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## No sign of cleaners

Contractors are paid from Selangor ratepayers' pockets to maintain drains twice a month but residents say the job is rarely done, causing rubbish and silt to build up badly. >2&3

Forced to look away: A drain off Jalan Yadi in Klang is an eyesore for passers-by as it is choked with rubbish, plastic bags and bottles. — KAMARUL ARIFFIN/ The Star

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### ROAD CLOSURES

● Shah Alam City Council will close Persiaran Kuala Langat, Persiaran Sepang, Persiaran Klang, dan Persiaran Hulu Langat this Sunday from 7am to 10am for the 'Sharp I Love Shah Alam' run. For details, call 03-5522 2734.

● There will be a three-month full closure of a slip road to and from Terminal Bersepadu Selatan (TBS) towards Sungai Besi Highway (Besraya) to facilitate construction works from 10pm to 5am, until July 7.

**Closure A:** Full closure of slip road from Besraya to TBS. During the closure, motorists on Besraya heading to TBS have to make a U-turn at KM8.5 (nearby 1 Petaling Residence), then head towards Kuchai Lama and turn left at the slip road to TBS.

**Closure B:** Full closure of slip road from TBS to Sungai Besi. During the closure, motorists heading to Sungai Besi through Besraya can head towards Kuchai Lama on the elevated ramp and make a U-turn at KM10.5.

### MOBILE COUNTER

Shah Alam City Council's Shah Alam On Wheels will be stationed the parking lot of Tesco Setia Alam, Section U13, Shah Alam, on April 20, from 11am to 5pm. Visitors can file complaints, buy parking coupons, pay assessment and check/pay outstanding compounds. For details, call 03-5522 2734.

### FOOD FOR THE POOR

Those wanting to contribute canned food for the poor can leave the items in the basket in front of the altar at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 114, Jalan Tengku Kelana in Klang. Contributions like milk powder, sardines, baked beans, pasta, sauces and noodles can be made until April 18. For details, call 03-3371 3053.

### EARTH DAY

Friends of Bukit Kiara is co-organising 'Earth Day Kuala Lumpur' in Taman Lembah Kiara on April 20, from 8am to 4pm. For details, email foksecretariat@gmail.com

### WALK FOR AUTISM

Walk for a cause this Sunday at Dataran DBKL, Kuala Lumpur, for 3km, from 7am to 9am, in conjunction with World Autism Awareness Month. Organised by Ideas Autism Centre, proceeds from the walk will be channelled towards helping the centre support low-income families with autistic children. For details, call 03-2070 8881 (ext 28) or visit [www.facebook.com/IDEASAutismCentre/](http://www.facebook.com/IDEASAutismCentre/)

### HEALTH PROGRAMME

A 'Wellness and Vitality' programme will be held at Aeon Big Falim on April 21, from 10.15am to 2pm. There will be fitness classes and health screening.

### CHARITY FAIR

Persatuan Perkhidmatan Komuniti Taiping will hold its 13th Charity Fair at its centre on 14, Jalan King Edward (Jalan Sultan Jaafar), Taiping on May 1 from 8am to noon. For details, call 012-454 7513 (Stephen), email to [esda.ppkt@gmail.com](mailto:esda.ppkt@gmail.com) or visit Facebook page Persatuan Perkhidmatan Komuniti Taiping and [www.esda-ppkt.org](http://www.esda-ppkt.org)

### FUNDRAISING DINNER

The Society For Homeless Animals Perak will hold its annual fundraising dinner at Shi Fang Zhai Vegetarian Restaurant in Ipoh, Perak, on May 25 at 7.30pm. Tickets are priced at RM60, RM100 and RM300. Call 017-583 2920 or 012-591 8023 for tickets or to make a donation.

# Review contracts, local councils urged

## Selangor residents say company will be more accountable if agreements are for shorter term

By EDWARD RAJENDRA  
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CITY and municipal drains in some parts of Selangor are clogged with single-use plastics, water bottles, dried leaves and silt that impede the flow of water.

With drains choked up with rubbish, the tendency for back flow to occur is high and this results in flash floods that inadvertently puts ratepayers at an inconvenience.

Residents claim that Kumpulan Darul Ehsan Berhad (KDEB) Waste Management is not doing a good job despite being paid millions of ringgit.

Abdul Razak Ismail, who is part of an activist group called Otai Reformasi, said KDEB's contractors must ensure drains were desilted according to schedule.

"Drains are meant for running water to flow but now they have become rubbish bins of sorts."

"I saw a municipal drain filled with rubbish from the junction of Jalan Yadi, all along Jalan Sungai Berthi in Klang.

"With the current weather, the unbearable stink makes matters worse," he said, adding that for months the rubbish and caked up silt in the drains had not been scooped up.

"Cleaning contracts are awarded to firms without proper assessment of their capabilities and this is where the local councils in Selangor fail to look into providing good service to the people," he said, adding that drains in Taman



U (in orange) discussing the cleanliness of the drains with workers in Selayang Utama.

Sri Andalas as well as Port Klang neighbourhoods, Taman Bidara in Batu Caves, Puchong townships and Taman Medan in Petaling Jaya were neglected.

Consolidated Chinese Association of Puchong president Dr Kow Cheong Wei said the drains in Puchong's commercial areas must be desilted and rubbish removed routinely.

"Drains in the commercial areas of Kinrara, Puchong Jaya, Puchong Perdana, Bandar Puchong Utama and Saujana Puchong need thorough cleaning. Workers just scoop litter on the surface while the thick black silt is ignored," he said.

Dr Kow said businesses in these

areas had made numerous complaints to the authorities but no action was taken.

"Workers shirk their duties; it has become a norm.

"It has been years and the situation is the same until a flash flood occurs," he said.

He said whenever a drain overflowed, no one would take responsibility but instead the blame game would ensue.

Selayang Municipal Council (MPS) councillor U Chin Ong said people were unhappy with KDEB for failing to maintain drains in the municipality.

He said KDEB was in charge of cleaning drains but would only



react upon receiving several complaints from residents.

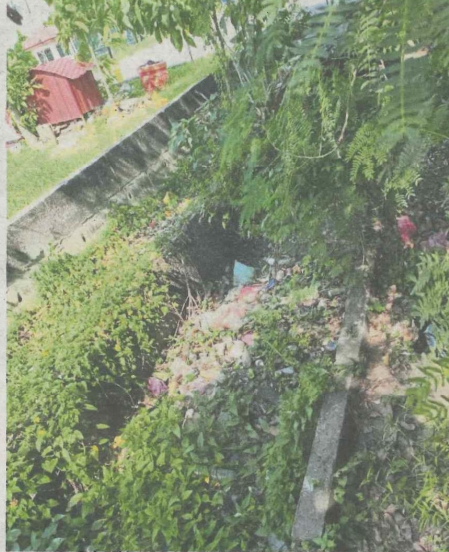
"Drains in Selayang Jaya, Selayang Utama and Sungai Buloh New Village are in a deplorable state as they are filled with rubbish and have not been cleaned for months.

"The contract states that cleaning must be done twice a month but KDEB workers are seen once in three months or on a follow-up to complaints," he added.

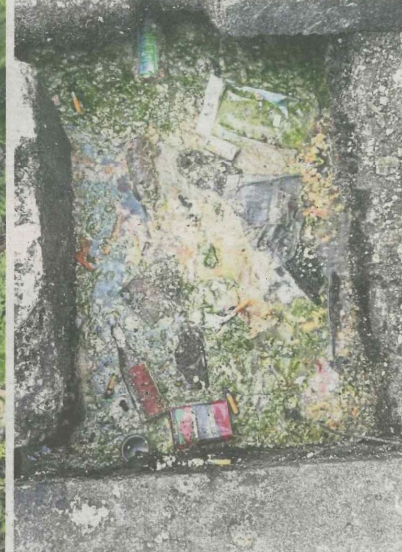
U said RM19.5ml was the cost of the annual contract for public cleaning charged by KDEB but the drains in the Selayang municipality were still in a sorry state.

"Based on public feedback, it is time for KDEB to get its act together," he said.

U said MPS should review its



Drains in Jalan Hulubalang 27, Taman Sentosa in Klang are covered with overgrowth.



KDEB contractors have not been cleaning the filthy drains in Selayang Jaya.





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## Strata management woes main issue at town hall

By SHALINI RAVINDRAN  
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STRATIFIED building management issues dominated a town hall session organised by the Housing and Local Government Ministry (KPKT) in Ampang.

Residents brought up issues like problems in obtaining individual strata titles and mismanagement of joint management bodies (JMB) during the session.

The panellists comprised several heads of departments from KPKT, Selangor Housing and Urban Living Committee chairman Haniza Talha as well as representatives from the Selangor Fire and Rescue Department.

Housing and Local Government Minister Zuraida Kamaruddin was also present.

One of the participants who attended the town hall, Abdul Hashim, lamented that the quit



Zuraida (standing) and other panellists at the town hall session organised by the Housing and Local Government Ministry in Ampang.

rent for his property had increased from RM5 to RM75.

"Previously, the JMB would collect the payment from us and send it to the Land and Mines

Department. But we received a notice that we would have to pay individually," he said.

Haniza explained that under a new ruling, individual quit rent in

Selangor is charged to each unit owner.

"Previously, the quit rent was paid by unit owners through maintenance fees and collected by the JMB.

"This should reduce the burden on the JMB as unit owners would be responsible for paying their own quit rent," she said.

Resident Mohd Khairil Amin hoped that it would be easier to get housing loans, especially for those in the B40 group.

Haniza revealed that they were in discussions with a bank to come up with a scheme that would allow buyers to get full loans for state housing projects.

Flat Taman Kosas resident Kamarul Nordin questioned the effectiveness of the Commissioner of Building in resolving issues related to JMBs.

Zuraida said the ministry was looking to set up an agency to

improve strata management.

Other issues raised included the mushrooming of illegal gambling dens and setting up more Bomba Komuniti teams in Ampang.

The town hall was held to mark the Karnival Komuniti 2019 KPKT in Taman Kosas, Ampang.

The panellists included KPKT deputy secretary-general of policy Dr Mary Wong Lai Lin, KPKT Housing Planning Division director Mohamad Irza Dahari and KPKT Local Government Department director-general Datuk Noor Ihsan Che Mat.

Also present were National Solid Waste Management Department director-general Ismail Mokhtar, Tribunal for Homebuyer Claims and Strata Management Tribunal chairman Yaacob Chik, Selangor Fire and Rescue Department director Norazam Khamis and Ampang Jaya Municipal Council president Datuk Abdul Hamid Hussain.



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# UTUSAN KOTA



**ZURAIDA KAMARUDDIN** melakukan gimik memusnahkan nyamuk aedes semasa Pelancaran Gotong-Royong Perdana Basmi Denggi sempena Karnival Komuniti KPKT 2019 di Pangsapuri Ampang Mewah di Kuala Lumpur baru-baru ini.

## KPKT pasang CCTV di perumahan strata bendung denggi

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**KUALA LUMPUR 15 April** -Kementerian Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan (KPKT) akan memasang kamera litar tertutup (CCTV) di 240 kawasan perumahan bertingkat sekitar Ampang pada Mei ini bagi membendung masalah pembuangan sampah.

Menterinya, Zuraida Kamaruddin memberitahu, ketiadaan kemudahan itu menyukarkan pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) membendung masalah yang menyebabkan punca pembiakan nyamuk Aedes.

"Ini (pemasangan CCTV) adalah salah satu usaha memastikan penduduk sentiasa menjaga kebersihan ekoran kawasan Ampang merupakan salah satu 'kawasan panas' penyakit denggi.

"Ketika ini, Ampang Mewah mencatatkan sebanyak lapan kes denggi sekaligus menjadikannya kawasan yang paling tinggi," katanya dalam sidang akhbar di sini baru-baru ini.

Beliau berkata demikian selepas merasmikan Majlis Pelancaran Program Gotong-royong Perdana Basmi Denggi sempena Karnival Komuniti KPKT 2019.

Ditanya mengenai kekalahan calon PH dalam Pilihan Raya Kecil (PRK) Dewan Undangan Negeri (DUN) Rantau, beliau mengandaikan perkara itu bukan disebabkan faktor calon tetapi lebih kepada 'kejutan budaya'.

Katanya, rakyat khususnya penduduk Rantau memerlukan masa memandangkan kerajaan PH masih baharu dalam pentadbiran negeri itu.

"Kekalahan ini bukan kerana calon. Pada saya, rakyat masih terkejut, pemindahan kuasa tidak lagi selesai sepenuhnya tiba-tiba berdepan dengan tujuh PRK.

"Bagaimanapun, fenomena ini hanya sementara. Selepas keadaan stabil, saya percaya rakyat akan lebih jelas dengan perubahan yang dilakukan dan PH akan dapat bertahan sehingga Pilihan Raya Umum Ke-15 (PRU-15)," katanya.

Dalam PRK Rantau pada Sabtu lalu, calon Barisan Nasional Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan memperolehi 10,397 undi menewaskan calon PH, Dr. S. Streram yang mendapat 5,887 undi.



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## **Penduduk tetap bantah**

AMPANG – Penduduk di Taman Ukay Bistari membantah tindakan Majlis Perbandaran Ampang Jaya (MPAJ) merobohkan tembok penghadang di Jalan UB2A di sini, semalam.

Pengerusi Persatuan Penduduk Taman Ukay Bistari, Datuk Kamarudin Mohamed mendakwa tindakan meroboh tembok yang dibina penduduk itu tidak dimaklumkan.

“Kami telah memfailkan perkara tersebut di mahkamah untuk tindakan lanjut. Penduduk juga mahu berbincang dengan pemaju dan MPAJ bagi menyelesaikan perkara ini ini,” katanya.

Sebelum ini, penduduk mendakwa penggunaan jalan di kawasan perumahan mereka mengakibatkan kesesakan jika pemaju kondominium berkenaan menggunakan Jalan UB2A sebagai jalan utama selain faktor keselamatan.

*Sinar Harian* September lalu melaporkan mengenai bantahan penduduk sejak dua tahun lalu.

Melalui laporan itu, penduduk juga telah mengadakan beberapa perjumpaan bersama



Penduduk Taman Ukay Bistari membantah tindakan MPAJ merobohkan tembok penghadang di Jalan UB2A.

MPAJ dan mendakwa pihak berkenaan berjanji secara lisan bahawa Jalan UB2A itu tidak akan digunakan.

Bagaimanapun, penduduk terbabit dimaklumkan pemaju melalui surat bahawa mereka mendapat kebenaran daripada MPAJ untuk menggunakan jalan tersebut dan merobohkan penghadang yang dibina penduduk.

Dalam kenyataan ADUN Hulu Kelang, Saari Sungib sebelum ini memaklumkan bantahan penduduk berasas kerana jalan sempit serta memba-

hayakan penduduk.

Menurutnya, pemaju perlu menyediakan jalan alternatif lain ke tapak projek pembangunan pangsa-puri tersebut.

Sementara itu, Pegawai Komunikasi Korporat MPAJ, Norhayati Ahmad ketika dihubungi berkata, kerja perobohan tembok itu telah dilaksanakan pada awal April lalu.

“Saya difahamkan perobohan tembok itu bagi tujuan memberi laluan kepada pembinaan jalan oleh pemaju yang menyambungkan ke Jalan UB2A,” katanya.