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## Pengguna lebuh raya dapat diskaun tol sehingga 33 peratus pada Hari Raya Aidilfitri



**BARU BIAN**

**KLANG** – Pengguna kenderaan kelas pertama bakal menikmati kadar diskaun tol antara 10 hingga 33 peratus di 23 lebuh raya seluruh negara pada hari pertama Hari Raya Aidilfitri.

Menteri Kerja Raya, Baru Bial berkata, tiga buah lebuh raya pula hanya memberikan diskaun tol di plaza tol tertentu seperti Plaza Tol Ampangan, Lebuh Raya Kajang - Seremban (Lekas), Plaza Tol Pulau Indah,

Lebuh Raya Lembah Klang Selatan (SKVE) dan Plaza Tol Perling dan Tol Lima Kedai, Lebuh Raya Laluan Kedua Malaysia Singapura (Linkedua).

Katanya, pelaksanaan diskaun itu akan berkuat kuasa dalam tempoh 24 jam bermula 12 tengah malam hingga 11.59 malam.

"Program pemberian diskaun tol ini telah mula dilaksanakan oleh syarikat konsensi bermula pada tahun 2010 dengan kadar

diskaun tol antara 5 hingga 100 peratus.

"Kita berterima kasih kepada syarikat konsesi kerana memberikan diskaun ini ketika sambutan Hari Raya Aidilfitri," katanya selepas melancarkan kempen keselamatan lebuh raya sempena sambutan Hari Raya Aidilfitri di Kawasan Rehat dan Rawat Klang Utara, Lebuh Raya Pintas Selat Kelang Utara Baru (Grand Sepadu) di sini semalam.



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A GROUP of business owners, tenants and residents in Pandan Perdana, Ampang, are protesting against a coffin shop in their area, claiming that it would be bad for their businesses.

"We got to know that a coffin shop is moving into one of the ground floor lots at Jalan Perdana 10/10 more than three months ago," said Pandan Perdana Traders Association president Anthony Tan, whose association comprises some 30 members.

"We tried contacting the building owner and coffin shop operator to negotiate with them and try to get the coffin shop business to move elsewhere.

"They were unwilling to meet us until a meeting was arranged by Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ) councillor R. Moganraj. However, that meeting was not fruitful," he said at a press conference.

Tan said the community was against the coffin shop business because of "bad feng shui" and negative associations of having such a business, and claimed that the commercial area did not have the necessary infrastructure to support such a business.

"I was forced to close down my budget hotel late last month due to a lack of customers," said Tan of Vision Park Hotel, which had been his family's business for more than 20 years.

"After my customers found out that a coffin shop would be moving in, they stopped coming to my hotel.

"My business went from 20 to 25 room rentals per day, to only two to three rooms per day."

The 30-year-old added that he was forced to let go eight employees, many of whom had worked with him for a long time.

R. Nantini, an employee at Nelika Confinement Care Centre, said her employer's business had also been badly affected.

"Our customers are backing out, asking for refunds and expressing regret for having signed up for our confinement care packages due to the presence of the coffin shop," said the 27-year-old.

"Most of our customers are Chinese and many are supersti-

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Presence of coffin shop in Pandan Perdana stirs protests but operator says it has complied with regulations



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proper sewerage system needed for a coffin shop to clean and embalm bodies.

"We believe that the shop will be handling dead bodies because we have seen many air-conditioners being installed and heard that the business operator wants to rent one of the upper units," he said.

"Several business owners and tenants said they plan to move out if the coffin shop starts operations, as they feel that business will worsen once that happens."

Tan said the association had sent three letters to MPAJ seeking the council's clarification on the matter. The letters included 150 signatures by those protesting against the coffin shop business.

"We have not received a reply from MPAJ since our first letter in March," said Tan.

"Last week, when we followed up on the issue with Moganraj and Teratai assemblyman Bryan Lai, we were told Pandan Perdana



Tang says they will not be embalming dead bodies or conducting funeral rites at the showroom.

### Nothing to hide

When approached by the media, the operators of Harmony Casket and Funeral Care Sdn Bhd said they had nothing to hide and were unaware of the protest.

"This shop is only a showroom to display coffins and sell bereavement care packages to our customers.

"We will not be embalming dead bodies or conducting funeral rites here," said a representative of the company, Tang Kok Fei.

"We moved in about two months ago and have completed our renovation works. We will not start our business until we get our licence from MPAJ," he added.

Another representative, Wong Kok Kuen, said they were only renting the ground floor unit.

"We are not an illegal business as we have followed all the proper procedures," he said, adding that they were planning to submit all the necessary documents for the

Perdana fell under councillor Norhayati Haron's zone and Pandan Indah assemblyman Izzam Hashim's jurisdiction.

"As a business owner, the coffin shop operator has every right to run a business in a commercial area and as a stakeholder, the other shop owners, tenants and residents have a right to protest," said Moganraj.

"When the group first highlighted their complaints to me, I informed MPAJ's Enforcement Department about it. Upon inspection, they found that the shop had not applied for a renovation permit.

"So a notice was issued and renovations halted, until the operator applied for the permit.

"The coffin shop operator must follow the necessary steps and cannot open for business until all the correct licences are ready.

"They are also not allowed to handle dead bodies at the shop," said Moganraj.

Meanwhile, MPAJ president Datuk Abdul Hamid Hussain said the council had no valid reason to deny a business licence to the coffin shop operator.

"I was made to understand that the operators have yet to apply for the licence.

"Once it is submitted, the licensing department will decide if they have fulfilled the necessary terms and conditions," he said.

He added that MPAJ had already approved the operator's application for renovation works to be carried out at the premises.

Abdul Hamid said there was no restriction for a coffin shop to operate there as it was a commercial premises.

"As long as they do not handle dead bodies at the site, it can