

Remodeling of Walled City drain uphill task for Wasa

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LAHORE, June 23: Remodelling of the Walled City drain into a modern storm water channel is proving to be an uphill task for the Water and Sanitation Agency.

Encroachments and old houses on both sides of the drain have slowed down the pace of construction. A dilapidated house in the vicinity of the under-construction storm water channel claimed four lives last week.

The Bhati Gate has been closed for traffic following the extensive digging for the construction of the channel necessitated due to problems in desilting of the old drain. A temporary pedestrian bridge has been built near the gate to enable the people to cross over the under-construction channel on foot.

The progress of the work is slow because a more than 20-foot wide and over 10-foot deep

trench is required to be dug for the construction of the concrete storm water channel without endangering the old buildings on both sides.

Wasa proposes to rebuild the storm water channel from the Taxali Gate disposal station to Mori Gate under the first phase of the project at a cost of Rs40 million. The drain from the Mori Gate to Yakki Gate will be remodelled later on.

