

# State of Kepong market driving customers away

DBKL urged to address poor drainage, leaky and rusty roof



A trader showing the broken and uneven surface at the market's rubbish disposal area.

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TRADERS at Pasar Kepong FRI are calling on Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) to urgently upgrade the market, citing a significant decline in customer numbers.

During a site visit, community activist Yee Poh Ping highlighted several pressing concerns, including the leaky and rusty roof as well as poor drainage leading to waterlogging and a foul odour at the rubbish disposal area.

"There is also an issue with the uneven flooring at the market which poses a safety risk.

"These issues are keeping customers away," he said, adding the market served mostly senior citizens in Kepong.

Yee said that he had repeatedly requested DBKL to conduct regular maintenance.

"We are hopeful that DBKL will allocate funds for a comprehensive market upgrade, similar to the recent improvements at Pasar Raja Bot in Chow Kit," Yee added.

He also raised concerns about the market's broken drain covers and clogged sewerage system.

The market at Jalan Silang houses 80 traders, who operate from 6am to 11am daily.



Yee (right) pointing at the leaky and rusty roof at Pasar Kepong FRI.  
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A trader who wished to be known only as Yap, urged DBKL to reinstate a dedicated officer within the market so that they could easily raise issues with the local authority.

"There used to be DBKL per-

sonnel stationed at an office inside the market," he said.

Yap also stressed the need for a second entrance and additional parking spaces in the vicinity to make the market more accessible.