



Dangerous: Contract workers working on the half-collapsed road in Jalan Sungai Kamin in Ulu Yam while Hisham (right) supervises.

Flood wreaks havoc

It results in huge damage to public amenities in Hulu Selangor

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THE Public Works Department (PWD), Hulu Selangor Land Office and Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) have surveyed all the areas in Ulu Yam and Batang Kali that were hit by a massive flood on Monday.

Officers from these departments visited areas such as Kampung Gurney, Kampung Sentosa, Kampung Genting Malik, Kampung Kuantan, Ulu Rening, Kampung Sungai Masin, Kampung Batu 30, Kampung Kalong Tengah and Kampung Pasir in Ulu Yam yesterday to assess the damage and financial aid needed to repair the public amenities in these places.

The flood also resulted in landslips and damage to suspension bridges, bridges, roads, culverts and drains.

According to Hulu Selangor district officer Nor Hisham Dahalan, the loss was estimated to be around millions of ringgit.

"This has to be the worst flood in Ulu Yam in the last 40 years. The Federal Government should allocate some money for repairs to the damaged amenities.

"About 800 families were affected by the recent flood. They were evacuated when the water level started rising. The state government gave each family RM200," he said.

Hulu Selangor PWD engineer Morni Buang visited a landslide site in Jalan B23 in Ulu Yam Baru and a suspension bridge connecting the



All gone: The damaged items dumped outside the affected houses in Kampung Genting Malik in Ulu Yam.

road to Kampung Gurney that was badly hit by the flood.

He said the entire structure of the suspension bridge was unsafe and posed a danger to motorists using the bridge.

"We have cordoned off the road to prevent pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists from using the suspension bridge.

"The estimated cost to replace the suspension bridge is RM500,000 and another RM500,000 is needed to repair the landslide sites," said Morni.

Along Jalan Sungai Kamin, a backhoe was used to remove oil palm tree branches and leaves from the culvert.

The freak storm also caused part of the road to collapse.

The Hulu Selangor PWD hired contractors to repair the stretch of road to make it safe for motorists to use.

At another site, eight families at Kampung Genting Malik were badly hit by the storm that caused flood in their houses.

Each household estimated their

losses to be around RM15,000.

Damaged beds, television sets, computers, electrical appliances and other household items could be seen outside the affected houses.

According to Kampung Genting Malik village head Rasif Rawi, it was the worst flood to hit the village in the past 40 years.

"The village needs to be relocated as it is too close to the river. We hope the state government can compensate us so we can recover some of our losses," said Rasif.