



Flood woes: Traffic coming to a near standstill following a heavy downpour in Jalan Ampang recently.

SMART tunnel helped divert flood

I REFER to the report 'KL hit by flash floods' (*The Star*, Feb 25) and wish to state that the Stormwater Management and Road Tunnel (Smart) motorway tunnel was closed after being instructed to do so by the Department of Irrigation & Drainage (DID) in order to activate the Smart flood operations starting at 4.20pm.

The directive was to divert excess flood water at the confluence of Sungai Klang and Sungai Ampang into the Smart Tunnel's system.

The motorway tunnel was reopened to traffic at 10.30pm the same day after water diversion from the two rivers were operationally done.

Smart is a part of Kuala Lumpur's Flood Mitigation solution to solve monsoon and seasonal flooding at crucial locations around Masjid

Jamek, Jalan Tun Perak, Leboh Ampang, Jalan Melaka, and the nearby vicinity surrounding these areas.

The areas that were flooded as reported were Jalan Tun Razak, Jalan Gurney, Jalan Gurney Kiri, Jalan Ampang in front of the Risda Building and also Jalan Semarak.

These areas are located along the alignment of other rivers but do not fall under the catchment of Smart Tunnel.

The DID is the authority that will be able to provide information and updates on these areas, if there is a need for clarification.

Smart would like to thank the media, especially radio stations in the Klang Valley, that helped to disseminate information to road users.

Quick and accurate information is very useful for motorists to make early plans to avoid being stuck in traffic jams.

Smart motorway users are also consistently reminded to continuously monitor the radio, TV, newspapers and variable message sign (VMS) in the event of a downpour to determine the operational status of the Smart Tunnel.

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