

# Businesses swept away

## Traders suffer losses after flash floods damage goods and appliances

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**PETALING JAYA:** Scores of businesses in Batang Kali suffered losses when it was hit by flash floods.

Kuala Kubu Baru assemblyman Wong Koon Mun said all villages around the area were flooded.

"There are more than 10 villages here and all were badly hit," said Wong, adding that most of the villages in Batang Kali were near the Sungai Selangor bank.

The victims lost most of their furniture and appliances in the flash floods which started at about 6.30am and rose to three metres at 8am.

"Many shops lost thousands of ringgit when goods in the premises were damaged," he said yesterday.

Three suspension bridges in the villages also collapsed in the flash floods, said Wong.

He noted it was strange that Batang Kali, which is upstream, was flooded while towns downstream like Bestari Jaya and Kuala Selangor were spared.

"The only explanation is that the river must have been choked with garbage," said Wong.

He claimed this was due to the riverbed sand mining activities in the area.

Wong urged Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Khalid Ibrahim to stop all riverbed sand mining activities in the state immediately.

Other areas that were hit by flash floods yesterday were Jalan Duta and Jalan Kuching in Kuala Lumpur.



**Right up to here:** Arbaayah Ramli indicating the depth of the flash flood at her home at Rumah Murah Batu 30 in Batang Kali yesterday.