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# DBKL continues blitz against foreign-operated businesses



KUALA Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) had closed down 277 business premises operated by foreigners from May until August this year.

Up to Aug 31, they had also taken action against foreigners in 597 cases by seizing their goods and revoking 53 licences owned by either Malaysians or foreigners for breaking DBKL's by-laws.

DBKL Licensing and Hawker

Development Department deputy director Khairul Anuar Mhd Juri (pic) said that under the Wholesale Markets (2002), Traders Licensing (WPKL) 2016 and Market Licensing (WPKL) 2016 by-laws, traders and hawkers were not allowed to hire foreigners.

"For shop premises, they need to apply for a premises licence and business licence.

"Both come under the Licensing of Trades, Businesses and Industries (Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur) By-laws 2016 and Licensing of Hawkers and Food Placement (Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur) By-laws 2016.

"Since July 20, 20 types of businesses, including supermarket, hypermarket, sundry shop, 24-hour convenience store, petrol station and laundry are

off limits to foreigners," he said in a press conference at his office in DBKL.

Bukit Bintang constituency had the highest number of foreigners operating illegally with 379 cases, followed by Batu constituency at 116.

"Pudu is also a hotspot.

"We will continue with our operations until the end of the year," he said. — **By JAROD LIM**