



Motorists negotiating a flooded section of Jalan Travers yesterday.

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Thunderstorm, fallen trees cause havoc in city

KUALA LUMPUR: A two-hour thunderstorm wreaked havoc in the city, causing massive traffic jams yesterday evening.

The standstill, caused by flash floods and uprooted trees, affected the Federal Highway, Jalan Sungai Besi, Jalan Pudu, Jalan Peel, Jalan Travers and Taman Miharja.

Heavy rain in the city, Petaling Jaya, Subang Jaya and Shah Alam began at 5pm and lasted until 6.30pm.

Several motorists were forced to leave their vehicles when they were submerged by rising water levels.

A traffic police spokesman said about 50 cars were reported stalled near Menara PGRM in Cheras while the building's basement car park was flooded.

A Jalan Hang Tuah Fire and Rescue Department spokesman said firemen were sent to several flooded areas to pump out the water.

On Jalan Tun Razak here, a woman sustained injuries to her face and arms when a tree was uprooted and fell on her car at 6.30pm.

The woman was immediately sent to the Kuala Lumpur Hospital.

Members from the Fire and Rescue team and traffic police worked for more than an hour to clear the area and divert traffic.

The traffic return to normal just before midnight.