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AMPANG FOLKS ANGRY ABOUT WATER CUTS

AMPANG residents in Selangor were outraged at frequent water disruptions earlier this month.

Susilla Devi, of Taman Bakti, called Actionline to say that she had experienced frequent and unscheduled water disruptions since the first Friday of the month.

"My sister, who lives in Taman Cempaka, had the same problem three times in the same week.

"We were informed that there was a burst pipe, but we wonder why it is taking Syarikat Bekalan Air Selangor (Air Selangor) so long to fix it."

On the Air Selangor Facebook page, Chien Wt expressed his anger at having to celebrate a dry Chinese New Year as his home was also affected by the water disruption.

On the same page, Facebook user Qio Xio, of Taman Nirwana, said the water disruptions were troublesome as most families were at home during the Chinese New Year.

"Open the water supply in Taman Nirwana. It's so hard not to have water during the holidays because we have the elderly and children at home. Please be considerate."

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Two burst pipes in Pandan Jaya and Taman Cempaka were the cause of the water disruptions.

Air Selangor told Actionline that there were burst pipes in Jalan Pandan 5 in Pandan Jaya and Jalan Cempaka 2 in Taman Cempaka.

These burst pipes had caused water disruptions in Pandan Jaya, Taman Bakti, Taman Cempaka, Taman Nirwana and Taman Dagang.

An Air Selangor spokesman said the temporary water supply closure to the areas was to accommodate repairs.

"Repairs are expected to be completed by 2.30pm on Jan 29, and water supply is expected to return to normal by 6.30pm the same day.

"We apologise for the inconvenience."

Actionline contacted Susilla to check if her water supply had returned, to which she answered "yes".

Consumers can keep up to date with their neighbourhoods' water status and information relating to water supply via the MySyabas mobile application or follow Air Selangor on Twitter and Facebook.



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On the hunt: A council worker fogging an area in Petaling Jaya. There has been an increase in mosquitoes because of intermittent rains. — filepic

Search and destroy

The recent wet weather has increased dengue cases in Selangor and the state government has directed all 12 councils to eliminate Aedes mosquito breeding spots. >3

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DENGUE fever has once again reared its ugly head in Selangor as there has been an increase in admissions in government hospitals in the third week of January.

Selangor Health, Welfare, Women and Family Affairs committee chairman Dr Daroyah Alwi said there was an increase in the mosquito population due to intermittent rains.

Within the first three weeks of January, two deaths were reported in Subang Jaya while 2,984 confirmed cases of dengue fever had been recorded in Selangor.

She said one death was reported in Taman Bukit Kuchai and another at Kampung Kuala Sungai Baru in the Subang Jaya municipality.

"Confirmed figures for Selangor in the first three weeks of January hit 2,984 dengue cases with the Petaling district recording 980 cases followed by 810 cases in Hulu Langat.

"Two other districts that are experiencing an increase in dengue figures are Klang with 523 and Gombak 324 cases, in the first three weeks of January," she said.

She said the Selangor government has allocated RM600,000 in its fight against dengue.

The effort will involve all local councils in an aggressive campaign to get rid of Aedes breeding grounds.

On an average each local council will get RM50,000 for the campaign, Dr Daroyah said.

Petaling has three local councils in the district - Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ), Shah Alam City Council and Subang Jaya Municipal Council (MPSJ).

Dr Daroyah said Aedes mosquitoes required clear stagnant water to breed and continuous rain had caused pools of water to collect especially in roof gutters.

The indiscriminate littering of containers also made for ideal breeding sites.

"The sudden increase of mosquitoes will result in an increase in mosquito-borne diseases.

"Knowing this, we have ordered all 12 local councils to conduct search and destroy campaigns," she said.

MPSJ president Datuk Nor Hisham Ahmad Dahlan said the council has intensified efforts on vector control in view of intermittent rains.

"MPSJ recorded 394 dengue fever cases until the third week of January and we feel the numbers are much lesser compared to the same period in 2016, where 737 cases were recorded.



Search and Destroy Aedes Ranger (Sedar) Programme volunteers (in vests) checking the used tyres for potential mosquito breeding grounds in SS9A, Petaling Jaya. — filepic

All-out war against Aedes

Selangor to hold aggressive campaign to stamp out mosquito breeding grounds

"We have five hotspots in the Seri Serdang locality and all efforts have been intensified to remove Aedes breeding grounds," he said.

Nor Hisham added that Enggang Apartments in Bandar Kinrara, one of the hotspots, persisted for 153 days with 40 confirmed dengue cases.

"We have carried out the search and destroy campaign four times until last week.

"We reminded residents to take a few simple steps to remove stagnant water from containers to prevent mosquitoes from breeding," he said.

MBPJ Health and Environment Department director Dr Chitra N. Davi Vadivelu said the council has partnered with residents in 53 locations in Petaling Jaya to pro-

mote the Search and Destroy Aedes Rangers public awareness campaign.

"We encourage residents living in terrace houses, high rise and even the industrial areas to become active participants in the fight against mosquitoes.

"We get the residents to inspect their properties and remove sources of stagnant water," she said.

MPK Health and Environment director Azmi Muji said the council was engaging with the public to remove unwanted containers that could collect water.

"Eliminating mosquito breeding sites is the most effective way to prevent the spread of dengue fever.

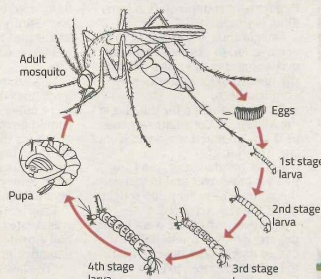
"With this approach, no new adult mosquitoes will develop," he said.



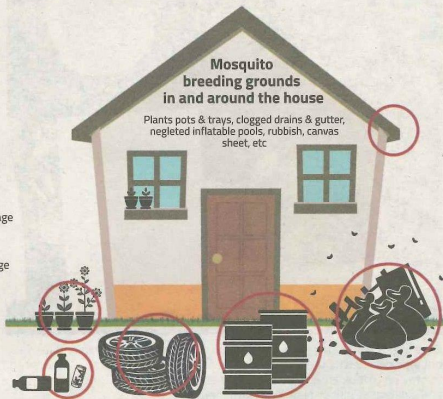
An MPSJ officer collects a sample of stagnant water at a house in Taman Lestari Putra, Seri Kembangan to check for Aedes larvae. — filepic

Life cycle of a mosquito

According to species, some female mosquitoes can live up to three months, laying an average of 1,000 - 3,000 eggs over her lifetime



The length of the mosquito life cycle varies between species and is dependent upon environmental conditions such as temperature and moisture.



An MPSJ worker carrying out fogging activities in Taman Puchong Perdana on Monday evening. — filepic



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THE recent flooding along Jalan Bukit Belacan in Lembah Jaya Utara, Ampang was because of heavy rain filling a low capacity retention pond at the East Klang Valley Expressway (EKVE) construction site.

Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ) president Abdul Hamid Abdul Hussain said following the incident on Jan 14, the council had instructed project developer EKVE Sdn Bhd to present a report.

"EKVE was asked to submit a report on the cause of the mud flood, recommend improvements to flood prevention, implement the recommended improvements for flood prevention and complete cleaning works.

"Based on the report, it was decided that EKVE would increase the capacity of the retention pond to prevent such incidents," he said.

During the incident, 15 homes were flooded after a downpour.

Abdul Hamid said no compensation had been discussed as the incident did not involve property loss.

MPAJ: Flood mitigation not good enough

Council tells EKVE to increase retention pond capacity



The flood at Jalan Bukit Belacan, Lembah Jaya Utara in Ampang affected 15 homes in the area.



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Syor sedia lokasi sesuai untuk peniaga



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Kedudukan gerai peniaga terlalu hampir dengan jalan raya berhampiran pasar raya Giant Taman Permata, Hulu Klang.

Keberanian sementara MPAJ menambahkan lagi jumlah gerai di kawasan parkir

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Sudah sampai masanya Majlis Perbandaran Ampang Jaya (MPAJ) menyediakan satu kawasan khas kepada peniaga di kawasan komersial Taman Permata, di sini, yang selama ini menjalankan perniagaan di ruang parkir, bagi memudahkan pengurusan.

Selain itu, ia juga bagi mengelakkan peluang kemungkinan termasuk kemalangan kerana kedudukan gerai yang terlalu hampir dengan jalan serta kesesakan

yang berterusan terutama pada waktu tengah hari dan petang, walaupun MPAJ menjadikan kawasan berkenaan tapak peniaga sementara.

Penduduk mendakwa, dengan kemudahan parkir yang tidak mencukupi di kawasan berkenaan sehingga ada pemandu kenderaan yang sesuka hati memheret kenderaan di tengah jalan untuk menunggu selain lori yang berhenti untuk memunggah barang, memberikan kebenaran sementara kepada peniaga menjalankan operasi tidak menyelesaikan masalah.

Dengan kebenaran sementara itu dakwa penduduk, ia seolah sesuatu yang rasmi dan secara tidak langsung mungkin akan menambah lagi bilangan peniaga di kawasan itu dan yang lebih teruk akan menyusahkan lagi kawasan berkenaan.

Parkir untuk orang ramai

"Lagipun sementara ni sampai bila... kalau sampai sepuluh tahun... sedangkan masalah ini sudah berlarutan sejak sekian lama."

"Ruang parkir adalah untuk orang ramai meletakkan kenderaan bukannya untuk berniaga..."

kalau macam tu lebih baik buat aja medan selera di ruang parkir itu... mungkin itu lebih menguntungkan MPAJ dari segi kutipan berbanding kutipan bayaran meletak kereta," kata seorang pekerja swasta di kawasan berkenaan yang hanya mahu dikenali sebagai Razman.

Katanya, sama ada pagi atau malam atau lebih tepat selagi pasar raya besar dan kedai sekitar kawasan berkenaan belum ditutup, selagi itu masalah kesesakan berlaku di kawasan berkenaan kerana ia adalah kawasan tumpuan orang ramai memandangkan ia berada di dalam lingkungan beberapa kawasan perumahan.

Katanya, beliau tidak membantah peniaga mencari rezeki namun MPAJ juga perlu memikirkan sesuatu untuk menyelesaikan masalah di kawasan itu selain memikirkan kesesakan orang ramai.

Tinjauan BH di sekitar kawasan itu mendapati, lalu lintas agak sesak selain ruang parkir terhad terutama pada waktu tengah hari dan petang sehingga mengundang masalah. Lebih teruk apabila lalu lintas itu turut dimasukkan lori untuk menghantar barang ke pasar raya

besar dan kedai berdekatan.

Ada juga pemandu yang tidak beretika parkir berganda hanya untuk membeli barang di kedai serbaneka berdekatan sehingga menghalang laluan sekali gus mengundang 'perang' hon antara pengguna jalan raya.

MPAJ turut menggantung kain rentang sebagai makluman kepada pengguna dan penduduk setempat berhubung kebenaran peniaga sementara.

Penduduk yang hanya mahu dikenali sebagai Izam berkata, antara punca kesesakan lalu lintas di situ adalah orang ramai suka memheret kenderaan mereka di bahu jalan untuk ke kedai dan ada ketika mahu membeli makanan di gerai yang mendapat kebenaran sementara MPAJ yang berpunca daripada masalah kekurangan parkir.

Kenderaan berbaris

Beliau mendakwa, situasi itu mengakibatkan kenderaan di belakang terpaksa menunggu panjang sehingga mengakibatkan kesesakan ada masanya sehingga ke jalan utama menuju ke Lebuhraya Lingkaran Tengah 2 (MRR2).

"Saya tiada masalah mereka

(menjaja) di situ (ruang parkir). Tetapi lebih elok kalau MPAJ menyediakan tempat yang benar-benar sesuai dan mereka (peniaga) juga selesa untuk berniaga," katanya.

Sementara itu sebagai peniaga, Norazima Awang, 36, memberikan alasan ruang parkir itu adalah lokasi strategik untuk berniaga berikutan ia terletak betul-betul di kawasan tumpuan.

Norazima yang sudah 10 tahun berniaga di sekitar Taman Permata dekat sini mendakwa, bagi mencapai kata sepakat, MPAJ perlu mengadakan perbincangan dengan penduduk setempat bersama peniaga sebelum memutuskan untuk memberi kebenaran sementara.

"Peniaga yang sebelum ini berselerakan dikumpulkan di satu tempat supaya lebih teratur. Mereka turut dilarang meninggalkan peralatan mereka selain perlu memastikan kawasan berniaga sentiasa bersih," katanya.

Bagi seorang peniaga, Fazlina Abdul Mutalib, 36, berkata sepanjang dua bulan berniaga di situ dari jam 7 pagi hingga 12 tengah malam, pendapatan yang diperolehnya amat menggalakkan.



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