

'Selangor lacks flood mitigation measures'

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POLITICKING: PKR-led state govt didn't focus on important tasks, says Noh

NOT having enough flood mitigation initiatives is the cause of frequent flash floods in Selangor, said Selangor Umno liaison committee deputy chairman Datuk Seri Noh Omar.

Noh said another reason was the Parti Keadilan Rakyat-led state government had been too immersed in politics and did not focus on important tasks such as flood prevention.

"Their (Pakatan Rakyat's) fourth anniversary was greeted by floods in Hulu Langat and Ampang. Flash floods are occurring more frequently of late, especially in cities, because of clogged drains and poor drainage system.

"Our garbage management system is already well established but they (the state government) want to do it their own way and appoint their own people," he said at the Mesra Belia 1Malaysia Carnival here yesterday.

The agriculture and agro-based industries minister, who is also Tanjung Karang member of parliament, said the problem was worsened by internal problems in the local councils.

"In some councils, even a simple task of appointing local councillors could not be settled.

"How can they rule the state? They can't even manage their local councillors and garbage. The people of Selangor have had enough of their antics."

Earlier, Noh, accompanied by Youth and Sports Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Shabery Cheek, cycled 5km across four housing estates and three villages with 100 youths and made several stops to present daily necessities to senior citizens, single mothers and the disabled.

In another function, MIC secretary-general S. Murugesan said the state government should not blame others for the flash floods that hit Klang last week.

He said the state government should admit its failure in managing the drainage system and garbage collection which contributed to the flash floods.

"How can water flow smoothly if garbage is not collected regularly?" he said after attending a skills training seminar in Section 19, Shah Alam, yesterday.

He said if the state government was aware of the flood problem, it should have taken measures to improve the drainage system instead of blaming the previous state government.

"The state government's delay in channelling allocation for flood mitigation projects in Klang is an example of the state government not giving serious attention to the people's welfare."

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