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### High and dry

A restaurant worker sleeping on a makeshift bed on chairs while his colleague curls up on the cash counter (background) to escape the seawater brought in by the occurrence of spring tide near the Pulau Ketam jetty in Port Klang on Friday night. The rise in sea level caused flooding in many areas close to the sea. Full report in Page 3. — STARpic by K.K. SHAM



SERVICE DISRUPTION: The railway track near the Pulau Ketam jetty can no longer be seen as it was submerged under water yesterday. Star 9/10

## High tide brings flash floods

**KLANG:** The high tide since Friday has brought flash floods to the town, with several areas in nearly a metre of seawater.

Random checks around the town found that several homes, offices and even the local KTM commuter station were flooded.

Train service was temporarily halted and passengers were told to board at the next station, located in Jalan Kem.

The tide also swept rubbish such as beer bottles, cans, styrofoam containers and food wrappers onto the road.

The spring tide was at its worst yesterday with water reaching 6m above sea level by 6.30am.

Seawater flowed from the Port Klang jetty right up to the district police station, some 200m away.

Police personnel rushed out to remove vehicles parked in the compound when the emergency siren went off.

Water also flowed into the nearby animal quarantine station and flooded staff quarters there.

The flash floods began to recede by 7am but water remained in low-lying areas.

Klang Municipal Council president Abdul Bakir Zin said the tide caused the Klang River to overflow and flood three areas – Southpoint, Sobina Jaya industrial estate and Tanjung Harapan – and outlying areas.

“We were lucky there was no rain and everything is under control. All relief units are on standby in the event the situation takes a turn for the worse,” he said at the jetty.

Drainage and Irrigation Department technical assistant Jamaluddin Sharif said several bunds at Kampung Sirih, Kampung Delek, Kampung Teluk Nipah and North Klang broke due to rushing waters.

Civil Defence Department chief of operations Lt R. Rubhendran, who was there with a team of 12 members, said they would remain in the area until the situation returned to normal.

“We are here to carry out evacuation if there is a need to do so,” he added.

A Klang natural disaster committee operations centre official when contacted at 10.30am said the water level at the Klang River had dropped considerably and the broken bunds were being repaired.