

Help prevent flooded roads

THE rainy spell since October has led to roads being water-logged or flooded frequently.

Sometimes rubbish block the kerbside scuppers and drains thus hampering the fast flow of the run-offs.

The ponding of water can be dangerous to fast vehicles which can be thrown off course, and also stall vehicles thus worsening traffic jams during heavy rain.

It will be good if road maintenance officials from the JKR, DBKL, MBPJ, MBSA as well as other local authorities in Selangor drive around their respective areas during the downpours to find out the causes of the flashfloods and stagnation of water.

This hands-on approach will enable them to take remedial action quickly to avert any recurrence of flash floods.

It will be difficult to spot the causes of the problem after the rain had stopped and the water drained off.

This is a pro-active way to find solutions to flooding problems on the roads which are happening regularly and with greater intensity.

It is also time the local authorities and the JKR take complaints about drain blockages seriously as they cause flooding resulting in millions of ringgit damage to property.

Whenever residents want to see the senior officers of local authorities about the severity of municipal

problems, the officers are either attending meetings, gone for site inspections or on courses.

If all these are genuinely happening then the level of local government administration should be up a few notches to serve residents better.

Another major nuisance on the roads is the increasingly frequent spilling of concrete from the concrete mixer trucks especially on steep roads, flyovers, junctions and uphill stretches.

Both plant operators and the mixer truck drivers should be heav-

ily fined for loading the wet concrete to the brim of the drum to the point that it starts spilling on the roads even when braking on level road.

The hardened lumps of concrete are a danger to roadusers and are an eyesore.

Both SPAD and the RTD as well as the police and municipal enforcement personnel should impose heavy fines to stop this danger on the roads.

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