

Flash flood on NKVE stretch

SHAH ALAM: A flash flood caused the closure of the Bukit Jelutong-Bukit Raja stretch of the New Klang Valley Expressway yesterday evening.

A Plus Expressways Bhd (PLUS) spokesman said the stretch was closed both ways from 6pm as water had risen up to a metre at the Bukit Jelutong interchange here.

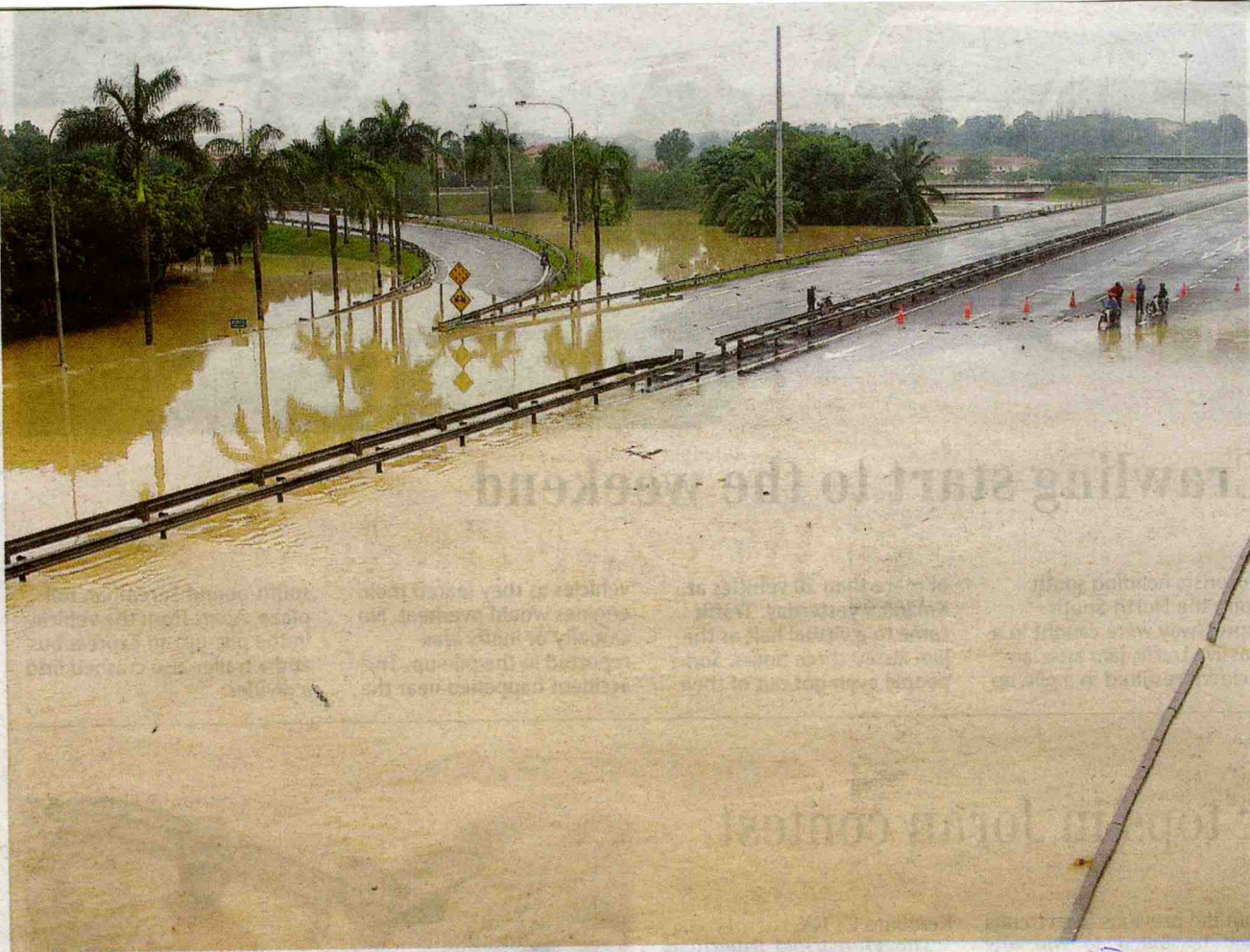
However, no vehicles were trapped by floodwater.

"We find that the floodwater is receding. We will open the lanes after we're sure it has receded completely," he said.

The flash flood is believed to have occurred after the Sungai Damansara overflowed its banks following non-stop rain in the afternoon.

Often, Km9 of the NKVE gets flooded after downpours.

Works Minister Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu, when informed about the flood, told Bernama that Natural Resources and Environment Minister Datuk Seri Azmi Khalid had obtained the Cabinet's approval to deepen Sungai Damansara.



The Bukit Jelutong-Bukit Raja stretch was closed to motorists after floodwater rose to a metre.

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Floods on the expressway are expected to be a thing of the past once this is done.

Samy Vellu also ordered PLUS to submit a report on the latest flood immediately along with a plan to overcome it.

A Fire and Rescue Depart-

ment spokesman said other areas here were also hit by floods, including Taman TTDI Jaya and Kampung Kebun Bunga — the same areas that were badly affected by massive floods here on Feb 26.

Checks at Taman TTDI Jaya

found that residents were on alert and had moved their vehicles to higher ground.

In Kebun Bunga, about 1,200 residents were evacuated to the Batu Tiga public hall after water rose to five metres.

In **Kuala Lumpur**, a huge

tree fell onto six cars parked near a restaurant on Medan Imbi yesterday evening.

Fifteen City Hall personnel were sent to clear the tree.

There was a massive traffic jam along Jalan Mahameru after it was hit by floods.