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Local councils check on traders' SOP compliance

THE authorities are coming down hard on business premises that do not observe the standard operating procedure during the current lockdown.

During a joint operation last week, Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) officers inspected wholesale shops selling fruits, vegetables and frozen food items around the area.

They issued 22 compounds for various movement control order offences in Pusat Bandar Utara and Pasar Harian Selayang under the Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases Act 1988, including operating outside stipulated hours.

Officers also issued three compounds to owners for employing

foreign workers without proper approval and another one for placing obstructions at the back of premises.

Action was taken under Section 20(1)(b) of the Trade, Business and Industry (WPKL) 2016 By-law and Section 69(3) of the Street, Drainage and Building Act 1974.

"The enforcement operation was conducted in accordance with the jurisdiction and legal provisions set by DBKL and Health Ministry," DBKL said in a statement.

The public can channel complaints regarding such activities through the Integrated Public Agency Complaints Monitoring System (i-SPAAA).

Meanwhile, Selayang Municipal



MPS enforcement officers checking on roadside traders around the municipality during the lockdown.

Council (MPS) inspected 91 premises and 54 traders in Rawang, Gombak, Kepong and Selayang on Wednesday to check on SOP compliance.

"There are still businesses and traders that fail to comply with regulations, including operating with-

out valid licences and causing traffic disruptions," MPS said in a press statement.

One premises was ordered to close while action was taken against nine others for operating without valid licences. — **By SHALINI RAVINDRAN**