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Homeowners rattled over costly repairs

EIGHT homeowners in Pontian, Johor, are seeking compensation for damages to their homes which they claim was caused by vibrations from lorries carrying construction waste from Singapore, reported *Kosmo!*

Residents, who live in Kampung Simpang Kiri, said the heavy vibrations from the frequent movement of lorries has caused cracks in their homes over the past two years.

The homes are located about 50m from the Pekan Nanas-Tanjung Piai road, which was frequently used by heavy vehicles.

Despite the land reclamation activity involving waste having

stopped, they said the residual damage had cost residents thousands of ringgit to repair.

One of the residents Wahab Wahid, 58, said he had spent more than RM7,000 repairing cracks in his house, including the exterior, bedroom, living room and toilet.

"We were relieved after the state government ordered the land reclamation activities to be stopped.

"But we want those responsible to compensate us for the damage," he said, adding that strong vibrations could be felt inside their houses whenever the lorries passed through the area.

Another resident Abd Rahim

Halim, 59, said almost his entire house had developed cracks.

"We only want this problem to be resolved after two years of anxiety. If possible, let the reclamation work be stopped completely so that we can live peacefully."

> After over a decade hosting popular TV series *Jalan-Jalan Cari Makan*, TV host Naz Rahman said he will not return to the programme for the sake of his health, reported *Berita Harian*.

"There is a reason why I no longer host *Jalan-Jalan Cari Makan*. As we get older, the way our body processes toxins and food is different.

"What I did when I was 30, I cannot do now at 48. Health must be my number one priority," he told the daily.

Naz said his perspective on life also changed after undergoing surgery in 2023 to remove a gastrointestinal stromal tumour from his stomach.

The procedure resulted in him losing more than 14kg after which he was required to undergo annual health checks.

Naz said he also now monitors his health more closely, including undergoing regular cancer-marker tests.

"Every day that we live is a gift."