

Landslide near school

NO CASUALTY: Heavy rain dislodged soil from the hill slope unto the school field

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A DOWNPOUR triggered a landslide at a hill slope near SK Pusat Bandar Puchong (2) field last Friday.

The landslide occurred about 7.10pm at the hill slope which is situated about 200 metres from the school's building.

Subang Jaya councillor Chang Kim Loong who visited the school on Saturday said a security guard had heard a loud noise from the hill slope.

"When he went to check, he found the earth had slid down to the school field. Some trees were also uprooted.

"The soil had also covered the monsoon drain located in between the school field and

the hill slope.

"Thankfully, no one was injured and there was no damage to the property," he said, adding that the guard quickly alerted a teacher.

Chang said the school then informed the police about the matter and the area was sealed off.

At present, the school has about 900 students.

Meanwhile, Subang Jaya Municipal Council public relations senior assistant director Asfarizal Abdul Rashid said the hill slope, which was part of the Ayer Hitam Forest Reserve was under the jurisdiction of Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) and the Forestry Department.

He said an official letter would be sent to UPM and the Forestry Department to inform them about the matter.



Authorities have **sealed off** the school field of SK Pusat Bandar Puchong (2).

Uprooted trees, soil at Bukit Gasing cleared

PETALING JAYA: The Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) has cleared the uprooted trees and earth which had partially blocked Jalan 5/60 opposite the Faber Towers Apartment Complex following last Friday's landslide in Bukit Gasing.

The landslide is the latest at the hill slope which had seen several similar incidents in the past. Residents in the area and councillor Derek Fernandez had expressed concern over the latest incident which occurred after a downpour.

The landslide brought down soil and uprooted trees below the Sivan Temple, leaving an exposed area as big as a football field.

MBPJ public relations officer Zainun Zakaria said the council had sent its contractor to remove the uprooted trees and mounds of soil on Saturday morning.

She said the council's engineering department would also be placing tarpaulin sheets as a temporary measure to avoid further slope erosion at the site.

"The tarpaulin sheets will be placed immediately to prevent further landslides," she said. The management of the Sivan Temple could not be reached for comment.

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