

CITY HALL BRAWL UNDER PROBE

Enforcement officers ordered unlicensed trader to leave Jalan TAR

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POLICE are investigating a brawl involving Kuala Lumpur City Hall officers at Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman here, after a video of the incident went viral.

Dang Wangi district police chief Assistant Commissioner

Sulizmie Affendy Sulaiman said the case was being investigated for obstructing civil servants in the course of their duties.

“A report was filed by a City Hall officer regarding the incident on March 29,” he said.

Videos, posted on Friday, showed City Hall enforcement officers conducting a raid on a balloon trader on Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman here.

Footage of the incident, which shows the enforcement personnel and traders pushing and shoving, have gone viral.

The brawl reportedly erupted after authorities tried to confiscate merchandise from a balloon seller who resisted, causing a struggle.

“The situation escalated into a brawl when other traders intervened.”

Sulizmie said provocation by other traders led to a scuffle involving the City Hall officers.

City Hall, on Friday, said the unlicensed balloon trader acted

aggressively when he was told to leave the area.

“To prevent the situation from escalating, plainclothes enforcement officers acted to defuse the situation and separate the vendor from assaulting the enforcement personnel.

“Tensions rose when several vendors attempted to intervene, but the situation was brought under control.”

No injuries were reported, it added.

City Hall said its enforcement actions were carried out in accordance with regulations.