

Noon downpour causes flash floods in Klang Valley

KUALA LUMPUR: Heavy rain in the afternoon caused flash floods at several locations in the Klang Valley yesterday.

The flash floods caused hundreds of motorists to be caught in hellish traffic and left some sections of the stretches temporarily impassable.

City Hall Integrated Transport Information System spokesman said the affected areas included Subang Golf Club, Bukit Angkasa to Kerinchi, the Bangsar-Travers road, Jalan Pudu, Hishamuddin roundabout, Jalan Pantai and both roads near Setia Jaya commuter station.

"Floodwaters receded 30 minutes after the downpour stopped," she told the *New Straits Times*.

In **Puchong**, motorists were caught in a gridlock and stranded at Lebuhraya Damansara-Puchong, near IOI Mall, for several hours when the road was inundated after heavy rain at 3.40pm.

More than 50 cars parked in front of the mall were partially submerged in floodwaters.

Selangor Fire and Rescue Department assistant director of operations Mohd Sani Harul said floodwaters had risen from 0.3m to 0.6m

between 3.40pm and 5pm due to the torrential downpour.

Residents at an apartment in Taman Puncak Kinrara here were shocked when heavy rain caused a slope nearby to erode.

"Firemen from Puchong and Serdang stations have been placed at the scene to monitor the situation, and to see if it poses any danger to the residents," said Sani.

In **Putrajaya**, a 20-minute downpour in the administrative capital yesterday triggered a flash flood at a construction site near the 1Malaysia Civil Servants Housing Programme (PPAIM) apartment here.

Putrajaya Corporation president Datuk Seri Hasim Ismail said the area was inundated in 0.3m of water, adding that clogged drainage was believed to be the reason for the flash flood.

"I have instructed that the drainage system be cleaned and widened. Until this is done, all construction work has been suspended," he said.

He said the downpour had caused the Sungai Gajah river near Presint 11 to rise drastically, which also contributed to the flash flood.



The Lebuhraya Damansara-Puchong stretch near IOI Mall was inundated yesterday after heavy rain. Pic courtesy of reader