

Residents to get back homes next year

REMEDIAL WORK: For the safety of residents in Kampung Pindah, the soil will be strengthened and homes rebuilt

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RESIDENTS of Kampung Pindah in Kampung Baru here, will be able to move back to their homes in a year's time.

Federal Territories and Urban Wellbeing secretary-general Datuk Adnan Md Ikhsan said the Department of Irrigation and Drainage (DID) is currently working on strengthening the soil in the area.

"The residents have finally vacated the area to enable repair work to be done immediately. The vicinity of the soil is not certified safe for occupancy and we will not compromise on the residents' safety here," he said.

Adnan was commenting on a sink hole



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A **damaged** home in Kampung Pindah. Pic by Izul Wafi Izhar

Unpaid bills behind water cuts

SOLUTION: Convert bulk water meter to individual meters for residents of Merpati Block in Sentul

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RESIDENTS of Merpati Block phase eight and nine in Bandar Baru Sentul here are fed up with the constant water cuts without prior notification from Syarikat Bekalan Air Selangor (Syabas).

On Wednesday morning, the water supply to residents was again disrupted, affecting more than 1,000 households. However, the water supply resumed on Thursday evening after City Hall had partially made the payment.

Residents Association of Bandar Baru Sentul chairman Abdul Razak Hussain said this is not the first time Syabas has disconnected their water supply.

"This is the fifth time Syabas has cut our water supply without giving any notice and this has been going on since last November," he said.

When he enquired with City Hall about this, Abdul Razak said, the council claimed that it was not aware of the matter.

He said the reason Syabas cut off their water supply was because City Hall still has outstanding bills, which is estimated about RM200,000.

"We are just sick and tired with the way things are handled. The issue has been highlighted many times in the newspapers and yet the problem persists.

"Sending in water tanks is not very helpful because we can foresee the situation recurring.

"From what I was told, the reason why City Hall was unable to make its payments on time was because there were about 30 per cent of house-

owners who have not paid their water bills.

"It is unfair for the rest who have been paying their bills promptly," said Abdul Razak, who is a resident of more than 20 years.

He said the only solution is to convert the bulk water meter to indi-

vidual meters, so that it would be easier for Syabas to penalise the defaulters.

"We are ordinary people with our day-to-day work and we can't be going through this problem over and over again.

"How much longer must we tol-

erate this?

"For the past one-and-a-half year, residents have not been receiving their water bills until two months ago.

Also, there has been a problem with our bulk water meter reading, especially since the reading does not tally.

"On numerous occasions, we have

brought up the issue with City Hall but till today, no action has been taken," he said.

Meanwhile, Abdul Razak said the residents association committee would have a meeting with Syabas and City Hall this week to discuss the issue.



Residents looking at the main water pipe which Syabas disconnected last Wednesday. Pic by Saifulizan Tamadi