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KUALA LUMPUR: The occurrence of another landslide in Bukit Gasing on Friday is being investigated by the Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) after seeking the views of its geological consultants.

DBKL's Infrastructure Planning Department director Tan Kwan Seng said consultants and developers near the area had been told to investigate and clarify whether a landslide actually happened.

"What people thought was a landslide could have been land extraction or movement of soil.

"I won't be able to confirm the degree of the landslide until an investigation is over," he told the New Straits Times yesterday.

An English daily on Friday reported that there appeared to be a landslide on the slope along Jalan 5/60 Bukit Gasing.

According to the report, the landslide brought soil and boulders the size of football onto a road opposite the Faber Towers apartment complex.

Petaling Jaya City Council member Derek Fernandez alerted the English daily that posted a picture of a mud and soil-covered road at Bukit Gasing online.

Tan said if the investigation showed that the landslide was dangerous, DBKL will halt the current development project to build 70 luxury bungalows near the area.

"We will monitor the area for any further land movements and if there is a necessity, we will ask the developer to stop work and address the landslide before continuing."

He added that the project was approved by the council after landslide consultants from the developer explained that the project would be safe.

"However, in cases where we are not satisfied with results from our first consultant, we will approach other firms to verify the result of the evaluation.

"We will approach the Institute of Public Works of Malaysia (Ikram) for a

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second opinion if necessary."

He added that the department would also consider assistance from other relevant government agencies, such as the slope engineering branch of the Public Works Department.





Consultants and developers near Bukit Gasing have been told to investigate and clarify whether a landslide occurred on the slope along Jalan 5/60 Bukit Gasing recently.

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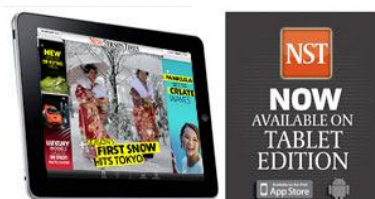
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