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# Get to bottom of lake pollution, DBKL told

SIGNS of pollution surfaced at Kepong Metropolitan Lake in Kuala Lumpur.

Visitors at the park first noticed dead fish and an orange tinted oil-like substance floating in the pond on Saturday.

A guard at the park Zahari Alias, 54, said Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) had been informed of the matter.

He said DBKL employees cleared away the dead fish and collected the water sample yesterday.

"The smell of dead fish was overwhelming and visitors have started to complain," he added.

A regular visitor Yap Koi, 75, said a similar pollution would take place a few times in a year, especially at the end of the year.

"I am not sure about the cause but it keeps recurring," he said.

The 57ha lake located within the 95ha park is a very popular recreational area.

The lake is also one of the few such water bodies in Kuala Lumpur where anglers are allowed to fish.

Kepong MP Lim Lip Eng said he received complaints from nearby residents last Saturday and sent volunteers from the service centre to check out the situation.

He said the volunteers found dead fish and a layer of unknown substance floating in the pond.

"I contacted contractors from two construction sites near the park to look into the pollution to see if there was a possibility that it came from their project sites.

"Based on the flow of the pollution, the contractors denied any involvement on the matter," he said, adding that some said the pollution was coming from a nearby pond in Taman Intan Baiduri.

"The onus is on DBKL to find the culprit behind the pollution.

"Perhaps DBKL can get experts to investigate the water sample and find the source of this recurring problem, and punish the offenders accordingly," he said.

StarMetro reached out to DBKL for comments but did not receive a response at press time.

Kepong Metropolitan Park visitors claim incident occurs several times a year



Dead fish washed up from the Kepong Metropolitan Park lake.