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PETALING JAYA: Air Selangor has sprung to its own defence as fingers are being pointed at it over the three sinkhole incidents in Kuala Lumpur.

The sole water provider in the Klang Valley said constant vibrations from construction sites and heavy vehicles had put too much pressure on the pipes, causing some of them to burst.

"The burst pipes happened every now and then, involving various types of pipes of different sizes," Air

Shifty issue

Selangor Communications Department head Halem Mat Som told *theSun* yesterday.

"All the (sinkhole) incidents that happened were due to several reasons, and one of them was the high concentration of construction activities,"

In pointing out that the pipes would not burst if there were no underground soil movement, Halem said constant vibrations at development areas triggered cracks in them.

He said the soil movement could also be caused by groundwater flow due to rain which loosened the soil structure. Halem added that underground pipes were placed at the side of roads but they ended up in the centre after the roads were widened.

► Air Selangor attributes sinkholes to constant vibrations from construction sites and heavy vehicles

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