

# Misused licences will be revoked, traders warned

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has made it clear that Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) will revoke the licences of petty traders and hawkers who lease them out to third parties, including foreigners.

He said the government and DBKL were now looking into methods to ensure compliance with the regulations for the benefit of local traders and hawkers, Bernama reported.

"Along with the (DBKL) mayor and its directors, I have plans to ensure that they (petty traders and hawkers) abide by regulations and for licences to be issued to locals (only).

"If they (petty traders and hawkers) hand over the licences to others we will revoke them," he said after a meet and greet session with the prime minister at Pusat Penjaja Madani in Jalan Tuanku

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Abdul Rahman yesterday.

Also present was Kuala Lumpur mayor Datuk Kamarulzaman Mat Salleh.

Anwar also reiterated his commitment to upgrade Kuala Lumpur's facilities and image, including hawker stalls for the people's comfort.

He said there are several areas where drainage and roofing would be fixed by this year.

Prior to this, Anwar said local authorities, especially in urban areas, must provide comfortable infrastructure facilities to hawkers and petty traders so they can conduct their business in a conducive environment.

He said proper facilities were

important as hawkers and traders also contribute to the national economy.

Earlier, Anwar spent about 40 minutes mingling with traders at Pusat Penjaja Madani, which has since been upgraded through the Lestari Niaga@Kuala Lumpur project.

The initiative aims to upgrade existing petty trader and hawker stalls in the Federal Territories so that they are more conducive and comfortable.

The hawker centre, known as Pusat Penjaja Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman before this, was built in 1974 with 20 stall lots. It was upgraded in March this year.

Among the works carried out

were the roof replacement and improvement, rewiring and the replacement of fans, lights and broken pipes.

On another matter, Anwar said the National Cyber Security Committee has decided that a cyber security bill be drafted immediately to ensure that all relevant aspects of legislation are finalised.

Anwar said towards this purpose, the National Cyber Security Agency (Nacsa), which is under the National Security Council (NSC), will assume the main responsibility of mobilising efforts across various government entities.

"I stress here that there will be no compromise on national security, including in the digital domain and cyber eco-system," he said in a statement.

The bill will provide Nacsa with a clear legal authority to regulate and enforce laws related to cyber security and improve the effectiveness of its functions.

He said this is in line with the aims outlined in NSC Directive No. 26 of the National Cyber Security Management and Malaysia Cyber Security Strategy.

Anwar said entities in the cyber eco-system will continue to maintain powers that enable them to perform their respective functions.

"At the same time, the functions of several core entities related to cyber security will be coordinated to prevent overlapping of tasks and to maximise efficiency."

Anwar said Malaysia must explore the challenges of the digital era that demand preparedness at the highest level in the entire government machinery when dealing with cyber security threats.

He added that this is a priority not only in the country but also includes larger affairs at the global level as cyberspace and digital communications now encompass various aspects of life.



Anwar during his walkabout at the Madani hawker centre in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. - BERNAMAPIC