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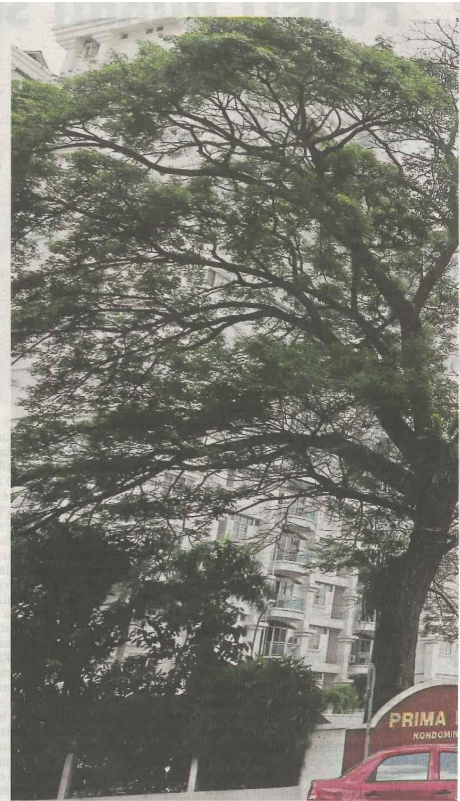


Pokok di Jalan Semambu, Kuantan yang tidak diurus dengan baik boleh mendatangkan bahaya kepada pengguna.

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Penunggang motosikal melalui bawah rimbunan dahan pokok yang boleh mendatangkan bahaya sekiranya tumbang pada bila-bila masa berhampiran Rumah Pangsa Kampung Padang, Jalan Pokok Mangga.



Keadaan pokok tua yang tidak diselenggara dengan baik oleh

Pokok reput tak diselenggara jadi perangkap maut

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Pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) perlu mengambil iktibar daripada kejadian seorang pelajar mati dihempap dahan pokok semalam supaya lebih kerap melakukan penyelenggaraan terhadap landskap di bawah seliaan mereka.

Setiausaha Kehormat Institut Arsitek Landskap Malaysia (ILAM), LAR Dr Nor Atiah Ismail, berkata aspek penyelenggaraan landskap termasuk pokok sering diabaikan PBT kerana beranggapan ia tidak begitu penting.

Beliau yang juga pensyarah kanan Fakulti Rekabentuk dan Seni-bina Universiti Putra Malaysia berkata, penyelenggaraan berkala terhadap pokok sebenarnya sangat penting dilakukan seperti pemangkasan setiap tiga hingga enam bulan bagi memastikan ia dalam keadaan sihat dan selamat. Katanya, selain itu penting juga melakukan pemeriksaan menyeluruh atau forensik pokok setiap enam bulan hingga setahun bagi mengetahui keadaan sebenar pokok.

"Kedua-dua perkara ini antara yang sering diabaikan PBT kerana beranggapan pokok tidak perlu dijaga dengan rapi dan boleh hidup dengan sendiri.

"Andaian seperti ini tidak tepat kerana pokok juga sama seperti manusia, hidup dan memerlukan penjagaan rapi. Mungkin dari luar ia kelihatan sihat, tetapi di dalam sebenarnya sudah sakit dan hanya

menunggu masa untuk rebah. "Kos menyelenggara pokok sebenarnya tidak tinggi, namun jika tidak dibuat secara berkala, ia boleh mengundang bahaya kepada nyawa manusia seperti jika dihempap dahan atau pokok yang tumbang," katanya.

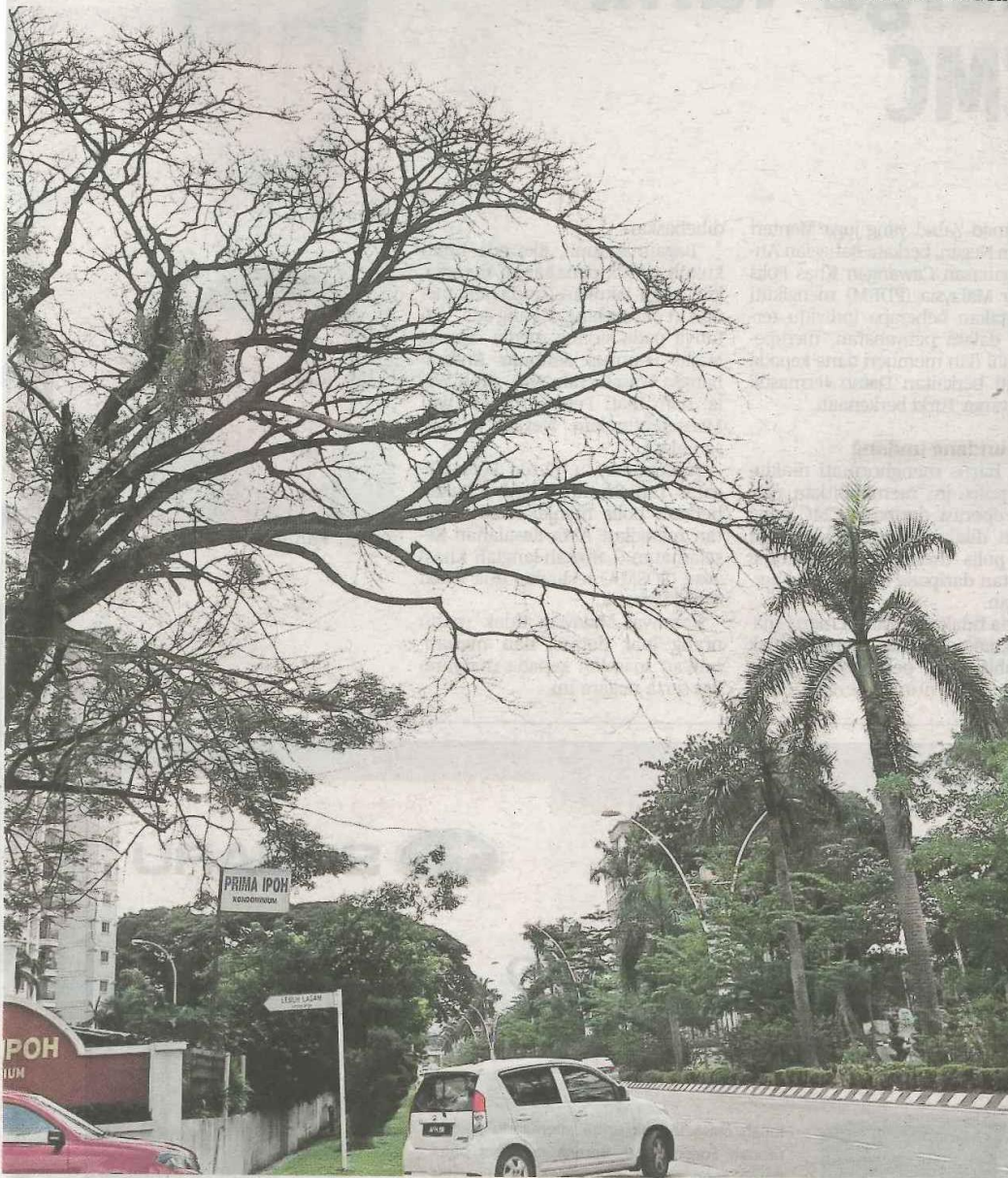
Kurangkan risiko kemalangan
 Semalam seorang pelajar Tingkatan Empat sebuah sekolah di Melaka maut ditimpa dahan pokok sewaktu menunggang motosikal di Taman Desa Ayer Molek Seksyen 1, Melaka, pagi semalam.

Dalam kejadian kira-kira jam 7:30 pagi itu, Muhammad Nor Danial Mohd Khir, 16, yang menunggang motosikal jenis Yamaha 15ZR dalam perjalanan dari rumahnya di Taman Kelubi, Jasin, ke sekolah.

Sementara itu, Ketua Kluster Sumber Asli dan Alam Sekitar, Majlis Profesor Negara, Prof Emeritus Datuk Dr Ibrahim Komo berkata,

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➔ PBT perlu ambil iktibar kejadian pelajar mati dihempap dahan pokok



pihak bertanggungjawab boleh mengundang bahaya kepada pengguna di Jalan Lebuh Lasam, Ipoh.

pelbagai aspek perlu dipertimbangkan dalam melaksanakan projek landskap bagi mengelak kejadian tidak diingini.

Antaranya, PBT perlu meneliti jenis pokok yang sesuai untuk ditanam di tepi jalan dalam usaha mengurangkan risiko kemalangan kepada orang awam, katanya.

Katanya, dalam usaha memperindah kawasan, PBT perlu memastikan program pemantauan dan kerja pemangkasan dilakukan secara rapi dengan bajet dan kemahiran.

Timbalan Presiden Gabungan Persatuan Pengguna Malaysia (FOMCA) Mohd Yusof Abdul Rahman, berkata PBT perlu bertanggungjawab terhadap kejadian menimpa Muhammad Nor Danial.

PBT bertanggungjawab menyelenggara kawasan pentadbiran secara berkala termasuk memastikan pokok ditanam di kawasan awam tidak mengundang bahaya

kepada orang ramai, katanya.

Elak kejadian berulang

Beliau berkata, kegagalan mematuhi Prosedur Operasi Standard (SOP) sehingga mendatangkan kemudaratan termasuk kematian kepada orang ramai tidak seharusnya berlaku.

"Jabatan Landskap Negara perlu mengeluarkan garis panduan lebih jelas kepada PBT mengenai jenis pokok yang sesuai dengan cuaca di negara ini bagi mengelak kejadian berulang," katanya.

Presiden Persatuan Ekologi Malaysia, Profesor Ahmad Ismail, pula berkata, menjadi tanggungjawab PBT memastikan pokok ditanam disesuaikan dengan keadaan cuaca negara ini.

"PBT perlu merujuk kepada pakar dan menganjurkan kursus kepada kakitangan bagi memastikan mereka dilengkapi kemahiran dalam melaksanakan projek landskap.

"Selain itu, jawatankuasa penduduk juga perlu berperanan memastikan persekitaran kawasan tempat tinggal bebas daripada risiko kemalangan," katanya.

Sementara itu pengguna jalan raya, Syafie Yaakup, 64, yang kerap menggunakan Jalan Duyong - Bukit Katil, di Melaka, mengakui ada dahan pokok yang mati kerap jatuh di atas jalan, malah pernah beberapa kali menjadi penyebab kemalangan di laluan berkenaan.

Seorang lagi pengguna jalan raya, Lokman Yunos, 34, berkata dia bimbang melihat dahan pokok mati di Jalan Bukit Baru, Melaka, yang kian reput dan menunggu masa untuk tumbang.

Tinjauan dijalankan di Georgetown, Pulau Pinang mendapati, penduduk bimbang dengan kejadian pokok tumbang yang semakin kerap berlaku di sekitar Paya Terubong dan meminta PBT memantau keadaan pokok tua sekitar bandaraya ini.



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Lax enforcement on dirty eateries

Local authorities urged to take stricter action against unhygienic restaurants in Selangor

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THE dirty state of restaurants in Selangor has people questioning the current enforcement system by local councils.

Those caught are now allowed to reopen their shops after cleaning is done, even if it is within a day or two instead of two weeks as stipulated by the Food Establishment Licensing By-Law 2007.

This has not gone down well with the public who feel sterner action is needed.

Petaling Jaya resident Lum Weng Fook said allowing restaurants to reopen as soon as they cleaned up was not a good idea.

"They should be taught a lesson. Cleanliness is not something you can compromise on," he added.

Lum believes local councils lack sufficient enforcement officers to conduct spot checks on eateries. "Imposing fine and closing the offending premises for a few days is not enough. There has to be follow-up to ensure the problem does not recur," he emphasised.

In his opinion, some of the worst culprits are in Taman Mayang, Taman Mayang Jaya, SS2 food court and shops in Bukit Mayang Ennas.

Afiqah Mohammad Ariffin left her meal at a restaurant in Shah Alam untouched after a rat was spotted.

She was enjoying a quiet evening with friends when she

Enforcement against restaurants

Council	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Closure
MPSA	118	155	72	31
MBSA	48	51	11	16
MPKJ	40	117	42	1

Councils say they are doing their best to rid rodents

LOCAL councils in Selangor say they are doing their best to deal with rodent problems in their areas.

Subang Jaya Municipal Council (MPSJ) has been focusing on rat hotspots. Its Corporate and Strategic Management deputy director Azfarizal Abdul Rashid said the council put rat poison at identified hotspots.

"We will return to collect the carcass the next day. Up to March, our health department had collected 1,044 carcasses," he added.

MPSJ had issued 379 notices since January this year to restaurants to clean up their premises and handed out 292 summonses.

Petaling Jaya City Council's (MPJP) vector unit is tasked with conducting regular spot checks as well. MBPJ Health and Environment Department director Dr Chitradevi N. Vadivelu said the council routinely checked for rat droppings in restaurants.

"A total of 25 restaurants with rat droppings and cockroaches were identified. Most of them

were in Section 11, Petaling Jaya," she added.

Dr Chitra said it was hard to get rid of rats totally as the rodent was always found in places where food was present.

"When there are illegal garbage dumps and rubbish is thrown indiscriminately, it will always result in rats and cockroaches."

"We need everyone to cooperate to find a permanent solution," she said.

She added that any restaurant with three notices or summonses would have their licences terminated, subject to the

approval of a special committee.

Shah Alam City Council (MBSA) Corporate Communications head Shahrin Ahmad said the council had been running a campaign to get rid of rodents.

Shahrin said members of the public were paid RM3 for every rat caught.

"This campaign started last year and we will continue with it. We are planning to open collection counters in housing estates," he added.

The collection centre last year was in Taman Sri MUDA, one of the main hotspots in Shah Alam.



(Right) Food waste dumped in a drain in the backlane of SS15 Subang Jaya.

(Left) A restaurant worker in Taman Sri Muda washing utensils and vegetables in a backlane. — Photos: S.S KANESAN/The Star



saw a waiter running after "something" that turned out to be a Malaysian shrew (conoz) which escaped into a drain nearby.

When she was leaving, Afiqah saw dead cockroaches under the table.

"I was surprised they were allowed to operate despite the state the restaurant was in. Restaurants in Malaysia are generally not clean," she said.

Afiqah opined that enforcement in Selangor was lacking.

"It is sad to see people being so relaxed and eating in unhygienic restaurants like this," she added.

M. Nantha, 33, said the number of rats running around his neighbourhood in PJS 7 had increased in the last year.

There are two restaurants near

his house and the back alleys are in a terrible state.

"The place looks really dirty, anyone should think twice before eating there and yet it is packed with customers every day.

"Rubbish is also not disposed of properly and rats can be seen everywhere," he added. Nantha said it was unfortunate people continued to patronise dirty eateries and ignoring the importance of proper hygiene at places serving their food.

"It is not worth jeopardising your health by eating in dirty restaurants. If we all take a stand to stop going to such places, we may have cleaner restaurants in the future," he added.

Residents of Subang Jaya claim rats can be spotted any time of the

day in SS15, the township's commercial centre.

During a recent visit to the area in question, *StarMetro* found several streets littered with rubbish and the drains were clogged.

In SS19, the drains were filled with discarded food and other items as well as gunk made up of stale cooking oil and grime.

USJ 11 resident M. Singam said eateries found breaking the regulations should not be allowed to reopen immediately.

"The shop should be sealed for at least two weeks to allow health inspectors to check and determine the premises is not contaminated. Simple cleaning may not get rid of all the bacteria present," he pointed out.



A dead rat in a drain in SS19, Subang Jaya, UluT is filled with food waste from restaurants nearby.

Drain clean-up to end flooding woes in Taman Sri Muda

TAMAN Sri Muda residents' flood woes may be temporarily resolved following clean-up sessions by the Shah Alam City Council (MBSA).

Councillor Ruthira Surasan said clearing of clogged drains along Jalan 25/44 and Jalan 25/43 where flooding was common took over 12 hours.

"The contractors failed to inform the council about the clogged drains.

"They need to let us know of such severe clogging, so that we request for water jets to flush out the dirt," she said, adding that the clogged drains contributed to flooding.

Ruthira said since the drains were cleaned up last week, there were no complaints of floods.

The council's Engineering Department, she added, would build culverts in areas, where necessary.

"They have begun mapping the area. We will be doing it soon," she said.

She, however, urged residents to

work together with the council to clean up their neighbourhood and organise *gotong-royong*.

She, however, was disappointed that residents did not take the initiative to enquire about cleaning works outside their homes.

Taman Sri Muda has been battling floods for over 20 years.

While some locations improved with residents no longer enduring ankle-deep water after a downpour, there are still some problematic areas that need to be addressed.

Residents spent thousands renovating their houses to keep floodwaters out.

The most recent flood occurred last month along Jalan 25/44 and Jalan 25/43 near the commercial lots where workshops are aplenty. *StarMetro* highlighted the plight of the workshop owners who said customers were unable to access their premises during flash floods, resulting in loss of business.



MBSA contractors cleaning the drains along Jalan 25/43 and Jalan 25/44 in Taman Sri Muda to prevent floods in the area.



MBSA contractors using water jets to clear the clogged drains in Taman Sri Muda.



ROAD CLOSURE

Jalan Tasik Permaisuri 1, Kuala Lumpur, will be closed in stages from midnight tonight to 6am on May 8 to accommodate the second round of the 2017 Malaysian Supermoto Championship and the second series of the KL Xtravaganza taking place in Taman Tasik Permaisuri, Cheras.

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WESAK CELEBRATION

Nalanda Buddhist Society Malaysia will celebrate Wesak Day this year from May 7 until 10, at the Nalanda Centre in Taman Sri Serdang, Seri Kembangan. This year's theme is Buddha - Our Teacher and Refuge. Programmes include Dhamma teachings, sutta study, forum, meditation, alms-giving, blood donation, organ pledge campaign, exhibition, culminating in the heritage procession with Buddha relics for the first time in Sri Serdang and a stage performance in the evening on May 10. For details, call 03-6930 1500 or 8938 1501, e-mail: info@nalanda.org.my or visit www.nalanda.org.my, www.facebook.com/nalanda.org.my/

ISLAND RACES

Silverman Malaysia will see a new race start at the Marina Island, Telok Batik, in Seri Manjung next to Lumut town on Aug. 12. Race distances include the Duathlon-11km run/61km bike/11km run and Half Marathon-21km. Entry fee includes, race T-shirt, goodee bag, isotonic & water during race, light refreshments (after the race at 1pm). Finisher jersey for Duathlon, Half Marathon T-shirt and medal will only be awarded to participants who finish within the stipulated time of six hours. To register, visit warriors-quest.com

COUNCIL MOBILE COUNTERS

● MBPJ's EZ-Pay counter will operate from 10am to 3pm near the morning market in SS24, Taman Megah until today followed by PJU 10, Damansara Damai (near McDonald's and the Shell station) from May 6 till May 9.
● Shah Alam on Wheels by Shah Alam City Council will be at the carpark in Aeon Big, Seksyen 23, Shah Alam, tomorrow from 11am to 5pm for services such as payment of assessment rates, parking compounds and complaints.

FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

The International Medical University (IMU) is having its Festival of the Arts tomorrow in conjunction with its 25th anniversary. The event will feature local and international talents to create a platform for Connecting People, Changing Perspectives. Highlights include an art installation, sketch mob and art exhibition. The event is from 9am to 4pm at the IMU campus in Bukit Jalil. For details, visit www.imu.edu.my/arts or IMUArtFest on Facebook.

BLOOD DONATION

There will be a blood donation campaign for the UMMC Blood Bank on May 10 from 8.30am to 3pm at the Subang Jaya Buddhist Association, Lot PT 12593, 5513, Jalan Kewajipan, 47500 Subang Jaya (next to BHP petrol station). For details, call 012-377 5261/03-5634 8181 (Lily).



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Peniaga mohon dibenarkan cari rezeki depan pasar raya

AMPANG - Seramai 41 peniaga berharap Majlis Perbandaran Ampang Jaya (MPAJ) dapat beri kebenaran kepada mereka mencari rezeki di jalan berhadapan sebuah pasar raya besar di sini.

Wakil peniaga, Uyop Ahmad berkata, peniaga berharap pihak berkuasa tempatan itu mengkaji semula keputusan mereka yang tidak membenarkan para peniaga beroperasi selama sebulan di kawasan itu.

Katanya, peniaga juga berharap MPAJ menaik taraf kawasan itu kepada beberapa booth kecil untuk penyelesaian para peniaga atau membenarkan para peniaga menjalankan perniagaan car booth sale.

"Kami mohon Datuk Iskandar A Samad campur tangan selesaikan masalah kami di sini," katanya selepas menyerahkan memorandum kepada Adun Chempaka itu, di sini.

Sementara itu, seorang peniaga yang enggan identiti didedahkan berkata, hidup mereka ibarat pelarian kerana terpaksa melarikan



Pengarah Pusat Khidmat Dun Cempaka, Suhaimi Ghazali yang mewakili Adun Cempaka bersama kakitangan Pusat Khidmat menerima memorandum daripada peniaga.

INFO • Peniaga di situ ibarat pelarian kerana mereka terpaksa melarikan diri apabila ternampak penguatkuasa.

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"MPAJ kerap mengeluarkan saman dan sita barangan kami, kadangkala mereka serbu dalam tempoh empat kali dalam satu hari.

"Kita sanggup mohon lesen untuk berniaga di kawasan itu. Namun, alasan MPAJ yang tidak benarkan peniaga beroperasi di kawasan itu adalah atas faktor ke-

selamatan peniaga dan pelanggan," katanya.

Peniaga turut mendakwa ada individu memaklumkan kepada mereka, MPAJ telah beri kebenaran mewujudkan bazar tapak *up town* atau *down town* berhampiran pasar raya besar itu dan

"Peniaga hanya perlu bayar RM1,300 kepada penganjur untuk sewa tapak, dia turut memaklumkan perkara itu akan dilaksanakan pada Ogos nanti," katanya.

Sementara itu, Pegawai Komunikasi Korporat MPAJ, Norhayati Ahmad memberitahu, MPAJ tiada sebarang perancangan berhubung bazar *up town* serta *down town* di kawasan itu.