

Clogged drains worsen floods

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FLOODING at Taman Perindustrian Jalan Reko in Kajang has worsened over the months, with small and medium-sized industries (SMIs) affected by 0.6m waters on Thursday (May 4).

The 15-year-old industrial area has 30 SMIs.

Serdang MP Datuk Yap Pian Hon said up to 20 SMIs were affected by the flooding, which has occurred four times this year.

He said Thursday's flooding was the worst to hit the area.

"The flooding problem is a result of poor drainage from the Kajang Bus Station leading to the low-lying industrial area.

"The deluge of water during downpours is carried off by the drains together with loads of rubbish which clog up parts of the drainage system," Yap said adding that the drains led to Sungai Langat.

Agri Pacific Sdn Bhd managing director Thomas Rao said the company, which manufactures gold buggies, had suffered losses due to floods in the area.

"We have complained many times to the Kajang Municipal Council (MPKj) but nothing has been done. The drains are clogged and water stagnant," he said.

Yap said he was also worried about a nearby TNB sub-station as it might be affected by floodwaters in future.



Yap (second from right) being shown a drain filled with stagnant water and rubbish.

"I will propose to MPKj to clear the clogged drains. As a long term measure, MPKj should re-study the entire drainage system at the industrial area and upgrade it," Yap added.