

Jalan TAR springs back to life ahead of Ramadan

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KUALA LUMPUR: The Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman (Jalan TAR) here was a hive of activity today, as consumers thronged the area for last-minute shopping for necessities before Ramadan.

This, after two years of the implementation of various Movement Control Orders (MCO).

Checks by NSTP saw shoppers arriving as early as 9am and the area became congested after Zohor prayer.

Many took the opportunity to buy clothes and daily necessities at affordable prices offered by dozens of stalls and business premises.

Several traders were also seen selling food and beverages around the area.

Shopper Nor Haridzan Mohd Yusof, 60, came at 10am to avoid congestion in the area.

"We came to buy clothes for the Hari Raya's celebration later. We always come early for more choices and sizes," said Haridzan when met today.

Another shopper, Liza Hasanuddin, 41, said she had expected Jalan TAR to be congested, but was relieved that traders and other customers were adopting standard operating procedures (SOP) such as wearing face masks.

"I already stock up on daily necessities yesterday and today just to buy other items before Ramadan.

"Apart from wearing face masks, physical distancing is also being practiced here as a security measure to control the spread of Covid-19," she said.

Meanwhile, trader Zulkefli Othman, 68, who had been in business for more than 40 years, was grateful that Jalan TAR has returned to life, like how it was before the pandemic, ahead of Ramadan.

"Jalan TAR is lively with the presence of shoppers, compared to two years ago due to the implementation of MCO.

"SOPs are being adhered to by all parties to avoid unwanted incidents," he said.

Another trader, Amirulshah Muhamad, 29, said the area was expected to be packed until midnight.

"Many shops will be opened until midnight to allow shoppers to shop. I hope this festive feel will continue throughout Ramadan," he said.

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