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# Titiwangsa residents uneasy over night stalls' operations

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RESIDENTS of Taman Titiwangsa in Kuala Lumpur are concerned over the presence of roadside stalls which they claim are dirtying the area and contributing to traffic congestion.

Taman Titiwangsa Residents Association (TTRA) chairman Datuk Dr Guna Sittampalam said the number of stalls and customers would increase in the evenings up until midnight.

"The stalls usually start business around 5pm and operate until 11pm.

"This causes massive congestion from Jalan Pahang roundabout to Jalan Kuantan, resulting in a long commute time," he said.

Dr Guna said the problem intensified about a month ago after Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) reopened Taman Tasik Titiwangsa in mid-August.

He said the number of stalls had increased three-fold since then, and a stench could be expected the next morning from the rubbish left behind.

TTRA sent several letters to the authorities but no solution was offered, he added.

Another resident, Wan Abdul Halim Wan Ahmad raised concerns about the presence of *mat rempit*, who congregated outside the park at night.

"Residents are disturbed by the noise."

"We are also worried that the huge crowds can cause an outbreak of Covid-19 in this area," he said, adding that there were about 150 houses in the neighbourhood.

Wan, who has been living in the area for the past two decades, also complained about the presence of bicycle rental services in the area, adding that this had contributed to the congestion.

The residents made their dissatisfaction known in a press conference at the office of Setiawangsa MP Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad.

Nik Nazmi urged DBKL to find a suitable location for the traders because the issue affected the comfort of residents in the neighbourhood.

"We understand that traders need to earn a living, but proper regulations to ensure orderliness are a must," he said.

In a *StarMetro* report on Sept 9, Kuala Lumpur mayor Datuk Seri Mahadi Che Ngah had promised to look into the matter.

Wangsa Maju OCPD Supt Ashari Abu Samah said the police were aware of the situation and would advise visitors accordingly.