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MPAJ says site needs fence to keep out culprits of illegal dumping

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AMPANG Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ) will expedite the clean-up of an illegal dumping ground on a lot slated for a religious secondary school next to Al-Azim mosque in Pandan Indah.

Its president Abdul Hamid Abdul Hussain said he was informed by the landowner Selangor Islamic Religious Department (Jais) that a contractor was appointed for the clean-up by the Works Department but the council had not seen any work done yet, up until Dec 21.

"We received many complaints from nearby residents regarding illegal rubbish dumping.

"It is not fair for MPAJ to use taxpayers' money to clear away the rubbish.

He said MPAJ would remind Jais to ensure the work was done as soon as possible.

"We will ask for the land to be fenced up too," he said during the full board meeting yesterday.

Commenting on the performance of KDEB Waste Management Sdn Bhd, which took over domestic waste collection operations beginning March 1, Abdul Hamid said the number of complaints had reduced significantly.

"Ampang Jaya is divided into 46 areas, whereby each area is allocated one compacter to collect domestic waste.

"The collection and monitoring of the operations are much more efficient now. Most complaints were settled within 24 hours.

"KEDB Waste has also taken over the cleaning works such as sweeping, grasscutting, drain cleaning and collection of garden waste since Dec 1.

"However, they have asked for a grace period of three months to fine tune their operations before being assessed by us," he said.

Abdul Hamid advised all neighbourhoods to form a Joint Management Body (JMB) or residents association (RA) to oversee recycling programmes.

"Recycling is a challenge in low-cost housing areas that are densely populated and have a big volume of waste. Many of these housing areas do not have a JMB or RA to initiate recycling.

"MPAJ will help by providing recycling cages and arranging a buyer for the recyclables.

"The proceeds from the sale can be used to improve the living environment," he added.

Abdul Hamid reminded property owners to pay their assessments on time to avoid penalties.

He said exemptions were only given to low-cost and village homes for 2016 until 2018, which meant that all arrears from 2015 and before must be paid.

"Last month, MPAJ seized electronic items from 19 premises in Ampang Putra, Taman Ampang Hilir, Desa Permai, Taman Dato Ahmad Razali and various apartment blocks, in an operation to recover outstanding tax arrears.

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PANDAN INDAH - Majlis Perbandaran Ampang Jaya (MPAJ) mendesak syarikat kontraktor agar segera melaksanakan kerja pembersihan di kawasan lapang yang dipercayai dijadikan tapak pelupusan sampah haram berhampiran Masjid Al-Azim, di sini.

Yang Dipertua MPAJ, Abd Hamid Hussain berkata, pihaknya telah dimaklumkan kontraktor itu dilantik oleh Jabatan Kerja Raya (JKR) untuk melaksanakan projek pembinaan Maahad Integrasi Tahfiz Sains (MITS) di atas tapak tersebut.

"Pihak itu juga perlu memasang papan lindungan sementara (hoarding) di tapak itu supaya kejadian yang sama tidak berulang," katanya.

Abd Hamid berkata, pihaknya juga telah menghubungi pemilik tanah tersebut bagi menggesa agar isu berkenaan segera diselesaikan.

"Kos yang besar diperlukan oleh MPAJ jika kami menjalankan kerja pembersihan di lokasi itu, tidak sewajarnya kami mengeluarkan kos yang banyak untuk kerja tersebut," katanya.

Beliau berkata, MPAJ juga belum menerima salinan daripada pihak berkaitan berhubung syarikat kontraktor yang dilantik.

"Kami hanya dimaklumkan kontrakor untuk projek itu telah pun dilantik, kita juga tidak tahu bila syarikat tersebut mahu masuk ke tapak berkenaan untuk kerja pembinaan MITS," katanya.

Sebelum ini, penduduk menggesa MPAJ segera menangani isu tapak pelupusan sampah haram di kawasan lapang itu.

Timbalan Pengerusi Persatuan Generasi Rekreasi Ampang Jaya, A Razak A Wahab berkata, pihaknya mendapati lokasi pelupusan sampah haram itu wujud sejak dua bulan lalu.

Kawasan lapang berkenaan dianggarkan seluas hampir 1.2 hektar di mana sebahagiannya dipenuhi sampah domestik dan sisa binaan.

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