



Screen capture of a photo going viral shows the Havoc Food Festival, which was ordered to cease operations yesterday. PIC FROM SOCIAL MEDIA

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Havoc Food Festival shut down over permit issue, congestion

KUALA LUMPUR: The Havoc Food Festival, which started on Jan 9 and was scheduled to end today at the parking lot of Sama Square Setapak, was ordered to cease operations yesterday.

Setiawangsa member of parliament Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad, in a statement, said the Kuala Lumpur City Hall had issued the order after the organisers were found to have held the event without the required entertainment licence.

“Following excessive traffic congestion that disrupted local residents, my office referred the matter to the authorities.”

Nik Nazmi, who is also natural resources and environ-

mental sustainability minister, said the organisers’ permit application was rejected twice due to late submissions and complaints from residents regarding traffic problems.

“The organisers are reminded not to repeat this mistake and to take into account the wellbeing of local residents before planning any event,” he said.

The festival sparked widespread frustration among residents, many of whom took to social media to complain about nearly two hours of traffic congestion in the area since its commencement on Thursday.

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