

DBKL helps residents fight the aedes menace

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Fogging carried out during the clean up

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KAMPUNG Changkat Thambi Dollah in Bukit Bintang was given a spring cleaning last Wednesday to fight dengue.

A total of 20 Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) personnel with fog machines were busy sprucing up the area as curious onlookers ran away from the thick fog that covered the vicinity.

Parti Gerakan Rakyat Malaysia (PGRM) with the cooperation of the DBKL health unit held the anti-dengue campaign at the squatter area.

This was the second effort put in by the party to curb the spread of the disease in the Federal Territory after they received complaints from residents.

Gerakan central liaison secretary Chan Cheok Wai said places that had a large population were always at risk of diseases due to the unhealthy environment they lived in.

"The environment they live in must be upgraded and cleaned often to avoid the spread of dengue," Chan said.

He said they were also planning to have a gotong-royong session with the citizens to clean the rubbish and the drain the stagnant water that

A little help: Siow Chee Meng, the Bukit Bintang Gerakan Division chairman (right) looking on as a DBKL personnel is given a helping hand by Tan Peng Beng (second from right) to fog the Jalan Changkat Thambi Dollah area.



attracted the aedes mosquitoes.

"We can't always depend on DBKL to perform the job as we also need the support of the people," Chan added.

Kampung Changkat Thambi Dollah has had six cases so far and those affected were mainly children aged between six to 20.

"Some of them have been in hospital for a week. There are empty houses and rubbish here so it is an ideal place for mosquitoes to breed," said a resident, Yong Ah Sin, 50.

Gerakan and DBKL also received complaints about food courts that were unhygienic and rat infested.

They have planned various activities including a gotong-royong session with DBKL and the food court vendors in the near future.

"We have activities planned for the next two weeks and we will begin with Jalan Changkat Thambi Dollah and then move on to other areas in Bukit Bintang," said Li Tiam Chai, the PGRM Federal Territory state chairman.

"I urge the food vendors to maintain cleanliness at all times and if vendors or residents have any complaints please contact us," Li added.

He also said the fogging session held was the first in 15 years. Li said

he would ask DBKL to continue fogging the area from time to time.

Li added that the medicine used by DBKL to fog was more effective as it also killed the mosquito larvae compared with the medicine used by private fogging companies.

He also said they would lead in these activities with the help of DBKL.

"We may not be able to stop it but we can try to reduce the number of dengue cases," he said.

For more information or to lodge a complaint, contact DBKL Health unit at 03-9284 5166 or the Gerakan office at 03-2141 7855.