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1 Placement of fumigation hoses, and a polythene sheet over the area.

2 Release of gas to kill rats.

3 After two hours, sheet is removed and the dead rats collected.

4 Digging of burrows to clear dead rats before spraying disinfectant to destroy germs.

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BANGSAR RAT CLEAN-UP HOW IT WILL BE DONE

Gassing them dead in operation 'Tikus Bangsar'

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THE rat-busting operation or "blitz" treatment in Bangsar Baru will take three to four hours during which time the public will be barred from certain areas.

City Hall has called for co-operation from the public as curious onlookers or any other interference would disrupt work.

It has advised the public to stay clear of the car park bordered by Jalan Telawi

Dua and Telawi Tiga during the operation.

The authority has informed hawkers in the area to move their stalls from their normal daytime parking bays in a lane next to the car park.

Shopowners and residents nearby have been told to close their windows and doors.

City Hall Assistant Director (Press) said the entrances to Jalan Telawi Dua and Jalan Telawi Tiga will be barricaded for between

two and three hours.

The date of the *Ops Tikus*, spearheaded by Kuala Lumpur's rat-busters — Rentokil Malaysia Sdn Bhd — will be announced later.

Rentokil area manager Johnny Ooi said the public should keep away from this zone to avoid complications to the operation.

He said it was also for health reasons as the gas is toxic. The gas breaks down into other non-toxic chemical compositions easily and does not leave any residue

behind.

City Hall and the Bangsar Baru Residents' Association had taken up Rentokil's free-of-charge offer to eliminate the rat population at a meeting of the three parties last Friday.

The firm made the offer last month after the *New Straits Times* highlighted the rat invasion of the shops and a few houses in the area.

The firm's method of eliminating the rats involves nine steps. Between 20 and

30 "rat-busters" will take part in the exercise with City Hall officials.

In the first step, the rat-busters will place fumigation hoses at all parts of the car park to ensure an even distribution of the toxic gas.

They will then place a large polythene sheet over the burrows, covering all the fumigation hoses. Sand bags will then be placed on the edges of the sheet to hold it in place.

