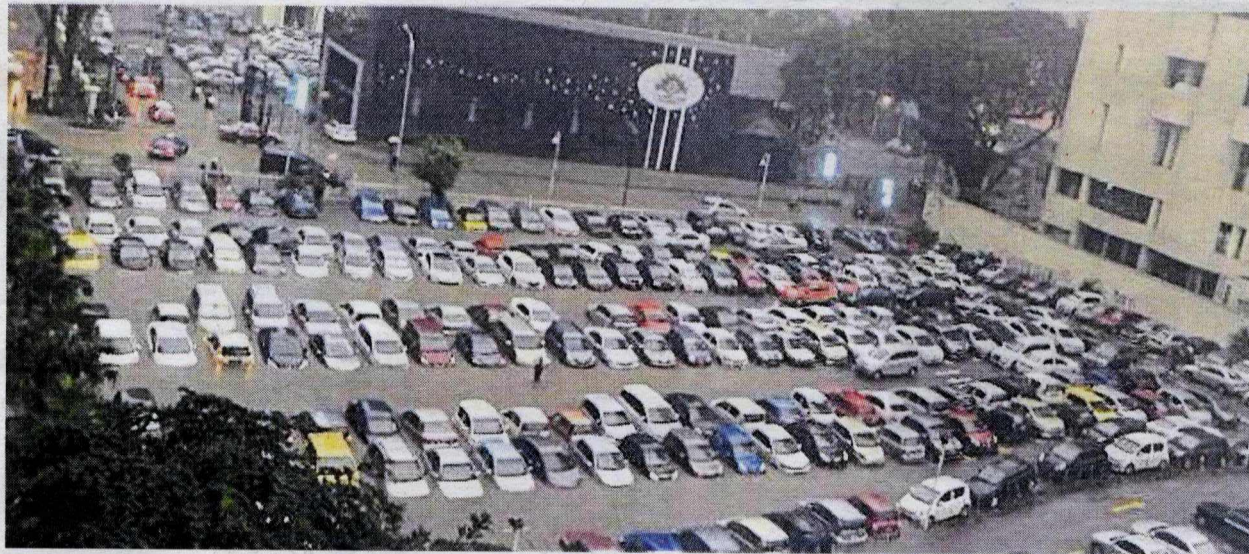


Submerged:

Cars submerged in flood water at the Wisma UOA carpark in Jalan Pinang, Kuala Lumpur during a recent flash flood.
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A watery problem

Action needs to be taken to solve flash floods

MORE than 100 carowners found their vehicles partially submerged by murky flood waters at the open-air carpark in Jalan Pinang, Kuala Lumpur recently following a downpour.

One can well understand why the affected vehicle owners were infuriated over the damage caused to their vehicles during the two-hour downpour.

They had no idea how extensive the damage was until they discovered the mess when they rushed to the carpark to try and salvage their vehicles.

The damage was due to flash floods caused by clogged drains and poor drainage system in the

affected area.

Flash floods in Kuala Lumpur can cause a lot of havoc and unless drastic action is taken to deal with the causes of such floods, more damage can be expected in the future.

One of the primary causes of flash floods is the heavily clogged drains around building construction sites and poor drainage system in general.

The silt traps built at construction sites are very poorly maintained and as a result sediment and debris from the sites end up clogging the drains nearby, leading to flash floods after a downpour.

The authorities must come down hard on irresponsible con-

tractors and builders who pay scant attention to the protection of the environment, especially with construction activities taking place in various parts of the city.

In particular, the authorities must act against those who flout building by-laws and the Street and Drainage Act if our environment is protected from suffering more damage.

It must be emphasised here that while we need development for progress, it must be carried out responsibly and not at the expense of our environment.

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Nowhere else to turn to

I AM prompted to write this letter as our verbal and written complaints to Subang Jaya Municipal Council's (MPSJ) Health Department have fallen on deaf ears.

A houseowner on our street in SS18 keeps a dog that barks even at the neighbours. The big dog is caged all day in the porch.

Our sleep has been disturbed over the past two years as the dog also barks at night.

I wrote two letters on Aug 15, 2013 and Oct 18, 2013 to MPSJ about the problem.

A reply to the first letter was received stating that the complaint was being investigated, while no response was received for the second letter.

Who do we turn to now?

The same dogowner has placed plants and rocks by the roadside to prevent people from parking there.

The plants have grown to a height of almost six feet and are still growing, thus obstructing my view of oncoming vehicles on the right.

Over the past three months, my wife and I have been involved in 14 near-misses.

Every morning, I have to look out for my wife when she reverses her car out of our driveway.

I have written several letters to MPSJ on the problem but the council has done nothing to resolve it.

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