

Jalan Puchong
land owner
ordered to stop
illegal earth works
after muddy runoff
flows onto roads
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Stop-work order issued for Puchong building site

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THE landowner responsible for the muddy mess along Jalan Puchong's 6th mile has been ordered to carry out mitigation work, following enforcement by Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL).

After *StarMetro*'s April 22 report titled "Stakeholders decry Jalan Puchong's muddy mess", DBKL enforcement officers inspected the site.

In a statement to *StarMetro*, the local authority confirmed that the landowner was at fault.

"We found the residents' complaints to be justified.

"The dirt and mud originated from a nearby construction site, which caused runoff onto the public road, forming pools of muddy water," it said.

During the visit, the Federal Territories Solid Waste Management and Public Cleansing Corporation (SWCorp) supervised the cleaning of the affected location in the presence of the officers.

DBKL said further checks revealed the landowner had not obtained planning permission or approval to carry out earthworks on the site, identified as Lot 9614.

"A notice of offence under Section 47(2)(b) of the Street, Drainage and Building Act 1974 was issued to the landowner.

"We have seized the site and ordered an immediate stop-work for all activities until the necessary approvals are obtained."

A directive was also issued for the landowner to implement

DBKL seizes land, says all activities to be halted until necessary approvals are obtained



DBKL has issued a notice against the landowner who carried out illegal work that caused mud to wash onto the main road. — YAP CHEE HONG/The Star

Stakeholders decry Jalan Puchong's muddy mess

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A STRETCH of Jalan Puchong 6th mile has turned into a muddy mess due to runoff from a vacant plot of land nearby.

The affected land falls under the jurisdiction of Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL).

Each time it rains, the roadside becomes a slippery hazard – leaving pedestrians frustrated, vehicles splattered with mud and residents wondering why the authorities had yet to act.

"Whenever it rains, this place turns into a muddy mess," said K. Aruna Samy, a resident nearby.

"It's not just unpleasant, it's dangerous. Motorcyclists skid

and pedestrians are forced to walk on the road."

Residents also said the problem did not end when the rain stopped and that on dry days, the mud hardened into fine dust coating houses, vehicles and laundry.

"I tried drying clothes outside in the sun, but they are covered in brown dust within an hour."

"It's like living next to a construction site," said housewife Nur Azzina Ahmad.

Seputeh Residents Representative Council chairman Alvin T. Ariaratnam said he was informed by business owners that their employees were constantly cleaning the walkway to keep it safe for customers.

"It is affecting their business. People don't want to wade through mud to get to the shops," Alvin said.

Food stall operator only known as Rosna, said the mud was driving customers away.

"Every time it rains, I lose business. The mud pools in front of my stall," she said.

A visit by *StarMetro* confirmed that the runoff originated from a vacant construction site showing signs of excavation.

The landowner was issued a stop-work order and the entrance had been sealed with DBKL enforcement tape.

A red notice on the gate confirms enforcement action had been taken.

The site remains a mess, with loose soil, reddish-brown embankments and scattered debris – wood planks, rocks, a green hose and broken pipes.

Residents believe the site's location on the border of Kuala Lumpur and Selangor has led to delayed action.

"It's always the same story when an area straddles two jurisdictions.

"Nobody wants to take responsibility," said Alvin. DBKL did not respond at press time.

Meanwhile, Alice Lan Suet Ling, special assistant to Seputeh MP Teresa Kok, said she would raise the problem with DBKL officers to ensure appropriate action was taken.



When it rains, mud from a construction site flows to public walkways and spill the main road in Jalan Puchong 6th Mile. — Filepic

StarMetro report on April 22.

a mitigation plan to prevent any recurrence.

DBKL said it would continue

monitoring the area to ensure compliance with regulations and to safeguard

urban environmental standards.

StarMetro had reported on the muddy conditions along Jalan Puchong's 6th mile, caused by runoff from a nearby vacant lot that showed signs of unauthorised excavation.

The runoff from the land under DBKL's jurisdiction, made the roadside slippery whenever it rained, splashing vehicles, posing a risk to motorcyclists and forcing pedestrians to walk on the road.

On dry days, residents said the mud dried into fine dust that coated homes, laundry and shopfronts.