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UMP helps lighten the burden of student’s family due to collapsed house

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KUANTAN, 5 January 2021 - Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) expedited assistance for the family of a student from the Faculty of Computing (FK), Nur Sufiah Hani Suhaimi, whose house was destroyed in Taman Gambang Damai due to soil movement in the early morning incident yesterday near here.

Also affected were four houses including belonging to a UMP staff and 22 other houses and residents were instructed to move to a safer place because there were dangerous elements in the vicinity.

According to her father, Suhaimi Yunus, 51, who recounted the incident, he started to notice cracks in front of his house and the situation was getting worse when he returned from work the day before yesterday.

“When I saw the growing cracks, I decided to bring my family to move to a rented house in the same residential area not far from home.

“However, on the night of the incident, I only had time to move some important items with the help of the neighbours.

“At about 3.50 am, after leaving the house for three hours, I received a phone call from a neighbour informing me about the condition of my house,” he said.

Her mother, Nurizah Abu Samah, 51, is still shocked by the incident befell her family who lost shelter in a split second.

However, they are thankful that their family members are safe from undesirable things

Meanwhile, the UMP Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ir. Dr. Wan Azhar Wan Yusoff came to meet Nur Sufiah Hani and her family and witnessed the location of the incident.

“To help families affected by the disaster, the university provides ten houses for staff including the families of this student to live in the residential area on campus.

“At least it can ease the burden of families who need shelters,” he said.

Apart from that, the evacuation was also assisted by UMP volunteers from the Centre for Property Management & Development UMP (PPPH), the Registry Department and the Student Affairs and Alumni Department (JHEPA).

Nur Sufiah Hani also thanked the university, faculty and various parties for their help when an unexpected calamity hit her and her family.

Besides emotional support, JHEPA also provided donations in the form of clothing and daily necessities during this hard time.

Also present were the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs & Alumni), Professor Dato’ Dr. Yuserrie Zainuddin, who presented RM1,000 for the needs of this family through students welfare immediate donation.

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