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High and dry: The tunnel (at right) built to channel water to the underground flood retention pond in Taman Nirwana in Ampang Jaya, Selangor, is too high and ineffective to handle the volume during heavy rain.



Starmetro watch

CHARITY WALK

The 2019 Walk-a-hunt: Walk for Depression will take place on July 14 from 8am to 11am at Telpan US10, Subang Jaya. It aims to raise awareness and de-stigmatise depression. Registration fee is RM60 for a group of two. Proceeds from the event will go to Befrienders, Malaysian Mental Health Association, Mental Illness Awareness and Support Association, Relate Malaysia, Welfare Department, Malaysian Psychiatric Association and Malaysia Society of Clinical Psychology. To register, visit bit.ly/WalkAHunt2019.

ART EXHIBITION

G13 gallery is showcasing a mixed hanging presentation produced by various Malaysian and international artists such as Amy Nadra, Dodi Artawan, Faizal Suhif, Isa Isahak, Khairudin Zainudin, Linà Tan, Nik M Shazmie, Nik Mohd Shahfiz, Shafiq Nordin and Trixie Tan. The exhibition will take place until June 15 at G13 Gallery, G13, Ground Floor, Block B, Kelana Square, Jalan SS7/26, Kelana Jaya. The gallery is closed on Sundays and public holidays. For details, visit www.g13gallery.com.

TRAFFIC MATTERS

There is a continuation of closure in stages along Jalan Kepong Garden (Selayang-bound, Kepong-bound, Kepong town-bound and Taman Kepong Garden-bound) intermittently until Aug 22 from 10pm-6am. There is a full closure of the traffic light junction at Jalan S Thomas, Taman Kaya, until Nov 18. The long-term night lane closure by stages along Jalan Jinjang Permai 2, Jalan Jambu Gajus, Jalan Kepong (Jinjang Selatan), Jalan Kepong (KL-bound and Kepong bound) is extended until Nov 18 from 10pm-6am. For details, visit www.mymrt.com.my.

CHARITY GALA

The Lost Food Project and Ideas Academy is having the first European Gala to celebrate European culture in Kuala Lumpur and raise funds for the underprivileged in Malaysia on Oct 5 at the JW Marriott Hotel, Kuala Lumpur. The theme for the black-tie event is 'City Nights'. For details, visit www.europeangala.com.my.

RUN FOR PEACE

Run for Peace 2019 is open for registration. It will be held on various dates throughout September at 28 locations nationwide and is a non-competitive event organised by Soka Gakkai Malaysia. Registration fee is RM30. For details, visit www.runforpeace.com.my.

EDUCATION FAIR

JM Education Fair 2019 will be held at One World Hotel, Petaling Jaya, on June 23, from noon to 5pm. There will be free counselling and several universities and colleges are taking part. For details, call 03-5633 4732 or email inquirydata@jmecc.com.

REUNION LUNCHEON

MBS KL Class of 1967 and Upper Six Class of 1969 will hold a reunion luncheon at Royal Selangor Club in Kuala Lumpur on June 29 (11am-4pm). For details, call 012-345 0365 (Wing Fatt) or 012-638 9990 (Choon Hei).

INDIAN CULTURAL NIGHT

Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman's (UTAR) Indian Cultural and Language Society will hold its annual Indian cultural night 'Dhiriti Nakshatra Night 7.0' at the Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik Hall at the Kampar Campus on July 20 at 6pm. It is to raise funds to support the education of several schools in Kampar and also for the construction of the UTAR Hospital project. For details, call 011-652 3486 (Sebastian) or 018-350 4830 (Danesh).



A resident's home along Jalan Putra 5 that was flooded during a downpour. (Right) The underground flood retention pond is located beneath a green space along Jalan Nirwana 46.



Flood mitigation ineffective

Underground retention pond in Taman Nirwana fails to do the job

By SHALINI RAVINDRAN
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FLOODING is a recurring problem that residents of Taman Nirwana and Taman Putra Sulaiman in Ampang Jaya have had to live with for over a decade.

They thought their woes were finally over following the completion of a RM4mil flood mitigation project by Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ), instead they had a rude awakening when their neighbourhood was inundated last month.

Ampang Jaya People's Consultative Council advisor and Taman Nirwana resident M.

Thomas said the monsoon drain in the area was meant to accommodate three neighbourhoods but there are now seven.

"Initially, the drainage was only supposed to be for Taman Nirwana, Taman Cahaya and Taman Putra Sulaiman but as new housing development projects were built, they all used the same drainage.

"Of course there was no way existing drains would be able to cope with the excess water, causing flash floods, the brunt of which was borne by Taman Nirwana," he said, adding that residents had tried to get MPAJ to address the issue for many years.

"We were optimistic that the

problem would be resolved with the building of the underground flood retention pond at Jalan Nirwana 46, but unfortunately this has not happened," he said.

On May 20, several homes at Jalan Putra 4 and Jalan Putra 5, including a kindergarten and mosque, were flooded during a 30-minute downpour.

Kindergarten operator Rusha Ghazalli said they have had to put up with flash floods at least three times a year since they started operating at Jalan Putra 4 seven years ago.

"Damage to the interior and exterior of the building was severe, including the furniture and books.

"Each time it happens, we will have to repaint the wall as there are unsightly watermarks.

"The first year it happened we were caught unawares but we tried to mitigate the effects by raising the floor but that did not work.

"It is not only taking a toll on us financially, but also time and energy is required to clean up the mess afterwards.

"Parents rely on us and if we have to close the kindergarten for clean-up works, it is troublesome. More importantly, it is affecting our business as we rely on word of mouth," she said.

Jalan Putra 5 resident Anthony Pathinathan, 54, said his home had

Weir in Sungai Untut to be demolished

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THE weir at Sungai Untut which has been causing flash floods in Jalan Union 1-3 in Sentul will be demolished.

Kuala Lumpur Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) director Nishad Mohamed Mohd Shafy said the contractor was facing difficulties bringing in heavy machinery to break the structure.

"The contractor should be able to bring in the machinery this week," he said.

"As a temporary measure, the contractor was cleaning debris stuck in the weir daily to minimise obstruction to the water flow and pumping out floodwaters back into the river.

"I was informed that the contractor also installed two flap gates at the connecting drains to prevent river water from flowing back into the houses when the water level rises.

"The contractor will also be installing two more flap gates soon," said Nishad, adding that these measures had helped reduce the intensity of flash floods.

It was reported that the bungalows on Jalan Union 1-3, located next to Sungai Untut, had been affected by several flash floods since March after the weir was built.

The weir was part of the River of Life project for an interceptor system and river water treatment plant in Sungai Untut to clean the water before releasing it back into the river which connects to Sungai Gombak.

After the worst flash floods on May 19, where floodwater rose to about two feet, the residents attended a meeting with DID where it was decided that the weir would be demolished.

Resident Manpal Singh, 30, said they were told that the contractor had altered the approved design without their consent, and this had caused the flash floods.

"The DID officer instructed the contractor to demolish the structure immediately," said Manpal, adding that residents would worry every time it rains.

"Both my family homes, which are located on the lowest lying area still get flooded every time it rains," he said.



Two bungalows on Jalan Union 1-3 in Sentul get flooded whenever it rains heavily.



Abdul Hamid says the underground-flood retention pond needs to be improved.



Thomas says Taman Nirwana has had to bear the brunt of flash floods.



Residents hope the monsoon drain along Jalan Ampang Putra would be deepened and cleared of debris to prevent flooding.

been flooded three times over the past five years.

"This time around, the compound was flooded but if the rain had lasted just a little longer, it would have entered my home."

"We did not expect to face this problem again as we hoped the flood mitigation measures carried out would be effective," he said.

MPAJ president Datuk Abdul Hamid Hussain said although physical works for the underground flood retention pond was completed, the project consultants have been asked to come up with suggestions to improve its effectiveness.

"We have taken note of the recent flooding, which although not as aggressive as before, still needs to be addressed."

"One of the suggestions is to instal a weir at the monsoon drain to direct the flow of water into the pond when there is heavy rain."

"However, this system will only be activated when there is a high volume of water flowing into the monsoon drain."

"When the volume is low, we cannot channel water straight into

the retention pond as this could also bring debris and rubbish, which would increase maintenance costs," he said, adding the consultants were in the process of drawing up the designs before presenting them to MPAJ.

Abdul Hamid added that the underground flood retention pond had a capacity of 2,150 cubic metres.

"The initial cost as per the consultant's report was RM11mil, but we were only allocated RM4mil by the state government as part of phase one."

"We are not carrying out the other phases yet as we have to ensure phase one is fully functional."

"If it can stop the flooding, then we would not have to commission other flood prevention methods."



Taman Putra Sulaiman residents are always worried that water from the monsoon drain will overflow into their houses during a downpour.

Study needed on drainage system in Meru

By CHRISTINA LOW
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RESIDENTS in Meru, Klang, have to deal with constant flooding every time there is heavy rain.

In March, more than a thousand families were affected by flash floods, leaving them homeless for a few days.

Selangor Infrastructure and Public Amenities, Agricultural Modernisation and Agro-based Industry Committee chairman Izham Hashim met with representatives of the Selangor Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) and Klang Municipal Council (MPK) on the matter.

"We need more time to study the drainage system as there are many ongoing development projects here," he said during the meeting at the Meru Town Community Hall.

Izham said the flooding began in November last year with the most recent in March this year.

Floodwaters rose quickly and entered homes in Taman Daya and Jalan Teratai.



Izham (in red cap) inspecting a drain at the Klang Hokkien Cemetery together with DID and MPK officials.

"The flooding was very bad in low-lying areas," said Izham. He said rainwater from neighbouring areas was discharged into Sungai Binjai and Sungai Kapar Kecil but the rivers could not hold such a high volume, especially during a heavy downpour, causing them to overflow.

During the two-hour discussion, officials also inspected

drainage at several nearby areas including near Fairy Park, Klang Hokkien Cemetery and Meru Christian Cemetery.

"We will be looking for the most effective way to resolve this issue, including providing more water retention ponds to manage rainwater runoff," said Izham.

However, he noted that some areas had water retention

ponds which are not working effectively.

"These ponds only retain water for a short period before discharging it to the river," he said, adding that he had instructed MPK to look into it.

Izham also said both MPK and Shah Alam City Council should clean clogged drains as rubbish could also cause severe flooding.

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SEMUA pihak digesa supaya mengambil langkah berjaga-jaga untuk mencegah ancaman siber dalam kadar segera dan proaktif bagi memastikan keselamatan negara terus terjamin.

Sehubungan itu, Naib Pengerusi Kanan, Yayasan Pencegahan Jenayah Malaysia (MCPF), Tan Sri Lee Lam Thye berpendapat lebih banyak program mewujudkan kesedaran mengenai ancaman siber perlu dianjurkan bagi memastikan orang ramai mampu mengenal pasti ancaman siber sekali gus mengelak menjadi mangsa.

Dalam masa yang sama, Lam Thye menegaskan semua pihak juga perlu memberikan komitmen untuk membantu membina dunia internet yang mempunyai nilai kemanusiaan dan selamat serta tidak dapat dieksploitasi penjenayah.

"Langkah segera dan proaktif diperlukan kerana Pasukan Respons Kecemasan Komputer Malaysia (MyCERT) di bawah CyberSecurity Malaysia telah merekodkan lebih daripada 10,000 serangan keselamatan siber terhadap syarikat dan individu seluruh negara sepanjang tahun lalu.

"Sementara kerajaan membangunkan dasar, undang-undang, ekonomi dan parameter sosial untuk ruang siber bagi menangani ancaman berkaitan, semua pihak juga mesti memainkan peranan untuk menghapuskan bahan-bahan berkaitan keganasan dan ekstrem serta penipuan di internet," katanya dalam kenyataan di sini hari ini.

Tambah Lam Thye, penubuhan Agensi Keselamatan Siber Negara (NCSA) pada Februari 2017 adalah tepat pada masanya kerana bertindak sebagai agensi utama bagi hal-hal keselamatan siber yang bertujuan memperkukuh daya tahan Malaysia dalam menghadapi ancaman serangan siber.

Jelas beliau, NCSA dapat membantu membangunkan dan melaksanakan dasar serta strategi keselamatan siber di peringkat nasional di samping mengambil langkah-langkah lain mengatasi ancaman siber.

"Di peringkat global, pelbagai negara sudah pun mula bertindak berikutan pembunuhan beramai-ramai di dua masjid di New Zealand, Mac lalu.

"Eksekutif daripada syarikat terkemuka termasuk Google, Twitter, Facebook dan Microsoft juga telah bertemu dengan pemimpin Perancis, New Zealand dan beberapa negara lain untuk memperkenalkan 'Christchurch Call' iaitu komitmen secara sukarela untuk memantau platform dalam talian," katanya.



LEE LAM THYE



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