

Fed up with the indifference

SUNGAI Buloh folks are fed up with the indifference of the authorities for failing to prevent the frequent flash floods along Jalan Sungai Buloh-Kepong whenever there is a down-pour.

The authorities should initiate a project to straighten and deepen the Sungai Gasi and convert it into a large monsoon drain between Daman-sara Damai and the military camp.

It was stated previously that this would be done under the Ninth Malaysia Plan.

The shallow and slow-moving Sungai Gasi transforms in-

to a raging river during heavy rain as there is not a single retention pond in the housing schemes upstream.

The overflowing river causes traffic jams and vehicles caught in the one-metre-plus deep water can easily be swept into the river which in some places is only a few metres away.

People in the stalled vehicles can become sitting ducks for a tragedy.

Adding to the flash flood woes is the slow progress of work in various sections by the contractors.

The Works Ministry and the

Public Works Department should direct the contractors to complete the work on stretches where there are no major impediments.

The contractors do not have any concern for road safety as one can spot crater-like pot-holes in the detour sections and project areas.

Granted, part of the delay in the work is due to the need to relocate the huge water pipes.

However, the contractors need to complete the job in sections whenever possible and not let the entire 5km stretch of the Sungai Bu-



Flash floods like this at Jalan Sungai Buloh-Kepong are becoming increasingly common.

loh-Kepong road become an uncompleted mess even though the road-widening and other projects were started almost two years ago.

The Works Ministry should

look into ways to expedite the projects by whatever means possible.

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