

Living on the edge

SPLITTING: Fear is driving Pandan Mewah Heights residents out of their homes

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Residents of Pandan Mewah Heights are fearing for their safety since cracks started appearing in roads near the apartment compound.

Cempaka assemblyman Iskandar Samad, who is also the Selangor Housing, Building Management and Squatters exco, said the cracks appeared about a week ago.

"I was here yesterday to take a look at how serious the cracks were and today the cracks have become bigger," said Iskandar.



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Cracks as long as **50m** have appeared on roads near Pandan Mewah Heights.

Cracks deeper, wider by the day

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He said the major cracks were now about 50m long and looked dangerous.

"Some worried residents have already moved out from their condominium," said Iskandar.

Pandan Mewah Heights comprise six apartment blocks with 528 units.

He said the cracks were caused by damage to the retaining wall. "The Department of Irrigation and Drainage is expected to conduct a study on the soil and a report will be filed soonest possible."

"We will decide what to do after that, but if things get worse, we will advise the residents to move out while we come up with a solution."

Iskandar said the state government will allocate money for repairs, which he estimates will cost below RM3 million.

Ampang Jaya Municipal Council

(MPAJ) has also been tasked to monitor the widening and deepening of the cracks.

"There are also new buildings near the condominium, so we will check on the safety of those buildings, too," said Iskandar.

Pandan Mewah Heights joint management body (JMB) Michael Yap said he was happy with the quick response from Iskandar and hoped to solve the matter as soon as possible.

Leslie Paul, 38 who lives in Block 5, said he noticed the cracks a week ago when he was parking his car.

"At that time it was a minor concern because it was just a small crack and I thought the rain had brought it on."

"It has now become a major concern as the cracks grow wider by the day. This could endanger the residents and our children."

"We are hoping for quick action and need assurance on how safe it is to stay here," said Leslie.

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The damage to the retaining wall is believed to be the cause of the cracks.