

River of rubbish an eyesore in Kampar



Old furniture, sofas and rubbish are dumped at the riverside in Jalan Baru, Kampar. PIC BY MUHAIZAN YAHYA

ILLEGAL dumping at a riverside in Jalan Baru, Kampar, is becoming worse, raising concerns as it could cause pollution with leachate flowing into the river.

Checks revealed that the site was filled with domestic rubbish as well as construction waste and used furniture.

A resident, who wished to be known only as JAY, said the area was a hot spot for illegal dumping even after it was cleared a few times by the Kampar District Council.

He said it was a never-ending problem as the public would dump their rubbish again after the area was cleared by the council.

ACTIONLINE:

A Kampar District Council spokesman said two teams comprising of six enforcement officers with backhoes would be dispatched to clear the area.

"We carry out a weekly cleaning service at the area every Friday.

"We have a bulky waste schedule for us to clean up the hot spot areas, which includes the riverside," he said.

The spokesman advised the public against dumping rubbish there as it would dirty the river.



MISSING THE MARK

Lack of civic consciousness among residents and lack of enforcement by local authorities have tarnished Penang island, famous for its food and sandy beaches. 'It is sad to see environmental cleanliness being overlooked by the local council. 'How can we attract tourists with conditions like this?' questioned a passer by, pointing to rubbish strewn just outside a bin.

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