



A firefighter yesterday checking the aftermath of a landslide at Persiaran Tunku Syed Sirajuddin, Kuala Lumpur. PIC: BY HAIRUL ANUAR RAHIM

LANDSLIDE THREAT

'MACA BUILDING STILL IN DANGER'

Authorities mull installing iron piles to safeguard neighbouring buildings

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THE authorities are considering installing iron piles in the area near the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Academy (MACA) after a landslide occurred there on Tues-

day.

At present, tarpaulin is being used to cover the soil to prevent further erosion by rain, but a more permanent solution is needed.

Sentul police chief Assistant Commissioner Beh Eng Lai said discussions were being held with a number of organisations on remedial actions that should

be taken.

"We discovered that there is still a risk of another collapse and soil erosion. Covering the area with tarpaulin alone may not reduce the risk.

"So we are thinking about using iron piling to safeguard the neighbouring buildings, specifically the Malaysian Integrity Institute (IIM) and MACA," he said after visiting the site.

The landslide at Persiaran Tunku Syed Sirajuddin, here, was caused by a burst underground pipe and the accumulation of wa-

ter after recent heavy rains.

Beh also said that a collapse had now expanded to the IIM building.

"New fissures have appeared." Meanwhile, both MACA and IIM have told those working there to stay away from the buildings.

The quick relocation of 45 workers, 22 officers, 16 cleaners, and seven tenants of its quarters was carried out on Tuesday.

The evacuation was ordered by Beh upon the recommendation of the Fire and Rescue Depart-

ment and will be in effect until the area is declared safe.

MACA said it was prepared for any additional directives from the authorities and would periodically issue notifications.

IIM management said it had ordered all of its employees to work from home until a date to be announced later.

On Tuesday, Works Minister Datuk Seri Alexander Nanta Linggi had said the Public Works Department was conducting a detailed investigation into the cause of the incident.