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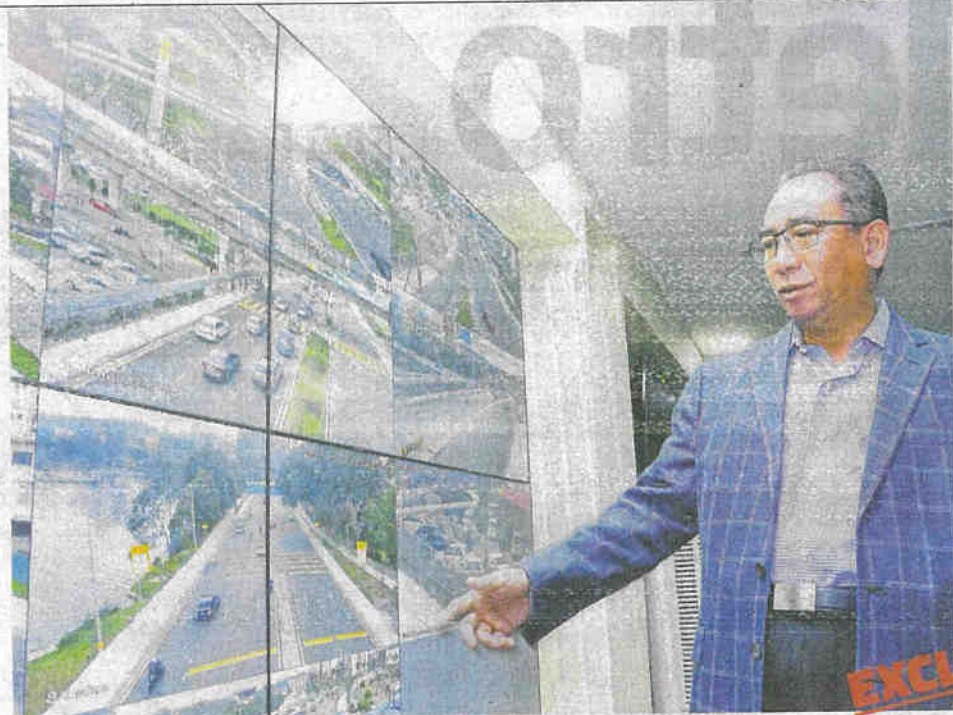
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Mohd Azizi looking at the 12 live CCTV with speakers from the Petaling Jaya City Council's Command Centre at Menara MBPJ. — SYED AZAMUDDIN/ The Star

Big brother is watching you

MBPJ's combined use of CCTV cameras and loudspeakers to tick off motorists succeeds in reducing traffic offences

By SHEILA SRI PRIYA
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A WOMAN walked hurriedly out of a bank in Jalan Yong Shook Lin in Petaling Jaya, entered her car and drove away after she heard an announcement to remove her vehicle through a loudspeaker from outside the building.

The "voice" was that of a Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) enforcement officer reading out the vehicle number plate and

made a precise description of the car committing the traffic offence.

The enforcement officer was seated on the 22nd floor of Menara MBPJ's Command Centre and she could zoom in to look at the vehicles from her control panel at the centre.

The objective of the exercise is not to stalk motorists but to ensure safety and traffic order in the city.

Since February this year, the MBPJ paired its closed-circuit television (CCTV) with

loudspeakers at 12 locations along the one-way-loop (OWL) in Section 52 in a move to provide better surveillance and traffic management in the area.

Motorists must strictly park at designated parking bays because MBPJ is now able to observe in real time and make announcements via loudspeakers directing motorists to repair their vehicles.

If the directive is ignored, the enforcement officers will issue either a summon, clamp or tow the vehicle away.

The CCTV is monitored 24 hours by council officers.

The CCTV speakers are located near Affin Bank in Jalan Yong Shook Lin, Amcorp Mall in Jalan Timur, The Art Gallery in Jalan Utara, St. Paul Church in Jalan Utara, Hotel Armada in Jalan Utara, PJ Hilton in Jalan Barat, LRT Asia Jaya in Jalan Utara, Taman Jaya in Jalan Timur, Bulatan Sultan in Jalan Sultan, SK Sri Petaling in Jalan Utara, SMK Bukit Bintang in Jalan Utara and Wisma Yan in Jalan Selangor.

Mont Kiara land turned into dumpsite again

By SYUHADA SHEFEE
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AN EMPTY plot of land near the Mont Kiara residential area that was once an illegal dumpsite is now again piled up with construction waste and rubbish.

Last year action was taken against those illegally dumping rubbish at the site and the place was cleared of all debris.

Segambut Dalam Landowners Association secretary Irwan Sabel said in November last year, Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) and other enforcement agencies raided the place and made seizures.

Several lorries that were used to ferry the waste were seized and summonses were issued.

"But this obviously did not deter the culprits from trying their illegal activity again this year," he said.

Impian Villas@Mont Kiara residents claimed that the 1.2ha area was turned into an illegal dumpsite again in the past few months.

A few of them complained to DBKL as the view from their high-rise units was unsightly and they



Construction waste is among the debris piling up on the empty plot of land in the foreground marring the image of Mont Kiara

also feared another open burning activity there.

Irwan, 40, said there used to be hundreds of lorries dumping waste there daily, however, after the raid last year, the number dropped to only a few but it was still of concern to the residents.

"The area was barricaded by DBKL after their major operation to shut the area, however, at least three to four lorries are throwing

rubbish here every day," he said.

The rubbish has marred the image of Mont Kiara.

Segambut MP Lim Lip Eng, who visited the site said DBKL issued over 40 compounds and seized a few lorries in November last year.

"I already lodged a complaint with DBKL and Alam Flora, among other authorities, but they have not reverted to me," he said. "The dumpsite used to be a

forest with a river flowing beside it, but now rubbish covers the land and river.

"As the landowner has done nothing after being issued a notice by the land office, they should seize the land as they have the right to do so," Lim further added.

He urged enforcement agencies to push for the harshest punishment possible.



TRAFFIC MATTERS

There will be a continuation of night lane closure in stages along Jalan Jinjang Permai 2, Jalan Jambu Gajus, Jalan Kepong (Jinjang Selatan) and Jalan Kepong (KL-bound & Kepong-bound) from now to Dec 20, from 10pm to 6am. The traffic management plan involves the following closures:

- Internal road of Jalan Jinjang Permai 2 starting from Balai Bomba Jinjang to Wisma TNB Kepong. Internal road of Jalan Jambu Gajus starting from Sogud Machinery to Secondhand Car Dealer. Internal road of Jalan Kepong (Jinjang Selatan) starting from CIMB to Jinjang Funeral Parlour.
- Left lane closure in stages along Jalan Kepong (KL-bound) for a stretch of 250 metres.
- Left lane and middle lane closure in stages along Jalan Kepong (KL-bound) for a stretch of 200 metres. Left lane and middle lane closure along Jalan Kepong (Kepong-bound) for a stretch of 80 metres.
- Middle lane and fast lane closure along Jalan Kepong (KL-bound and Kepong-bound) for a stretch of 80 metres. The closures will be implemented intermittently and at any one time there will be only one closure on either lane. For details, visit www.mmc-gamuda.com.my

FREE EYE TEST

In conjunction with World Sight Day, EyeMedic Vision Centre in Shah Alam (Section 20) will provide charity eye examination to the public from now to Nov 30 at EyeMedic Vision Centre, No.4, Level 1, Consultant Block, KPI Selangor Specialist Centre. The examination includes refraction, screening for cataract, glaucoma, dry eye and eye diseases related to diabetes using advanced retinal imaging technology. For details, call 03-55496698 for appointment.

CHESS TOURNAMENT

The Residents Committee from USJ Subang Jaya will organise an MPSI Zone 4 Councillor Chess Tournament on Oct 29 at the Summit Shopping Complex at Perastaran Kewajipan, USJ Subang Jaya. Categories are Under-12 (RM5) and Open (RM10). Closing date for registration is on Oct 21. For details, call 012-625 2925 (Fong), 012-298 1052 (Zull) or email fongt68@gmail.com

MOBILE COUNTERS

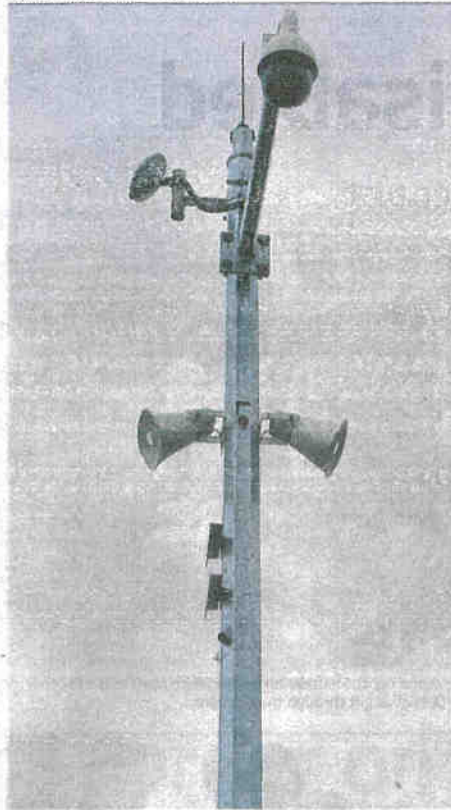
Residents can make council-related payments, enquiries and complaints through MBPJ's E-Pay mobile counter from tomorrow until Oct 15. It will be stationed from 10am to 3pm at Dataran Glomas Jalan 21/12 today and tomorrow at Jalan SD 12/1, PJU 1/43 (Oct 10), PJU 5/21 (Oct 11), Jalan 17/38 (Oct 12), Jalan 1/12 (Oct 13) and Taman Megah, SS24 (Oct 14 and 15).

CHARITY FUNFAIR

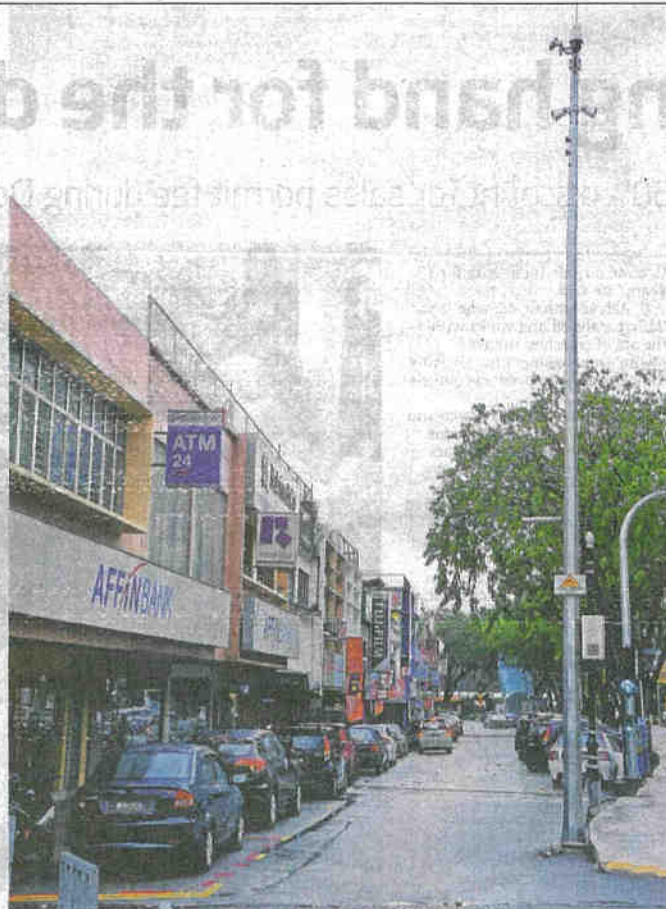
There will be a charity funfair on Oct 15, from 11am to 5pm at Summit USJ Subang Jaya. Activities include games as well as stalls selling food and other products. There will also be a blood donation drive, free health screening and breast cancer examination. The funds raised will go to The National Cancer Society Malaysia, National Kidney Foundation and Pertubuhan Iringan Kasih. For details, call 03-5634 7706 (Donny) or visit their Facebook page 'Charity Funfair 2017'.

MIEA OPEN DAY

The Malaysian Institute of Estate Agents is having a meet-the-public session on Oct 21 at the MIEA Training Centre, C-27-05, Level 5, Block C, 3 Two Square, 2 Jalan 19/1, Petaling Jaya. The agenda includes awareness talk on engaging the services of real estate agents/negotiators and "How to Get the Best Out of Them" followed by individual consultation to address matters related to the industry. Consultation is free but limited to 50 pay. For details, call 03-7950 2577 (Nally) or email membership@miea.com.my to book a session.



(Above and right) The council has installed 12 CCTV cameras paired with loudspeakers in Section 52. The council's enforcement officers are able to make real-time announcements to remove vehicles that obstruct traffic through the loudspeakers.



Petaling Jaya mayor Datuk Mohd Azizi Mohd Zain said the method was effective in reducing traffic offences in one of the busiest commercial areas in the city.

"Our statistics show that 85% of the drivers will immediately remove their vehicles once they hear their vehicle number plates announced through the loudspeaker. If we can't see the number plate from our control centre due to obstruction, we will then describe the colour of the vehicle, model and where it is parked."

"Since February this year, we have made announcements through the loudspeakers for over 1,570 vehicles that obstructed traffic. Out of this, 1,295 vehicles left the spots within a few minutes of hearing the announcement," he said.

The process involved the council to first view the roads in real-time through the CCTV from the command centre at Menara MBPJ.

When they spot a vehicle blocking traffic, an announcement would be made from the control centre via the loudspeakers to repark the car.

"The announcement is loud and clear and you can't miss it. This method has been very effective and has reduced the numbers of traffic offenders drastically. Regularly to PJ New Town are familiar with our announcements. In fact, the number of traffic offenders in PJ New Town has reduced too," he said.

During *StarMetro's* exclusive interview with the mayor at the command centre, the officers were busy observing the traffic situation. They showed the technology's ability to zoom into the vehicle and to get a high definition view of the vehicle road tax.

The mayor said the idea to use the speakers were made following a visit to Bandung, Indonesia. "We saw the effectiveness of

this method in Bandung and we decided to implement it in Petaling Jaya. Our 12 CCTVs with loudspeakers cover public spaces, commercial areas and outside some schools in Section 52," he said.

The CCTV speaker is part of the council's Smart PJ programme to beef up safety in the city.

The mayor said he welcomed Petaling Jaya OCPD Asst Comm Mohd Zani Che Din's idea to link more council CCTVs with the police for security and road safety purposes.

"We have about 120 cameras currently linked with the police. Incidents such as snatch thefts and accidents are also recorded on the CCTV cameras."

"We are always ready to assist the police to make the city a better and safer place for the people," said Mohd Aziz, adding that the council planned to expand the CCTV with speaker system to more commercial areas

such as Section 14.

"We will consider expanding this system to areas where traffic obstruction is rampant such as the Section 14 business area. In future, we also want to be able to link any important announcement such as flash floods using this system," he said.

The mayor hoped to introduce limited parking at busy business areas such as Section 52 to ease the problem of double parking.

"We do not want people to hog parking bays. We may limit parking hours to maximum three hours. This will provide others an opportunity to park and business premises could rent bays from us if they want," he said.

So far this year, in Section 52 alone, the council's enforcement unit clamped 1,100 cars and towed 45 vehicles away.

Watch the video thestartv.com



MBPJ officer Siti Noor Asmira Mohd Asri viewing the CCTV with loudspeakers at the council's command centre. She will announce the car number plate, describe the vehicle and the offence from the centre. (Right) A close-up of the television screens at the command centre.

