

200 houses in Johor hit by flash floods

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JOHOR BARU: A 45-minute down-pour caused flash floods that struck about 200 homes in at least five villages in Gelang Patah, about 30km from here.

An uprooted tree hit a housewife when she stepped out of her house to fetch her child from school. The woman, in her 20s, has been admitted to the Sultanah Aminah Hospital.

Among the affected villages were Nusa Perintis 1, Nusa Perintis 2 and Gelang Patah Chinese new village. Also hit were Kampung Muafakat and Taman Mohamed Syed Idrus.

An affected resident, Lim Teng Yeow, said heavy rains started at about 12.45pm and within minutes the water level had risen by 0.6m to 0.76m.

Lim said the water receded within an hour but caused massive losses and damage, including to household furniture and electrical appliances.

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— JASON TEOH

He said the area had been hit by floods at least 10 times in the past few years.

Meanwhile, Gelang Patah MCA chief and Johor Baru Central Municipal Council member Jason Teoh, who went to the affected areas, said council workers would be sent to the areas today.

"Due to the high tide and downpour, the water level rose quickly and people did not have much time to save their belongings.

"Many were also out at work at that time," he said, adding that he was doing his best to help the victims.



Clean-up job: Teoh (left) helping residents clear floodwaters in Gelang Patah.