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淡江國際山莊土崩

►繼16年前的土崩事件，淡江國際山莊的瑞文園B座公寓後方斜坡日前再次崩塌，敲響當地斜坡安全的警鐘。



居民：公寓建成近20年 圍牆至今沒加固

報道：唐凌慧、陳嘉慧
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(安邦21日訊)淡江國際山莊瑞文園公寓開創16年再次發生土崩，使斜坡安全警鐘再次被敲響。

土崩地點為B座公寓後方，日前因下雨導致部分泥土鬆動斜坡塌落。《大都會》社區報記者今日前往該公寓巡視土崩地點，并向當地居民了解土崩後所進行的一些防範措施和善後工作。

現場所見，大量的泥土和破裂的石塊傾瀉而下，斜坡欄杆也因而傾斜，一些擺放在屋後的用具和一架冷氣壓縮機則被沙石壓毀，同時土崩範圍也拉出黃色警戒線。

由於該公寓依山而建，因此底層和第一層的单位后方是“开门见斜坡”，斜坡的圍牆

則高約5呎，而斜坡上便是停車場。

雨天加速泥土流失

据了解，該B座公寓曾于2001年4月發生土崩，庆幸并没有造成人命伤亡，也未影响建筑结构。

受访的居民表示，該公寓共有9座，而A和B座则坐落于同一区内，分别有30和60个单位。

他们指出，該圍牆自公寓建成后至今有20年，一直没有加固。

他们说，不排除以石头搭建的圍牆是因长年累月遭雨水侵蚀，以致石縫之间的泥土开始松软和渐渐流失，加上连日米下雨，加速泥土的流失而引发土崩。

僅50%居民繳管理費

缺資金更新公寓設施

一名不愿具名的妇女表示，淡江國際山莊公寓聯合管理機構于4年前成立，尽管每年都有征收管理費，但却只有50%的居民愿意配合，以致没有足够的资

金应急，也无法更新公寓的公共设施。

我认为，居民必须给予合作，不要随意乱丢垃圾，以防堵塞阻塞，进而引发土崩。

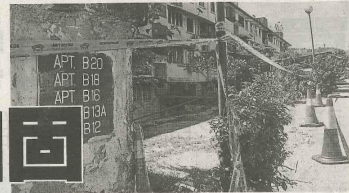


不讓孩子到後巷

莫哈默阿芝曼(54歲，私人機構人員)

“我在这个住宅區居住了10年，這次土崩發生在我家。事發當天，我在家里突然聽見巨響，接著我就看見了泥土慢慢地流進我家，所幸沒導致人名傷亡，只是弄壞了我家的冷氣機。

由於擔心安全，平日只有我一人會到後巷去曬衣服，我不會讓孩子到後巷去。我并未對這次土崩的發生感到害怕，我已聯絡執法單位，我希望這次的事件盡快獲得解決。”



▲土崩範圍拉起黃色警戒線，禁止民眾誤闖及避免釀成意外。



▲為了避免土崩情況進一步惡化，發展商已在土崩地點鋪蓋帆布，以防雨水沖擊加劇泥土的流失。

沙比利：公寓屬私人單位 發展商應採補救措施

安邦再也市議員阿末沙比利在受訪時表示，由於該公寓屬於私人單位，并非由市議會直接管轄，若居民有意愿重建圍牆，必須由聯合管理機構收集經費去清理、加固和重建圍牆。

“我已協助聯繫公寓發展商，要求對方採取補救和防範

的措施。”

他說，由於連日來雨連連，發展商已于昨午4時左右前往土崩地點，鋪蓋帆布以避免泥土繼續流失而造成土崩情況進一步惡化。

他透露，發展商代表將於明日隨他一同巡視土崩地點，以尋求其他的防範措施。



盼更換圍牆

拉曼(35歲，商人)

“我居住在当地已有8年了，我居住在B座的3樓。我認為土崩的原因是因為建設至今沒進行圍牆維修所致。

此外，我也覺得當時土崩是因為當天雨下長達2小時，導致泥土流失。

我希望當局更換圍牆，以免土崩的事件再次發生。”



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Fat, oil and grease are carelessly released into the drains at a restaurant in Bandar Bukit Tinggi, Klang. — Photos: SADIQ SANI/The Star

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EATERIES in Klang with grease traps that are not working will be penalised by the Klang Municipal Council (MPK).

MPK plans to impose a one-week closure order on operators who fail to have grease traps that are in good condition.

MPK Health Department Food Safety and Quality Division chief A.G. Mazlan said the health inspectors, over the last two months, had checked 637 eateries and found that every outlet with a grease trap was out of commission.

"All 637 restaurants, we checked, had fitted the grease traps to fulfil the requirement for a business licence. But all of them were damaged or were not working properly as the pipes were broken, while some were too small to accommodate the volume of liquid passing through," he said.

Only a handful of the 637 restaurants were ordered to shut down, but others did not escape punishment either.

The restaurants were issued a fine of RM1,000 each under the Licensing of Food Establishments (Klang Municipal Council) By-Laws 2007, with the council refusing to entertain appeals for a reduction in the penalty amount.

From this exercise, the council expects to collect an estimated RM630,000.

On top of that, restaurant owners have been given until the end of this month to reinstall grease traps or ensure existing ones are restored to proper working condition.

He said council health officers would check on these eateries, again, in mid-April to make sure they complied with the order.

This comes after MPK discovered that six years after making it compulsory for eateries to install grease traps to prevent fat, oil and grease (FOG) from getting into the drains, less than 80 out of the 1,500 eateries in the municipality had

Grease traps fixed only to get licence

MPK expects to collect about RM630,000 in fines from errant eatery operators, with no room for appeal

grease traps that worked.

This is an estimation by the Food Safety and Quality Division.

It found that most eateries failed to keep their grease traps in working order or had damaged pipes that rendered them useless.

Grease traps, fitted under the sink, are designed to filter grease out of waste water before it enters the drain. However, because of the lackadaisical attitude of eatery operators, FOG and food residue still end up in drains.

"After seeing the deliberate disregard of MPK's guidelines for an operational grease trap, I have proposed a one-week closure order to be slapped on these restaurants with no room for appeal," said Mazlan.

He added that the earlier grease trap ruling had achieved little success in keeping FOG out of the drains.

"Our division's goal is compliance. Improper management of FOGs by restaurants have become a significant problem.

"MPK will continue to ensure high standards are achieved in the best interest of Klang," said Mazlan, who has been with MPK for 33 years.

In 2016, MPK spent a whopping RM6ml to clean grease lining the council's drainage networks and grease-related repairs to damaged drains.

Based on his observation during clean-up efforts, Mazlan said an



Cooking oil is dumped into drains causing the water channel to be blocked.

estimated one tonne of FOG entered drains in the Bukit Tinggi township within six months.

If MPK had not removed the waste, the congealed FOG would have caused flash floods as the drain outlets had become narrow,

he added.

Most restaurant operators are not supportive of having grease traps installed because of the cost and time needed to dispose off food particles in the chamber baskets. Small solids such as scraps of



Mazlan inspecting the grease trap at a restaurant in Bandar Bukit Tinggi, while his staff Nurasyikin Harom (left) and Rathna Thiyagarajan look on.

Going all out to keep restaurants clean for Visit Klang Year 2017

WITH the lack of hygiene being a common pitfall for many restaurants, the Klang Municipal Council (MPK) is now focusing on achieving high level of cleanliness in all eateries to boost tourism in the municipality.

In view of Visit Klang Year 2017, the Food Safety and Quality Division's immediate focus is on cleanliness.

This means MPK will be conducting frequent inspections and making more effort to educate restaurateurs.

Division chief A.G. Mazlan said strict measures were being taken to ensure that restaurants were clean.

"From the importance of washing hands and putting on aprons and caps, to keeping the kitchen free from pest and having grease traps - these are being enforced.

"Our approach is education, creating awareness and issuing warnings," he said.

On another note, he said MPK would not tolerate restaurants that had workers without typhoid vaccination.

"Workers without typhoid vaccination could cause water-borne

diseases, and we are strict on this issue. We will issue immediate closure orders to ensure compliance.

"In January and February, we ordered eight restaurants in Bukit Tinggi and Taman Sentosa to close," he revealed.

In 2016, 22 restaurants were closed for various health violations, including failure to have grease traps.

Mazlan added that MPK would also close down restaurants using the back lane as their kitchen for a week.

"We will demolish the built extensions and confiscate their cooking utensils," he warned.

Mazlan said restaurants that had been warned before about grease traps ran the risk of being shut down if they did not have well-maintained grease traps or failed in any way to comply with regulations.

"We are beefing up efforts to ensure restaurants have grease traps to prevent fats, oil and grease from wreaking havoc on the municipality's drains.

"Hygiene levels are also being looked into," he said.



A restaurant in Bandar Bukit Tinggi uses a plastic bag and a container instead of proper grease traps to sieve food residue.

meat and vegetables that get caught in the chamber baskets have to be emptied into disposal bags, twice a day, before the rubbish rots and becomes unpleasant to handle.

Klang Consumer Association (KCA) president Devadass Anjan supported Mazlan's decision to act against restaurants that discharge FOG into the drains.

After all, it is MPK's duty to ensure cleanliness of the drains, he added.

Devadass said the council's failure to control FOG from getting into the drains was because of "the letdown in monitoring compliance, let alone enforcing it".

"KCA has in the past complained about a restaurant or two or in an area discharging FOG but deterrent punishments were not meted out.

"Most of the time eateries

escape with just warnings. We find that grease traps are usually only inspected in the event of public complaints due to rotten smell, rat infestation or blockages in drains," he said.

Devadass said all restaurants must maintain a high hygiene level to prevent water-borne diseases.

With this year being Visit Klang Year 2017, MPK must also order the closure of restaurants found using back lanes as their kitchen, he urged.

"KCA wants the council to organise a crackdown in Little India, the Bukit Tinggi township and Port Klang.

"Most of the restaurants in these areas set up their kitchen in the back lanes and the FOG are washed straight into the drains," he said.



Restaurant workers using the back lanes to do washing, leading to fat, oil and grease being washed into drains at Bandar Bukit Tinggi, Klang.

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