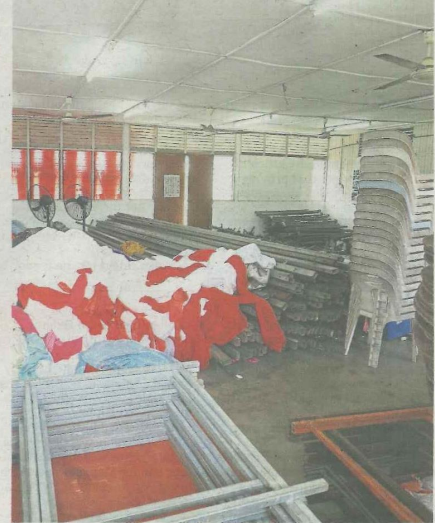
"This hall is meant for the resi-



Leong says residents want the authorities to put a stop to the misuse of the hall.

idents' use for weddings, celebration and sporting events, but we cannot use it as it has turned into a storage.

"This is an unacceptable act and someone must be held accountable," said Chong. — **By INTAN MAWARNI**



Canopies, tablecloth, chairs and tables stored in the hall prevent residents from using the facility.