

Floods hit village again

BRIEF DOWNPOUR:

Village in knee-deep floodwaters after 20-minute rain

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JUST three days after experiencing one of the worst floods this year, Kampung Batu Maung was inundated again following a brief downpour yesterday.

Firefighters, Civil Defence Force personnel and police arrived at the scene after residents found themselves knee-deep in flood waters at 11.15am.

Muhamad Isa Ismail, 56, said he was shocked that floodwaters could reach up to the knees as it rained for only 20 minutes.

"It was not even a heavy downpour. I cannot imagine what would have happened if it had rained continuously for hours. My house would have been badly affected."

On Tuesday, the same village was flooded and some 100 households were affected.

At that time, Batu Maung assemblyman Datuk Abdul Malik Abul Kassim had given RM200 in aid to + each affected household.



Roads were inundated following a **brief downpour in Bayan Baru, Penang, yesterday.** Pic courtesy of NST reader

However, residents said they would prefer to have the situation in the village alleviated instead of getting cash aid.

Hasiah Md Isa, 58, said the authorities should take action as villagers were in dire straits.

"What is RM200 to us when every time it rains, our house is hit by floods?"

"Our furniture, electrical appliances and household items are destroyed. Do something, and do it now."

Abdul Malik said he was aware of the flood woes and vowed to seek a solution soon.

Checks showed that the recurring floods were due to road construction and faulty drainage system. **Bernama**