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A fireman helping to **clean up a classroom** at SK Sri Serdang.



A houseowner in Taman Sri Serdang **sorting his damaged items** yesterday. Pix by Nik Hariff Hassan

Heavy rain, flood bring misery to residents

HAVOC: Taman Sri Serdang folk rush home to find their properties ruined

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HEAVY rain and a flood on Tuesday wreaked havoc on the lives of residents in Taman Sri Serdang near here.

Many of them, who were working when the downpour started at 6pm, rushed back to find their homes flooded. Some furniture and electrical appliances were seen floating in the 1.2m-deep floodwater.

Hasmadi Razali, 36, a hotel chef, said all his belongings were damaged.

"My television set, sofa, two refrigerators and car were all damaged. I even had to borrow this shirt from a friend," he said, as he showed the shirt he was wearing.

"When I came home at 10pm, I saw all my belongings floating."

Another victim, Noor Mohammad Syakil Hameed, 35, a Universiti Putra Malaysia administrative officer, estimated his losses at more than RM10,000.

"This is the worst flood I had ever experienced. Normally, it was only a few inches of water outside the house. I didn't see this one coming. The losses I suffered did not include two cars and a motorcycle."

Stationery shopowner Mandy Tan, in her 40s, said all the pho-

tocopying machines in her shop were damaged.

"The books and stationery items were spoilt as well."

Faizal Mohammad Nor, 31, a mechanic, said the flood only subsided after midnight.

"I don't know how to explain to my customers as their cars were all submerged."

The sports day at SK Sri Serdang, scheduled to be held yesterday, was postponed, said teacher Wan Faliza Siti Rohani Wan Mamat, 27.

"Our cars were also submerged as we were moving the pupils to the upper floors. This must be the worst flood in the past few years," said evening session senior assistant Siti Hawa Husin, 55.

"The classrooms at the ground floor were a mess and we had to give the students a day off."

Yesterday, the residents were assisted by firemen from the Serdang Fire and Rescue Department and workers of the Subang Jaya Municipal Council in the clean up.

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