

TO BE HELD IN 40 DISTRICTS IN CITY

# Affordable Ramadan bazaar lots up for grabs

**KUALA LUMPUR:** This Ramadan, business groups and traders' associations are offering affordable bazaar lots to vendors.

Gemilang Ramadan Aidilfitri event organiser Azmira Sidek said to mark the Strand Mall's first Ramadan bazaar, it was renting out 44 lots for RM33 per day.

Organised in collaboration with Koffee Kaw and Strand Mall, the event aims to help vendors who may have other commitments such as operating cost, transportation and manpower issues.

The programme also helps vendors who are unable to get bazaar lots from local councils such as the Kuala Lumpur City Hall before Ramadan.

"So, vendors are welcome to join us at the Strand Mall," says Azmira.

Malaysian Federation of Hawkers and Petty Traders Association president Datuk Seri Rosli Sulaiman said he hoped more local vendors would take part in this year's Ramadan bazaars.

Rosli said he had asked Kuala Lumpur Mayor Datuk Seri Mahadi Che Ngah not to open tenders to foreign vendors.

"This will provide opportunities to the locals instead," he told the *New Straits Times*.

He said the Ramadan bazaars would be held at 40 districts in Kuala Lumpur, under four associations. These were the Federal Territory Bumiputra



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Traders Association, Federal Territory Night Market Association, Malaysian Retailers Association and Malaysian Federation of Hawkers and Petty Traders Association.

This year the rental has been reduced to RM800 (including the RM120 licence fee) from RM980 last year.

Ramadan bazaars will operate from 3pm to 8pm for food and beverages.

The Aidilfitri bazaars will be open from 10am to midnight, except on the third and fourth weeks, when the Aidilfitri bazaar can stay open till 2am.