

DBKL urged to resolve stinky lake issue

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IRKED by the pungent stench coming from the stagnant and polluted lake water at Taman Tasik Metropolitan Kepong, Kuala Lumpur, park users and residents are urging the authorities to take swift action.

Vincent Yau, 51, who lived at Mizumi Residences next to the lake, said the foul smell reached his condominium unit that was on one of the lower floors.

"This has been going on for two weeks and Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) has not resolved the problem yet.

"There is no outlet for the polluted water, so algae forms on the surface and kills the fish in the lake, creating the strong smell.

"The water must either be cleaned at the source or the dirty water must be removed to



Yee (left) and Yau showing the sludge accumulated on the surface of the lake at Taman Tasik Metropolitan Kepong. — YAP CHEE HONG/The Star

improve the water ecosystem," Yau said in a press conference at the site.

Kepong Community Service Centre head Yee Poh Ping, who organised the press conference, said he received multiple complaints from residents and

park-goers alike on the issue.

"The water flows into the lake from residential and industrial areas in Selayang and Intan Baiduri.

"Without a proper waste filtration system at the water inlet to the lake, waste and pollutants flow

into the lake and accumulate at the corner of the park," he said.

Yee added that although DBKL had attempted to resolve the issue a number of times, the problem persisted.

"DBKL recently installed three lake aerators to clean the polluted water, but they operated at a low capacity and failed to mitigate the stench.

"We have asked DBKL to upgrade the pumps and increase the volume of water being moved to dilute the entire lake surface.

"Ultimately, the best solution is to build an inexpensive underground drainage system that connects the lake with the main drainage to channel the stagnant lake water out," he added.

In December 2020, *StarMetro* reported of dead fish found at the same lake and later a thin layer of sludge started to form on the surface of the water.