



Heng (second from right) showing a clogged drain at the Taman Midah low-cost flats in Cheras, Kuala Lumpur.

Cheras low-cost flats folk urged to pay maintenance fees

RESIDENTS of Taman Midah low-cost flats in Jalan Midah 8A, Cheras, Kuala Lumpur must pay their maintenance fees regularly to help with the building's upkeep.

The 20-year-old building is constantly faced with malfunctioning lifts and clogged septic system and drains.

The flat's management corporation (MC) chairman Abdul Aziz Arbain said upgrading and maintenance work could not be carried out due to lack of funds.

He said currently, residents owed almost RM500,000 in arrears.

"The maintenance fee is only RM45, but only 50% of the residents pay regularly," said Abdul Aziz.

"The rest say they are only renting the units and do not want to pay.

"The fees we collect is only sufficient to pay the water and electricity bills and for general clean-up."

Kindergarten supervisor Maria Abdol Hazif said the mosquito problem in the neighbourhood was worrying.

"There is stagnant water and mosquitoes are everywhere.

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Abdul Aziz Arbain

"We have to keep the windows closed so that children do not get bitten.

"Although there has not been any dengue cases recently, we are still concerned," she said.

Cheras Wanita MCA chief Heng Sinn Yee, who highlighted the problems involving the flats, said she would help the MC apply for the 1Malaysia Maintenance Fund (TP1M).

"Under the programme, residents can ask for funds to repair lifts or paint their high-rise buildings.

"But, we ask residents to pay their maintenance fees so that other issues can be resolved," she said.