



Mun uses a long plank to stop the floodwaters from flowing into his shop in Jalan Mewah 4.

Recurring flash floods irk Pandan Mewah traders

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TRADERS in about 25 shops located on the ground floor of walk-up apartments at Pandan Mewah, Ampang have been enduring constant flash floods.

They said even a half-hour downpour will cause water to overflow the drains and enter their shops, and reach knee-high.

Arni Roslan, 35, who operates a laundry in Jalan Mewah 4, said customers avoided the area when it rains.

"Because of the flash floods, I was forced to build a concrete bund in the front and back of the shop.

"But, I still need to be alert each time it rains as the vehicles need to be moved out of Jalan Mewah 4," she said.

Woon Sing Wah, 63, said the flash floods have been occurring in the area since they moved here in 1998.

Mechanic Mun Siew Noon, 39, who runs Ah Noon Motor Services, said he would place a plank to block water from flow-



Flash floods in Jalan Mewah 4, Pandan Mewah has been a bane for residents since 1998. — Photos: SAMUEL ONG/The Star

ing into the shop but the effort was usually futile.

"The floodwaters take an hour to recede and we are faced with the mess of cleaning up.

"We have written numerous letters to the Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ), the district Drainage and Irrigation Department and even to local councillors but nothing has been done," he added.

Civil Awakening Movement of Malaysia chairman Jenice Lee who visited the traders said she is starting a petition and would

submit the signatures to MPAJ.

"We want MPAJ to resolve this problem. They are collecting assessment from the traders and owe a duty of care.

"Councillors for the zone and Cempaka assemblyman Datuk Iskandar Abdul Samad must respond to his constituents," added Lee.

Iskandar, who is also state executive councillor for housing, building and urban living management, said he would visit the area together with MPAJ's engineers to find a solution.