

DBKL: Clear out, or else

Sand-washing operators have until Sunday to remove equipment

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THE operators carrying out sand-washing activities illegally on Government land next to Seri Anggerik People's Housing Project in Batu 4, Jalan Kelang Lama, have been given until Sunday to remove all their equipment and dismantle the illegal structures there.

Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) deputy director-general (Socio-Economic Development) Datuk Mohd Amin Nordin Abd Aziz said DBKL would confiscate the items if they failed to do so within the time frame given.

"They must also remove the pump system at the site," he said, adding that DBKL officers would inspect the site again next Monday.

Mohd Amin said DBKL would gradually remove the hoarding put up by the developers.

"We will fence up the area but with material that will enable the public to see any activity carried out at the site," he said, adding that this was to prevent the operators from resuming operations as well as to keep trespassers out.

Meanwhile, Federal Territories Minister Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor praised the residents for reporting the illegal operations.

He urged them to keep an eye on the land to prevent further encroachment.

In a *StarMetro* report yesterday, it was highlighted that despite a crackdown by the authorities on the illegal sand-washing operations two weeks ago, the operators were brazenly still continuing to operate.

Residents nearby had called the newspaper to complain about the situation.

The residents said the lorries

carrying sand into the area made as many as 40 to 50 trips daily, between 8am and 6pm.

The current market price for sand is RM600 per lorry.

Many also questioned the presence of the illegal shophouses constructed near the area, on DBKL land.

Kuala Lumpur mayor Datuk Seri Ahmad Phesal had said the land would be turned into a recreational area.

Prior to the crackdown, the land was used for sand-washing activities for several years, and residents said they not only had to put with the dust and noise but that the Klang River was also being polluted as the untreated wastewater was discharged directly into the river.

The residents had claimed that the operator was well connected and this had enabled him to carry on the activity for many years.

Enough is enough

Illegal sand-washing activities continue, say residents

A place for the children to play

Seri Anggerik PPR residents want government land turned into a park

StarMetro reports that residents of Seri Anggerik People's Housing Project (PPR) in Batu 4, Jalan Kelang Lama, are demanding that the Government turn the land into a park. The residents say that the land is currently being used for illegal sand-washing activities, which is causing a lot of dust and noise. They also say that the land is being polluted by the untreated wastewater discharged into the Klang River. The residents want the Government to take action against the illegal operators and to turn the land into a recreational area for the children.

Flashback: The *StarMetro* report on Sept 14 about residents asking the Government to turn the land into a park, was based on a report by the residents. The report said that the land is currently being used for illegal sand-washing activities, which is causing a lot of dust and noise. They also say that the land is being polluted by the untreated wastewater discharged into the Klang River. The residents want the Government to take action against the illegal operators and to turn the land into a recreational area for the children.



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