Clogged and overloaded

IWK to build higher wall to prevent sewage pond from overflowing

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NDAH Water Konsortium Sdn Bhd (IWK) will build a higher wall to prevent a sewage pond from overflowing in Jalan Teratai 1/11 in Tanjung Bungah, Penang, by the end of the month.

Residents have been facing a stinking problem with the overflow of the sewage pond caused by clogged drains in the area. The drains are clogged with sand and rubbish which gets into the sewage pump causing it to break down. IWK unit manager Lawrence Dominic Nice said the pump had stopped working because of rubbish jamming the impellers.

"Unless the drains are cleaned the problem will not be solved. We will build a wall to prevent the drain water from entering our plant," he said.

Selangor Gerakan Youth chief Ben Low said all it took was an hour of rain for the drains to overflow into the pond.

"We have received many complaints. The drains are clogged because there is no maintenance by the Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MBPJ).

"The authorities should clean the drain at least twice a month. We will send a letter to MBPJ regarding this matter," he said, adding that no action was taken despite numerous complaints by the residents.

Hawa Mri, 58, who has been living in the area since 1983, said the smell was unbearable after downpour.

She said they had lodged many complaints with the council on the bad condition of the drain for the past 10 years but the problem remained unresolved.