Clogged river tributary and drug haunt

Stench and abandoned house in Taman Sri Muda add to residents' woes

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RESIDENTS of Jalan Mudibiah, 25/7, in Taman Sri Muda, Shah Alam, have been putting up with the stench coming from a clogged river tributary into their homes.

'An enraged log boom is the cause of the problem. It has also enabled scavengers to collect recyclable materials that ended up floating nearby,' said a resident, who identified himself only as Chandran, 25.

A resident, who identified himself only as Chandra, 25, said the river overflowed and spills rubbish onto the road, said the Taman Sri Muda resident of 45 years.

He said the situation was made worse by a collapsed drain that could not channel the high volume of waste during a downpour.

Chandran also highlighted an abandoned and unkempt house in Jalan Mudibiah, 25/7 that was a concern for the residents.

'The house was abandoned about four years ago after the occupants left. It has since become a haven for drug addicts as almost every night, we see addicts lying on the ground and under the house,' he said.

Another resident, who identified himself as Shafarin, urged the council to clear the house and clear up the neighbourhood soon.

MIFA corporate communications deputy director Sharif Ahmad said the house was 50 years old and was in urgent need of renovation.

'The house is not only a drug den, but a slum as well. The structure is in a bad state and needs immediate action,' said Sharif.

'Did we fail them to clear the garbage? We did act on the matter, but there is no action plan,' he added.

Another resident, who identified himself as Ali, 25, said the council had promised to clear the house and the surrounding area.

'The council told us they would carry out the work. But since then, nothing has been done,' he said.

Ali added that he and his neighbours had complained about the clogged river tributary, abandoned house and other issues to the Shah Alam City Council (MIFA), but no action had been taken.