

Work to end floods under way



Abdul Rahim, Yap and Lee being briefed on the project by Wan Indra Putra at Kampung Sungai Ramal.

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WORK is ongoing at the three most critical stretches of Sungai Ramal under a Federal Government project to alleviate floods in the area.

On Tuesday, Drainage and Irrigation Department (flood mitigation) director Datuk Abd Rahim Kaparawi, Serdang MP Datuk Yap Pian Hon and Selangor DID director Lee Loke Chong inspected the work.

Abd Rahim said issues regarding compensation for private land, acquired for river widening works under the project, were still being negotiated.

"We have acquired 41 private agriculture lots for the projec," he said.

A sum of RM10mil has been allocated for the project to deepen and

widen the 8km-long river.

Sulaiman and Dayang Sdn Bhd started the work on May 31 with completion expected within 18 months.

Kampung Sungai Ramal Luar and Dalam, sitting on a 2.5km stretch of the river, were the worst hit every time there was a downpour over the last three decades. Floods often forced the villagers to evacuate.

Abd Rahim said the worst flood in the area occurred in 1998 when parts of the village were submerged under 5m of water. He said most of the houses affected were those built illegally on DID reserve land.

"Residents have been waiting for the project since 2000," he added.

Sulaiman and Dayang executive chairman Wan Indra Putra Ahmad said the Prime Minister was particularly concerned about the constant floods in Kampung Sungai Ramal and wanted an immediate solution to the problem.