

Retention pond embankment to stop flash floods

KUALA LUMPUR: The Federal Territory Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) will embank the Sri Johor flood retention pond by the end of the year.

The move is to prevent flash floods like the May 2 incident in Pekan Salak Selatan which cost shopkeepers more than RM100,000 in damages.

The Federal Territory DID director Abu Bakar Mohd Yusof said the embankment would be built as soon as possible before the monsoon season begins. "By doing so, we will be able to contain more water.

"DID will also balance the pressure in the pond by diverting water

to Sungai Kerayong," he said during a press conference at the department's building.

The flash flood was described as a "mini-tsunami" as it was strong enough to push cars a few metres away and damaged some of the shops. Abu Bakar said they would also install gates in the retention pond to trap trash.

Also present were MCA FT 1Malaysia team leader Banie Chin Yen Foo and Pekan Salak Selatan residents' association members.

DID stated they would take into consideration the compensation claims based on damage assessment. **By Olivia Miwil**



Banie Chin Yen Foo (right) with Abu Bakar Mohd Yusof (centre) with a plan to show where the embankment will be built. Pic by Syarafiq Abd Samad