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## Nay to undue influence

Kuala Lumpur City Hall will no longer entertain endorsement letters pertaining to licensing matters. The decision comes as part of the local authority's efforts to put an end to the misuse of political connections, especially in securing Ramadan bazaar lots. >3



**Offensive sight**  
 A restaurant worker washing kitchenware in a filthy back lane in Cyberjaya. Up to May this year, Sepang Municipal Council has closed down 36 out of 2,000 eateries within its jurisdiction for unhygienic practices. — GRACE CHEN/The Star >4





## METRO HYGIENE CAMPAIGN

Story and photos by GRACE CHEN  
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FOLLOWING public outcry over the state of dirty food premises, *StarMetro* speaks to local authorities in Putrajaya and Sepang to find out how they are handling the situation.

### Putrajaya

Though Putrajaya Corporation's (PPJ) stand as the local authority is to practise soft diplomacy on food stall operators by instilling awareness before resorting to enforcement, it is also realistic about their attitude on the ground.

Throughout their course of duty, officers have seen food handlers kneading *roti canai* dough with their feet and washing raw meat in toilets, and even found rat droppings in bags of dried shrimp.

"In such cases, the premises will be shut down," said PPJ Environmental Health officer Azman Hassan.

"The hard truth is, some food operators don't have the right attitude for the business. They are only interested in profits," said PPJ City Services vice-president Datuk Azizi Ahmad Termizi.

"The most effective way to put these errant operators out of business, is for the public to boycott these restaurants," he said.

Unfortunately, some do not seem to mind frequenting dirty eateries, Azizi said, citing as example a popular *nasi kandar* joint in a northern state where rats were seen scurrying around but the eatery continued to see high number of customers.

In Putrajaya, where food waste enjoys a new lease of life as plant compost, the health and environment department overlooks the hygiene of 360 eateries operating within the administrative capital.

There are only two categories given to eateries operating in Putrajaya - Grade A and Grade B. If a premises falls into the Grade C category, it will be asked to shut down for two weeks.

Within this time frame, the restaurant owner is expected to clean up the premises, send its workers for food handling courses or medical treatment and correct its food handling practices.

"Frequency of checks is every nine months for Grade A restaurants and six, for those in the B category.

"During this time, the workers are also checked for typhoid vaccinations.

"Should PPJ receive complaints from the public or requests from the eatery owner then inspections will be carried out sooner," said Azizi.

On whether the frequency of these checks will be increased following the spate of public complaints on dirty eateries, Azizi said this would be possible with the addition of manpower, which PPJ was looking into.

From 2016 up to April 2018, the PPJ Health Department had shut down 32 premises.

However, none of these premises had its licence suspended.

To encourage eatery operators to improve their hygiene standards, those in the Grade A category are given free publicity on PPJ's Facebook page, which has close to 270,000 followers.

During the fasting month, PPJ's

# Keeping eatery operators on their toes

Putrajaya and Sepang local authorities act on public complaints in addition to scheduled checks



Restaurants in Putrajaya and Sepang that fail to upkeep cleanliness risk getting a fine, a poor grade or worse, a temporary shutdown of their business.

Environmental Health division set up a booth at the site of the Ramadan bazaar in Putrajaya to ensure food traders toed the line when it came to food handling practices.

"Inspections were carried out every day and compounds were issued for each offence," said Azman.

### Sepang

Up to May this year, Sepang Municipal Council (MPSepang) closed down 36 of 2,000 eateries within its jurisdiction, said MPSepang Public Relations and Corporate Unit head Afra' Fardillah Zai Mustapar.

Quoting MPSepang Health Department director Kuzaini Hamidon, Afra' said a majority of the offences were dirty kitchens, cockroaches, rat droppings and shoddy maintenance.

It has also come to the council's attention that a majority of the foreign workers hired by eateries were unfamiliar with local hygiene standards.

As they do not understand the local language, it is difficult for officers to explain the offences they have committed.

"There is a need to address this because the food handling courses, which are compulsory for those working in restaurants to attend, are held in Bahasa Malaysia.

"If the course is being attended by restaurant workers who are from Myanmar, how are they to follow the lesson?" asked Kuzaini.

He has brought the matter up with the Health Ministry, proposing that they come up with educational pamphlets in multiple languages and include more images and graphics to get the message across.

On the frequency of checks, Afra' said Grade A restaurants are checked twice a year and those who fall in the B category



The dirty backlane of a restaurant in Cyberjaya.

are inspected thrice.

During the inspections, the council also conducts checks on typhoid vaccinations, grease traps, toilets and storage areas.

Restaurant workers who have not been vaccinated will be given 14 days to do so, failing which a compound of no more than RM1,000 can be issued by the local authority.

MPSepang's Health Department has 10 officers working in pairs to go on inspection rounds day and night.

The council, however, has yet to comment on its next course of action on a recent complaint pertaining to dirty backlanes in Jalan GC 4, 7 and 5 in Cyberjaya.

A visit made by *StarMetro* saw a food operator washing dishes at the rubbish-strewn back lane.

Kitchen sinks, though equipped with grease traps, were connected to pipes discharging sullage directly into drains.

Repeated attempts to contact MPSepang's Town Services Unit head Norrehan Amat Kasman and the Public Relation And Corporate Unit for comment on this matter were unsuccessful.

*StarMetro* would like to urge readers to alert us on dirty restaurants and we, on our part, will alert the authorities to act against these irresponsible operators.

Do not forward old pictures and videos of dirty eateries taken several months ago or those involving restaurants in other countries. Send us only recent or fresh incidents of dirty eateries.

We intend to highlight eateries that are dirty and messy, and those who cut meat and vegetables at back lanes or beside drains.

In your email, include your name, contact number, the restaurant's name and its full address. Send to metro@thestar.com.my, and, yes, we keep your information confidential.





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# Azmin sebak tinggalkan Selangor

*Sukar tinggalkan kakitangan kerajaan negeri*

ASYRAF MUHAMMAD

SHAH ALAM



**D**atuk Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali kelihatan sebak sewaktu menyampaikan ucapan ketika majlis terakhir beliau di Bangunan Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah, semalam.

Menerusi ucapannya, Mohamed Azmin berkata, pertemuan bersama penjawat awam kerajaan negeri itu merupakan satu detik yang sukar untuk beliau lalui sepanjang berkhidmat sebagai Menteri Besar Selangor.

"Sebentar tadi (semalam) saya telah mengetip kad perakam untuk kali terakhir di bangunan ini dan dengan itu sudah sampai masanya saya tinggalkan semua di sini," katanya ketika berucap pada majlis tersebut.

Mohamed Azmin melepaskan jawatan beliau sebagai menteri besar selepas Perdana Menteri, Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad melantiknya sebagai Menteri Hal Ehwal Ekonomi di peringkat kerajaan Persekutuan.

Pada ucapan sama, Mohamed Azmin turut mengesahkan, Sultan Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah juga telah berkenan untuk menjalankan istiadat angkat sum-

pah jawatan dan lantikan menteri besar baharu, jam 9.30 pagi ini di Istana Alam Shah, Klang.

"Pagi tadi (semalam) saya telah mengadap Sultan Selangor untuk menyembah maklum nama pengganti saya selaku menteri besar baharu dan baginda berkenan untuk menjalankan majlis istiadat angkat sumpah jawatan esok (hari ini)," katanya.

Dalam pada itu, Mohamed Azmin turut meluahkan keyakinan terhadap ketokohan pengganti beliau yang bakal memegang jawatan nombor satu di negeri itu.

Katanya, beliau percaya, pengantinya itu akan meneruskan kesinambungan pentadbiran serta mengekalkan dasar peduli rakyat di negeri ini.

"Di samping itu, saya juga ingin mengucapkan terima kasih kepada semua pihak yang memberi sokongan dan kerjasama selama empat tahun saya memegang jawatan ini," katanya.

**Mohamed Azmin mengetip kad perakam waktu di bangunan Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah pada hari terakhir beliau sebagai Menteri Besar Selangor, semalam.**



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## **Bayar segera, jangan tangguh-tangguh**

**AMPANG** - Majlis Perbandaran Ampang Jaya (MPAJ) menggesa pemilik premis (kawasan kediaman, bangunan perniagaan, bangunan industri dan kawasan tanah lapang/kosong) di dalam kawasan MPAJ agar membuat bayaran cukai taksiran segera tanpa sebarang penangguhan.

Yang Dipertua MPAJ, Abd Hamid Hussain berkata, tahun ini sebanyak 241,572 bil telah diedarkan dengan nilai RM46.06 juta bagi tempoh setengah tahun pertama dan setengah tahun kedua di mana akhir bayaran adalah pada 31 Ogos ini.

"Pengecualian hanya melibatkan 51,287 unit sahaja dengan nilai bil bagi tahun ini adalah RM9.87 juta. Namun pemilik rumah kos rendah dan kampung masih perlu menjelaskan tunggakan cukai taksiran bagi tahun 2015 dan tahun sebelumnya. Adalah diingatkan pengecualian ini adalah hanya untuk tahun 2016 hingga tahun ini sahaja," katanya.

Beliau berkata, MPAJ turut melaksanakan operasi kutipan selepas penghantaran notis E dan waran April 2018 telah dilaksanakan di beberapa kawasan dengan rekod tunggakan cukai taksiran yang masih belum dibayar.

"Antara kawasan itu adalah di Taman Sering Ukay, Tropika Kemensah, Taman Nusa Tropika, Puncak Kayangan Kemensah, Bukit Palma Kemensah, Taman Bay Kemensah, Taman Bukit Indah dan Taman Sierra Ukay.

"Seramai 100 pemaju dan 100 individu tegar seperti yang dilaporkan dalam mesyuarat jawatankuasa kewangan dan taksiran lalu," katanya.

Abd Hamid berkata, penduduk adalah diingatkan agar mengambil tanggungjawab menyelesaikan tunggakan cukai taksiran, walaupun premis dibiarkan kosong.

"Sekiranya premis itu disewakan, penyewa premis juga perlu maklum bahawa sekiranya pemilik tidak membuat bayaran cukai taksiran di bawah Seksyen 151 (5) Akta Kerajaan Tempatan 1976 (Akta 171) bayaran sewa rumah boleh ditolak dengan menyerahkan resit bayaran cukai taksiran yang telah dijelaskan oleh penyewa," katanya.



**ABD HAMID**