

Liu: Only four tidal gates were not opened in Klang

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ONLY four out of the 82 tidal gates were not opened during the recent floods in Klang, said Selangor local government committee chairman Ronnie Liu.

He said the four gates were manually operated and the attendants had trouble opening them.

However, Liu said it was unlikely that the floods were caused by the four closed tidal gates.

He said the floods were caused by continuous rain that lasted 12 hours.

"The strong current during high tide also contributed to the floods," he said.

Liu said the state had been doing its part in improving the drainage system as part of its flood-mitigation programme.

He added that the state had spent

RM225mil in the past four years for the programme.

"We have also approved RM6mil recently to solve the flood problem in Pandamaran," he said, adding that the area had been badly affected by the recent floods.

Liu said the state Drainage and Irrigation (DID) department had requested for more than RM900mil for the flood-mitigation programme in Selangor and was only granted RM20mil.

He said it would be difficult for the state DID to prevent floods without proper funding.

Liu said the state had requested the DID to come up with short- and long-term plans to solve the flood problem.

Klang was hit by massive floods recently after a persistent downpour.

Several schools and businesses were closed leaving residents stranded at their homes.



Getting wet: Students at the SMK Tengku Ampuan Rahimah Klang were shocked to see their school flooded once again within a week.