



A residential area in **Jalan Kebun** was one of the areas in **Klang** hit by a **major flash flood** recently. Pic by Intan Nur Elliana Zakaria

‘Delay due to lack of funds’

FLASH FLOOD PROBLEM:

Klang needs RM1.2b for flood mitigation

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THE delay in solving the flash flood problem in Klang is because of the lack of funds, the Selangor state assembly was told yesterday.

State executive councillor in charge of local councils Ronnie Liu said the Selangor Economic Action Council had only allocated RM5 million to tackle the Klang flash flood problem, which required RM1.2 billion to be

resolved.

“The RM5 million was for nine flood mitigation projects, seven of which will be completed this year and the other two by by March next year.

“Based on studies, flash floods are caused by heavy rain, high tides and Klang being below sea level as well as human factors.”

Liu said this in reply to a question from Kota Alam Shah assemblyman M. Manoharan.

Manoharan had wanted to know when the state government would solve the long-standing problem.

He had also wanted to know the steps being taken to resolve the matter.

Klang was hit by a major flash flood

recently.

Liu said if the RM1.2 billion was approved, flood mitigation studies would be carried out to resolve the flash flood problem in Klang.

Manoharan also questioned whether the current vacancy of Klang Municipal Council president contributed to the delay in tackling the problem.

In his reply, Liu said the issue did not arise as the acting president had been conducting his duties in similar capacity as the president.

“I would like to stress that the issue of the MPK council president post does not arise because the real problem here is the lack of funds,” he said.



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