

# Selangor tackling flash floods in 37 'hotspots'

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**KLANG:** The state government has identified 37 "hotspots" that are affected by serious flash floods.

These areas were part of the 40 locations that experienced flooding during heavy downpours this year.

Executive councillor in charge of infrastructure Zaidy Abdul Talib said given the current situation, the Selangor government had allocated RM134mil to the state Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) to counter the problem.

"Out of the amount, RM60mil is for flood mitigation work by the DID while RM74mil is for the upgrading of drainage systems and retention ponds," said Zaidy.

He said the state has also implemented other pro-active measures, such as appointing 84 consultancy and engineering surveyors' firms for its flood mitigation development programme.

Zaidy added that the firms which received their appointment letters in March, would come up with detailed designs and surveys for the 43 new flood mitigation projects scheduled to take off in the middle of the year.

"The estimated cost for the 43 flood mitigation projects is RM399mil," said Zaidy, adding that the state has also initiated 16 exercises named Ops Lumpur which monitored 16 development projects undergoing soil work in 2015.

"For 2016, the state is optimistic of carrying out 58 Ops Lumpur to ensure that developers adhere to the stipulated soil work regulations."