

Downpour disrupts exams in Klang

KLANG: A two-hour downpour hampered the mid-year examinations for Form Five students of SMK Tengku Ampuan Rahimah after the school was hit by flash floods, here, yesterday.

Parents, fearing the worst, had refused to send their children to school but the school officials contacted the students, asking them to be present for the examinations.

A schools spokesperson said many students assumed that classes had been cancelled after the downpour, which began at 2am.

She said many of the classrooms on the ground floor were flooded.

"The water level rose early in the morning but we were prepared.

"We had made preparations to

shift the examination rooms to the top floor," the spokesman said.

She added that the registration exercise for the Form Six students went on without any problems after the water began to recede at 8.30am.

The spokesman said the Klang Municipal Council had yet to take any action to address the problem of flooding at the school.

This is third time the school has been hit by flash floods, after the major floods in March, which struck Taman Gembira, Taman Bayu Perdana, Taman Palm Grove and Taman Chi Liung.

Since the 1980s, the school has been affected by flash floods at least eight times a year.



Pupils at Sekolah Kebangsaan Jabi, Pokok Sena, proceeding to classes despite the flooding. The pupils were sent home shortly after. Pic by Syaharim Abidin

Pupils sent home as floodwaters rise

ALOR STAR: Fifty pupils of Sekolah Kebangsaan Jabi near here were sent home after two classrooms were hit by waist-deep floods yesterday.

Another 100 pupils, whose three classrooms were also flooded, had their lessons conducted on the first floor of the building.

Headmaster Mhd Zaki Zakaria said he had sent the Year One and Year Two pupils home to avoid any

untoward incidents in the flash floods caused by a downpour the night before.

He said the remaining 100 pupils whose classrooms were also flooded were sent to three vacant classrooms to continue their lessons.

Six firemen later came to the school to help clean the flooded classrooms and school compound. They were assisted by some 50

members of the school's parent teacher association.

Meanwhile, strong winds blew away part of the roof at the Alor Star court complex in Jalan Suka Menanti here early yesterday.

A court employee discovered the gaping holes and debris on the main staircase when she reported for work at 8am. However, court proceedings went on as usual.



Workers draining the water that entered the staffroom of Sekolah Menengah Tengku Ampuan Rahimah Klang. Pic by Osman Adnan