

# DBKL cracks enforcement whip in Bukit Bintang

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AN ENFORCEMENT crackdown saw illegal structures dismantled and action taken against unlicensed foreign traders in Bukit Bintang, Kuala Lumpur.

The integrated operations were carried out by Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) in two separate occasions.

“During the first operation, illegal structures built at nine business premises obstructing public spaces were demolished.

“Debris from the demolished structures were removed at the end of the operation,” DBKL said in a statement.

It added that action was taken under the Street, Drainage and Building Act 1974.

In the second operation, six compound notices were issued to traders at Jalan Alor for operating without licence or for employing foreign workers, which violated the Licensing of Hawkers By-laws (WPKL) 2016.

Items from eight traders were also confiscated.

The operations were carried out in cooperation with agencies, including the police, Immigration Department, Tenaga Nasional Bhd, Air Selangor, Solid Waste Management and Public Cleansing Corporation as well as Alam Flora.

According to a news report, the Immigration Department arrested 176 foreigners who are

## Illegal structures taken down, unlicensed foreign traders compounded, items seized at operations



Illegal structures built on public spaces in Bukit Bintang being demolished. — Courtesy photo

being investigated for overstaying and not having valid travel documents.

On Jan 22, DBKL carried out a special operation targeting foreign-operated car wash businesses and roadside traders in Wangsa Maju.

As a result, five car wash premises, a coconut water trader

and a banana fritter vendor had their business items seized for operating without a valid licence.

Action was taken under the Trades, Businesses and Industries Licensing (Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur) 2016 and Licensing of Hawkers (2016) by-laws.

All items seized during the

operations were sent to DBKL's storage facility in Taman Miharja for processing and documentation.

“Continuous enforcement will be carried out throughout Kuala Lumpur periodically,” DBKL said.

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