

Clean-up of Sg Bunus completed

LONG-TERM SOLUTION: DID plans to have more retention ponds along river

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The cleaning up of Sungai Bunus here, including the flood-affected Kampung Pindah and its surrounding areas, is expected to be completed today.

Federal Territory Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) director Mat Rahim Ismail said the water level at Sungai Bunus yesterday was at its normal level of 30.85m, far below its danger level of 38m.

Sungai Bunus is one of the main rivers for floodwaters to flow out of the city.

Mat Rahim said its location in the city centre meant immediate measures, such as the widening and deepening of the river, could not be carried out as it would involve private land.

"The river flows from Setapak through Jalan Tun Razak and Kampung Baru to Sungai Klang near the Masjid Jamek LRT station.

"For us to deepen the small river as an immediate flood mitigation measure, we have to acquire private land in prime areas.

"For rivers located in the city, the only way to channel overflow is by constructing retention ponds," he explained.

In the long term, DID would em-



Contractors cleaning up a Sungai Bunus catchment area in Lorong Gurney, Kuala Lumpur. Pic by Abdullah Yusof

bark on a river diversion project to channel the flow of water from the river to Tasik Titiwangsa.

It would also build two retention ponds in Air Panas and Setapak Jaya to reduce the flow of water into the river.

Last week, flash floods in the city centre brought traffic to

a standstill.

As of 6pm yesterday, DID's InfoBanjir website had not issued any flood warnings.

For latest updates on water levels for rivers nationwide, visit publicinfobanjir.water.gov.my or follow Public@Infobanjir on Twitter.