

Eyes on river

Developer told to take immediate action

A CHECK by Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ) along the Sungai Klang riverbank where soil erosion took place recently found that the retaining wall that was under construction had collapsed.

The check that was carried out in response to a story in *StarMetro*, "Erosion fears in Melawati," also found the exposed soil was covered with a tarpaulin sheet to avoid further erosion.

"The developer will also be planting grass at the affected area immediately to avoid untoward events from happening," said MPAJ public relations officer Norhayati Ahmad via a press statement.

She said the developer was in the process of building an additional silt trap to control mudflow into the river.

"We will carry out follow-up monitoring from time to time to ensure the developer takes immediate action to overcome the problems at the site," she added.

Previously, residents of the area had expressed their worry over river pollution due to the collapsed wall as well as muddy water flowing into the river from the site.

Resident Abdul Rahim Majid, 64, a



Work in progress: A filepic showing the riverbank where erosion took place was padded up with additional soil

retiree said he saw heavy machinery by the riverbank after the wall had collapsed, and that workers were putting additional soil around the affected area as well as at a small stretch upstream.

Another resident Dr Ho Yee Sen, 50, said the river's course had been diverted due to sand and rocks collecting by the riverbank on the

development side.

"These days, during heavy rain, the river water hits our side of the bank more often due to silt and the changes taking place at the river," said Dr Ho, adding that the river used to be clear in the past and people could be seen fishing from its banks.

When contacted, the developer refused to comment on the matter.