



Wrong procedure
Silt dredged from the bed is piled by the riverbank, raising concerns among residents that it will flow back into the river come next rainfall.

Silt removal under way

Contractors start work after complaints of possible flashflood

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THE contractors hired to remove silt from the Sungai Kayu Ara riverbed and repair its eroded banks, finally started work on Thursday.

They were contracted by the Selangor Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID).

This came about after residents

complained about the possibility of the river overflowing and causing flashfloods during a downpour.

However, the problem is far from resolved as Jalan SS21/42A resident Dr Shanil Kumar found silt piled along the riverbank when he came home from work.

He took pictures and forwarded them to both the DID officer-in-charge of the Petaling Jaya area as well as Damansara Utama Residents

and Owners Association president Rajes Patel.

"There is no point in clearing the silt if it is going to be left piled up on the banks. It will all be washed back into the river when it rains.

"The DID officer has promised to look into the matter," said Dr Shanil.

He added that it was later learnt that the contractor had made a mistake and would dispose of the silt

properly soon.

Trees planted on the DID reservation land, especially those just behind Jalan SS21/42A, will be trimmed to prevent them from breaking off or being uprooted and damaging the nearby houses.

Rajes said it was important that the clearing of silt from the riverbed was done properly as otherwise it would just be a waste of time and money.