

# Worrisome landslips and mud flow

## Bukit Gasing residents afraid of further soil movements

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**H**EAVY rain hit certain parts of Petaling Jaya on Sunday afternoon and this caused a double landslide on the same stretch along Jalan 5/64, just half-an-hour apart.

The landslips caused trees to be uprooted and a mud flow that covered the double-carriage road.

Residents living near Bukit Gasing are now worried that the landslips could trigger further soil movement and cause a mud flow that could endanger motorists using the road leading to Fraser Towers and Bukit Gasing Sivan Hindu temple.

The strong wind and rain that began at 2.35pm, also caused flash floods along Jalan Utara and in Section 3.

Many cars were stalled and tow trucks had to be called in to move them.

Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) Quick Response Team and technicians from its Engineering Department spent almost three hours to remove the uprooted trees and clear the debris on the road.

Mayor Datin Alinah Ahmad visited the area just after the rain stopped at about 5.30pm.

Newly-elected state assemblyman Rajiv Rishyakaran also visited the affected stretch and held discussions with MBPJ engineering

department technicians Jaafar Ramli and Shuhairi Abdul Karim who were at the site to monitor the situation.

"The recurring landslips near the Bukit Gasing hill are cause for concern.

"We will ask soil engineers to study the problem and recommend measures to take.

"I am told it could be due to earthworks being carried out along the Kuala Lumpur ridge of Bukit Gasing," he said.

Residents who saw Rajiv said they were happy that he was proactive and had come to see the situation for himself, just hours after being elected.

For now, Rajiv said he would meet Alinah to discuss short and long-term measures to overcome the problems in Bukit Gasing.

Fraser Towers Joint Management Body chairman M. Kamar had said the steep slope, sparse vegetation, waterlogged conditions and developments on the hill were some of the factors that were worrying them.

"Several landslips in March at Bukit Gasing, along Jalan 5/60 close to Fraser Towers, brought down trees and rocks while a river of mud flowed down to Jalan 5/60.

"It is a disaster waiting to happen. The landslips are also an indication of the dangerous slopes and immediate measures must be taken," Kamar said.



**Coming down:** A landslide in Jalan 5/64 in Bukit Gasing that occurred on Sunday afternoon after strong wind and rain hit several parts of Petaling Jaya.