

DBKL: Jalan Yap Ah Loy here to stay, no plans on renaming

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

“There is no such move. Jalan Yap Ah Loy remains the same,” said a DBKL official when contacted by Bernama yesterday.

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.

The City Hall, in a Facebook post on Sept 26, 2020, announced the renaming of Jalan Raja Laut 1 to Jalan Palestin, which only entails a stretch of 80m and not the entire length of Jalan Raja Laut.

Jalan Raja Laut starts from the junction of Jalan Tun Perak until the junction of Jalan Ipoh-Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman (Chow Kit), while Jalan Raja Laut 1 (Jalan Palestin) starts from the side of the EPF Building and ends at Jalan Esfahan (next to Sogo shopping centre).

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

“Jalan Raja Laut 1 was renamed in 2020 to show solidarity with Palestine. And it still exists,” Nor Hisham said, adding that such fake news should not be sensationalised and manipulated by any party.