

Collapsed concrete drain causes flood

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20 houses along Jalan Wangsa Utama in Kepong affected

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A COLLAPSED concrete drain on top of a hill has caused the water to flow into 20 houses along Jalan Wangsa Utama off Taman Wangsa Permai in Kepong last Sunday.

Chang Kek Han, 40, who has been living in the area for 14 years, said that the water rose up to 0.5 metres and damaged her furniture and electrical appliances.

"My husband was not at home at the time of the incident and it took only 10 minutes for the water to flood our home," she said.

"The following day, workers from the Selayang Municipal Council (MPS) came here placing sand bags across the road as a temporary measure to divert the water.

My concern is that the sand bags would

not be able to take the volume of water during a downpour and my house might get flooded again," Kek Han said.

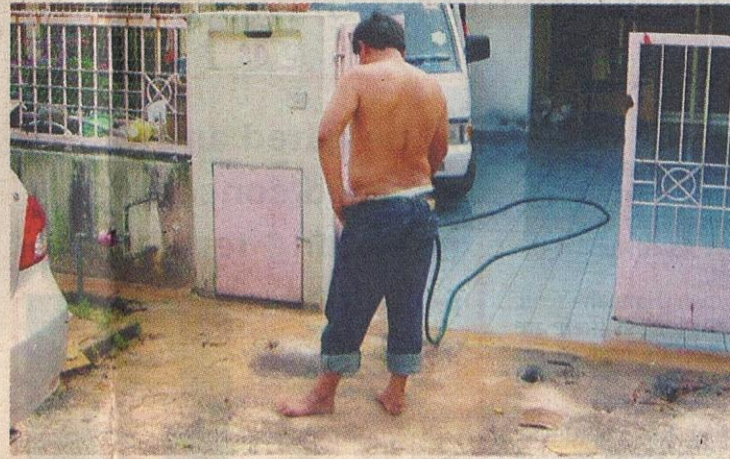
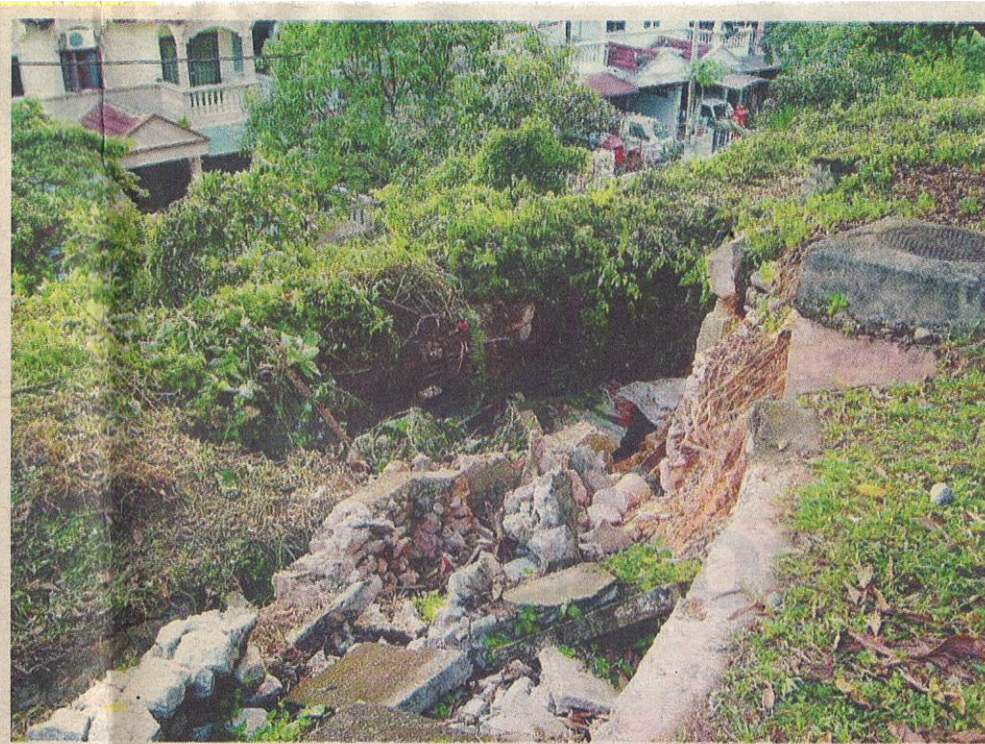
Another resident Lee Yok Wa, 45, said that it was the second time their homes were flooded.

"The first incident was two years ago when sand and soil from the retaining wall opposite our house clogged the drains and flooded the whole area.

"As for the drain it is filled with silt and there is no way for the water to flow in case of downpour. I hope that the MPS would solve this problem immediately," she said.

MPS public relations and corporate planning director Mohd Zin Masoad said the MPS had sent a letter to Syarikat Bekalan Air Selangor (Syabas) asking them to solve the problem as soon as possible.

"We are waiting for a report from Syabas and will look into constructing a new drain in the area," Mohd Zin said.



Up on the hill: The collapsed drain that caused the overflow.

Washing away the mud: A resident cleaning his house after the flood.