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# Mud floods damage 25 homes

## Highway project concessionaire ordered to carry out mitigation work immediately

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SITE clearing works for the East Klang Valley Expressway (EKVE) project caused some 25 houses in Sierra Ukay, Ukay Perdana in Ampang to be inundated with mud floods during heavy rainfall on Sunday night.

Silt from the clearing works taking place on a hill above the residential area was believed to have washed down during the down-pour, causing water to rise up to 1m in several areas.

Several houses and vehicles were damaged during the incident, the first in the housing area.

Ampang MP Zuraida Kamaruddin instructed project concessionaire Ahmad Zaki Resources Bhd (AZRB) to ensure mitigation work was carried out immediately.

"I have told them to look into preventing silt from coming down the hill as well as clearing the silt from the drains.

"An emergency response team will also be on standby to mobilise resources if needed," she said during a site visit yesterday.

Zuraida, who is also Housing and Local Government Minister, said mud and debris from the development site flowed into the drains and clogged a culvert behind the houses.

The culvert could not contain the amount of debris and silt, causing the water to overflow onto



Zuraida (in headscarf) ordered the highway concessionaire to start mitigation works to prevent a recurrence of the mud flood after her site visit to Sierra Ukay.

the roads and into the houses.

"The culvert was quite deep – about 3m – and it was filled up. They may have to look into deepening or widening it if needed," she said.

Zuraida also instructed AZRB to expedite damage claims resulting from the mud flood.

With several similar incidents in the Ampang area caused by the highway construction, Zuraida said developers should take greater precautionary measures.

"Of course, in the initial planning, the developers presented their proposals, we organised talks and dialogues with residents, and their input had been taken into

consideration.

"Perhaps these considerations were not focused on because the likelihood (of such an occurrence) was less at the time. But since this has happened, they (the developers) have to look into this," she said.

Also present during the site visit were representatives from Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ), Malaysian Highway Authority and Fire and Rescue Department.

MPAJ president Datuk Abdul Hamid Hussain said the council would have to relook the highway work procedures for any weaknesses that could have contrib-

ed to the mud flood.

"If needed, we will take further action, including issuing a stop-work order," he said.

Sierra Ukay Residents Association president Hafidz Zhim said previous letters to AZRB seeking clarification on mitigation plans had gone unanswered.

"Since November last year, we have been trying to engage with the developer as we were also monitoring our neighbourhood when work started on this section of the highway.

"We noticed the culvert was filling up with silt and the water quality was muddy, unlike before



Several houses and vehicles in Sierra Ukay were damaged during the mud flood.

construction started.

"They failed to respond until three weeks ago and we were supposed to have a meeting this weekend but unfortunately, this happened," he said, adding that most of the residents spent the night cleaning their homes.

He added that residents feared there could be signs of slope failure if the matter went unchecked.



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# Free bulk waste collection statewide

KDEB's services to cover all of Selangor as Shah Alam comes under its purview

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BULK waste collection has been free statewide since Kumpulan Darul Ehsan (KDEB) Waste Management Sdn Bhd took over operations in July 2016.

Previously residents used to call their respective local councils to request for bulk waste collection for a fee.

Now, KDEB has contractors going around residential neighbourhoods collecting bulk waste three times a week. Residents can even call to arrange for waste to be picked up.

All waste collection matters of local councils were its responsibility except for Shah Alam City Council (MBSA), which will start in June after its existing waste management contract ends.

"We invested in 450 roll on, roll off (RoRo) bins and our contractors have been tasked to go around collecting bulk waste," said KDEB managing director Ramli Mohd Tahir.

KDEB also has 450 new compactors for contractors' use.

He added that ever since KDEB took over waste management, the company restructured waste collec-

tion to suit each area and did calculations to ensure contractors had the right amount of equipment to collect waste according to a schedule.

For example in Klang, KDEB identified 68 zones, and each contractor was equipped with sufficient workers and equipment to collect rubbish as Klang Municipal Council also initiated the free service for residents.

"We got the raw data from MPK on the number of residential and commercial units and we worked out a plan on how much estimated trash was disposed.

"From there, we scrutinised it at a micro level and worked out how many contractors and compactors were needed to collect waste from each area," added Ramli.

However, there were some areas that were not accounted for, like hostels especially in some commercial or residential areas.

One unit may be filled with 10 or more foreign workers, who produced even more waste than one normal household.

"We did not account for this as it was not in the data provided by local councils, so our contractors end up being able to collect half the waste and their compactors are



Ramli says KDEB has contractors going around residential neighbourhoods collecting bulk waste three times a week.

already full," he said. Among areas where this was rampant were Bukit Tinggi, Bandar Botanic and Bandar Bukit Raja, because of the number of commercial shophouses and low-cost flats.

Any other collection after that was done out of goodwill because MPK does not pay KDEB extra to

collect the additional waste.

Even waste dumped by the roadside illegally was cleared for free, upon receiving complaints from the public.

"In fact, we are working on the same budget that MPK paid its previous contractors, but we are collecting and doing way more than them.

"Previously, the contractors only collected about 600 tonnes of rubbish but now, we are collecting over 750 tonnes.

"Apart from that, we also help out at gotong-royong sessions by providing RoRo bins for free and local councils do not pay us anything," he said, adding that KDEB also collected illegally dumped bulk and domestic waste.

Ramli said local councils should increase their funding for waste management and pay KDEB the appropriate amount in accordance to the job scope and work that the company was currently undertaking.

An increased budget, he said, would allow KDEB to handle waste management and cleaning better.

Currently, KDEB contractors were tasked to collect domestic waste six times a week at commer-

cial areas and three times a week at residential neighbourhoods.

Meanwhile, the company's cleaning contractors were scheduled to sweep commercial areas six times a week and once a week at residential areas.

Grass cutting and drain cleaning were done twice a month at residential areas.

"There has always been a misconception on the areas we are in charge of as not all drains or roads are under our purview.

"If it is not under KDEB than it is under either the respective local councils, Drainage and Irrigation Department (IPS) or the Public Works Department (JKR).

"For example, KDEB is only in charge of cleaning drains measuring less than 1.5m wide and any roads with the word Perisaran is not under our purview," he said.

Monsoon drains and most main roads were not KDEB's scope but were under the local councils or JKR's purview.

"The public can download the iClean app from either the Google Play or Apple App Store or call KDEB's customer helpline at 019-375 9592, 019-375 3980, WhatsApp 019-274 2824 or call 1-800 88 2824.



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**LH FC juara Piala ADUN Pandan Indah**

PANDAN INDAH – Pasukan bola sepak LH FC berjaya dinobatkan sebagai juara dan membawa pulang Piala ADUN Pandan Indah Ir Izham Hashim, setelah menumpaskan Lavita FC 1-0.

Johan pertandingan itu turut membawa pulang medal dan RM1,200 manakala Naib Johan RM700 dan medal.

Sebanyak 24 pasukan bola sepak berentap dalam Kejohanan Bolasepak Liga 9 di Padang Bola Sepak Jalan Cempaka, Taman Cempaka.

Izham berkata, pihaknya mahu memupuk semangat kerjasama, persefahaman dan interaksi yang baik dalam kalangan ahli pasukan.

“Kita juga dapat meningkatkan tahap kesihatan dan kecergasan peserta,” katanya.

Perasmian program itu dihadiri Penghulu Mukim Ampang, Rafizi Jam-

ro; Ketua Kampung, Kampung Pandan, Syed Abdul Halim Syed Harman; Yang Dipertua Majlis Perbandaran Ampang Jaya (MPAJ), Datuk Abd Hamid Hus-sain; Ahli Majlis MPAJ, Mohd Aris Ismail dan Pengurus Pusat Khidmat Masyarakat DUN Pandan Indah, Na-riza Zain.

Izham berkata, kejohanan itu julung kali diadakan di kawasan DUN Pandan Indah.

“Sebelum ini, kita mengadakan sukan badminton, malah pada masa akan datang kita mungkin akan menganjurkan kejohanan sukan lain seperti bowling,” katanya.

Kejohanan itu dianjurkan oleh Majlis Pengurusan Komuniti Kampung Pandan Dalam dengan kerjasama Pusat Khidmat Masyarakat DUN Pandan Indah dan Jawatankuasa Penduduk (JKP) Zon 15 MPAJ.



Kejohanan dapat memupuk semangat kerjasama dalam kalangan peserta.



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## Tindakan segera atasi isu banjir lumpur

AMPANG – Menteri Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan menggesa agensi berkaitan mengambil tindakan segera supaya kejadian banjir lumpur di Taman Sierra Ukay, kelmarin tidak berulang.

Zuraida Kamaruddin berkata, antara tindakan perlu diambil oleh pihak berkaitan ialah mencegah air lumpur di lereng bukit turun ke perumahan.

“Selain itu mereka juga harus membersihkan ‘pond’ sedalam tiga meter yang dipenuhi lumpur dan kesan lumpur di kawasan perumahan terlibat.

“Pemaju projek perlu menyemak tuntutan mangsa yang terlibat,” katanya pada sidang media, di sini semalam.

Beliau berkata, penduduk juga mahu ‘emergency response team’ yang sentiasa bersiap siaga untuk kawasan perumahan itu.

“Satu ‘WhatsApp group’ melibatkan pemaju projek, Ahli Majlis, Majlis Perbandaran Ampang Jaya (MPAJ), Suzana Shaharudin, wakil Pejabat Parlimen Ampang, pegawai dari Balai Bomba dan Penyelamat Ampang akan dibuat.



Zuraida (tengah) melihat ‘pond’ yang dipenuhi lumpur.

“Jika ada apa-apa berkaitan hal kecemasan akan dimaklumkan di dalam ‘group’ tersebut,” katanya.

Sementara itu Yang Dipertua MPAJ, Datuk Abd Hamid Hussain berkata, pihaknya akan memastikan kawasan terbabit dibersihkan semula.

“Kita juga akan menyemak semula reka bentuk projek lebuh raya berhampiran kawasan ini dan kita akan lihat apa kelemahan sehingga menyebabkan banjir lumpur.

“Jika perlu kita akan buat tindakan susulan dari segi menghentikan kerja sementara atau minta mereka fokus selesaikan masalah

ini,” katanya.

Sebanyak 25 rumah dinaiki air lumpur dalam kejadian banjir di Taman Sierra Ukay, di sini.

Pusat Gerakan Operasi Negeri Selangor menerima panggilan kecemasan pada jam 11.14 malam.

Sebuah jentera Balai Bomba dan Penyelamat Ampang dengan kekuatan tujuh anggota, bergegas ke lokasi kejadian.

Komander operasi, Timbalan Penguasa Bomba Ariff Mohamed Kassim berkata, kerja pembersihan lumpur segera dilakukan dan tiada kecederaan atau kemalangan jiwa dilaporkan.