

'JB flash flood caused by Sg Segget upgrading'

JOHOR BARU: The upgrading of Sungai Segget has been identified as the contributor to the flash flood that occurred in Jalan Wong Ah Fook three days ago.

Johor Baru member of parliament Tan Sri Shahrir Abdul Samad, who is also a member of the Iskandar Regional Development Authority (Irda) board of advisors, said the contractors, in an attempt to break the concrete, had allegedly caused rubble to fall into the river.

"This was believed to be the cause of the flash flood. We have instructed them to remove all rubble and to adopt another technique to break the concrete." He said the way of breaking the concrete adopted by the contractors was a conventional technique.

It was reported that a flash flood had occurred in Jalan Wong Ah Fook after an hour-long downpour that started at 2pm on Friday.



Upgrading works at Sungai Segget in Jalan Wong Ah Fook yesterday. Pic by Zulkarnain Ahmad Tajuddin

The incident caused Jalan Wong Ah Fook in front of City Square and Johor Baru City Centre shopping malls to be inundated by half a metre of water.

The water subsided in 30 minutes,

and no casualty was reported.

Many people who work in the area said flash floods were a normal occurrence in Jalan Wong Ah Fook since upgrading began on Sungai Segget.