Clogged drains irk traders

They fear the foul smell will send customers away

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TRADEERS at Batu 17 in Rawang fear the clogged drains near the commercial area will put off customers.
The traders who run foodstalls in the area said the foul smell emanating from the clogged drains may cause customers to avoid the stalls.
Another problem the traders have to contend with is rainwater entering the premises whenever there is a downpour – no thanks to the clogged drains.
Trader Teo Seng Poh said the unscheduled cleaning up of the drains by the Selayang Municipal Council (MPS) contractor was another reason why the drains were clogged.
Some of the frustrated traders even took matters into their own hands and hired a contractor to clean up the drains there.
"If we lose our customers, then there will be no business for us," said Teo, adding how could a simple maintenance be difficult for the council.

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Nowhere to go: A view of the clogged drain near the restaurants in Batu 17, Rawang.