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The slope at Jalan 2/9 in Taman Wangsa Cheras, Kajang has been covered with fresh tarpaulin sheets.

Expert to study soil movement in Taman Wangsa Cheras, says council

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REPEATED notices to the owner of a plot of land in Jalan 2/9 in Taman Wangsa Cheras, Kajang where a landslide occurred two years ago have been ignored.

Kajang Municipal Council (MPKj) president Najmuddin Jemain, who revealed this, said the land belonged to a developer whose company was dormant.

"We will engage a consultant to ascertain if there is soil movement at the slope," Najmuddin said and reiterated that it was not the local authority's responsibility.

In the meantime, the exposed area has been covered and the perimeter sealed with tape, including several vacant residential units.

Taman Wangsa Cheras resident Albert Lim said that after the landslide occurred on April 2020, MPKj personnel covered the exposed slope with tarpaulin sheets.

"The following month, after a downpour, muddy water from the slope came pouring down the hill right up to Jalan 2/7 and 2/8," he recalled.

He said that since then, nothing had been done about the slope and the tarpaulin sheets had begun to deteriorate.

"Following last week's landslide tragedy in Ampang, MPKj personnel along with Zone 2 councillor Farhan Haziq Mohamed visited our area and covered the slope with new tarpaulin sheets.

"But we feel that the council should do something to stabilise the slope," said Lim.

Resident Kelly Lee said several residents had moved out of the area because of the risk and that she too was living in fear.

When contacted, Farhan said MPKj had to be cautious about entering private properties as they could be sued for trespassing.

"The council wants to go by the book when dealing with the owner," he said, adding that residents had been asked to look out for soil movement and alert the authorities.