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BRICKFIELDS ALLEY

Illegal recyclable items' dumpsite

THE back alley between Jalan Thambipillay and Jalan Sultan Abdul Samad in Brickfields has again become an illegal dumping site for recyclable items, four months after the issue was highlighted by Actionline.

A worker at a shop nearby, who only wished to be known as Fazirullah, said the alley was again filled with huge plastic bags of rubbish and scrap items, including old clothes, steel beams, and even used pails.

"You can see a group of people dropping by the alley every single day to pick up the items.

"I believe this group has been using the spot as their very own collection area. They even park their lorries nearby, taking up all the available public parking space," Fazirullah said.

Actionline visited the alley on Wednesday and saw a lorry waiting to collect items at the site.

On Aug 23, Actionline had reported a similar illegal operation at the back alley, and a check then had found three lorries being filled with rubbish from a container placed at the parking bays.

The back alley is near Wisma Harapan, the Selangor and Fed-

eral Territory Association for the Mentally Handicapped and schools. Such activities have caused discomfort to parents and students who frequent the area.

ACTIONLINE:

Solid Waste and Public Cleansing Management Corporation (SWCorp) has sealed the area and issued a notice of violation.

Its Federal Territory Division head, Ismail Mohamed, said the case was being probed under Section 71 of the Solid Waste



Illegal rubbish collectors have turned the back alley in Brickfields into their own collection centre. PIC BY NUR ADIBAH AHMAD IZAM

and Public Cleansing Management Act 2007 (Act 672) for illegally collecting and processing solid waste at an unauthorised site.

"If found guilty, they can be slapped with a maximum

RM10,000 fine, or jailed up to five years or both."

SWCorp deputy operations director Mohd Zahir Shari said it would increase patrols in the area to prevent any recurrence.