New target — fish pond

Thieves take advantage of site's remote location to cart away sand

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SAND-mining thieves are at it again and this time they are digging up a fish pond in SKC Kampung Timah, Bukit Beruntung.

Officers from the Hulu Selangor Land Office raided the area and detained 17 workers for questioning and placed a notice ordering the removal of the structures.

The structure must be demolished by May 1.

Hulu Selangor Land Office district officer Nor Hisham Ahmad Dahan said he had stationed his men at the site, measuring two football fields, to prevent any further stealing of sand.

When questioned by the authorities, the workers said they were only taking the sand to do earthworks in the pond area and not taking it out.

"I believe that this is not true and we will demolish the structure in the next two weeks and seize any machinery or vehicles found in the area," said Nor Hisham.

Nor Hisham said there were many old mining pools in SKC Kampung Timah which contain tonnes of sand.

"With many escape routes, some leading to Tanjung Malim and others to the Perak border, it is difficult to monitor and catch the sand thieves.

"The area is only accessible by a four-wheel-drive vehicle because there are no roads."

Our officers are trying their best to stop the sand-mining activity in Hulu Selangor but having to guard a district as big as the state of Malacca is difficult, but not impossible."

Nor Hisham added that another problem was that the sand thieves were being informed by tris near the district office when the raids were conducted.

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Time to go: This structure at the sand-mining site in SKC Kampung Timah will be demolished within two weeks.

ROAD CLOSURE

There will be a road closure in Jalan Shameldin 1/1 heading towards Jalan Ctras and Jalan Pandan Indah from April 23 to 27 from midnight to 5am. It is to facilitate construction work on the Sungai Besi Highway. For details, call 019-982 3065 (Amri) or 019-265 2134 (Hasnul)

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman is conducting a public course on 'Successful Project Management' at its Petaling Jaya campus on April 26 and 27. Engineers, architects and project managers are welcome to attend. For details, call 03-7957 2618 or 03-7958 2628.

CHARITY BAZAAR

The Malaysian Red Crescent Society will be having its Charity Bazaar on May 5 and 6 at Beranang, Jalan Ipoh. There will be fun activities and a lot of goods to be sold. Donations and funds for the event are appreciated. For details, call 03-4257 8122.

TEACHERS' DAY

Malacca state-level Christian Teachers' Day 2012 will be held on May 18 at 2pm at the Methodist Girls' Secondary School, Cheli Tamiisleveam. The founder and director of Reading Bus Ministries Malaysia will share a talk themed "Call To Serve." Tickets are at RM10 each. For details, call 017-619 0689 (Koh) or 012-529 7369 (Chay).

EARTH HOUR EVENT

Come and join Miss Universe Malaysia Kimberley Leggett at Earth Hour event at Orange Entrance, Sunway Pyramid at 3pm on Sunday. Join the dance activity and help raise funds for WNF-Malaysia's conservation work. To register call 017-7494 3101 or visit www.sunwaypyram

CHARITY JUMBLE SALE

Whales and dolphins conservation group The Marine Research Organisation will be having a charity jumble sale from today to

Ongoing: Workers watching the sand being dug up at SKC Kampung Timah in Bukit Beruntung, Rawang.