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Safety nets not enough?

> PPR residents seem to lack civic-mindedness as some still throwing rubbish from units

KUALA LUMPUR: Measures by Kuala Lumpur City Hall to create a safe environment at the Seri Pantai Public Housing Programme (PPR) flats by installing safety nets has inadvertently created a new problem.

Flat residents staying on the upper floors are now throwing their garbage onto the net.

A check by Bernama found that the types of garbage stuck on the netting mostly comprised food and beverage packaging.

Residents in the area seem to have forgotten the unfortunate incident on Jan 15 where 15-year-old S. Sathiswaran died of a severe head injury after being hit by a chair thrown from an upper floor of the flats.

Housewife Suzana Mohamad, 42,

expressed disappointment over the attitude of a handful of PPR residents who still lacked awareness on the need to maintain cleanliness, to the extent of affecting the safety and harmony of residents in the area.

"Several years ago, my son was walking under the building and a large piece of wood fell on his head, which caused an injury that needed seven stitches.

"It was not only that, but my elder sister's head was also injured once when a piece of glass fell from above.

"After all these incidents, we are scared to walk in the area without any roof for protection," said the resident who had been staying at the PPR flats for the past 16 years.

Suzana praised City Hall's move of installing safety nets, which was a relief to the residents.

"Although it (the netting) is safe, building a concrete wall may be more appropriate in the



A worker installing the netting at Seri Pantai PPR, Kuala Lumpur on Friday.

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long-term because we do not know how long the netting will last.

"What if the people throw larger and heavier things?" she said.

DBKL director of the Community Development and Urban Wellbeing Department Wan Mohammad Ghazali Nor said the department was installing the netting

at the flats to overcome the risk of accidents due to the attitude of residents who dispose things and rubbish from the upper floors.

"For the moment, we have only installed the netting at the Seri Pantai PPR.

"We will look at its effectiveness before implementing the system at other such places," he said. - Bernama