



Muddy water pooling in one of the houses at Jalan 1/27D in Section 6.



An excavator clearing the mud behind several flooded homes.

'It's the worst landslide we've faced'

Wangsa Maju residents recall fear as torrents of soil and muddy water flow into homes

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THE landslide that happened along Jalan 1/27D, Section 6, Wangsa Maju in Kuala Lumpur, on Monday after a downpour was described by residents as the worst they had ever experienced in the area.

Looking at all the soil and muddy water that flowed into her house, resident Nor Zavia Abdul Latif was overwhelmed with helplessness. "I cannot clear the mud inside my house because the authorities are still removing the debris at the back lane," said the 50-year-old clerk.

Recounting her harrowing

experience, Nor Zavia said muddy water began gushing through her back door and into her kitchen, flowing into her living room and onto the road in front of her house.

"It happened so fast. We did not manage to salvage anything. "My brother-in-law had to close the door between the kitchen and living room to reduce the sediment getting inside, before wading through the muddy water and escaping outside," she said.

At the site behind the row of seven affected houses, an excavator could be seen clearing the soil. Water was flowing out of the area into the drain in front of the

houses but it stayed stagnant as the drain was clogged.

According to Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL), a tent has been set up at Jalan 1/27D for DBKL, Kuala Lumpur Fire and Rescue Department and Malaysia Civil Defence Department to monitor the situation.

Mobile toilets were also deployed for the affected residents and officers on duty.

"I was told that it might take a week to clear up this area and my house.

"We have faced landslides behind the house before but this one was unusually bad," Nor Zaiva lamented.

Another resident Naim Yazid said the landslide damaged his back door and electrical items in the kitchen.

"Soil and muddy water were at ankle level in my house and I was quite scared," said the 30-year-old retail assistant.

Raja Mazlan Raja Aziz, a representative from Setiawangsa MP Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad's office, said the landslide happened on land belonging to a private developer.

"Relevant authorities came to assess the situation and the police discovered an illegal settlement at the top of the hill when they scouted the area with a drone.

"Malaysian Institute of Public Works (Ikram) also conducted soil tests on the slope. Results are still pending.

"Affected residents were offered shelter at a hotel or community centre but most of the residents decided to stay put and clean their houses, except for two families who temporarily moved out to stay with their relatives," said Raja Mazlan.

A DBKL representative said they would continue to monitor the slope, pending investigations from Ikram.

Ikram was not able to be contacted for comments at press time.

Shahidan pertahan kenyataan pengurusan banjir Malaysia terbaik

KUALA LUMPUR - Menteri Wilayah Persekutuan, Datuk Seri Dr Shahidan Kassim mempertahankan kenyataan yang dibuatnya sembilan tahun lalu bahawa pengurusan banjir di Malaysia adalah yang terbaik di dunia.

Ujarnya, kenyataan yang dibuat pada 2013 itu adalah berkaitan pendekatan dibuat kerajaan pada zaman tersebut.

“Saya kata berpindah sebelum banjir. Contoh macam yang berlaku di Kelantan, kita pindahkan sebelum banjir.

“Bila banjir berlaku, tiada bot digunakan kerana mereka berpindah guna kereta. Kemudian, mereka duduk sehari, dua hari di pusat pemindahan sementara dan selepas itu banjir pun datang.

“Selepas banjir surut, mereka boleh balik ke rumah,” katanya ketika menggulung perbincangan usul berkenaan banjir kilat yang melanda Lembah Klang di Dewan Rakyat, di sini pada Rabu.

Shahidan berkata demikian bagi menjawab celahan Lim Lip Eng (**PH - Kepong**) yang bertanya adakah beliau masih mengangap pengurusan banjir di Malaysia adalah terbaik selepas banjir kilat melanda Kuala Lumpur khususnya Lembah Klang baru-baru ini.

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