

What a load of rubbish

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Residents and business community fed up with uncollected garbage

THE business community and residents in the Jalan Bunga Tanjung commercial area in Taman Muda, Kuala Lumpur, are fed up with the glitter of garbage and the rodents and flies it attracts.

Bulk waste, food waste and other items are being discarded in the back alleys, causing inconvenience to the people in the area.

The residents also complained about the reduced frequency of garbage collection as well as the overall below-par performance of waste management.

Noodle stall operator Lim Eng Keong, 55, said complaints have been made to the local councillor about the awful stench but no action has been taken.

He said the garbage collection services had declined since end of last year.

"The smell gets bad after it rains, it wasn't like that before but now the problem is very apparent. Each hawker stall has its own green bin but they are not being used," said Lim.

Another stall operator, Yap Teck Choi, 45, said people living in the shophouses threw rubbish from the top floors.

"Most of them are foreigners, they just throw the rubbish out the windows.

"This pile of rubbish blocks the alley and poses danger for the business community should a fire

occur because the escape route is blocked," he said.

Stationery shop owner Wong Y.F, 52, hopes the Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ) will step up their services.

"I believe some of these hawkers and market traders are throwing rubbish too because there isn't a proper place for them to discard waste.

Teratai constituency public complaints bureau chief Ben Liew questioned MPAJ's efficiency in waste management.

"It was reported that local councils managed to save RM11mil in their waste management budget but this shouldn't be at the cost of good services," said Liew.

"They have cut the frequency of garbage collection from five times to three times a week, which has contributed to the garbage woes in this area.

"There is no point in saving money if the services aren't up to par.

"We hope MPAJ can provide the shops with green bins similar to those in Pandan Perdana and Taman Bukit Teratai. I will write in on these matters to ensure proper steps are taken to address this issue," he added.



Unsilently: Liew (third from left) with the committee members looking at the uncollected rubbish in Taman Muda.