

Officers suspended pending probe into squabble

KUALA LUMPUR: Three Kuala Lumpur City Hall enforcement officers involved in an altercation with a balloon vendor on Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman on Friday have been temporarily relieved of their duties.

Kuala Lumpur mayor Datuk Seri Dr Maimunah Mohd Sharif said the decision was to enable City Hall and police to conduct an independent and thorough investigation.

She said the matter was discussed with Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Federal Territories) Datuk Seri Dr Zaliha Mustafa.

City Hall views this incident seriously and will not compromise on any misconduct by its personnel if proven guilty, especially when it affects the integrity and public trust in the enforcement institution.

"We remain committed to upholding governance based on integrity, accountability and fairness for all. Any decision will be made

only after a full investigation is completed," City Hall said in a statement yesterday.

Earlier, a video was widely spread on social media depicting the scuffle between the vendor and officers.

According to media reports, vendor Muhammad Zaimmudin Azlan, 28, is receiving treatment at a public hospital.

City Hall previously clarified that the incident occurred after the vendor refused to cooperate and comply with enforcement directives, in addition to allegedly acting aggressively towards the officers on duty.

Maimunah said City Hall representatives, namely executive director (Socioeconomic Development) Ismadi Sakirin and Enforcement Department director Mohd Muzammer Jamaluddin, visited Muhammad Zaimmudin in the hospital.

"City Hall is considering covering his medical expenses, subject to further review

and medical requirements."

City Hall emphasised that enforcement actions are carried out without regard to racial background and are based on set regulations, with no racial motives.

It said strict action would be taken against anyone operating a business without a valid licence and causing public disturbance.

It requested the cooperation of all parties to stop spreading sentiments and negative, irresponsible speculation that could escalate the situation.

Dang Wangi police chief ACP Sulizmie Affendy Sulaiman confirmed having received a report from an enforcement officer regarding the incident.

"We will call those involved to provide statements to assist with the investigation. The case is being investigated under Section 186 of the Penal Code for obstructing a public servant from carrying out their duties." – Bernama