

Jalan Alor's name stays, says mayor

Signboard to be changed this week



Our plan: Hakim (left) showing the four identified areas for the temporary retention ponds for Segambut. Looking on is DBKL's drainage and irrigation director Hooi Yoke Meng.

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JALAN Alor's name will be retained. Kuala Lumpur Mayor Datuk Ab Hakim Borhan, who appeared on the scene yesterday, said the Federal Territory Kuala Lumpur Road Naming Committee had agreed to the change after a special meeting on Tuesday.

The Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) came under fire from all quarters when it changed the world-renowned Jalan Alor to Jalan Kejora.

"The DBKL will be changing the signboard within this week," he said after visiting Taman Segambut Bahagia, which was hit by flash floods recently.

Hakim said the DBKL came to the decision after taking views from all sides.

"The committee is aware of the problems faced by the public, businessmen as well as tourists.

"The area has also improved well over the years with good road maintenance and good lighting system.

"As far as enforcement goes, we will continue to ensure that the area is clean and business operators abide by the rules and regulations set on the use of premises," said Hakim.

As for Taman Segambut Bahagia, Hakim said the infrastructure needs to be upgraded to avoid another flooding incident.

"The area is an old village. The drainage system is too small to cope with the amount of water coming in to Sungai Toba, which is the main catchment area.

"We will act immediately to increase the number of pumps to take in more water, build flood gates to avoid backflow of water and have identified four empty areas to be used as temporary water retention ponds," he said.

During the visit, Hakim gave out RM300 to the 193 families affected by the flood.



Going down to the ground: Hakim (second from right) checking out the drainage system in Taman Segambut Bahagia.