

## **Sarawak PH wants immediate action taken on drainage complaints**

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KUCHING, Aug 18 (Bernama) -- Sarawak Pakatan Harapan (PH) wants the Housing Development Corporation (HDC) to take immediate action relating to drainage complaints by residents in Taman Sri Cahaya Tondong, Batu Kawa, here, in view of the dengue menace.

The state's PH chairman, Chong Chieng Jen said the clogged drains in the area were responsible for two dengue cases this year.

“After these cases were reported (recently) then only the local council did the fogging... hence the residents there had made many complaints regarding the condition of their housing area to HDC, mainly on clogged and dirty drains,” he told reporters after officiating a gotong royong programme at Taman Sri Cahaya Tondong here, today.

He said due to the clogged drains, one case of dengue was reported in the housing area in June and the second case one month later.

HDC is under the purview of the Sarawak Ministry Of Local Government and Housing and is in charge of building houses for local residents, including under the government low cost housing programme.

Chong, who is also Federal Deputy Minister of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs, said HDC, however, had not taken action so far to clear the clogged drains and the residents had to organise the gotong-royong to clear the clogged drains by themselves today.

“Also the residents here have long suffered from foul smells due to a broken septic tank for 12 years. Only after the Federal government was changed in 2018 and after giving some pressure, then finally HDC took action to repair the septic tank in the middle of the housing estate,” he said.

Meanwhile, Taman Sri Cahaya Tondong Neighbourhood Watch Committee chairman, Chai Jun

Chen said the residents moved to the low cost housing area under HDC, comprising 11 blocks with 660 housing units in 2002.

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