

# Projects to solve flood woes by 2020, says Azmi

UNCONTROLLED development may cause flash floods to occur in new areas in the Klang Valley despite the billions spent on flood alleviation programmes, Natural Resources and Environment Minister Datuk Seri Azmi Khalid said.

He said the Stormwater Management and Road Tunnel (SMART) project, construction of the Batu and Jinjang retention ponds, and the Klang River Flood Alleviation Programme would solve the problem of flash floods.

"However, development in water catchment areas, unplanned and uncontrolled development, and development in river reserve areas could cause flooding in new areas," he said when winding up the debate on the Ninth Malaysia Plan.

Azmi said the projects should be able to solve the problem of flooding by 2020.