

## PPj dismisses audio recording of Covid-19 claim in Putrajaya

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**PUTRAJAYA:** The Putrajaya Corporation (PPj) Sunday dismissed a 44-second audio recording that has gone viral on social media which claimed that Putrajaya has been hit by Covid-19 as untrue.

In a statement posted on its Facebook account, PPj advised the public not to be fooled by the audio clip that has been making rounds through WhatsApp application since Saturday.

"It is business as usual in Putrajaya," it said.

It also stressed that the audio clip which claimed that Putrajaya was hit by Covid-19, resulted in the overcrowded Putrajaya Hospital while its employees were either infected or suspected to be infected, were untrue and feared it would have caused panic among the public.

"The situation in Putrajaya is normal and people are advised to take precautionary measures as recommended by the Ministry of Health (MOH)," the statement said.

PPj also advised the public to act responsibly and refrain from disseminating unauthorised and untrue information.

Meanwhile, the Malaysian Community Pharmacy Guild (MCPG) urged the Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs (KPDNHEP) and the Ministry of Health (MOH) to temporarily lift the ceiling price for face mask, as well as to ban the export of such product from Malaysia.

MCPG President Lovy Beh said the requests were necessary to ensure there is sufficient supply of face mask in the country amid the COVID-19 outbreak.

She claimed that following the COVID-19 infection in Malaysia, the sale of face mask in Malaysia surged three times, leading to a shortage in supply, which she also attributed to large manufacturers exporting their face mask product for higher prices.

"We would meet up with the ministries concerned to temporarily remove the ceiling price on face mask and to ban face mask manufacturers from exporting their product so that we have sufficient stock of face masks in Malaysia," she told a press conference here Sunday.

MCPG is holding its 15th annual general meeting (AGM) later Sunday. – Bernama