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# Heavy vehicle drivers face the music for entering city centre at peak hours

TWENTY heavy vehicle owners who violated the time frame accorded to them to enter Kuala Lumpur city centre were issued with summonses in a joint operation.

*Operasi Laluan Waktu Terhad* was carried out by the traffic police, Road Transport Department (JPJ) and Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) between 6.30am and 9.30am on Wednesday at Jalan Istana, Lebuhraya Sultan Iskandar (Lebuhraya Mahameru), Jalan Tun Razak, Jalan Dewan Bahasa and Jalan Kuching.

Heavy vehicles exceeding 7.5 tonnes are barred from entering main roads leading into the city centre from 6.30am to 9.30am and between 4.30pm and 7.30pm every day.

Signboards displaying the time schedule have been put up at various locations.

The joint operation resulted in owners of heavy vehicles entering the main roads during the prohibited hours, being issued tickets for the violation.

Those caught not following the rules can be compounded the maximum of RM1,000 or jailed three months or both under Section 70(4)



Enforcement officers stopping a lorry during the joint operation at Jalan Istana during the morning peak hour. — Photo courtesy of DBKL

of the Road Transport Act 1987.

DBKL data showed that from January to June this year, about 1,332 compound notices were issued for various traffic offences by all three agencies.

Also present at the operation at Jalan Istana were Deputy Federal Territories Minister Datuk Seri Jalaluddin Alias and Kuala Lumpur mayor Datuk Seri Mahadi Che Ngah.

The operation is part of a series of enforcement efforts carried out by a task force set up last month to oversee and study the traffic flow in Kuala Lumpur, a move aimed to reduce the worsening congestion in the capital city.

Future enforcement efforts include using the city's 5,000 traffic cameras to issue fines to errant motorists.

Jalaluddin said the ministry would discuss with Mahadi on upgrading all the city traffic cameras in Kuala Lumpur.

"We will talk to the KL traffic police, our legal advisers and the Attorney General's Chambers to check on the legality of issuing traffic summonses using evidence taken from CCTV camera images.

"Our cameras can capture real-time images accurately. We hope we can issue summonses to those flouting traffic rules, based on those images.

"We believe this will educate motorists who continuously break traffic rules, and help reduce congestion," he added.