

KL on alert

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KUALA Lumpur folk will have to brace for poor weather next week.

The Meteorological Department has forecasted thunderstorms and heavy rain for the whole of next week.

"It's going to be a wet week until Jan 21, especially in the afternoon," said a City Hall official.

Most flood-prone areas will be affected by the rain.

Members of the public are advised to obtain the latest updates on flood situation from the Drainage and Irrigation Department.

City Hall has set up a disaster aid management committee to co-ordinate operations should floods hit the city.

"So far, we have not received any flood alert but our emergency unit is prepared," he said.

The unit consists of a flying

squad, a rescue squad, a patrolling squad and scuba divers.

"These men are fully trained to provide aid to the public," he said.

"Various agencies such as the police, fire brigade, welfare department, the Red Crescent and other agencies have pledged to provide manpower and necessary aid in case Kuala Lumpur is hit by flood."

City Hall has also installed flood warning systems in some parts of the city.

"The system will automatically activate and trigger a signal to our emergency unit office in case of floods," he said.

The warning systems have been installed in Kampung Baru, Jalan Tun Razak, Jalan Masjid India, Dataran Merdeka and Jalan Dang Wangi. — By KALBANA PERIMBANAYAGAM