

ON SUNDAYS FROM SEPT 28

Plan to close Jalan TAR to promote walking

KUALA LUMPUR: Kuala Lumpur City Hall plans to close Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman, better known as Jalan TAR, to traffic every Sunday from Sept 28.

Deputy Federal Territories Minister Datuk Seri Jalaluddin Alias said this was to inculcate the culture of walking among city folk.

He said City Hall was conducting engagement sessions with the parties in the affected areas to enable the road closure.

“We want to close Jalan TAR from the junction of Jalan Esfahan until Jalan Tun Perak from 6am to midnight to encourage

the culture of walking among the public,” he said during the question-and-answer session in Dewan Negara yesterday.

He said this in response to a question by Senator Datuk Dr Dominic Lau Hoe Chai regarding efforts to upgrade the pedestrian infrastructure in the capital and the culture of “willingness to walk” among city folk.

Jalaluddin said various programmes would be planned for the area throughout the road closure, including busking, creative arts performances and traditional sports.

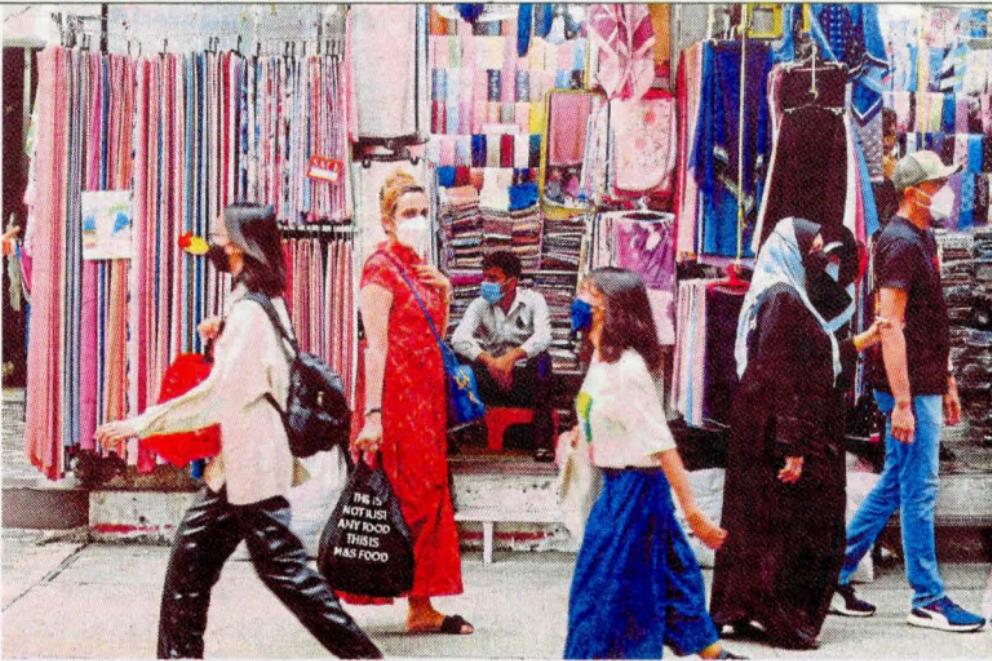
He said city hall was also study-

ing plans to do the same from the junction of Jalan Pudu until the Jalan Bukit Bintang intersection.

On the pedestrian infrastructure upgrading project, Jalaluddin said 23 areas had been identified.

“These projects are being planned so that they have a complete network and, once completed, will give a new image or rebranding to the areas involved and can indirectly be used as tourist attractions,” he said.

Replying to a supplementary question by Senator Datuk Seri Zurainah Musa on steps taken by city hall to ensure the safety of



People walking in front of shops along Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman in Kuala Lumpur recently. FILE PIC

pedestrians, Jalaluddin said about 5,000 closed-circuit television cameras had been installed throughout Kuala Lumpur City, with 2,062 of them focused on pedestrian walkways, besides 250

enforcement officers conducting patrols from time to time.

“Don’t worry, your safety is guaranteed. The culture of walking is encouraged,” he said.

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