

Village on the brink of collapse

TUMPAT: More than 400 residents in Kampung Teluk Renjuna here are living in fear of their houses collapsing due to worsening erosion.

According to the villagers, who are mostly fishermen and odd-job workers, more than 25 houses had been damaged or been vacated since the late 1980s because of the erosion.

The village on the banks of Sungai Kelantan is only accessible by boat and is often flooded, especially during the monsoons when the river overflows.

Resident Omar Mamat, 46, said: "If something were to happen to us, how can we get help because there is no road from the village and taking a boat ride at night is dangerous because of the possibility of crashing into floating timber."

Kelantan Drainage and Irrigation Department director Lim Chow Hock said the situation was not serious.

He said the department was awaiting funds from the state government to alleviate the problem. — Bernama



EATING INLAND: Omar showing the heavily eroded parts of the riverbank at Kampung Teluk Renjuna in Tumpat yesterday. — Bernamapic