

UMS Labuan quarters hit by floods again

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LABUAN: The lecturers' quarters of Universiti Malaysia Sabah Labuan International Campus (UMSKAL) were flooded following a heavy downpour early Monday.

The flash floods, the second to have hit the campus in a week, submerged at least six semi-detached houses up to hip level.

UMSKAL director Prof Dr Murnizam Halik said floods had been occurring since June this year after work started on the BVA Premium Outlet project next to the UMSKAL building.

The project developer had promised to build a new drainage system to prevent

floods from recurring, he told Bernama.

"We have had a series of discussions with the developer and Labuan Corporation (LC) on the flood issue within our campus. As we have no technical expertise, there is nothing we can do to stop this," he said.

"Despite the promise by the developer, nothing has been done to help resolve the issue," he said.

The lecturers affected by the floods had been moved to other houses while one family had temporarily returned to their home state, he added.

Murnizam said UMSKAL

does not have any issue with the proposed demolition of its gate, which is facing the project, to pave the way for the new drainage work.

"We have already agreed to the demolition; we hope it can be expedited to resolve the flash floods problem," he said.
-Bernama

**DRAINAGE SYSTEM
NEEDED ... UMSKAL
resident Mohamad Haffiz
Khaled wades in the
flooded waters while
carrying his belongings.**
- Bernama Photo

