

# Floods disrupt LRT services

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Heavy rain battered the city for the second consecutive day yesterday, with flood waters causing severe congestion along various roads and disrupting the LRT Kelana Jaya line for about 90 minutes.

Rain water entered the engine compartment of a train while it was passing Wangsa Maju. However, it continued to run, finally grinding to a halt near the Masjid Jamek station.

The stalled coach caused the line, which serves 24 stations, to be closed from 6.30pm.

Some 4,000 passengers rushing home from work had to endure a long wait before the train was removed.

Service operator Rangkaian Pengangkutan Integrasi Deras senior corporate manager Katherine Chew confirmed one of its trains suffered a malfunction at the Masjid Jamek station.

"The train passed through a section of the track near Sri Rampai in Setapak which was submerged in flood waters.

"Workers were sent to remove the train and stranded passengers were taken by buses to their destinations. They were kept updated on the progress of repair work through announcements made at all stations."

Chew said services resumed in full at 8pm as flood waters subsided.



Several vehicles caught in the flood along Jalan Melaka. — Bernama picture

Meanwhile, the congestion in various parts of the city lasted some three hours, trapping thousands of motorists.

A traffic police spokesperson said the affected areas were Jalan Genting Klang, Jalan Tun Razak, the Federal

Highway, Jalan Setapak and Jalan Chan Sow Lin.

Severe traffic jams were also reported in the Bangsar

and Brickfields areas of the city. The situation eased after 8pm when the flood waters receded.