

Taking heed of their flood woes

MB visits Shah Alam to inspect work to prevent problem



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AFTER receiving tweets and text messages from Shah Alam residents on the frequent floods in their housing area, Selangor Menteri Besar Azmin Ali decided to visit the area last Saturday.

He said among the complaints was the congestion caused by floods at Persiaran Sukan, in front of the Giant hypermarket, after a downpour.

Azmin, accompanied by Shah Alam mayor Datuk Mohd Jaafar Mohd Atan, took a drive around Section 13 to view Shah Alam City Council's (MBSA) flood mitigation measures.

Among the hotspots was the poor drainage near Stadium Malawati and Stadium Shah Alam as well as drainage upgrading work near the Management and Science University (MSU) and the Naza Mosque.

"Monsoon drains around this area have to be relooked at as they are



Site visit: Mohd Jaafar (left) briefing Azmin (second from left) on the various flood mitigation work being carried out by the council.

among the causes for the frequent flooding. The backflow is shaped like an 'L', making it difficult for the water to flow into Sungai Damansara and in return causes an overflow," said Azmin.

He added that cleaning had begun at the drain culvert below Persiaran Sukan.

"Heavy machinery cannot be used at the culvert as space is insufficient,

so we will use manual labour," said Azmin, who spent about two hours in the city.

He said MBSA also planned to build more retention ponds as one of its steps to prevent flash floods.

At present, the pond near MSU had been completed and another behind the Naza Mosque would be upgraded for the same purpose.

Asked if the state would have a

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Eager participants need to answer a simple question along with a creative reason on why they want to be at the concert.

Winners stand a chance to obtain Category A, B and C tickets priced at RM388, RM298 and RM198 respectively. VIP tickets are priced at RM568.

Lovland and Sherry will perform songs from their original arrangements and signature tunes from their Songs from the Secret Garden Album accompanied by a full band and guest vocalists at the one-night-only concert.

The duo brought in by Universal Music. Popular Book Company and CD Rama will also launch the

budget to upgrade the infrastructure in the area, Azmin said they would assist but MBSA had decided to utilise its own funds for the work.

Mohd Jaafar said the council had budgeted RM500,000 from its reserves for the projects, including the upgrading of monsoon drains.

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release of their brand new album titled Just the Two of US during their Greatest Hits Tour.

Similar issues are affecting Sungai Rasah, where allocation to upgrade the drainage had been approved.

Azmin said he would meet officers from the Public Works Department and the Drainage and Irrigation Department on the proposed flood management plan.