



The flash flood at Persiaran Surian, near Mutiara Damansara, that resulted in much damage to property. — Filepic

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Mindset change can put an end to flash floods

Strict enforcement and a relook at drainage system in Klang Valley also necessary

I REFER to *The Star* report "Flash floods wreak havoc in PJ" on Jan 25, on evening downpours that caused flash floods in several parts of Petaling Jaya, Gombak and Sungai Buluh, leaving houses and cars submerged and resulting in traffic crawls.

Flash floods are a perennial problem in the Klang Valley. Although there were no casualties, commuters and motorists suffered serious inconvenience and damage to their vehicles, resulting in financial losses.

Obviously, the main cause of flash floods in the Klang Valley is poor drainage and clogged drains. Rapid development is taking place, with new infrastructure and buildings coming up daily, but worksites are poorly managed.

The silt traps at many project sites are poorly maintained and as a result, sediments and debris from construction activities clog drains nearby, leading to flash floods following downpours.



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struction of urban drainage infrastructure and strict enforcement against irresponsible members of the public, building contractors