

**MBSA's 'not flooded' claim an April Fool's joke?**  
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The Consumers Association of Subang and Shah Alam Selangor (Cassa) Selangor is totally disillusioned and shocked at the statement by the Shah Alam City Hall for claiming in a Bernama report on April 1 that the Taman Tun Dr Ismail Jaya 'housing estate was not flooded and the situation with the Sungei Damansara was normal' following heavy rains on Sunday, April 1'.

The statement by Shah Alam City Hall's (MBSA) public relations officer is misleading, totally irresponsible, mischievous and slanted and cannot be allowed to stand.

The fact is that both the Sungei Kuning and Sungei Damasara that cut through the Taman TTDI Jaya housing estate had overflowed, threatening the residents here.

The strange and bizarre mix of both river and rain water collecting in the choked and clogged housing estate drains had overflowed resulting in several homes damaged by flood waters.

Worse still, roads leading into the said housing estate - which includes portions of the NKVE and the Federal Highway at Batu Tiga - were also under more than 24 cm of flood waters, causing huge jams.

Cassa investigations on the ground found that water levels at both the rivers were alarmingly high. The available pumps placed at two points nor the on-going remedial works were adequate to deal with the floods waters.

Only proactive and quick thinking by residents there saved most of their vehicles which were moved to higher ground.

Questions are now raised if the two bridges leading into the housing estate are now damaged as cracks have been seen appearing on them.

Cassa appeals to the federal government to set up an independent select committee immediately to evaluate and audit present claims of remedial work for flood damage in the area before proposing a comprehensive solution which would take into focus all upstream and downstream construction and development projects. This to safeguard the rights and interests of residents in the area.

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