

No approval given for RM10 collection

DBKL clarifies new welfare association to deal only with OUG market management

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KUALA Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) has not granted any individual or association the authority to collect funds from Taman Overseas Union (OUG) morning street market traders to clean up the site.

In a press statement, DBKL said all cleaning activity at the market in Seputeh would be carried out according to a schedule with cooperation between the traders and Alam Flora Sdn Bhd.

The local authority said this in response to a protest by traders who complained that individuals claiming to be from Persatuan Kebajikan Usahawan OUG Kuala Lumpur were collecting RM10 from them daily for clean ups.

The DBKL statement also clarified that the association was formed to only coordinate the management and activities of the OUG morning street market and not for clean-up work.

Last Saturday, some traders



The Taman Overseas Union morning street market has some 300 traders operating at the site. — Photos: AZHAR MAHFOF/The Star

objected to the money collected by these individuals as they claim this was inappropriate.

Persatuan Penjaja Pasar Pagi OUG advisor Tony Tan, who represented the group, said the daily collection of money from the traders had caused unrest.

"Some people claiming to be

from Persatuan Kebajikan Usahawan OUG Kuala Lumpur visited each business lot to ask for money.

"The traders had not even started their business for the day.

"Why should they pay this third party?



Tan (right) collecting signatures from traders at OUG morning market to object to the third party collecting money from them for cleaning purposes.

"Traders have licences from City Hall and they pay what is necessary to the authorities," he said.

Tan said the traders were aware that no one should be collecting money from them.

He also claimed that the individuals had threatened the traders, saying that they would lose their trading lots if they did not pay the RM10.

He said the morning market had about 300 traders.