



1 The 'Ops Lumpur' task force during their site visit at one of the retention ponds in Bandar Tasik Puteri. 2 Zaidy (left) looking at the retention pond area on a map while Soo (right) explains the situation to him. — Photos: IBRAHIM MOHTAR/The Star

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DEVELOPER Rawang Lakes Sdn Bhd has been instructed to remove silt from two retention ponds in Bandar Tasik Puteri, Rawang, following complaints by residents in Kundang that their village was hit by frequent floods.

The development project at the site, known as Block 5, was on a 57ha land at the site.

State Infrastructure and Public Facilities Committee chairman Zaidy Abdul Talib, who heads the *OPS Lumpur* task force, made a surprise visit to the site with officers from the Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) and Selayang Municipal Council (MPS).

"Our findings revealed that the developer had not cleaned up the silt and mud in the retention

'Remove silt from retention ponds'

Mud and high water level cause of floods, says task force

pond, increasing the water levels and causing the floods.

"I have instructed MPS to issue a letter to the developer to clean the retention pond immediately.

"Last year, we had conducted about 20 operations. This year, we plan to carry out about 50 site visits to solve the flood woes throughout Selangor.

"Besides me, the *OPS Lumpur* task force comprised DID and local government representatives who identified flood-prone areas and looked at immediate solutions to the problems," said Zaidy, adding that the task force

would also monitor the area.

He also instructed the developer to build a retention pond according to the design specification set by the state authority.

He added that the developer must have a proper drainage to ensure water was channelled properly into Sungai Kundang.

"Kundang village had been hit by floods numerous times over the past three months, sometimes as often as three times a week.

"When it floods, many access roads are impassable, causing chaos among the rural folk. We want to solve this issue and put it

to rest," Zaidy said.

Rawang Lakes Sdn Bhd area property development management general manager David Soo Hong Keong, who was present at the site during the visit, said the company would start cleaning up the retention pond immediately.

He said during the monsoon season over the past few months, the heavy rain had prevented heavy machinery from entering the retention pond area for maintenance work.

"I will get the workers to start cleaning the retention pond immediately," he said.