

Waste pile causes slope failure

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ILLEGAL dumping of construction debris and bulk waste on a slope near a river here is giving residents of Kampung ChinChin in Gombak the jitters.

The slope gave way recently, sending the waste materials into the river, blocking its flow.

The residents are concerned that more landslips might occur if rectification works are not done on the 130-metre slope.

Some 300 residents, who are living about five metres from the site of the landslide, are worried for their safety.

Residents claimed that the illegal dumping of rubbish has been going on since 2011 on a 1.2ha land.

Kampung ChinChin village head Khazari Mat said some residents are worried that their homes may be swept away if there is another landslide.

"Those who are living next to the slope are worried that another landslide might occur after a downpour," said Khazari, adding that the weight of the construction debris and bulk waste on the slope had made it vulnerable to landslips.

"We have seen construction lorries coming at the wee hours of the morning to dump the waste.

"The residents have also seen the lorries dumping their garbage in the evenings. They usually come here about three times a week," he said.

Khazari said that the residents are also very upset because the landslide has covered part of Sungai

UNSTABLE: Construction debris dumped illegally on a slope in Kampung ChinChin, Gombak, has not only caused a landslide but also clogged a river nearby

ChinChin.

"Children used to go to the river for a swim. Now, they can't go there because the river is clogged with the debris. We hope the authorities will look into this soon," he said.

Gombak District and Land Office district officer Datuk Nor Hisham Ahmad Dahlan said that they will seize the 1.2ha land which has become an illegal dumping ground.

The land office will do so under Section 7A of the Street, Drainage and Building Act 1974.

"The land belongs to five owners. The process to acquire the land will take three months.

"Once we have acquired the land, we can start cleaning up the area," he said.

Nor Hisham also said that the land office will inform the Public Works Department and the Drainage and Irrigation Department about the landslide and the clogged river.

"For the time being, we have instructed the Selayang Municipal Council to cordon off the top of the slope with tape to prevent people from dumping rubbish there.

"We will also be sending our officers to monitor the site.

"The village head will keep us updated on any developments at the site."

Page 1 pic: The landslide in Kampung ChinChin recently has raised fears that more of such incidents will occur.



Residents of Kampung ChinChin are worried that a **downpour** and the **weight of the construction debris** will cause another landslide.