

Thieving in Tmn Wahyu

Contractor mining sand illegally from pond instead of doing his job

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A CONTRACTOR hired to remove silt and rubbish from a pond in Taman Wahyu, Kuala Lumpur, is allegedly stealing sand instead.

The contractor has made a borehole measuring 17m deep in the pond to extract sand to sell. The silt and rubbish have not been removed.

A resident, known as Chong, said the clearing of silt and rubbish was to resolve the flash flood problems in the area and was part of efforts under Package B of the Kuala Lumpur Flood Mitigation Project.

"There are three large ponds — Delima Pond, Wahyu Pond and Nanyang Pond — and they retain a high volume of rainwater during a downpour.

"If the contractor fails to do his job, the problem will worsen," said Chong, adding that they were also

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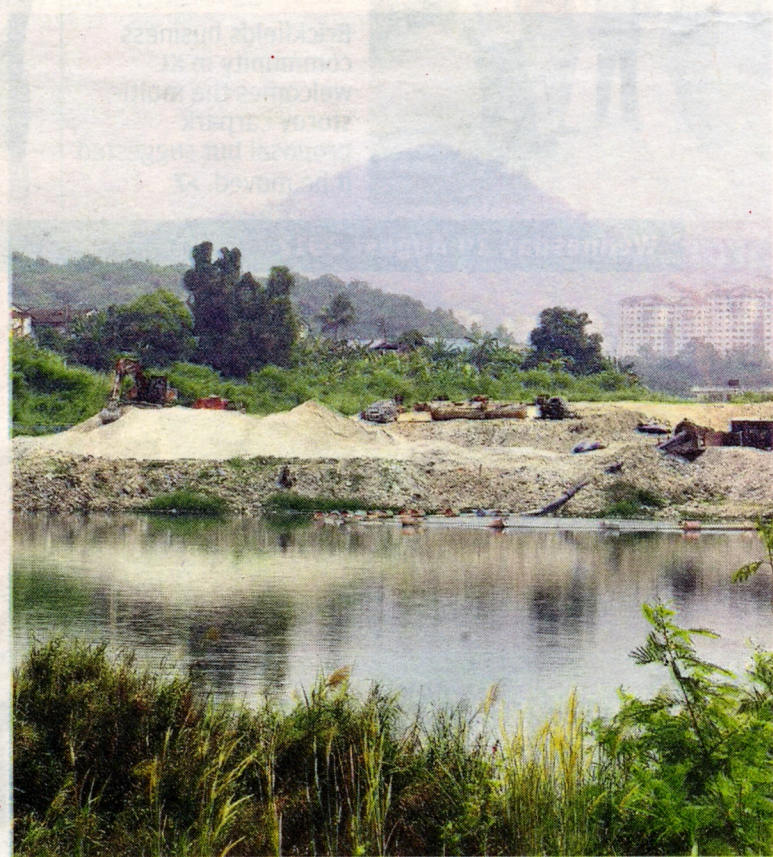
—ABU BAKAR MOHD YUSOF

worried the borehole might affect the houses and other buildings in the area.

"Another problem that will also affect us if the silt and rubbish, about 10m deep, is not removed soon is the stench which will permeate the area.

"I hope the Kuala Lumpur City Hall, Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) and the Land Office will look into this matter urgently," he said.

Chong said there was also a washing area, pontoon and suction pump found near the pond in Taman Wahyu.



Illegal activities: Contractor is supposed to be removing silt and rubbish from the pond instead of mining sand.

A check by *StarMetro* found that about 50 lorries were carting away the sand dug out from the area daily and being sold for RM26 per tonne.

Stockpiles of sand near the Wahyu pond were also spotted.

Some other residents said the sand-stealing activity has been going on for about two months and

that security guards patrol the area on their motorcycles to alert the contractor and keep outsiders away.

When contacted, Kuala Lumpur DID director Abu Bakar Mohd Yusof said the contractor was carrying out an illegal activity and his officers would conduct checks soon.