



Massive flooding

The downpour on Wednesday caused flash floods in many areas and Sungai Bonus, Kuala Lumpur overflowed its banks and its waters spilled onto surrounding areas, bringing traffic to a standstill. — Bernama

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Can't contain: The two-hour torrential rain caused Sungai Bunus to overflow.

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When it rains, it pours

Downpour on Wednesday leads to flooding in several areas

EIGHTEEN areas were affected by flash floods, following a downpour in the city on Wednesday, said Federal Territories and Urban Well-being Minister Datuk Raja Nong Chik Raja Zainal Abidin.

They included Bandar Sri Permaisuri, Jalan Yaakob Latiff, Bulatan Cheras, Salak Selatan, Sri

Rampai, Jalan Ipoh, Kepong, Jalan Tun Razak, Kampung Setia Jaya and Setapak.

Speaking to reporters after officiating at the 2012 Titiwangsa Education Foundation Excellence Awards ceremony in Kuala Lumpur, he said landslips were also reported in six areas, including Taman Melati and Section 5 in Wangsa Maju.

Nong Chik said trees were also uprooted in the vicinity of the Kuala Lumpur Football Stadium in Cheras, Taman Tun Dr Ismail and Danau Kota.

He added the worst hit areas which faced the wrath of the flash floods were Kampung Puah in Wangsa Maju which involved 176 residents from 33 houses.

The Stormwater Management and Road Tunnel (Smart) was also closed to help alleviate flooding in the city.

Residents in Salak South were seen wading in knee-deep waters, while the area surrounding Sungai Bunus was inundated with water

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No way to go: Cars stuck in the flash flood in Taman Miharja, Cheras.



Stranded: The Cheras underpass was flooded due to the heavy rain.



Hard drive: A lorry trying to make its way through the floodwaters.

Narrow escape for some during flash floods

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and the river overflowed after two hours of torrential rain.

Two landslides were reported in Taman Tasik Permai, Ampang and Taman Supreme, Cheras about 3pm on Wednesday.

Approximately two hours after the rain began, a Kuala Lumpur Fire and Rescue Department spokesman said the Taman Supreme landslide damaged a house close to a hillslope.

The kitchen was filled with landslide debris, but the tenant, a male, escaped unhurt.

In the Ampang incident, however, the landslide blocked the path of three houses situated opposite a hillslope, said a spokesman from the Selangor Fire and Rescue Department.

A tree had also been uprooted in the area while an electric utility pole fell on one of the houses.

R. Nathan, 34, whose house was damaged by the fallen utility pole, said his father and four siblings had managed to escape.

Nathan, who was working when the downpour took place, said his brother's motorcycle was swept away by flood waters.

"It is the second time this year that this area has been flooded," he added.

In Taman Miharja, the Jalan Lombong-Jalan 1/93 road and underpass faced a similar situation where even small lorries had a difficult time passing through.

Residents heading to Kuala Lumpur opted to take the longer route through the Cheras roundabout instead.

G. Athileetchumi, a Miharja Flats resident, said there has been frequent case of flash floods in her area.

The most recent was towards the end of 2011, as drainage channels along the underpass had been temporarily blocked while construction was taking place in the area.

"After the construction ended, the Kuala Lumpur City Hall removed the blocks and we did not have any problems until today."

"But today's flooding was really bad," said Athileetchumi.