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KUALA LUMPUR — Their worst fears came true. After two incidents, residents in Ampang, at the foothills of the Semenyih-Ampang once green lung range, are now bracing for more calamities.

Those staying in Taman Bukit Teratai, an upper-middle-class suburb, had predicted mudflows before hillside clearing works for the Sungai Besi-Ulu Kelang Expressway (Suke) started early last month.

Taman Bukit Teratai was hit by a mudflow last Tuesday following the construction of the dual carriage expressway. The area was first hit in the middle of last month.

Taman Bukit Ampang Residents' Association member and "Say No To Suke" chairman Muhammad Agos Abul Hasan Ashari said the felling of trees had caused soil erosion and mudflows.

"This finding was based on an Environmental Impact Assessment we conducted two years ago," he said.

"This was a known fact but it fell on deaf ears."

Bukit Manda'rina Residents' Association chairman Colin Stuart said he was worried his neighbourhood would be hit by a similar incident.

"It's impossible not to worry considering Suke will be built near us," he said.



Family members in Taman Bukit Teratai clean their house following the mudflow last week.

"We could be affected ... what happens if a house collapses? Residents shouldn't have to live in fear."

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said the mudflow last week was something the residents had been concerned about since they were told of the project in 2015.

"When the project developer, Projek Lintasan Kota Holdings Sdn Bhd (Prolintas), first proposed the highway plan to us, we were worried about the likelihood of floods," she said.

"It's a shame their worst fears were realised in such a terrible way."

A resident in Taman Bukit Segar Jaya 2, who identified himself as Kuah, said he was worried an even bigger mudflow would strike his area.

"Bukit Saga is nearby and a river there called Sungai Putih sometimes overflows," he said.

"Water from the river would come down the hill. It would be worst if there were no trees mitigating the flow."

Kuah urged Prolintas to meet residents and address their concerns.

Following Tuesday's incident, the Ampang Jaya Municipal Council ordered Prolintas to carry out desilting of drains, clean up retention pools on the hillside and fix gabion walls to trap rain water on hillslopes.

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mudflow on March 20, resulting in a stop-work order by the Ampang Jaya Municipal Council.

In October 2015, *Malay Mail* reported the 31.8km three-lane dual carriage expressway would cut through more than 60 housing areas between Sri Petaling and Ulu Kelang including Sungai Besi, Alam Damai, Cheras-Kajang, Taman Bukit Permai, Taman Putra, Taman Dagang Permai, Taman Kosas, Taman Hillview and Hulu Klang.

Many residents had cried foul over the project, claiming it was shrouded in secrecy.

They were left in the dark on whether their homes would be acquired to make way for the project.



Sandbags put up behind the houses in Taman Bukit Teratai after the mudflow. — Picture by Tony Emmanuel



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■ 张菲倩（站者）在对话会上，亲自解释居民的疑问。



（吉隆坡18日讯）莲花苑人民服务中心与安邦再也23区市议员办公室，联同六福园睦邻中心和居协联办居民对话会，获得多名居民出席并提出意见，以改善当地社区问题。

警察、消防局、国民团结局，安邦再也市议会各部门、反毒协会和雪州子民基金，也有派员出席对话会。

活动上提供社区展览，以提高居民对政府机构的认识并唤醒居民对防范罪案，防火及毒品危害方面的警觉。

莲花苑区州议员张菲倩希望趁这机会，与居民多加交流和加强了解社区民生问题，同时可让居民向她或安邦再也23区市议员莫哈末沙末作出投诉。

“举办对话会的目的是可以与居民加强交流，居民也非常踊跃的向我们提出投诉与意见，包括区内交通问题。”

她指出，家居失火导致人命与财务损失，希望与消防局能联手教育居民，如何预防家居失火及逃生方法。

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