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'Certified surveyors to assess flood reservoir encroachment'

KUALA LUMPUR: The size of the Jinjang River flood reservoir will be measured again by appointed certified surveyors in order to determine whether developers nearby had encroached into the area, says Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) chief commissioner Tan Sri Azam Baki.

This was a technical requirement to find out whether the development of condominiums nearby had encroached into the flood reservoir, which has three retention ponds – Delima, Nanyang and Wahyu.

Instructions have already been given to the Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL), which will be in charge of appointing the surveyor, he said.

"The MACC wants to have a clear picture on this matter and to also get a report from the surveyor," said Azam during a surprise visit at a condominium showroom near the Jinjang River flood reservoir in

Taman Wahyu yesterday.

Also present were Kuala Lumpur mayor Datuk Seri Mahadi Che Ngah, Irrigation and Drainage Department (DID) director-general Datuk Dr Md Nasir Md Noh and MACC deputy commissioner Datuk Seri Ahmad Khusairi Yahaya.

Azam said the area must be properly measured to ascertain whether development had been carried out within approved areas.

"If the report says okay, we will accept that. Otherwise, I will inform all of you what action will be taken later," he added.

He said the report by the surveyor would take between two and three weeks.

During the inspection, Azam said the water capacity had gone above the two million cubic metre limit by the DID.

"It's 2.2 million cubic metres now," he said.

Recently, Lembah Pantai MP Fahmi Fadzil and Segambut MP Hannah Yeoh were among those who lodged police reports, claiming that six retention ponds – Batu, Nanyang, Delima, Taman Wahyu, Batu 4 1/2 and Taman Desa – were approved for development.

However, DID deputy director Ratna Rajah Sivapiragasam had subsequently dispelled claims that DID sold flood retention ponds on government land.

Even if the retention lands in question were sold, the ponds themselves remained under the purview of the department, he said.

Ratna said the MPs should have sought clarification with the DID before making the allegations.



Watch the video
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Surprise visit: Azam (centre) with Mahadi (left) and Md Nasir (right) looking at the site near the Jinjang River flood reservoir in Taman Wahyu, Kuala Lumpur. — AZHAR MAHFUF/The Star

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Office boy held over fake digital certs

KOTA KINABALU: An office boy has been arrested for soliciting bribes from the public in return for helping them get the Covid-19 vaccination certificate in the MySejahtera app.

A seven-day remand order from Tuesday was issued by magistrate Jessica Ombou Kakayun following an application by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC).

The 31-year-old suspect was arrested at about 1.30pm on Tuesday at the MACC office here.

He is believed to have solicited bribes of over RM2,000 from the public for the purpose of getting the Covid-19 Vaccination Digital Certificate in the MySejahtera app last October, Bernama reported.

The suspect is also believed to have given bribes to volunteers at a vaccination centre as a reward for registering the names of unvaccinated individuals to get the digital certificate.

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'Build more retention ponds in KL to mitigate floods'

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THE authorities in Kuala Lumpur should build more retention ponds and upgrade existing ones to sustain more water, says community activist Yee Poh Ping.

He also urged Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) and the Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) to coordinate flood mitigation efforts.

"Come up with a regular schedule to carry out desiltation works at major rivers and ponds, at least thrice a year.

"Build a bund along Sungai Batu, Sungai Jinjang, Sungai Gombak, Sungai Keroh and Sungai Klang to prevent water overflow," he said.

Yee stressed that the authorities should not approve any more land transfers for developments at water catchment areas.

He cited the retention pond in Taman Wahyu, Kepong, that had been earmarked for a mixed development project.



This retention pond in Taman Wahyu, Kepong, is earmarked for development but there are fears it can affect flood mitigation efforts in Kuala Lumpur. — Photos by AZLINA ABDULLAH/The Star

On Jan 8, Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission ordered DBKL to appoint a surveyor to measure the actual land size set aside for the development.

This came after claims by Segambut MP Hannah Yeoh that six retention ponds were alienated between October 2015 and September 2020 for development.



Yee urges the government to stop approving retention pond sites for development.

DID deputy director Ratna Rajah Sivapiragasam, in a *StarMetro* report on Jan 3, said the retention pond remained under its purview although the land it was on had

been sold.

Kuala Lumpur mayor Datuk Seri Mahadi Che Ngah, when contacted, said the survey on the development at the pond in Taman Wahyu would be done speedily.

"A surveyor will come up with a technical drawing to ascertain if the development takes place within its rightful space.

"We need to find out what is the procedure involved and the level of precision needed for the survey," he said when asked on the timeline of the study.

On a related matter, Yee rapped opposition MPs over this issue.

"Why didn't they resolve this issue when they were in power?"

"This issue is not new as I have raised it several years ago," he said.

On Jan 1, Lembah Pantai MP Fahmi Fadzil lodged a police report with Cheras MP Tan Kok Wai and Yeoh, urging for an investigation into the pond alienation issue.

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Certified fake

First it was in Terengganu, then in Sabah. Now, a clinic in the Klang Valley has been found to have issued fake digital vaccination certificates for a fee. Of its 5,601 registered as vaccinated, police are investigating how many are truly vaxxed.
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Vax certs offered for RM500

Police checking how many of clinic's 5,601 patients are not jabbed

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PETALING JAYA: The crackdown on private clinics that offer fake digital vaccination certificates has widened to the Klang Valley. This comes amid earlier raids in Terengganu and Sabah.

In the latest raid on a private clinic in Gombak, police discovered that the fake certificates were being offered for RM500 each.

"We raided the clinic last Friday," said Selangor police chief Comm Datuk Arjunaidi Mohamed.

"We caught wind of the clinic's illicit activities and arrested seven suspects aged between 20 and 35.

"There are three women among the seven arrested. The suspects include the clinic owner, staff and a runner," he told reporters yesterday.

Police seized a laptop believed to be used to input patient data into the MySejahtera system.

"The clinic targeted those who did not want to get vaccinated. It would seek out clients for fake certificates via WhatsApp."

Comm Datuk Arjunaidi Mohamed

"Checks revealed that 5,601 patients had been registered as vaccine recipients at the clinic.

"We are investigating how many among them had been registered without receiving their jabs," Comm Arjunaidi said.

"The clinic targeted those who did not want to get vaccinated. It would seek out clients for fake certificates via WhatsApp.

"Some were referred to the clinic

by close acquaintances," he added.

Initial investigations revealed that the clinic had received vaccines from the Health Ministry but only empty vials were returned to the ministry.

"The vaccine was thrown away and the empty bottles returned to the ministry to justify the issuance of vaccination certificates," he said according to Bernama.

Comm Arjunaidi added that the

clients were initially charged up to RM3,000 each for the service but the fee was subsequently reduced to RM500.

The case is being investigated under Section 269 of the Penal Code (for committing a negligent act likely to spread infection of any disease dangerous to life) and Section 22(d) of the Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases Act.

Five days earlier, a man was arrested in Sabah for falsifying digital certificates.

Believed to be a member of a syndicate, the 31-year-old was arrested by Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission officers.

On Jan 8, Terengganu police arrested a doctor from a private clinic in Marang for allegedly issuing fake Covid-19 vaccination certificates.

Terengganu police chief Datuk Rohaimi Md Isa said the 51-year-old man was picked up following a public complaint.

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Missing millions from undelivered warships traced to S'pore firms

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PUTRAJAYA: An investigation into the non-delivery of six littoral combat ships (LCS) have led investigators on a trail to millions of ringgit, believed to be connected with the project, to three Singapore-based companies.

Sources with knowledge of the case said the latest discovery has led to the detention of two individuals.

"Investigators are working on the fresh leads to see what else can be uncovered from there," a source told *The Star*.

Sources, however, refused to reveal how much money was involved, adding that investigators

are also in the midst of determining the links between the three companies, the two individuals, and the LCS projects.

The duo, a former top gun of Boustead Heavy Industries Corporation Bhd, and a chief executive officer of a company, were held when they were called in for questioning at the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission headquarters on Monday evening.

The 79-year-old Tan Sri was released after his statement was recorded, while the CEO was remanded after investigators obtained a three-day remand order for the 49-year-old woman.

The two are believed to have misappropriated and accepted

bribes in the form of payments that were made to the three companies.

It was previously reported that the project, worth more than RM9bil, was awarded in 2014 and the order was for six LCSs to be constructed by Boustead Naval Shipyard Sdn Bhd (BNS).

The ship should have been delivered in April 2019, but not a single ship has been built despite the government having already paid the company RM6bil.

In November 2020, BNS' parent company, Boustead Heavy Industries Corporation Bhd, lodged a report with the MACC for a probe to be held on possible irregularities in the LCS project.



Under probe: The CEO of a company - believed to be connected with the non-delivery of six LCS was remanded for three days to assist in the investigation.