

# Illegal sand-washing site shut down

## City Hall investigating activity along Sungai Klang, 8km away from River of Life project site

When contacted, Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) River Basin Management Division deputy director Datuk Mohd Azmi Ismail said in a text message: "The issue was mentioned in a coordination and implementation committee meeting for the River of Life (RoL) project chaired by the KSU (secretary-general) of the FT Ministry recently.

"DBKL was directed to do the enforcement. The FT Ministry will call for a meeting to carry out a coordinated enforcement exercise for the entire stretch of the RoL project," he added.

Last week, *StarMetro* exposed the illegal sand-washing site operating along Sungai Klang, only 8km away from the site where the Government is spending billions of ringgit to rehabilitate the river under RoL.

This is the third illegal sand-washing site that has been shut down for operating along the

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## No clear view of murky operation

Illegal sand-washing activities well covered-up to avoid detection

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ANOTHER illegal sand-washing site has been discovered along the Klang River facing 5th Mile of Jalan Klang Lama, only 8km away from the site where the Government is spending billions of ringgit for the River of Life project (RoL), at Masjid Tanah.

This is the third illegal sand-washing site operating along the stretch in the past two years.

Some residents claim that this particular illegal sand-washing site has been operating for almost a decade because of its discreet location. One cannot see anything from ground level.



These activities are also contributing to all sorts of problems, ranging from air pollution to noise pollution as well as matters pertaining to the health of the river.

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The land in question where the activity is going on a private land and the operator had planned heavy study trees around the site making it impossible to see anything.

were being duped. Even Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) enforcement officers and the Federal Territories Land and Mines

The duo visited the site recently, but because of the hoarding, they were unable to "go into the compound."

*StarMetro's* report on the illegal sand-washing site along Sungai Klang, on May 9.

KL stretch of the 120km-long Sungai Klang in the past two years.

The activity was being conducted on private land. However, residents had spotted tipper lorries and excavators plying Jalan Kelang Lama at different times of the day.

The vehicles would use a route

several hundred metres away from the site to avoid being detected.

Sand-washing had been identified as one of the culprits polluting the river. It also contributes to other problems, ranging from air to noise pollution as well as the health of the river.