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KUALA LUMPUR — The December 1993 Highland Towers collapse remains the most tragic landslide incident in the country, claiming 48 lives, including 12 foreigners.

An inquiry later revealed the incident was first triggered two months before the collapse, when a water stream developed on the hillslope behind the ill-fated apartment building following the burst of a water mains on the top.

Water continued flowing and later formed a pool underground beneath the apartment.

On Dec 11, Block 1 of the three block apartment buildings toppled forward following 10 continuous days of rainfall.

After the incident, occupants of Blocks 2 and 3 were ordered to vacate after the entire area was deemed unsafe.

The two remaining towers remained vacant and still stands in place.

Highland Towers is located in Hillview Estate of Jalan Ulu Kelang at the foothills of the Ampang-part of the main range.

Travelling along Jalan Ulu Kelang, motorists can catch a glimpse of the "white cliffs" of KL, behind which is the water catchment Klang Gates dam.

Along this stretch, numerous housing estates have been developed and luxury development with condominiums and apartments on hilltops.

Landslides continued to occur following downpours in the Ulu Klang area.

These included the landslide on the eastern side of Bukit Antarabangsa, 1.5km northeast of Highland Towers.

It severely damaged 14 upscale bungalows in Taman Bukit Mewah and Taman Bukit Utama, with four casualties reported and 15 others injured.

Last March, an apartment unit in Bukit Antarabangsa was affected by a landslide following a downpour.

Other disasters which captured the nation's attention were:

- **May 17, 2017:** Thirty-two people were affected by flash floods in Cameron Highlands. The 30-minute long downpour caused 10 families in Kampung Baru to suffer damages to their property.
- **Dec 25, 1996:** Tropical Storm Greg, known as the "Christmas Day Storm", was one of Sabah's hardest hitting typhoons in its history. It destroyed 4,000 houses and left some 3,000 people homeless with 300 migrants missing. Storm Greg which mainly hit the Keningau district left 163 dead.
- **Aug 29, 1996:** A mudflow at the Pos Dipang Orang Asli settlement in Kampar, Perak, left 44 people dead in a tragedy following heavy flash floods.