

Weatherman raises warning

Advisory upgraded to orange alert

PETALING JAYA: The Meteorological Department has upgraded its "yellow alert" advisory to "orange alert", warning of thunderstorms and heavy rains in the capital over the next few days.

According to its website, scattered thunderstorms and heavy rains are expected to persist in the capital and the districts of Hulu Langat and Gombak.

"This condition will cause strong winds and flash floods," it warned yesterday.

The department issued a "yellow alert" advisory on Wednesday on its website for heavy rain and thunderstorm that could result in floods in low-lying areas.

It said that intermittent rain, occasionally moderate, was expected in Terengganu (Setiu, Kuala Terengganu, Marang, Dungun and Kemaman), Pahang (Kuantan, Maran, Pekan and Rompin) and Johor (Mersing and Kota Tinggi) from tomorrow to Monday.

Exceptionally heavy rain had engulfed a vital artery of the capital in under an hour on Wednesday, causing a flash flood which

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left thousands of commuters in a traffic snarl.

On Tuesday, the waters of Sungai Bunus spilled onto Jalan Tun Razak and the nearby low-lying area and also caused flash floods in various parts of Kuala Lumpur.

The department had also warned of scattered thunderstorm and heavy rain in Selangor (Hulu Selangor), Negri Sembilan (Seremban, Tampin, Kuala Pilah, Port Dickson, Jelevu and Rembau), Malacca (Alor Gajah, Melaka Tengah and Jasin), Putrajaya, Pahang (Kuantan and Pekan) and Johor (Mersing, Segamat, Ledang, Kota Tinggi, Muar and Batu Pahat) and Sarawak (Bintulu, Miri and Limbang) for yesterday.