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Going beyond federal territories to lend a helping hand



Teams from government agencies under the Federal Territories Ministry taking part in clean-up efforts in flood-hit Taman Tasik Bandar in Temerloh, Pahang.

FEDERAL Territories Ministry and agencies within its purview assigned over 1,000 of their workers to help with clean-up and flood relief efforts outside the capital city.

Federal Territories Minister Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim said since Dec 22, teams from Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL), Putrajaya Corporation (PJC) and the Federal Territories Land and Mines Office (PTGWP) were involved in the operations.

They were sent to the outskirts of Hulu Langat, such as the Batu 14 and Batu 18 areas, Bukit Changgang in Banting as well as Labu Lanjut in Sepang to help with the clean-up.

"No one anticipated such devastation but we knew that we had to do something to help the poor folks who have suffered major losses due to the recent floods," the minister stressed.

Employees from various depart-

ments and all levels, including senior officers and directors, were involved in the clean-up from 9am to late evening.

Shahidan pointed out that many of them had sacrificed their personal time to help.

Government assets such as lorries, backhoes, water jets, boats, floater boats, tipper lorries and generators were used for the clean-up exercise, he added.

In Pahang, which is one of the worst-hit states, Shahidan said a team was sent to Temerloh and Mentakab on Christmas Day, while another went to Bentong and Karak.

In Bentong, some 189 people were involved in cleaning up the town's police station, mosque, multipurpose hall, clinics, and schools.

Food baskets were also distributed to flood victims.

A DBKL officer from the Planning Department, who had

helped with the clean-up in Hulu Langat, recounted the desperation of people affected by the floods.

"It was heart-breaking to hear their cries for help and I wish I could do more.

"People were crying and they were so happy to see us," said the officer, who declined to be named.

Meanwhile, Kuala Lumpur mayor Datuk Seri Mahadi Che Ngah said most of the flood-hit main roads in the capital city and surrounding areas have been cleaned up.

"Most of the rubbish consisted of plastic packaging and bottles that had been swept up onto the roads," he explained.

The mayor also said that efforts were now in place to help clean up houses that were affected in the flood-prone areas.

"Many basement carparks in the city were affected and we are cleaning those up as well."

RM98mil for flood mitigation in KL next year

KUALA Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) has set aside RM97.9mil for flood mitigation efforts and maintenance of related assets next year.

Mayor Datuk Seri Mahadi Che Ngah said the amount also covered four upgrading projects of the drainage system in the city.

"We have allocated RM11mil for a drainage upgrade near the Sungai Besi LRT, costing RM11mil. "We have also set aside RM8mil for a flood mitigation project in Taman Botani Perdana," he said.

Meanwhile, RM4mil was allocated for projects in Kampung Periuk, which is located in Kampung Baru, while RM2mil was set aside for projects in Taman Desa Aman and Taman Mutiara Barat, both in Cheras.

Mahadi elaborated that these were some of the 22 projects DBKL had planned for next year.

The mayor said this during the unveiling of DBKL's Budget 2022 at Menara DBKL 1 in Jalan Raja Laut.

Mahadi said DBKL would step up measures to mitigate flash floods next year.

These would include regular clearing of rubbish found at floating booms, gross pollutant traps and trash screens fitted in waterways.

"Works to dig up sludge at main drainage systems and deepening of water retention ponds will also be carried out.

"We will also continue maintenance of pump stations and ensure regular cleaning of underground pipes," he added.

Separately, the mayor announced the construction of two DBKL housing projects in 2022 – estimated to cost about RM388mil – comprising over 2,000 units.

He also said that RM70mil had been set aside to acquire 5,000 closed-circuit television cameras for traffic monitoring. — By

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Huge amounts of floating rubbish have accumulated in flood mitigation assets under the Kuala Lumpur Drainage and Irrigation Department following the floods on Dec 18.

"Three of my children have gone to their grandparents' house and another three are helping my husband to clean up.

"Some of my neighbors are also putting up here so there is a sense of familiarity.

"After 10 days, I feel ready to go home and start rebuilding our lives," said Syarifah.

"We expect more to leave in the coming days," he said.

Zaki added that in the early stages, over 140 department employees were placed at the 22 PPS to provide support to the victims.

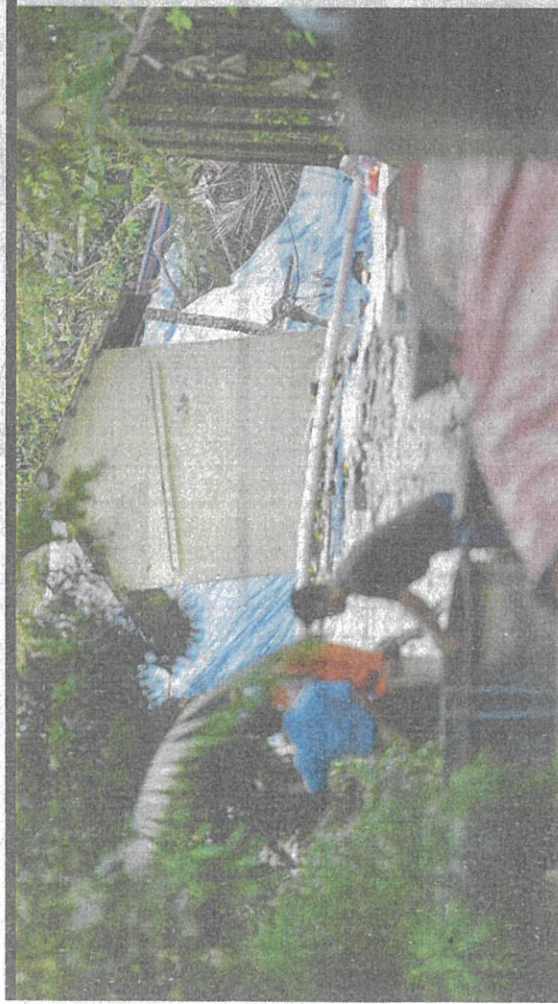
"They have been living at the centres for the past 10 days to help where they can.

"We provided children with

ready for the victims after receiving a call from the Education Ministry as she was also stranded elsewhere when the floods hit on Dec 18.

"I called some of my staff to help receive the first victims.

"Without them this centre would have not been able to house 600 plus victims," she said.



Sheets can be seen covering the slope at Seri Dutta 1 condominium. — RAJA FAISAL HISHAN/The Star

Seri Dutta 1 is located in the upscale enclave of Taman Dutta.

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DBKL to review Seri Dutta 1 condo slope repair plan

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KUALA Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) will review the long-term soil stabilisation proposal by the Seri Dutta 1 condominium management committee in Taman Dutta, Kuala Lumpur.

Mayor Datuk Seri Mahadi Che Ngah said the Malaysian Institute of Public Works (Ikram) will check the plan on behalf of DBKL to ensure it

is safe for implementation.

"This needs to be done speedily so immediate measures can be taken to strengthen the slope," he said when contacted, adding that DBKL was expecting to receive the proposal by Tuesday.

Mahadi said the equipment had been installed to monitor the soil structure in the area.

"So far, no major movement has been detected," he added.

On Monday, DBKL said four

blocks comprising 34 residential units were affected and declared the area unsafe.

It also said that further checks included a detached supporting column and cracks in the building.

Seri Dutta 1 comprises 14 blocks with each having between three and six floors.

Joel Brown, a member of the management committee, told *StarMetro*

that only one block was unsafe.

"But many residents in the other three blocks (that were said to be affected) have also vacated their units.

"Most are staying with family or friends," he said, adding that a chat group was set up to provide regular updates to residents.

Brown added that works to cover the slope with a concrete layer began yesterday afternoon.

"This is an immediate measure

to stabilise the slope.

"We are targeting to finish the work on the same day if weather permits," he said.

Sentul OCPD Asst Comm Beh Eng Lai said works had been carried out to divert excess water from the slope.

He said the condominium was located on lower ground, resulting in the soil there catching water runoff from the surrounding area.

KUALA LUMPUR - Laporan Ketua Audit Negara Tahun 2019 Siri 2 kembali tular di media sosial susulan pendedahan laporan enam kolam takungan banjir di Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur diluluskan untuk pembangunan. Ia mencetuskan kemarahan ramai kerana tindakan itu bukan sahaja menjejaskan kapasiti kolam takungan banjir, malah merencatkan keseluruhan sistem operasi tebatan banjir, sekali gus risiko bencana banjir yang lebih kerap di Kuala Lumpur.

Berdasarkan Laporan Audit setakat 31 Disember 2020, enam kolam takungan banjir diluluskan pembermilikan oleh Pejabat Tanah dan Galian Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur (PTGW/PKL) bagi tujuan pembangunan kediaman dan pembangunan bercampur.

Kolam takungan banjir terlibat ialah Kolam Batu, Kolam Nanyang, Kolam Delima, Kolam Taman Wahyu, Batu 4 1/2 dan Taman Desa. Kolam Nanyang, Kolam Delima dan Kolam Taman Wahyu

dikenali sebagai Kolam Takungan Banjir Sungai Jinjang (KTBSJ) terletak berhampiran Sungai Jinjang meliputi kawasan seluas 38.64 kilometer (km) persegi dengan kapasiti penyimpanan sehingga 2.5 juta meter padu air. Laporan itu turut mendedahkan, prestasi zon guna tanah Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur pada tahun 2020 tidak tercapai sepenuhnya seperti mana ditetapkan dalam Pelan Bandar Raya Kuala Lumpur (PBRKL) 2020.

Malah, kuasa diperuntukkan di bawah Seksyen 22(1) Akta 267 membolehkan Datuk Bandar meluluskan sebanyak 943 ke-benaran perancangan walaupun ia tidak selaras PBRKL 2020. Laporan itu turut menyebut, perubahan zon guna tanah dan intensiti pembangunan memberi kesan kepada alam sekitar dan pertambahan kepadatan serta pengurangan tanah lapang awam, banjir kilat di Kuala Lumpur dan kesesakan lalu lintas.

Sementara itu, Ahli Parlimen Segambut, Hannah Yeoh memaklumkan, seminggu selepas

hujan lebat berpanjangan pada 18 Disember lalu, Kuala Lumpur mengalami banjir teruk melibatkan 12 kawasan.

Katanya, ia menyebabkan lebih 90 lokasi kejadian tanah runtuh dan hakisan tanah. Menurutnya, tukar guna tanah bukan sahaja menjejaskan kapasiti kolam takungan banjir, malah merencatkan keseluruhan sistem operasi banjir Kuala Lumpur.

“Sejak tahun 2015 hingga 2020, Kuala Lumpur mengalami banjir kilat sebanyak 48 kali. Ia juga bertambah sebanyak lima kali pada tahun 2017 dan 13 kali dalam tahun 2020.

“Kemudahan disebabkan banjir sepatutnya menyedarkan Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) dan Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL) untuk segera bertindak,” jelas beliau.

Beliau turut menuntut agar SPRM mengambil tindakan segera berhubung pendedahan Laporan Ketua Audit Negara itu dengan memberikan tempoh 24 jam untuk melakukan siasatan.

JADUAL 9
SENARAI KOLAM TAKUNGAN BANJIR DI KUALA LUMPUR YANG DILULUSKAN PEMBERILIKAN BAGI TUJUAN PEMBANGUNAN

BIL	NAMA KOLAM	PEKASU	TARIKH BERI IZIN	KEDUDUKAN KEBANGKAWAN
1.	Batu	Syarikat 0631493H	02.09.2020	Residensi Wilayah Premium, Residensi Wilayah Hampu Milik Kodaman Bebe, Tapak Perleba
2.	Nanyang	Syarikat 971210-P	09.10.2015	Pembangunan Bercampur
3.	Delima			
4.	Taman Wahyu			
5.	Batu 4 1/2	Syarikat 1320998-W	05.06.2020	Rumah Mampu Milik, Pangsaipul, Servis, Taman Rekreasi
6.	Taman Desa	Syarikat 1204993K	12.06.2016	Pembangunan Bercampur

Sumber: Status Perizinan dan Pewartan Kolam Takungan Banjir oleh JPSWPK

Kolam takungan banjir di Kuala Lumpur yang diluluskan bagi tujuan pembangunan.

RAJAH 2
LEMBANGAN SUNGAI DAN KEDUDUKAN KOLAM TAMAN WAHYU



Sumber: JPSWPK
 Lembangan sungai dan kedudukan kolam Taman Wahyu.