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Bukit Gasing folk want better response to landslips

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KUALA LUMPUR (Jan 29, 2013): Bukit Gasing residents, who live in fear of dangerous landslips caused by heavy rainfall, want Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) to set up an emergency response team to survey the area every time there is a downpour.

"Save Bukit Gasing" joint action committee member Gary Yeoh said the authorities should check if hill slope developments are safe. We are raising these issues because of safety reasons.

"We are not against development, but the authorities should be responsible in ensuring that the residents are safe and the developer is accountable," he said.

Meanwhile, Subang Jaya assemblyman Hannah Yeoh said: "The emergency response team should monitor the area every time it rains so that they know what can be done; whether there will be a landslide and get the residents to evacuate the area (should the need arise)."

She said MBPJ had already appointed two consultants who are tasked to identify possible slope failures and propose rectification designs, and study the overall pattern of geological slopes to propose long-term correction works.

"The report should be ready in two weeks, but in the mean time, MBPJ should freeze all development applications to the PJ side of Bukit Gasing until the study is ready and presented to affected residents," she said.

She was responding to fears raised by residents after landslips in Bukit Gasing over the weekend.

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