

2 landslides wreak havoc at school and varsity

PROPERTY DAMAGED:

Three months to repair slope behind girls' hostel at school, 7 m-cycles destroyed at UPM

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REGISTRATION of more than 500 students at Sekolah Berasrama Penuh Integrasi Kuantan here had to be postponed after five buildings, including two hostels, were declared unsafe because of a landslide behind the girls' hostel.

The students, including 130 freshies, were supposed to register on Wednesday.

The Public Works Department declared that the girls' hostel was unsafe for occupation because of soil movement believed to have been triggered by flash floods on Dec 24.

The Education Ministry's residential school management and school of excellence division director Rosland Hussein confirmed that the students had been advised to register on Jan 13 and 14.

"PWD informed us today (yesterday) that only the academic buildings were safe while the hostels, staff quarters, the principal's house and dining hall were unsafe," he said, adding that PWD's



Universiti Putra Malaysia students surveying the damage caused by the landslide at the parking area of their college. Pic by Asyraf Sawal

initial report showed that it would take about three months to repair the slope.

In another incident in **Serdang**, seven motorcycles were badly damaged after a retaining wall collapsed and crashed onto the vehicles at a residential college in Universiti Putra Malaysia yesterday.

Selangor Fire and Rescue Department principal assistant direc-

tor (operations) Mohd Sani Harul said no one was injured in the 6.15pm incident at UPM's Serumpun College.

"We arrived at the scene at 6.42pm and found the wall near the motorcycle parking area had collapsed," he added.

Four other motorcycles parked nearby were not damaged.

Students at the male residential

college said they heard a loud crash during a downpour.

"Students were screaming and there was confusion," said Serumpun College president Muhamad Ilham Omar.

The 24-year-old said some students managed to save their motorcycles while others called the Fire and Rescue Department.

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