

DID urged to stop bank erosion

DANGER: The riverbank behind a row of houses in Jalan SS21/42A suffers serious erosion each time there is a downpour

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RESIDENTS of Damansara Utama here want the Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) to immediately stop the bank erosion along Sungai Kayu Ara here.

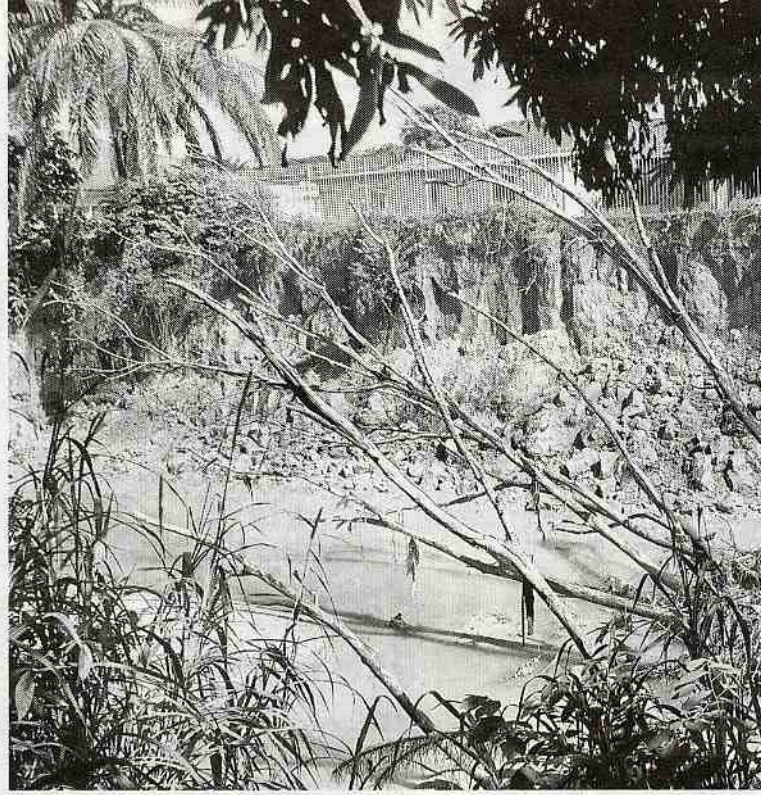
Its Residents and Owners Association president Rajes Patel said the riverbank behind a row of houses in Jalan SS21/42A suffers serious erosion each time there is a downpour.

"To make it worse, there is an uprooted tree in the river that has not been cleared when the bank collapsed a few years ago.

"We have been complaining about this for a long time, yet nothing has been done.

"We are worried that the river will overflow and cause flash floods if DID does not act immediately."

Rajes said that DID once took action after the residents sent the department a video recording of the overflowing river water that almost encroached the backlane of the



An uprooted tree in the Kayu Ara river that has not been removed since
by Sugumaran Suppiah

houses. He added that DID had promised to send a contractor to repair the eroding bank a fortnight ago but the contractor failed to turn up.

"We were later informed that a new contractor would come by last week.

"But again, the contractor did not

show up," he said.

Meanwhile, Damansara Utama assemblyman Yeo Bee Yin said a holistic plan is needed to solve the problem that also affects the nearby Kampung Cempaka.

"Besides temporary measures like removing the river sand from the