River becomes easy dumping ground

BAD HABIT: Residents dumping uncollected garbage into river as collection schedule becomes irregular

OME residents in Kajang have come up with an easy way to dispose of their uncollected rubbish by dumping them in Sungai Langat. A Streets visit to the river revealed floating trash, some in plastic bags, obviously residential rubbish, bobbing up and down the river.

According to Mohamad Syarif Hafiz Ismail, 21, from Taman Sri Jambu, due to the irregular rubbish collection here, some residents are throwing their garbage into the nearby river.

"After Kajang Municipal Council (MPK) took over the garbage collection, there were delays in the garbage collection and sometimes garbage was collected only after a week or more.

"The river, located about 100 metres away from Taman Sri Jambu, has always been an angler's haven but now it looks like the anglers can fish out more trash than fish.

"I, too, am left with no choice but to take my trash to the market's dumpster so that rubbish does accumulate at my house," said Syarif.

Syarif, who lives near the river, says the stench from the river reaches his neighbourhood when the wind blows.

"I hope the rubbish will be cleared soon before it becomes a threat to the river."

Folk in a nearby residential are resorting to throwing their garbage into the river. Pic by Farhana Syed Nokman