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Water tank without DBKL permit brought down

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KUALA Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) demolished a huge water tank in the Bukit Bintang area during the second phase of its Ops Tebah or Operation Strike.

Ops Tebah is the local government's enforcement against illegal extensions on commercial premises and other structures built by commercial property owners without approval.

The water tank, which took up a large portion of the back lane off Jalan Beremi and Jalan Beranang, had been a blight on the neighbourhood since the day it was illegally installed on a steel stand many years ago.

This site was an eyesore compounded by rubbish strewn all over the place.

Local Agenda 21 secretariat and coordinator A. Ghani Mohamed said there was rubbish disposed of

by people living on the upper floors of the buildings.

"Foreign workers live in the building above. They work at the restaurants on the ground floor," he said.

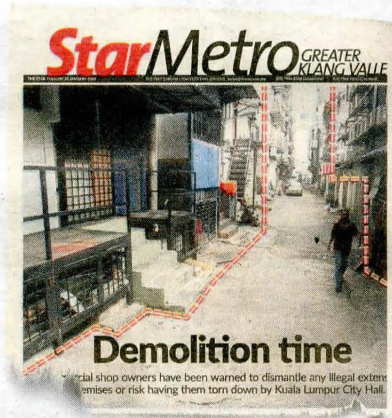
He added that the workers were throwing rubbish from their living quarters and it would land on top of the water tank or around it.

Ghani said the situation would eventually cause water contamination.

DBKL demolished several other illegal structures in accordance to Sections 46 and 72 of the Street, Drainage and Building Act 1974, which governed offences of obstruction.

Apart from the tank, three restaurants were fined for obstruction and had its items seized.

The joint operation was carried out with more than 10 policemen and 62 DBKL licensing and enforcement department officers from the Bukit Bintang branch,



StarMetro's cover story on Jan 28.

including two officers from Air Selangor.

Last month, enforcement was carried out at the back lanes off Jalan Thambipillay in Brickfields and is expected to be done in stages throughout the year.



DBKL officers demolishing the water tank in Jalan Beremi, Kuala Lumpur.