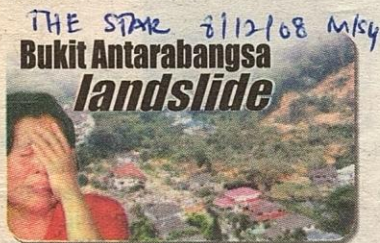


More areas declared unsafe

Some 70 people in danger zone refuse to evacuate



KUALA LUMPUR: Police have declared more areas in the landslide-hit Bukit Antarabangsa unsafe as some 3,000 people have been ordered to evacuate.

Selangor police chief DCP Datuk Khalid Abu Bakar said the newly affected houses were along Jalan 6A Taman Bukit Jaya and Jalan Wangsa 11 in Taman Wangsa Ukay.

He said the decision was made based on study results by the Malaysia Public Works Institute (Ikram) and Public Works Department (PWD).

"We have already asked the people to move out as we have been advised by Ikram and PWD that the area within 1km of the landslide was unsafe," he said at one of the press conferences he held yesterday.

On Saturday, the police ordered about 2,000 residents to evacuate after a massive landslide destroyed 14 bungalows and killed four people.

Yesterday, DCP Khalid said Jalan Wangsa 9, located immediately above the landslide, was particularly critical as the study by the two agencies found that the row of houses there could collapse any time.

Ikram and PWD workers would be stationed to monitor all slopes in Bukit Antarabangsa, he said.

DCP Khalid had asked some 70 people in the danger zone who refused to evacuate to do so.

"I hope they will follow orders. If anything untoward happens, operations personnel cannot be held responsible," he said.

"Police will also guard the abandoned homes."

Some 2,000 people are still cut off. They included those living in Taman Bukit Utama, Taman Bukit Jaya and the Casa Del Sol, Kyoto Gardens and Oakland condominiums. Water supply has been restored to these areas but they still do not have electricity.

DCP Khalid said they had been provided with food and drinks.

Yesterday evening, the army managed to construct a temporary bridge over a monsoon drain, enabling those trapped to drive out of the area.

Police have set up hotlines at 03-41070055 and 03-41086321 for friends and family to call and provide information to the authorities.



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