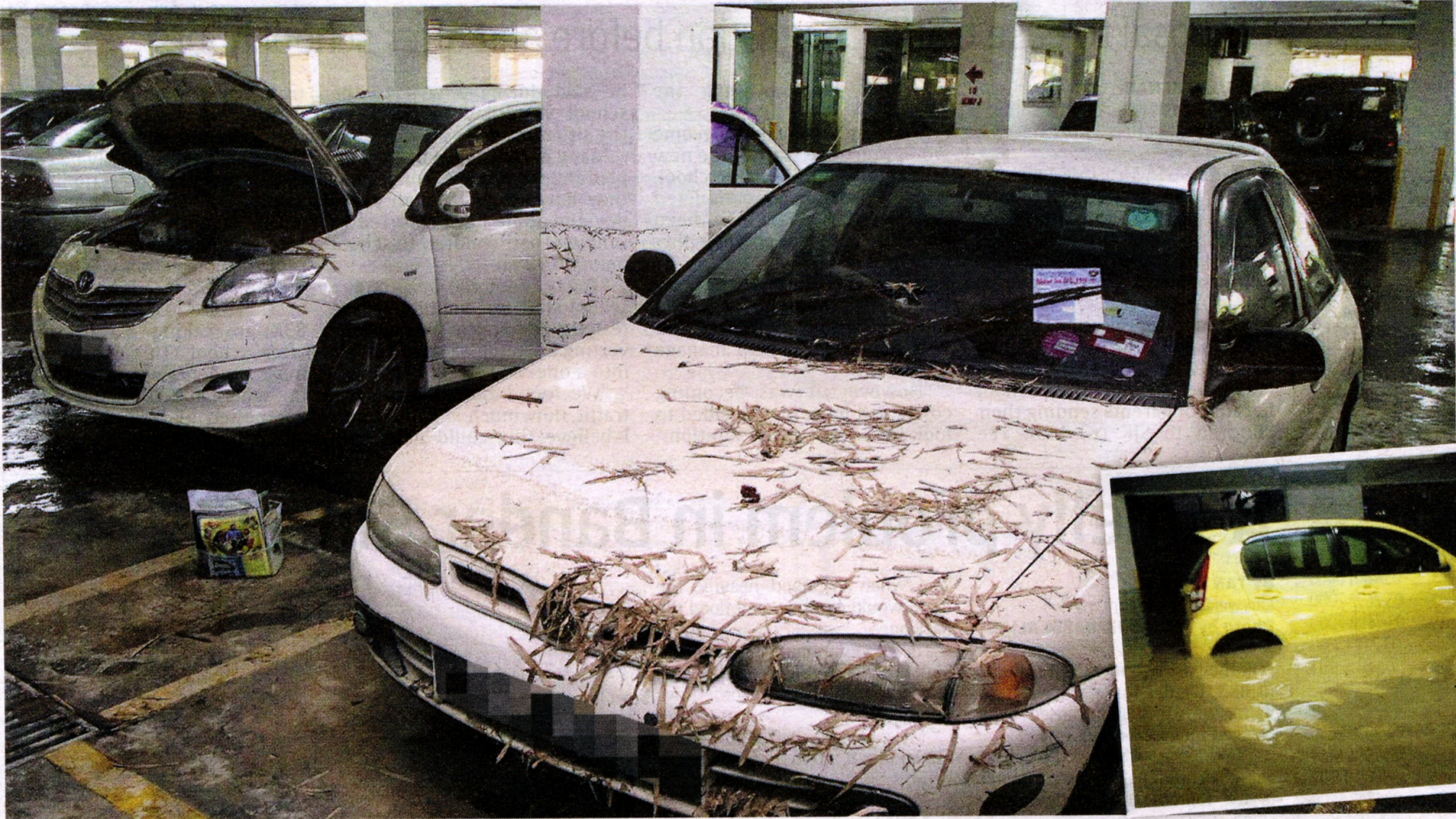


Trail of destruction

A relentless downpour on Wednesday caused flooding in the Klang Valley and led to damage of vehicles as well as evacuation of people. >3

Flood havoc

Cars belonging to residents of USJ One Avenue in Subang Jaya damaged after the basement car park floods.
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Seeing to details: Residents of USJ One Avenue Condominium assessing the damage to their vehicles parked in the basement.



Out of use: Residents look on as one of the damaged cars parked in the basement is towed away for repairs.

200 cars damaged in floods

USJ One Avenue basement car park inundated after downpour

Photos by YAP CHEE HONG

MORE than 200 cars were damaged when the basement car park of USJ One Avenue in USJ 1, Subang Jaya, was flooded during Wednesday night's downpour.

Subang Jaya assemblyman Hannah Yeoh tweeted that the basement car park of the condominium had flooded after the Sungai Penaga overflowed.

Finance executive Maggie Wong said the residents were upset that they were not informed by the condominium management or security guards when the flood occurred.

"The security guards patrolling the area should have alerted us when the water level began to rise.

"Instead, a resident went around knocking on our doors to alert others of the floods. It was too late by then and the cars that were parked on the lower ground car park were already in waist-high water," said Wong, 31.

She added that the cars parked on the ground level were unaffected.

Wong, who has been staying there for one-and-a-half years, said her car had to be towed away to a workshop the following day as she could not start the vehicle.

"I heard from another resident that this was the second time that the condominium has been flooded. But there were no damage to the cars then.

"The condominium management should have taken precautionary measures after



Water, water, everywhere: The car owners at USJ One Avenue Condominium were not informed about the floods.

the first incident.

"The service that we are getting does not justify the high maintenance fee of RM500 a month," she added.

The first phase of USJ One Avenue consists of two 19-storey blocks with about 500 units.

Subang Jaya Municipal Council (MPSJ)

public relations assistant director Azfarizal Abdul Rashid said since the incident occurred at the condominium car park, the matter would have to come under the developer or Joint Management Body's purview.

"The Selangor Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) will send a contractor to carry out maintenance work along Sungai

Penaga," said Yeoh, who visited the site yesterday morning along with DID officers.

"The MPSJ engineers who were at the site want the developer to submit an improved design for a retaining wall."

Yeoh said she would also write in to the DID to request for the installation of a flood warning system for the residents in USJ 1.



Signs of danger: A landslide at Bukit Gasing has raised concern among the residents.

Several areas along river affected

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HEAVY rain from 6.45pm to 11.30pm yesterday caused several areas to be flooded, said Federal Territories and Urban Wellbeing Minister Datuk Raja Nong Chik.

He said based on the Meteorological Department's report, the continuous rainfall caused the water level to rise at several locations along Sungai Klang.

The other places affected include Lorong Rhu Pertama and Persiaran Madge in Ampang Hilir, PPR Hiliran Ampang, Lorong Kiri 14 and 15, Jalan Keramat 1 and 2, Datuk Keramat, Jalan Limau Kasturi, Jalan Liew Weng Chee off Jalan Yap Kwan Seng, Jalan Melaka, Kampung Pasir Baru, Jalan Klang Lama,

Jalan Travers, Brickfields, Jalan Bandar, Jalan Loke Yew, Jalan Sultan Salahuddin and Jalan Munshi Abdullah. The water level had risen to between one and four feet.

"Some 784 people had to be evacuated to Dewan Orang Ramai, Kelab Sultan Sulaiman, Kg Baru when the water level rose to more than 2m in Kampung Periuk.

The evacuees returned home after the flood subsided.

"Kuala Lumpur City Hall also received three reports of landslide and soil settlement in Jalan Belfield, Jalan Nipah and Jalan Robson.

"The authorities have closed the roads for safety reasons and are monitoring the situation," he said.

Raja Nong Chik said DBKL, Public Works Department and the police

would continue to monitor the situation following the death of a 13-year-old boy.

Meanwhile, residents in Bukit Gasing are worried over a landslide that had occurred as a result of the heavy rain near the area.

Lembah Pantai MP Nurul Izzah Anwar, who visited the site, said although the situation was not serious, the residents were concerned.

"We had a gathering recently on the proposed development in Bukit Gasing.

"Right now work is being carried out at the site to clear the clogged drains.

"This had affected Kg Pasir near Kerinchi two weeks ago, so we had to ask the developer to clean the mess," she said.