

Taking safety seriously

Phesal: DBKL will issue stop-work order to errant developers

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THE Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) is ready to issue stop-work order to developers who fail to comply with safety regulations, said Kuala Lumpur mayor Datuk Ahmad Phesal Talib.

He said with the monsoon season hitting the city, developers should be more cautious when carrying out earth works especially at hillslope areas.

Phesal was speaking to reporters after visiting the Sanctuary Ridge project site by Gasing Meridien Sdn Bhd in Kuala Lumpur after residents had expressed their fear of landslip during the rainy season.

"DBKL is closely monitoring the development and the Federal Territories and Urban Wellbeing minister is also serious about ensuring safety at the sites.

There is another development nearby which is also contributing the dust and congestion with heavy vehicles passing in and out of the site.

"The developer is taking precautionary measure by placing the tarpaulin sheets.

"We also have a case with the MRT developer near Bank Negara with soil dumping, which we have stopped.

"The land belongs to the government but they did not obtain permission from DBKL for soil dumping," he said.

Phesal added that there should be constant communication between the developer, contractor and residents to address issues.

Resident T. Sivakumaran, 48, who



Muddy times: Residents are concerned over potential landslips at the Sanctuary Ridge project during the rainy season.

lives nearby the development complained about the dust coming into his home.

He said although the developer and contractor had discussed the matter, nothing was done.

"It has been a year now. I hope they can do something to sort out the dust problem by putting a screen," he said.

Meanwhile Gasing Meridien

director Kenneth Tan cleared the air about landslip. He said they were clearing part of the hill for the development.

Tan added that the clearing will be done in stages and contractors were required to submit reports for every 50m of works carried out at the site.

"Water containment is built together during the soil work at the

slope in multiple stages. To ensure there is proper water flow, we have designed a channel with a silt trap at the south east corner.

"We want to ensure the safety of the neighbourhood and we will take the necessary precautions," he said.

Tan added they are ready to stop work at anytime if the development fails to comply with the safety standards set by authorities.