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Air kumbahan dipercayai punca Sungai Kayu Ara tercemar

PETALING JAYA - Pencemaran di Sungai Kayu Ara yang menyebabkan hidupan air di kawasan itu terjejas berkemungkinan berpunca daripada sisa air kumbahan.

Lembaga Urus Air Selangor (LUAS) dalam kenyataannya semalam memaklumkan, berdasarkan pemantauan sebelum ini, terdapat isu pencemaran dari loji kumbahan berham-

piran kawasan sungai itu kerana merupakan penempatan perumahan dan komersil.

“Menerusi siasatan awal, Jabatan Alam Sekitar (JAS) memaklumkan punca pencemaran berkemungkinan daripada air sisa kumbahan yang terletak berhampiran sungai ini,” kata kenyataan itu.

Jabatan Pengairan dan Saliran (JPS) memaklumkan pembersihan bangkai ikan akan dilaksanakan hari ini.

Menurut kenyataan itu lagi, satu mesyuarat bersama agensi berkaitan akan dijalankan esok dan dipengerusikan oleh Pegawai Daerah Petaling Selaku Unit Pengurusan Bencana Daerah.

“Penyelarasan lawatan susulan dan siasatan tapak oleh LUAS juga akan dijalankan esok (hari ini),” katanya.

Pencemaran di sungai itu dimaklumkan oleh ADUN Bandar Utama, Jamaliah Jamaluddin.

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Ratusan ikan dalam Sungai Kayu Ara mati dipercayai akibat pencemaran air kumbahan.

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A GROUP of night market traders are upset with Subang Jaya Municipal Council (MPSJ) for terminating their licences following their protest against a new management system that required them to pay an additional fee.

The seven traders comprised five who trade at Taman Bukit Kuchai, Puchong and two at Taman Sri Serdang, Seri Kembangan.

"Our licence was revoked last month because we objected to MPSJ's new J3P (Traders Coordinator and Action Committee) system.

"The additional fee imposed was also not stated in our licence renewal," said Deong Kee Ming, who spoke on behalf of the seven.

"In August last year, MPSJ announced its decision to have a J3P committee to manage our markets and that they wanted to impose an additional RM5 monthly fee per lot to hire Rela personnel, paint trading sites and cover other maintenance costs.

"We were against this as we have not had any problems for over 20 years and our licence fee covers all necessary services, including rubbish collection," said Deong, 60, who sells household items.

Another trader Tanggaraju V. Krishnan said they initiated a petition to collect names, phone numbers and signatures of Taman Bukit Kuchai night market traders who were against the J3P system.

"Close to 140 signed the petition," said the 59-year-old who sells mobile phone accessories.

"There are more than 200 traders occupying over 500 lots there. Based on the fund collection, that would mean MPSJ is able to collect at least RM2,000 a month or RM30,000 a year.

"MPSJ was not able to answer when we asked where the money would go to or who

Seven traders cry foul over licence revocation

MPSJ says it took action against them for forging other traders' signatures in petition sent to council



(From left) Traders Deong, Tanggaraju and Chin Thean Seang showing documents to back up their complaints that MPSJ is penalising them after they objected to the new system and additional council fees. — YAP CHEE HONG/The Star

would manage the funds."

Deong said they were unfairly accused by MPSJ of sabotaging its efforts and misusing traders' names and signatures.

"The names that MPSJ accuses us of misusing are the names from the petition. We did not fake those details as they were signed by the traders," he said.

"We have lodged reports with the police and Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission on this."

Tanggaraju said they appealed to Puchong MP Gobind Singh Deo and Kinrara assemblyman Ng Sze Han for help, but to no avail.

Deong and Tanggaraju claimed most trad-

ers were unhappy about the J3P system and the additional fee, but were unwilling to voice out due to possible repercussions such as licence revocation.

"The seven of us were penalised because we were the most vocal," said Deong. "Most of us also do business in Petaling Jaya and Kuala Lumpur and did not face such problems."

Tanggaraju said they wanted to revert to the old system without J3P and the RM5 fee.

A local Malay daily had earlier reported that the seven traders had their licences revoked after they were accused of "sabotaging MPSJ".

"In this case, the seven were found to have forged other traders' signatures without informing them what the petition was for, falsifying certain issues and abusing traders' names," MPSJ Licensing Department director Muhammad Azli Miswan was quoted as saying.

"Based on MPSJ's investigations, the traders named in the petition said they were unaware of their names being used and denied signing the document.

"The seven also incited other traders not to follow the council's guidelines."

Because of that, Muhammad Azli said MPSJ saw the licence revocation as the right move to serve as a lesson for them to abide by the council's rules.

Asked about the issue, MPSJ deputy president Mohd Zulkarnain Che Ali said the J3P system was introduced to empower traders to set up a committee to manage the market themselves.

"Over the years, we have seen an increase in market traders, including those who are not locals.

"We do not have enough staff to manage all the markets.

"Rela personnel are hired for traffic management at the night markets, hence the RM5 monthly fee, and this has proven to be effective as the traffic flow has improved," he said.

Furthermore, he said, night markets could be a tourist attraction.

As for the petition, Mohd Zulkarnain said, "While the other traders did sign the petition, they did so without knowing what the petition is for. Hence, the council has lodged a police report against the traders who initiated the petition.

"Even if they do not want to pay the monthly fee, they should not instigate others to follow suit."

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Centre for old folk opens in Subang Jaya

Organise different types of activities so no one is left out, says deputy minister

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CENTRES for senior citizens should organise activities that are inclusive to ensure no member feels left out, says Deputy Women, Family and Community Development Minister Hannah Yeoh.

Having visited many such centres, she said there was much room for improvement.

"The activities must be inclusive. If you only have certain activities such as cooking classes or line dancing, those who are not interested will feel left out.

"Activity organisers must also be considerate of their neighbours, you cannot have karaoke sessions all day," she said, suggesting IT courses for senior citizens.

She was speaking to reporters after the launch of the Subang Jaya Senior Citizens Activity Centre (PAWE SJ) in USJ 6, Subang Jaya.

Yeoh urged such centres to collaborate with others and have inter-generational activities.

"Do more collaborations with other NGOs (non-governmental organisation) or groups such as residents associations, Rukun Tetangga or youth groups.

"There are PAWEs that partner with universities where students provide haircut services for the seniors," she said.

Yeoh said RM5mil had been allocated for the setting up of 47 PAWEs nationwide and in Selangor, eight state constituencies had yet to set up such centres.

Subang Jaya assemblyman Michelle Ng said with the increas-



(Front row, from third left) Wong, Yeoh, Ng and Yang at the launch of Walk-a-Hunt, Walk for Depression programme in Subang Jaya.

ing ageing population in Subang Jaya, having the Senior Citizens Activity Centre was important.

"Subang Jaya will have an ageing population. For those who bought a house and started living here about 25 to 30 years ago in their mid-20s, they would be in their 50s now.

"Last July (2018), I got to know about the PAWE programme under the Social Welfare Department (JKM) and that there is none in Subang Jaya.

"I then contacted the Subang Jaya Senior Citizens Club in USJ 6 for a PAWE to be set up and this April, it received the approval from Selangor JKJ.

"They will get a one-off allocation of RM100,000, of which RM80,000 is for setting up the centre and RM20,000 is for operating expenses.

"From 2020, they will get an annual allocation of RM33,330," she said.

PAWE SJ chairman Yang Chor Leong said they would hold meetings bi-monthly with objectives to include increasing the quality of life of senior citizens.

This is to encourage senior citizens to spend their time healthily and happily, involve and cooperate with various senior citizens parties and community groups like youths, children, government agencies, the disabled, as well as increase knowledge and skills of senior citizens in fields such as language, crafts, health and sports.

"The PAWE SJ year plan for 2019/2020 includes various activities such as health seminars, tai chi, qi gong, playing the ukulele, visiting old folk's homes, birthday

and festive celebrations as well as gotong-royong sessions, gardening, joint projects with P3KU and organising a forum for International Day of Older Persons," he said.

Also at the event were Subang MP Wong Chen and Selangor Social Welfare Department (JKM) director Mohammad Hanafi Maulud.

PAWE SJ was founded by a group concerned for the elderly in Subang Jaya.

Yeoh said the aim was to have at least one PAWE in each parliamentary constituency.

"The location of PAWEs should be strategic so that the public can easily find them," she said.

She also advised PAWE SJ to collaborate with other NGOs to do joint programmes as there is limited space in the centre.