

Relief as flooding fails to happen

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KUALA SELANGOR: Much to everyone's relief, there was no flooding when the spring high tide rose to 5.9m, despite a downpour in Kuala Selangor.

District officer Abdul Malik Mohd Amin said when it started raining about 11 on Friday night, the authorities began to prepare for an evacuation. Rain in Tanjung Karang also caused concern, but the rains stopped before the tide started rising about 5.30am.

"We were worried and were prepared to evacuate people. Luckily, when the tide rose, none of the high-risk areas was flooded." High-risk areas include Tanjung Karang and Bagan Pasir.

Minor flooding of 0.3m was reported in Port Klang around the Pulau Ketam jetty, the Marine Department building and the Royal Selangor Yacht Club. The water receded within an hour.

Meanwhile, in Kangar, the spring tide phenomenon was felt along the coast at Kuala Perlis near here, especially in Kuala Sungai Baru.

About 5km of road in the area was impassable to traffic because of the waves smashing inshore and leaving debris behind.