

Two-hour downpour causes flash floods and jam

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PEOPLE who were having lunch at Medan Selera MBPJ in Jalan 223 had to climb onto the tables because of the flash floods that occurred after a downpour yesterday afternoon.

Yusof Abdul, who operates a drink stall there, said the water started to rise about 1.15pm when there were about 60 people eating at the food court, which just underwent a major refurbishment.

"I have been doing business here for the past three years. But today was quite a scene because the flood water rose quite fast. I called the Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) operations centre to alert them about this but I did not hear from them after that," he told *StarMetro*.

MBPJ Enforcement and Safety Department deputy director Khir Johari Jamaludin, when contacted at press time, said he had sent staff from the council's

engineering department to look into the situation.

Based on Twitter feeds via @KLTrafficUpdate, the two-hour downpour also caused minor flash floods, traffic jams and fallen trees in areas such as Damansara-Puchong Highway (LDP), Jalan Semangat, near the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport and the Glenmarie exit near Subang Jaya.

Meanwhile, Jalan Reko in front of Section 5 Bandar Baru Bangi was flooded during the downpour yesterday, resulting in traffic congestion in the area.

Kajang Municipal Council corporate communications head Shariman Mohd Nor said the flash flood might have been caused by a new township development nearby or a flaw in the drainage system.

"Our officers from the engineering department were at the site to identify the cause," he said.

He added that about 500m of the road was flooded, and the water level ranged from 0.5m to 1m.



What a bummer!: Khairil Aizat Ismail got his company car stuck in a drain after making a U-turn in Jalan 223 yesterday.



Knee high: A man wading through the flash flood in Jalan Barat, Petaling Jaya.