

Septic tank raises a stink

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SULOCHANA Nair of Gasing Indah, Petaling Jaya, has a stinking problem on her hands.

The stench from a septic tank near her house has become unbearable.

The tank, servicing Fraser Tower Condominium, is causing discomfort to her and other residents on Jalan 5/58B, as it's only 30m from the houses.

The problem has persisted for two weeks.

"When I bought my house seven years ago, I didn't know there was a sewage tank nearby," says SULOCHANA.

The smell is unbearable, especially in the mornings and evenings."

According to SULOCHANA, this is not the first time such a thing has happened but this time, the smell is really bad.

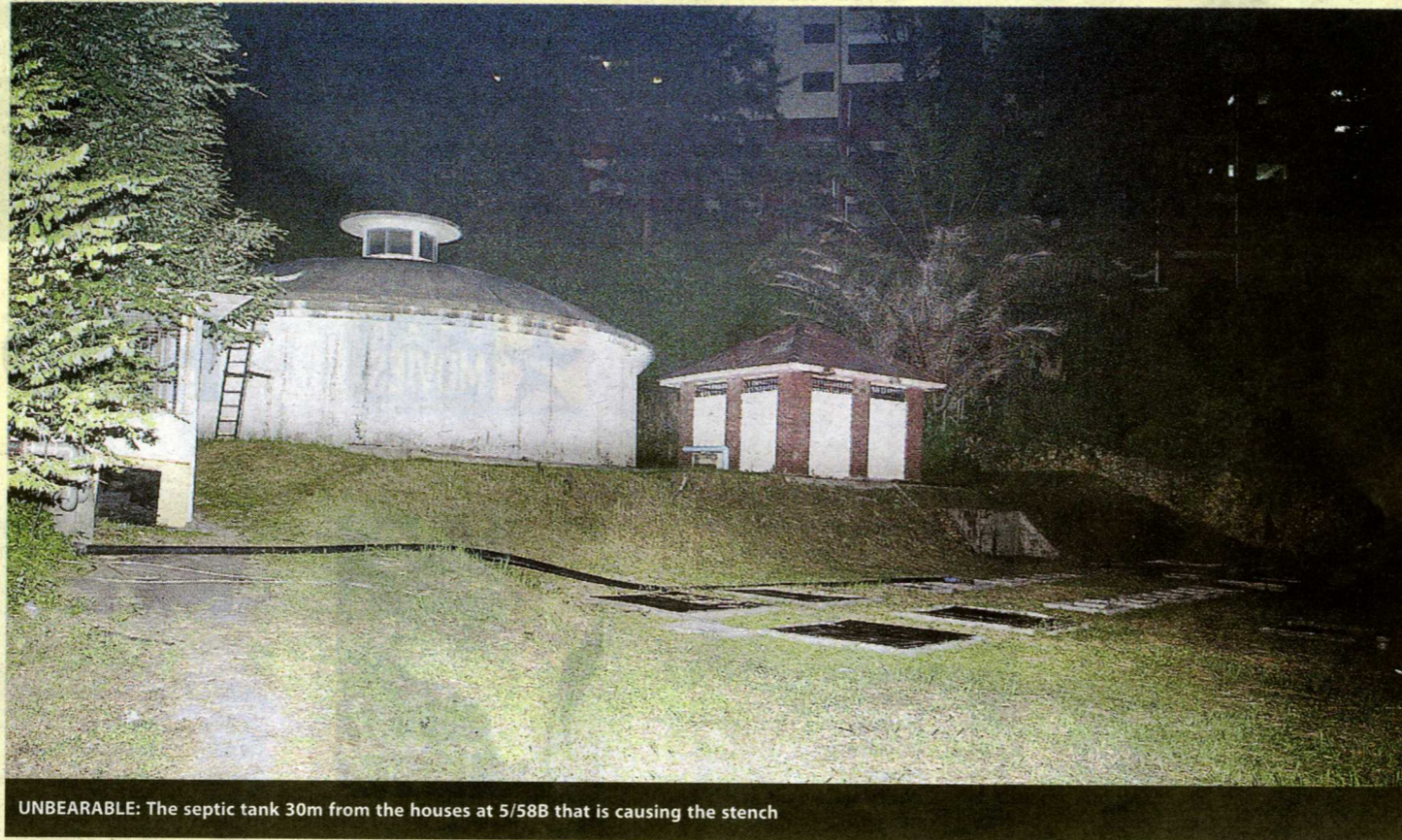
"Residents avoid going out of their houses because the stench gets stronger. The management of Fraser Tower should do something quickly," says SULOCHANA.

The stench even clings to clothes left out to dry and is a turn-off for those planning to hold parties or functions in their houses.

The management of Fraser Tower has been giving excuses about the stench, claims SULOCHANA, when they should increase the frequency of cleaning the tank.

M.A KHAN, another resident who complained about the problem, is so frustrated that he's even thinking of moving.

"The management of Fraser Tower should introduce a proper sewage system for its tenants," says KHAN.



UNBEARABLE: The septic tank 30m from the houses at 5/58B that is causing the stench

● A SPOKESMAN for Gasing Heights Management, the company which manages several condominiums in the area, including Fraser Tower, confirms that they have received numerous complaints about the stinking sewage.

The sewage system at the Fraser Tower

Condominium has been sublet to a third party contractor and a delay by them caused the problem, he explains.

"The problem has been rectified and a leakage of the sewage should not happen again," he says.

Investigations by the Drainage and

Irrigation Department revealed that a pipe linked to the system was leaking and this caused the stench to spread, he says.

He adds that a pump that leads from the septic tank was spoilt and had to be replaced.