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Indiscriminate rubbish dumping a major cause

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - City folks also have themselves to blame for the floods that hit the city on Thursday, going by the way garbage is indiscriminately dumped.

New Straits Times photographer Fariz Iswadi captured on film some of the rubbish-strewn areas in the "Garden City" which caused clogged drains and floods.

Sungai Klang was not spared as rubbish can be found floating.

The floods - one of the worst in recent years - left two dead and thousands stranded, besides untold damage to property.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday blamed poor development planning and inefficient maintenance as the causes of the floods.

Works Minister Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu proposed that those found guilty of throwing rubbish into rivers and drains be jailed.

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