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## More questions to consider in food poisoning case

I REFER to one of the worst cases of food poisoning involving food consumed at a popular Indian rojak stall at the Geylang Serai Temporary Market.

We need answers to these questions:

- Is the proximity of the Geylang Serai wet market a contributing factor? I pass through the wet market virtually every night and I can vouch for two things: the odious stench and fat rats scurrying along inside the market.
- Since the rojak vendor has been serving the public faithfully for many years and has obtained a C grading recently, shouldn't we hold off making our judgment until the facts are in?
- Is it timely for Muslim food establishments to marry the concept of halal, or religiously permissible fare, with another concept of the religion called "toyyib", which describes a healthy and wholesome diet? The relevant authorities could offer a higher grading for Muslim stalls that combine the two concepts, thus marrying what is religiously permissible fare with a healthy, wholesome lifestyle, of which cleanliness is a criterion.
- Are there enough environment officers to adequately monitor the large number of food establishments and stalls?
- What about the toilets in coffee shops, restaurants and foodcourts which do not have proper sanitary facilities, such as soap dispensers and toilet paper?
- What about food handlers who smoke in the toilet cubicles and those who do not wash their hands after smoking?

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Since this guy is a muslim he is supporting another muslim i.e. the killer rojak staff owner. He says the killer rojak owner has been 'serving' for several years. This is wrong. He is only doing business not serving. Secondly just because you are in business for many years, you cannot demand sympathetic treatment. The killer rojak owner should be given the maximum punishment for his lapse including hanging.

Posted by: Murali\_Sharma at Wed Apr 15 07:24:27 SGT 2009

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