

A three-year nightmare

SOLUTION NEEDED:

Patience wearing thin for motorists who face massive congestion at the Jalan Kuching-Jalan Duta exit each time it rains

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EVERY time there's a heavy downpour in the city, the exit to Jalan Duta from Jalan Kuching gets flooded, causing massive traffic congestion in the area.

The flooding, which is a familiar scene to many motorists here, was recently highlighted by Segambut member of parliament Lim Lip Eng in a press conference at his service centre off Jalan Kuching here.

"It has been a recurring problem



*The floods at the **Jalan Duta exit** causes **traffic** in Jalan Kuching to be **backlogged**. Pic by Muhd Asyraf Sawal*

for the past three years and many complaints have been made but no action has come out of it," he said.

On Monday, the Fire and Rescue department was dispatched to the flyover to pump out the excess water for the first time, but it was a futile effort. Lim said the water could not be pumped nor drained.

He added that the flooding caused a two-hour crawl for motorists on a stretch that would only take 10 minutes to clear from Selayang to Jalan Duta.

"Civil servants are also affected as the road leads to Jalan Duta where many government agencies are located.

"I am surprised that this flooding issue has not been addressed as the problem affects thousands of motorists," Lim said.

He urged City Hall to resolve the issue for the sake of the public, especially those who had no choice but to use the route daily to get to work.