

Long-term solution needed for Jalan Tun Razak flash floods

KUALA LUMPUR: A long-term solution is needed for the flash flood problem that occurred in Jalan Tun Razak last Tuesday.

"We cannot expect Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) or the Federal Territories and Urban Wellbeing Ministry to resolve the problem. It needs the participation of all quarters," Barisan Nasional coordinating chairman for the Titiwangsa parliamentary constituency Datuk Johari Abdul Ghani said.

A huge allocation was needed from the Federal Government to build more flood mitigation infrastructure and also to carry out river diversions.

Johari, who is also chairman of the Titiwangsa Community Service Centre, said the centre had received many complaints from residents, especially those in Kampung Baru, who had to evacuate to higher grounds.

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Kuala Lumpur Mayor Tan Sri Ahmad Fuad Ismail said Sungai Bunus, which flows across Jalan Tun Razak, Kampung Baru, Jalan Semarak and several areas in Setapak, could not accommodate the volume of rainfall on that day.

"I'll raise the matter with the Cabinet to allocate RM20mil to divert the flow of the water from Sungai Bunus to Sungai Gombak through Taman Tasik Titiwangsa," he said at a function in Cheras. — Bernama