

River needs to be deepened

Floods strike village each time Sungai Kuang overflows

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RESIDENTS in Kampung Sungai Buaya, Kuang said they were facing frequent floods because the river in the area was not deep enough to hold the volume of water whenever there was a downpour.

Sungai Kuang runs through the village, which has about 60 houses.

Many residents have placed concrete slabs at the entrance to their houses to keep floodwaters out but sometimes this does not work.

Resident S. Viran, 53, said when there was a downpour, his house would be flooded and household items damaged.

"This is because Sungai Kuang has not been deepened. Instead, it overflows and floods the village.

"I have been living here for 14 years and have experienced floods many times.



Problematic: Sungai Kuang needs to be deepened to keep it from overflowing during downpours.

"I am the most affected as my house is located beside the river. I hope the authorities can deepen the river and resolve the problem," he said.

Another resident R. Parasuraman, 60, said flooding occurred every time it rained heavily and that the villagers had to move their belong-

ings to higher ground when the river swelled.

"Also, the cement wall along the Sungai Kuang riverbank is cracking. We are afraid that the houses nearby will be badly affected," he said.

Housewife G. Mariayae, 41, who only moved into the village a few

months ago, said she was unaware about the flooding problem.

"If I had known, I would not have come here. I am renting this house and floodwaters have entered my house twice.

"My furniture have all been damaged. If the situation is not resolved soon, I will move out," he said.

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