

Cheras residents want faulty hydrants replaced

MOST of the fire hydrants in Taman Indah and Pekan Batu 11 in Cheras are dysfunctional.

Balakong assemblyman Eddie Ng said residents were concerned over the issue in the areas, especially in Jalan Indah 1/6, Jalan Indah 1/7 and Jalan Besar Kampung Baru Sebelas, Cheras.

Last year, a fire broke out in the Cheras 11th Mile Commercial Centre and Ng said the community was worried that if such an incident were to happen again, the faulty hydrants would hamper efforts to put out the fire.

Ng filed a complaint with Fire and Rescue Department two years ago but he said no action was taken.

He said he also submitted a complaint with the Housing and Local Government Ministry (KPKT). A representative from the ministry visited the area to check on the problem but to the community's dismay, nothing was done to resolve the issue.

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"KPKT should allocate more money to the Fire and Rescue Department to enable them to resolve these kind of issues," he said.

In a *StarMetro* report on Oct 28, 2013, Federal Territories Minister Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor was quoted as saying that the maintenance of fire hydrants should be the joint responsibility of several parties, including the Fire and Rescue Department and Syarikat Bekalan Air Selangor Sdn Bhd (Syabas).



This hydrant in Taman Indah, Cheras, is barely noticeable as the paint has faded and it is blocked by other objects. Under the Service Act and Regulations 1988, it is an offence to cover up, enclose or conceal any fire hydrant or to use it for any reason other than fire-fighting purposes.

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