

Hit by floods again

Overflowing Sungai Batu inundates homes in Jalan Kolam Air

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A DOWNPOUR caused flash floods in flood-prone Jalan Kolam Air, Kuala Lumpur on Sunday afternoon.

Sungai Batu which overflowed shortly after the heavy rain caused water to rise more than 0.3m high and affected all 23 squatter homes located next to it.

The terrace houses nearby were also not spared, as four houses, one in Jalan Kolam Air 5 and another

three in Jalan Kolam Air 3, were also flooded.

Most of the houses along the stretch have raised their ground level to prevent water from flowing into their homes.

Federal Territory People's Progressive Party (PPP) chief Datuk A. Chandrakumanan said the flood mitigation project which began in October is only due to be completed in January and asked the people to be patient.

"With the completion of the retaining walls, the flooding prob-

lem can be solved. However, we are facing some issues in relocating the squatters and this is hindering the construction.

"I hope the squatters will cooperate and move out of the area as soon as possible for the Drainage and Irrigation Department to complete the project fast and prevent further flooding incidents.

"Officers from Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL), the Batu BN division and I will be meeting the squatters tomorrow to discuss their issues

and hopefully reach a settlement soon.

"This will expedite the project for the benefit of everyone," he said.

The RM6.6mil project approved by the Federal Government includes a retaining wall measuring 100m-long built on the right bank (near Kampung Kasipillay) and another measuring 600m (near Kolam Air) will stand on the left bank of the river.

The height of the existing wall will also be raised by 0.8m.