

Collapsed road near river to be repaired soon

NO MORE DELAYS: Work at Damansara Bistari to start in July and is expected to take four to six months to complete

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RESIDENTS of Damansara Bistari apartment in SS2 can now heave a sigh of relief as Selangor Department of Irrigation and Drainage (DID) will be repairing the collapsed road there, due to erosion of a nearby river.

Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) councillor Lee Suet Sen said the residents had on many occasions sought help for immediate action as they feared for their safety.

"They said the road, which is located between block C and D of the apartment started eroding since late last year," he said after a visit to the location recently.

Resident Rosli Yusof, 47 said the corridors and staircase have cracks. He hoped that there would be no more delays in addressing the problem.

Another resident Shari Othman, 57, said the blocks which comprised 210 units each were located only a few metres away from the river bank.

"We are worried that the erosion will get worse if nothing is done and we fear the river bank may collapse if there is heavy rain," said Shari.

He added when the first signs of erosion surfaced last year, the developer Luxor Properties Development Sdn Bhd and MBPJ paid a visit to the area, but nothing was done.

Selangor DID river and beach management engineer Ibrahim Yasis said the repair works is expected to begin in July and will take between four to six months to complete.

"We'll be opening the tender for the repair works soon, and expect work to commence in July.

"The job will include repairing the collapsed road as well as the embankment," he said.

Meanwhile, MBPJ director of engineering Cheremi Tarman said the river, which is part of Sungai Penchala falls under Selangor DID's jurisdiction.

He added that despite that, MBPJ had helped with minor repair works of the road early this year.

Also present were Petaling Jaya Utara member of parliament Tony Pua, councillor Azri Mohamad Arish and Luxor Properties Development Sdn Bhd representative Koh Kok Seong.

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Lee Suet Sen (second from left) checking on the collapsed road at the Damansara Bistari apartment in SS2. Pic by Nashairi Mohd Nawi