

Landslide site may still be unstable

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KUALA LUMPUR: Another landslide occurred in Damansara Heights yesterday, at the same place where a 20-metre high retaining wall collapsed on Thursday evening.

At 2.15pm, huge clumps of earth slid onto the open-air car park between CIMB Commerce Square and CIMB Amanah building in Jalan Semantan.

A fire engine from the Sri Hartamas Fire and Rescue Department with six firemen arrived at the scene at 3pm to monitor the situation.

Deputy Federal Territories Minister Datuk M. Saravanan said preventive measures had been taken.

“The water drainage in the affected area has been redirected. The managements of the two buildings have been told to evacuate.”

People were seen entering and leaving both buildings yesterday, some ferrying documents and office materials.

It has been learnt that CIMB

has moved its operations from the Damansara buildings to its disaster and recovery centre in Bangi, Selangor.

Six cars damaged in Thursday's landslide have been removed from the car park while five badly damaged ones remained.

Federal Territory and Selangor Minerals and Geoscience Department director Zakaria Mohamad said they were investigating the physics of the soil to “identify the type and how deep the soil is”.

The report should be ready in two weeks and would be handed to City Hall, he added.

A mobile police beat base from Brickfields police station is parked in front of the car park with five policemen monitoring the area.

After the wall came down about 5pm on Thursday, Jalan Semantan was blocked by curious motorists who stopped to have a look.

The landslide is also being investigated by the Public Works Department, City Hall and the Malaysian Public Works Institute.



The landslide happened in the open-air car park between CIMB Commerce Square and CIMB Amanah building in Jalan Semantan yesterday. — NST picture by Mohd Radzi Bujang