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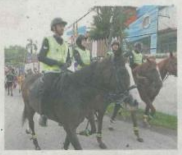

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Triple-deck situation: It is common to see vehicles stacked up at the Petaling Jaya City Council car depot in Shah Alam, where impounded and abandoned automobiles are stored. — ART CHEN/The Star

Speed up the procedure

Selangor wants the Transport Ministry to expedite the process of disposing of vehicles, which currently takes up to a year, as tow yards are fast running out of storage space. >2

Yards bursting at the seams

High rentals, lack of storage space for towed vehicles a longstanding problem for local councils in Selangor

Upon receiving an abandoned vehicle complaint from the public, the council places a notice over the car's window panel. This is to notify the owner to remove the vehicle from the spot.

Ng visited MBPJ's largest depot in Shah Alam which can hold 800 vehicles.

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THE Transport Ministry should cut red tape and expedite the process of disposing of abandoned vehicles kept in depots in Selangor.

This will help cut the high cost of rental paid by local councils as over 3,000 abandoned vehicles are being stored in 19 depots throughout the state.

Selangor public transport chairman Ng Sze Han, who made the call, said it took between six months and a year to finalise the process to dispose of abandoned and condemned vehicles.

"The lengthy process resulted in these vehicles remaining longer at the depots and we are running low on storage space," said Ng, who visited the Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) depot in Persiaran Kuala Selangor in Shah Alam.

Ng said MBPJ had the largest depot in Selangor with 701 abandoned vehicles and the city council forked out RM944,000 a year to rent the 1.07ha land.

"There are certainly more abandoned vehicles in Selangor but the depots are unable to cope as the space is taken up," he said.

He said the Transport Ministry was aware of the problem and was studying ways to shorten the holding period of abandoned vehicles.

"We have notified the ministry and was informed that by early next year a new guideline will be available on the vehicle disposing process. We hope the period will be shortened to a month. This will ease the burden on the councils.

"For example, MBPJ is renting this space in Shah Alam to store abandoned vehicles. The money could instead be returned to ratepayers in other ways instead of being spent in this manner," Ng said.

Over 700 vehicles are parked at the MBPJ's depot located on the 1.07 ha land at Persiaran Kuala Selangor in Shah Alam, which is rented for RM944,000 a year

The standard operating procedure upon receiving an abandoned vehicle complaint from the public is to place a notice over the car window panel. This is to notify the owner to remove the vehicle from the spot.

After two weeks, the vehicle is towed to the depot.

In the meantime, the council contacts the Road Transport Department and the police to identify the owner.

A notice will then be sent to the vehicle owner. The council has to undertake a few more steps, and after one year, the vehicle will be disposed through auction.

"We don't know why most owners do not want to claim their vehicles. Strangely, we have a number of luxury vehicles at the depot too," Ng said after inspecting the MBPJ depot.

Currently, owners do not have an avenue to dispose unwanted vehicles and this could also be a contributing factor, added Ng.

A city council spokesman said for owners to reclaim their vehicles, they would need to settle the summons of RM250 plus RM10 for each day it was kept in the tow yard.

Asked if this could be the reason why owners do not bother claiming their vehicles, the spokesman said the city council did not make profit from this exercise.

"The rental for the depot is high and we maintain this place to ensure it does not become a breeding ground for mosquitoes," said the spokesman.

In 2017, MBPJ towed 1,054 abandoned vehicles and 863 were eventually disposed.

From Jan to July, MBPJ towed 745 abandoned vehicles, out of which 616 vehicles were disposed.

Last year, Selangor had 3,946 abandoned vehicles and this year as of July 2, a total of 186 abandoned vehicles were towed by the various councils to their respective depots.

Also last year 2,926 vehicles were disposed in Selangor and this year as of July 1, 618 vehicles were disposed.

The MBPJ depot has a capacity to hold 800 vehicles. The Subang Jaya Municipal Council has six depots with a total capacity to hold 1,350 vehicles while the Ampang Jaya Municipal Council depot can accommodate 900 vehicles.

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Shamsiah (empat, kiri) bersama ahli PKR.

SH m/s 23 19/9/2018

Komited perjuangkan nasib ibu tunggal

PANDAN INDAH - Pembangunan ekonomi wanita khususnya golongan ibu tunggal menjadi fokus utama calon Ketua Wanita PKR Cabang Pandan, Shamsiah Aziz.

Shamsiah berkata, isu tersebut menjadi aspirasinya untuk memperjuangkan hak wanita.

"Saya berhasrat mahu bawa suara golongan ini ke peringkat lebih tertinggi dalam kerajaan," katanya.

Beliau berkata, ada segelintir golongan ibu tunggal tidak mampu membayar sewa rumah.

"Malah, ada di antara mereka terpaksa bayar bil elektrik tertunggak sebanyak RM7,000," katanya ketika ditemui pada Program Santai Wanita PKR Cabang Pandan bersama kira-kira 109 ahli baharu, kelmarin.

Turut hadir Ahli Majlis Majlis Perbandaran Ampang Jaya (MPAJ) yang juga calon Ketua Bahagian PKR Cabang Pandan, Norhayati Haron.

Shamsiah berkata, kerajaan juga perlu menubuhkan koperasi atau yayasan untuk meringankan beban ibu tunggal.

"Golongan ini juga memerlukan bantuan kerana ada kes ibu tunggal yang tiada keluarga terpaksa meminjam ah long untuk selesaikan hutang arwah suaminya," katanya.

Menurutnya, kerajaan juga perlu membuka peluang perniagaan kepada golongan ibu tunggal bagi meningkatkan ekonomi keluarga.

Beliau berkata, seramai tiga orang ibu tunggal dalam pemerhatiannya setiap hari.

"Ibu tunggal ini dipercayai ditinggalkan oleh anak dan saudara mereka.

"Mereka terpaksa kutip botol dan kotak sebagai punca pendapatan, saya akan berusaha bantu mereka," katanya.

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Jalan keluar tambahan SK Taman Bukit Teratai bakal dibina

ISMADI ISMAIL

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Kesesakan lalu lintas di Jalan Teratai 1/2H, Taman Bukit Teratai berhampiran Sekolah Kebangsaan (SK) Taman Bukit Teratai dianggap kritikal.

Ahli Majlis Perbandaran Ampang Jaya (MPAJ), Mohamad Samat berkata, isu ini kerap berlaku apabila hari persekolahan khususnya pada waktu pagi dan tengah hari ketika ibu bapa mengambil anak dari sekolah.

"Saya dapati jalan itu berada di kawasan taman perumahan. Laluan juga sempit kerana kenderaan penduduk diletakkan di bahu jalan.

"Kedudukan pintu utama sekolah juga berada di jalan sama menyebabkan lalu lintas di lokasi tersebut menjadi sesak pada hari persekolahan," katanya.

Beliau berkata, pihak sekolah telah berusaha memohon bantuan daripada pelbagai pihak sebelum ini untuk membuka laluan (pintu) tambahan.

"Namun usaha itu tidak berjaya sehingga pada Julai lalu, permohonan telah dipanjangkan kepada Adun Teratai, Bryan Lai Wai Chong, beliau bersama Senator Chandra Mohan telah bersetuju membantu membina laluan keluar tambahan termasuk binaan bumbung 'susur gajah' dengan kos di bawah RM20,000," katanya.

Mohamad (kanan) memberi penerangan ketika lawatan Bryan (dua kanan) bersama pihak berkenaan ke SK Taman Bukit Teratai.

Mohamad berkata, beliau bersama Bryan, wakil Persatuan Ibu Bapa dan Guru (PIBG), Guru Besar dan pegawai jurutera MPAJ telah mengadakan lawatan serta membincangkan hal-hal teknikal pembangunan tersebut agar selari dengan keperluan sekolah.

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Kos pembinaan dijangka di bawah RM20,000 termasuk bina binaan bumbung 'susur gajah'

"Saya dimaklumkan projek akan dijalankan segera selepas mendapat kebenaran MPAJ. Semoga usaha ini dapat memberikan kesan positif mengurangkan kesesakan di laluan ke sekolah berkenaan.

"Para ibu bapa juga disaran agar memberikan kerjasama kepada segala arahan pihak sekolah dalam hal mengambil dan menghantar anak apabila sistem dua pintu ini dijalankan kelak," katanya.

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