



## Patching up potholes a priority

Hasni: All involved in road maintenance must ensure roadusers are kept safe

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**JOHOR BARU:** All agencies involved in road maintenance have been directed to immediately carry out repair works to patch up roads riddled with potholes across the state.

State public works, rural and regional development committee chairman Datuk Hasni Mohamed said local councils, public works department and road maintenance concessionaires were already acting on the complaints.

"We have been getting a lot of complaints from the public over the potholes statewide, especially during the recent rainy season.

"Please be patient and give us time to patch them up," he said.

Hasni added that priority was being given to patch up roads along dangerous stretches and corners.

"Motorists, especially motorcyclists, must be extra careful when on the road during the rainy season," he said, adding that there was an existing budget for such works to be carried out.

He also urged motorists to post their complaints on potholes online via Facebook for the authorities to take action faster.

He said this in response to a recent report in *The Star* about how the heavy rain was damaging some major roads in the city, with potholes appearing just as fast as they were patched.

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Among the major roads affected include Pasir Gudang Highway, Eastern Dispersal Link, Jalan Tebrau, Jalan Skudai and others.

These potholes are causing road users to slow down, leading to traffic congestion especially during peak hours and also a danger to motorists, especially motorcyclists.

Meanwhile, Johor Baru City Council Engineering Department director Sulaiman Mohamad Taib acknowledged that the potholes were indeed a problem and that a special meeting was held to resolve it.

"The public works department will attend to the damage on federal and state roads.

"MBJB has also patched up potholes along Jalan Tombak in Taman Sri Tebrau," he added.

He called on all city folk to be the "eyes and ears" of the council and alert them about potholes to ensure remedial works could be carried out immediately.



Motorcyclists using this stretch along Jalan Lingkaran Dalam in Johor Baru are dicing with danger as the road is riddled with potholes. - filepic