

# Malaria cases in Teratai area

## MPAJ looking into possible outbreak following two reports

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TWO cases of malaria have been reported in Ampang Jaya, raising concerns that this could be the start of an outbreak in the area.

Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ) president Datuk Abdul Hamid Hussain said they would wait for the full report from the Hulu Langat District Health Office on the necessary preventive measures.

“The two cases were reported to have been in the Teratai area but we do not have official confirmation yet.

“We will have to wait for directives from the health office before we take any action to limit the spread of the disease.

“Malaria is also a mosquito-borne infectious disease, like dengue. So we urge residents to ensure their compounds are clean,” he said after chairing the council’s monthly full board meeting.

Updating on the dengue situation, Abdul Hamid said some 580 dengue cases had been reported as

of Jan 23, with no fatalities.

There are currently 13 dengue hotspots including AU5D Taman Keramat, Taman Ukay Bistari, Pandan Indah and Taman Ukay Perdana.

Meanwhile, MPAJ said it would continue to monitor the one-way traffic trial phase along Jalan Bunga Mawar 4 until the end of February.

The proposed change of the 450m two-lane-road to a one-way lane would hopefully help ease traffic congestion on the main road of Jalan Bunga Mawar.

However, there have been objections by residents and traders who claimed that the change in traffic flow was making it more difficult to enter and exit the area.

Abdul Hamid said they have taken note of the issues and were working to resolve them.

“Improvements will be made from time to time during the trial period and we are monitoring these changes.

“By the end of the trial phase we will discuss again with stakeholders whether to implement the changes permanently or otherwise,” he said.



An MPAJ officer carrying out fogging operations in Ampang Jaya. Malaria is a mosquito-borne infectious disease, like dengue, and preventive measures such as fogging and keeping your compound clean are important. — Filepic