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Kampung Pohon Celagi soil erosion rehabilitation project 87 pct completed



PASIR MAS: The repair project at the Kampung Pohon Celagi riverbank, which was damaged by soil erosion in February last year, is over 80 per cent completed.

Pasir Mas member of parliament Ahmad Fadhli Shaari is confident that the project can be completed as scheduled.

"The project which started on Aug 4 involves a 500m stretch along the riverbank and is now about 87 per cent completed. It will be completed by May this year.

"The project includes repairing the slope along the riverbank that has been damaged by the soil erosion," he said.

Fadhli said the government had also completed compensation payments for home and building owners who are involved in the project's land acquisition.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Economy) Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed recently said a breakdown of the project cost saw the government fork out RM45 million for the cost of repair works and RM11.6 million for land acquisition involving 36 houses and buildings.

He added that the government is planning to turn the area into a recreational park in the future.

The soil erosion on Feb 17, last year forced nearly 100 residents to be evacuated to nearby relief centres.

The incident also saw at least two cars damaged when they fell into the river.