

DBKL refutes Jalan Yap Ah Loy renaming rumours

KUALA LUMPUR: Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) yesterday refuted rumours circulating on social media that Jalan Yap Ah Loy here has been renamed to Jalan Palestin.

"There is no such move. Jalan Yap Ah Loy remains the same," said a DBKL official when contacted.

The official clarified that it was Jalan Raja Laut 1 that was renamed to Jalan Palestin in 2020 under the directive of former Federal Territories Minister Tan Sri Annuar Musa during the previous administration.

The issue surfaced after a fake post on the matter went viral on social media.

DBKL in a Facebook post on Sept 26, 2020 announced the renaming of Jalan Raja Laut 1 to Jalan Palestin, involving a stretch of 80 metres and not the entire Jalan Raja Laut.

Jalan Raja Laut starts from the juncture of Jalan Tun Perak until the juncture of Jalan Ipoh/ Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman (Chow Kit), while Jalan Raja Laut 1 (Jalan Palestin) starts from the side of the KWSP Building until Jalan Esfahan (next to SOGO shopping mall).

Former Kuala Lumpur mayor Datuk Seri Nor Hisham Ahmad Dahlan, who served from October 2018 to September 2020, also expressed his disappointment with the fake news about the name of the road, which had triggered unnecessary disputes over social media.

"Jalan Raja Laut 1 was renamed in 2020 to show solidarity with Palestine, and it still exists," he told Bernama when contacted, adding that such fake news should not be sensationalised and manipulated by any party. — Bernama