

Fined for clogging up drains

MPSJ issues RM750,000* in summonses to LRT contractors



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THE Subang Jaya Municipal Council (MPSJ) issued summonses for RM250,000 each to three Kelana Jaya LRT extension project (LEP) contractors for clogging drains and contributing to flash floods in the area.

The summonses were issued under the Street, Drainage and

Building Act 1974 (Act 133).

MPSJ president Datuk Nor Hisham Ahmad Dahlan, Subang Jaya assemblyman Hannah Yeoh, MPSJ councillor Pooi Weng Keong, council officers and representatives from Prasarana and their contractors went to USJ 6 for a site visit after four houses there were flooded.

The group also inspected drains around the area.

Some of the drains were found to be clogged and overgrown with weeds.

Residents said water reached

knee-level.

Nor Hisham said the contractors have till April 30 to pay up or face court action.

"Prasarana Malaysia Bhd has to come up with a flood mitigation plan to solve the problem.

"We will also work together with the Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID).

"People are always putting the blame on MPSJ.

"We are now taking action against contractors who clog drains with construction material,"

he added.

Yeoh said prior to the LEP, flash floods were a rare occurrence in Subang Jaya.

"Previously it only happens once a year, now it floods whenever there is a downpour.

"Prasarana has to do weekly housekeeping to ensure there will be no floods and less risk of dengue at the construction sites," she said.

Yeoh lauded Nor Hisham's quick action as he immediately went for a site visit after she told him about the issue.



Close inspection: Nor Hisham (right), Yeoh (third from left), Pooi (left), council officers and representatives from Prasarana and their contractors on a site visit to USJ 6 on Wednesday after four houses there were flooded.

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