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Council issues on-the-spot fines for illegal rubbish dumping

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THE illegal dumpsite in Saujana Rawang is located on state land.

Rawang assemblyman Chua Wei Kiat said he was informed of this by the Selangor Land and Mines Department.

"Since it is not on private land, MPS (Selayang Municipal Council) can issue summonses to the operators directly," he said.

Chua added that three operators found dumping rubbish at the site during a recent visit were slapped with a RM1,000 fine on the spot by MPS.

Chua said this during a visit to the site yesterday.

He was accompanied by officers from MPS, Selangor Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) and Selangor Environment Department (DOE) after receiving a tip-off from residents about the illegal dumping.

Chua said the operators claimed they had been dumping rubbish at the spot for the past 20 years.

"They have managed to escape but this time we visited the area at the right time," he said.

To prevent operators from disposing rubbish illegally, MPS dug a deep hole along the path to stop vehicles from driving into the area.

A backhoe belonging to an operator was also confiscated during the raid.

MPS would monitor the situation by conducting frequent site visits, said Chua.

StarMetro had reported on July 10 of concerns by Pangsapuri Nuri Fasa 20A residents that open burning was being carried out at the site.

They complained that the smoke and stench had caused breathing problems among children.

The site, which is located near Sungai Garing, has been a popular dumping spot for plastic waste, old tyres, broken furniture and used bottles.

There was also construction waste material such as broken tiles and empty paint tins scattered along the path leading to the site.

To avoid being caught by the authorities, the lorry drivers only enter the site after midnight.

Before leaving the site, they would set the rubbish on fire.

Residents said this had been happening for the past three weeks.

Chua (left) and an MPS enforcement officer speaking to those caught dumping rubbish at the site.

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RAIZAN (kanan) melihat longkang yang dipenuhi sampah menyebabkan masalah banjir kilat akibat saliran tidak betul di Jalan Ikan Jelawat 3, Kampung Tasik Ampang Campuran.

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■ Lebih 20 tahun penduduk hadapi banjir kilat kerana air longkang tersekat

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Ampang

"Kejadian banjir kilat ini sudah lebih 20 tahun berlarutan kerana longkang terbabit tidak diselenggarakan dengan teratur sekali gus membebankan penduduk berhampiran."

Begitu dakwa penduduk, Raizan Zainal Abidin, 45, apabila rumahnya di Kampung Tasik Ampang Campuran di sini, kerap dilanda banjir kilat berikutan air longkang melimpah jika hujan lebat.

Raizan berkata, jika berlaku hujan lebat, dia sekeluarga dan jiran bimbang kerana air longkang melimpah sehingga masuk ke dalam rumah.

Menurutnya, keadaan itu berlaku berikutan aliran air tersekat kerana longkang dipenuhi sampah sarap selain kehadiran kilang di kawasan berhampiran.

"Jika hujan lebat berpanjangan, keadaan menjadi teruk apabila air longkang melimpah sekali gus menyebabkan berlaku banjir kilat setinggi 0.5 meter.

"Ia memaksa kami sekeluarga mencuci kotoran. Sampah-sarap serta binatang liar seperti ular dan biawak juga memasuki kawasan rumah hingga membuatkan kami risau," katanya ketika ditemui di sini, kelmarin.

Sementara itu, penduduk yang mahu dikenali sebagai Wong, 70, berkata, dia menanggung kerugian hampir RM15,000 akibat kerosakan perabot dan peralatan elektrik kerana banjir kilat terbabit.

"Air longkang berwarna hitam dan berbau busuk bertakung sekali gus menjadi tempat pembiakan nyamuk aedes.

"Tangan dan kaki saya 'rosak' akibat kerap mencuci air longkang yang memasuki kawasan rumah," katanya.

Dalam pada itu, Ahli Majlis Majlis Perbandaran Ampang Jaya (MPAJ) Zulkifli Ibrahim berkata, pihaknya berusaha menyelesaikan masalah berkenaan kerana menerima banyak aduan.

"Kami akan bekerjasama dengan Kementerian Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan (KPKT) untuk menyelesaikan masalah berkenaan bagi memberi keselesaan kepada penduduk terbabit," katanya.