

Structure on gas pipeline sparks safety fears in KL



The structure was allegedly built over a gas pipeline and near Jinjang Fire and Rescue Station in Kepong, Kuala Lumpur.

A STRUCTURE with toilet facilities allegedly built over a gas pipeline in Jinjang, Kepong, is raising safety concerns.

Community activist Yee Poh Ping said he raised the matter with Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) in August last year when the structure was being built.

“DBKL must clarify the purpose of building the structure, as well as the safety risks associated with it,” he said.

Yee claimed trees on land opposite the Jinjang Fire and Rescue Station were felled in July 2024.

DBKL did not respond to *StarMetro*’s queries regarding the matter as at press time.

In Kedah, Bernama reported that the state has been alerted

about encroachment above a gas pipe in the Pendang district.

Its state housing, local government and health committee chairman Mansor Zakaria said the activity was reported in two villages, where residents had allegedly been extracting red earth from land above the pipeline.

“The matter was brought to our attention by the district officer.

“The villagers have been removing soil from the pipeline route,” he told reporters after the Kedah state assembly in Alor Setar.

He said the gas company had been notified to inspect the area and take the appropriate action.

Although the affected area was not extensive, Mansor stressed

that the encroachment could pose a risk to the underground pipeline, which is located at a depth of about 6.4m.

In light of the Putra Heights gas explosion and fire on April 1 in Selangor, he said precautionary steps should be taken to avoid a similar incident in Kedah.

Kedah’s infrastructure agency, Utiliti Infra Darul Aman (Uida) is conducting a statewide remapping of utility routes, including gas pipelines, water and electricity lines.

“The data will be incorporated into Uida’s database. This will help identify any utility infrastructure during planning and development approval processes,” he said.