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Press Statement

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WASTE DUMPING AFFECTS BEAUTY OF PULAU LANGKAWI – SAM

Sahabat Alam Malaysia (SAM) urges the Langkawi Municipal Council to take immediate action to address the solid waste pollution problem that is affecting the environment and the beauty of the island.

From a survey done by SAM at Pantai Kok, Teluk Ewa and Bukit Malut, we found that several locations in these areas were filthy and the sight is very unpleasant.

Various waste such as discarded paper, plastic waste and construction waste were dumped by irresponsible individuals along the roadside in the area. Members of public frequently pass by these dump sites to go to their destination.

SAM is concerned that the waste dump may become a breeding ground for mosquitoes and rats. Subsequently it may lead to health problems among the locals and visitors of the island.

SAM is disappointed that no actions were taken to address this waste problem although it has been going on for some time. SAM believes that if this problem remains unsolved, the legendary island will be more polluted in the future.

Therefore, SAM requests the Langkawi Municipal Council to take effective action against the polluters by enforcing existing laws and ensure that waste dumping will not occur again.

In addition, SAM also urges the Langkawi Municipal Council to exercise stricter control to prevent serious environmental pollution at the landfill in Kilim. SAM found that the air in the area is polluted with foul odor and worries that the leachate from the waste here may affect the water quality of a nearby river.

Clean Up Langkawi.

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