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Council tears down illegal structures

NO COMPROMISE: Landowners have been ordered to restore the land in Sungai Kertas, Mukim Baru in Gombak to its earlier condition

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THE Selayang Municipal Council (MPS) yesterday demolished structures built on an illegal dumpsite in Sungai Kertas, Mukim Baru in Gombak.

Fifty-two illegal structures, including houses, were torn down using backhoes operated by the MPS Special Enforcement Unit.

The four-hour operation, which started from 8.30am, involved 45 officers from the MPS Enforcement Department, Engineering Department and Town Planning and Development Department.

Gombak district officer Datuk Nor Hisham Ahmad Dahlan said some of the houses were built on the hilltop, mainly occupied by illegal immigrants.

He said his office had issued Form 7A under Section 128 of the National Land Code to landowners on Wednesday, ordering them to revert the land to its earlier condition.

"The 6ha land is an agricultural land but the landowners have breached the code by turning it into an illegal dumpsite.

"They have been given three months to rectify this.

"If they fail to comply, we will issue a notice, or Form 7B under Section 129, whereby the land can be seized," he said.

Nor Hisham said the next step would involve issuing Form 8A under Section 130 of National Land Code where the land will be surrendered to the state government.

Selayang municipal councillor Lim Ching How said a gate would be built at the entrance of the dumpsite to keep out trespassers.



Datuk Nor Hisham Ahmad Dahlan (in dark red batik shirt) and Lim Ching How (in black batik shirt) visiting the **illegal dumpsite** in Sungai Kertas, Mukim Baru in Gombak. Pic courtesy of Selayang Municipal Council

The construction of the gate measuring 2.1m high and 30m long is expected to be completed by next week.

"As a temporary solution, our engineers will dig a trench at the entrance of the dumpsite to deny access to trespassers, especially lorries.

"The houses had to be demolished as they were built without council approval.

"Illegal immigrants have encroached on the land since 2008. Despite MPS taking action against them, the problem persists.

"We have instructed our enforcement officers to conduct round-the-clock patrols in the area," he said.

The illegal dumpsite is located near a river and residential areas in Kampung Sungai Kertas.

The operation was also conducted

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to address the area's cleanliness issue.

Selangor Menteri Besar Azmin Ali visited the site last Friday and ordered that the land be cleared as the garbage could cause erosion of the

riverbanks and river siltation, leading to flash floods.

Page 1 pic: A backhoe tearing down an illegal structure at the dumpsite