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`Illegal dump beside substation worrying`

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AN ILLEGAL dumpsite along Bukit Jalil Highway is raising concerns as it is located next to a Tenaga Nasional Bhd (TNB) main substation.

Bukit Jalil Fire and Rescue Station chief Mohd Azhar Harun said the site's close proximity to TNB cables and pylons was worrying.

"If a fire breaks out at the dumpsite, it might spread next door and turn into an electrical fire which is more dangerous and difficult to extinguish.

"Unlike conventional fire-fighting methods, we will need to use foam to put out the fire if nearby electrical components are affected.

"Furthermore, there is also no water source around the area," he told *StarMetro*.

Mohd Azhar said he had also received complaints from fire-fighters about mosquitoes in the vicinity.

"Our quarters are located in between the fire and rescue station and the dumping site.

"From there, we can see that rubbish is being dumped behind, which is very near to a river tributary," he said.

From the top floor of the 10-storey quarters, *StarMetro* saw piles of rubbish stacked up.

Another pile was scattered behind, next to the river.

According to firefighters at the station, lorries could be seen dumping rubbish while some vehicles were spotted collecting the rubbish.

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Dangerous if waste pile catches fire and spreads next door, warns Bukit Jalil fire station chief



The dumpsite located next to the TNB main substation (right) and Bukit Jalil Highway. — Photos: LOW LAY PHON/The Star

Mohd Azhar said he had highlighted the matter to Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL), the

Environment Department (DOE), and Federal Territories of Kuala Lumpur Lands and Mines Office

(PTGWP) since last year but not much had been done. A letter from PTGWP dated



Mohd Azhar says complaints to the authorities about the illegal dumpsite have not been acted on.

March 11, to the Fire and Rescue Department Station chief, stated an investigation on March 6 determined the dumpsite was operating illegally.

It also stated an eviction notice was issued to the owner on Sept 11, 2024, for occupying state land unlawfully under Section 425(1) of the National Land Code 1965.

When contacted, PTGWP reiterated the site had been issued an eviction notice.

However, no enforcement action had been taken since.

DBKL in a letter on March 25 said no investigations were conducted as they could not find the precise location of the dumpsite.

StarMetro had reached out to DBKL several times for comments but had received no response at press time.