

Sg Balak to be cleaned up before its banks are repaired



Choked river: Taman Cheras Jaya residents are worried that the river bank of Sungai Balak is eroding.

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THE authorities will clean up Sungai Balak before shoring up the river bank which is eroding and needs immediate attention.

The river banks have become a dumpsite particularly the area behind Jalan Simpang Balak in Taman Cheras Jaya, Balakong for four years.

Balakong assemblyman Eddie Ng said the Kajang Municipal Council (MPKj) had agreed to hold a meeting with the Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) to discuss cleaning up the area.

"Cleaning up work should be done before repairing the river banks," said Ng during a site visit on May 9.

MPKj and DID representatives were also present.

He added that the river bank on the Jalan CJ 4/15-3C side had eroded and needed immediate attention.

"Residents are worried that the erosion will become worse especially during this rainy season as the river bank is really close to houses," said Ng.

StarMetro had visited the site and found the river banks strewn with industrial waste such as glass, PVC pipes, wooden furniture and

concrete.

Jalan Simpang Balak is also lined with waste.

Ng added that a few lorries had been caught dumping the rubbish.

"Even though they were fined, it did not stop them from coming back and polluting the river."

Taman Cheras Jaya resident Chong Shem Fatt, who had been living there for almost 20 years, said he had witnessed lorries dumping waste on the river bank a few times.

"I have lodged a complaint with MPKj and the council had taken action but they came back," he said.