

Burst pipes pose danger to residents

Intan Baiduri PPR residents in Selayang fear accidents and electrocution

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A BURST underground pipe is causing water to gush out into the parking lot at Intan Baiduri People's Housing Project (PPR) in Selayang, Kuala Lumpur.

Residents in blocks A and B told *StarMetro* the problem began about two years ago and had worsened.

A huge pothole has also appeared near the burst pipe located behind Block A, accumulating stagnant water and posing a danger to motorists.

Residents are concerned the situation will weaken the soil structure and affect the integrity of buildings there.

Intan Baiduri PPR residents committee chairman Khairul Anwar Yusoff said he had alerted Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL).

"We are worried that if repairs are not done soon, the pothole will grow even bigger."



Khairul showing the pothole which has grown bigger since the underground pipe burst.

Resident Zamanhury Izin says he is worried about motorists' safety, especially at night when the pothole is less visible.

"The burst pipe has also created spots of stagnant water, raising fears they may become breeding grounds for mosquitoes."

Intan Baiduri PPR consists of six 17-storey blocks with nearly 1,900 units, said Khairul.

Residents are also concerned about another burst pipe at a water tank sited behind Block A and located next to a Tenaga Nasional Bhd generator.



The burst pipe at the tank that supplies water to blocks A and B in Intan Baiduri PPR in Selayang.

Water from the pipe has spilled into the compound housing the generator, raising concerns of electrocution and power disruptions.

Block B residents association chairman Nor Haizam Abd Majid said the tank supplied water to

blocks A and B.

"Due to the burst pipe, we have been experiencing low water pressure daily, especially from 8pm," he said.

DBKL had yet to respond to a request for comments at press time.