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RM20mil set aside for Sg Langat flood mitigation

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A TOTAL of RM20mil has been allocated by Selangor for deepening and widening works at Sungai Langat in Kampung Batu 10, Cheras, and Kampung Batu 16 Dusun Tua, Hulu Langat, to reduce flood risks in hotspot areas.

Dusun Tua assemblyman Datuk Johan Abdul Aziz said the project had been approved by the state government and was in the consultant reporting stage before implementation.

"This is a short-term measure while awaiting the comprehensive report for the RM512mil Sungai Langat flood mitigation project under the Federal Government."

He said priority was given to deepening and widening works, as Sungai Langat gets fed water from several tributaries, including Sungai Gabai and Sungai Congkak.

"When water volume increases, the surrounding areas are exposed to flooding."

"That is why proper river maintenance is crucial," he explained after a flood mitigation meeting chaired by Hulu Langat MP Mohd Sany Hamzan at Kompleks Penghulu in Hulu Langat.

The state had also allocated RM2mil to deepen Sungai Sering and replace an old bridge, said Johan.

He said the floods in December

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S'gor river to undergo widening, deepening works at two hotspots



Johan (holding microphone) raising concerns over lack of consultant updates during a flood mitigation meeting chaired by Mohd Sany (left, in red) in Hulu Langat.

2021, which affected more than 6,000 homes, served as an important reminder of why mitigation projects must be expedited.

"Since being elected as assemblyman, I have continuously fought for this issue."

"I raised it in the state assembly for two years and thankfully,

the state government approved RM10mil for each small-scale mitigation project in Kampung Batu 16 and Kampung Batu 10."

He said he had urged the Federal Government to speed up the Sungai Langat flood mitigation project, as residents still lived in fear whenever it

rained heavily.

"They said one year, but six months have already passed."

"I urge that preliminary works must begin by the end of this year at the latest," he said.

"If there are critical locations, start with those first."

"As the consultant was

appointed six months ago, we should at least know the progress moving forward."

Also present at the meeting were representatives from Drainage and Irrigation Department, Kajang Municipal Council, Tenaga Nasional Bhd and East Klang Valley Expressway as well as village chiefs.

Johan said the flood mitigation project was expected to begin within the next month or two, with completion within six months.

"Hulu Langat requires special attention as it is a water catchment area that supplies more than half of the Klang Valley's clean water," he told *StarMetro*.

"There are many major rivers and tributaries here, such as Sungai Lopo, Sungai Congkak, Sungai Manggis and Sungai Gabai."

"All of these require a proper drainage system, which is why we need significant budget allocations for mitigation projects."