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## KL City Hall cuts down 173 high-risk trees

**KUALA LUMPUR:** The Dewan Rakyat was yesterday told that out of 1,488 aged trees inspected around the federal capital since 2019, 173 have been cut down because they posed a high risk to the public.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Federal Territories) Dr Zaliha Mustafa said the assessment was carried out by Kuala Lumpur City Hall and continuous inspections will be conducted on aged trees.

"To reflect City Hall's commitment, 21 contractors have been appointed starting June 15 for the regular maintenance of shade trees," she said during a question-and-answer session.

She was replying to Zahir Hassan (PH-Wangsa Maju) on measures to ensure that trees under City Hall's supervision and on private premises comply with guidelines to ensure public's safety.

She said according to City Hall records, maintenance work has been carried out on 22,283 trees from January to June.

As for trees on private premises, Zaliha said City Hall has issued 65 notification letters regarding risky trees on private properties based on public complaints from 2021 to last May.

Answering Zahir's question, she said from 2017 to 2024, such incidents had caused 14 accidents, with nine resulting in injuries and five resulting in deaths. – Bernama