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Perlukah unit baharu tangani jenayah alam sekitar?

Adalah diharapkan penjelasan terperinci dapat diberikan kerajaan mengenai penubuhan unit baharu bagi melindungi alam sekitar dan sumber negara daripada pencemaran.

Menteri Alam Sekitar dan Air, Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man, berkata unit jenayah alam sekitar itu akan ditubuhkan dalam tempoh terdekat bagi menangani kegiatan haram yang mengancam sumber alam negara.

Langkah ini memperlihatkan usaha tegas ingin diambil kerajaan.

Namun, banyak soalan berlegar mengenai penubuhan unit baharu ini terutama mengenai aspek fungsi dan peranannya kelak.

Malah, ramai yang bertanya apakah perbezaan peranan bakal dimainkan unit baharu ini dengan agensi penguat kuasa alam sekitar sedia ada dalam negara kita seperti Jabatan Alam Sekitar (JAS)?

Di bawah agensi mana pula unit baharu ini akan diletakkan? Adakah terdapat percanggahan tugas antara unit baharu ini dengan penguat kuasa JAS? Kenapa tidak boleh diperkasakan JAS sahaja selaku agensi utama dalam negara kita yang diletakkan di bawah Kementerian itu.

JAS ditugaskan untuk memantau penguatkuasaan aktiviti berkaitan flora dan fauna dalam negara. Jabatan itu

sudah lama wujud serta memiliki banyak pengalaman dalam soal melindungi alam sekitar.

Pada awalnya diwujudkan sebagai Bahagian Alam Sekitar di bawah Kementerian Kerajaan Tempatan dan Alam Sekitar pada 15 April 1975.

ia kemudian ditempatkan di bawah Kementerian Sains, Teknologi dan Alam Sekitar pada Mac 1976.

Berdasarkan kepentingan pemeliharaan dan pemuliharaan alam sekitar, tanggal 1 September 1983, Bahagian Alam Sekitar dinaikkan taraf ke sebuah jabatan sepenuhnya dan dikenali JAS.

Pada Mac 2004, ia dipindahkan di ba-

wah Kementerian Sumber Asli dan Alam Sekitar.

Penubuhan Jabatan ini berasaskan Akta Kualiti Alam Sekeliling 1974 [Akta 127] yang diwartakan Mac 1974 dan dikuatkuasakan pada 15 April 1975.

Peranan utamanya untuk mencegah, menghapus, mengawal pencemaran dan memperbaiki alam sekeliling, selaras segala peruntukan undang-undang yang ada di bawah Akta Kualiti Alam Sekeliling 1974 (Akta 127) dan peraturan-peraturan di bawahnya.

Dr Muzaffar Syah Mallow,
 Nilai, Negeri Sembilan



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Peniaga depan rumah perlu mohon lesen sementara

Keputusan Selangor bantu, mudahkan rakyat raih pendapatan

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Shah Alam: Kerajaan Selangor menggalakkan individu yang menjalankan perniagaan di hadapan rumah untuk memohon lesen sementara.

Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Pembangunan Usahawan, Pembangunan Luar Bandar, Desa dan

Kampung Tradisi negeri, Rodziah Ismail, berkata keputusan untuk memberikan lesen sementara itu dibuat berikutan ramai dilihat menceburi bidang perniagaan bagi menampung kehidupan.

Sehubungan itu katanya, pihaknya mahu memudahkan dan membantu rakyat berniaga di hadapan rumah, selain menggalakkan mereka berniaga dengan betul dan memiliki lesen.

"Bagaimanapun, mereka perlu mengikut syarat yang ditetapkan antaranya perlu mendapatkan suntikan (tifoid) dan menjaga kebersihan premis," katanya ketika dihubungi, di sini semalam.

Rodziah berkata, kaedah jualan bungkus dan balik (*take away*) sahaja dibenarkan, selain

peniaga tidak dibenarkan meletakkan meja serta kerusi untuk kegunaan pelanggan.

Katanya, pemberian lesen sementara itu juga akan membantu kerajaan negeri dalam segi statistik dan rekod peniaga yang berdaftar.

Rodziah berkata, lesen berkenaan boleh dimohon menerusi pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) masing-masing dan tarikh pembukaan permohonan akan diumumkan oleh Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Kerajaan Tempatan, Pengangkutan Awam dan Pembangunan Kampung Baru Selangor, Ng Sze Han, dalam masa terdekat.

Katanya, lesen berkenaan berkemungkinan boleh mula digunakan bermula tahun hadapan.



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Penduduk Selangor serik tanpa air

SAUDARA PENGARANG.

SERIK. Itu gambaran yang paling sesuai menggambarkan keadaan diri sendiri, keluarga dan jiran apabila empat hari tanpa air.

Banyak aktiviti yang dirancang pada ketika itu perlu dihadkan akibat ketiadaan air dalam tempoh yang lama menyebabkan majoriti penduduk di Selangor ketika itu lari ke negeri lain bagi meneruskan kehidupan harian ekoran pencemaran air mentah disyaki berpunca dari premis perindustrian di kawasan Sungai Gong, Rawang yang melakukan pelepasan berbau seakan pelarut ke dalam sungai.

Bukan itu sahaja. 'Sakit mata' apabila melihat warga emas dan kanak-kanak juga terpaksa mengangkut baldi serta botol air yang berat ke rumah masing-masing apabila bekalan air sampai ke lokasi perumahan.

Tindakan pantas polis menahan empat adik-beradik lelaki pemilik kilang yang disyaki terbabat dalam kejadian

pencemaran bau di kawasan perindustrian itu jelas membuktikan betapa seriusnya isu ini kerana membabitkan 1.2 juta akaun pengguna di tujuh wilayah di sekitar Lembah Klang.

Minggu lalu, terdapat cadangan untuk mengklasifikasikan kes pencemaran alam sekitar negara ini sebagai jenayah terancang supaya hukuman lebih berat dapat diambil di bawah Akta Kesalahan Keselamatan (Langkah-Langkah Khas) 2012 (SOSMA). Ia merupakan satu cadangan yang bernas sebagai pengajaran kepada pemilik kilang untuk lebih bertanggungjawab dalam menjalankan operasi perniagaan.

Begitu juga dengan tindakan Menteri Besar Selangor, Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari yang bertegas mahu semua kilang yang beroperasi tanpa kebenaran di tebing sungai di Selangor dirobohkan selari dengan titah Sultan Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah.

Semoga pemilik kilang lebih peka terhadap alam sekitar dan tidak lagi mengulangi kesilapan sama dengan mengambil jalan singkat untuk membuang sisa kilang di dalam sungai.

Diharap rakyat terus menjadi mata dan telinga pihak polis dengan melaporkan kes-kes seumpama ini agar kegiatan haram yang dilakukan dapat dibanteras sekali gus tindakan tegas dapat diambil kepada pemilik kilang.



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Selangor diumumkan zon hijau kali pertama

Shah Alam: Buat julung kali sejak Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP) diperkenalkan, Selangor akhirnya mencapai status Negeri Zon Hijau.

Menteri Besar, Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari menerusi Facebook rasmi malam kelmarin melahirkan kesyukuran dengan perkembangan itu serta penghargaan kepada semua pihak.

“Sejak Selangor diserang Covid-19 pada awal tahun, ini kali pertama kami diisytihar Negeri Zon Hijau. Ini bermakna Selangor tiada kes kebolehjangkitan yang wujud di Selangor.

“Terima kasih semua petugas kesihatan yang bertungkus-lumus merawat Selangor. Daripada negeri paling terkesan dengan Covid-19, kini kita boleh menarik sedikit nafas lega. Jasa serta pengorbanan mereka amat saya hargai dan kagumi,” katanya.



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MAIPk terima kunjungan pengurusan kanan MAIS

LAWATAN. Seramai sembilan pengurusan kanan Majlis Agama Islam Selangor (MAIS) mengadakan lawatan ke Majlis Agama Islam dan Adat Melayu Perak (MAIPk) di Kompleks Islam Darul Ridzuan, Ipoh baru-baru ini.

Lawatan kerja yang diketuai oleh Setiausaha MAIS, Dr. Ahmad Shahir Makhtar itu disambut Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif MAIPk, Shahrul

Azam Shaari.

Rombongan kemudian diberi taklimat tentang operasi MAIPk termasuk program-program pemeraksanaan ekonomi dan wakaf yang dijalankan.

Menurut Shahrul, lawatan kerja ini ternyata memberi manfaat kepada kedua-dua belah pihak dan secara tidak langsung dapat mengeratkan hubungan dua hala.



AHMAD SHAHIR (empat dari kanan) bersama Shahrul Azam (tiga dari kanan) bergambar bersama pegawai kedua-dua agensi di Kompleks Islam Darul Ridzuan, Ipoh baru-baru ini.



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Menteri Besar Selangor, Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari (dua dari kanan) merasmikan Program Kayuhan Hari Malaysia 2020 anjuran Majlis Perwakilan Komuniti Kampung Kampung Baru Batu Caves dan Jawatankuasa Penduduk (JKP) Majlis Perbandaran Selayang (MPS) Zon 8, semalam.



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Pantau Sungai Kim Kim elak pencemaran berulang

PASIR GUDANG - Operasi dan pemantauan secara berkala terhadap 274 kilang di sepanjang jajaran Sungai Kim Kim di sini perlu dilakukan berikutan pencemaran udara didakwa masih berlaku di daerah itu.

Pengerusi Sahabat Kanser Pasir Gudang, Zarina Abdullah berkata, pihak berkuasa antaranya Jabatan Alam Sekitar (JAS), Majlis Perbandaran Pasir Gudang (MPPG), Jabatan Pengairan dan Saliran (JPS), pihak industri serta pertubuhan bukan kerajaan (NGO) harus sentiasa melakukan pemeriksaan.

Menurutnya, pihaknya bimbang sekiranya pemantauan diabaikan atau diambil mudah, pencemaran terbaharu Sungai Kim Kim akan berulang malah lebih teruk daripada sebelumnya.

“Kita dapati bau bahan kimia masih boleh dihidu pada sebelah pagi terutama di kawasan yang berdekatan industri. Ini perlu diberi perhatian dan tidak harus menunggu sehingga penemuan bahan sisa buangan baharu.

“Berdasarkan kajian, kesan menghidu bahan kimia akan diketahui dalam

tempoh lima atau enam tahun,” katanya kepada pemberita pada Majlis Pelancaran Badan Gabungan NGO Pasir Gudang di Taman Rinting di sini semalam.

Hadir sama Pengerusi Yayasan Pasir Gudang, Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin.

Gelombang pertama pencemaran Sungai Kim Kim berlaku pada 7 Mac tahun lalu apabila pelajar di Sekolah Kebangsaan (SK) Taman Pasir Putih, Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan (SMK) Pasir Putih dan Tadika Bestari mengalami pening kepala, loya, muntah dan pengsan.

Pada 11 Mac tahun lalu, gelombang kedua berlaku dikesan di dua sekolah tersebut sebelum keesokannya merebak. Keadaan bertambah parah apabila pelajar dari sembilan sekolah lain turut mengalami nasib yang sama.

Keadaan tersebut bertambah buruk dan Kementerian Pendidikan pada 13 Mac tahun lalu mengarahkan semua 111 sekolah di daerah itu ditutup diikuti semua institusi pengajian tinggi.



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Noh kesal isu elaun

Tempelak MB Selangor buat pusingan U selepas potong elaun petugas masjid dan surau

Oleh MOHD IZZATUL IZUAN TAHIR

TANJONG KARANG

UMNO Selangor kesal dengan tindakan Menteri Besar Selangor, Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari berhugung elaun petugas masjid dan surau di negeri ini yang dipotong sebelum ini, namun dikembalikan pada kadar asal kelmarin selepas mendapat kecaman di media sosial.

Pengerusinya, Tan Sri Noh Omar berkata, Amirudin sepatutnya menersukan elaun tersebut pada kadar sedia ada tanpa perlu memotongnya.

Menurutnya, tindakan Amirudin yang membuat pusingan 'U' menggambarkan beliau tidak mengambil berat soal kepentingan rakyat termasuk isu elaun petugas masjid dan surau di Selangor.

"Bagaimana Menteri Besar tidak mengambil berat terhadap dasar yang dibuat oleh kerajaan negeri ataupun agensi di bawahnya?"

"Setiap dasar yang ingin dilaksanakan mesti rujuk dengan Menteri Besar atau kerajaan negeri terlebih dahulu.

"Saya percaya mereka (agensi ber-



Noh (berdiri, empat dari kanan) bersama kepimpinan UMNO dan Pas Tanjong Karang pada Majlis Perasmian Penutup Program Berkayak Hari Malaysia di Tanjong Karang semalam.

kaitan) sudah merujuk tetapi mungkin Menteri Besar tidak faham apa yang pegawai bincangkan.

"Sekarang Menteri Besar hendak buat pusingan 'U' pula iaitu kekalkan elaun lama setelah mendapat kecaman netizen, sedangkan perkara ini (pemotongan elaun) sepatutnya tidak berlaku," katanya pada sidang akhbar selepas Majlis Perasmian Penutup Program Berkayak Hari Malaysia Kasih Sungai Kita di pekarangan Pasti Sungai Kajang di sini semalam.

Sebelum ini, kadar elaun petugas masjid dan surau di Selangor dikurangkan akibat penurunan kutipan zakat, namun kelmarin Amirudin mengumumkan ia dikembalikan kepada kadar asal.

Pada 10 September lalu, surat diked-

uarkan Jabatan Agama Islam Selangor (JAIS) mengenai pengurangan elaun yang membabitkan nazir dan timbalannya, setiausaha, bendahari, bilal serta siak daripada keseluruhan RM1,430 kepada RM880 tular di media sosial.

Dalam pada itu, Noh yang juga Ahli Parlimen Tanjong Karang berkata, tindakan Amirudin dalam soal perobohan kilang haram di negeri ini sehingga menyebabkan pencemaran Sungai Selangor turut dipersoal.

"Misalnya, Menteri Besar hendak tunggu hujung tahun ini baru tindakan diambil hinggalan menerima teguran Sultan Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah yang meminta tindakan segera diambil terhadap kilang-kilang haram tersebut," katanya.



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Septic and chemical waste discharged into retention pond in Kampung Sungai Manggis threatens to pollute Sungai Langat in Banting

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CONTAMINATION of Sungai Langat in Banting is threatening the daily water supply just as Selangor plans to revive water diversion caused by odour pollution in Sungai Congkak.

This follows the discovery of septic and chemical waste being discharged into a water retention pond in Kampung Sungai Manggis, located some 15km from the river.

A check by StarMetro revealed that the water there had turned black, emitting a stench.

Dead fish floated on the pond's surface, while aquatic plants had withered, as dirty water flowed into Sungai Langat through an under-ground culvert.

This area is about 500m from the Kuala Langat Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) office. Locals claim a nearby factory's

workers' hostel was responsible for the food discharge at the pond.

A rail by the authorities had already revealed that the hostel had behind the contamination of a stream near the Taman Rajah housing area here.

Resident Mohd Ali Hassan Ibrahim, 42, said leaks had been on the lookout for any further contamination following the pollution of the stream near their homes.

"The discharge into the stream stopped after residents made complaints, but we are worried that they may release the waste into another water body," explained Mohd Ali, who is Masjid Al-Baitun construction secretary.

Kuala Langat Environmental Charities (KLENC) chief Ming said he had gone to check on the pond with Mohd Ali and a few other locals.

"We went around 19pm and noticed a huge increase in liquid

flow at the culvert.

"Perhaps those responsible thought they could hide their activity by discharging the waste at night."

"We are worried that the contamination of polluted water into Sungai Langat will affect the freshwater channels that have made their habitat here," he said.

PAKSI secretary Pua Lay Peng said the turbulence at the culvert could be an indication that there was an underground pipe discharging waste into the pond.

She urged Kuala Langat Municipal Council (MPPKA) and the Department of Environment (DOE) to investigate the matter soon to prevent further release of harmful substances into the river.

"The discharge will cause the level of dissolved oxygen in the river to drop, eventually devastating the aquatic ecosystem and food chain," she said.

She added that two samples were taken and sent to a laboratory in Shah Alam for analysis.

"One sample was taken at the pond and the other near the culvert's inlet."

"We should get the results within seven to 10 working days," she said.

When contacted MPPKA corporate communications officer Mohd Arif said DID had requested for the retention pond to be built.

"The request was made during the application for planning approval of nearby industrial and housing developments."

"If there is an overflow at the pond, excess water will be diverted into Sungai Langat," he said.

Current water from Sungai Langat is discharged to some 30,000 account holders in the municipality through the Labuhan Dagang water treatment plant, which began operation in

November last year.

However, the number of accounts is expected to quadruple by 2022, when works by total main pipes are completed by Pengurusan Air Selangor Sdn Bhd.

Separately, the dispute between locals and the authorities over the minimum distance required between a sanitary factory and the Taman Rajah housing area centre.

In a StarMetro report on Aug 11, Selangor DOE was quoted as saying that the minimum distance between a sanitary factory and a retention pond should be based on the local plan issued by the local authority.

The Kuala Langat Local Plan 2021 gazetted on July 5, 2018, states that any industries should be at least 500m from settlements, with 70% green buffer.

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A measurement by residents found that the factory was located only 40m away from their housing area.

However, housing assemblyman Lau Ahong Sun, in a memo to State Ministers, said the Selangor State Manual Codebook and Planning Standards, issued in 2015 by the State Urban and Village Planning Department, stated that the minimum distance was 300m with a 20m-wide green buffer.

It is unclear which guideline was followed by DOE.

An investigation by DOE was ordered by Environment Minister Datuk Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man on Sept 1.

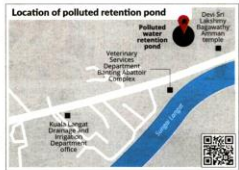
Department director-general Nevin Idris, when contacted, said the matter was being looked into, but did not respond to further requests for details.

Meanwhile, in response to locals' complaints about noise and odour from the factory, Lau said a meeting with factory representatives on July 28 had clarified the matter.

"The factory admitted that the odour was caused by discharge from the workers' hostel and not from its operation, while the noise was caused by the unloading of machinery from freight containers."

"The factory said it had to continue operations and was still going through various phases of

Contamination in Sg Langat may affect aquatic life



Location of polluted retention pond

DOE Sri Lattang (previously) retention pond

Polluted water retention pond

Veterinary Services Department (VSD) - Selangor

Factory

Sungai Langat

Department of Environment (DOE)

Tan says the water flow increases at night and fears the effluent may kill the freshwater shrimps that have made their habitat in Sungai Langat.

— SHAARI CHEMAT/The Star

construction and approvals from the authorities," he said, adding that DOE and the Occupational Safety and Health Department also had jurisdiction.

"The local councils rely on other authorities to vet applications for

planning approvals and they will process any application with full transparency, subject to legal provisions," he said.

Lau denied that locals were unfavourable about the factory's development as their concerns were recorded during the meeting.

He added that the factory was on a campaign to employ locals and he supported "the need to balance economic development with environmental protection."

PAKSI, however, disagreed with him and urged the state government to give more weight to environmental concerns.

"The state government must not ignore environmental issues to the people and wait until disaster happens," said Pua.



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MBPJ TAX REBATE

Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) is offering assessment rebates for homeowners who have made their homes more environmentally friendly. Deadline is Oct 16. For details, download the form at <https://bit.ly/33j-6FOb> or call MBPJ's Solid Waste Management and Public Cleansing Department at 03-7954 1440.



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MBSA ON WHEELS

Shah Alam City Council is bringing its mobile office to Tesco Setia Alam, Seksyen U13, Shah Alam from 11am to 5pm on Sept 19. Services provided include payments for assessment, parking compound and complaint submissions. For details, visit www.mbsa.gov.my



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Traffic cameras to serve as early flood warning tool

MPK to monitor high tide in certain areas through its CCTV unit

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CLOSED-circuit television cameras used for traffic management in Klang will double up as an early warning tool to detect rising water levels in low areas during this weekend's high tide phenomena.

Coastal areas in Selangor have been put on vigilant flood mode, as on Sept 19, the tide is forecasted to reach 5.7m at 7.16am while on Sept 20, the tide is expected to hit 5.6m at 7.53am.

Klang Municipal Council (MPK) Enforcement Department director Shahrul Hazri Abd Majid said the council's surveillance cameras would act as an early flood warning tool.

"Out of the 76 camera locations, we have five cameras in low-lying areas or flooding hotspots," he added.

"Our enforcement CCTV Unit staff will keep a keen eye for rising water levels.

"We will have real-time images from cameras at sites across Tanjung Harapan, Pulau Ketam jetty at Jalan Foreshore, Jalan Jambatan Connaught, Jalan Tepi Sungai and Menara MPK," said Shahrul, adding that the council's CCTV Unit staff would have a dual task.

"Our enforcement staff will keep an eye out for traffic and monitor the occurrence of flash floods," he explained.

"As soon as water levels rise, the unit will inform the council's Quick Action Team (Pantas), Klang Civil Defence Department and Port Klang Fire and Rescue Department."

Council president Dr Ahmad Fadzli Ahmad Tajuddin was glad that the CCTV Unit decided to turn a passive monitoring camera into a



MPK Enforcement CCTV Unit's Mohd Yazid Ahmad (seated) and Azman A. Hamid monitoring the township through surveillance cameras that will be used during high tide on Sept 19 and 20.



visual sensor, which maximises the potential of the equipment.

"The unit's role is now much more important as they will mobilise the relevant authorities. Some cameras are in critical areas within a 5km radius of Sungai Klang," he said.

"Our aim is to utilise the camer-

as to warn residents of rising waters."

Fadzli added that even the Sluice Gate 38 at Jalan Tepi Sungai that controls high tide waters from breaching inland was monitored with cameras and sensors to automatically shut the gates.

Asked how MPK planned to warn people of rising waters, Fadzli said the council planned to upload information on water levels in real time on its Care website.

"Most people have smartphones so those who surf MPK's website will get updates on rising waters," he said.

Meanwhile, MPK Environmental Services Department director Zairezal Ahmad Zainuddin said monsoon drains in flood-prone areas under the purview of the council were being desilted.

"Our in-house cleaning team has been cleaning up monsoon drains.

"On Sept 16, they cleaned the drain in Kampung Martin that runs behind SK Methodist ACS in Taman Melawis," he said.

Zairezal added that the drain across D'Anjung neighbourhood, which bordered Taman Melawis, would also be cleaned to ensure smooth flow of water and prevent flash floods from occurring.

On the high-tide phenomenon expected to go into October and November with tides remaining high, Fadzli said the council would monitor the situation.

The high-risk flood areas in Klang identified by Selangor Disaster Management Unit are Kampong Tok Muda, Kampong Sungai Pinang in Pulau Indah, Pandamaran, Taman Selatan Damai, Port Klang, Kampong Sungai Serdang, Bund Sementa, Bund Sungai Keramat, Kampong Perepat, North Port, Telok Gong and Pulau Ketam.

Klang Fire and Rescue Department will monitor these areas too.

Residents in Klang can call MPK's Disaster Operations Room at 03-3370 1095 if they encounter difficulties during the high tide.



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MPK holds clean-up at Taman Kem flats to curb dengue

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KLANG Municipal Council (MPK) Commissioner of Buildings (COB) organised a weekend *gotong-royong* at the area surrounding five blocks of low-cost flats in Taman Kem, Port Klang, to curb the spread of dengue.

MPK COB director Hani Suryati Abd Rahman said around 80 residents participated in the half-day event that began at 8am and ended at 12.30pm.

MPK's Health Department also carried out fogging.

"People came together to clean

and remove rubbish dumped at road corners.

"Old tyres, plastic buckets and broken furniture left outside the flats were carted off," said Hani.

"We wanted to ensure that the immediate surroundings of the flats were not potential *Aedes* mosquito breeding sites.

"Two lorry loads of rubbish were removed from the area."

She added that residents were taught to identify breeding sites around the flats and eliminate areas of stagnant water where plastic bottles were strewn around.

Councillor for the area

M. Puspavali said the activity was timely in view of the dengue situation in Port Klang, where 563 confirmed dengue cases had been recorded from January to Sept 13.

Puspavali added that Taman Kem flats was chosen as the *gotong-royong* venue because there had been a number of dengue cases reported in the area.

MPK president Dr Ahmad Fadzli Ahmad Tajuddin, who was present at the event, said the council hoped to increase public awareness on the importance of dengue prevention within their surroundings in order to make the residential area safer for everyone.



A resident picking up rubbish and plastic bottles during the *gotong-royong* at the area surrounding Taman Kem low-cost flats in Port Klang.



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Lawyers: Denial of bail in pollution case perplexing

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PETALING JAYA: Lawyers are puzzled by the decision of the Selayang sessions court to deny bail for four directors and a manager who were charged in court on Tuesday over the pollution of Sungai Gong in Rawang.

Lawyer Datuk M. Reza Hassan, who is counsel for the four directors, all of whom are brothers, and the manager of Yip Chee Seng and Sons Sdn Bhd, told *theSun* yesterday that the sessions court had exercised its discretion in not granting bail but the decision is "highly unusual".

He said the prosecution had submitted that there was a risk of evidence-tampering in the case.

"They must furnish evidence of tampering. It

is quite perplexing as bail is merely to secure attendance in court and must not be used to deny a person's liberty while the court of law determines if he is guilty."

Reza said an appeal to seek bail for the five men is under way.

Two other lawyers shared similar opinions. Lawyer Manoharan Malayalam said the offences are bailable and the decision to deny the accused bail is illegal.

"Why keep them locked up even before they are found guilty? Perhaps the court wants this to be a deterrent to other potential and similar offenders.

"However, this is illegal and cruel. It is a breach of fundamental rights which is enshrined in the Federal Constitution," he said.

"The Shah Alam High Court should intervene and call it up for a revision. The

accused are neither a flight risk due to the Covid-19 travel restrictions nor can they tamper with evidence or witnesses.

"While the public is the victim, the witnesses are made up of professionals who investigated the case. Moreover, how can they tamper with evidence when the workshop premise is sealed?"

Criminal lawyer K. A. Ramu said although the case is of public interest, the accused should have a right to bail as the law allows for it.

"Perhaps the presiding judge viewed the case as that of public interest, where millions of users were affected by a water cut. However, the prosecution should present a good reason as to why the accused should not be granted bail," he said.

The four brothers, Yip Kok Wai, 52, Yip Kok Mun, 58, Yip Kok Kuin, 50 and Yip Kok Weng,

60, were jointly charged with their company manager Ho Voon Leong, 59, for "discharging or depositing scheduled waste in the environment leading to pollution" under Section 25 of the Environment Quality Act and "mischief by injury to works of irrigation" under Section 430 of the Penal Code.

They were ordered to be held at the Bentong prison.

The men were held after large quantities of effluents suspected to have originated from their company were found dumped in Sungai Gong.

The effluents led to the pollution of the Sungai Selangor water treatment plant, which resulted in a major water cut in the Klang Valley that affected over 1.2 million households.

Apart from the directors and manager, other employees of the company were also probed.



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No bail for alleged Sg Gong offenders

THE five men charged over the Sungai Gong pollution will await trial in prison as no bail was granted by the judge.

Selayang Sessions Court Judge Syafeera Mohd Said denied bail for the alleged offenders — the four company directors and a workshop manager, after hearing submissions from the prosecutors who said the case was unailable.

"This case caused six million residents in Malaysia to be without water supply for five days.

"This issue also received the attention of the country's leadership. If the court disagreed with my submission, I request the court to impose bail of RM2 million each," deputy public prosecutor Muhamad Iskandar Ahmad said at the court on Tuesday.

The five accused men are brothers Yip Kok Wai, 53; Yip Kok Mun, 58; Yip Kok Kuin, 70; and Yip Kok Wong, 60, who are the board of directors of Yip Chee Seng & Sons Sdn Bhd; and Ho Voon Leong, 59, who is the manager of the company's heavy machinery workshop.

Defence counsel Datuk M Reza Hassan appealed for a low bail, saying that his clients were cooperative during police investigations



Four board members and a manager of a heavy machinery repair company pleaded not guilty at the Selayang Sessions Court on Tuesday in connection with the recent dumping of hazardous materials into Sungai Gong. Judge Syafeera denies bail for the alleged offenders

and willingly surrendered themselves to the authorities after the incident occurred.

Another defence counsel, Abdul Rashid Ismail pleaded for RM100,000 bail, saying the clients are adults above the age of 50 who are at a higher risk of Covid-19 infection.

As it was, after hearing submissions

by the prosecution and defence, Judge Syafeera denied all the accused bail.

Standing inside the dock, the five accused men were visibly shocked at the judge's ruling.

They will be held at Bentong Prison in Pahang. The court fixed Oct 27 for mention.

Earlier, the five men pleaded not guilty to two charges.

One count is under Section 430 of the Penal Code for committing mischief by causing hazardous substances to flow from the workshop to Sungai Gong, causing a diminution of water supply for human consumption.

They were charged with committing the act at the workshop of Yip Chee Seng & Sons at Kg Sungai Dua, Rawang, in Gombak, Selangor, between Sept 2 and 3.

They face imprisonment for up to 30 years or a fine, or both, if convicted.

On the second count, they were accused of emitting environmentally hazardous substances from the workshop into a waterway, which then streamed into Sungai Gong, without a licence at the same place and time.

The offence falls under Section 25(1) of the Environmental Quality Act 1974 which provides a maximum fine of RM100,000, or imprisonment for up to five years, or both, if found guilty.

The Sungai Gong pollution wreaked havoc recently in the Klang Valley with unscheduled water cuts in Shah Alam, Petaling, Kuala Langat, Hulu Selangor, Kuala Selangor, Gombak and Kuala Lumpur.

Pengurusan Air Selangor Sdn Bhd had to shut down four water treatment plants, the Sungai Selangor Phase 1, 2 and 3 and Rantau Panjang water treatment plants, affecting over 1.2 million account holders. — by RAHIMI YUNUS