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Jitters over early-morning landslips

THREE pockets of landslips along Jalan 5/60 in Bukit Gasing, here, were spotted by residents during the wee hours of the morning yesterday.

PETALING JAYA: Streets' check revealed soil movements on the hill slopes of the privately owned vacant bungalow lots. The road leading towards Fraser Towers is one of the main access roads used by the residents there.

Resident Daniel Pang, 50, said many residents lived in fear due to the recurring landslips here.

"Just three weeks ago two large trees uprooted and blocked the road. Fraser Tower residents could not drive out."

"We feel that there are parts of Bukit Gasing which are unstable. The authorities must make sure the maintenance of the hill slopes are done regularly."

Similar erosion was also noticed near an abandoned bungalow plot in Jalan 5/64. Due to the earth movement, some trees had fallen and obstructed the road.

"It could pose a danger, especially after dark, if it was left uncleared," said a resident who wished not to be named.

The resident claimed that the bungalow project was abandoned 10 years ago.

"We are tired of filing complaints to the authorities. Upcoming bungalow projects need to be monitored, the area cordoned off and the slope strengthened."

Maxwell Towers resident Gary Yeoh, 58, wants Petaling Jaya City Council to inspect the safety of the hills on the Petaling Jaya side.

"I want to know what course of action Petaling Jaya City Council will undertake. There is a recurrence of soil erosions here," said Yeoh.

Petaling Jaya councillor Derek Fernandez said the persistent slope failures at Bukit Gasing are consistent with the observations and fears of the residents from the neighbourhood.

"I will be moving a motion at the council for a much stricter process for hillside development.

"This includes the need for a mandatory independent audit by the geo-technical engineers to gather information, supervise and oversee the construction phases.

"As well as mandatory use of specialist contractors with proven hillside construction experience," he said.

When contacted, a city council officer said it will clear the uprooted trees on the roads there.



Mounds of earth and fallen trees were spotted along some sections of Jalan 5/60 in Bukit Gasing.

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