

# Flash floods in Port Klang due to high tide

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**THE high tide phenomenon in Port Klang since Friday has caused flash floods, rendering several areas to be submerged under nearly a metre of sea water.**

A check about 6am yesterday revealed the Pulau Ketam jetty and Port Klang police station were under knee-deep water due to overflow of sea water. However, the water level receded an hour later.

Other areas inundated by sea water included the road leading to the North Port, especially opposite the Port Klang Authority office, but there was no traffic jam.

A police spokesman said the high tide phenomenon, in its third day yesterday, was under control as there was no rain.

Security officials have been stationed at the affected areas to monitor the situation.

The high tide rose to 5.6m at the flood-gauging point at 5.12am yesterday. Later, it is expected to rise to 6m. On Saturday, it touched 5.9m at 5.54am.

Flash floods have also hit Shahpadu Highway, with a 500m stretch of the highway under a metre of water.

Water level on the highway rose about 6.10am and subsided about

an hour later. Nevertheless, the situation was under control with no traffic congestion.

Police, army and Selangor Civil Defence Department personnel were on standby in flood-prone spots in Sungai Aur, Port Klang, and Kampung Perpat Kapar in Klang.

A Civil Defence Department official said Shah Alam and surroundings are also under surveillance.

The principal assistant secretary in the Selangor Government Press Secretariat, Farush Khan Akbar Khan, said he had been informed by the Drainage and Irrigation Department that the industrial zones of Sobena in Pandamaran and Sungai Aur were inundated under 0.3 metre of water as a result of the phenomenon.

The Sungai Sementa and Sungai Kapar rivers also overflowed their banks, he said.

However, that there had been no casualties so far and very little damage to property.

Coastal roads washed by sea waves and others that faced flooding were also passable to all traffic, he said, adding that the situation was under control and that the people could go about their daily lives. — Bernama