

Debris gets in the way

Garden and construction wastes dumped at Sungai Temiang riverbank cause floods

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CONSTRUCTION debris and garden waste illegally dumped along a riverbank of Sungai Temiang at Kampung Pasir in Seremban are causing transportation problems for the residents.

Each time it rains — even a light shower — is enough to cause a flood in the area, especially at the newly completed KTM tunnel.

After the tunnel was upgraded early last year for the KTM Komuter line extension to Senawang and Sungai Gadut, some of the construction debris was left behind by the riverbanks.

This has impeded the free flow of rainwater into the river.

The lack of a proper drainage system in the tunnel result in the underpass being water-logged after rain.

Only those with vehicles are able to pass through while those without their own transport have to find alternate ways to get to their destinations.

A resident who only wanted to be known as T. Chua said since the con-

struction debris were not cleared after the completion of the KTM project, the area had now become an illegal dumping ground.

"It started with construction debris. Now lorry-loads of garden waste are also being dumped at the site and we do not know when they did this," said Chua.

She said some of the concrete blocks left along the riverbanks have slipped into the river while the garden and household waste dumped along the river reserves was an eyesore.

"We hope the authorities will clear the mess and provide a good drainage system so the poor villagers can move about freely and not worry about the underpass being water-logged after a downpour," added Chua.

When contacted, Negri Sembilan Solid Waste Management department director Mohd Azhar Abdul Hamid said any form of dumping along riverbanks and reserves come under the purview of the Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID).

However, he said the department was willing to work with DID on such matters for the benefit of the public.



Health hazard: Construction debris dumped at the riverbank has created a water-logged railway tunnel.