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NOH (dua dari kanan) ketika melawat Pusat Pemindahan Sisa Pepejal di Seksyen 21, Shah Alam.

■ KPKT percepat proses tempat pengumpulan sampah elak PBT hadapi masalah

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ementerian Kesejahteraan Bandar, Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan (KPKT) memberi jaminan akan segera membaik pulih Pusat Pemindahan Sisa Pepejal di Seksyen 21, di sini, supaya ia dapat beroperasi dalam masa terdekat.

Menterinya, Tan Sri Noh Omar berkata, usaha bajk pulih itu akan dipercepatkan bagi memudahkan empat pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) yang menghantar terus sampah yang dikutip ke Tapak Pelupusan Sampah Jeram sejak dua minggu lalu, untuk kembali mengumpulkan sisa pepejal

berkenaan di pusat berke-

Empat PBT terbabit adalah Majlis Bandaraya Shah Alam (MBSA), Majlis Perbandaran Subang Jaya (MPSJ), Majlis Bandaraya Pe-

taling Jaya (MBPJ) dan Majlis Perbandaran Ampang Jaya (MPAJ). "KPKT

sudah mendapat kelulusan mahkamah

untuk menguruskan pusat pemindahan yang sudah ti-dak beroperasi sejak dua minggu lalu itu. Saya sudah mendapat surat rasmi daripada Jabatan Peguam Negara. Isnin ini kami akan diberi kunci dan kita akan masuk serta baiki.

"Kita sudah lantik kon-

traktor untuk kerja-kerja baik pulih tempat ini dan ia dijangka siap sepenuhnya tahun ini juga memandangkan pusat pemindahan ini penting untuk kegunaan rakyat.

"Saya juga sudah maklumkan pada jemaah Kabinet KPKT tidak menyambung kontrak anak syarikat Kerajaan Negeri, Worldwigs Berhad

Holdings Berhad (WHB)," katanya, semalam.

Noh berkata, beliau percaya sekiranya kerja membaik pulih pusat pemindahan itu tidak disegerakan, empat PBT terbabit akan mengalami kesulitan membabitkan kekerapan kutipan sampah di kawasan masing-masing.



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A DBKL enforcement unit officer seizing a plastic sign from a workshop that had blocked the parking space

Break parking bullies' hold

Motorists in Klang Valley are fed up that limited public parking bays are being reserved by businesses, making it even more challenging to find a spot

Story and photos by GRACE CHEN gracechen@thestar.com.my

MOTORISTS are increasingly growing less tolerant of those who reserve public parking bays without he local council's approval. The top four culprits are said to be restaurants, street hawkers, automobile workshops and car accessory shops who often place chairs and plastic containers, among other items containers among other items to reserve a spot for their custom-

to reserve a spot us. The spot spot of the public's knowledge, parking bays legally reserved by business proprietors for their customers would have red lines painted to demarcate a lot.

There are also special stands or barriers placed in the centre of the reserved lot, while some councils have their name painted on the space.

Bays with yellow or white lines are meant for public parking and are not legally reserved.

Humanitarian worker Muhammad Fuad Zakaria from

Muhammad Puad Zakaria from Bangi said illegal parking bay hoggers did not deserve the public's consideration.
"If I see a parking hay with yellow lines, I will get down from my car, remove the obstacle placed there and park anyway." he said. His actions have put him in confrontational situations but he maintained that he had a rightful stand as long as the lines were not painted red.

To counter the verbal abuse and threats of scratching his car, he reported the culprits to the local

Priority Checklist

Clinics

Handicapped parking

Automobile/accessories workshop

Reasons

Businesses that require goods loading and unloading

Gym owner Terry Gallyot said the authorities must take sterner action as culprits were becoming bolder.

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Gallyot's issue is a restaurant operating below his gym.

"The workers came up to my office telling me to move my car so they can put their tables and chairs at the bay where I was parked," said Gallyot in disbelief.

Restaurant manager Chris Gomez said it was time the culprits learned a lesson.

"Should chairs, stools or cones be placed at parking bays to

be placed at parking bays to deprive the public of parking,

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then the highest punishment should be given.
"This issue also brings to mind parking touts operating near night entertainment areas.
"They behave like gangsters and charge RM10 to RM15 after 6pm.
"These people must be brought to task first," said Gomez.
Social business entrepreneur Allen Teh added that many autorepair shops have also taken for granted that parking spaces in front of their shop was automatically theirs.

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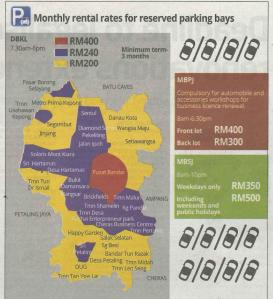
They argue that customers have to drive their car into the shop, so the parking bay outside the shop

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Only lots with local council approved road markings and barrier stands can stop the public from



must be left vacant.

Teh said the problem would escalate into more serious issues if the authorities continued to keep

the authorities continued to keep mum.
Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL)
Enforcement Unit Secretariat
Management Division head Mohd
Hariyardi Mohd Nor said there was no excuse for businesses to reserve parking bays illegally.
"They can apply to the councils to rent them on a seasonal basis," he said.

In fact, for some councils, it is ompulsory for car workshops to reserve at least two parking bays for use by customers. Under the Road Transport Act 1987, no one is allowed to block a

1987, no one is allowed to block a parking space. Mohd Hariyardi said DBKIS enforcement unit conducted eight operations a month to remove such obstructions. Up to June, 1,123 notices were issued and RMS,510 in fines were collected in Kuala Lumpur. Not only does the practice deny others access to public amenities, those with ohe parking bays illegally deprive local councils of revenue too.

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"Therefore, any form of unauthorised blockage to prevent the use of a parking facility is illegal," as id Datuk Nik Haidi Nik Mohamad, the managing director of Vista Summerose that managed the City Car Park System (CCP) in partnership with Yayasan Wilayah Persekutuan (YWP).

Nik Haidi said CCP sold 3,690 reserved bays.
Fees collected from the reservation of parking bays amounted to RM400,000 last year.

"Part of this will go back to the council as agreed between YWP and DBKL when the former was appointed to manage the city's

and DBRL When the former was appointed to manage the city's parking system. "The council will receive 35% of the gross revenue derived from income collected from parking bays every month," said Nik Haidi.

He added for every six parking bays under DBKL's jurisdiction, only one bay was allowed to be reserved.

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This ratic can only be used if all 46,100 bays under the local council could be utilised.

As parking beys in hospitals, houses of worship and residential areas are non-chargeable, the actual number of parking bays qualified on the council coun

hours.
"If a vehicle owner can move his car after the time period is up, it will create more parking for others," added Jamarul.
Federation of Automotive Workshop Owners' Association of Malaysia president Datuk Too Peng Huat advised car workshops to respect any rules set by the local council.

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"If a workshop owner does not go through the proper applications to ensure the smooth running of his business, why would a customer leave his car in their hands?"

On complaints from some businesses that rental was too expensive, Too said it was not.

He pointed out that even at a maximum rate of RM400 monthly for reserved parking bays in the city, the business owner is only paying RM14 a day.

While parking bays in Kuala Lumpur are still available for rent, those wanting one in Petaling Jaya have a long queue ahead of them.

Petaling Jaya City Council (MBP) public relations officer Zaimun Zakaria said the council only allowed 500 bays for private reservation from the 21,000 bays under its jurisdiction.

In busy areas like SS2, Section 14 and Section 17, the vetting process is even more stringent.

In high-density streets like SS2/65 for example, reservation for 10st are not allowed.

In PJS11 a light industrial area in Subang Jaya with more than a hundred automobile shope, business owners said they had no choice but to take up parking bays.

To make things worse, the area is surrounded by a shopping mall, hospital, hotels and a university, Although there is ample parking space at the Sunway Bus Rapid Transit Complex nearby, business owners say they often had to deal with squabbles over parking bays.

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The public would rather go to the industrial area as parking is free whereas the maximum charge at the complex is RM6 a day.

"So far the workshops have managed to come to an understanding with drivers.

"We tell them nicely that if they block our entrance, we will not be able to do business.

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"But if the owner is not around, we have a jack on standby to move the vehicle to the side.

"When the driver returns, we will explain," said JC Racing Car Service Centre owner Jackle Ng, who has been running his business in the area for the past 10 years. Subang Jaya Muncipal Council (MES) Corporate and Strategic Management Department deputy director Azfarzial Aboull Rashid said the council would conduct an indepth study of the area to come up with a solution as the nature of activities in PJS11 had changed.

Overall, MPS1 had 1,200 parking have marea and the surface and the surface and the surface and the surfa

bays under its jurisdiction.
"The quota for reserved bays is not more than 10% of the number of parking bays found on a single street," said Azfarizal.

Objects confiscated from parking bay hoggers Type of 2016 2017 Obstruction

Traffic cones	720	83
No Signage	17	3
Chairs	82	437
Tables Tables	10	113
Water barrier	49	4
Others	176	134

Source: Kuala Lumpur City Hall, **Enforcement Unit**