

TRAFFIC MATTERS

> Lane closure and traffic diversion on the left-most lane on Federal Highway (Klang-bound) to facilitate Pedestrian Overhead Bridge launch work and LRT3 project-related works from 10pm to 5am until April 3.

> Continuation of slip road closure at the Kayu Ara interchange on SPRINT Highway (NKVE/opposite Petronas NGV, Damansara-bound) to facilitate LRT3 project-related works from 11.30pm to 5am, starting today until July 1.

CHARITY CARNIVAL

Healing Reiki Club of Kuala Lumpur and Selangor will host the 20th anniversary charity carnival to raise funds for four underprivileged homes at Pusat Komuniti Bukit Damansara, Damansara Heights, Kuala Lumpur on May 5, from 10am to 5pm. The four beneficiaries are Rumah Wawasan, Sitiawan (Perak); Vision Home, Ipoh (Perak); Yayasan Latihan Insan Istimewa Ipoh (Perak); and Persatuan Kebajikan Orang-Orang Tua Bahagia, Petaling Jaya, (Selangor). Coupon booklets are available for those who wish to buy food or merchandise at the carnival to support the cause. A booklet of 10 coupons costs RM100. Admission is free.

SCHOLARSHIP ROADSHOW

Uni Enrol Scholar Search roadshow will be held in Johor, Pahang and Sabah. > For Johor, the roadshow will be held at Sutera Mall, Aeon Mall Kulaijaya and Kluang Mall (April 5) and Aeon Mall Tebrau City, The Alley, Muar and Yong Peng School (April 6). > For Pahang, it will be at Kuantan City Mall (April 6) and Tosuto Bakery Cafe in Mentakab (April 7). > For Sabah, the roadshow will be at Imago Shopping Mall in Kota Kinabalu (April 6 and 7) and Harbour Mall in Sandakan (April 6) as well as at the Sabah Chinese High School (April 7). For details, visit <https://scholarsearch.unienrol.com/ss2024>

CANCER WEBINAR

CanSurvive is having a webinar on the "Therapeutic Role of Hydrogen for Cancer patients" by Dr Sasikala Armugam on April 20, 3pm to 4pm. For details, visit <https://cansurvive.org.my/> or email ucansurvivemalaysia@gmail.com.

MBSA ON WHEELS

Shah Alam City Council (MBSA) is bringing out its mobile office, Shah Alam on Wheels (SAOW), on April 6, from 11am to 4pm at Aeon Big Section 23, Shah Alam for the public to use council facilities. Services provided include assessment tax payment, parking compound checks and payment, counter for complaints and others. For details, visit www.mbsa.gov.my

ZOO NEGARA MATTERS

> Zoo Negara KeeperKu Programme is open to all students aged 13 to 17. For details, call 03-4108 3422 (Education Department), email education@zoonegaramalaysia.my or visit zoonegara.my/volunteerprogram.htm > Zoo Negara is offering free tickets to those celebrating their birthdays, redeemable on the day itself or 30 days after. Walk-ins accepted. For details, call 03-4108 3422

FREE CAR DISPOSAL

Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ) provides free car disposal services. Those who wish to scrap their cars must transfer ownership of the vehicles to the council president. For details, visit intranet.mpaj.gov.my/spmkm, email penguatkuasa@mpaj.gov.my, call 03-4285 7024 (Enforcement Department) or visit Menara MPAJ or its depots in Taman Putra Sulaiman or Taman Melawati.

Food handlers in hot water

DBKL fines Ramadan bazaar traders for unhygienic food items

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A TOTAL of 82 compounds and notices were issued to traders of Ramadan bazaars in Kuala Lumpur for selling contaminated food.

Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) collected 1,060 food samples from various bazaars operating in the city, from March 10 to 29.

Of the collected samples, 11.9% (126) were found to be contaminated with bacteria.

"Food samples collected were sent to DBKL's Analysis Centre and Food Security (FoSAC) facility located at Pasar Borong Kuala Lumpur for testing.

"The samples were inspected for the presence of Staphylococcus, E. coli and coliform bacteria," DBKL said in a statement.

The presence of the bacteria was indicative of unclean food preparation, inadequate cooking or unsatisfactory personal hygiene of the food handlers, said DBKL.

Compounds were issued as operators had contravened the Food Handlers (Federal Territory) By-laws 1979, where by-law 6(1) states that "no person shall sell any article of food which is not clean or contains any matter foreign to the nature of such food."

Under the by-law, errant operators could be fined up to RM2,000 for the offence.

DBKL said it also inspected 2,404 operators at the various bazaars.

"Compounds and notices were issued under the Food Handlers by-law and Licensing of Hawkers (Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur) By-Laws 2016 for not having typhoid vaccinations," DBKL added.

The operators were advised and warned to improve and



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maintain the cleanliness when handling food.

"This included not having food exposed and not placing ice blocks on the floor.

"Traders were also reminded of the 'zero single-use plastic' initiative and to use biodegradable packaging."

This year, DBKL said there were 64 Ramadan bazaar locations throughout the city.

Of these, two are under DBKL's management – the Aidilfitri Bazaar at Lorong Tuanku Abdul Rahman (216 lots) and Ramadan Bazaar at Taman Tasik Permaisuri (160 lots).

Over 4,000 lots at the other 62 locations were managed by private operators.

The bazaars are expected to operate until April 9.

DBKL officers inspecting stalls at a Ramadan bazaar. — Photos courtesy of DBKL

