

# Guide's plight worsens as mudslide destroys home

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**RAIN:** Jobless Hasnin unable to access farm as village risks new erosion danger

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**M**OUNT Kinabalu guide Hasnin Kassim, 43, has a lot on his mind and it is not about being out of work after the recent earthquake.

On Wednesday, his neighbour, Jahili@Haili Salim, 48, discovered his house in Kampung Mesilau had fallen into a 30m-deep ravine.

The river used to be at least 80m away from their homes.

A mudslide hit the village earlier this week.

Hasnin said he felt depressed.

"At least, my family is safe and I am healthy.

"I will take this one step at a time," said the father of seven, who has a vegetable farm, which is now inaccessible.

Hasnin was among the 100



**A house hanging precariously at a ravine in Kampung Mesilau, Ranau, yesterday. Pic courtesy of NST reader**

mountain guides involved in the search-and-rescue operation after the earthquake killed 18 people, including four of his colleagues.

"Just as things began to settle

and guides like me were worrying about our livelihood, this happened.

"I was at home when firemen and police came, ordering us to

evacuate. At first, we did not think much about it.

"But when we saw Jahili's house had collapsed and mine was at the edge of the ravine, we knew it was

bad. I salvaged some personal belongings, including documents and clothing.

"My house is as good as gone. I can't rebuild as the mudslide had eroded the land."

Hasnin, his wife and children, aged 4 to 19, are now putting up at a relative's house in Kampung Cinta Mata here.

"I have yet to make plans. It's difficult for me to consider returning to Mesilau."

Meanwhile, an officer from the Minerals and Geoscience Department said rain would cause more mudslides due to the erosion on the mountain.

"There is loose soil near the base of the mountain and above the village.

"If it is washed down, like what happened earlier this week, more boulders, trees and mud will come down."