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THE Hulu Langat district has the second highest number of dengue cases at 12,472 cases and 16 deaths up to Oct 16, putting Kajang Municipal Council (MPKj) on high alert to tackle the disease.

Petaling district has the highest number of cases at 21,858 with 22 deaths.

MPKj president Datuk Rosli Othman said of the affected areas in Hulu Langat, 73 were in the municipality and nine hotspots had been identified in Kajang, Sungai Ramal, Balakong, Dusun Tua and Semenyih.

"We have 9,087 cases with 11 deaths recorded. In light of the severity of the situation, I urge the Resident Representative Council (MPP) together with the district Health Department to have more awareness campaigns. There must be more community clean-ups and enforcement," he said.

On whether stiffer penalties would be meted out to offenders whose premises were found with Aedes mosquito breeding spots, Rosli said it was crucial for all parties to work together instead of resorting to punitive measures.

With dengue cases on the rise, the rubbish issue has also become a bone of contention. To-date, MPKj's Solid Waste and Public Cleansing Management Department seized 13 lorries since Oct 22 for illegal dumping.

Dengue alert in Hulu Langat

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Rosli also urged members of the public to be mindful of where they dispose of bulk waste.

"We notice that bulk waste accumulates when people move house. This is when they throw out big items like cupboards, refrigerators and unwanted bed frames. I urge residents to dispose of their rubbish responsibly.

"They can call MPKj to find out which waste disposal contractors to get in touch with," said Rosli.

On the issue of pools of water accumulating on roads during heavy rain, Rosli said he would instruct the Engineering Department to visit the affected locations in Jalan Semenyih (in front of One Living electrical shop), Jalan Tun Abdul Aziz and Jalan Raja Haroun.

"We can find out the reason why water is stagnating on the roads. If we can prove that the contractors' work is

flawed, then we will make them do the necessary rectifications," said Rosli.

He also addressed a complaint forwarded by MPKj councillor Edward So who brought up the presence of claw machine games at shoplots in the municipality.

Citing that claw machines could only be legally operated in shopping centres, So said it was unfair for one party to be given a business licence while others were denied due to a difference in location.

To this, Rosli said the council would consider whether licensing laws with regards to claw machines need to be reviewed.

"If there is an increase in the number of premises outside malls with claw machines, we will reconsider relooking at the licensing requirements," he said.



An MPKj employee spraying larvicide in a drain at a residential area in Kajang. — Filepic