

Many cancer patients in Taman Subang, says study

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HARIAN Metro front-paged a report that more than eight per cent of residents interviewed in Taman Subang in Kelana Jaya were found to be suffering from cancer compared to under one per cent for Malaysians in general.

The cases were reported after a telecommunications tower was put up in the residential area 10 years ago.

The study was done by UiTM medical faculty Associate Professor Dr Adlina Suleiman and 10 university students.

Dr Adlina, who is a Taman Subang resident, was prompted to do the research after her son was warded in hospital because of a growth that recurred after treatment while her daughter began to suffer herpes zoster.

The research carried out on 170 respondents showed that 8.23 per cent of them were suffering from cancer compared to not even one per cent of the country's population.

Most of the cases appeared after the telco tower, with more than 50 antenna and satellite or transmitter discs, was built.

Dr Adlina wanted to ascertain the effect electromagnetic radiation had on the residents at the cellular and molecular level.

"According to a study by the European Union, exposure to extremely low-frequency and radio-frequency electromagnetic fields could damage chromosomes, alter gene activity and accelerate cell proliferation," she was quoted as saying.

She said the study indicated that there was a possibility that anyone with cancer cells at an early stage risked having cancer proliferated on entering Taman Subang and being exposed to EMF.