

# Tick, tock, tick, tock...

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## IT'S a ticking time bomb.

But the only action from the authorities so far is the plastic sheets covering the site of a landslide which killed four villagers of Kampung Pasir earlier this month.

However, Ampang Jaya Municipal Council president Datuk Ahmad Shafii Saidin said a preliminary report will be out soon.

He said the Public Works Department is checking the area and will prepare the report.

"In the meantime, the Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) is draining the remaining water out of the area so that it will not turn into a swamp.

"The 11 families involved in the tragedy have been relocated to the nearby Ukay Bistari and will remain there until the hillslope is reconstructed.

"We contacted the house owners through the developer to let us use their homes for six months," he said.

The council is footing the bill.

Federal Territories Ministry secretary-general Datuk Abdul Hakim Borhan said a meeting will be held

with relevant agencies today.

"City Hall officers will brief us on their findings on Bukit Mas, Taman Melawati, before deciding on the next course of action," he said, adding that he will head the committee.

The committee members comprise officers from Kuala Lumpur City Hall, Putrajaya Corporation, directors of the Federal Territory Survey and Mapping Department, Public Works Institute of Malaysia (Kumpulan Ikram Sdn Bhd), Mineral and Geoscience Department, the National Soil Erosion Research Centre (Nasec), Public Works Department, Environment, Land and Mineral Office, Drainage and Irrigation Department and Tenaga Nasional Berhad.

Following the Kampung Pasir tragedy, Federal Territories Deputy Minister Datuk Wira Abu Seman Yusof and Datuk Bandar Datuk Ruslin Hasan visited Bukit Mas after residents complained about a housing development proposal nearby.

They said the hillslope was not suitable for any development, especially as it is close to a reservoir and has only one access road.



**PRECARIOUS:** This shot shows the back portion of the houses in Taman Zooview. The authorities covered the site with plastic sheets to prevent further soil movement and said that they are still waiting for the preliminary report