

Schoolboy, 13, dies in landslide

STORM HAVOC: Kuala Lumpur and its surrounding areas hit by floods after downpour

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A SCHOOLBOY was killed in a landslide behind his house in Kampung Attap here during a downpour which caused havoc in the city and its surrounding areas yesterday.

Raja Mohd Irfan Raja Azlan, 13, was at the back of his house in Jalan Belfield when the landslide occurred at 9.20pm, trapping him under mounds of earth for about 15 minutes.

He was pulled out by rescuers and rushed to Hospital Kuala Lumpur where he succumbed to his injuries just before midnight.

The downpour, which began at about 6pm, also caused massive flooding in Hulu Langat and Ampang with reports stating that the water levels in those areas had breached the 2m mark.

Until press time, several parts of Hulu Langat were completely cut off with reports that residents had climbed onto the roofs of their houses to wait for rescue.

At Km28 of Jalan Hulu Langat, 15 schoolchildren were trapped for more than an hour when their school bus stalled in floodwaters. Firemen had to use boats to ferry them to safety.

Just after midnight, the Fire and Rescue Department received a call about another group of students who were trapped after going on a camping trip to Hulu Langat. Their fate was not known at press time.

A resident in Dusun Tua, Hulu Langat, said the entire area was flooded.



The floods did not spare this car parked inside a house compound in **Kampung Lembah Jaya Utara, Ampang**, yesterday. Pic by Effendy Rashid

"At present, we are completely cut off. Rescuers cannot reach us and we cannot leave. Some of the residents are climbing onto the rooftops."

A Civil Defence Department spokesman said other areas badly affected by floods were Bukit Belacan and Kampung Lembah Jaya Utara in Ampang where floodwaters were said to be between 1m and 2m high.

Some 200 households in Bukit Belacan were evacuated to nearby community halls and surau.

"We also received reports of waist-high floodwaters in Kuala Ampang and Kampung Melayu Ampang."

A City Fire and Rescue Department spokesman told Bernama that although no casualties were reported, there was considerable damage to public property.

He said Jalan Peel, Kampung Baru, Keramat Luar, Bangsar, Jalan

Syed Putra as well as Kampung Melayu in Subang were hit by flash floods. Traffic also came to a standstill at Jalan Yap Kwan Seng and Jalan Sultan Ismail and several other major roads in the city.

Several minor landslips were reported at the Spring Villa Apartments in Ukay Perdana, Ampang but no casualties were reported.

The Smart Tunnel was also closed to traffic.

There were reports of many vehicles stalled along major city roads, causing congestion which lasted till midnight.

Several trees were also brought down during the storm, with some landing on vehicles.

Page 1 pic: Flood victims being taken to safety by rescuers after their homes were inundated following a downpour in Dusun Tua, Hulu Langat, Selangor, yesterday. Pic by Yong Chee Choong



Three men seem shocked at the speed the floodwaters rose in **Dusun Tua in Hulu Langat**. Pic by Yong Chee Choong



Policemen and **City Hall rescue squad members** removing a car damaged by an **uprooted tree** in **Jalan Sultan Ismail, Kuala Lumpur**, yesterday. Pic by Mohd Yusni Ariffin



Traffic along the **Federal Highway** heading towards the city centre is reduced to a crawl after the Klang Valley was **pounded by torrential rain** for about five hours yesterday. Pic by Adib Rawi