No way to get across

Authorities demolish bridge connecting to four illegal resorts

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A BRIDGE leading to four illegal resorts in Jalan Sungai Tua-Ulu Yam has been demolished. The bridge and the resorts were built on state land without the approval from the Hulu Selangor Land Office.

The operation to demolish the bridge was carried out by the Hulu Selangor Land Office, Hulu Selangor District Council, Drainage and Irrigation Department, Public Works Department, the police and Malaysian Anti-Corruption Agency.

Hulu Selangor district officer Nor Hisham Dahalan said the owners of the resorts who had been occupying the state land for the last 12 years pleaded with the officers not to demolish their buildings.

"So, we demolished only the bridge leading to the resort. "We will give the 3ha plot here to Menteri Besar Incorporated (MBI) and the resorts are given 48 days to get approval to be legalised and pay rent," he said.

He added that the plots were on Temporary Occupancy Licence (TOL) under the agriculture status.

"However, some TOL had expired in 2007 and some in 2009 and the resort owners were given prior notices. "We came to sort out the land matters here where all the TOL lots have expired," he added.

Nor Hisham said the last notice was issued to the owners in May asking them to vacate the premises within 28 days.

"We advise those who operate restaurants, resorts, farms or other businesses on state land to come to the land office to sort out the problem. "We will take stern action against those squatting on state land without permission," he said.

Ready for action: A backhoe on standby with authorities ready to demolish the bridge leading to the resorts.