

# Call for a permanent solution

**WORRIED:** Bandar Puteri 9 residents want authorities to get to the root cause of the retention wall collapse

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**R**ESIDENTS living in Bandar Puteri 9, Puchong, claim there are streams flowing beneath

their houses which have caused landslips in their neighbourhood.

Last May, a portion of the neighbourhood's retention wall at Jalan Puteri 9/1 collapsed and, since then, residents get worried every time it rains. The houses are located in a

hilly area.

Resident Jacob Samuel said the authorities are aware of the situation but failed to see its gravity. He urged them to come up with a long-term solution instead of cosmetic rectification.

"The developer, Flora Development Sdn Bhd, rebuilt the collapsed walls. However, the authorities are only focused on that particular area. They should also be focusing on the source of the problem, to come up with a long-term solution," he said.

"We have a report from the Minerals and Geoscience Department Malaysia. The topography map shows that streams are flowing beneath our houses. We are very worried that this could lead to a disaster," he said.

Samuel also pointed out that when it rains, the water gushes down near their homes.

He and his neighbours are worried as the rainfall has been heavy in the past few days.

"Most of us can't sleep at night if it rains. We really hope the authorities will take our complaints seriously and see the need for a long-term solution," said one resident who did not want to be named.

A representative from the MPSJ engineering department said the residents need to understand that the hill has a natural flow passage.

"We cannot build a retention wall

to stop the water flow from the source. That could lead to a possible disaster. It has its own passage and we can't change that," he said.

However, he added that there will be wall strengthening works carried out by the developer and monitored by the council.

"Walls beneath the houses will be further strengthened," he said.

Kelana Jaya member of parliament Loh Gwo-Burne thanked the authorities who came for the site visit.

He said there could be more to the problem because cracks have started to appear in some of the houses.

"It is fair for the residents to worry.

"The porches of some of the houses are cracking.

"I do hope the matter will be viewed seriously by the authorities," he said.

Also present at the site visit were officers from the Department of Irrigation and Drainage Malaysia and representatives of the housing developer.

MPSJ had ordered developer Flora Development Sdn Bhd to carry out immediate remedial work on the slope here when its retaining wall collapsed last May.

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Gushing streams flow on the hillside in **Bandar Puteri 9**, Puchong. Pic courtesy of a resident