



**TRAFFIC PLANS**

- Intermittent closure of lanes (Sungai Besi-bound and Kuala Lumpur-bound) at KM12.0 to KM12.4, Kuchal Lama, Sungai Besi Highway is taking place until Feb 14. Construction works are from 11pm to 5am.
- Intermittent lane closure by stages continue at KM11.0, (Sungai Besi-bound and Kuchal Lama-bound), Sungai Besi Highway, Kuchal Lama until Feb 14, from 10pm to 5am.
- Intermittent lane closure by stages continue at Kuala Lumpur-Seremban Highway D5.0 (Kuala Lumpur-bound and Seremban-bound) near Shell Petrol Station until April 5, from 11pm to 5am.
- Lane closure at Jalan Suas 2 Pekan Sungai Besi continues until March 12 to facilitate 24-hour construction work.
- The right lane at Jalan Raya Satu, Seri Kembangan will be closed until July 14 to facilitate construction works.

**MBPJ COMPLAINT CHANNEL**

Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) accepts complaints via WhatsApp at 011-1201 7914. Residents are to send their full name, identity card number, telephone number, address of the complainer and location of relevant complaint. Incomplete complaints will not be entertained. Complaints are to be made Monday to Friday (except Saturday, Sunday and public holidays) from 8am to 5pm. For details, call 03-7954 2020, [aduan@mbpj.gov.my](mailto:aduan@mbpj.gov.my) or Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/mbpjaduan/>, 'eAduan MBPJ' at Google Play Store.

**WASTE COLLECTION**

Shah Alam City Council will place 237 Roll On Roll Off (Roro) waste bins in areas such as Section 2 to Section 36, Section U1 to Section U20 until Jan 24 in conjunction with the Chinese New Year celebration. The public can discard bulk waste such as old furniture, electrical goods, mattresses, bed frames, refrigerators, television, battery charger and handphones for free. For details, call 03-5510 5133 ext 1643/1316.

**BLOOD DONATION DRIVE**

Kuala Selangor District Council will hold a blood donation drive at its Devan Siantan in Bandar Melawati at 8.30am on Jan 22.

**CNY PERFORMANCES**

Central Market Kuala Lumpur is having an acrobatic lion dance, big head Buddha walkabout, Fu Lu Shou mascots walkabout as well as dragon dance and God of Prosperity walkabout starting Jan 25 to celebrate Chinese New Year.

# Rawang lake lacks lustre

Despite monies spent on maintenance at Taman Tasik park, vandalism continues to affect Selayang council's efforts to improve the surroundings



Tourism Ministry gave RM1.8mil to build the pavilion in Tasik Biru in 2012. The space, which has an air-conditioned hall for 500 people, is now rented by a restaurant.

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ONCE a jewel of attraction for anglers and jet skiers, Taman Tasik Biru Seri Kundang in Rawang held much promise as a tourist draw.

In 2016, Selayang Municipal Council (MPS) earmarked Tasik Biru to be an international hub for jet ski races.

There were plans for a helipad on an island at the lake for emergency and in case of mishaps. Promises of further upgrades were also made.

However, during a recent visit one Saturday afternoon, *StarMetro* saw that not only was there no sign of a helipad, instead we noticed dustbins overflowing with rubbish, drawing flies and vermin.

Three letters were also missing from the Tasik Biru sign on the island.

Visitors complained about the lack of safety barriers between the children's play area and the main road.

They said these areas were badly lit and many of the adult exercise equipment were either broken or had parts missing.

Although visitors can still rent jet skis from private operators at RM95 per day (with petrol included), international water sport events have come to a halt.

The last event, the 8th Kundang



Under MPS' master plan from 2018 to 2028, the 2.2km jogging path starting from Laguna Biru to Jalan Setia Apartment in Tasik Biru will be spruced up.

International Jetsports Challenge, was in 2016.

Some have also remarked that the lake's water quality has become unsuitable for water sports, judging from the signs of green algae, which MPS confirmed was a sign of contamination.

"Sewage and sullage from kampung houses by the lake's perimeter have compromised the water quality," said regular park-goer Shari Tamby Chik.

Another visitor Mustafa

Shahbudin, said he had heard stories of the lake being haunted and advised visitors, especially children, against visiting the lake after dusk.

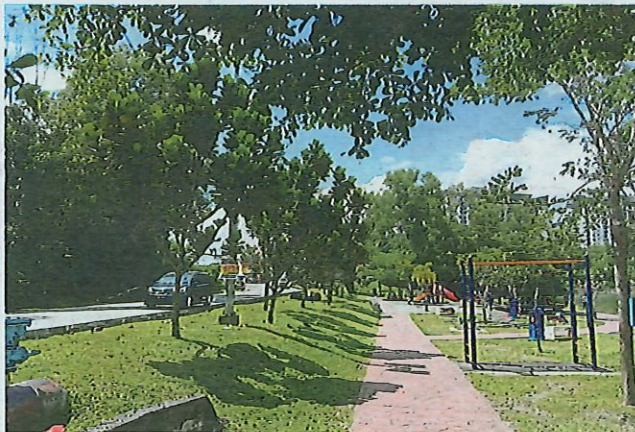
"There have been drowning cases at the lake. Last year, a 10-year-old boy drowned after getting into difficulties while swimming with friends. I hear of such incidents every year," said Mustafa.

Thirty-two-year-old Firdaus Hamid said the lake was still a

draw for avid anglers like himself and teenagers like Shahrul Ikhwan Farihin, 13.

"Better attention from authorities can go a long way towards improving the park's visitor count. They should allocate proper parking. Now visitors are parking their vehicles haphazardly by the roadside and causing traffic congestion," said Firdaus.

Shahrul and his friends hope the council would consider including a wading pool and a connection



Visitors to Tasik Biru complain of the lack of safety barriers between the children's play area and the main road.



Drink seller Sahudi Awang is willing to pay rental for a hawker stall at Tasik Biru if MPS decides to allocate a site for traders.