

## STAR METRO INFO BASE

## GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT

ARKIB NEGARA	03-6209 0600
BANK NEGARA	03-2698 8044
CUSTOMS	03-7806 7200
FIRE & RESCUE	03-8892 7600
IMMIGRATION	03-8880 1000
INCOME TAX	1-800-88-5436
JABATAN ALAM SEKITAR	03-8889 1972
JAKIM	03-8886 4000
JPA	03-8000 8000
JPN (KL)	03-6201 1106
JPN (PJ)	03-7956 2634
JPN (KL)	03-4145 0800
JPJ (SELANGOR)	03-5566 9595
JKR (PETALING)	03-78392400
JKR (FT)	03-92875436
KLSE - BURSA M'SIA	03-2026 5099
MANPOWER DEPT - JTR	03-8886 5555
METEOROLOGY	03-7967 8000
MIDA	03-2267 3633
MIMOS	03-8995 5000
POS MALAYSIA	1-300-300-300
REG OF BUSINESS	03-4043 0811
REG OF COMPANIES	03-2299 4400
ROYAL CUSTOMS	03-8776 6575
SIRIM	03-5544 6000
SOCSCO	03-4264 5000

## EPF

HEAD OFFICE	03-2694 6566
CALL CENTRE	03-8922 6000
CHERAS	03-9200 3304
GOMBAK	03-6185 0780
KAJANG	03-8737 5223
KEPONG	03-6258 9521
KLANG	03-3325 1626
PETALING JAYA	03-8922 6000
PUDU	03-2078 6788
WANGSA MAJU	03-4149 9499
SHAH ALAM	03-5519 2155

## HOSPITALS

TUN HUSSEIN ONN	03-7718 1488
NATIONAL EYE HOSPITAL	
UM MEDICAL CENTRE	03-7949 4422
SERDANG HOSPITAL	03-8947 5555
PUTRAJAYA HOSPITAL	03-8312 4200
TENGGU AMPUAN	03-3375 7000
RAHIMAH HOSPITAL	
INSTITUT JANTUNG	03-2617 8200
SHAH ALAM HOSPITAL	03-5526 3000
GHL	03-2615 6391
SELANGOR HOSPITAL	03-6126 3333

## RADIO/TAXI SERVICE

PUBLIC CAB	03-6259 2020
COMFORT	03-8024 0507
KLTEKSI	017-2733372
RADIO TAXI	03-9221 7600
SAUJANA	03-2162 8888
SUPERCAB	1-300-888-294
SUNLIGHT	03-9057 5757
CITYLINE	03-9222 2828
TELETAXI	03-9131 8080
WIRA CAB	03-2144 3630

## POLICE STATIONS

PETALING JAYA HQ	03-7966 2222
BUKIT AMAN HQ	03-2266 2222
DAMANSARA UTAMA	03-7722 2222
SEA PARK	03-7874 2222
SELANGOR POLICE HQ	03-5514 5222
SHAH ALAM	03-5520 2222
SG BULOH	03-6156 1222
KOTA DAMANSARA	03-6142 2222
TAMAN TUN DR ISMAIL	03-7728 6222
SG WAY	03-7875 2222
AMPANG	03-4289 7419
BRICKFIELDS	03-9051 6222
CHERAS	03-9284 2222
DANG WANGI	03-2070 2222

# Lanes behind eateries in a mess

## MBSA to manually clean up drains clogged by oil and rubbish dumped by restaurants

By PRIYA MENON  
priya@thestar.com.my

IRRESPONSIBLE restaurateurs are dumping used cooking oil and garbage down the drain, creating an unsightly situation in the backlanes of Jalan Setia Indah X U13/X Setia Alam in Shah Alam.

Emitting a foul stench, the drains are clogged with a thick layer of solidified oil that prevents water from flowing through the drains.

Shah Alam city councillor Simon Siow received complaints about this problem of late and called for an emergency spot check of the back lanes by the Shah Alam City Council (MBSA).

Accompanied by various relevant departments including Health and Enforcement, the team found the source of pollution and fined one of the restaurants RM600.

"One of the restaurants was fined for using the back alley to cook and wash dishes, which contravenes regulations.

"When they do such a thing, all food residue and oil go directly into the drains and overflow on to the roads without going through the compulsory grease traps installed at sinks," Siow explained.

He noted that many restaurants failed to install grease traps.

After some consideration, Siow recommended that the drain covers be removed to facilitate cleaning works.

"We tried using water jets before but it did not help clear the drains of the clog properly. So we have no choice but to remove the covers and conduct a manual clean-up," he said.

He said the Engineering Department would begin removing the drain covers next week.

He stressed that MBSA wanted to eradicate such problems in the relatively new township before it worsened.

"This is in line with the council's efforts to rehabilitate and keep backlanes clean.

"We strongly urge food operators to be responsible and follow council's rules and regulations to ensure clean food is served to customers. Unsanitary food can cause food poisoning," he said.

He added that the council would be conducting spot checks once every three months to keep tabs on errant restaurant owners.

Siow also recommended that food operators participate in the



Siow (right) with MBSA officers discussing steps to clean up the clogged drains in Jalan Setia Indah X U13/X.

**We tried using water jets before but it did not work to fully clear the drains of the clog.**

Simon Siow

used oil recycling programme conducted by MBSA.

He said the collection was done by two private companies and the oil would be picked up once a week from the premises.

The restaurants in this programme will be given 60 litre bins to collect the used oil and restaurant owners can earn RM1 per litre.

Used oil collected will be turned into biodiesel for various uses.



The drains in the backlane of Jalan Setia Indah X U13/X are clogged with food waste dumped by errant restaurant operators.



This backlane is waterlogged with wastewater that overflowed from clogged drains.