

On shaky ground

Condo residents want collapsed retaining wall repaired soon

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RESIDENTS want the authorities to repair the collapsed retaining wall behind the Ken Damansara 3 Condominium in SS2, Petaling Jaya.

A large amount of soil beneath the perimeter wall has been swept away by strong currents of Sungai Penchala near the condominium block.

The trees lining the river bank and the temporary fence have also sunk into the eroding soil.

There is a danger to the condominium block because of soil movement and the residents are worried.

Residents of the low-cost Bestari apartments nearby also voiced their concerns about the emerging cracks on the roads and pavements.

A member of the Ken Damansara 3 Joint Management Body (JMB), Gavin Khoo, said about 200 condo residents fear the collapse of the wall would pose a danger to the building structure.

"Most of the residents are young families and students and we want quick action before the situation worsens," he said.

Another JMB member said he wanted written certification from the authorities rather than verbal assurance.

He said several Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) officers and the developer, Ken Holdings Berhad, had visited the site, but no action had been taken to rectify the problem.

MBPJ councillor K.W. Mak said the council had requested for an independent audit



Accident waiting to happen: Residents are concerned the collapsed perimeter wall behind Ken Damansara 3 condominiums, Petaling Jaya poses danger to the building.

assessment to determine the cause of the collapse by the second or third week of this month.

"In the meantime, the damaged area has been covered with plastic to minimise further soil erosion," he said.

He added that the developers should be responsible for the damage because the wall was designed and built by them.

A representative from Ken Holdings Berhad

said the management was waiting for the investigation report from the council.

"We will take action after reviewing the report from the engineer," he said.

He added that the local Drainage and Irrigation Department (JPS) refused to take responsibility for the collapse.

"JPS claims that the developers did not hand over the wall building plans and therefore they will not take responsibility," he said.