

**No walk in the park:** A file picture of students of SMK Tengku Ampuan Rahimah wading through floodwaters earlier this year.



# Stormy weather ahead

## Klang residents warned to take precautions in the event of floods

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**T**HUNDERSTORMS are imminent and along with it torrents of rain are expected to lash Klang and Port Klang. In the wee hours of the morning today, floodwaters rose to 5.4m and subsided to 5.1m by evening.

Klang District Officer Datuk Bakhtiar Hussin said according to the National Marine Department, the storm was expected to bring hours of rain and together with the high tide, this could cause river waters to swell to 5.4m today and 5.6m tomorrow.

The sea level is also expected to rise and this could result in floods.

Communities living close to the port area and rivers in Klang may experience flash floods until Thursday.

"We want residents living in flood-prone areas, close to the rivers and sea to be on alert.

"We have been informed of the astronomical tide and the expected thunderstorms," said Bakhtiar, who is also the Klang Disaster Unit chief.

Meanwhile, Klang Municipal Council (MPK) acting president

Mohd Ikhsan Mukri said the council was on alert mode and that the public could call its toll-free number 1-800-88-23626 or 03 3371 6044/4404 for help during flash floods.

On March 30, close to 5,000 houses in Taman Sentosa, Bayu Perdana, Sungai Udang, Teluk Gadong, Taman Chi Liung, Taman Palm Grove and Tepi Sungai were inundated by floodwaters, and vehicles were partially submerged.

Businesses, including banks, were forced to close temporarily to clean up their premises.

The Selangor government had allocated RM5.2mil to MPK and the Drainage and Irrigation Department to implement short-term flood mitigation projects.

Residents in many neighbourhoods have appealed to MPK to remove the silt in drains outside their houses to ensure rainwater could flow and prevent flash floods.

"Contractors equipped with scoopers are not doing a thorough job. MPK should enlist the help of the Fire Department to use high-powered hoses and flush the silt to one end so that the contractors can easily scoop up the silt," said resident Johari Wak Karno.

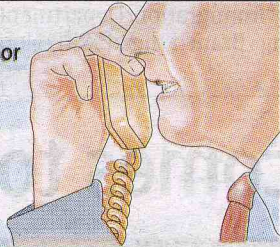


### Tide alert

| Date       | Time    | Height | Date       | Time    | Height |
|------------|---------|--------|------------|---------|--------|
| October 15 | 5.33am  | 5.4    | October 17 | 12.46am | 0.7    |
|            | 12.00pm | 0.7    |            | 6.53am  | 5.6    |
|            | 5.54pm  | 5.1    |            | 1.21pm  | 0.5    |
| October 16 | 12.06am | 0.7    | October 18 | 7.14pm  | 5.2    |
|            | 6.14am  | 5.6    |            | 1.23am  | 0.8    |
|            | 12.41pm | 0.5    |            | 7.31am  | 5.5    |
|            | 6.35pm  | 5.2    |            | 1.58pm  | 0.5    |
|            |         |        |            | 7.53pm  | 5.1    |

### Emergency call:

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|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Selangor Civil Defence (Klang)                   | 03-3165 0706 or<br>03-33710820 |
| Klang Municipal Council public relations officer |                                |
| Norfiza Mahfiz                                   | 03-33716044                    |
| Klang Fire Department                            | 03-3165 0706                   |
| Tengku Ampuan Rahimah Hospital                   | 03-3375 7000                   |
| Marine Operations Team                           | 03-3101 3241                   |



Source: Maritime Department

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