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AMAN Rimba Ampang atau lebih dikenali sebagai Bukit Belacan kini terbiar dan sepi tanpa gelak tawa orang ramai bermandi-manda.

Taman tersebut kini seolaholah terpinggir selepas tiada usaha untuk memulihara dan membersihkannya dilakukan oleh pihak berkaitan.

Senario itu dikongsi beberapa pengunjung taman rekreasi itu yang meluahkan kekecewaan terhadap kedaifan kemudahan dan kebersihan kawasan tersebut yang tidak dijaga dan menyakit-

pengunjung datang ke taman itu sejak setahun lalu, kecuali penduduk kampung berhampiran.

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dapati dakwaan tersebut berasas. Sebaik sahaja tiba ke taman

rekreasi yang terletak beberapa kilometer dari pusat bandar raya itu hanya suara kicauan unggas rimba menyambut kehadiran.

Berdasarkan pemerhatian, keadaan kawasan itu suram dan tidak ramai pengunjung walaupun pada hujung minggu.

Antara kemudahan terbiar termasuklah tandas awam, peralatan di taman permainan kanak-kanak seperti buaian dan papan gelongsor yang rosak.

Sampah sarap turut memenuhi kawasan persekitaran. Lebih mengecewakan keadaan jalan masuk ke taman itu juga rosak teruk dan berlubang. *Utusan Malaysia* difahamkan

sebuah projek lebuh raya yang giat dilaksanakan di kawasan berhampiran menjadi salah satu punca kunjungan orang ramai ke taman itu semakin berkurangan.

Pengunjung mendakwa projek berkenaan boleh sahaja memberi kesan kepada alam sekitar tetapi tu-

rut menceroboh 'privacy'mereka. Bagaimanapun *Utusan Malaysia* difahamkan selepas projek tersebut siap, taman berkenaan akan dinaik taraf dan kekal sebagai kawasan rekreasi.





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AMPANG - Majlis Perbandaran Ampang Jaya (MPAJ) melaksanakan Kempen Pengurangan Bayaran Kompaun Tempat Letak Kereta MPAJ sehingga 31 Mei ini.

Pegawai Komunikasi Korporat MPAJ, Norhayati Ahmad berkata, pengurangan RM30 diberikan kepada kompaun tertunggak manakala RM10 bagi kompaun yang kurang 14 hari dari tarikh kompaun dikeluarkan.

"Kempen ini diadakan bertujuan untuk beri peluang kepada pemilik-pemilik kenderaan yang mempunyai kompaun tertunggak supaya selesaikan kompaun dalam tempoh kempen sebelum tindakan lanjut di-

laksanakan MPAJ.

"MPAJ akan laksanakan operasi tunda dan kunci tayar ke atas kenderaan yang punyai kompaun tertunggak yang mana masih melakukan kesalahan sama semasa dan selepas tamat tempoh kempen," katanya.

Menurutnya, sehingga kini jumlah kompaun yang masih belum dijelaskan bagi tempoh 2003 sehingga 2016 berjumlah RM41,427,410.

"Pemeriksaan ke atas data kompaun mendapati terdapat 1,700 pemilik kereta mempunyai tunggakan kompaun yang melebihi 50 kompaun bagi setiap kenderaan di mana keseluruhannya berjumlah RM8.5 juta," katanya.





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Abdul Hamid (right) and KPKT Municipality Services Division Strata Management branch enforcement head Insp Mohammad Izzat Hassan (third from right) questioning a clerk at the apartment

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THE Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ) raided the Joint Management Body (JMB) of two apartment developments in Taman Kosas, Ampang, seizing relevant documents to facilitate investiga-

tions into alleged missing funds, during a joint operation. This was following a complaint signed by 20 residents claiming that maintenance funds totalling

that maintenance funds totalling RM70,000 had gone missing. A team of 20 enforcement officers from MPAJ as well as the Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government Ministry (KPKT) Strata Management branch, turned up at the JMB office and seized the documents after the IMB ignored repeated requests from MPAJ for the documents.

MPAJ president Abdul Hamid Abdul Hussain said the council's commissioner of building (COB) had received a letter from resi-dents on the matter on Oct 18 last

On Nov 30, the council asked the JMB to clarify the matter in 14 days, but they did not cooperate.
"We also made three visits to the

apartment, but we did not manage to get the documents we wanted," he said during a press conference at the apartment. "The complaints included the



Apartment residents signed a complaint to MPAJ, claiming that maintenance funds, totalling RM70,000, had gone

lack of maintenance of the building, resulting in faulty lifts, and that the JMB failed to submit audited financial statement to MPAJ's COB since 2013.

"The JMB has also not held its

annual general meeting, which is required under the law," he said. The operation was conducted under the Strata Management Act 2013 (Act 757).

The raid was focused on one

condominium and six blocks of middle-cost apartments, totalling 520 units.

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Each unit is charged a sinking fund of between RM96 and RM183 for condominiums, and between RM9 and RM18 for apartments,

monthly.

During the operation, MPAJ requested several documents including bank statements, sinking funds collection reports, expenses

and payment reports, bank-in slips, financial reports, ageing lists and minutes of meetings.

"The JMB cooperated, and we will investigate the matter further.

"If there is a case of misappropriation of funds, we will pass it to the relies." Abbil Jurial east

the police," Abdul Hamid said.
A JMB representative, who was present during the operation, said the JMB planned to call for a press conference soon to clarify the issue.



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SOUTH and North Koreans living in Malaysia hope that the death of Kim Jong-nam, half brother of North Korean leader Kim Jong-un will not worsen the tension

between both countries. But only a few openly talked

The news came as a shock to all in the country after it made head-lines in the dailies nationwide. It was reported that Jong-nam was believed to be attacked by two

was believed to be attacked by two momen operatives who splashed his face with an unidentified liquid chemical at KLIA2 departure hall at about 9am Monday. The victim experienced a mild seizure and was taken to the Putrajaya Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

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Datuk Bryce Kwon, former president of the Korean Association in Malaysia, first got to know of the incident through a South Korean online news portal and from concerned family and friends back in South Korea. South Korea. "South Korean news is very

"South Korean news is very accessible online.
"The Korean Association in Malaysia was having the Lunar New Year celebration on Feb 14 and we were shocked to see the news on TV.
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"We did not even know he (jong-nam) was here.
"Reporters from South Korea contacted us but I told them that it was quiet here," he said.
Kwon added that Jong-nam's death was a sad and bad news.
"We want peace. Suddenly this hanners.

happens.
"Malaysia is a peaceful and sta-

ble country.
"I am not worried. My family and friends are worried for us

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"I am just worried that uns may be politicised and anything that happens in North Korea, South Korea too will be affected." When asked about North Koreans in Malaysia, he said, "We have no chance nor reason to see them

them.
"I do not think they want to see

us too."
Kwon said there were about
15,000 South Koreans living in
Malaysia.
Former vice-president of the
Korean Association in Malaysia
Yoon Kum Ju was shocked to hear

the news.
"I read *The Star* this morning,
what is reported is quite true," she
said, concerned that the tension
between both countries would

She also expressed concern that the political situation in her country was messy after the impeach-ment of the South Korean presi-

try was messy after the impeachment of the South Korean president.

"Even though I am married to a British and we live in Malaysia, I am still concerned as I have family and friends there," she said.

Alex Hwang, the National Unification Advigory Council (Malaysia) chairman and former president of the Korean Association in Malaysia (Kwon's successor) said he was extremely disturbed by the incident.

The 66-year-old has been living in Malaysia for 30 years.

"We dislike that the incident happened in Malaysia.

"We are far away from our home country and yet this happened here.

pened here. He added that he hoped the Malaysian government would talk to North Korea about the incident. Juma press photojournalist Christ Jung, who had been in

Disturbed over murder

South Korean expats worry the KLIA2 poison plot will worsen tensions



All was quiet in K. Street in Ampang at 3pm yesterday.

Malaysia for seven years, said he had camped outside Putrajaya Hospital until early yesterday

morning.
Many international press were already around at the time, he

added.
"This is definitely bad news for all Koreans, especially when the South and North Korean governments have a strained relation-

ments have a strained relation-ship," Jung said.

He, however, said although the attack happened on Malaysian soil, he did not think that the secu-rity of the country and its people would be compromised.

StarMetro took to the streets to find out public views and reac-

into our public views and reac-tions.
Following the unexpected news, the well-known Korean town in Ampang, also known as K. Street was all but deserted yesterday.
There were no big ceremonies in memorial of Jong nam's pass-ing.

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Instead, most shops were operating as usual while members of both North and South Korean communities seemed indifferent about the matter.
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Witer asked uter Views, some looked uncomfortable, others refused to comment, while some were unaware of the situation. Several who were approached by StarMetro claimed that they could not speak English but later were overheard conversing to others in the language.

An employee from a North Korean restaurant in Imbi, Kuala Lumpur, who has lived in Malaysia for three years, hesitantly gave her views on the situation. She did not want to give her name and repeatedly said Jongnam had never visited the restaurant.

rant. "We feel sad. In North Korea we

are one family.
"When we heard of his death
we were all shocked," she said.



The death of Kim Jong-nam came as a shock to Malaysians especially the South and North Korean community in Klang Valley.



As more and more South Korean expats move to Desa Sri Hartamas, it is fast becoming Kuala Lumpur's second K-town.