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Landslide-Abu Hassan

ALTERNATIVE ROAD TO BKT ANTARABANGSA TO BE WIDENED

KUALA LUMPUR, May 19 (Bernama) -- Jalan Sungai Sering, the alternative access road to Bukit Antarabangsa which supports several housing estates near here will be widened, Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Abu Hassan Omar said today.

"We have decided to widen the road by about 30 metres and work on it will begin immediately," he said.

A landslide on Bukit Antarabangsa on Saturday forced the closure of the only access road to the area, Jalan Wangsa 1.

A number of landslides following heavy rain in the Bukit Antarabangsa area also forced residents of the Puncak Athenaeum condominium and Wangsa Heights to abandon their houses for safety reasons.

Abu Hassan hoped the developer of the housing schemes on Bukit Antarabangsa would help financially in the road widening works.

The Menteri Besar was speaking to reporters after accompanying Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to Bukit Antarabangsa where they inspected the areas affected by the landslides.

Efforts were also being made to divert the water seeping from the landslide affected areas elsewhere so that they would dry up and facilitate mud and slime clearing works, he said.

He also said the Hotel de Palma in Ampang where some of the affected condominium dwellers were putting up had decided to reduce the daily room rates from RM75 to RM50 to ease their financial burden.

As a long term measure a team of geo-technical experts headed by Ampang Jaya Municipal Council president Mohammad Nik would conduct studies on Bukit Antarabangsa to ascertain its safety for dwelling purposes.

Meanwhile all new development in the area had been frozen.

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