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TWO factories have been slapped with a 30-day notice to remove illegal structures built on their premises in Taman Desa Serdang in Serdang, Selangor.

One of the factories has a man-made fishing pond with wooden structures while an illegal heavy machinery workshop was found on the other lot.

Kajang Municipal Council (MPKj) issued a warning notice under Section 70 (1) of the Street, Drainage and Building Act 1974 with instructions under Section 72 (1)(b)(c) of the same Act, directing for the demolition of the structures within 30 days.

Kajang municipal councillor Billy Sun said he received complaints from residents regarding a bad smell in the area.

"We found a fishing pond and banana trees planted in the vicinity of one of the factories.

"The smell of fertilisers has been bothering residents.

"The factory owner also cleared some parts of the jungle nearby, prompting flash floods which affected at least two houses.

"One factory had a temporary occupation licence (TOL) back in 2007 and there has been no renewal since then.

"The other factory has no TOL and runs an illegal heavy machinery workshop, which has experienced oil spillage issues. The workshop lacks the necessary licences," he said.

Sun said MPKj sealed off the heavy machinery workshop and issued a RM1,000 compound.

"We issued a 30-day notice to these factories and the owners will have to reapply to Tenaga Nasional Bhd (TNB) and comply with its terms before applying for TOL from the Hulu Langat Land and District Office, as well as the necessary licences from MPKj," he said during an integrated operation at the factory lots.

An officer from MPKj Building Control Department confirmed that the two illegal

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structures, within the two factories, had been built without approval.

The factories are situated on approximately 2.02ha land.

The entrance to the factories is via a small access road along Jalan Desa Serdang 10.

The integrated enforcement operation involved the land and district office, TNB as well as MPKj's Law, Enforcement, Health Services, and Building Control departments.



Residents complained about strong odour from fertilisers used by a factory operator at its banana farm.



A wooden platform at the illegal fishing pond built near one of the factories in Taman Desa Serdang, Serdang. — LOW LAY PHON/The Star