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More dengue deaths in Selangor

Reports on mosquito-borne disease takes centre stage at monthly meetings

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DENGUE continues to be on high alert in Selangor with all the local councils raising the matter at their respective monthly full board meetings.

Klang recorded three deaths in January while Petaling Jaya and Ampang Jaya recorded one death each.

At the Klang Municipal Council (MPK) meeting, it was learnt that there were 3,199 reported cases.

Stating that the matter had gone out of control, MPK deputy president Adi Faizal Ahmad Tarmizi said the council now resorted to issuing compounds to residents instead of its usual warning notices.

"We are taking stricter action now because previously when notices were issued, residents did not seem to take it seriously so we are now issuing compounds on the spot," he said, adding that the compounds were RM1,000 each and if residents failed to pay, they would be hauled to court.

Since January, MPK has issued 14 compounds to residents.

"We are also working with the Klang Health Department to eradicate dengue and noticed that the rise in dengue was due to the lack of public education," he said.

Port Klang assemblyman Azmizam Zaman Huri, who was also present at the meeting, said his office was open to any residents who want to hold a *gotong-royong* to clean up their neighbourhood.



Selangor government is stepping up efforts to deal with the dengue epidemic as the number of cases remains high. — filepic

The Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) meeting learnt of the one death due to dengue and that the city has almost 300% increase in cases until week eight of this year compared to last year.

The death was recorded at Gugusan Melur Section 4, Petaling Jaya Utara in Kota Damansara.

There were 1,097 cases recorded since early this year as compared to only 278 cases same time last year, said Petaling Jaya mayor Datuk Mohd Azizi Mohd Zain.

"Both Shah Alam and Subang Jaya have

higher number of dengue cases as compared to Petaling Jaya, but we are still concerned.

"*Gotong-royong* sessions are important but we need to also inspect inside the houses at all hotspots," said Mohd Azizi.

There are 23 dengue hotspots in Petaling Jaya, namely Section 14 (Jalan 14/29 to Jalan 14/49), Apartment Kelana Idaman in PJU1A, SS2, Palm Spring Condo 2 in PJU 3, Section 6 PJU 5 in Kota Damansara, Mentari Court in PJS8, Kelana Putera Condo in SS7, Apartment Bayu in Damansara Damai and

Apartment Rampai Idaman in Damansara Damai.

The city has formed 238 search-and-destroy teams since 2014 to inspect, identify and destroy mosquito breeding grounds in neighbourhoods.

Subang Jaya Municipal Council (MPSJ) areas have recorded 1,857 dengue cases so far this year.

From Feb 17 to 23, 36 hotspots were recorded with Lestari Putra 4, Lestari Putra 6, Batu 13 Kampung Tengan and USJ 9/3K until USJ 9/3P being declared hotspots for over 100 days.

MPSJ deputy president Mohd Zulkurnain Che Ali said the council together with the Petaling District Health Office have had dialogues with residents to get them involved in the fight against dengue.

However, he said there were problems in strata areas where the local council would have to engage with foreigners to get them to keep the surroundings clean.

Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ) president Datuk Abdul Hamid Hussain at the full board meeting said there were 792 cases reported with one death since Jan 1.

He hoped the Dengue Action Committee (MTD), chaired by each councillor, would help mobilise residents to prevent the spread of the disease.

Currently, there are six dengue hotspots in Ampang - Bandar Baru Ampang (Flat Sri Nilam), Taman Nirwana (Jalan Nirwana 24, 35 to 46), Taman Kosas (Chancellor Condominium), Jalan Jelatek (Sri Maya Condo) and Lembah Jaya Utara (Flat Desa Permai).



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RM22mil for drainage and road repairs

ABOUT RM22mil will be spent on road and drainage repairs in Ampang Jaya this year.

Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ) president Datuk Abdul Hamid Hussain said the council would carry out 41 projects within the municipality.

"The money for the projects will come from the Malaysian Road Records Information System (Marris) fund.

"The biggest project is to mill and pave Jalan Pandan Utama, starting from the MRR2 to Ampang Campuran, at a cost of RM2.5mil.

"Apart from repairing the roads and drainage, the funds will also be used to pave roads, replace broken street lighting with LED lights, as well as trim trees," he said after the council's full board meeting yesterday.

On another matter, Abdul Hamid said starting tomorrow, enforcement would be carried out against those who failed to pay their assessment tax.

He said MPAJ had collected RM342,624.66 in January from 275 premises through several assessment tax operations so far. The areas included Pandan Perdana, Taman Cheras Indah and Taman Muda.

The council collects about RM90mil in assessment tax per term. It has so far recorded RM10mil in arrears.

"We hope to collect at least 90% of the tax for the first term and 70% of the arrears," he said.

Abdul Hamid said the council relied on the money from the collected tax to carry out maintenance and repairs.

"I advise all property owners to pay up or face the consequences. Our enforcement officers will not hesitate to confiscate valuables from the properties of those who have not paid for two terms and more," he said.

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